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Thanksgiving

Moisture Gauge Installed On F.F.A. Demonstration Farm

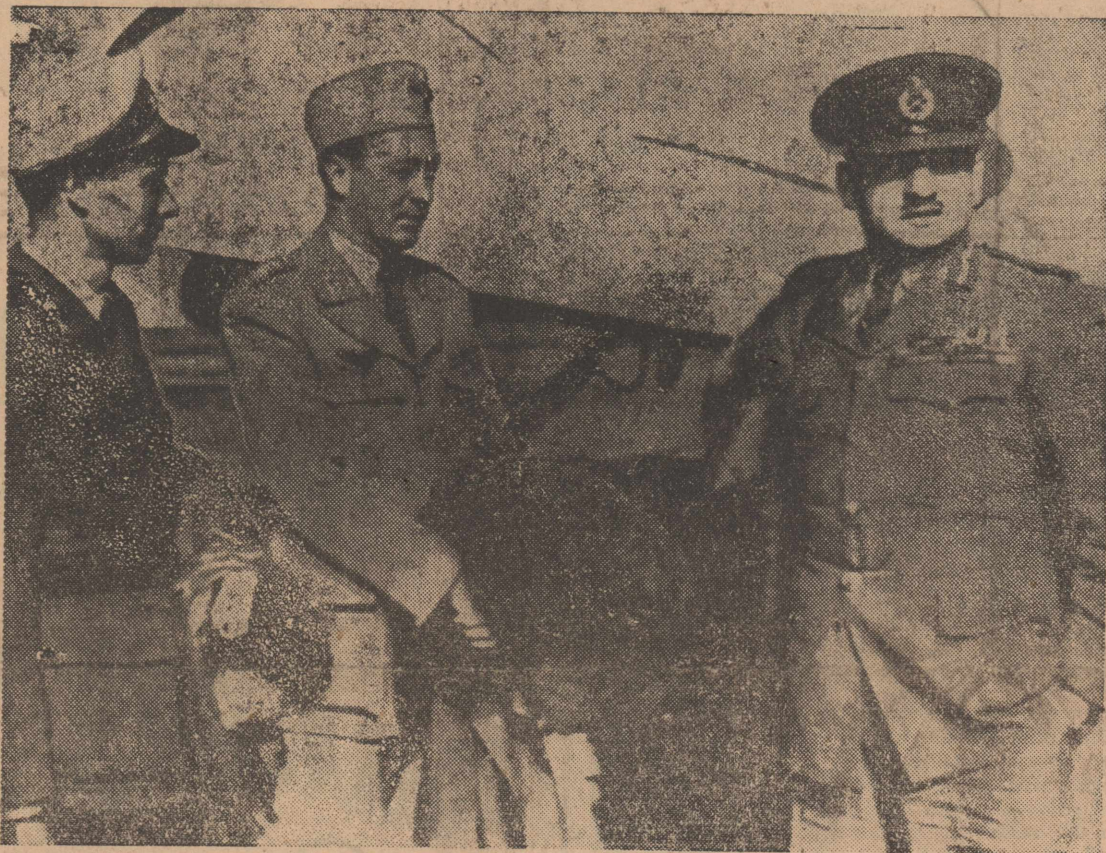
(By Butch Kirkwood assisted by Duard Lamb)

For many years farmers and technicians have been looking for the "perfect" instrument that will tell them with the flip of a switch, how much moisture is in the ground. The F.F.A. boys, with the aid of Marvin Jensen, irrigation specialist of the Amarillo experiment station, have recently installed on the F.F.A. demonstration farm, the instrument which science believes most nearly approaches this "perfect instrument." The soil moisture testing equipment was made available to the F.F.A. boys by the Stratford Grain Co., Consumers Co., and The First State Bank.

Irrigation has long been the backbone of agriculture in many western states, and it is now becoming of major importance in our area. Sound irrigation is not a haphazard application of water at the convenience of the operator. It is a systematic application of only the correct amount of water at the most desirable intervals. These intervals and amounts cannot be predicted by the calendar. Various devices and methods for estimating soil moisture content have been devised. They range in complexity from the simple method of taking a handful of soil and squeezing it, to the complex electronic devices used in scientific research.

The instrument being used by the F.F.A. Boys takes a reading of the available moisture in Gypsum blocks buried at various depths in the soil. In theory, the gypsum blocks buried in the soil, retains moisture in an amount similar to that of the surrounding soil. As the moisture in the soil changes, that of the gypsum block also changes. Four check stations were set up on the F.F.A. demonstration farm, with blocks being buried 29, 19 and 9 inches at each station. Two wires from each block were brought to the surface of the ground and attached to a stake. This makes it possible, with the portable instrument, to determine the available moisture at any of the three depths, taking the readings is relatively simple. The instrument which is powered by dry cell batteries, is attached to the wires which were brought up to the surface of the ground from the gypsum blocks. A button is pressed, sending an electrical charge through the block. In reality, one is measuring the resistance in the block which varies with the moisture content. The more moisture in the block, the less resistance, and by the same token, the less moisture there is in the block, the more resistance you have. The moisture meter equipment has been scientifically calibrated, so that the more electricity you have flowing through the block, the higher your reading will be on the instrument. The instrument panel reads directly in available moisture, from 0 to 100 percent.

By far the most important (Continued on Page 10)



TRUCE IN EGYPT . . . United Nations commander Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns (right) of Canada, and aides arrive in Cairo to meet with Pres. Nasser to discuss UN police force to secure cease-fire status.

'56 Income Tax Forms Due December 3

Federal income tax forms for the preparation of 1956 returns will be available about December 3 in reasonable quantities to accountants, attorneys and other professional personnel, James Z. Pearce, administrative officer of the Amarillo office, of the Internal Revenue Service, said today. The Internal Revenue Service has provided order blanks to the 3500 North Texas tax practitioners who have, in most cases, already submitted orders. These orders are being packaged and shipped starting Dec. 3.

Individual taxpayers on record will receive their forms and instruction booklets through the mails on the same schedule as last year, during late December or early January, Pearce said. There are very few changes in the form other than minor revisions for clarity and simplification. The instruction booklet which accompanies it has been changed, however, to provide a line-by-line series of explanations, keyed to the arrangement of the form and its sequence of entries.

New type-faces have been used in both form and booklet, Mr. Pearce said, and should, with the simplified treatment and explanations, make preparation of a return much easier than in past years.

The Internal Revenue Service will sponsor the printing of 185 million copies of Form 1040. Taxpayers were advised to begin study of the tax instructions as soon as possible since a good understanding of the tax instructions will mean money in the taxpayer's pocket when he files his tax return.

Jeffcoats Move To New Home

Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffcoat have moved to their newly built home in Stratford.

Sandlins Buy Home

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sandlin have purchased the Ernest Lovelace residence which has been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffcoat. They plan to move to their new home in the near future.

Lions Return Dalhart Visit

Five Stratford Lions visited the Dalhart Club luncheon in the dining room of the B & B Cafe Tuesday. Kenneth Kendrick spoke on his experience as a judge for the National Grange Community Service Contest.

Buster Eggers In Body Cast At Dumas

Buster Eggers has been placed in a body cast for treatment of injuries incurred when he fell from a ladder while painting at his shop Friday. His back injury has been diagnosed as two fractured vertebra and two ruptured intravertebra discs. He is in room 115 of Dumas Memorial Hospital.

Eggers was taken to Dumas in the Wilson ambulance.

Brannan Family Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewie Brannan was the setting Sunday for a family Thanksgiving dinner (on Sunday to enable family members to attend). Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Brannan, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brannan and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pigg, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Doss Brewer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sandefur and daughter, Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Brannan, Cactus; David Sanders and daughter, Mrs. Stewart and her son, all of Sunray; Mr. and Mrs. Sigbee Brannan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brannan and children, Mrs. J. J. Willey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brannan, Rex Tillery and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brannan and children and Mrs. Frank Sanders and children, all of Stratford, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Lewie Brannan.

Lt. and Mrs. Gillis In Columbus, Georgia

2nd Lt. and Mrs. Lee E. Gillis have arrived in Georgia and are making their home at 4325 Cusseta Road, Columbus, Georgia.

Finish Youth Health Exams

Physical examinations of 80 first grade students have been completed in a health clinic sponsored by the Stratford Lions Club and the Stratford Parent-Teacher Association.

Stratford Lions plan to have their Christmas program December 17 as a ladies night affair in the Palace Cafe.

A pan cake supper, sponsored by the Lions Club will be served December 6, from 5:00 until 8:00 p. m. in the Palace Cafe.

All the pancakes a per p. m. All the pancakes a person can eat will be served at the prices of 50c and 75c. Funds raised will be used to defray the costs of the annual Christmas treats for the children of the territory.

A Lions' Club sponsored trap shoot will be held December 15th and 22nd.

Bill McMinn Leaves Thursday For Germany

Bill McMinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McMinn, leaves today for Fort Hamilton, New York, where he will receive his orders prior to embarking for duty in the U. S. Army at Kitchens, Germany.

Will Rogers 54 Cafe Formal Opening Friday

Mrs. W. B. (Katie Green) Rogers announces the formal opening of the Will Rogers 54 Cafe on U. S. 54 will be held Friday. Free doughnuts and coffee will be served from 1:00 to 3:00 p. m. Friday. The cafe will specialize in meals and short orders.

TAWAKA 4-H CLUB NEWS

The Tawaka 4-H Club met at the school cafeteria November 27. The meeting was called to order by Norveta Bammes. Plans were made for the club Christmas party at Kay Caraway's house, December 14. Those present were Ginger Brooks, Kaye Webb, Kay Caraway, Patsy Heckman, Sharon Mullican, Jonna Knight, Norveta and Nanfreda Bammes and Miss Miller. The meeting was adjourned by Norveta Bammes.

Drive safely — Remember, you too, are a pedestrian part of the time.



WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT?

AREN'T YOU GLAD WE DECIDED TO **SHOP EARLY?** WE HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN MORE SENSIBLE THIS YEAR! DIDN'T GO CHASING MILES AWAY TO DO OUR CHRISTMAS BUYING, BUT FOUND EVERYTHING WE WANTED RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN HOME STORES!

RIGHT, DEARIE, AND BECAUSE OF THAT WE CAN **SHIP EARLY!** I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T WEAR OURSELVES TO A FRAZZLE OR WASTE GAS OR OUR ENERGY — AND BESIDES WE WILL GIVE OUR POST OFFICE BOYS AND MAIL CARRIERS A BREAK BY GETTING OUR PACKAGES OFF BEFORE THE BIG RUSH!

SMALL businessmen in the home towns of the country are in a quandry about the coming price rises on merchandise. Shall they pass it on to the consumers, or try to absorb at least part of it.

Already hard hit by high cost of living prices, rural merchants have felt the pinch of slow payments, and difficulty in obtaining capital in short term loans even at increased interest rates. In the larger cities, merchants, not too close to, or on a first name basis with their customers, can pass along price increases without too much difficulty. But it's different in the small towns, where cost spreads are less and where merchants know their customers. Cost rises particularly affect those merchants in the furniture business. People can usually do without new furniture for a while. Clothing, too will be hard hit by new price boosts expected by Spring, and people don't usually buy clothing on the installment plan.

Factory price increases in hard goods are up as much as 8 to 10% already and with new steel price boosts expected, may go higher. But hard goods, such as appliances, implements and the like are sold generally on the installment plan and increases are not too hard to pass along. The trouble is that consumers are already pretty well extended, insofar as installment buying is concerned, and must pay off some debts before they can start new installment purchases.

In farm implements, for example, costs are already sky high. Strikes and labor price increases have brought it about, along with

boosts in metal prices. The margin now is so close, most farm implement dealers would have no choice but to boost prices, margins are too small as of now.

In the soft goods stores, many merchants are absorbing price boosts on some items, passing them along on others. To date price increases have not been too high, three to five per cent. But more are expected. Shoe prices are up as high as 10%.

Many economists hold to the theory that the consumers are resigned to continual higher prices on most everything they buy, that they will continue to pay them. Others predict that soon the limit will hit and then will come a buyers strike. Others predict that one result may be shoddy goods, or cheaper goods at present high prices. Manufacturers will find ways to cheapen their wares, take a doodad off a dress, use cheaper grade metal instead of chrome or stainless; charge for services formerly given free.

These price boosts are coming at a time when inventories all along the line are the highest in history from factories, to wholesalers to retail shelves; some merchants, however, particularly the smaller one with low capital are already buying from hand to mouth, so to speak, attempting to hold down inventories, buying fewer brands, running the chance that it will not hurt him competitively.

Those who will be hurt the most, however eventually will be the smaller merchants who cannot stand the competition.

Shakespeare, according to estimates, never made a continuous journey as far as a round trip from Boston to New York.

Drive Safely — A child at the curb is a human caution sign.

Drive safely — Better be safe than sorry.



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BARGAIN DAYS RATE .. 13.95	BARGAIN DAYS RATE .. 12.60
YOU SAVE 4.05	YOU SAVE 2.40

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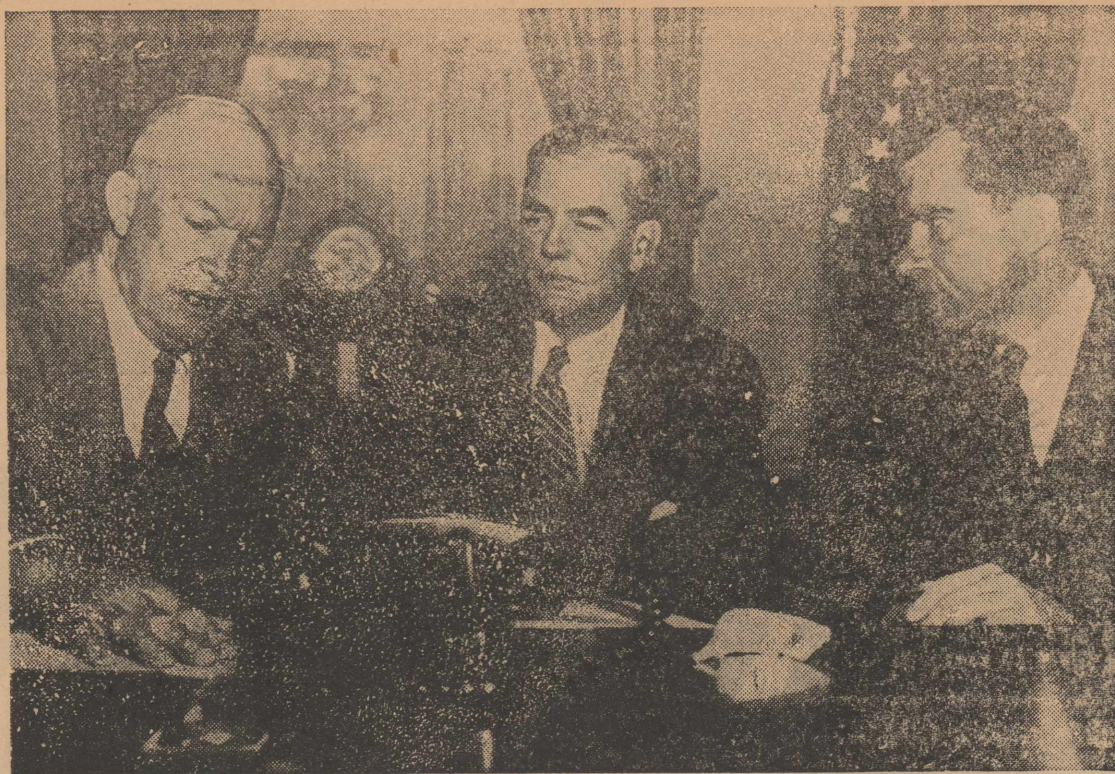
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MORE NEWS! MORE PICTURES! MORE COMICS!
PARADE MAGAZINE SUNDAYS!

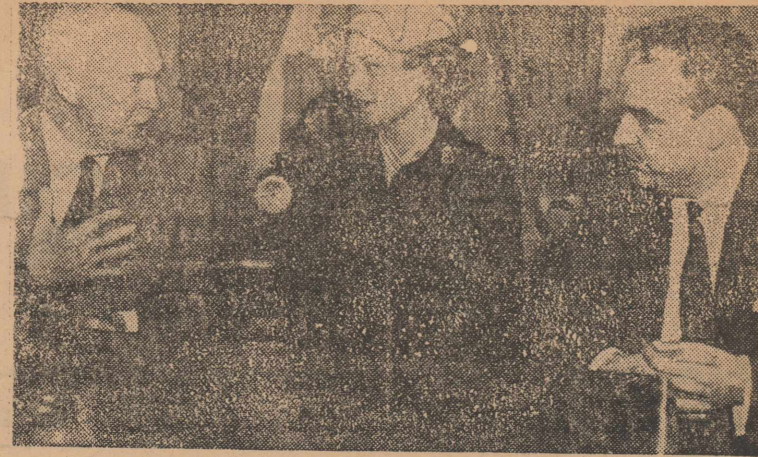
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN TEXAS—OVER 220,000 DAILY AND SUNDAY

AMON G. CARTER JR., President



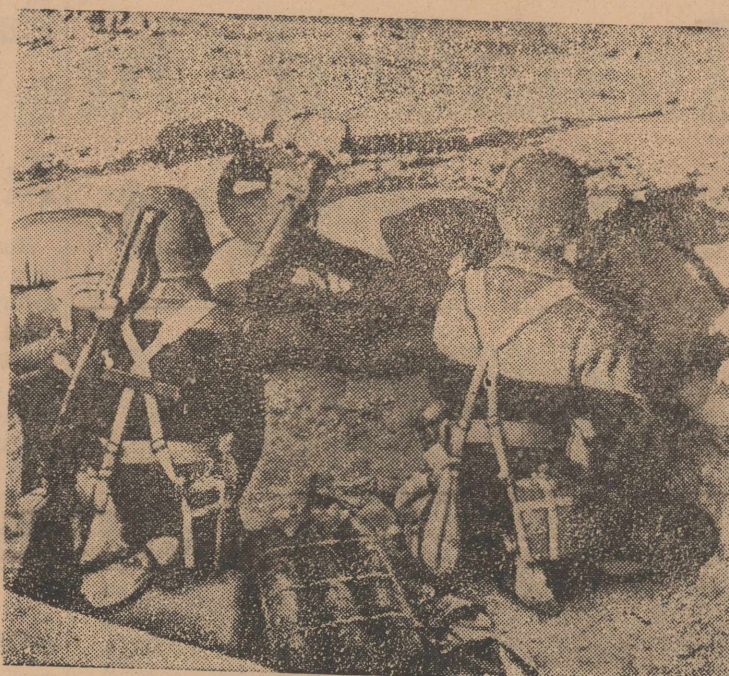
FACE WORLD CRISES . . . Pres. Eisenhower confers with acting secretary of state Herbert Hoover, Jr., and vice president Richard Nixon on critical situations in Egypt and Hungary. (Hoover substituted for ailing Sec. Dulles).



ROYAL VISITORS . . . Prince Ranier and Princess Grace of Monaco paid informal visit to White House for chat with Pres. Eisenhower.



POLAR FLYER . . . Rear Admiral George Dufek, leader of U. S. division of International Geophysical Year program to explore Antarctic, was first man to land a plane at South Pole.



GUARD CANAL . . . Egyptian soldiers watch road near El Sabha, where Israeli forces were making rapid advance toward Suez Canal.

Eggplant is prepared in more than 40 different ways by Turkish housewives.

Thankful



To all the fine people of this area, we want to express our appreciation for the privilege of serving you.

City Drug

Thankful



It's an old message, one of appreciation for your patronage and friendship, and we send it again on this Thanksgiving Day.

Stratford Dept. Store



BY . . . HELEN HALE

ALUMINUM pans which have darkened on the outside can be shined again with silver cream polish. The smooth cream does not scratch the surface.

Your food chopper will not leave dents on your counter top if you place foam rubber padding at the edge of the table before clamping on the chopper.

Keep your bread board from cracking by brushing it with salad oil that has been slightly warmed. Let the board stand overnight, then wipe off excess in the morning.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE

Savory Spinach (Serves 4)

- 1 12-ounce package frozen spinach
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- Dash of salt
- 3/4 cup tomato juice
- 1/2 cup grated American cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped ripe olives

Cook spinach in small amount of boiling salted water until barely tender. Drain well and serve with sauce made by melting butter, blending in flour and salt. Add tomato juice and cook and stir until mixture thickens. Add cheese and stir over low heat until it melts. Blend in olives. Heat through and serve.

If you like a sweet and fragrant kitchen, stick cloves into your lemons or oranges and hang them up near the range or sink. You might also like to use these in closets to prevent musty odor.

Seldom-used glassware can get awfully dirty. Before putting it away, rub vases and other decorative pieces with creamy glass cleaner. When you take out the glassware you can just wipe off the polish for sparkling glassware.



ROAD BOSS . . . Bertram D. Talamy, New York state thruway authority chairman, was appointed chief of federal highway construction by Pres. Eisenhower.


Thanksgiving



May This Season of Thanksgiving Find Us In Accord—
FOR WE WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY OUR
GRATITUDE FOR PAST FAVORS

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company

YOUR brain budget



- In concinnity, there must be (a) distrust; (b) harmony; (c) fear.
- Courante refers to (a) a recluse; (b) a dance; (c) food.
- The Cremona is (a) a famous landmark; (b) Italian palace; (c) violin.

ANSWERS
 1. HARMONY
 2. DANCE
 3. VIOLIN

WORDS ... of Just Being Human
 by Brad Anderson

THOUGHTS

LLOYD DOESN'T SAY MUCH



PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CORDIAL INVITATION to attend the

Formal Opening OF THE Will Rogers 54 Cafe

On U. S. Highway 54

FRIDAY FREE

COFFEE and DOUGHNUTS Will Be Served from 1:00 to 3:00 P. M.

WE WILL BE PLEASED TO SERVE YOU WITH MEALS AND SHORT ORDERS

Will Rogers 54 Cafe

Mrs. (Katie Green) Rogers, Mgr.

BUT LET'S FACE IT.

They shoulda' heard him when he saw them coming!




LUCKY DOG ... Former "Miss Finland" Mirva Arvina relaxes with canine friend on beach in Rome where she's starring in new movie role.

"I REMEMBER"
 BY THE OLDTIMERS

From E. Sue Woofler, Clarksburg, W. Va.: I remember when we used to make sorghum molasses by grinding out the juice from cane stalks. We would take the cane mill down by the creek and set it up. A horse was hitched to a long beam and someone would ride the horse, usually a little tyke like myself, around and around all day grinding out cane juice. Don't know whether or not the horse ever got dizzy.

The boiler that the cane juice was cooked in was near the creek, too, and the skimmings were poured into the creek. How the fish ever survived is a mystery, for they were of the dirtiest green color until the syrup was nearly done. The finished product was fine enough and we put it in kegs for winter use on hot buckwheat cakes and also to make ginger bread. It sold for around fifty cents per gallon, now if one could purchase it at all, it would be four dollars a gallon.

The cane was always cut around the first of September before frost came.

From Lena Logue, Chandler-ville, Illinois: I can remember when my mother knit all of the socks and mittens for my dad and brothers, and for me to wear to school in the winter, several years ago, as I am now 62.

I also remember when mother made apple butter in big iron kettles, a job that took all day.

(Send contributions to this column to The Old Timer, Community Press Service, Box 39, Frankfort, Kentucky.)



PLOW GIRL ... Gail Orde, 13, is only girl competing in 43rd annual international plowing match at Toronto, Canada. It's a 4-day event with 600 entrants.

Auction

T & O Lumber Co.

TEXHOMA, OKLAHOMA

SALE — Tuesday, December 4
 1:30 AND 7:30 P. M.
 LUMBER, PAINT AND HARDWARE STOCK

SALE — Wednesday, December 5
 1:30 P. M.
 Building and Land, Extra Building Lots, Shop Equipment

TO BE SOLD

Hardware and Lumber Stock, Paint, Boat, Gas Lawn Mower, Lumber, Fertilizer, Tools, Screws, Doors, Windows Plywood, Etc.

BUILDING AND LAND
 Large Office, Warehouse, Workshop, Lumber Shed, Large Fenced Storage Area. Land and Buildings to be sold in one unit.

LOTS
 Five vacant building lots. Lots 10, 11 and 12 in Block 9; Lots 8 and 9 in Block 13, Texhoma, Texas.

EQUIPMENT
 Wood Working Equipment, such as Table Saw, Swing Saw, Planer, Sander and Scroll Saw

Big State Auction Associates
 Amarillo — Auctioneers

Pre-Xmas SALE

Starts Monday, Dec. 3rd

Ends Christmas

BEDROOM SUITES

Joren's 4-piece Walnut \$577.50 Regular	SALE \$429.50 and your old suite
Mengle Blonde 4-piece \$369.50 Regular	SALE \$274.50 and your old suite
Ballman Cummings \$219.50 Regular	SALE \$159.50 and your old suite
Johnson-Carper 5-piece \$349.50 Regular	SALE \$251.90 and your old suite
Lincoln Maple 4-piece Ranch Style Suite \$349.50 Reg.	SALE \$286.35 and your old suite
Ward Blonde 4-piece \$259.50 Regular.	SALE \$177.77 and your old suite.
Ward Walnut 4-piece \$239.50 Regular	SALE \$164.50 and your old suite.
Stanley (period) 5-piece \$389.50 Reg.	SALE \$269.45 and your old suite
Ward Knotty Pine 6-piece group Chest damaged by water \$359.50 Value	SALE \$225.00 And Trade-In

Broyhill Dresser and Bookcase Bed \$229.50 Reg. SALE \$175.00 and trade-in
 Many more suites to choose from and all priced to trade on. Nothing Held Back.

Occasional Chairs — All \$89.50 Reduced to \$72.00. All \$79.50 Chairs going for \$61.90. All Pictures reduced 33 1/3. Many Chairs reduced up to 50% in the bargain corner.

WILTON ALL WOOL CARPETING FROM \$5.95 per yard (not laid).

Examples of Some of the Trades on Living Room Furniture — All Good Name Brands To Choose From

C & E Daveno \$359.50 Value	SALE — \$293.80 and Trade-In.
Kenmar 2-piece Suite (foam rubber filled) \$375.00 Value	SALE \$250.00 plus trade-in.
International Couch \$239.50 Value	SALE \$162.75 Plus trade-in.
International Sectional \$269.50 Value	SALE \$187.30 plus trade-in.
Kroehler Divan & Chair \$279.50 Value	SALE \$224.50 plus old suite.
Dulaney (bed feature) \$269.50 Value	SALE \$199.50 plus old suite.
Perma-Lux Pink 2-piece \$349.50 Value	SALE \$288.00 plus old suite.
Dulaney 2-piece Sectional \$249.50 Value	SALE \$185.60 plus trade-in.
International Beige 2-piece \$299.50 Value	SALE \$239.95 plus trade-in.
International 3-piece Sectional \$369.50 Value	SALE \$269.50 with trade-in.

Many More Suites to Choose From that space will not permit us to list but you will find they are marked down to terrific values

DINETTES MARKED DOWN

All \$189.50 Suites — \$139.50 and your old suite regardless of condition.
 All \$149.50 Suites — \$109.50 and your old suite.
 ODD DINETTE CHAIRS GREATLY REDUCED.
 ALL WOOL WILTON CARPET from \$5.95 per yard.
 3 SECRETARYS, Blonde or Dark, \$129.50 values on Sale at \$75.00 but no trades at this price.
 \$398.50 Westinghouse TV (new but old model) \$192.75.
 Look over the Bargain Corner for steals on Lamps and Odd Chairs. Many Bargains in the corner too hot for the mails.
 IRONS by Westinghouse, General Mills, General Electric and Arvin, All Marked Down to \$8.88 while they last.
 Sunbeam and Arvin Waffle Bakers, Reg. \$28.50 and \$29.50, — SALE \$20.87.
 All Occasional Tables in stock Going at One-Third Off.
 You will be happy with a HOOVER CLEANER but the \$20.00 off will make your pocketbook happier.
 Buy Your Husband that NEW DESK and SAVE \$20.00.
 LAMPS greatly reduced - Save up to 50% in Bargain Corner.
 All Items on Sale May Be Placed on Payment Plan and First Payment Due Feb. 1

McMAHEN FURNITURE

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THE BAFFLES By Mahoney

THIS IS A SNAPSHOT FROM MY GIRL VACATIONING IN MIAMI. SHE'S MY ONE AND ONLY, BERF. REALLY A WONDERFUL GAL.

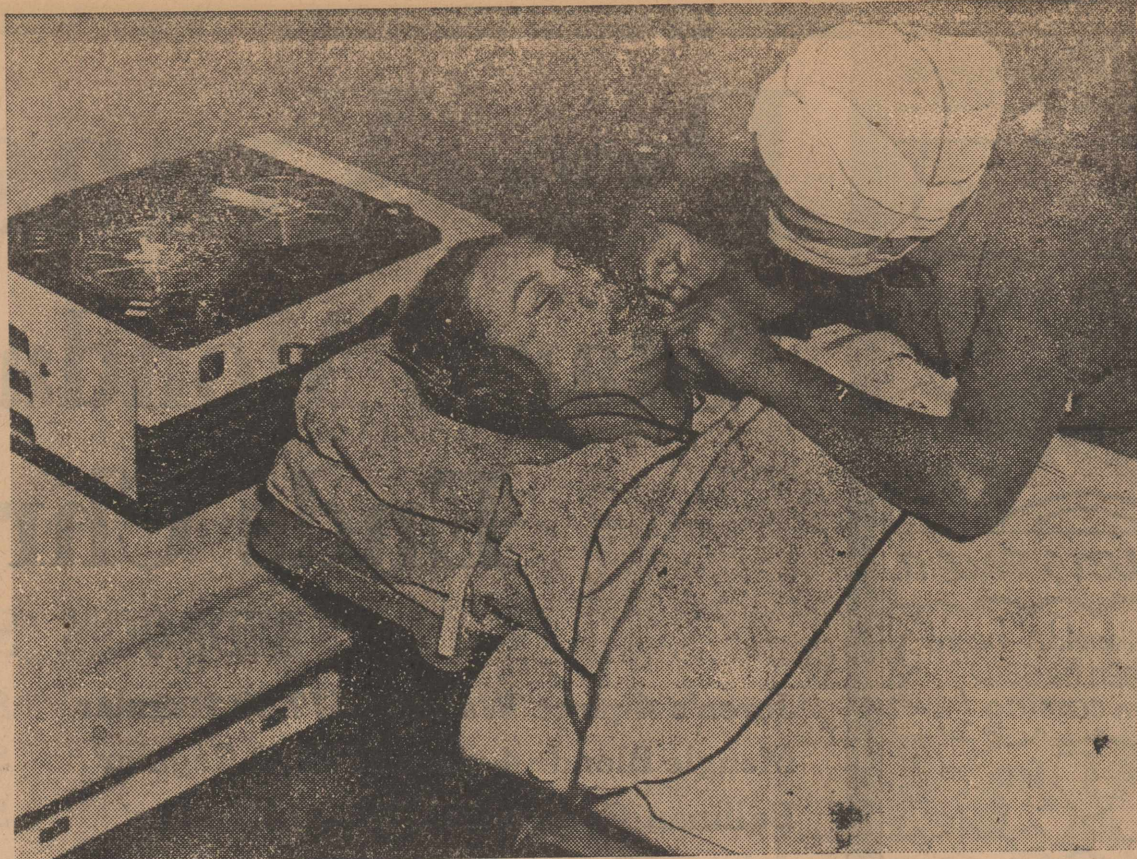
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LOOK-SEE WHAT SHE WROTE ON THE BACK. MISS YOU. HAVING A NICE TIME BUT ONLY YOU COULD MAKE IT PERFECT. MISS YOU.

THAT'S MY GIRL! SHE'LL NEVER LOOK AT ANYONE ELSE BUT ME.

OH YEAH?

WHO TOOK THE SNAPSHOT?



MUSIC AIDS MEDICS . . . Dr. Maurice Cotte demonstrates use of tape-recorded music to tranquilize patient as nurse prepares her for surgery at Chicago clinic of nasal doctors.

Sailing due east out of Boston Harbor, one would land first in Spain. The Tower of Pisa is 178 feet high and 14 feet out of perpendicular.

THANKSGIVING

On Thanksgiving we hope that your home is blessed with all the contentment possible during the holiday season.

Sherman County Abstract Co.
Royal Pendleton, Manager Stratford, Texas

Thanksgiving

Today, we Give Thanks for the Privilege of enjoying the American Way of life in Your Community.

Smith Chevron Station
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NOTICE!

The Shamrock Oil and Gas Corporation will here after blow all drips and gather all drip gasoline along its gas lines in the Panhandle of Texas through its own employees or direct contractors. All other persons are prohibited from blowing drips or removing drip gasoline from our lines.

Unauthorized tampering with gas lines, blowing drips or removal of gasoline from gas lines constitute violations of the law, and any violations detected along our lines will be reported to the law enforcement officers.

The cooperation of the public in this matter will be appreciated.

THE SHAMROCK OIL & GAS CORPORATION

Thanksgiving

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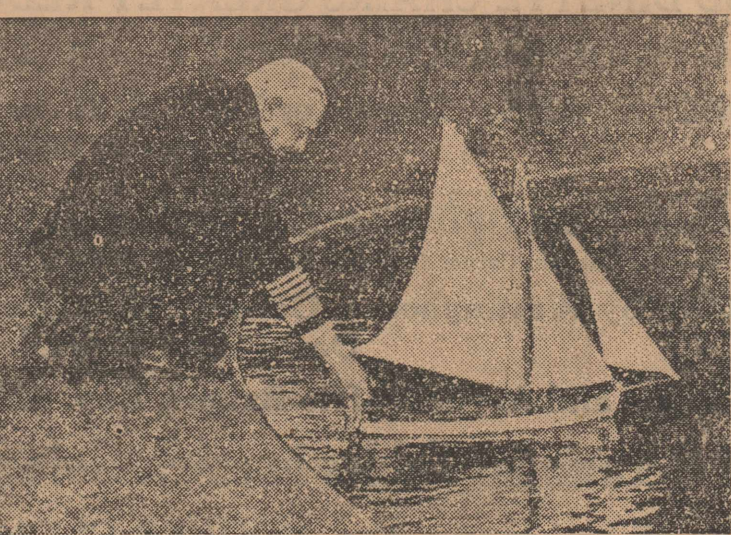
HORN BLOWERS . . . Pretty drum majorette plugs ears as three Toronto trumpeters serenade her in tuning up for International Trumpet Contest, first ever held in Canada.



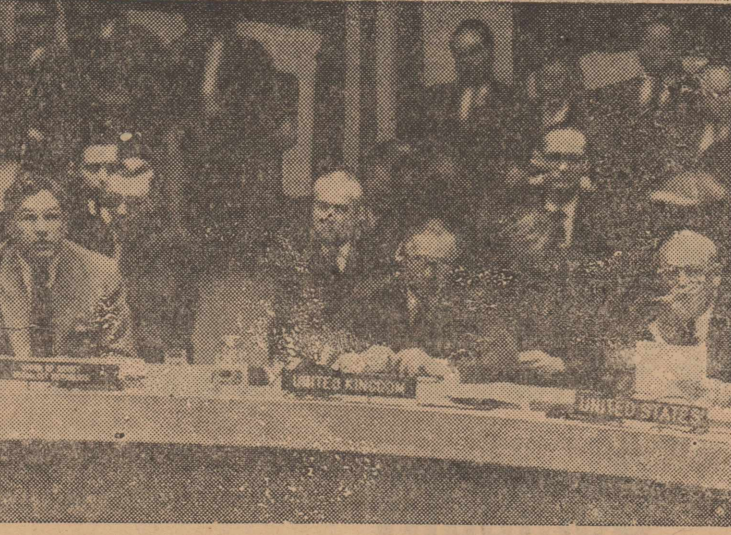
NEW FACES . . . Nineteen Japanese girls, victims of Hiroshima A-Bomb, visit Washington, D.C. after undergoing facial surgery in New York hospital.



AVA PLAYS CASTAWAY . . . Christian Dior designed grass costume worn by Ava Gardner in "The Little Hut" being filmed in Rome.



BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY . . . British Admiral Sir Geo. Creasy, allied channel chief, launches sailboat on pond at SHAPE headquarters in Paris.



SUEZ DEBATE . . . Soviet foreign minister Shepilov (left) tells UN his nation opposes international Suez control, as Britain's Selwyn Lloyd and U. S. state secretary John Foster Dulles listen.

Avoid the Christmas Rush

Use Our Lay Away Plan

AND MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY WHILE OUR STOCKS ARE COMPLETE

Stratford Department Store

The Elk

WHAT IS IT????
(By Darla Galloway)

This week the poll of the high school was taken to find out what a Platypus was. Here are some of their answers: Carolyn, a fish; Bill M., I don't know; Richard, something to eat; Sonja, an animal or a plant; Jean, a machine that shocks feed; Wilma, what Mr. Bateman takes for his ulcers; Gay P., an old fashioned carriage; Betty N., a table; Gay J., some kind of a person; Pat H., a sour puss; Sammie, I don't know; Jerry, something you fix your teeth with; Cagle, what Chinese eat with; J. D., I don't know; Gerald, something from Dalhart; Sharon H., a big fat animal; Judy, the last planet they looked at; Gradene, an animal; Nancy, what Mr. Wade bisects in his biology class; Joedale, air plane glue. Marvin Cotton and Raymond Kirkwood knew what a platypus was. It is an egg laying mammal, duck billed and webbed footed, and a native of Australia.

SAFETY FIRST
(By Darla Galloway)

Where are you going for your Christmas Vacation? Whether it be north, south, east or west, you must first ask yourself, "Will I get there safely, this year?" We must remember that December is the month with the highest accident, and death rate of any time of the year. Last Christmas week end, the record of six hundred and nine deaths was established between six p. m. Friday, December third, and midnight, Monday, December twenty-sixth. A study made by the National Safety Council Statistics Division shows that out of five hundred and one fatal accidents, five hundred and sixty-four persons died.

Do you know the main reason for traffic accidents? The four main reasons for traffic accidents are (1) speeding drivers, (2) drinking drivers, (3) night driving hazards, and (4) pedestrian mistakes. Eighty-five percent of the fatal accidents were contributed to speeding, and fifty-five percent to drinking drivers. There was a total of 128 pedestrians killed during the Christmas season last year.

Do we have to get somewhere so fast that we can't observe the speed limits? Have we forgotten just why we celebrate Christmas?

This is the time to be more careful than ever before. So, this Christmas, let's be sure we are "able" to spend our holidays with our family, and friends.

BASKETBALL SEASON IS NOW OPENING

(By Carolyn Folsom)

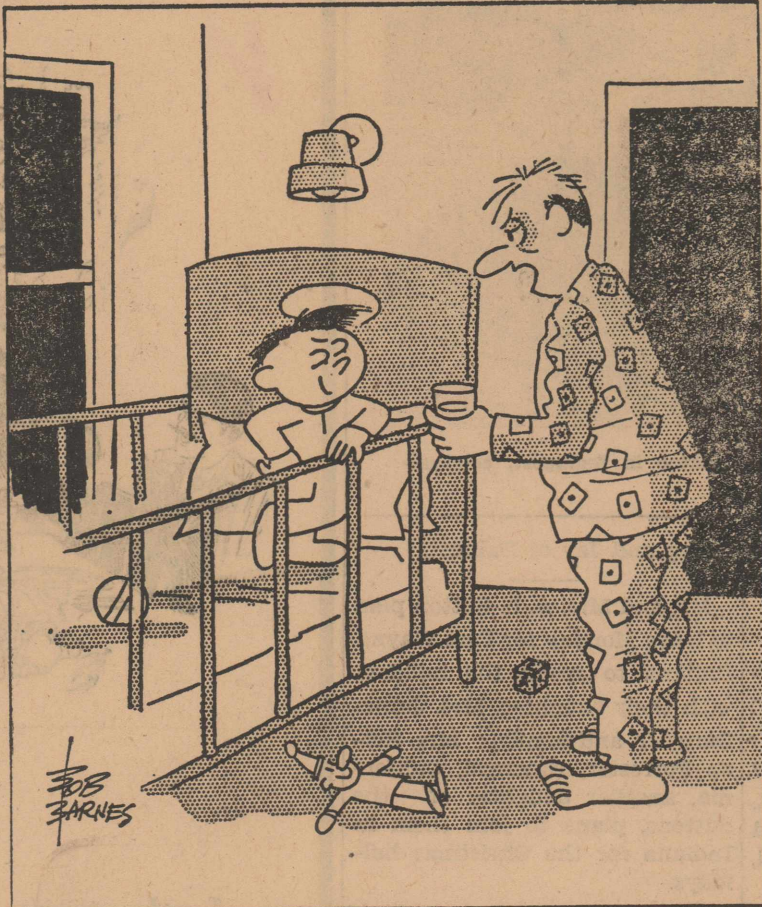
With football over until next year, the season's sport now turns to basketball. We are very proud of our football team's record, and now wish to support all of our basketball teams. The "A" boys and girls will have their first basketball game November 27th with Texhoma there. Good luck kids, hope your season will be as good as the football was, and that the people, school, and students will stand behind you. Besides a boys and girls team, there also will be a "B" team for both boys and girls. This gives many more openings for boys and girls that wish to participate. For those of us, who may not be lucky enough, or good enough to make the team this year, let's not be quitters. Keep on trying, because a "winner never quits, and a quitter, never wins."

BAND NEWS

(By Carolyn Folsom)

The Stratford Band has been invited to attend the Liberal parade, which we decided to do. We will leave about 8:45 Wednesday morning, and return home around 2:00 in the afternoon. All of us are looking forward to a wonderful time. We will use a new marching routine, which we think will look very snappy.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"I DID let it run awhile!"

WHAT IS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

(By Carroll Wisdom)

A high school diploma may make the difference in your life

between a good job with a good salary, and not so good a job with a lower salary. It may make the difference between a life of security, and one of insecurity.

It's a lot easier to find a job, and hold a job if you have a high school diploma. The 1950 census showed that among men 25 to 64 years old, those with college educations are least likely to be unemployed; those with the eighth grade education or less, most likely. This holds true for a high school graduate who has a much better chance to get a job than the non-graduate.

No employer wants a worker who cannot train, and a high school diploma is a witness to the fact you have the education, and training upon which careers are built. The more education a person has, the higher his income is likely to be, in short it pays to stay in school.

By the time a man reaches his earning peak, from near forty-five to near sixty-four, the high school graduate makes 30% more than the men who started, and dropped out. The high school graduate, during his adult earning years will receive \$50,000.00 more than the eighth grade graduate, \$30,000.00 more than the high school drop out. If you drop out there are two good questions to think about. (1) What is going to be my occupation? (2) How much schooling will I need to successfully meet the competition in that occupation?

MYSTERY BOY

(By Darla Galloway)

Last week our mystery boy was Gerald Preston, a Sophomore. This week the mystery boy's favorites are: favorite food, steak; favorite drink, milk; favorite sport, football; favorite actress, Anita Ekberg; favorite actor, John Wayne; favorite

subject, Agriculture; favorite teacher, Mr. Bateman. He has black hair and brown eyes. He is five feet seven inches and weighs one hundred and five pounds. His hobby is sports and his pet peeve is "Carroll Wisdom." He is a Junior.

MYSTERY GIRL

(By Darla Galloway)

This week our mystery girl likes as her favorites: favorite food, chicken fried steak; favorite drink, milk; favorite sport, football; favorite actor, Jeff Chandler; favorite actress, Jane Russell; favorite subject, History; favorite teacher, all. She has blue eyes and blond hair and is five feet two inches tall. She weighs one hundred and thirteen pounds. Her hobby is reading, sports and music. Her favorite pet peeve is "People that pick on other people." Her secret ambition is to be a great singer. She is a junior. Last week our mystery girl was Alma Casey.

GRADE SIX

(By Darla Galloway)

This week is six weeks test. The tests were sure hard. Today we are correcting our papers. Next Thursday we are getting out for Thanksgiving. We are going to have an assembly today. Reporter — Jeanette Bradwell.

JUNIOR BAND NEWS

(By Darla Galloway)

We are getting ready for a concert. We are learning to play, "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer." We are divided into two groups; A and B groups.

TEACHER'S PORTRAIT

(By Jean Spurlock)

Mrs. Claudia Seibold was born on December 14, 1905, in Paducah, Texas. Her home town is Fort Worth, Texas. She received her B. A. Degree at Abilene Christian College and did her graduate work at the University of Texas. Mrs. Seibold has been teaching school for 19 years. Her favorite subjects are dramatics and speech. Before coming to Stratford, she taught in the valley, South Texas at Nederland, Eastland in

Stephens County, and in White Settlement in Fort Worth. Her hobby is ceramic painting.

Mrs. Seibold has two children, a boy and a girl. She has three grandchildren, two girls and one boy.

AMERICA'S CHILDREN

(By Betty Bradley)

If we are Americans, we consider ourselves a member of America's family. Although all Americans consider themselves America's children, there are (Continued on Page 8)

THANKSGIVING

Many Thanks, Friends and Customers, for the kindly patronage with which you have been favoring us.

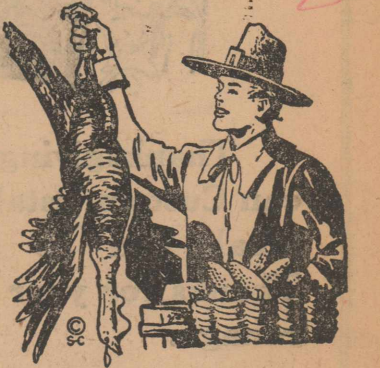


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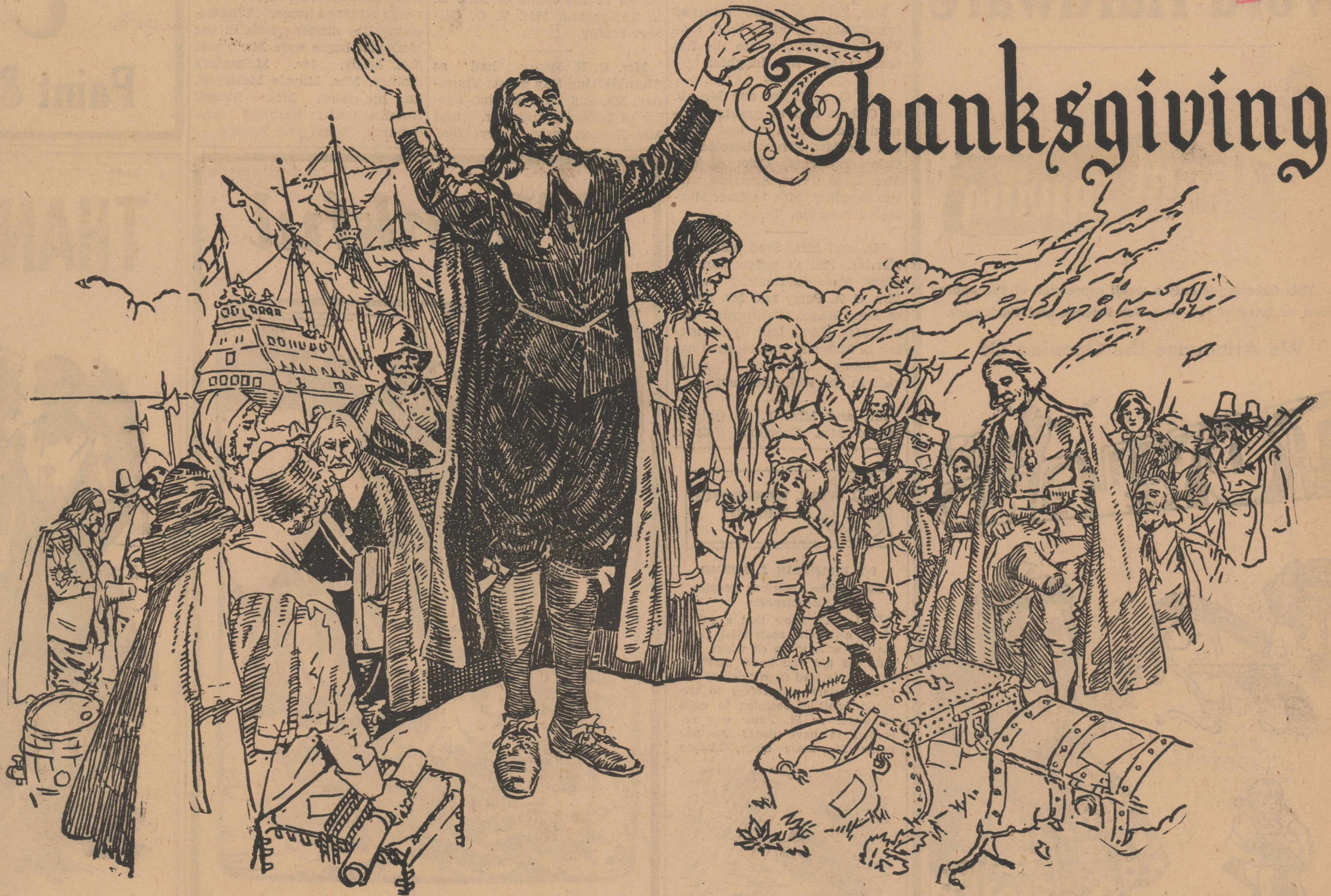
Thankful

On this dawn of another Thanksgiving — we pause once again to express our appreciation of your courtesies and patronage.



PALACE CAFE

(Member Texas and National Restaurant Association)



Although the year has been a trying one, we hope you will have the faith and courage to turn a new page in the history of the plains and that your wishes may be fulfilled.

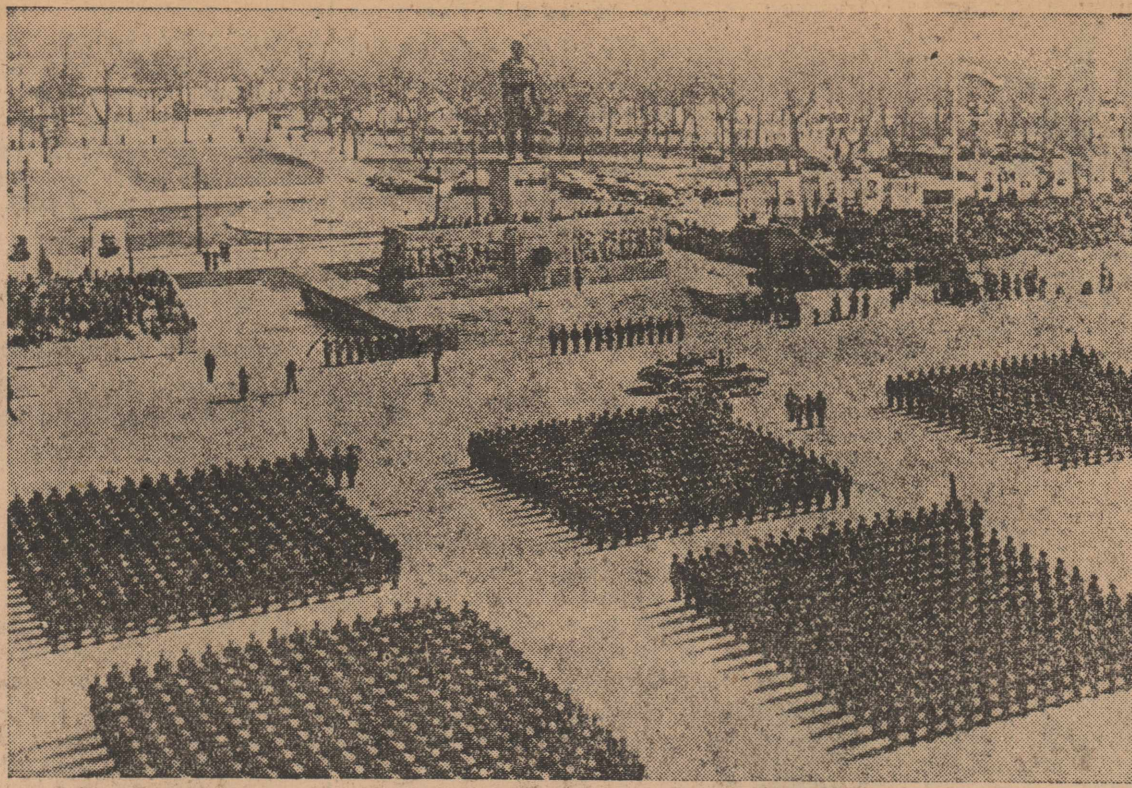
Stratford Grain Co.

Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie left Tuesday afternoon for Fort Worth, where they plan to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. Guthrie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Guthrie.

Mrs. Norman Kearns, Salina, Kansas visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mullican and other relatives from Tuesday to Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Mulli-

can and Mrs. Kearns spent Thursday of last week in Sunray, where they enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Folsom. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henning and children of Amarillo were also guests in the Folsom home. Mrs. Folsom and Mrs. Henning are also daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mullican.

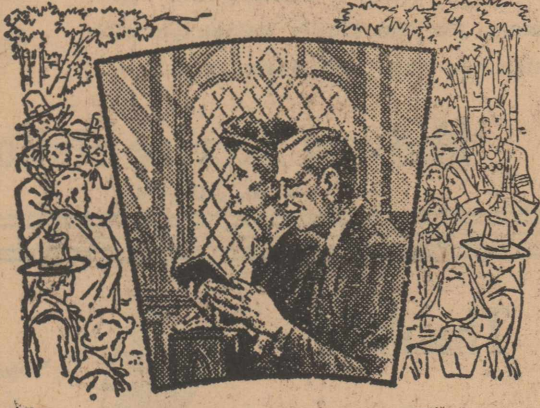


"FREE" HUNGARY . . . Hungarian troops parade before Stalin's statue in Budapest, celebrating eleventh anniversary of liberation from Germany.

Mrs. Richard Albert and children and Mrs. H. M. Brown and children, Wichita, Kansas, were visitors in Dumas Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Norris and children, Wichita, Kansas, spent Thanksgiving and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McMinn.

THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving is a traditional American Custom, established upon American ideals, and as Americans We Give Thanks for your Friendships and Patronage.

T.O.C. Motor Co.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson and three sons, Beeville, Texas, arrived Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendleton and Mr. Wilson's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilson and daughters, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frizzell and Mrs. Edward Brannan were visitors in Oklahoma City Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kimball and Sandy and Mrs. Kenneth Borth and Keith visited in Springfield, Colorado, Sunday with Mr. Kimball's mother, Mrs. Chester Sheets and Mr. Sheets. Little Susie Kimball, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sheets for the past two weeks, returned home with her parents.

Mrs. Zelda Dunlap returned home Saturday night from Clovis, New Mexico where she has been visiting her daughter.

Mrs. G. L. Taylor and Mrs. V. O. Gilbert had as guests Wednesday afternoon of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovelace of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mrs. L. M. Price, Amarillo, and her daughter, Mrs. Latimer Murfee of Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniel, Kerrick, had as guests Monday night, Mrs. McDaniel's aunt, Mrs. C. A. Perry and Mr. Perry, of Long Beach, California. Mr. and Mrs. Perry had been visiting in Missouri, and stopped over Monday night for a short visit in the McDaniel home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum visited Mrs. Chisum's sister,

Mrs. R. A. Wilson and Mr. Wilson in Dumas Sunday.

Mrs. Vera Alexander and Mildard Dovel, both of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Arthur Armentrout of St. Joseph, Missouri, visited from Tuesday to Monday with their sisters, Mrs. E. Hill, and Mrs. Gene Hudson, and their brother, Bernard Dovel, and their families.

Mrs. L. E. Bonar had as guests over the week end, her niece, Mrs. E. L. Hardy, Mr. Hardy and children, Anna Jane and Billy Ed, of Lubbock. The Hardy family also visited their other aunt, Mrs. George Skillin and family, while here.

Mrs. Lon C. McCrory, Mrs. Vester McCrory and Mrs. S. E. Brown, all of Dalhart, were guests in the home of Mrs. G. L. Taylor and Mrs. V. O. Gilbert Friday.

Mrs. C. R. Foster had as Thanksgiving Day guests Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Foster of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Newton Foster, Terry, Mike,

Gregg and Jay of Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sutton plan to leave Monday for Fort Wayne, Indiana to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. James Daily, Jr. and family. Mrs. Helen Forrester, Hayward, California, another daughter of the Suttons, plans to join them in Indiana for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Riffe returned Monday from a week end visit with friends in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Leedy, Junction City, Kansas, were guests in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniel at Kerrick from Tuesday to Friday. The McDaniel children, Patti and Mike, who had been visiting their grandparents about two weeks returned home. Thanksgiving Day dinner guests in the McDaniel home were Mr. and Mrs. Leedy, Mr. McDaniel's mother, Mrs. Minnie McDaniel, and his sister, Mrs. Russell Hutchison and husband and children, Sherri and Ronnie.

Thankful



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we express our sincere appreciation of your patronage and friendships.

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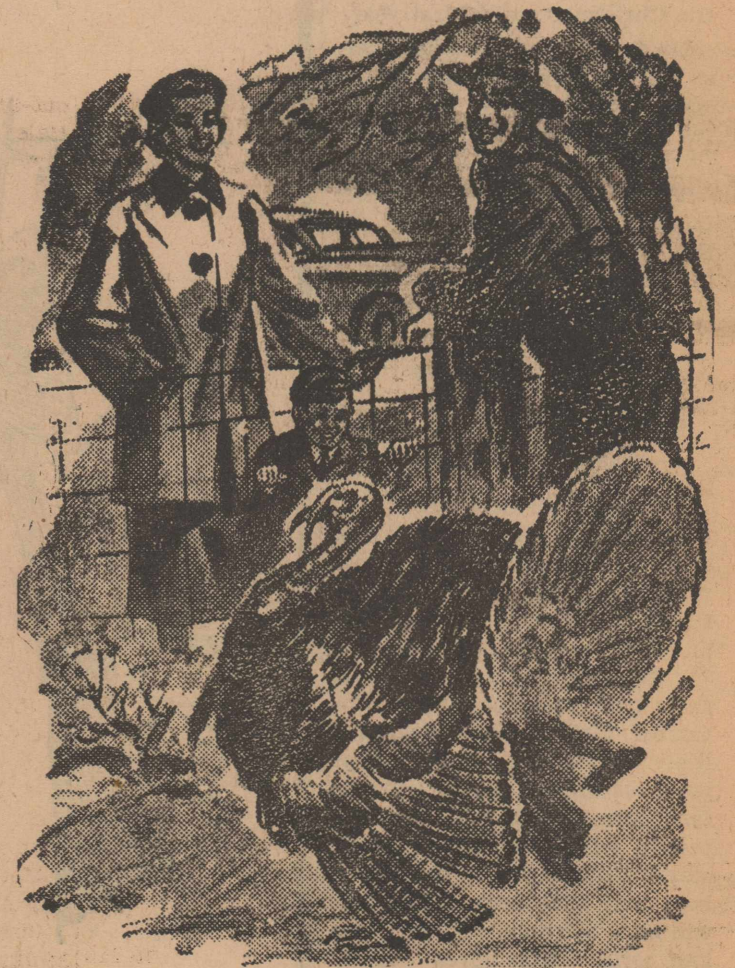
Thankful



To all good people in this territory — Together, we have minted coins of friendship — and with gratitude we look forward to serving you.

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THANKSGIVING



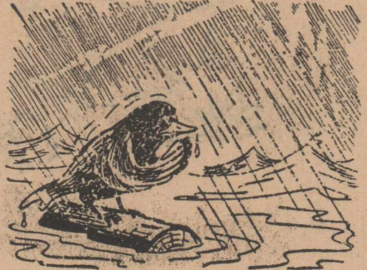
We pause on this Thanksgiving Day and wish once again to extend our appreciation for the many favors accorded us in the past.

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BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE
Editor, The American Peoples Encyclopedia

YOU MAY know that a petrel is a small, sooty-black bird marked with white on wings and tail, but did you know that the name is derived from "petrelus," (little Peter) and refers to the bird's habit of seeming to walk on water as St. Peter was recorded to have done? Another name for these birds, Mother



Carey's Chickens is derived from the words "Mater Cara" (tender mother) and has reference to the Virgin, under whose especial protection, so sailors aver, the birds weather the ocean's fiercest storms. Although a "stormy petrel" is a person fond of strife, you wouldn't describe him as one of Mother Carey's Chickens.

Almost 100 years ago, Paul Charles Morphy of New Orleans became the first — and only — American to win the world chess championship. He won it in 1858 and held it to 1862. At the age of 12, he was considered the amateur chess champion of New Orleans. Long-time world chess champions include William Steinitz, Austria, who held the crown 27 years, and Emanuel Lasker, Germany, 26 years the champion.



Thanksgiving

In the traditional atmosphere of Thanksgiving, we pause to express our appreciation of your many courtesies, and hope the coming year will greet you with a more prosperous season.

Stratford Dairy Queen

TOWN TALK

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hankey had as Thanksgiving Day dinner guests last week, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kirkpatrick and children, Donna Jean, Billy and Jimmy of Liberal, Kansas, and the children's grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Hodges, and Mrs. Lelah Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Massie, Tina, and Mrs. Marguerite Wil-

son attended the funeral of Lloyd Mason in Amarillo Thursday.

Mrs. Ben Biddy and Mrs. M. L. Mitts attended the football game in Canyon Thursday and saw Bruce Biddy play in the game.

Mrs. H. J. Cooper, Miss Evelyn Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kendall in Amarillo.

Walton Wilson, Boise City, was a visitor here Monday.

Phillip Bain made a business trip to Guymon Monday.

Rev. Bob Goodwin and Dewey Newburn will attend a CA convention in Midland November 29.

David Brooks, Maysville, Arkansas, is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Brooks.

Mrs. O. L. McMinn and son, Bill, spent the week end with relatives in Martha, Oklahoma.

Want Ads

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WANTED TO RENT: Irrigated or Dry Land, experienced in farming both. — Wayne Smith, Box 706, Sunray, Texas. 48-1tp

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WANTED: Have buyers for Sherman County land. Let me have your listings. — Minnie Laura Jackson, phone 2031. 9-tfc

For Rent

FOR RENT: Two bedroom unfurnished house. — Mrs. Prueitt Adkins, Phone 4391. 48-tfc

FOR RENT: Furnished modern apartment, Phone 2941 or see Mrs. E. Hill, 7th and Maple. 44-tfc

FOR RENT: 4 room modern house; partly furnished, double garage. Reasonable. Contact Earl Blake, Griggs, Okla. 46-3tp

FOR RENT: 3-room modern house, enclosed back porch, bills paid. See Marguerite Wilson, Phone 2491. 44-tfc

FOR RENT: Three room furnished apartment. — Paul Aduddell, Phone 2846. 25-tfc

Special Services

NEED HAY? See J. I. Mooney. 31-tfc

SAW FILING, Lawn Mower Sharpening. — Hamilton Machine Shop. 10tfc

I will continue writing State Farm Insurance although I am working at the Sherman County Abstract Co. — Mrs. Marguerite Wilson. 30-tfc

FINISH High School or grade school at home. Spare time. Books furnished. Diploma awarded. Start where you left school. Write Columbia School, Box 1514, Amarillo. 35-26c

For Sale

FOR SALE: HOUSE, 3,000 square feet; two bedrooms and bath on second floor, living and dining area, kitchen, utility room, den and half bath on ground floor. Full size basement, garage attached. See R. G. Gillis, or phone 4536. 10-tfc

FOR SALE: Used 12 cubic foot chest type Philco Home Freezer, \$200.00. — Claude Sloan Implement Co. 37-tfc

FOR SALE: Modern Furnished House and Modern unfurnished House. Call Marguerite Wilson, Phone 2491. 44-tfc

FOR SALE: Apartment gas range. Reasonable. Mrs. Chester Guthrie, Phone 2011. 47-2tc

FOR SALE: 1948 Massey-Harris model 44 Row Crop Tractor, LP gas equipped, 4 row lister and planter; 1949 John Deere Model G Tractor, LP gas equipped, 4 row lister and planter, good; 1948 John Deere Model G Tractor with 4 row lister and planter, completely overhauled; John Deere 114A, Roughage Mill, practically new. — Sherman Implement Co. 47-tfc

Christmas Trees, to arrive about December 10, at Floyd Brannan residence. — R. M. Trainham. 47-3tp

FOR SALE: Used Westinghouse Washer and Living Room Suite. See the new Speed King Automatic Washer. — McMahan Furniture Co. 47-tfc

FOR SALE: 26-inch girl's bicycle, like new, \$40.00, Phone 4081. — Susie Sloan. 37-tfc

FOR SALE: Youth Bed with inner spring mattress. — Mrs. George Jeffcoat. 48-tfc

FOR SALE: Sixty foot Tower and Star Helix Antenna, less than half price. If interested write Mrs. Roy Enfield, Perryton, Texas, Phone 5-4581. 48-2tp

FOR SALE: One AC '55 model Tractor with 4 row equipment; one model G John Deere Tractor with 4 row equipment. — Wayne Smith, Box 706, Sunray, Texas. 48-1tp

Sutton Sisters Celebrate Birthdays

Mrs. A. L. Sutton entertained Sunday with a birthday dinner in celebration of the birthdays of her sisters, Mrs. L. W. Hale, Plains, Kansas, and Mrs. William Portel, Preston, Kansas, whose birthdays were Monday, and her own, which was Tuesday. The three sisters celebrate their birthdays together each year, each entertaining in their own home every three years. Other out-of-town guests were L. W. Hale, and Mrs. Sutton's niece, Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mr. Brown and daughter, Mary Alloe, of Plains, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutton and Lynda and A. L. Sutton also enjoyed the dinner and visit. All the guests returned home Sunday evening except Mrs. Portel, who remained until Wednesday.

Methodist Church
(Charles R. Gates, Pastor)

Sunday School 9:45 — 10:45 a. m.

Preaching Service 10:55 — 12:00 a. m.

Junior Additional Session 6:00 p. m.

Intermediate Fellowship 6:00 p. m.

M. Y. F. Fellowship 6:00 p. m.

Guild: First Monday night, each month.

Methodist Men, 4th Wednesday night, each month.

Circles: Mary Ethel, Florence Mullins, Flora Foreman, each Wednesday.

Official Board Meeting, 4th Tuesday night of each month.

Sunday night preaching service 7:00 p. m.

(We are voting now on having a vesper service at 5:00 p. m during the winter months.)

Choir practice:
Junior choir 3:45 p. m. Wednesday.
Adult choir 8:00 p. m. Wednesday.
Cherub choir 2:30 p. m. Thursday.

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Seconds after birth, infant porpoises must swim to the ocean surface for their first breath. Members of the porpoise school communicate by whistling. Their presence was regarded by old-time sailors as an omen of fair winds.

One out of three non-smokers carries book matches, presumably for the convenience of smoking



PATIENT PATIENTS . . . Embryo medic Bobby Balletti, 2½, practices on little brother Billy, 7 months, and family boxer "Brandy."



UN BACKS U. S. . . . U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge confers with UN secretary general Dag Hammarskjöld after UN voted 64 to 5 in censure of Anglo-French attack on Egypt.




66 CENTS A POUND . . . Jay Conover (right) of Hayward, Calif., sold his grand national champion Angus steer "Ink Spot" to Andreas Beyer, restaurant owner.

said publication shall be not less than ten days before the return day hereof, you give notice to all interested persons that such account has been filed and requiring all such persons to appear and contest the same, if they see proper, which application will be heard and acted on by said court at ten o'clock, A. M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the publication hereof, the same being the 10th day of December, 1956, at the County Courthouse in Stratford, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Stratford, Texas, this the 27th day of November, 1956.
(Seal) **LELAH BONEY**
Clerk, County Court, Sherman County, Texas.
By **PAULINE JONES**, Deputy

Thankfulness



We are Thankful to be a part of a community which has survived the disappointments of the passing year. We're hoping for a few more smiles for all of us as we look forward to another season.

Stratford Motor Co.

THANKSGIVING



We are Thankful for your many favors --- and sense a coming year filled with plenty of good things for the people of this territory. We are proud to be a part of it.

Sherman Implement Co.

Assembly Of God Church
(Bob Goodwin, Pastor, Phone 4351)

Sunday Services:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Young People 6:00 p. m.
Children's Church 6:00 p. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:00 p. m.

Wednesday night 7:30 p. m.
The public is invited to all services.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE WITHIN THE STATE OF TEXAS — Greeting:

W. F. Harkrader, Administrator of the Estate of Ezra Elliott, deceased, having filed in the County Court of Sherman County, No. 881, Probate Docket, his final account of the condition of the estate of the said Ezra Elliott, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ once in a newspaper regularly published in the county of Sherman, and

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I. D. WALL PURCHASES PUREBRED ANGUS COWS

I. D. Wall recently bought five purebred Aberdeen-Angus cows from Sherman & Doris Schibler of Gruver.

THE ELK

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many who are not worthy of the name. We are fortunate that this group is in the minority.

America's government, or the group that makes the laws for this large family, is founded on democracy. Many of America's children misuse their freedoms. They try to read between the lines and make the laws benefit themselves or a small group, instead of the best for the majority.

One of America's most important rights is the right to vote. Yet, these people who call themselves America's children will not take the time to vote for the candidate or law of their choice.

The Declaration of Independence states that all men are created equal, yet many so called America's children think of themselves as better than other people. The Negroes should be treated as a separate race, but equal as humans. Many, disregarding that fact, insist on placing the white man at a high point on the scale and the Negro at a lower place. I have often read in magazines that people of other countries think of America as a place of near Paradise where men have many unheard of freedoms and that all men are equal. Yet, a certain group tries to shatter that dream by tipping the scale. Can these people who consider themselves above the Negro be called America's children?

The true American children are honest, hard-working, faithful, Christian citizens. Are you one of America's children, or do you just claim to be one?

- Jan. 29 — Texline at Stratford.
- Feb. 5 — Morse at Stratford.
- Feb. 8 — Stratford Boys at Hartley.
- Feb. 9 — Texhoma at Stratford.
- Feb. 11 — Gruver "B" Boys at Stratford.
- Feb. 12 — Channing at Stratford.
- Feb. 15 — Stratford at Texline.
- Feb. 19, 21, 22 — Boys and girls District Tournament at Texline.

MENU

Monday — Creamed tuna loaf, whole kernel corn, spinach, cabbage, carrot-onion salad, rolls, butter, pineapple, sherbert and milk.

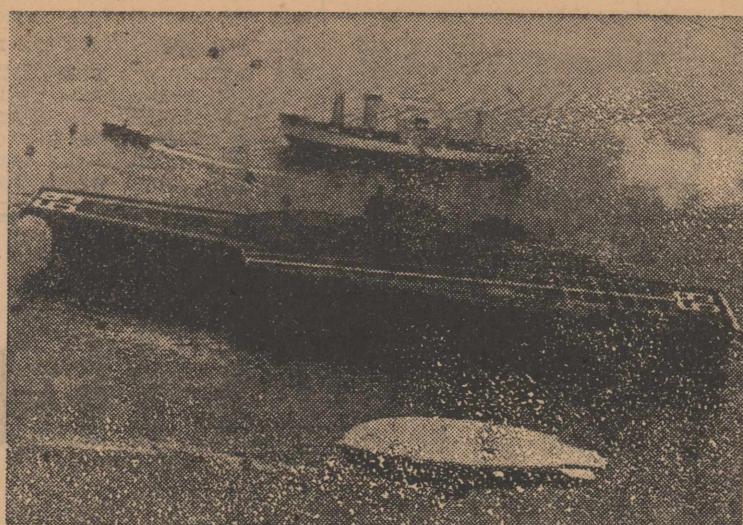
Tuesday — Meat loaf, sauce, mashed potatoes, English peas, tossed salad, rolls, butter, cherry cobbler and milk.

Wednesday — Pinto beans, pork, spinach, onion, cabbage, apple, and marshmallow salad, corn bread, butter, chocolate cake and milk.

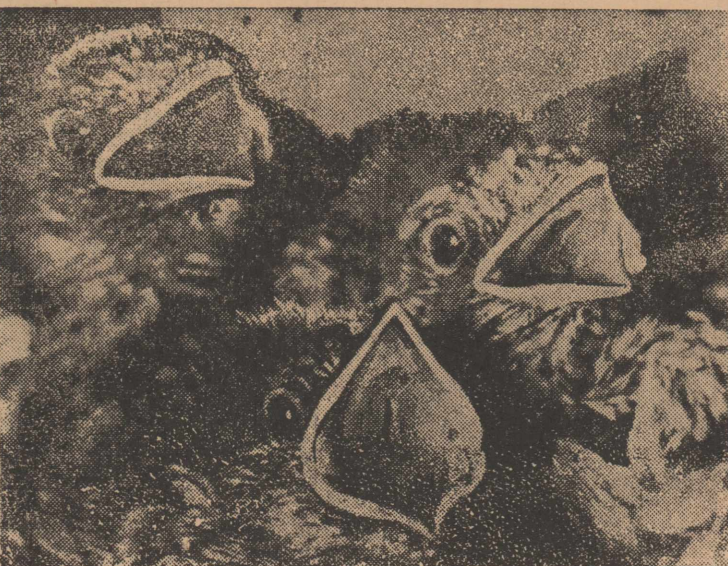
Thursday — Spanish rice, green beans, beets, lemon pineapple jello salad, rolls, butter, peanut butter cookies and milk.

Friday — Irish stew, tossed salad, corn bread, butter, strawberry cake, and milk.

Drive Safely — You're never safe enough to afford one careless moment.



NAVAL ALERT . . . U. S. navy concentrates strong task force led by aircraft carrier Forrestal (above) for possible use in Middle East crisis.



LET'S EAT! . . . Hunger speaks no international language as these three young birds await feeding by mother in Helsinki, Finland.



EXQUISITE . . . Merle Morlarty, 20, wears 1957 Miss New York "Exquisite Form" sash after winning contest which makes her eligible for U. S. finals early next year.

Assuming only 50 per cent recovery, there is enough coal still in the ground in the United States (1,000,000,000,000 tons) to meet all thermal energy requirements for 682 years.

An average of over 5,000 persons visit the White House each week-day.



GURNER . . . Teddar Stephenson, 50-year-old British coal miner, shows skill in ancient sport of "gurning" (face-making) at Gosforth, England.

Tractors are being called "Bayar's Oxen" in Turkey because since Pres. Celal Bayer first took office there, five years ago, the number of tractors has been raised from 2500 to 40,000.

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STRATFORD OPENS

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

(By Bob Donelson)

This year, approximately 35 boys are going out for the "A" and "B" teams. Practice was begun last week. So far these games have been scheduled:

- Nov. 27 — Stratford at Texhoma.
- Dec. 3 — Stratford "B" at Spearman.
- Dec. 7 — Stratford at Stinnett.
- Dec. 11 — Stratford at Sunray.
- Dec. 13, 14, 15 — Spearman Tournament.
- Dec. 17 — Stratford "E" Boys at Gruver.
- Dec. 18 — Spearman at Stratford.
- Dec. 21 — Stinnett at Stratford.
- Jan. 3, 4, 5 — Stratford Tournament.
- Jan. 8 — Gruver at Stratford.
- Jan. 15 — Stratford at Spearman.
- Jan. 17, 18, 19 — Gruver Tournament.
- Jan. 21 — Spearman "B" at Stratford.
- Jan. 22 — Hartley Boys at Stratford.
- Jan. 25 — Stratford at Channing.
- Jan. 26 — Stratford at Morse.

COME IN PLEASE
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Thanksgiving

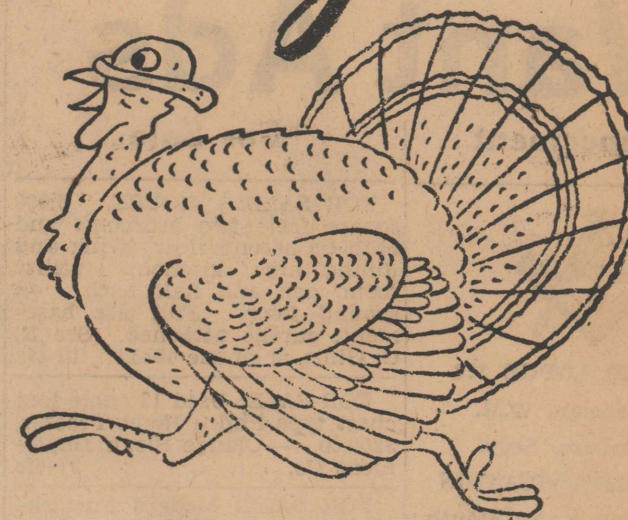


Your Friendship has meant much to us, and we send Our Sincere Thanksgiving Greetings to You and Every Member of Your Family.

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T Thanksgiving



We feel Thanksgiving Day is particularly appropriate this year, and that Americans should observe the day with all reverence and sincerity.

We are Thankful we are permitted to live here in this land, to have a part in this community, and to have your friendship.

The First State Bank

Recent statistics compiled by America Beautiful, Inc., indicate that there are 72 million licensed drivers in the U. S. and 51 million registered vehicles piling up mileage at the accelerated rate of more than billion miles a year. This is an average of approximately 9,200 miles per vehicle and 7,800 miles per driver—if all were litterbugs, would our country look like?

A turtle, being toothless, cannot chew, but its jaws have sharp horny edges. Their closing shears off bites of food, which are then swallowed whole.

More than 600 plants in the United States are engaged in the job of processing bituminous coal before delivery to consumers. Clean coal competes better with other fuels.

SQUAW MAN'S CHOICE

By J. Reed Ruff

VINCE CHADWICK lowered his head allowing the broad brim of his worn stetson to shut out the early morning sunshine. He liked the sun, but not in his face, and this morning its brightness seemed to dim the images he wanted to draw from the past.

In his shabby trousers and faded shirt, old Vince didn't look like he had ever shared a close association with ambition, and he certainly didn't like a man who had once won the affections of the prettiest girl in the state. Seated on a nail keg in front of the store that had been his father's, Vince looked exactly like what he actually was; an aging, small town hardware merchant.

He drew a deep sigh, remembering Naona Whitefeather, slim and proud, that day long ago when he presented the trophy that titled her the prettiest girl in the state. There were a lot of memories of Naona, but there were memories of his mother too.

"Vincent, you're the youngest Commissioner this county has ever elected, and in time you'll gain state offices. Think of it, Son, the state's youngest Governor! Doesn't it mean anything at all to you, Vincent?" She drew a deep breath, pleading, "Were the sacrifices I made to give you a proper education, made in vain?"

It meant a lot to him, and she knew it. He owed the sedate, white haired woman more than he could ever hope to repay.

"You can't give it all up to marry an Indian girl!" His Mother's way of saying 'Indian', reduced the word to an obscenity.

"But I'm in love with Naona, Mother!" He still remembered how cramped his feet felt in the narrow, patent leather shoes, as he paced the floor of his small office. "She's not like some of the Indian population. She's well educated."

"You've lived in this country all of your life, Vincent." Mother's penetrating glance compelled

attention. His Mother never cried, but she had a way of showing how hard it was for her to keep from crying, and that was even worse. "Do you want to be called a 'Squaw Man,' Son? Do you think they will ever elect a 'Squaw Man' Governor?"

His thoughts were not bitter. For him, being prodded by the sharp goad of his Mother's ambition was normal, because it was all he knew after his Father died. But loving Naona was normal too.

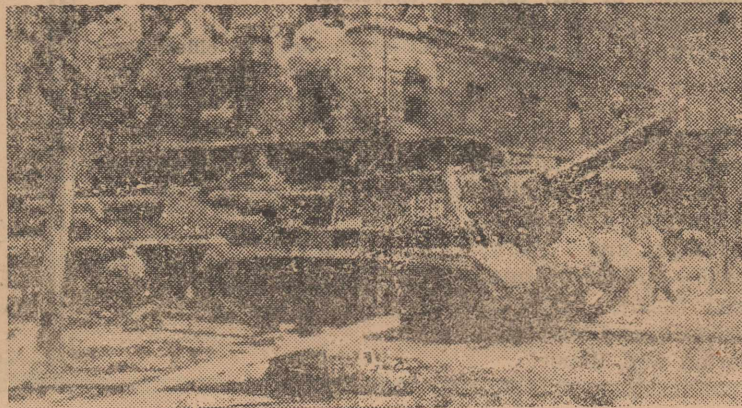
The musty coolness of the store was welcome after the blazing sun and the smell of metal and leather was pleasantly familiar. He stood for a moment in back of the scarred wooden counter with the zinc nail bins bulging across its front. He could hear his wife and his mother clattering around the living quarters at the rear of the store, engaging as always, in the sharp thrust and parry of petty bickering.

Well, he'd been warned. He couldn't have Naona and be Governor too, but who wanted to be Governor or anything else without Naona?

Vince glanced down at the morning paper where he had left it, lying open on the counter. Naona hadn't changed much. She was still slim, and although her rich, dark hair had lightened to gray, even the poor newspaper photography couldn't dim the warmth and dignity in her face or mar the proud way she stood at her husband's side. Vince read the caption above the picture for the fourth time, tracing the black letters with a gnarled finger:

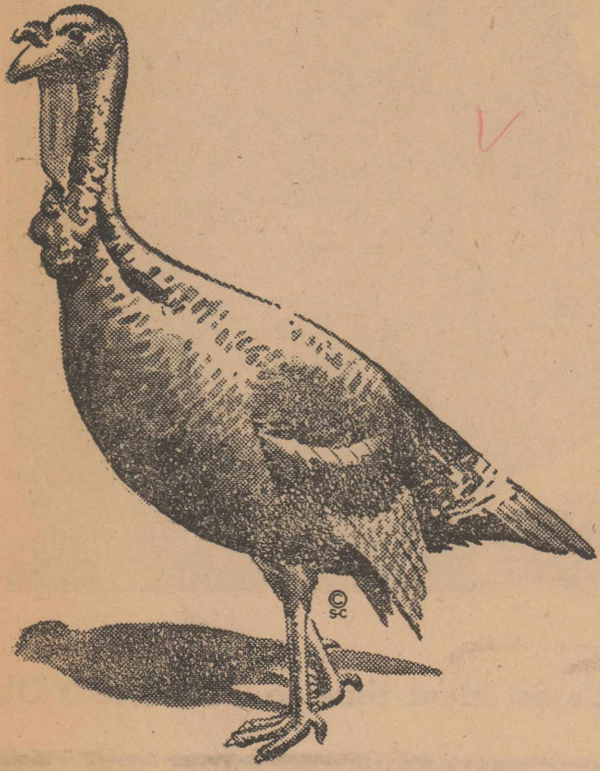
NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNOR JOHN MONTE AND HIS LOVELY WIFE GRACIOUSLY ACCEPT KEYS TO GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

With a far away look in his pale blue eyes, Vince folded the paper and laid it on the end of the counter. His Mother would want to read it when she found time.



REDS WRECK BUDAPEST . . . Soviet tanks occupy Hungarian capital where 200,000 Red troops crushed the peoples' revolution.

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The Stratford Star



REV. R. H. HARPER
Moral Rot in Gambling

ONE DAY a number of years ago, in what was then known as the Grunewald Hotel, a fellow minister and the writer had met in the lobby to discuss our assignment as a committee to do something about the evil of race-track gambling. William Jennings Bryan was in New Orleans for a lecture and we saw him across the lobby and the writer suggested that we approach him for a statement on gambling.

We introduced ourselves, explained our mission, and asked if he would give us a statement to be used in our effort to publicize the evil of gambling on the races. Mr. Bryan agreed instantly, went near to a desk, and wrote a strong paragraph the heart of which were the words, "Gambling rots the moral fibre of men."

Here is the conviction of a great and good man and it should arrest the attentions of all who are lured by the possibility of getting something for nothing. For they lose more than the funds they risk. Whether they lose or get, the moral loss is ever present. For gambling does indeed "rot the moral fibre of men."



BOWL QUEEN . . . Adelaide Gonzales, 19, 5 foot 5 inch brunette from Tampa, Fla., a junior at U. of Florida, was chosen Orange Bowl Queen for 1957.

TELL US YOUR PROBLEM

AND LET US PASS IT ON TO HELP OTHERS IN SOLVING THEIRS.

BY JOHN and JANE STRICKLAND

MRS. ELIZABETH BABSON, 65-53-77th Street, Middle Village, Long Island, says of all the problems of rearing a family that she had anticipated, there was one that she had never given a thought to, and this one got the better of her. Her little girl played in the backyard, along with a variety of neighborhood children. Every time Mrs. Babson opened the outside cellar door, she was showered with the crumbings of mud pies.

She had warned the children not to make mud pies, and had emphasized to her little Jean that this ruling was meant to be obeyed by administering a spanking every time the mud pies were discovered. The children had many things to play with: a swing, a slide, dolls and carriages, games, picture puzzles, in fact just anything and everything the usual child likes. But nothing interested them so much as mud pies.

So she told them that they must clean the cellar door when they made mud pies on it. But such a cleaning! Most of the dirt was merely transferred to their clothes. The problem was not solved.

Finally she hit on the idea of beach sand. True the beach was miles away, but she tied back the top of the car trunk, put a big barrel inside, and off they went to the beach. That day she played in the sand with the children, helping them make all sorts of figures. Then they loaded the barrel and went home.

The first day that the sand supplanted the mud, she complimented the children on how clean they had kept their clothes, and added, "Since I won't have so many dresses to wash and iron when you play with clean white sand, I'll have time to take you children to a movie on Saturday." Was the Problem solved? It was.

A basking shark caught in California waters measured 30 feet long and scaled 8,600 pounds, the weight of 45 hefty men.

The pygmy marmoset of South America's Amazonia is the Western Hemisphere's smallest member of the monkey family. Full-grown specimens weigh only three to five ounces.

Of all the babies born in the United States in 1950, 88 per cent were born in hospitals, while in 1935 the figure was less than 37 per cent.

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On this day of Thanksgiving -- We Extend an old fashioned greeting --

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'Send Your Yule Mail Early' Says Stratford Postmaster

Postmaster Mrs. Sallie V. McAdams urges that citizens of this area shop early and mail early this Christmas season to facilitate the processing of the largest Christmas mailing in the history of the post offices.

To put off mailing Christmas cards and parcels until the last moment results in an extra burden being placed on the postal employees and on the postal facilities.

Every facility of the post offices will be pressed into maximum service so that again this year, as in the past, our area post offices will be cleared, if possible, of all Christmas mail

by Christmas.

"There are still some people who retain the mistaken idea that a gift or card arriving on Christmas Eve has a special significance. It is the thought behind the gift or card, not the time of arrival which is the important consideration."

In an appeal to the citizens of Sherman County, the Postmaster praised the fine cooperation of past years when record mail loads were processed and delivered and asked that this same cooperation be advanced in evidence this year.

"By following the simple sug-

gestions of mailing early, wrapping carefully and addressing plainly, the citizens of Sherman County will be assured of the safe and timely arrival of their Christmas mail."

Koehler Named District One USO Chairman

R. E. Koehler of Dalhart has been named as Chairman of District 1 on the Texas United Defense Fund, the state-wide group which will sponsor USO's campaign for \$702,396 in Texas this year. This district includes Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman Counties. Mr. Koehler was appointed by Henry A. Hickman who is regional campaign chairman of the forthcoming fund appeal to carry on the familiar services of the USO to the young men and young women of the nation's armed forces.

In accepting the appointment, Mr. Koehler stated that "the uncertainties and the threats of the present time make the task of our boys and girls in service extremely difficult and trying. They need to know that we are behind them, that we realize and appreciate the sacrifices they are making and the dangers to which they are exposed for our defense, safety and peace in the world. There is no finer way we can show our understanding and appreciation than by giving as volunteer Americans to the USO, and providing a 'home away from home' for our service men and women."

Moisture—

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step in using the soil moisture equipment is the interpretation of the results. In other words, at what moisture level should one begin watering. We here in the Stratford Vocational Agriculture Department feel that this particular phase of the demonstration should be handled by a specialist in the field. Plans have been made to send the data to Marvin Jensen at the Amarillo Experiment Station, and he in turn will interpret this data, and make recommendations to us. At the end of one year operating in this manner, we feel that we will be well enough acquainted with the instrument and recommendation problems, to handle the research here in the county.

The Amarillo Experiment Station has furnished us with enough gypsum blocks to establish at least three other moisture testing demonstrations. Plans are being made to develop these on the Lester Plunk, Horace Sneed, and Ernest Cummings' farms. Mr. Jensen will receive data from these demonstrations along with the information from the F.F.A. demonstration farm.

Farm irrigation practice is frequently the most neglected part of an irrigation enterprise. The results, wasted water, soil and plant nutrients. Proper timing of irrigations, brought about by the use of the soil mois-

ture testing equipment may be an important contribution to increasing the efficiency of our irrigated acres in Sherman County.

Star HD Club Meets With Mrs. Arnold

The Star Home Demonstration Club met November 20 in the home of Mrs. Archie Arnold, with Mrs. Harold Bennett, president, in charge. Mrs. Archie Arnold directed the opening exercises and roll call was answered with "A Christmas Gift Two Enjoyed."

Mrs. Harold Bennett urged all club members to send their money in for the Council Luncheon by December 1.

Members decided to have the Christmas Party December 4, at noon, with Mrs. W. H. Gaylord. The following committees were appointed: Mrs. Raymond Keener and Mrs. Arthur Judd, Recreation; Mrs. Kenneth Borth and Mrs. Roscoe Dyess to buy a gift for the member with the best attendance record.

Mrs. Tommie L. Wakefield announces the program topic was "Preparing for Christmas" and asked for a round table discussion.

Those present were: Mesdames W. H. Gaylord, Roscoe Dyess, Raymond Keener, Arthur Judd, Earl Kirkwood, Harold Bennett, Pruet Adkins, Kenneth Borth, Tommie L. Wakefield and Archie Arnold.

Miss Chesmer Celebrates First Birthday

Mary Martha Chesmer, one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chesmer, was honored on her birthday Saturday with a party at the Chesmer home.

Cake, coffee and pink lemonade were served to the following guests: Mrs. D. L. Buckles, Mrs. Dickie Buckles, and Marla, Mrs. N. W. Hudson and Patty, Mrs. Sam Lasley and Royceanna, Mrs. Douglas Dettle, Celesta, Andrea and Steve, and Mrs. Dale Knight, Marlon and Renee.



"EASY DOES IT"
BY HELEN HALE

CHICKEN or turkey which has been leftover can be extended nicely with a few oysters and a cream sauce. Serve on toast triangles, flaky hot biscuits or cornbread squares.

If you want to serve a nice snack for holiday callers, make tiny cream puffs and fill with lobsters or crabmeat mixed with mayonnaise and heat slightly. They go wonderfully with a hot

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE
Holiday Apple Salad
(Serves 8-10)
2 packages cherry-flavored gelatin
2 3/4 cups boiling water
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
1 cup mayonnaise
2 red apples, cored, cut
1 cup pitted light cherries
1 cup pineapple tidbits
1/2 cup chopped almonds
Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; chill until partially set. Fold in whipped cream and mayonnaise. Add fruit to mixture and pour into large oiled or individual molds. Chill until firm. Unmold on greens and serve with mayonnaise to which has been added chopped candied fruit, if desired.

beverage and holiday cookies for a sweet.

Meringue shells make a pretty holiday dessert. Fill with vanilla ice cream and serve with red cherries, sweetened and thickened with cornstarch.

Sliced tongue goes nicely on a holiday buffet platter with sliced ham. Both meats do well with a sauce of soured cream mixed with horseradish.

Skaters and carol singers will appreciate a hot snack like buttered toast covered with hot applesauce and strips of crisp bacon. Serve with mugs of hot apple cider or chocolate.

Valentines are the oldest greeting cards in the world, with many still in existence dating from the 17th century.

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