

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

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Writing in the current issue of *Coronet*, Chester Bowles, the guy who used to push us around with OPA regulations, says good-bye and good riddance to 1947 and explains that it was a lousy year because Congress had removed price controls the previous year. His hope for '48 is that Congress will take steps to bring prices down and save the whole country from economic disaster.

He did not prescribe the steps to be taken but it is significant that quite a few in the Administration and elsewhere are now recommending another round of price controls. There are still some who think that our ordinary people can't get along without the guiding hand of bureaucratic brainstormers.

Like almost any man who lost his job and saw his pet political theory discarded, Bowles is resentful and critical. He derives no little justification from the thought that all troubles since then resulted from failure to follow his scheme. What Bowles doesn't seem to understand is that he got off the price lid just in time. Pressure had been building up for months and Congress acted wisely in releasing it before the real economic explosion occurred. We'd have had a real mess if Bowles' way had been followed, much worse than the one he means about.

Besides his sour grapes attitude the old boy seems to have a slightly cockeyed view of conditions. Let's take a look and see how well the facts support his criticism.

While there are few who claim that all has been quiet on the economic front, we can look back with at least a little satisfaction. Some good has come out of the rumpus. The strangle hold of labor bosses has been broken. Strikes are fewer. Payrolls are steadier. Production has increased. Commodities are better and more plentiful. We're much closer to normalcy than we were a year ago. In spite of Bowles' beefing, '47 wasn't so bad and '48 can be a mighty fine year if we'll continue to make progress on the course we've started.

The man does however have one point on which he will find nation wide agreement. Inflation is a serious threat and something will have to be done, and soon, to prevent a calamity.

Right now labor is clamoring for another raise in order to catch up again with the high cost of living. As soon as the raise is granted prices will go up again to offset the higher production cost. In the end nothing will have been accomplished but another loop on the inflation spiral.

Bitter experience the past two years has shown that we can't reach a balance by alternate additions to wages and prices. Something else will have to be corrected, too. In fact we'll probably discover, after correcting other faults that we won't have much more trouble with our two former headaches.

There are several factors that could stand investigation, and correction. One is government squandering and inefficiency requiring outrageous taxes. A cut there would permit people to apply more of their income to living expense.

Another stumbling block is the ridiculously high prices caused by speculation and official price supports. Congressional investigations are disclosing now that speculations by Washington big shots contributed to the runaway price of grain which in turn caused the high prices on flour, bread, eggs, meats and other items.

A different attitude toward giving fair value in service or merchandise would also help. All classes can help in that respect. Merchants and manufacturers can do it by being satisfied with a reasonable profit. Labor can do it by giving an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

Reduced to simple language, the only trouble we're having nowadays is plain human cussedness. A little more exercise of conscience all along the line, from the big boys down to the small wage earners, would accomplish overnight what officials cannot do by years of legislation.

But since, for the time being (Continued on Page 6)

Bank is Sponsor and Co-Sponsor in Crop And Pasture Contests

In the interest of better farming practices in the community and the county, the Muenster State Bank this week announced two soil conservation contests. A local contest, on pasture improvement, is sponsored by this bank. A county wide contest, on tillage land practices and yields is sponsored jointly by all banks of the county.

The purpose of the local contest, according to President J.M. Weinzapfel, is to improve pastures and encourage cooperation in the soil conservation program. Achievement will be judged on the basis of improvement to the pasture itself, and on the relation of improvements to conservation practices on adjoining fields.

Eligibility for the local contest is restricted to Cooke County farmers within the Muenster trade territory. The requirement is a minimum of two acres, preferably fenced off during the period of the contest. All entries must be on file by Feb. 15, 1948, and the closing date is July 1, 1948. The sponsor reserves the right to discontinue the contest unless at least ten projects are entered.

Promptly after Feb. 15 each contestant's pasture will be judged to determine the original condition and again at the end of the contest to note the extent of improvement. Throughout the program contestants can receive credit on their score cards by reporting improvement practices. The extent of improvement rather than the excellence of the pasture will be the basis for final judgment.

Seven prizes are offered in the following order: \$40, \$25, \$10, \$8, \$7, \$5, \$5. The judging committee will consist of a soil conservation technician, a veteran's agriculture teacher and a farmer.

The county wide contest will be on cultivated land only and judging will be on the basis of conservation practices and yields. Eligibility for entry is reserved to FFA, 4-H or GI agriculture class members. The contest is held in two divisions, one for sandy land farms, the other for black land farms.

Entries must be in by Feb. 1, 1948, and the contest will continue for three years, the prizes being awarded annually. . . . a total of \$300 each of the first two years and \$400 the third year. The sponsors reserve the right to discontinue the contest unless more than ten entries are received.

Detailed information concerning the contest, prizes, entry requirements, etc., can be obtained from any of the four sponsors: Muenster and Valley View State Banks, and First State and Gainesville National Bank in Gainesville.

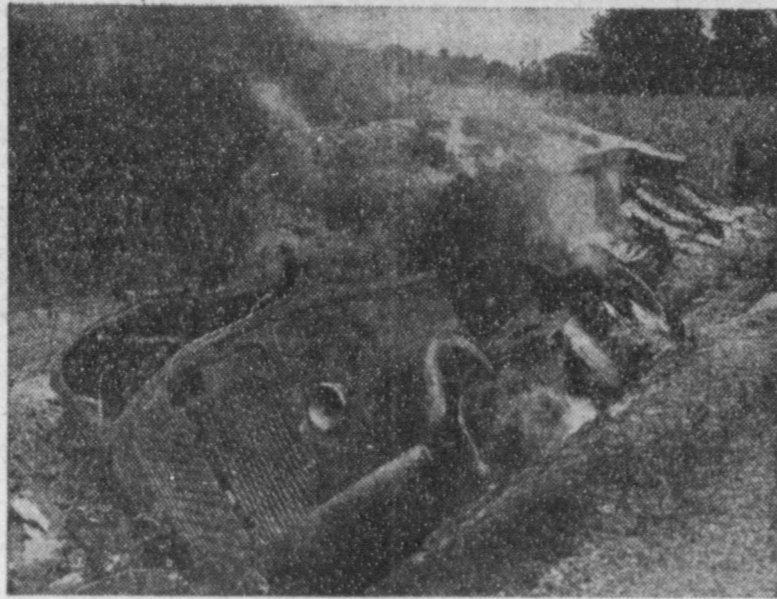
Notes On Soil Conservation

W.W. (Bill) Sicking and his sons, Lawrence, Ray and Alfred signed agreements with the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District this week. They plan on sodding natural waterways to Bermuda grass in preference to excavating straight channels or roadsides for terrace outlets.

Wide flat waterways sodded to Bermuda grass for terrace outlets and pasture have carried recent rains without damage while cooperators reported gullying of straight channels where water was confined. Terraces emptying into roadside ditches have washed gravel from roads, deposited silt in roads, and caused terraces to gully back in the fields in many instances.

Earl Giles, John Moss and J.H. Lauderdale in the Saint Jo Conservation Group, signed farm and ranch conservation plans with the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District. All three cooperators are planning on sowing Madrid Sweet Clover in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Stelzer and son, Maurice, of Post, spent the holidays here with relatives.



A careless pedestrian was to blame for the wrecking of this truck and the death of its driver. As the pedestrian suddenly crossed the road, directly in front of the truck, the driver swerved off the roadway and his machine overturned in the ditch where it immediately caught fire. Driver was pinned in the front seat and burned to death before he could be extricated.

Local NEWS Briefs

F.J. Hamric of Victoria is here for a visit with his son, Ervin Hamric and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Billingsley and children of Ardmore, Okla., spent Sunday with her relatives of the Wieler families.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reiter of Kerrville spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. August Reiter and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler and daughters of Dallas spent Saturday night and Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Dolly Lehnertz of Fort Worth spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lehnertz and family.

Earl Swingler of Wharton was here during the holidays to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swingler and family.

Anna Mae Dankesreiter left Friday to spend a week in Electra with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Potts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knabe had as their guests for the weekend their daughter, Mrs. Joe Schroeder and children of Windthorst.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hennigan and son spent Christmas and the weekend in Albuquerque, N.M., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Hennigan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Wimmer were in Lindsay Friday morning to attend funeral services for Joseph Rauschuber, Mr. Wimmer's cousin by marriage.

Ed Schneider returned Tuesday from Subiaco, Ark., where he had visited since Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Schneider and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sturm have as their guests for the holidays their daughter, Miss Marie Sturm of Rushville, Neb., and their son, Ruben Sturm of Carroll, Iowa.

Bill Medlen of Bowie stopped here Sunday afternoon to visit friends. He was enroute home after spending Christmas in Dallas with relatives.

Werner Henschel, who is employed in Umbarger with the Farmers Elevator, spent the holidays here with his father, Wm. Henschel and other relatives.

F.J. Trubenbach and daughter, Miss Florentine, visiting here from Jacksonville, Fla., left Friday for a several days' visit with relatives and friends in Topeka, Kansas.

Danny, five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Werner Yosten is at home and recovering nicely from diphtheria that confined him to Gainesville Sanitarium for about two weeks.

Mrs. M.H. Grammer is back at her home since Friday following major surgery in Wichita Falls on Dec. 17. After being dismissed from the hospital she stayed with her daughter, Mrs. J.W. Walker and family in Iowa Park. Mr. Grammer and Harvey joined her there for Christmas.

Mrs. Charles Meurer and her daughter, Mrs. Henry Thoele, both of Windthorst, spent Sunday here with the John Eberharts, J.B. Wildes and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Knabe returned to their home in Hereford Monday after being here since Dec. 22 to visit their parents, Messrs. and Mmes. Clem Reiter and Albert Knabe.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bergman were Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Bergman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bergman all of Ardmore. The men are Mr. Bergman's nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Detten and children, Virginia, Jerry, Bobby and Marilyn, of Amarillo, arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lutkenhaus and family. They will be here about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stelzer of Fort Worth spent Sunday here with relatives and were dinner guests of her brother, H.A. Walterscheid and family. When they returned home they were accompanied by their niece, Miss Lynette Walterscheid, who will be their guest for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. M.H. King were hosts for a six o'clock dinner in their home Friday evening for which eleven guests were present including Mr. and Mrs. H.E. King and Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Barker and daughter of Myra, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Fenley and son of Hood and Miss Lucille King of Graham.

Mrs. M.J. Endres and mother, Mrs. J.P. Fisch, spent Christmas and the weekend in Fort Worth as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fisch and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Endres. They also enjoyed visits with Mrs. Endres' daughters, Sister Irma, who teaches at OLV, and Sister Agnes of Dallas, who was in Fort Worth for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Walterscheid and daughter, Miss Virginia, left Friday for Conway, Ark., to attend the wedding of her cousin, Sgt. Joseph Eckelhoff to Miss Helen Mare Setter on Monday. The groom's brother, Father Lambert of Subiaco, Ark., performed the ceremony. The Walterscheids visited in Subiaco, Ark., before returning home. They came back Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Vogel announce the birth of a son on Dec. 23 at the Saint Jo clinic. The baby was baptized here by Father John on the 26th, assisted by Mrs. John Otto and Lawrence Vogel as sponsors, the latter serving as proxy for Alphonse Vogel of Houston. Mrs. Vogel is the former Miss Marie Hoeng. The new baby's name is Michael Claude.

Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Trubenbach and daughter, Miss Florentine, and grandchildren Vivian and Sammy Swirczynski, spent Christmas day in Ardmore, Okla., with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swirczynski. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neu of Valley View.

Ranger and Deputy Sheriff Recover Tools Stolen At Airport Two Months Ago

The case of a theft at the Muenster Airport about two months ago was practically closed Monday when Texas Ranger Louis Rigler and Deputy Sheriff Woodrow Clegg recovered a tool box in a filling station several miles west of Saint Jo in Montague county.

When they arrived at the station, now out of business, they found the tools but no occupants. Both chest and contents fitted a description previously given by Emmet Fette, airport manager, and the officers brought them to Fette for positive identification before beginning their search for the suspects. They declined to reveal the identity of the suspects before making their arrest.

The total value of the chest and tools is estimated between \$150 and \$175. Several items were missing when the case was recovered.

Muenster Grads Beat St. Mary's Grads 6-0 In Rowdy Grid Melee

The local bruisers were the winners Sunday afternoon in a rough and tumble affair that bore some resemblance to a football game between two groups of fellows playing under the colors of Muenster alumni and St. Mary's alumni of Gainesville. Both teams were well reinforced with ringers.

Muenster's score, in the third quarter came as a result of a time-worn trick play that caught the visitors completely flat footed. During the confusion of a gripe session that accompanied a penalty Reynold Reiter ambled over to the sideline and streaked for the goal as the next play opened. Gremminger's 20 yard heave was good and Reiter had an open field for the remaining 30 yards to the line. A pass for the extra point was knocked down.

All the way through the game was featured by collisions of beef and brawn. The boys refrained from fisticuffs but they put all the force into their blocks and tackles that the rules of the game would allow. . . . sometimes quite a lot more.

In yardage gained and first downs the visitors held a clear advantage. They made frequent gains, some for substantial yardage, and crowded the goal zone twice before losing the ball on mixed-up plays. In their enthusiasm to enlist high powered talent and tonnage the Gainesville boys, and Muenster too, sacrificed coordination and teamwork. It was a match of force and confusion more than finesse and skill.

The statistics: First downs, St. Mary's 7, Muenster 2. Passes, Gainesville 3 completions out of 6, Muenster 2 completions out of 5. Interceptions, St. Mary's 1, Muenster 1. Opponents' fumbles recovered, Muenster 2.

HUMBLE BROADCAST OF COTTON BOWL CLASSIC TO BEGIN AT 1:01 P.M.

The highlight of New Year's Day for stay-at-home football fans will be the Humble Oil & Refining Company broadcast of the Cotton Bowl Game, starting at 1:01 p.m. The game will be broadcast from the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas, where an undefeated Southern Methodist University will meet an undefeated, untied Penn State.

Kern Tips, veteran of many another Cotton Bowl broadcast, will bring listeners a swift-moving play-by-play report, while Alec Chesser pictures for them the Stadium and crowd color.

This Humble broadcast will be brought to Texans over the following Texas Quality Network Stations: KPRC, Houston; WOAI, San Antonio; KRIS, Corpus Christi; KGNC, Amarillo; KRGV, Weslaco. It will also be heard on stations WRR and KRLD, Dallas.

Miss Joan Roberg who is employed in Fort Worth spent Wednesday through Sunday with her relatives in this city.

Joseph Rauschuber 88, Dies at Lindsay On Christmas Eve

Joseph Rauschuber, 88, a resident of Lindsay since 1919, passed away at his home there Wednesday morning Dec. 24, at 4:15 following an illness.

Funeral services were held Friday at 9 o'clock at Saint Peter's church with the pastor, Rev. Conrad Herda officiating at the requiem high mass and at the burial in Saint Peter's cemetery. Six grandsons were pallbearers. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Leazer-Keel Funeral home.

Mr. Rauschuber leaves 91 direct descendants including 15 children, 66 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was born in Bavaria, Germany, on September 21, 1859, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rauschuber and came to the United States when he was 20 years old, settling in Tours, Texas. In 1891 he was married there to Miss Mary Moosberger and they were the parents of 11 children. His wife died in 1907 and the following year he married Miss Katherine Vois. They moved to Lindsay in 1919. Until he retired from active work Mr. Rauschuber engaged in farming.

Survivors are his wife, 11 daughters: Mmes. Lena Arend and Emily Hermes, Lindsay; Ben Wolf, La Feria; Otto Freabe, John Bukowski, Pat Greer, Walter Perner and William DeReese, San Antonio; George Bellone and John Bellone, Rockford, Ill., and Miss Frances Rauschuber, Lindsay; four sons: Joe and Charles, San Antonio; Frank, Valley View, and Theodore of Gainesville. Sixty six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren also survive along with numerous nephews and nieces.

Norbert Henschel Returns For Christmas Visit After Absence of Ten Years

Norbert Henschel of San Lorenzo, Calif., spent Christmas here with his father, William Henschel, and other relatives. It was his first return to Muenster since going to California to make his home ten years ago. He was impressed with the city's growth and improvement during the past decade and while here renewed many old acquaintances.

Before coming to this city he visited in San Antonio at Our Lady of the Lake Convent with his aunt, Sister Ann Theodore and enjoyed visits with Sister Miriam Dorothy Lueb, his cousin, and two former Muenster young women, Sister Bernice Trachta and Sister Claude Roberg.

CAFE OPENING WILL FOLLOW FIX-UP JOB AT FRANK HOEDEBECK'S

Another cafe will open in Muenster shortly after the beginning of the new year with Frank Hoedebeck as owner and manager. It will be in the former Rollman location adjoining Frank's present domino and pool hall and lunch room.

Repairs and remodeling are now under way on both of the business sites. The combined front is getting a new paint job, the cafe and recreation room will each have a new oak floor, paint and decorations. New fixtures and necessary alterations in the cafe will complete the program. The opening date will be determined by the progress of the work.

Pete Rollman has transferred his real estate and recreation business to the A.C. Stelzer building.

The following monologue from one Quaker to another is recorded: "William, thee knows that I do not believe in calling anyone names; but William, if the mayor of the town should come to me and say to me: 'Joshua, I want thee to bring to me the greatest liar in this city,' I would come to thee, William, and I would lay my hand on thy shoulder and I would say to thee: 'William, the mayor wants to see thee.'"

Rev. Thomas Weinzapfel of Dallas arrived to have Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Weinzapfel and family and remained until Saturday afternoon when he returned to Dallas where he is assistant pastor at St. Edward's church.

Andy Yosten bought the Bob Swirczynski house last week and he and his brother, Walter, will move to occupy it soon. Since the Swirczynski family moved to Ardmore, Okla., the house has been occupied by Ray Lueb.

Christmas dinner guests at the Clem Reite home in addition to the immediate family included Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Knabe of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Arendt of Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoedebeck and Norbert Hoedebeck.

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Walter Streng of Temple spent the holidays here with relatives.

J.B. Wilde's Christmas present to his wife is a new Chevrolet club coupe.

John Furbach of Amarillo was here to spend Christmas and the weekend with his wife and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson and sons spent Christmas in Dallas with her sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook spent the weekend with her mother and other relatives in Healdton, Okla.

Opal Jones of Athens, Texas, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook for Christmas.

Mrs. Dresser, who nurses Mrs. August Reiter, spent Christmas at Gainesville with her children.

The Most Rev. Bishop Augustine Dangelmayr of Dallas spent Christmas and the weekend here with members of his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson had as guests on the 25th Mrs. Marvin Wilson and two sons of Gladewater.

Miss Billy Jeanne Pierce of Gainesville spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pannell and children of Dallas spent the 25th with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Streng.

Misses Dorothy and Ida Rohmer of Dallas were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rohmer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Stelzer were Christmas dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Pittman at Capps Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Stelzer of Henrietta visited here briefly Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Stelzer.

The Myrick family spent Christmas afternoon in Weatherford with Mrs. Myrick's mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Smyrel Owens had as their guest for the Christmas holidays her sister, Miss Ruth North of Gainesville.

Jess Mitchell's Christmas present to himself and his family is a new blue Kaiser sedan delivered by Kaiser-Meurer Motor company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kathman had as Christmas day guests Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haverkamp of Gainesville.

The Leo Haverkamps have a new two-tone green and ivory Chevrolet sedan delivered on Dec. 24th by J.B. Wilde.

Misses Irene and Frieda Martin of Dallas spent the holidays with their father, Frank Martin and other relatives.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hartman were her father, John Bayer and Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Klement and family.

Dr. and Mrs. E.W. Laake of Kerrville spent the 24th here with his sister, Angela Laake and nieces, Olivia Stock and Rosa Driever.

Ray Owens, Bernard Schmitz, Herbert Cunningham and Charles Swofford of Henrietta were here for a holiday visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Yosten and daughter of Ft. Worth were here for a Christmas visit with their parents, Messrs. and Mmes. I.A. Schoech and F.J. Yosten.

Miss Florentine Trubenbach, R. N., of Jacksonville, Fla., is here since the 24th for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Trubenbach and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bergman had as Christmas holiday guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Showers and daughter of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swirczynski and children spent the weekend here with their parents, Messrs. and Mmes. Joe Swirczynski and F.J. Trubenbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nieball and daughter, Patsy, of Dallas, were here for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nieball.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Steinberger spent Christmas and the weekend in Windthorst with his nephew, Fred Steinberger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Biffle and sons spent Sunday in Ringgold with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.N. Selby in whose home a family reunion was held.

Miss Eugenia Walter of Fort Worth was here for Christmas and the weekend as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiesman had as guests for the 25th and weekend their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Kathman and sons were guests for supper at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Miller in Gainesville on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stoffels had as guests on the 24th and 25th her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Slaton and son of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mollenkopf's guests for Christmas were here brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Henry of Gainesville.

Johnny and Emil Rohmer, Earl and Quintin Lehnertz, A.J. and Henry Huchtons and Jud Boyles returned to Pampa Friday after spending the 25th here with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Seyler and son, Billy, and daughters, Misses Johann and Mary, spent Christmas in Jonesboro, Ark., with their daughter and sister, Candidate Margie Seyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaiser were hosts for a turkey dinner on Christmas day in their home for Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Kaiser and children and Miss Rose Wiesman of Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Steve Fette is driving a new black Ford 5-passenger coupe delivered by Endres Motor company on Christmas eve. The car is Steve's Christmas present to his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yosten and Mr. and Mrs. James Hott and daughter spent Christmas in Hendrix, Okla., with the ladies' parents and other relatives and were accompanied home by their cousin, Miss Joyce Rice, for a visit.

Misses Gladys Wilde and Johann Seyler, accompanied by Hubert Bezner of Lindsay, went to

Lubbock to attend a classmate's wedding Saturday morning. Miss Frances Dulaney became to bride of Willis Gurm and Miss Wilde attended as bridesmaid.

Warren Davis of Los Angeles, Calif., spent Monday here visiting Bill Hoehn, Paul Nieball Jr., and Don Gibbs, while he is spending the holidays with relatives in Gainesville. The boys are former classmates of Junior College in Gainesville.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gremminger were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martini and sons and John Lerner and son, Johnny, all of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. Gremminger's aunt, Mrs. Frank Weber of Detroit, Mich.

Misses Gladys and Laurie Wilde entertained in the home

of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Wilde, with a breakfast on Christmas morning following the mid-night mass. There were sixteen guests. That evening the Misses Wilde were hostesses for a dinner party at 6 o'clock for which there were sixteen guests.

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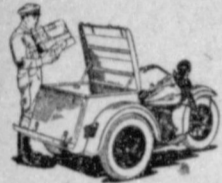
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Chicago. — Smoking in bed cost a sparrow its home. And almost cost Mrs. Marie Baugher of Camden, N.J., hers. Puzzled firemen, looked for the source of the smoke that filled Mrs. Baugher's home, found it up under the eaves. The sparrow had carried a lighted cigaret to its nest.

To prove that sparrows aren't the only offenders, the National Safety Council, in its annual roundup of freak accidents, reports that a pigeon started a fire in a Washington apartment house the same way.

Charles Wilfred Arter, pitboy in a South Yorkshire, England, coal mine, set the year's record for a long-distance fall. He dropped 1554 feet down a shaft, and only broke his leg. In mid-fall he overtook an elevator on its way down, landed on its top with only a slight bump, and rode the rest of the way down in comparative comfort.

Not to be outdone, Yvon Dherire, a Lille, France, tile setter, fell six floors into a baby buggy from which a frantic mother had just snatched her child. Dherire was unhurt. The baby was fascinated. Mama fainted and broke her ankle.

Mrs. Anne McGinnis of Washington, D.C., fell from a fourth-floor fire escape, hit a third-floor clothes line, and flipped through a window into the second-floor bathroom of a startled neighbor.

In Detroit, fireman Horace LeBouf started down a rescue ladder with Mrs. Catherine Markowski when flames from a first-floor window hotly nipped the seat of LeBouf's trousers. He yelled, dropped Mrs. Markowski to the ground, lost his balance, and fell on top of her. Mrs. Markowski was bruised, LeBouf embarrassed.

John Nantico, also of Detroit, spotted a learing giant cockroach, and broke his leg — Nantico's not the cockroach's. He saw the cockroach while walking down stairs, aimed a knockout kick with his right foot, slipped down the stairs, and fractured his right leg.

Leroy Thurman, of Oklahoma City, fell up. He didn't jump fast enough while unpacking compressed bedsprings, was shot up to the ceiling and wound up in a hospital bed.

Miss Georgia Brooks, of Chicago, had an off-again, on-again harrowing ride in a speed boat at Lake Geneva, Wis. When the boat swerved, she fell out. The boat swerved back again, tossed her 10 feet in the air, and neatly caught her on the prow.

A dead deer wreaked vengeance on Clarence Gerkin, of Hudson, Colo., who shot it. Gerkin was preparing to dress the dead deer when a reflex kick by the animal discharged his gun. The bullet ripped through Gerkin's arm.

A hunted quail committed suicide on the gun of Gene Hatfield. Hatfield flushed a covey near Joplin, Mo. One quail flew straight at Hatfield, broke its neck on the gun barrel, and dropped dead at Hatfield's feet.

Bees brought a new trolley song to Earl Armstrong, Cincinnati motorman. They swarmed through the open window of his streetcar. Armstrong batted the bees, his trolley bumped an automobile, which bumped another automobile, which bumped another automobile.

Christine Woodward, 19, was trained as a member of England's Women's Land Army to face bombs, bullets and battle without flinching. Nothing was said about

a mouse. So when one shared the truck she was driving and scampered across her foot, she took the course of least resistance, and fainted. The truck went into a ditch, Miss Woodward went to a hospital, and the mouse presumably went back to walking.

Katsumi Nishitawa and Woodrow Wakatsuki found fisherman's luck can be too much of a good thing. Off Santa Monica, Calif., they caught so many mackerel their overloaded boat sank.

When Mrs. Lee Marksbury of Centralia, Mo., rolled her car over five times, she crawled from the wreckage, took a quick look at what she had lived through, fainted, and cut her eye when she fell.

Even the New Look got into the wacky accident picture. Miss Elinor Jones, pretty Chicago secretary, disregarded her boss' warning that new long skirts were a tripping hazard, sallied out, tripped, fell and cut her face. Then she dutifully reported the accident to her employer.

**RICHTER FAMILIES HAVE
CHRISTMAS DAY REUNION**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Richter was the scene of an enjoyable family reunion on Christmas day when all their children and grandchildren gathered for the occasion. Mrs. Richter, who has been in ill health, was able to be up all day.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Amber Estes and Mr. and Mrs. Cris Jensen and son, Troy, of Wichita Falls; Misses Clara and Kathleen Richter of Dallas; Messrs. and Mmes. Walter Richter and son, Harold Walterscheid and family and Hugo Lutkenhaus and children.

**BAUMHARDT FAMILIES HAVE
REUNION ON CHRISTMAS**

Mrs. Callie Baumhardt and her nine children and all grandchildren gathered in a family reunion on Christmas day evening in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F.G. McClendon in Duvol, Okla.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Baumhardt and children, Mr. and Mrs. Omér Baumhardt, Misses Birta Lou and Margie and Roy Baumhardt, all of this city, Roland Baumhardt of A & M College, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baumhardt and family of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. E.H. McCreary and family of Bur-

burnett, the McClendon family and Mrs. Baumhardt.

**MRS. JIM COOK HOSTESS
AT CHRISTMAS TEA**

Mrs. Jim Cook entertained in her home with a Christmas tea on the afternoon on the 24th for which Mmes. Ray Evans, Tony Gremminger, Maurice Pagel, J.C. Trachta, Opal Jones and Miss Marian Gremminger were guests. The tea table was laid with a lace cloth and was centered with a lovely yule arrangement of berries, greenery and candles. One end of the board held packages for the gift exchange and the other extreme held the tea service. The hostess poured tea from a lovely pottery tea pot which she brought back with her from Canada recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Baumhardt and children were Christmas dinner guests of her parents in Wichita Falls, and went from there to Devol, Okla., to visit his sister in whose home a reunion of the Baumhardt families was held.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman and family spent Friday in Scotland with relatives. They were accompanied as far as Wichita Falls by their son, T.J., and Miss Rose Simmons, who spent Christmas here as their guests.

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The American Way
 By George Peck



PRICE CONTROLS? NO, THANKS!

President Truman has requested the Congress to give him powers to which no Chief Executive is entitled in peace time. He asks Congress to permit him to dig up the OPA from the grave where it lies unlamented, to let it once again stalk the land to regiment the American people. It is true he doesn't call it OPA, but he isn't kidding anyone except himself and the bureaucrats who surround him.

So, the President has a yen to halt the mounting prices of commodities! Who started this thing anyway? Who can forget that it was President Truman who said industry could pay higher wages without raising prices, thereby encouraging the setting off of a deluge of fantastic wage-increase demands.

Then, when the Congress enacted the tax-reduction bill, who was it that vetoed that relief legislation? You will recall it was the President.

There are four things that are principally responsible for the increased cost of living: (1) Gov-

ernmental extravagance. (2) Government subsidies and purchases which it frankly and unashamedly admits are for the purpose of keeping prices up. (3) Government bidding against private bidders for commodities that are in short supply. (4) The greatly increased payrolls of industry encouraged and abetted by the man in the White House.

The highest price, the most inflationary thing we have in this nation today is the cost of government. If the President really wishes to reduce the cost of living, to halt the inflationary spiral, there's the place for him to begin to commence.

Most of the American people cheerfully put up with price controls and rationing while the war was in progress, as a patriotic duty. They won't go along on such a program during peace time. It is unbelievable that the Congress will grant the President the powers for which he has asked, but if it should make that grievous error, we will have the blackest black market this nation or any other nation has ever experienced.

As we look around the world we can see what has happened to countries that have managed economies such as the President proposes to foist upon the United States. One of these countries, England, is slowly waking up to the economic course she has been pursuing. Here labor government is piling controls upon controls in a frenzied effort to alleviate the damage done by the controls it originally put into effect — exactly the same principle as pouring whiskey down the throat of a drunk to sober him up.

Sir Ernest Benn, President of the English Society of Individualists, in a recent message exposed the fallacy of economic controls such as proposed by our Chief Executive. Said Sir Ernest:

"We, of the business community, claim:

"That recent experience has proved the inability of governments to perform our function and satisfy the economic needs of the people.

"That supplies of the means of life, whether from at home or from abroad, are steadily and rapidly diminishing, because governments are not subject to those beneficent economic forces which govern and control the work of individual enterprise.

"We have worked for profit on the terms that we paid the losses, and have thus ensured to the whole of Society the maximum economy.

"Our traditional freedom acted as a spur to effort. Controls shackle all endeavor. Considered in terms of the work and produce of millions of individuals, the difference between freedom and control is more than sufficient to balance our national deficit.

"We claim that the economic freedom upon which our national supremacy was founded, offers the only way out of our present distress.

"We recognize that a return to freedom and competition, must mean, for a time, hardship, confusion and inequalities. It is for the nation to choose between these temporary troubles and permanent destruction by political methods."

Let's hope that the Congress in choosing between temporary troubles and permanent destruction by political methods, will say to the President, "No price control, thanks!"

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Mitchell were her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Cole of Corpus Christi, his father, J.D. Mitchell of Gainesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Lyles of Denton.

Night Clubs Hardest Hit as Nation Feels Pinch of Inflation

Chicago, Ill. — Inflation has made America more critical of its entertainment, a survey showed Wednesday.

Reports from sixteen cities across the nation showed that soaring costs of food, clothing and household necessities has forced American families to keep a more careful check on their entertainment budgets. As a result, attendance at sports and theaters is spotty this year, compared to 1946.

However, the survey disclosed, there have been capacity audiences wherever there has been a display of quality in sports, on the legitimate stage, or on the screen.

Night Clubs Suffer Most.
 Night clubs appeared to have suffered the most. Many of the larger cities polled reported a sharp slump in night club attendance. Several said that attendance at first-run movie houses was down.

The availability of consumer goods competed with amusements for the dollars available, promoters and managers said.

In the East, clubs are in a slump and movie attendance in many cities has dropped as much as 25 per cent. But big sports events drew heavy attendance, with most places reporting little change from last year. The picture was the same in the Middle West, except that sports were drawing slightly larger crowds than last year.

On the West Coast, sports attendance has climbed 15 per cent in some cities over last year but other attendance was down.

City by city reports of attendance this year compared to last year includes:

New York: Night clubs 25 per cent off. Theaters and movies down 25 to 30 per cent. Sports generally unchanged to 5 per cent lower. Competition of purchases of washing machines and similar goods evident in amusement fields.

Movies Down in Capital.
 Washington: Movies down 25 to 30 per cent. Sports down 10 to 25 per cent. Night clubs attendance down 50 per cent in some spots. Concerts down 25 per cent.

Chicago: Movies down 5 per cent. Sports slightly better than last year with professional boxing and basketball making good increases. Legitimate theater up 25 per cent, attributable to better plays and casts. Night clubs generally down.

Los Angeles, Calif.: All sports claimed increases up to 15 per cent, with wrestling promoters reporting an outstanding improvement. Better promotion and competition was credited for the increase. Movies irregularly up and down through the area. Night clubs depressed as much as 50 per cent. Legitimate shows about the same.

Are You A News Story Or Just A Vital Statistic?

Minneapolis, Minn. — The major difference between city and small town life is that in the former you are a statistic, and in the latter, a person. That's the view expressed by Ralph Keller in the current Minnesota Press magazine.

"In the big newspapers, you're born, married, bear children, die — under the listing of impersonal, unemotional 'vital statistics.'"

"But in the hometown newspaper," Keller continues, "every birth, wedding and death is news to be written up in detail and with feeling, to be avidly read by friends and neighbors to whom each individual is a human being — not merely a statistic, noted and forgotten."

Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Shelton of Denton, accompanied by her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Kaiser of Mount Carmel, Ill., visited here on the 24th with Mrs. Shelton's brother, John Wieler, and her sisters, Mmes. Joe Felderhoff and Ervin Hamric.

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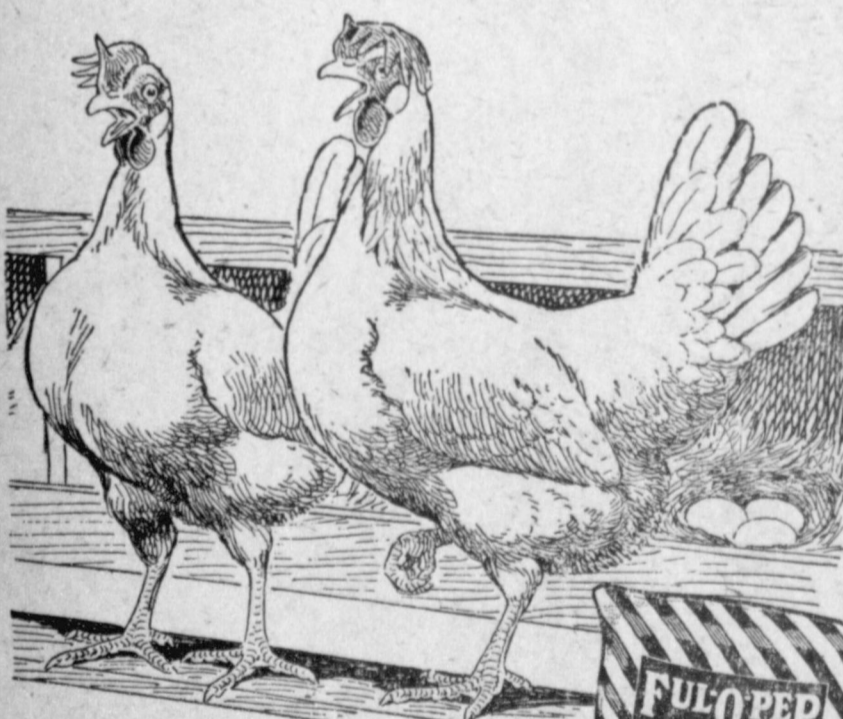
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December 31, 1937

300 barrel producer on Joanson lease by Frost and Kingery is expected to revive oil activity. . . The Sumacs and Coach Burger return from Austin after winning two out of three basket ball games on the combined educational-athletic trip. . . Catherine Swirczynski and Vincent Becker win high school popularity contest. . . John Mosman and Marie Seyler marry Monday. . . Leroy Stelzer and Nell Smith are united Monday. . . Agnes Weinzapfel and P.W. Heilman marry Monday. . . New arrivals this week: a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Tony Felderhoff and sons for Messrs. and Mmes. Meinrad Hesse, Henry Grewing and Eddie Hess.

5 YEARS AGO

January 1, 1943

Food rationing is announced for February. . . Brief illness is fatal to Tommy Endres, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Endres. . . Over 500 hear addresses by Maj. Connely and Sgt. Bud Hoehn in K of C hall. . . Father Schauf of Henrietta dies. . . Alvis Spaeth, Navy, former Lindsay boy, is missing in action. . . Mrs. Wm. Walterscheid is honored on her birthday. . . Dolly Lehnertz entertains friends with a possum hunt.

PARTY AND GIFT SHOWER FOR RECENTLY WED COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. William Insel of Laredo who visited here during the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Kathman, were complimented with an informal party and miscellaneous gift shower in the Kathman home on December 28. Mrs. Insel is the former Miss Georgia Ann Kathman.

Mrs. Kathman was assisted by her daughter, Miss Margie Kathman, in serving refreshments after a social hour of games and visiting.

Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. George Lutkenhaus, Gus Lutkenhaus and children, John Kathman, John Hartman, Tony Hoemis, Harper Insel of Gainesville, Henry Sandmann and daughter of Valley View, Misses Gracie Insel, Gainesville, Pauline Lutkensaus and Anselma Kathman and Max Sandmann of Subiaco, Ark. Gifts were sent by Messrs. and Mmes. Frank Kathman and Charlie Morris who were unable to attend.

WANT ADS

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FOR SALE: 14 ricks dead wood, oak and black jack. Truck can get it three miles west of Freemound. T.E. Morris, Rt. 2, Forestburg. 6-4p.

LOST: Child's white crocheted beanie and red mittens between Sacred Heart school and Emmet Fette's home. Please leave at Enterprise office. 6-1

LOST: Ladies Helbros gold wrist watch, black band. Lost at parish hall Monday night. Mrs. Herman Fette, Muenster.

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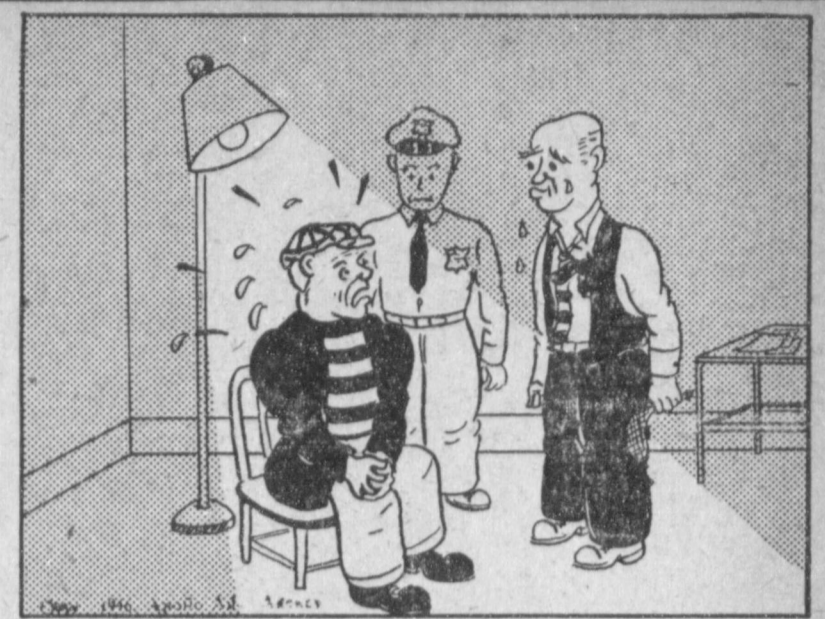
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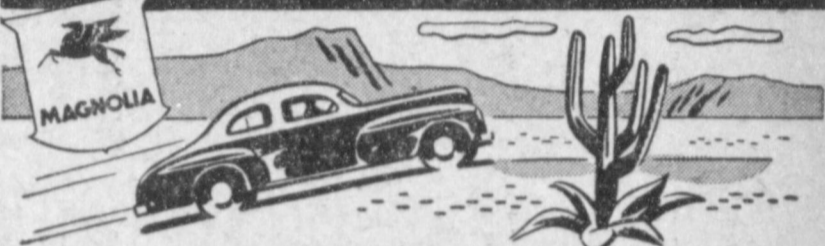
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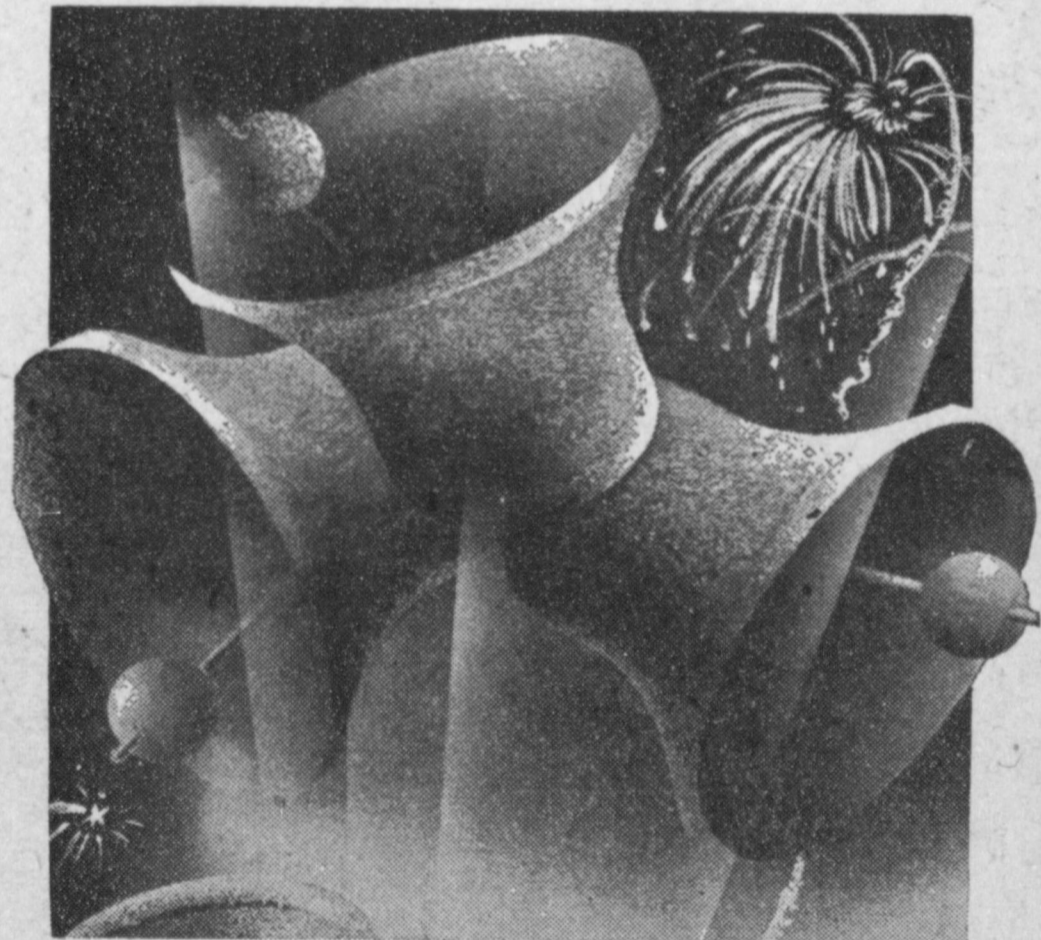
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Lindsay News

Miss Margaret Streng of Fort Worth spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fleitman.

Mrs. Louis Bezner of Hereford visited relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Miss Dorothy Beyer of Fort Worth spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Adam Beyer and family.

Miss Anna Mae Dieter of Fort Worth was home for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Val Dieter.

Hubert Neu of Saint John's Seminary, San Antonio is spending the current holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neu and family.

Ernest Arendt, T-Sergeant stationed at Fort Sill with the army, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arendt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berend of Amarillo spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mages and Mrs. Mary Berend.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoberer of Iowa spent Christmas and New Year holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoberer Sr. and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fuhrmann and daughter of New Braunfels were home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fuhrmann, for a Christmas visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Klein of Emporia, Kansas, are visiting and Mrs. Martin Thelmer and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Fuhrmann. Mrs. Klein is the former Miss Anastasia Fuhrmann.

Mr. and Mrs. James Langston of Amarillo visited during the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Frank Kuhn and family here and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Kuntz at Valley View.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis and children of Lubbock spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fuhrmann and other relatives here and his relatives at Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wiese, Jr., and son, Hal, of Wichita Falls were holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wiese and Mrs. Nick Mosman of Gainesville, and also visited relatives in this city.

Students and faculty at Lindsay school have received announcement that membership in the Texas State Historical Association has been conferred on the school through the courtesy of Mayor J.M. Weinzapfel of Muenster.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Arendt were dinner hosts Sunday at noon honoring her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Knabe of Hereford and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Reiter and family of Muenster.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Block and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Al Gray and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krebs and sons all spent Christmas day in Gainesville with Mr. and Mrs. A. Dulock who had their nine children and their families as guests for the day.

Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Schmitz were Leonard Schmitz and his fiancée, Jennie Hogan, both of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Thelmer and nephew, Billy, of Edmond, Okla.,

and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilde and son of Muenster.

Rev. Conrad Herda, County Superintendent and Mrs. H.H. Moss, Miss Strader and members of the Lindsay school board and their wives were guests of honor at a Christmas dinner given for the pupils of Lindsay school in the school cafeteria on Tuesday before Christmas.

Christmas day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arendt included Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Fette and family of Muenster, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoberer, Jr. and family of Gainesville, T-Sgt. Ernest Arendt of Fort Sill, Okla., Miss Mary Wolf of Gainesville and Buster Herr and Ray Voth of Muenster.

Christmas day guests at the home of Theo Schmitz included Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schmitz of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Schmitz of Gainesville who had just returned from a trip to California, and Messrs. and Mmes. Jake Horn Jr., Eugene Schmitz and Anthony Klement and their families of Muenster.

Pupils of Lindsay school gathered in assembly before recessing for the holidays and enjoyed a program consisting of songs, music, recitations and a playlet after which Santa appeared and distributed gifts. Parties with games and refreshments were also enjoyed by each class. School will reopen on Jan. 5.

Misses Frances and Georgia Spaeth of Dallas spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Spaeth. Other Christmas day guests at the Spaeth home were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kneiper of Gainesville and Messrs. and Mmes. Alois Haverkamp, Wilfred Reiter and Andrew Schoech and their families of Muenster.

ELEVEN RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION AT LINDSAY

A class of eleven little boys and girls made their First Holy Communion in Saint Peter's church on Christmas day.

The communicants are Leon Fuhrmann, Herbert Hundt, David Lutkenhaus, Melvin Voth, Nelda Hellinger, Rosemary Hess, Jane Frances Kubis, Linda Lou Kuhn, Betty Rose Kupper, Anna Doris Neu and Cecilia Neu.

KITCHEN SHOWER, PROGRAM HONORS LINDSAY SISTERS

The Mothers Society of Lindsay sponsored a kitchen shower and a Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 21, honoring the Sisters of Lindsay school. Mrs. Jake Bezner, president of the society, addressed the assemblage and Mrs. Tony Hermes sang a Christmas hymn as a solo during which little Mark Hermes, Patsy and Judy Devers formed a tableau at the crib. Mrs. Wm. Fleitman provided the music at the piano.

Gifts were presented to Pastor Father Conrad and to the Sisters after which carols and hymns were sung by the assemblage. Informal diversion and visiting were enjoyed and before departing the group visited the convent to see the venetian blinds and new desks for the teachers which were presented recently by the society. The desks were made by Frank Mages.

Mississippi is another state having a name of Indian origin. Mississippi means "great water."

EBERHART-SICKING RITES SET FOR JANUARY 6

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eberhart have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Eberhart, to Raymond Sicking, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sicking. The wedding date is set for January 6 and the ceremony will be solemnized here in Sacred Heart church.

A number of pre-nuptial parties are honoring the bride-elect.

Confetti---

at least, we have to depend on legislation, we still have reason to look optimistically toward '48. Many improvements have been made in '47. Even though we're doing it the hard way we are gradually getting back in line.

Speaking on inflation a couple of weeks ago a Dallas economist predicted that the 25 cent dollar isn't far off — if inflation isn't checked soon. Comparing with 1939, he said the present value of the dollar is 45 cents. All of which is bitter news indeed to the fellows who have some of the '39 money put aside in insurance, bonds or cash. Assuming that the inflation can be checked and the money will hold its value from now on, let's see how this works out. A man bought a \$100 bond for \$75. At maturity the \$100 he gets in interest and principal will

still be worth \$30 less than the original investment. A disappointing let-down as a reward for patriotism and sacrifice.

Ironically, the little fellows are the ones who have to absorb most of their loss. Rich people and large corporations had most of their money tied up in property that increased correspondingly in value. All this in spite of the Administration's touching solicitude for the little fellow. Remember?

Confident that America has enough sense to profit by its mistakes and put an end to its economic shenanigans, Con still looks optimistically toward 1948. May it bring us happier and better times.

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