

A MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!



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Select Christmas Decoration Winners

Stratford's best decorated homes for the Christmas season were selected by out of town judges Monday night. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett won first place. Decorations at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wohlford placed second. Miniature decorations in the trailer-house home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip C. Johnson placed third in the opinion of the judges.

Prizes of \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00 will be awarded to the three winners of the Stratford home lighting decoration contest by the ladies of the Xi Epsilon Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Mrs. Charles Wisdom and Mrs. Dean Hell of the sponsoring sorority made the tour of Stratford with the judges and identified the winning homes after they had been selected by judges who were unaware of the names of the owners of the houses they were awarding the home decoration contest honors.

A lighting arrangement in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McMinn did not win a prize but it caused almost all of those viewing the decorations in the city Monday night to at first doubt what they were seeing. Usually they drove back for a second look and to investigate the unusual lighting display which at a distance took on a fantastic appearance.

The peculiar lighting effect was obtained by partially filling large brown paper sacks with dirt. A lighted candle was then placed in the center of each sack. The sacks were arranged to mark the driveways and sidewalks at the McMinn home.

Bill and Richard McMinn prepared the lighting arrangement and might have won second prize in the contest had they not extinguished the lighted candles before the judges returned to the home for a second look before making their final decision. The flickering candles in the common brown paper sacks produced a colorful attraction which had not been previously produced in Stratford.

The Old Spanish type lighting decoration may again be viewed at the McMinn home on Christmas eve if the plans of Richard and Bill McMinn are carried out.

Christmas trees appearing in the windows of most of the homes in Stratford presented a colorful sight of Christmas (Continued on Page 10)

Christmas Programs Thursday Night

Tiny tots ranging in ages up to and including those classified as juniors in the Sunday School Departments will be the principal characters of interest in Christmas Tree programs to be presented at the Christian, Baptist and Methodist Churches at 7:00 o'clock this evening. The youngest and most enthusiastic members of the younger set will appear on the programs in readings, songs and other program arrangements appropriate for Christmas Eve.

At the close of the Christmas tree programs at the churches the young people of the Christian Church will present a pageant of the Christmas scene on the lawn of the First Christian Church. This presentation will require about fifteen minutes and the residents of the territory are invited to watch. The tentative time for the pageant has been set for 8:15 although this schedule might be delayed for a few minutes by the regular Christmas tree programs.

Toddlers through those classified as juniors will appear on the program at the Methodist Church. Santa Claus himself is scheduled to appear at the close of the program presented by the youngsters.

Children of the primary department through those of junior age will appear on the program which opens Thursday at 7:00 p. m. at the First Christian Church. The laughter of Santa Claus will cause twinkles in the eyes of little ones as gifts are distributed from the tree at the close of the program.

Tiny tots enrolled in the Baptist Sunday School will appear in the character roles of the entertainment which will be presented in the First Baptist Church beginning at 7:00 o'clock. Santa Claus will arrive at the close of the program to aid adults in distributing the gifts from the tree.

Around the equator the earth is larger than around the meridian.

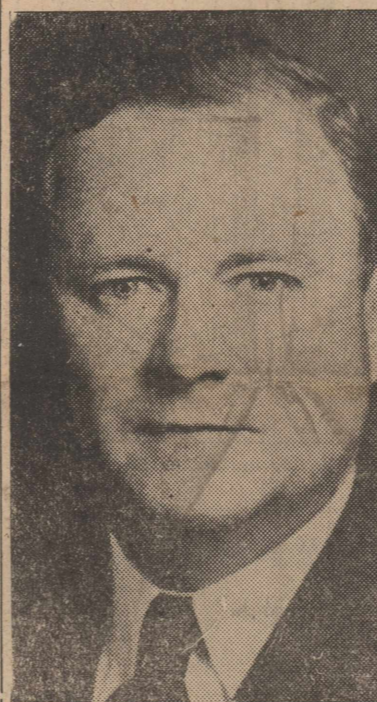
Club Ladies Give Gifts To Cripples

Crippled children in a children's home in Mexia, Texas will be wide eyed Christmas morning with gifts which would have otherwise been exchanged by ladies of the Better Homes Home Demonstration Club.

The club ladies pooled the money which they would have normally used to buy exchange Christmas gifts for their annual Christmas party and used the funds to provide Christmas presents for the children in the Crippled Children's Home at Mexia, Texas.

She claimed he married her for her money—and he claimed he earned it.

Governor Makes Plea For Safe Holiday Driving



Gov. Price Daniel states he has "high hopes that Texans will make the Christmas-New Year's season one of the safest instead of the most deadly we have ever had on Texas highways.

A prediction of 111 traffic deaths, one of the largest in recent years, had been made by the Texas Department of Public Safety due to the 12-day length

Mitts Claims Coyote Catchers Championship

Death Takes Brother Of Roy Peterson

Roy Peterson received word Wednesday that his only brother had passed away Tuesday from a heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and Mike left Wednesday evening for San Diego, California to attend funeral services.

of the holiday period and its two week ends.

The Governor said he had mailed nearly 11,000 letters to college and public school officials, local traffic safety officials, local law enforcement agencies, newspapers, radio and television stations and others interested in the statewide traffic (Continued on Page 10)

Death Claims L. E. Peters

Lawrence E. Peters, 45 year old son of Mrs. W. P. Brooks died suddenly in Lawndale, California December 10 shortly after he had been rushed to a medical clinic.

Mrs. Brooks and her son, Roy Peters, left immediately to attend the funeral, returning home Wednesday evening of last week.

Funeral services were conducted in Dunaway & Fox Funeral Chapel and burial was made in Green Hills Cemetery December 12.

Survivors include his wife of the home and six children, two sons, Billy Peters, Eddy Peters; four daughters, Elaine, June, Donnie and Diana; five brothers, Jim Peters, Daniel Peters, Frank Peters, all of whom make their home in Indiana, Charles of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and Roy Peters of Stratford; four sisters, Mrs. Lorena Catron of New Castle, Indiana, Mrs. Minnie Denny, New Castle, Indiana, Mrs. Grace Waldon of Moreland, Indiana, Mrs. Dorothy Houston of Selma, Indiana; and his mother, Mrs. W. P. Brooks of Stratford.

Mrs. C. McAdams Honored With Bridal Shower

A bridal shower was given in honor of Mrs. Charley McAdams, the former Linda Huggins, in the home of Mrs. H. L. Vincent Thursday night, December 17. Mrs. McAdams is the daughter of Mrs. Ruby Huggins.

The entertaining rooms were decorated with Christmas colors and candles with little Santas. Punch and cookies were served with Kay Caraway presiding at the punch bowl. June Huggins, sister of the bride, registered the guests.

The recent bride received many lovely and useful gifts.

Austria's most famous Alpine highway, the Gross Glockner Road, reaches an altitude of 8,216 feet and is located in the province of Carinthia.

M. L. Mitts has perhaps the best record in the county this year for catching coyotes. During the year he has bagged 45 coyotes with his pickup and cage of dogs.

The thrilling sport is complicated by fences and where one is not familiar with the land, there is the possibility of unexpected rough or dangerous ground.

In all probability Mitts has discovered some of the more hazardous ground on his hunting expeditions, for this week he made the statement that "If any one has any coyotes they want caught, just bring them to town and I'll catch them."

Many Firms Will Close Saturday

The courthouse offices, The First State Bank and several other business firms in Stratford will be closed all day Saturday, the day following Christmas. The Post Office will be open Saturday morning. Grocery stores and most filling stations are of the opinion that they must be open Saturday in order to accommodate their customers.

The closing of business firms on both Friday and Saturday will enable some employers and employees to enjoy Christmas with members of their families which would be impossible had it been necessary for them to be back at work on the day following Christmas.

Basketball Scores

Elkettes 38, Texline 34.
Elks 39, Texline 18.
Elks 44, Boise City 23.
Stratford B-Team boys 53, Boise City 29.
Stratford B-team boys 43, Dumas 28.
8th Grade boys 25, Spearman 21.
8th Grade boys 35, Dumas 16.
8th Grade girls 16, Spearman 10.
7th Grade boys 31, Dumas 32.

Cattle, sheep and hogs, taken together, are almost as numerous as men.

YESTERDAY AND TODAY



"FEAR NOT: FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE."

Knocking His Job

MILWAUKEE — Frank Dion-
esopolos was appointed Mil-
waukee County coroner and he
immediately announced his
main objective: to have the of-

office abolished.

Dionesopolos said the \$50 a
month coroner's post was un-
necessary because the county
medical examiner's office per-
forms the duties formerly car-
ried out by the coroner.

FOR AND ABOUT TEENAGERS

How Does A Gal 'Hold' Boyfriend?

By C. D. Smith



From a St. Louis Teenager:
"How can I hold him? I am
going with a boy who is eighteen
and very good looking. And all
the girls I know are chasing after
him. Can you tell me how I can
hold him for myself? I like him
very much and he said he likes
me, but sometimes I just don't
know. Will you please tell me
what I can do?"

As far as this writer knows,
there is no set of rules to cover
this situation, which has been

known to exist in every genera-
tion since man's earliest begin-
nings. If a guy or a gal is "good
looking" and has personality and
charm to match, they are more
than likely to be "chased."
The best advice we can give to
our young friend in the language
of the day, is to "stay in there
pitching." It seems, at least, that
she has the inside track. Keeping
this No. 1 spot is usually not near
so difficult as getting it in the first
place.

Whether we admit it or not,
most of us seek attention; we
want to be noticed, liked, and ad-
mired by others. But, unless teen-
agers have changed considerably
in recent years, the average
young man, while he is flattered
when some girl "chases" him—
he seldom becomes as serious
with this girl as he does with an-
other (who does the "chasing")
so subtly that he thinks he is
the "chaser".

How does a girl hold the boy-
friend? Sometimes it isn't easy.
But she should remember, first
of all, that she must have cer-
tain qualities that attracted him
in the beginning. Don't try to
change your personality young
lady. Be friendlier, happier, more
fun to be with—and don't worry
about "losing" your boyfriend. If
you are worried, it is bound to
show in your actions and man-
nerisms. Relax, you can't go
through life trying to cross your
bridges before you get to them.

If you have a teenage problem you
want to discuss, or an observation to
make, address your letter to FOR
AND ABOUT TEENAGERS, NATIONAL
WEEKLY NEWSPAPER SERVICE,
FRANKFORD, KY.

Every optometrist must have an eye for business.

MAY the true spirit of Christmas fill
your hearts with happiness and
joy . . . and may His blessings be upon
you and your house as we celebrate His
birthday. We add our "thank you" for
your patronage during the past year.



Stratford Butane Co.

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Merry Christmas

With one accord we
lift our voices to sing
our warmest wishes
that you may have
a holiday that is filled
with joy and happi-
ness and love.



C & E Paint & Body Shop

HALF-PAST TEEN



"About all a sweater does for her is make her itch."

WORDS ...or Just Being Human THOUGHTS



... BUT LET'S FACE IT!



It Pays — To Read Star Ads

THE STARS

By LYN CONNELLY

DOROTHY PROVINE picked
up her diploma from the
University of Washington, tossed
some clothes into a suitcase and
announced to her family and
friends that she was off to Holly-
wood to become a movie star . . .
Everyone in Seattle thought of
Dorothy as their own local celeb-
rity . . . She began her "career"
in grammar school plays, gradu-
ated into high school musicals
and wound up as the most prom-
ising student in the drama de-
partment of the University, where
she starred in 35 dramatic pro-
ductions in four years.

During college she also ap-
peared daily as the star of her
own local television show . . .
Summers found her active in the
Seattle Equity Aqua Musical
Theatre, starring in "The King
and I," "On Your Toes," "Show-
boat," and others . . . During her
final season there, Dorothy be-
came the most talked about girl
in Seattle when she replaced
seasonal Broadway perform-
er Gretchen Wyler as "Lola" in
"Damn Yankees" and later
Martha Wright in "South Pacific."

Immediately upon graduation,
Dorothy left for Hollywood, and 15
months later had co-starred in 31
television shows and appeared in
several motion pictures, includ-
ing "The Bonnie Parker Story,"
in which she starred in the title
role . . . She also co-starred with
the late Lou Costello in "Secret
Bride of Candy Rock" . . . War-
ner Bros. has placed the pretty
star under contract and given her
a co-starring role with Roger
Moore and Jeff York in the stu-
dios' new ABC-TV television se-
ries, "The Alaskans," an hour-
long adventure series about the
Gold Rush days in the Klondike.

A "bachelor" girl, Dorothy
dates rarely and has little social
life, preferring to concentrate
her efforts entirely on her ca-
reer . . . Her roots are still deep
in Seattle and she goes home
whenever her busy schedule per-
mits . . . The new find was born
Jan. 20, 1937 in San Francisco.

The trouble with most of us is
that our necessities are too lux-
urious and our luxuries are too
necessary.



Season's Greetings

"AND suddenly there was
with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host prais-
ing God, and saying, Glory
to God in the highest, and
on earth peace, good will
toward men." Let us re-
joice in this promise of en-
during good will.

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Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.



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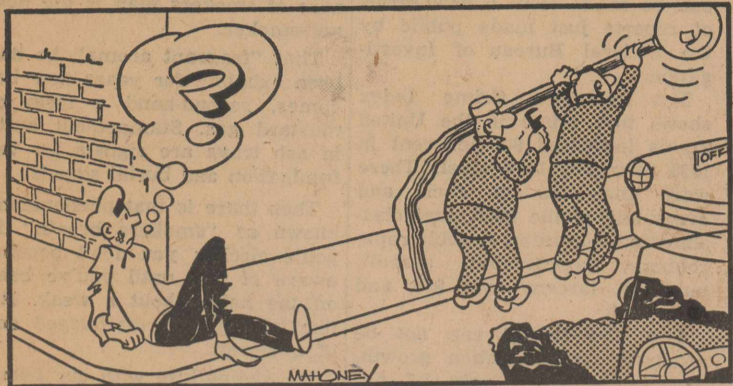
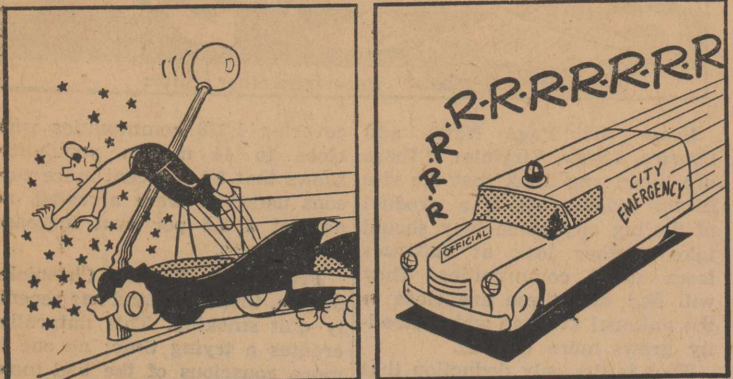
Christmas Peace

MAY the happiness of Mary and Joseph on
the first Christmas find its way into
your hearts this Christmas season. To this
happiness we would add our best wishes.

King Equipment Co.

THE BAFFLES

By Mahoney



Leo, a card game that is always popping up in crossword puzzles, dates back to the 17th century and was originally called Lanterloo, after the French "lanterlu," the refrain of a 17th century popular song.

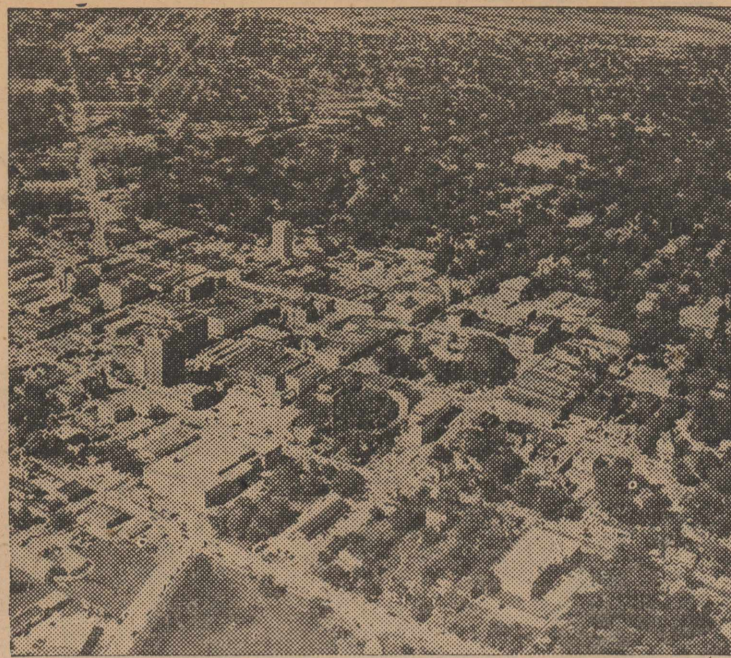
Copper was reduced from ore by smelting before recorded history, and tin before 3,500 B.C.

It is believed that the first use of nickel alloy steel in automobiles was made in 1899, when it was employed for the axle of a machine made by Haynes-Apperson Company. This vehicle made a successful 1000-mile trip from Kokomo, Indiana to New York City without serious breakage—a remarkable feat in those days.

AMERICANA

Cities to See

Huntsville, Alabama



The "Rocket City" of Huntsville, Alabama, U.S.A., is linked both to a brilliant past and to the new age of outer space. It is the second oldest city within the boundary of the territory now constituting Alabama, and is the oldest English settlement in the state.

General Andrew Jackson was a frequent visitor and in 1813 camped at Huntsville with his troops on the way to the famous Battle of Horseshoe Bend. President James Monroe visited in 1819 and President William McKinley in 1900.

During World War II, Huntsville furnished six-thousand men and two Congressional Medal of Honor Winners to the Armed Forces. World War II marked the beginning of the great Arsenal of Huntsville. First was the Huntsville Arsenal (now deactivated) and later came the famous Redstone Arsenal, now a leader in the task of conquering outer space and defending the nation with weapons of the Rocket Age.

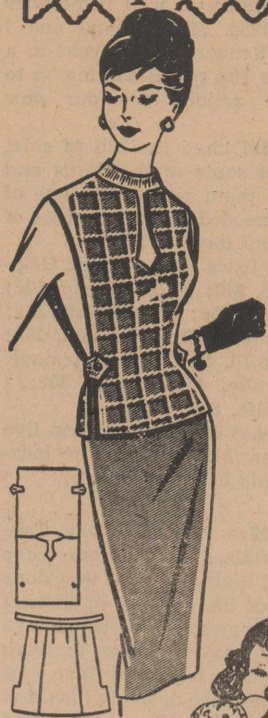
A city of only 7,611 population in 1910, Huntsville has grown rapidly in recent years. A special U.S. Census in 1956 listed population as 48,083. Estimated population in August, 1958, was 60,000.

To many a visitor, Huntsville is a bizarre but extremely interesting blend of the old and new; ranch style homes stand next

door to pillared mansions more than a hundred years old. At a modern drive in bank, the depositor doesn't have to get out of his car, yet the cashier's cage has been placed in the same detention cells where, in 1835, slaves of local planters were impounded for their master's debts. At Huntsville's Redstone Arsenal, scientists develop the nation's large devices in rockets and guided missiles; only a short distance away farmers turn the red earth with walking plows.

At Redstone Arsenal, scientist Werner Von Braun and his colleagues are contemplating creation of a space station designed to revolve as a new satellite more than a thousand miles above the earth. Fantastic? Not in the minds of these men who are the world's leaders in rocket research.

this week's patterns... BY AUDREY LANE



1485 10-30



337-N 11-12

Dress Pattern No. 1485—Smart, select and simple—One look at the diagram tells the story of a clever jerkin-skirt set as easy to make as it is pleasing to wear. No. 1485 is for sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Bust 31 to 40. Size 12, 32 bust, just 1 yd. of 39 inch for the jerkin, 1 1/4 yds. skirt. The PHOTO-GUIDE makes sewing easy.

Needlework Pattern No. 337-N—This sleepy miss will be the bed-time favorite of the little lady! No. 337-N has pattern pieces; hot-iron transfer for face; sewing and embroidery directions. Send 35c for each dress pattern, 25c for each needlework pattern (add 10c for each pattern for first class mailing) to AUDREY LANE BUREAU, Dept. "NWNS," 367 West Adams Street, Chicago 6, Ill.

Shelton, Washington, in the heart of the timberlands of Mason County, broadcasts its slogan to the world. It is "Christmastown, U.S.A." Christmas tree farms ship their products across the world. The young decorative trees are Douglas firs.

Slander is oral abuse.

Kidding Kind

MILWAUKEE — Sheep raiser Will McKerrow received considerable attention at the Wisconsin State Fair with an Oxford ram lamb billed as an "Early American Sheep." The animal sported a Mohican haircut — sheared except for a six-inch strip running down its back —

and a feather over one ear. McKerrow, who last year entered a lamb painted to resemble a colorful tartan, says he likes to kid the "city slickers."

Louis Bleriot first flew the English Channel in 1909.

John Bunyan wrote "Pilgrim's Progress" while he was in prison.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Here's wishing everyone a train loaded with Christmas happiness and joy. Have a merry Christmas.

Golden Spread Implement Co.

EDWARD H. SMITH

SPORTS CORNER

Here N' There



PLAYER OF YEAR . . . Louisiana State University football star Billy Cannon was named college football's "Player of the Year" for the 2d year by UPI poll.

Hang onto your hat, basketball fans, there's another Rupp at the University of Kentucky. Herky Rupp, a 6-4 sophomore, scored the field goal which sent the Blue Grass team over the "century" mark in its first game of the season, against Colorado State. Herky is the son of the Wildcat's most famous and most winningest coach, Adolph Rupp. The Kentucky team went on to win 106-73 . . . One of the first trades stirred up by the new inter-league swap rule in baseball sent Bobby Thompson, (pennant-winning "hero" of the 1951 New York Giants), to the Boston Red Sox. Thompson was traded by the Chicago Cubs in return for Al Schroll, a right-handed pitcher . . . Is winning enough in college football? Apparently not, if you ask Steve Scho, fired as Penn football coach after leading the Lions to the Ivy League title and their best record in 12 years—7-1-1. He was replaced by Rutgers' John Stiegman . . . Alex Olmedo, starting the pro tennis circuit this year for the first time, signed a contract which guarantees \$35,000 and could bring him nearly \$100,000 for the first year

The pony express was established between San Francisco and St. Joseph, Missouri on April 3, 1860.

How Well Do You Know Your America?



Crater Lake, formed out of a giant cauldron thousands of years ago, is one of Oregon's most-photographed scenic attractions, and is visited annually by more than 200,000 persons. The intense blue water of the 2,000-foot deep lake continues to amaze tourists year after year. Men of science say a giant volcano, estimated to have been more than 12,000 feet high, continued upward from its present rim for another 5,000 feet. The fire mountain, in its time, is described as having been one of the most active of numerous volcanoes which studded the Pacific northwest. A geographic feature of the lake is Wizard Island (center background), a lava-formed butte rising more than 600 feet above the level of the water.

Seeing Red

MADISON, Wis. — The old saw "red as a beet" may be in for a change. University of Wisconsin farm

experts have developed 58 varieties of eight different hues, ranging from pale orange to purplish-red that looks almost black.

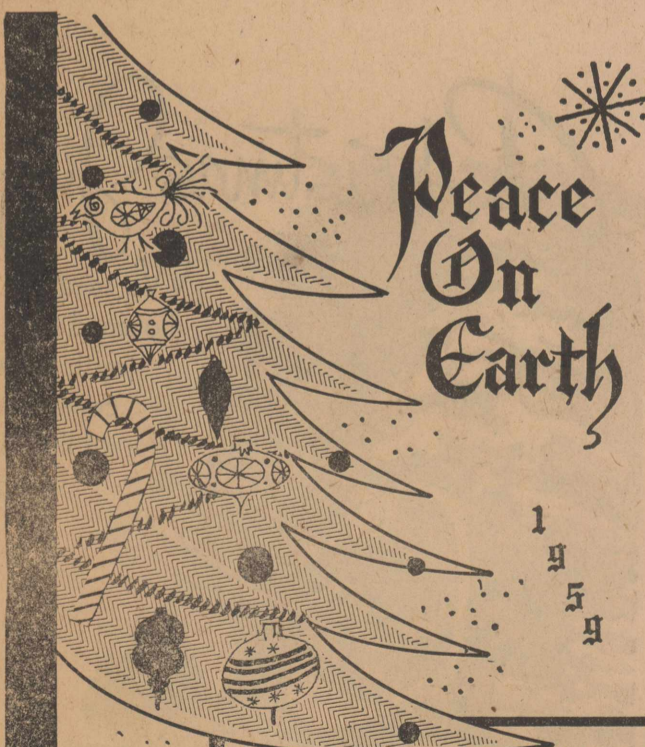


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Merry Christmas We wish each of you a lovely yule.

McMahen Furniture Co.

"Where the Furniture Wise Economize"



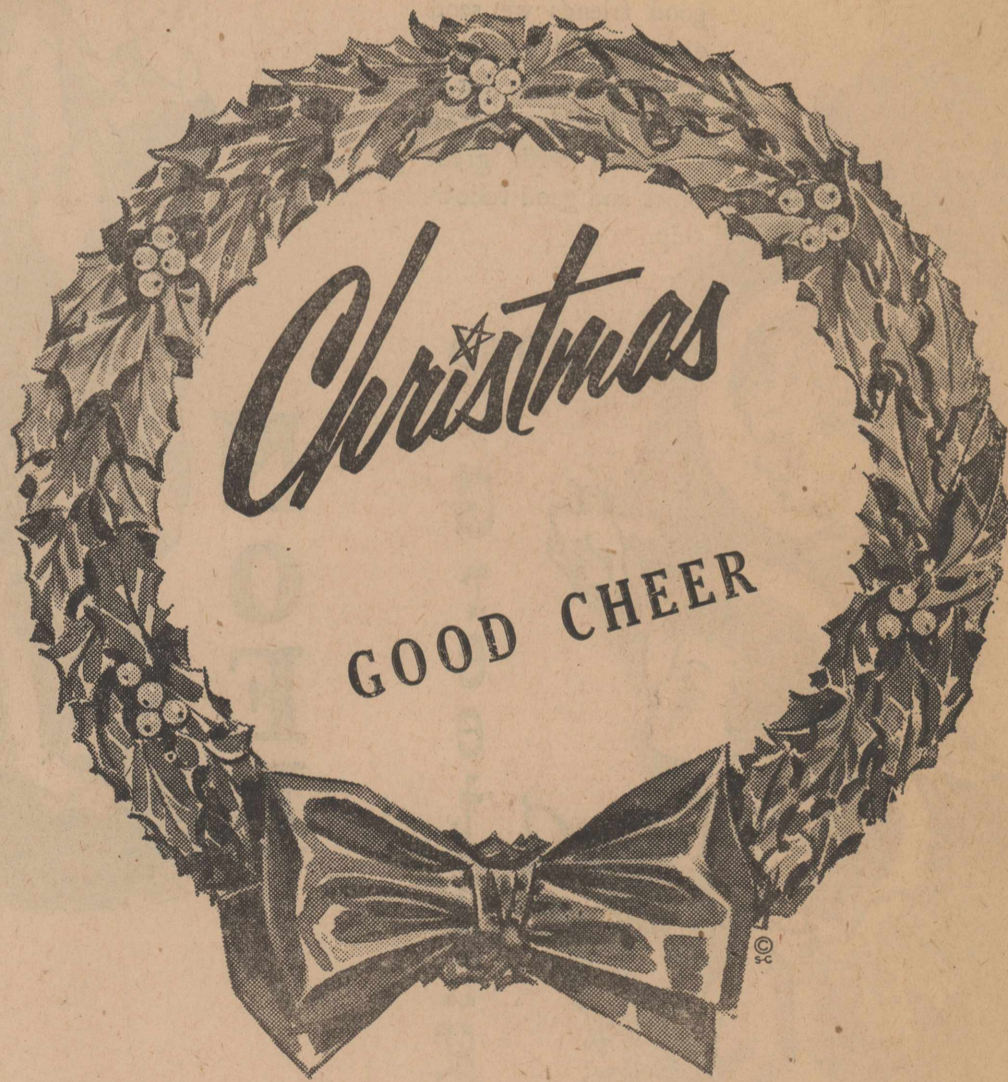
Peace On Earth

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Merry Christmas and good wishes to everyone in every land.

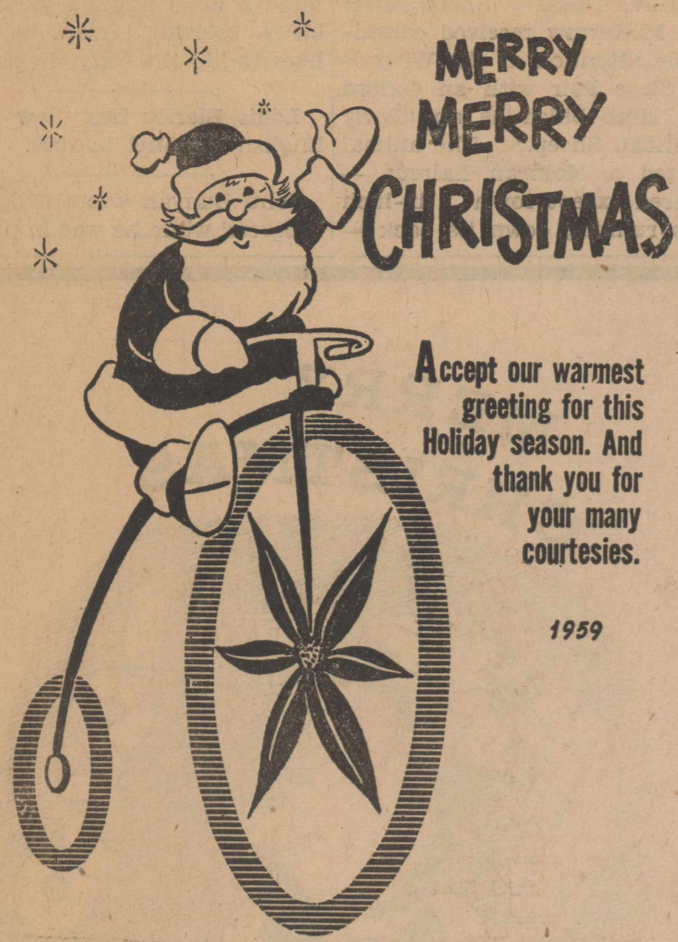


Stratford Motor Co.



To all your Christmas wishes, please add this one from us: 'We hope the Season's gladness will make you merry— plus! Happy Holidays!'

Consumers Co.



MERRY
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CHRISTMAS

Accept our warmest greeting for this Holiday season. And thank you for your many courtesies.

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Garrison Motor Co.

"I REMEMBER"
BY THE OLD TIMERS

From Mrs. Mertie Kelley, Bloomington, Illinois: I well remember March, 1892. My husband and I were just married and went to a hardware store in Bloomington to purchase articles for our new home.

As I still have the bill of sale, I can list some of the items and compare them with difference of articles needed and the prices of the present day.

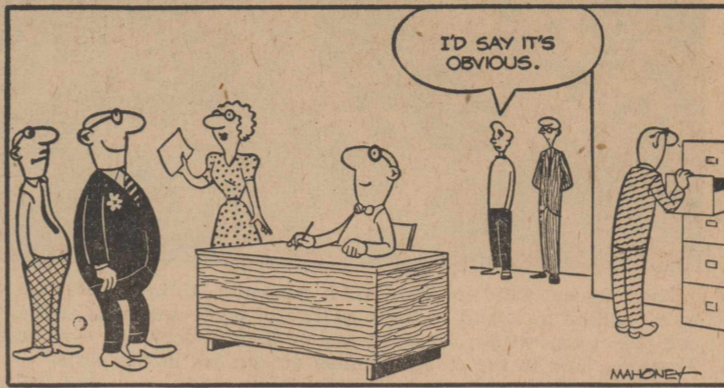
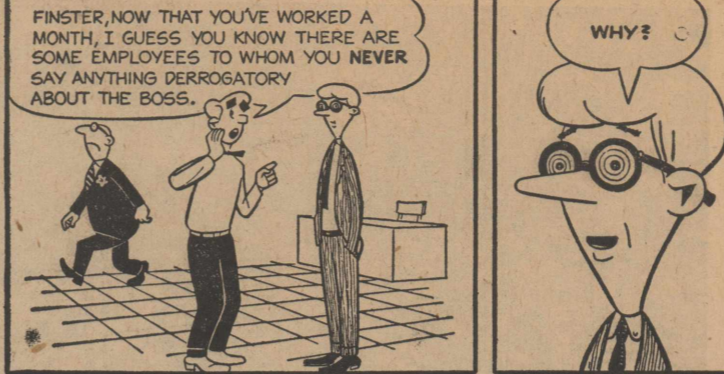
Just to list a few: 1 Quick Helper Range, \$40; 1 wash basin, 10c; 1 coal hod, 75c; 1 wash tub, 85c; 1 wash board, 25c; 1 tea pot, 10c; 1 coffee mill, 10c; 1 milk strainer, 20c; 1 rake, 45c; 1 hoe, 30c; 1 bread knife, 30c.

I am past 87 years old and live just a few blocks from the location of this hardware store.

From Mrs. Beulah Frisby, Tahlequah, Okla.: I remember when road and highway work was done by men of the country or district who either gave two or three days work, or paid someone to work for them. The work was done with common garden or field plows and what was called a scraper—pulled by a team of horses or mules.

The men put in culverts of wood and built wooden bridges. My father was an "overseer" as they were called at that time in Mayes County, Oklahoma. He needed the money to buy cotton hose and calico material to make dresses for his two daughters. Mother made the clothing, every garment we wore, even the head covering in the form of sun bonnets which we wore to church and anywhere we went.

THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



AWAY FROM IT ALL

By Elizabeth Shafer

PHIL EDWARDS tipped the cab driver and then the porter, and after their suitcases and overnight bags had been taken care of he and Kathy sat in the daycoach waiting for the train to start.

He took his wife's hand and squeezed it. "Well, we made it," he said. "Finally."

Kathy, a trim brunette with dark blue eyes, smiled up at him. "I can't believe it yet," she said. "It's been so long since we've had a real vacation." She frowned. "You did tell the newsboy to stop the paper for two weeks, didn't you?"

Phil grinned. "Of course. And you talked to the milkman, I suppose?"

Kathy giggled. "Of course. Isn't it awful? The whole idea of a vacation is to get away from it all—and look at us! Worrying about the paper and the milkman and—the gas and electricity, Phil?"

"Shut up," Phil ordered masterfully and kissed her into silence.

Sighing contentedly, Kathy snuggled into the curve of his arm. The train started with a jerk and began to move slowly out of the station.

"I wish we could have had longer and gone farther—to Europe or maybe Hawaii," Phil whispered his lips touching Kathy's hair.

"Mmm." Kathy agreed. "But it's wonderful just to get away after three years in the city. And I can't think of any place I'd rather go than Cherryton, with the orchards and the mountains and the quietness. Oh!" She sat up abruptly.

"What is it?" "I forgot to ask Jean to watch out for the house!" she wailed.

"Is that all? I talked to Bill about it two days ago. Now relax, for Pete's sake."

"Can't you feel the tension floating out of you?" He nodded. "Funny what three hundred miles and a change of

scene can do. Remember the last time we spent in Cherryton?"

"Six summers ago," Kathy said promptly. "I hope we can get Mrs. Pinkerton's cottage again. It was so pretty on the hill above the river. And so peaceful."

As the morning lengthened and they drew closer to Cherryton, the sun rose higher and achieved a cloudless brilliance. Cattle gave way to alfalfa fields and orchards and truck farms. Ahead, a long whistle from the engine signaled the approaching town. Phil stood up and got down their overnight bags from the luggage rack.

The train whistled again: two long, one short, and one long blast. Peering out the window, Kathy saw the cars lined up at the crossing waiting for the train to pass. As the train slowed to a stop, she joined Phil in the aisle. Quickly, eagerly, as children let out of school, they went along the aisle, down the steps, and onto the platform.

"Breathe that air!" Phil said, stopping a short distance from the train. "Real, fresh, country air—not breathed-over city smog."

There was a little crowd of people waiting to get on the train. Kathy noted one couple in particular. Smiling, she nudged Phil.

"Listen."

"Joe," the woman was saying in a worried voice, "did you ask old man Bettinger to look after the cows?"

"Of course I did! Two days ago. Stop worrying, Gladys. You'd think we'd never been on a trip."

Gladys, a plump, pretty woman with graying red hair, sighed happily. "Well, Joe, it's been a long time."

"It has at that," Joe said, rubbing his chin. "Just be glad old man Bettinger agreed to look after the place for a week."

Gladys put her hand on his arm. "I can hardly wait to get to the city," she confessed.

It'll be wonderful to get away from it all!"

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May the peace of Christmas be yours now and evermore.



NOEL

To each of our many good friends we send our heartiest greetings and best wishes for a happy holiday season endowed with great times and good fellowship.

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GREETINGS
IN
HONOR



The Stratford Star

How Well Do You Know Your America?



Shown above is the world's largest log cabin. The great structure is built of old growth firs, each containing enough lumber for an average home. In this "Gallery of Trees," 52 large firs march the length of the building, dwarfing visitors. At the far end is full-size forest lookout post. Visitors find it hard to believe the timbers are real. Built for the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition of 1905, the log cabin remains an attraction in Portland for Oregon centennial visitors.

Fourth Palace Opens To India Tourists

With the opening of the Sillserh Palace to tourists looking for modern conveniences amid an atmosphere and charm of the exotic and the yesterday, there are now four prominent palace in India which have been

converted into princely hotels, inns, or rest houses. Sillserh Palace rests on a rocky hill overlooking the Sillserh Lake, 108 miles from New Delhi on the route to Jaipur.

Habeas Corpus literally means, "you may have the body."

ACROSS the DESK
ideas from other editors

From the Page News and Courier, Luray, Virginia: If there are those who think that the rise in the crime rate is a product of the big city alone they should take another look at statistics from small communities. They will find that these are close to the national average which steadily grows more critical.

That is the only deduction that can be made from a new series of reports just made public by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Bureau's Crime Index shows that crime in the United States increased 9.3 per cent in 1958 over the 1957 level. There were increases in each and every one of the individual classifications—murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny over \$50, and auto theft.

This sad record can not be attributed to population growth. That growth was only 1.7 per cent from 1957 to 1958. So crime increased five times as much. Putting it another way, the number of crimes per 100,000 inhabitants rose 7.4 per cent in the period covered.

covering 1,238 communities with close to 44 million population shows that 8.1 per cent more persons under 18 were arrested, as against a 2.5 per cent increase for all ages.

From the Seville Chronicle, Seville, Ohio: A friend has recently quit smoking. This naturally, creates a trying time; no one is more conscious of the bad manners of smokers than is the new non-smoker.

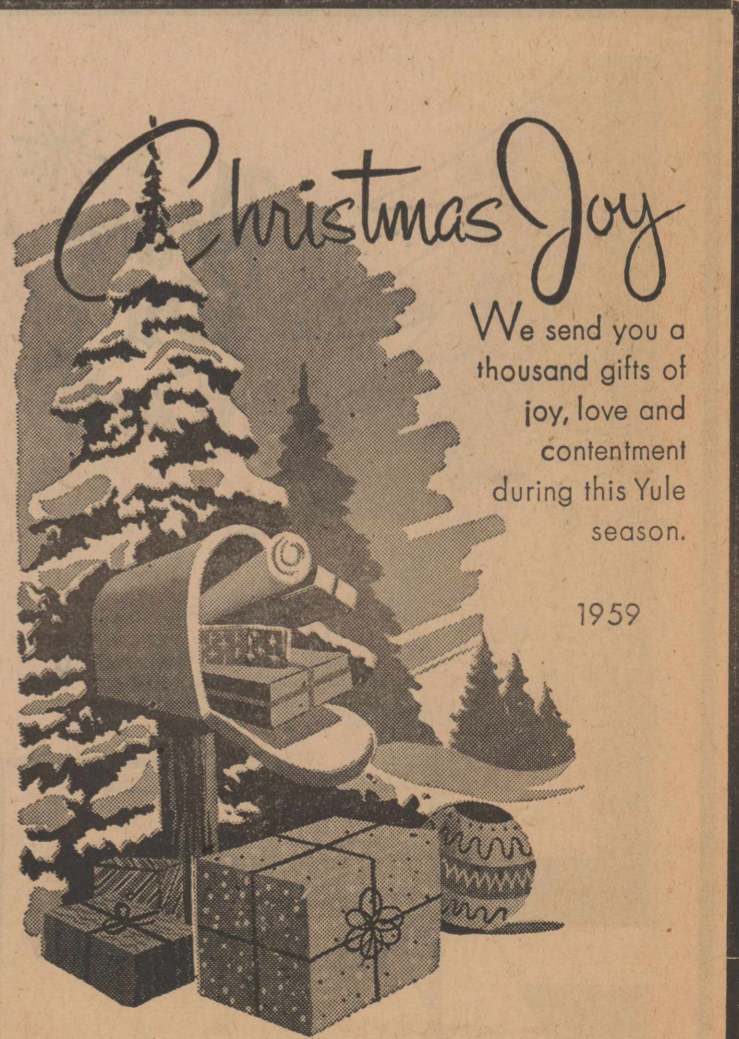
That "fragrant aroma" he has been exhaling for years now becomes, second-hand a form of mustard gas. Stamped-out butts in ash trays are signals for the fumigation and burial squads.

Then there is that phenomenon known as "smokers breath" in polite circles; you don't become aware of this until you've been off the habit about a week. It's like inhaling the discharged end of a sewer.

We sympathize with our friend during his period of trial, and suspect that he will return to tobacco soon; not because he misses its comfort, but just to get even with his smoking friends. Our civilization is not for the man with a good sense of smell.



Queen 'O' Creme

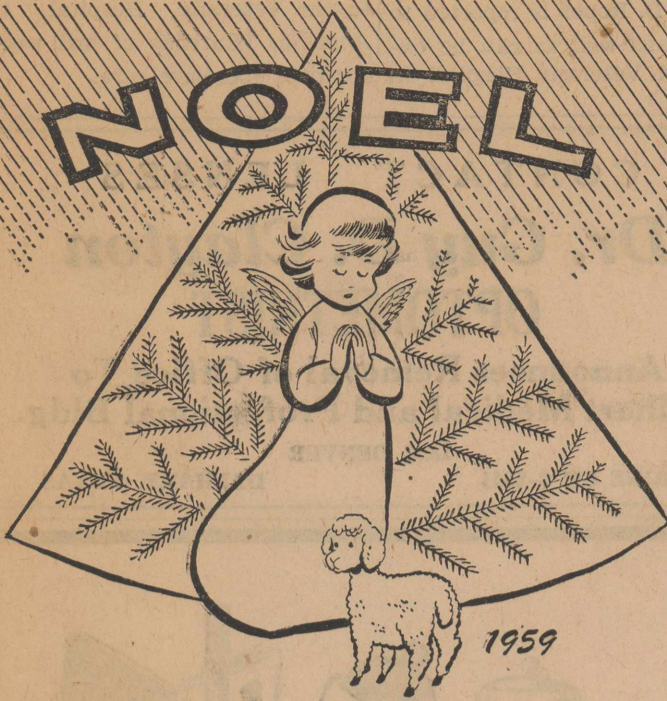


Christmas Joy
We send you a thousand gifts of joy, love and contentment during this Yule season.

Woolsey Appliances

Caution: You'd better look se now before telling the wife e has wrinkles in her nose. She y not have any on.

Soldiers back from New Guinea report having seen tribes of wild women without tongues. No wonder they were wild.

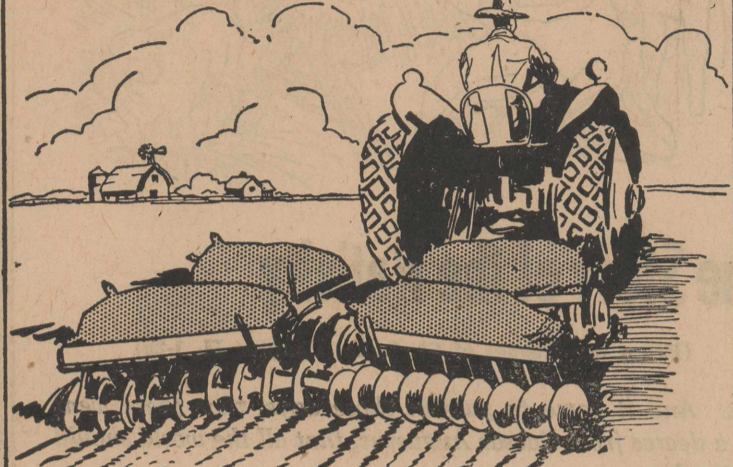


"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."
 What a wonderful Christmas message! May your Holiday be filled with this true spirit of Christmas and each of you blessed by it.

Cotney Chevron Station
 Darrell Cotney, Manager



SOMETHING'S MISSING . . . Wonder where the other buildings went? Only a single brownstone house remains in a Manhattan block slated for a new development project.



HANDY WEIGHTS—Sacks filled with fine, dry sand make the best weights when such is needed to force penetration to desired depth when plowing hard soils or heavy cover crops. Weights will stay in place without having to be tied.

THE STARS
 a peek at

BY LYN CONNELLY
 IT'S been a long time since we complained about comedians, so the time seems propitious—we wouldn't want them to feel neglected . . . Our particular gripe at this time concerns the psychiatric routines which we consider much too serious to joke about . . . There are no jokes about cancer, TB, heart disease or any physical illness we can think about off hand and certainly there shouldn't be . . . Why then, the big guffaw when it comes to mental illness? There are cute, harmless jokes about psychiatrists that probably even mental patients can appreciate, but the couch routine with the implication that the doctor is nuttier than the patient, is not only not funny but can be harmful especially to border cases who thus feel it would be degrading to see a "head shrinker" even if he feels he needs one.

Then there is the problem of the patient who has returned to society again and is trying to readjust, with the ordeal he has suffered far in the past, only to have some half-baked comedian come on in a sad attempt to be funny and make everyone present uncomfortable . . . Comedians, we might add, aren't the only offenders . . . There are many plays in which a mentally ill person is referred to as "a nut," which doesn't do much for the morale of the person trying to rehabilitate himself.

PLATTER CHATTER
CAPITOL:—This company has come out with some terrific full dimensional stereo albums which should please those who enjoy good stereo plus good music . . . Big news is a Dinah Shore album that is the most . . . Sunny Dinah, backed by the incomparable Nelson Riddle, does such nostalgic ditties in her warm, lilting manner as "It All Depends on You," "Where or When," "Easy to Love," "Get Out of Town," "Sentimental Journey," "The One I Love," "Yes Indeed," and other good standards.

It Pays — To Read Star Ads

No one objects to how much you say if you say it in a few words. When some men discharge an obligation you can hear the report for hours.

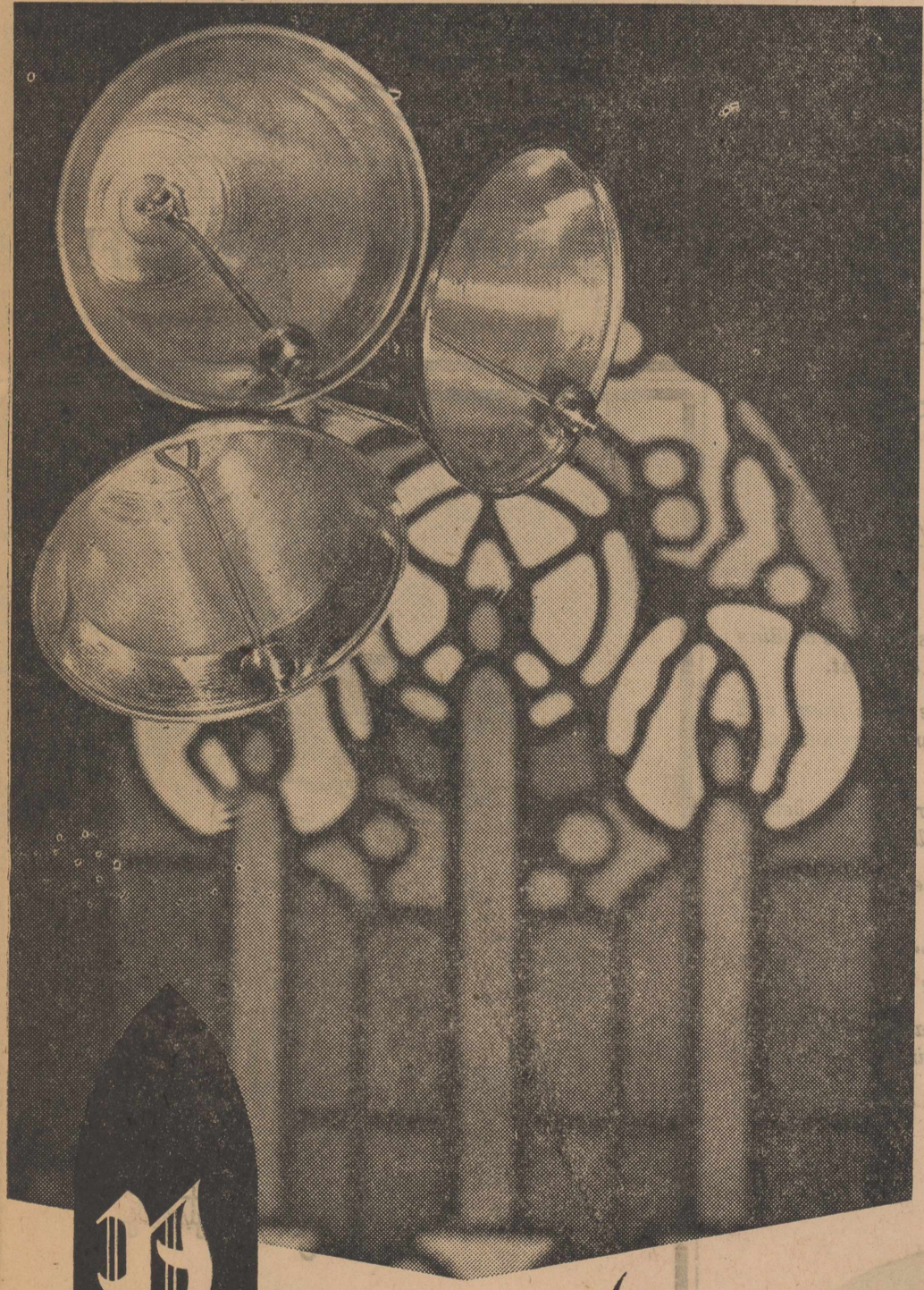
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DR. V. G. MARTIN
 AND
DR. J. W. McCORMICK
Optometrists
 Dumas, Texas
 Phone WE 5-4491

Christmas 1959

FOR all our good friends we wish a Christmas blessed by peace, hope and faith.

T.O.C. Motor Co.
 Studebaker Cars and Trucks

CHRISTMAS 1959



Remember...
 for whom the bells toll

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY



A LOT OF BULL . . . If the king-size bull, left, isn't munching on the hay, there's a reason: he is just a papier-mache job at an agricultural show in Rome.



DEODORANT pads sold in jars at cosmetic counters can be used to remove onion odors from hands.

Fold a piece of waxed paper over a knife when you're slicing cheese. The cheese will not stick to the knife.

Too much grease in the roast pan to make good gravy? Drop some ice cubes in the pan to let them solidify the fat so it can be removed before adding the flour and water for thickening the juices.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE
Baked Corn and Tomatoes
 (Serves 4-6)

2 cups canned kernel corn
 2 cups canned tomatoes
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon sugar
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1 cup fresh bread crumbs
 3 tablespoons bacon drippings

Mix corn and tomatoes with seasonings. Pour into greased baking dish. Spread crumbs over the top, dot with drippings. Bake in a moderate (375°F.) oven for 30 minutes.

Using deviled eggs or salted foods on silver platters? Tarnish and discoloration can be prevented if the silver tray is first wrapped in cellophane.

If you want to drain liquid off vegetables and fruit from a can, punch holes in the can top first to pour off liquid. Then remove the top of the can with a regular can opener.

Half gallon milk cartons make ideal containers for garbage because the waxed coating makes them relatively wet-proof.

Use a stapler in the kitchen for sealing sandwich bags quickly and easily. Sealing the bag that contains a sandwich will keep it fresh. The stapler can also be used to seal frozen food bags and attaching recipes to cards.

Bill Pendleton
 Your Home Town
AUCTIONEER
 Box 406 — Stratford, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We extend our sincerest greeting for a happy and lovely Christmas holiday.

1959

The First State Bank
 OF STRATFORD

Your Deposits Insured Up To \$10,000 By Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Town Talk

J. Elbert Duncan returned home Thursday of last week from a visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Gilmer and sons, Lee and Richard, of Amarillo were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson Sunday afternoon.

Benny R. Biddy of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri arrived home Saturday to spend the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Biddy. He will report back to his station on January 3.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vincent and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vincent and children and Mr.

and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien enjoyed a Christmas dinner Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander in Gruver.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown have as a guest for the holidays, Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. O. M. Jahns of Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Jackson and daughters, Patti and Kimberly, attended a Keeney family dinner in Dumas Sunday.

Lt. Lloyd King of Denver, Colorado arrived home Monday to spend the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Wall and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Keown will spend Christmas visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frankie J. Byrd in Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Mrs. Conde Donelson will spend Christmas in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Potts, in Brownwood, Texas.

Mrs. Mary Sears and son, John, of Amarillo were guests in the home of Mrs. Bess Stone Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Elbert Duncan were visitors in Amarillo Friday.

Miss Betty Lou O'Brien of Los Angeles, California arrived Saturday to spend the holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien.

Bob Reed Donelson, Hardin-Simmons University student of Abilene, has arrived home to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shuler Donelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Taylor spent last week end visiting friends in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meek and children of Conlen left Friday for Inez, Kentucky to spend the

Embroidery Club Has Christmas Party

Members of the Embroidery Club met Thursday, December 10, in the home of Mrs. Bessie Mitchell for their annual Christmas Party.

After the social hour, Mrs. J. C. O'Brien acted as Santa to the 24 members present.

Mrs. G. L. Taylor was elected press reporter, to take the place of Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, who was not able to serve.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Roy Allen, Philip Blanck, R. C. Buckles, E. W. Butler, S. J. Calvird, J. P. Cameron, J. G. Cummings, W. P. Cummings, M. Dortch, Zaida Dunlap, C. R. Foster, Tim Flores, F. A. Judd, Grover Keown, Bessie Mitchell, J. C. O'Brien, Royal Pendleton, A. E. Pronger, Earl Shirik, G. L. Taylor, H. L. Vincent, D. D. Woodall, H. M. Williams and Sam Wohlford.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 14, in the home of Mrs. Tim Flores.

Sister From England Visits Mrs. Whorton

Mrs. Ethel Thorne of London, England was here last week for a short visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. Webster A. Whorton. Mrs. Thorne has gone to Wayne, Oklahoma for a visit in the home of her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Webster Whorton and son, Scott, plan to spend the holidays with relatives who are already gathering in Wayne, Oklahoma.

Methodists Pound Pastor And Wife

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond T. Dyess were favored with an old fashioned "pounding" at the close of churches services Sunday night.

The group gathered in Fellowship Hall to visit and sing Christmas carols. Mrs. Hose Flores played the piano accompaniment and Mrs. Lorraine Mehner led the singing.

holidays with Mrs. Meek's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Goble.

Mrs. Ralph Salesman and children, Teresa, Nancy and Warren, of Flatrock, Illinois arrived Sunday morning to spend Christmas with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Palmer and other relatives.

Mrs. John Shaw of San Diego, California, and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Michaels, of San Pedro, California, arrived Monday night for a holiday visit with Mrs. Shaw's daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Baskin Brown and sons, and Mrs. Homer Smith, a sister of Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Michaels. Mr. Shaw plans to arrive Christmas eve and spend Christmas here.



The Story of the Nativity

(From the Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter II, 1-20)

1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
2. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria).
3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David).
5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6. And so it was, at while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.



8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.
9. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this shall be a sign unto you: "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."
13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:
14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
20. And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen as it was told unto them.

Among the Sick

Emory D. Roper is reported to be doing as well as can be expected in Veterans Hospital in

Amarillo. He was transferred from Dumas Memorial Hospital to the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo Thursday of last week for post operative care.

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Dr. Guy D. Clayton
OPTOMETRIST
 Announces Removal of Office To
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 1322 DENVER
 PHONE CH 9-2841 DALHART, TEXAS

Christmas

Greetings to all.
We hope Santa fills your stocking with many lovely things.

HANDY DRIVE INN CAFE
 Mr. and Mrs. George Lovett

Merry Christmas

To all our good friends and neighbors warm, hearty good wishes for this wonderful season. We hope you experience much happiness during this Yuletide.

1959

Plunk 66 Oil Co.



The Yule season would not be complete without an expression of sincere thanks to our many good friends for their loyal support.

GULF SUPER SERVICE



Merry **CHRISTMAS**

It's Christmas time again and we take great pleasure in wishing you a very joyous holiday season.



North Plains Grain Co.



We join with Mr. Snowman in sending greetings to all our friends everywhere. And we hope your day will be filled with laughter and love and real Christmas joy.

Nina's Souvenir & Gift Shop

**WSCS Studies
Holiday History**

The ladies of the Women's Society of Christian Service met in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church last Wednesday for a covered dish luncheon and Christmas program.

In the program Mrs. Roscoe Dyess gave the history of several Christmas carols and the group then sang the carols. Mrs. Owen Hudson, Mrs. F. B. Mullins, Mrs. Vern Reynolds, Mrs. W. E. Cummings and Mrs. Al Hacker told how Christmas is celebrated in different countries.

After an exchange of gifts, the meeting was adjourned.

**Mrs. Gaylord
Entertains
Sorority**

The home of Vida Gaylord was the scene Thursday, December 17, of a meeting of the Nu Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Plans were discussed for helping a needy family for Christmas.

After the meeting adjourned, secret pal Christmas gifts were exchanged. Delicious refreshments were served by the co-hostess, Joan Bell. Members present were Virgie Biddy, Sisty Vincent, Gaynelle Riffe, Tommie Quisenberry, Charlene Oquin, Jo June McDaniel, Pauline Martin, Georgianna Lavake, Theresa Jackson, Ida Gaylord, Terry Flores, Hattie Chesmer, Katie Bateman and the hostess and co-hostesses Vida Gaylord and Joan Bell.

**State Capital
Highlights**

(By Vern Sanford)

For millions of Texans, nothing will seem so important this week as being "home for Christmas."

Some will overlook the crucial importance of getting home alive. For the waiting families of accident victims, this Christmas and many more will be ruined.

Department of Public Safety has predicted 111 traffic deaths during the holidays. It's a massive death sentence. Gov. Price Daniel is calling on Texas motorists to disprove the prediction with their own extreme driving care.

Nearly 11,000 letters have been mailed by the governor to college and public school officials, local traffic safety officials, local law enforcement agencies, news media and others, asking them to join in the safe Christmas campaign.

Over the years, December has been the deadliest month, traffic-wise. Ironically, Christmas, Day, the day of peace and good will, is frequently the worst for highway killing.

If this year's estimate of 111 fatalities comes true, the 1959 holiday season will be one of the saddest in recent years. But Governor Daniel believes the estimate can be cut. He cites last year when the estimated toll was 95, but after a massive safety campaign, was held down to 63.

Law enforcement officers, the governor reminded, put in many overtime hours during the holidays, "helping motorists in trouble and removing from the highways those speeding, drinking, careless, reckless and law-breaking drivers who threaten the safety of others."

Governor Daniel directed a special plea to high school and college students who make up a big part of the swollen stream of holiday travel. Past figures

show the odds are heavier against these young drivers. Those from 15 to 24 years old have 18 per cent of the drivers' licenses, 29 per cent of the accidents. A disproportionate one out of every four of last year's holiday accident victims was in this age bracket.

With each of these deaths, said the governor, we lost "a promising young Texan" and part of our hopes for the future.

Accentuate Positive

Texas' safe drivers will be rewarded to the tune of a \$20,000,000 saving in auto insurance rates next year, says the State Board of Insurance.

State insurance officials are accentuating the positive in talks on the new merit system insurance plan to go into effect January 1.

As expected, there have been some protests about penalty features of the plan.

Insurance Board statistics show a majority of drivers will benefit from lower rates. Additionally the Board feels the insurance rewards will be an incentive to reducing the accident tolls.

Of 23 family car owners, says Board Member Report Strain, 13 will qualify for a 20 per cent discount, and four will pay the same rate they've been paying. Of the remaining six, he says three will pay 20 per cent more, on 40 per cent more, and the remaining two from 60 to 100 per cent more.

Persons with no accidents or moving traffic violations for the past three years get the discount. Those with one accident or violation pay the same rate. Others pay higher rates.

Most criticism centers on the whopping increases assessed drivers with blots on their records. Each accident or violation counts against the driver for a period of three years.

Usual fine for stop sign running could be upped as much as 600% by the time extra insurance costs were added on. People caught on inadvertent or relatively minor traffic errors are expected to kick up the dust when faced with the pay-through-the-nose penalties of the new insurance rates.

Insurance company officials, however, back up the board in saying the plan is statistically sound. One company executive called it a timely reminder that "the majority has been paying the costs for the recklessness and negligence of only a comparative handful of motorists."

How well the public will adjust to the change will be known only after it has been in effect a few months.

Peavy Elected

State Board of Health has named Dr. J. E. Peavy as State Commissioner of Health.

Dr. Peavy moves to the department's top post after having served as director of the communicable disease division and prior to that as a level director and a medical field consultant. He is a native of Lufkin.

State Health Board also elected Dr. J. B. Copeland of San Antonio as its chairman; Dr. Hampton C. Robinson of Houston, vice chairman; and Joe B. Winston of Mercedes, secretary.

Happy Hospital Christmas

A state hospital for the mentally ill must have been a pretty grim place on Christmas. Day back in the days when people called them "insane asylums." Few would know, because not many went around an "insane asylum" if they could help it. Today, happily, it is different. This year every one of the more than 25,000 patients in the state hospital system will receive a Christmas present, and many special parties and festivities will be held.

Volunteer Services Council for the Hospital System spearheads this monumental work performed by more than 32,000 persons at no cost to the state.

Change began some 10 years ago when church, civic and social club members began collecting items the patients needed, visiting them, and holding parties and classes. Many church circles and clubs "adopt" a ward each year, give a party a month, and get each patient what he especially wants at Christmas.

As the volunteers became more at ease in their work, their revised attitudes and terminology became more general.

Methodist Church

(Rev. Raymond T. Dyess, Pastor)
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 11:00 a. m.
M.Y.F. 6:00 p. m.
Intermediate Fellowship 6:00 p. m.
Junior additional session 6:00 p. m.
Evening worship 7:00 p. m.
Wesleyan Guild meets second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p. m.
Choir practice: First and third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p. m.
Official board meetings and all commissions second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p. m. at the church.
W.S.C.S. Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month at the church at 2:30 p. m.
Circles meet the first Wednesday of each month; Mary Ethel Circle at 9:30 a. m., Flora Foreman Circle at 2:30 p. m., Florence Mullins Circle at 9:30 a. m.
Methodist Men meet the fourth Wednesday night of each month at 7:00 p. m.
M.Y.F. council meetings: First Sunday of every third month at 5:00 p. m.

Church of Christ

(Vernon Williams, Minister)
Sunday Services
Bible Study 10:00 a. m.
Worship 10:55 a. m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p. m.
Tuesday
Ladies class 9:30 a. m.
Wednesday
Bible study 7:00 p. m.
A friendly welcome awaits you at all services.

Catholic Chapel

(Rev. James W. Sonderman, Mission Pastor, Phone Dalhart, CH9-4128)
Sundays
Confession 7:15 a. m.
Mass 8:00 a. m.
Teacher Training Course 3:00 p. m.

Baptist Church

(M. E. Upchurch, Pastor)
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service 7:00 p. m. Wednesday.

**Assembly Of God
Church**

(Rev. J. O. Brown, Pastor)
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 service 8:00 p. m.
The public is invited to all services.

**FIRST
Christian Church**

(B. R. Clark, Minister)
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 10:45 a. m.
Youth groups 6:00 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.
Mid-week Bible Study and prayer 7:00 p. m.
A friendly welcome awaits you at any service of the First Christian Church.

"Asylum" was replaced by "hospital" or "school" and "inmate" by "patient" and sometimes "friend." Some Austin churches proudly number in their membership, patients who have recovered and resumed normal community life.

Youth Recommendations
A host of suggestions aimed at lowering juvenile delinquency and improving health, welfare and education of Texas children has been released by the Governor's Conference on Children and Youth.

Making kindergartens a part of the public school system and making the child labor law apply to those 14 and under were primary recommendations.

The trouble with most of us is that our necessities are too luxurious and our luxuries are too necessary.

There are 12 silver buttons on the front of a policeman's coat.

Want Ads

For Sale

CHRISTMAS Fruit Cakes and plum puddings for sale. — Mrs. Hollis Harrington, Phone 5031. 51-2tc

Stone-Field custom tailored Suits, sport coats and slacks. Measured to fit. See Edward Brannan, Phone 3521. 46-tfc

FOR SALE: Used automatic Washing Machine, priced to sell. — Mrs. Ethel Skillin, Phone 4771. 50-tfc

ELIMINATE traffic paths in carpet. Spot clean with Blue Lustre. It's terrific. — McMahan Furniture Co. 52-1tc

FOR SALE: Have several pieces of Furniture; a dinette, drop leaf table and four chairs, 3 rockers, and a dresser. See these at my home. — Mrs. W. O. Cook. 49-tfc

TREAT your lawns now with PAX to assure a crabgrass free lawn next spring. — Van B. Boston. 47-tfc

Spinet Piano for Sale: Used mahogany spinet, nice condition, originally \$795.00 value new. Christmas bargain price, only \$385.00. Terms available up to three years. Write or call collect Clark Music Co., Garden City, Kansas. Bridge 6-7362. 49-4tc

Spinet Organ for Sale: Practically new Thomas, two manual, 13 pedals, guaranteed, — only \$595.00. Write or call collect, Clark Music Co., Garden City, Kansas, Bridge 6-7362. 49-4tc

LEES all-new 501 Nylon Carpet, for free estimate call WE 5-4811 Dumas, Collect. — Woody Furniture Co. 38-tfc

HAY, Alfalfa and Prairie. See J. I. Mooney. 38-tfc

For the best buys in Furniture and carpet, see Woody Furniture Co., Dumas, Texas, call WE 5-4811 collect for free estimate. 38-tfc

FOR SALE: Berkshire opening and bred gilts and boars. — Arthur Judd. 50-tfc

FOR SALE: 1959 Singer Sewing Machine. Interested and reliable party may assume last 7 payments of \$5.25 each, total balance due only \$36.75. Write Credit Manager, Box 563, Enid, Okla. 51-2tc

REPOSSESSED 1959 Zig Zag Sewing Machine, to be sold in this locality. Reliable party may assume last 8 payments 20 year guarantee still in effect. Write Credit Manager, Box 563, Enid, Okla. 51-2tc

"We have in this vicinity 3 Repossessed Pianos, 2 trade-ins which include one blonde Spinnet, and one dark finished Spinnet. Responsible parties may assume attractive balances. Write only — Credit Manager, McBrayer & Sons Piano Co., 3128 E. Lancaster Ave., Ft. Worth." 51-2tc

Special Services

FOR THE BEST in house moving, call Chestnut 9-2084. — E. O. Matthews, Dalhart. 50-tfc

Complete John Deere Diesel Service and Dynamometer power tested tune-ups — Sherman Implement Co. 5-tfc

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

FREE Removal of dead stock. Call 3736 Stratford, or DR 2-3655 Amarillo Collect. — Amarillo Rendering Co. 23-tfc

For Rent

FOR RENT: Modern furnished Apartment at 403 South Main Street in Stratford. Contact Fred Garoutte at this address. 52-tfc

FOR RENT: Furnished Apt. & sleeping rooms. — Maude Willey Norbye, 3rd & Chestnut. 51-tfc

FOR RENT: One modern furnished, and two modern unfurnished houses. L. L. Lyon, Phone 3261. 49-tfc

FOR RENT: Apartment and House. See Clinton Belcher. 46-tfc

FOR RENT: Modern one bedroom furnished house. See F. L. Yates. 47-tfc

FOR RENT or Sale: Four Bedroom modern home, on four corner lots, former Seaman house, shown by appointment only. — Backus Real Estate, Dalhart, Texas, Phone CH 9-2496. 49-tfc

It Pays — To Read Star Ads

**Political
Announcements**

(Subject to the Democratic Primary Saturday May 7)
For Sheriff:
ALBERT LEE

Announcements



STRATFORD LODGE 874
J. D. McDaniel, W.M.
F. B. Mullins, Secy.
STATED COMMUNICATION
Third Thursday Every Month
7:00 P. M.

Houses For Sale

FOR SALE: 3-Bedroom Brick Veneer home, central heating, phone 3566. — H. L. McDonald. 49-tfc

FOR SALE: Two bedroom home, immediate possession, telephone 4896. — Albert Diehl. 50-3tp

FOR SALE: Three Bedroom House, double garage, on paving near school buildings. — Minnie Laura Jackson. 38-tfc

FOR SALE: Three Bedroom Brick Home, has one and one-half baths, central heating, wall to wall carpeting, new window drapes, nice location on paving. — Bill Garrison. 42-tfc

FOR SALE: Income Property, one bedroom furnished house and two bedroom unfurnished house. Both modern. See F. L. Yates. 11-tfc

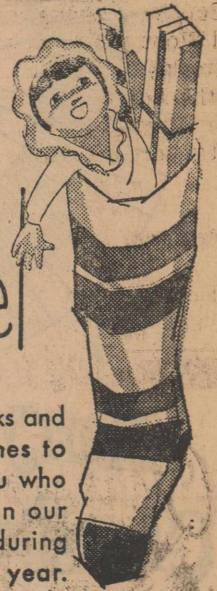
Wanted

WORK WANTED: Glendon Lowe, Phone 4381. 49-4tc

BUYING fresh killed jack rabbits for 15c each. — Brown's Feed Store, Texhoma. 48-tfc

Production experts say that of the more than 50 animal, vegetable and mineral products which go into the automobile, less than half are metals. One pound in five of the auto weight is of some non-metallic substance. Rubber is the most used "vegetable."

Science says the moon affects the tide. Lovers maintain it affects the untied.



Our thanks and best wishes to all of you who have been our patrons during the past year. May your Yule be a merry one and bright.

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for your**

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Christmas**

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To all our neighbors and many friends we extend greetings and our prayer that this Yule season be filled with cheer, love and great happiness.

**E - Z
AUTOMATIC
LAUNDRY**



Merry
Christmas
1959

May the peace,
love and good
will of that first
Christmas be
yours forever.

**Sherman County
Abstract Co.**



Season's
Best
1959

Glad greetings
and best wishes
for the Holiday.

**PALACE
CAFE**



Merry
Christmas
1959

We know your Santa won't get stuck in the chimney, but will arrive with all the packages of joy that make the Yuletide a time to remember forever.

Stratford
Abstract Co.

Coffee Break

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Burglars broke into the Vermont Bank & Trust Co. branch here, but made off with only \$1.25 in coffee money.

They say you are an old timer if you can remember when a bureau was a piece of furniture.

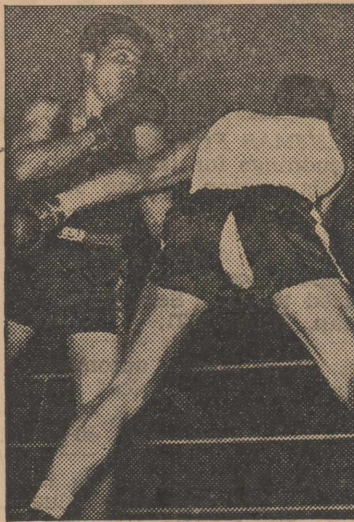
AL UNSER NAMED

KEOKUK MANAGER

Al Unser, former major league catcher, was named manager of Keokuk in the Class D Midwest League.

Science says the moon affects the tide. Lovers maintain it affects the untied.

SPORTS CORNER



SPLIT DECISION . . . In Brussels, Belgium, this boxer is having trouble on two fronts. During an amateur boxing tourney, his trunks split. Fortunately, he was saved by the bell.

The dime may not be as good as the dollar, but we bet it goes to church more often.

Here N' There

In a recent professional football game at Ottawa, Can., the timer raised his gun and fired to mark the end of the first quarter of play. A duck fell at his feet. It had been shot that morning by a hunter and was thrown to the field from the roof of the grandstand as the gun was fired . . . Bill Casper of Apple Valley, California, won the Brazilian Open Golf Tournament at Rio de Janeiro, finishing six strokes ahead of his nearest challenger . . . Sammy Giammalva of Houston, Tex. won the singles championship in the Southern Professional Grass Courts Tennis Tournament at Tuscaloosa, Ala. . . . Jim Hurtubise, rookie driver from Lennox, California, won the U.S. Auto Club championship at Sacramento over 100 laps on the dirt track at an average of 85.9 miles an hour. Only six of a field of 18 drivers finished the race . . . Informed sources say Fritz Crisler, athletic director at the University of Michigan, refused a salary of \$60,000 a year when he turned down the job of commissioner of the new American Football League.

ACROSS THE DESK

From The Chickasha Star, Chickasha, Oklahoma: Despite the significant rise of profit totals from last year's low profit rate, some economists doubt that business will be able to absorb many more (wage) increases that exceed productivity.

The principal influence of business upon the price level lies in productivity changes. Rapid productivity gains often permit substantial wage increases with little price increase or even a decrease.

Federal tax policy, however, now discourages needed capital investment and in many lines has slowed down or stopped productivity gains.

Thus it appears that future inflation trends will depend a great deal more upon action by the federal government and labor than upon what business does.

From The Independent, Fuquay Springs, N.C.: Why doesn't someone teach the teen-age boys of

America to stand and walk erect? The query suggests an unfair generalization, since it obviously does not apply to all boys of that age group. Yet so many boys slump and slouch that this question can scarcely be avoided.

Observe the boys outside any high school after classes. The majority of them walk, hands in pockets, as though they had macaroni instead of a spine. This seems to be accepted stance of their generation; they seem to assume this posture by agreement. It is almost as if the average boy in his teens feared to throw back his shoulders, lift his chest and take a deep breath.

The generalization may be too broad. Perhaps "average" is not the word. But the slumping, hands-in-pockets stance is too common to avoid notice. Why, we repeat, doesn't someone teach the teen-age boys to stand and walk erect?



NOW OPEN . . . Visitors inspect room open to the public for the first time in Moscow's Grand Palace of the Czars, where Russia's czars and czarinns prayed.

You can bet a dollar to a doughnut today without giving such big odds.

AUCTION SALE

Every Sunday
2:00 P. M.
WE SPECIALIZE IN
NEW MERCHANDISE
Dumas Auction
DUMAS

To monopolize the conversation is to monotonize it.

NOTICE!

The Shamrock Oil and Gas Corporation will hereafter 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



May your Yule shine brightly with cheer and happiness.

Yates Drug
AND
Robbie's Gift Shop

Christmas Greetings



1959

THE wise men followed the star that was to become the guiding light of the world with love and confidence. We hope your Christmas captures the eternal beauty of that one centuries ago.

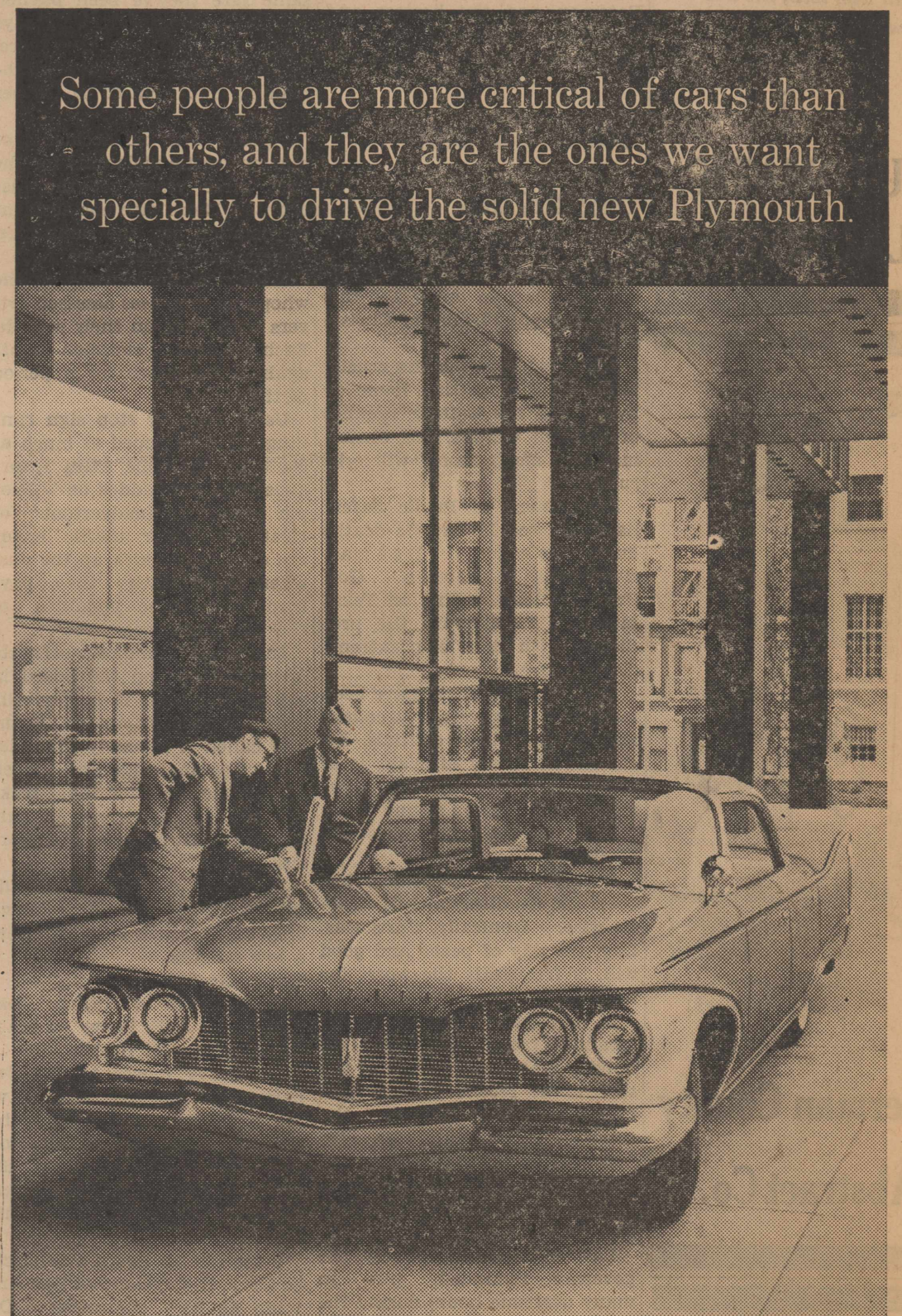
Stratford
Grain Co.

this week's patterns... BY AUDREY LANE



Dress Pattern No. 1477-1487—Two for the holidays—Apart or together, you can step along gayly in this button-over favorite with the wide collar.
No. 1477 is for sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Bust 31 to 40. Size 12, 32 bust, 5 yds. 39 inch.
No. 1487 for 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 yrs. Size 6, 3 1/2 yds. 39 inch. Two Patterns.
Needlework Pattern No. 288—Pretty butterfly slippers crocheted from soft, warm yarn are sure to keep feet cozy and comfortable on chilly days. No. 288 has crochet directions for sizes small, medium and large.
Send 35c for each dress pattern, 25c for each needlework pattern (add 10c for each pattern for first class mailing) to AUDREY LANE BUREAU, Dept. "N" WNS", 267 West Adams Street, Chicago 6, Ill.

A farm lad who took a job in the big city returned home a few months later to report he was flat broke in spite of the big pay. He said, "Most of my money I spent on women and whiskey. The rest I just wasted."



See "THE STEVE ALLEN PLYMOUTH SHOW," Monday nights, NBC-TV. Solid!

This car is built a new solid way by Chrysler Corporation engineers. It simply doesn't have many parts that work loose and need fixing in some cars. We'd like to answer some questions about this car now:

Q. What is this new way of building?

A. Chrysler Corporation's virtually trouble-free version of unit construction. Body and undersills are joined in a single unit of enormous strength, locked by close to 5400 welds. In Dura-Quiet Unibody, there is no frame and no conventional body bolts, struts, braces, etc., to loosen and rattle.

Q. What about power and performance?

A. There's the new 30-D Economy Six, a new "inclined" six that delivers outstanding economy in normal driving. The standard V-8 is the Fury V-800 which three times in a row topped its class in the Mobilgas Economy Run. Or you may choose the extra-cost SonoRamic Commando V-8.

If you ask us, this is the best built, best performing low-price car of all. Give it a real try soon, won't you?

A Chrysler-engineered product, built a new solid way to give you solid satisfaction.

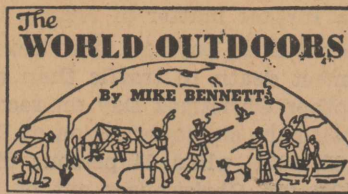
SOLID PLYMOUTH 1960

Settled That One

MANGUM, Okla. — The Har-
old McDaniels found a snake in
their garage, got into an argu-

ment about what kind it was.
The snake told them. It rat-
tled.

Its profitable to read the ads.



The WORLD OUTDOORS
By MIKE BENNETT

IN a complete reversal of the
usual wildlife situation, Fed-
eral and State biologists have
been working for several years to
eliminate one particular species
of wildlife from one particular is-
land off the Coast of California—
and the project is not yet termed
a complete success. The battle
has been taking place on Santa
Barbara Island, one of two islands
of the Channel Islands National
Monument off the Ventura-Los
Angeles coast. The enemy? The
rabbit.

Millions of years ago, Santa
Barbara island was cut off from
the mainland. Because of this iso-
lation, it was able to develop and
maintain ancient species of plant
and bird life—particularly a giant
sunflower, a song sparrow, and
other flowers and small animals
found nowhere else.

Early fishermen brought goats,
sheep and rabbits. When the dam-
age being done to the island be-
came apparent, the sheep were
removed. During World War II,
New Zealand rabbits were intro-
duced as a possible emergency
source of food. A period of less
than normal rainfall caused the
rabbit population to literally "ex-
plode." The animals girdled trees
and shrubs and ate up everything
in sight.

The National Park Service, Fish
and Wildlife Service and Califor-
nia Department of Fish and Game
undertook a joint program to eli-
minate rabbits from the island.
The first year, they shot 500; the
second year shooting and the use
of poison accounted for 2,500. The
following year 600 more were ac-
counted for. In 1957, 500 more
were taken and in 1958, over 200
were taken. It was estimated that
at the end of the 1958 effort, 6 to
25 rabbits remained on the island.

Unusual Scroll

COLUMBUS, O. — At the time
of his Bar Mitzvah (ceremony
when the adolescent assumes
the obligations of Judaism),
Robert Levy received a Torah
(scroll containing the five
books of Moses) as a special gift.

This one was written in Ber-
lin between 1790 and 1840 by his
great great great-grandfather.
Instead of measuring 3½ to 4
feet like most, it is only six
inches long.

Legal Notice

**TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED
TAXPAYING VOTERS OF
GROUND WATER CONSER-
VATION DISTRICT NO. 2,
NORTH OF THE CANADIAN
RIVER IN TEXAS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an election will be held
within and for GROUND WA-
TER CONSERVATION DIST-
RICT NO. 2, NORTH OF THE
CANADIAN RIVER IN TEXAS,
on the 12th day of January,
1960, at the polling places here-
inafter set out, within said Dis-
trict, in accordance with a Reso-
lution adopted by the Board of
Directors of said District, as fol-
lows, to-wit:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the
Board of Directors of Ground
Water Conservation District No.
2, North of the Canadian River:

I.
That an election shall be held
within and for said Ground Wa-
ter Conservation District No. 2,
North of the Canadian River
(Hereafter referred to as "the
District") on the 12th day of
January, 1960, in the election
precincts hereinafter set forth
and at the polling places here-
inafter set forth, all within said
District, at which election there
shall be submitted to the qual-
ified resident taxpaying voters
of said District the election of 3
precinct Directors for Pre-
cincts 1, 2, and 3 of the District,
and the election of two County
Committeemen from each
county composing the District,
for a two year term.

II.
Upon each of the ballots used
at said election shall be placed
the names of the candidates for
Precinct Director to be elected
as follows:

Director's Precinct No. 1 —
Territory within the District
which is situated in each of the
following counties: Ochiltree —
Harlan Hawk.

Director's Precinct No. 2 —
Territory within the District
which is situated in each of the
following counties: Hutchinson
& Hansford — N. F. Renner,
Noble Watson.

Director's Precinct No. 3 —
Territory within the District
which is situated in each of the
following counties: Sherman —
Luther Browder.

III.
Upon each of the ballots used
at said election shall be placed
the names of the candidates for
County Committeemen to be
elected for each county compos-
ing the District, as follows:

HANSFORD COUNTY
Ned Turner and Tommy Ber-
gen.

HARTLEY COUNTY
Richard Wilson and Cleo
Ledbetter.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY
Thane McCloy and Herman
Blanton.

MOORE COUNTY
Ralph McClellan and J. A.
Hall.

OCHILTREE COUNTY
Roger Pearson and Bill Fletcher.

SHERMAN COUNTY
Melvin Phillips and Vernon
Carter.

IV.
Blank spaces shall be left in
order that the names of other
persons may be written in. Each
person (voter) residing in Di-
rectors Precinct 1, 2 and 3, as
set forth above, shall vote for
only one Director, namely the
Director for the Directors Pre-
cinct in which the voter resides.
All voters may vote for the can-
didate of their choice by placing
an "X" in the square beside the
name or by scratching or
marking out all other names in
that race and leaving the name
of such Director on the ballot.
All voters desiring to cast a vote
for a candidate whose name is
not on the ballot may do so by
writing the name of the person
in the blank space provided on
the ballot and by placing an "X"
in the square beside the name, or
by scratching or marking out all
other candidates appearing on
the ballot for Precinct Director.
Each person residing in the
counties composing the District,
as set forth above, shall vote for
two (2) County Committeemen
for the county in which the vot-
er resides. Each person may
vote for the candidates of his
choice by placing an "X" in the
square beside the name, or by
scratching or marking out all
other names in that race and
leaving the name of the County
Committeemen on the ballot.
All persons desiring to cast a
vote for a candidate whose name
is not on the ballot, may do so
by writing the name of that per-
son in the blank space provided
on the ballot and by placing an
"X" in the square beside the
name, or by scratching or mark-
ing out all but two candidates
appearing or written in on the
ballot.

V.
The area comprising the Dis-
trict is hereby divided into the
following election precincts, to
include all or that part of the
county designated which lies
within the District, such elec-
tion to be held at the polling
places indicated and conducted
by the following election offi-
cers.

**Election Precinct No. 1 —
Hansford County**
Polling Place: Court House,
Spearman, Texas.
Presiding Judge: Johnny P.

Vernon.
Assistant Judge: J. D. Mc-
Laughlin.
Clerk: Mrs. J. H. Buchanan.
Clerk: Mrs. B. J. Garnett.
**Election Precinct No. 2—
Hartley County**
Polling Place: Community
Building, Hartley, Texas.
Presiding Judge: Dick Brown.
Assistant Judge: J. E. Craig-
head.
Clerk: Lloyd Miller.
Clerk: Raymond Weatherford.

**Election Precinct No. 3 —
Hutchinson County**
Polling Place: Pringle School
House, Pringle, Texas.
Presiding Judge: Tab Womble.
Assistant Judge: Mrs. Buster
Kirk.
Clerk: J. B. Buchanan.
Clerk: Mrs. Tommy Jarvis.

**Election Precinct No. 4—
Moore County**
Polling Place: Court House,
Dumas, Texas.
Presiding Judge: W. H. Fowler.
Assistant Judge: Eli Willis.
Clerk: C. L. Peiffer.
Clerk: Harold Shoulders.

**Election Precinct No. 5—
Ochiltree County**
Polling Place: Court House,
Perryton, Texas.
Presiding Judge: G. M. Die-
trich.
Assistant Judge: J. H. Ker-
shaw.
Clerk: Fred Huston.
Clerk: H. R. Slaughter.

**Election Precinct No. 6
Sherman County**
Polling Place: Court House,
Stratford, Texas.
Presiding Judge: Joe Billing-
ton.
Assistant —Judge: Mrs. Joe
Billington.
Clerk: B. E. Dovel.
Clerk: Mrs. Ernest Cummings.

VI.
That such election shall be
held and conducted and returns
made to the Board of Directors
of the District, in accordance
with the general election laws
of Texas, except as same are
modified by the provisions of
Chapter 25, Acts of the 39th
Legislature of Texas of 1925, to-
gether with all amendments and
additions thereto.

VII.
That the President and
Secretary of the District shall
give notice of this election by
causing a substantial copy of this
resolution or notice containing
the same to be published once
a week for three (3) consecutive
weeks in a newspaper or news-
papers of general circulation
published in the towns of the
District, the first publication to
be not less than twenty-one (21)
nor more than thirty-five (35)
days prior to the date of the
election.

PASSED AND APPROVED
THIS 2nd day of November, 1959.
/s/ Gaston Wells
President, Board of
Directors

ATTEST:
/s/ R. V. Converse
Secretary
(Seal)
(Pub. Dec. 24-31; Jan 7)

No Lost Children

ST. LOUIS — Neil Gladstone,
an usher at the open-air Muni-
cipal Opera, has solved his
problem of lost children with a
sharp idea and a bountiful sup-

ply of safety pins.
He pins a ticket stub on the
clothing of each small child en-
tering his section. The stubs
show the seat numbers of the
children.

Our grateful
thanks to all
our loyal
friends for
their patronage.

We Have The GIFTS YOU NEED
Van B. Boston

Don't disappoint Santa!



BE REALLY REFRESHED! The old gentleman's had a
long trip, and from the North Pole to the South Seas, nothing is so refreshing as
the cold crisp taste of Coca-Cola. It's as bright and bracing as a sleigh-ride
in the stars. Keep a big supply in your
refrigerator all through the
holidays . . . please your
Santa and all his helpers
who will be calling at
your house.



Bottled under authority of The Coca-Cola Company by **DALHART COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.**

Peace and Prosperity

As we light the Christmas
candles we pray the world
will be filled with peace and
good will may be the desire
of all mankind.

1959

**Sherman
Implement Co.**

E. R. BELL **GENE STINSON**

1959

MERRY CHRISTMAS

IN this community we have many friends and valued customers
to whom we wish to say . . . have a very merry Christmas,
filled with good cheer, good health, and good fellowship.
We hope this Yule season will be the brightest of all.

Stratford Department Store

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

I am pretty good sometimes and I would like to have a high heeled doll like Judy's and a drum. Please bring Kay the same thing, 'cause she always wants what I have. Also bring little Wayne (he's my cousin) a rocky horse.

Thank you and I love you. Kay does, too.

Kim Cotney

Pre-Nuptial Shower Given For Miss Roper

Miss Joanne Roper, bride-elect of Raymond Fairbanks of Carmen, Oklahoma, was the honoree at a miscellaneous shower given Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Homer Blake.

Decorations were in keeping with the holiday season and the bride-elect's chosen colors,

blue and white.

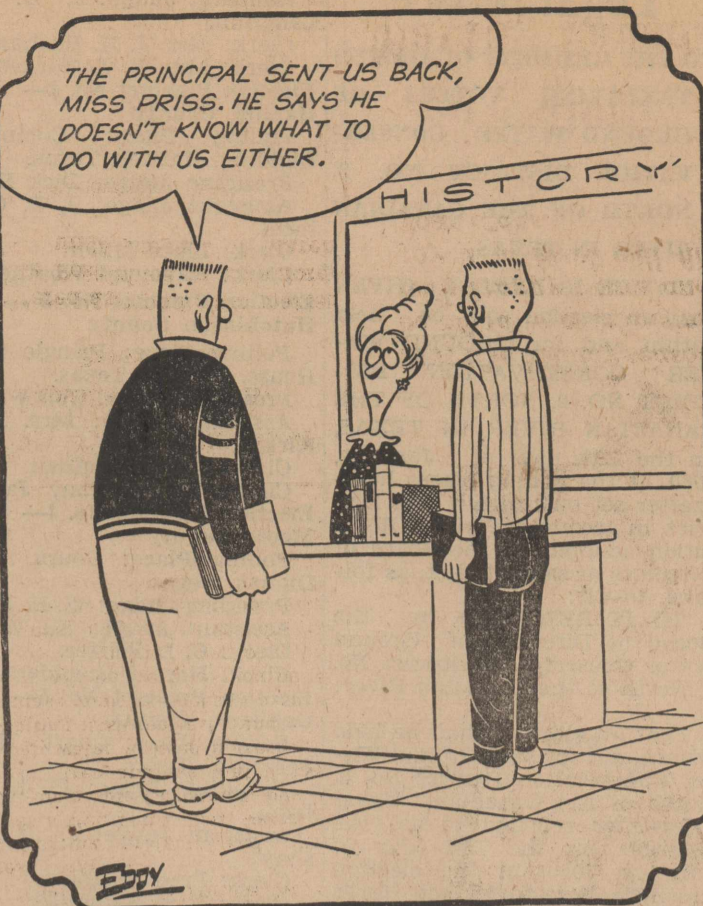
Miss Roper and her mother, Mrs. Emory D. Roper, who assisted her daughter in opening the many lovely gifts, were presented corsages of blue and white carnations.

The serving table was laid with a lace cloth over blue and centered with a crystal punch bowl, surrounded by blue Christmas balls and lights arranged on a large crystal plate. Blue tapers in crystal candelabra flanked the centerpiece. Refreshments of blue punch, nuts and cake squares, iced in white and decorated with a blue flower in the center, were served. Presiding at the table were Misses Lela Hampton and Sandy Diehl. Guests were registered by Miss Alta Adams. Miss Pat Emerson arranged the gifts for display.

Hostesses for the courtesy were Mesdames J. J. Willey, Willis Naugle, Jack Newcomb, Angie Ward, Lola Eggers, Jimmy Poole and Homer Blake.

An optimist is one who sees on the down payment.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



toll was a record low for any Christmas holiday period. As a further matter of record, last Christmas Day saw more Texans meet death in traffic than any other Christmas Day on record, with the single exception of Dec. 25, 1951, when 24 persons died. On ten Christmases out of the last thirteen the records show, Christmas Day traffic collisions resulted in ten or more deaths, and in each case, the Christmas Day death toll was higher than the daily average for that year.

"This year," the Governor said, "we have been joined by thousands of ministers all over Texas in calling to the attention of their congregations the close relationship between their religious beliefs and their attitudes and actions in highway traffic. I believe this emphasis will have a great impact on many thousands of Texans as we strive to keep Christmas happy and joyous, free from heartbreak and sorrow. For this reason, I continue to admonish Texans: 'Don't Let A Collision Spoil Your Holiday.'"

Bell, Allene Boren, Juanita Donelson, Polly Durr, Beulah Eden, Nina Elms, Miranda Florida, Marylou McDaniel, Nadine Miller, Geneva Moon, Ferne Scott, Margret Korte, Joyce Iribeck, Inez Britton, Judy Chisum, Earlene Swartz, Linda Keener, Frances Brewster, Pauline Harbour and Miss Darla Taylor.

The annual Kerrick Community Christmas Party was held Saturday night with over 75 attending. Doug Taylor and Patti McDaniel gave a beatnik version of "The night before Xmas", appropriately dressed. Billy Taylor gave a Xmas welcome. Brenda Taylor, Billy Taylor, Mike and Patti McDaniel,

and Paul Wells sang "Away in the Manger" and "Jingle Bells". A poem was given by Brenda Taylor, followed by a Xmas saying by Judy Florida. A trio consisting of Lana Brewster, Mary Catherine James and Patti McDaniel, sang "It's Beginning to look a lot like Xmas". Carols were sung by all, accompanied by Mrs. Polly Durr on the accordion, while awaiting Santa's arrival. After Santa talked to all the children, he distributed gifts and treats. Refreshments of homemade cookies, hot spiced tea and coffee were served from a gaily decorated table. Pouring were the hostesses Mrs. J. P. Taylor and Mrs. Fred McDaniel.

Kerrick News

The ladies of the community enjoyed the annual Secret Pal Party in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Ray Taylor last Thursday night. Entertainment for the evening included a fashion show, "A Parade of the Decades". Wearing a fashionable dress of the period, Mrs. Allen Boren represented the roaring twenties. Mrs. A. W. Taylor modeled for the 1930 decade and the 1940 era. Then the most beat of the beatniks was modeled by Mrs. Bill Boren. The show was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Bill Boren led in several games, followed by charades. Gifts were exchanged, with the revealing of Pal names for the year. Names were then drawn for 1960 with 19 women participating.

Delicious refreshments of date pudding were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Ray Taylor, Mrs. Kenneth Wells, Mrs. J. P. Taylor, and Mrs. Bill Boren. Present were: Mesdames Flora

Select Christmas - Governor Makes

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warmth. On the whole, practically every home in Stratford had some type of Christmas decoration available to the eyes of the public. Outdoor decorations probably restrained by the recent snow storm were not as numerous as they have been in recent years.

Although many citizens have been pressed for time to complete all the work required of them in the few days that remained before Christmas, and decorations have been slighted in some homes and in some business houses, the program of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for improving the color and warmth of the Christmas spirit in Stratford by encouraging the erection of Christmas decorations was highly successful. Stratford has been much more aglow with the Christmas spirit that it would have been had not some organization been at work, attempting to stimulate the talent which exists among many of the residents of the city.

In many cases, some of the most attractive home decorations were produced from empty cigar boxes, paper cups and a little can of spray paint. A few tumble weeds were arranged into many forms of colorful decorations.

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safety crusade. "I have asked all these Texans, and I appeal to all of the automobile drivers in this State, to join in the most talked-about, most publicized and most effective safety campaign we have ever staged during Christmas-time," the Governor said.

Official records of the Department of Public Safety show that more Texans lost their lives in traffic during December than in any other month for six of the past twelve years. And December holds the fateful record of recording more deaths in a single month than any other month, December, 1950, when 303 persons died in Texas traffic.

"Under these circumstances," the Governor said, "it is my duty to remind Texans again and again that, if their homes are to remain secure and their families complete for what should be the happiest season of the year, then the members of those families need to drive more carefully than ever. Nothing can help make a happy Christmas more certain than careful driving and obedience to the traffic laws, designed for our personal safety."

Christmas Day, the same DPS records show, can also be a fateful day for many families. In 1958, 22 persons died in Texas traffic on Christmas Day, slightly more than one-third of the 63 Texans who met death in last year's holiday traffic. That

Schools Close For Holidays

Stratford Schools closed at 1:47 p. m. Tuesday for the Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed Monday, January 4.

Simple Rules Will Help Keep Your Tree 'Fresh'

Here are some things you should remember before relying too much on any "fireproofing" materials to protect your Christmas tree:

1. There is no substitute for a "fresh" tree.
 2. Nothing protects and preserves a tree better than water.
- So, for a safe Christmas, buy a "fresh" tree and see that it has enough water to keep it fresh.
- Waiting until the last minute to purchase your tree doesn't assure that it will be fresh, as you have no way of knowing how long the tree has been cut and "drying out" on the sales lot. Shop early for your tree, be sure that it is still fresh and moist—then keep it in plenty of water while it is in use.

The Stratford Star

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We have many friends in this community and to all of them we say Merry Christmas and thank you for your loyal patronage. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Moore Implement Co.



Christmas Joy

Good wishes to our many good patrons.

1959

Lola's Cafe

Will Close Christmas Eve and Open December 28

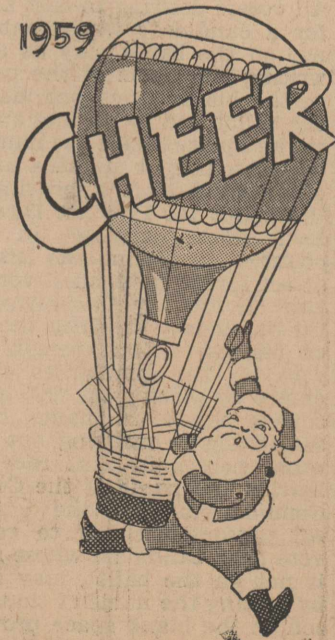
Will Be Closed For Inventory On January 1



Merry 1959
Christmas

We extend greetings of the Yule to all of you whose friendship and loyalty we greatly cherish. As you celebrate the holidays our thoughts will be with you that this may be the loveliest, finest of them all.

Albert's Grocery & Market



May the holiday season be filled to overflowing with happy hours and joy and good will fill your days.

Stratford
Maytag Laundry

It Pays — To Read Star Ads