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And A New Year Begins . . .

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FOLKS

—Ted Dotts

We people are an amazing lot. At every turn in life we do and say things which hurt one another. Indeed, if one were to add up all the hurtful things he or she had experienced in the past few weeks, one might say, "Life is bad. People are bad and will do you in if they get the chance."

And yet, in spite of the fact that we think this about each other, there is a small spark that beats within our hearts which does not let us fully believe it. This is what faith is all about, namely, to see and to experience a bad thing and then to say, "I still am going to live as if things were good." A great statement of faith is found in I Kings 6:16 when Elisha calms his frightened servant as they are surrounded by their enemies:

Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

Each time we face a harsh situation in which there does not seem to be any good, it is a comfort to remember these words of faith from Elisha. Just this past Saturday I was in Amarillo at a hospital there. Needing some information I approached the desk and questioned the lady on duty. She gave me a very nasty look and responded to my question in a most harsh manner. All I asked was for the name of the doctor of my parishoner. But I did not have to be afraid of this woman or did I have to fear that she and her kind would be in the majority. As Christians our faith is that God is in the land of the living. We can repeat with the Twenty-Seventh Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Not only do Christians believe, have faith in, that goodness is greater than evil, but Christians also believe, trust, have faith in, that goodness can triumph over evil. For instance, the woman who treated me harshly is just as much a vessel of God as I am if not more so. She also can and will be the instrument through which God's goodness will be known in the land of the living. This is the faith of a Christian, goodness is greater than evil, or as Elisha puts it, "... they that are with us are more than they that are against us."

We are people who sin as we hurt one another. We are people who stand forgiven by a God of love. We are a sinful people who may, in spite of our sin, be the instruments by which the goodness of God may be made known.

CHRISTMAS VISITOR

Visiting in the home of the Winfield Fry's over Christmas was Mr. O. K. Powell of Springfield, Missouri.

On Christmas Eve they all went to Rogers, New Mexico where they visited the Powell homestead place.

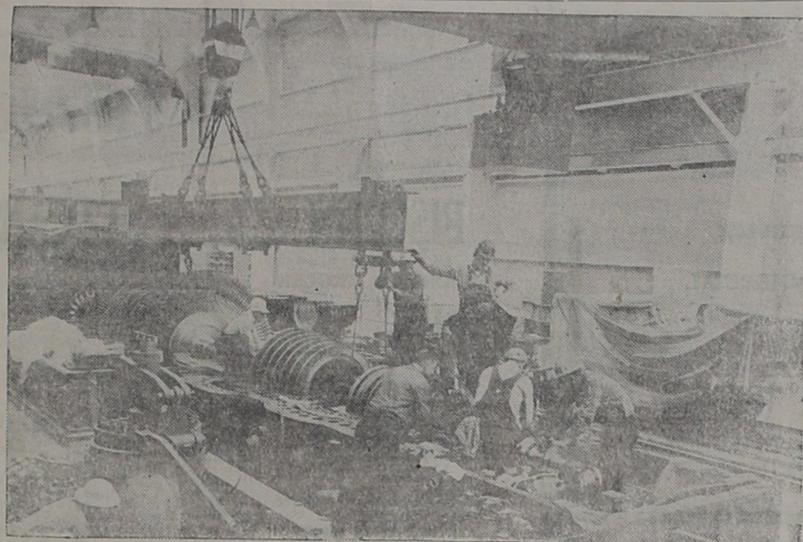
Mr. Powell's folks home steaded there in 1907. The place has remained in the Powell family since that time.

On December 5, this year, Mrs. H. J. Powell, Mrs. Fry's grandmother, passed away in Riverside, California where she had lived for the past seven years.

Mr. Powell attended to some business while in Rogers, New Mexico.

Mr. Powell is the father of Mrs. Jane Fry and it had been ten years since they had spent Christmas together.

He left December 26th for California.



One of the major investments in the 1965 construction program of the Southwestern Public Service Company is a new 210,000 kilowatt generator, which is now being installed at Cunning-

ham Station, west of Hobbs, New Mexico. The new unit, pictured under construction, is scheduled to be in service in mid-1965. Southwestern Public Service Company's 1965 improvement program

calls for an investment of \$24,607,000 in new equipment, second largest construction budget in the company's history.

HOME OVER HOLIDAYS

J. W. Cook, who is employed in Dallas, spent the holidays with his family.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Guests for Christmas in the home of Mrs. Virgil Wright and family were her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis of Odessa.

VISITS PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. John Ream and family were in Hurlwood Christmas night where they visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ream.

SON VISITS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stephen and Hershel Lynn of Dallas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson for the Christmas holidays.

IN OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robertson, John and Joe enjoyed Christmas in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Roberson, Val and Tanya at Blackwell, Oklahoma.

WEEKEND VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dean of Winnebago, Illinois visited over the weekend with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris.

CONDITION UNIMPROVED

Latest reports from J. W. Berry state that his condition remains about the same. The Berrys are residing at Ray's Hospitality Home in Lubbock.

VISITING HERE

Barbara Varner of Sundown is visiting this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kulms.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Barbara Gaut of Pampa spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ream and family.

Also present for Christmas dinner in the Ream home were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gaut, Barbara, Tommy and Annette of Pampa, her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gillit, Butch and Danny of Lubbock, and her father, Mr. Melvin Gillit of Wolfforth.

VISIT IN VERNON

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Abston and Cathy were in Vernon over the Christmas holidays where they visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lawson, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Abston.

VISITS DAUGHTER

Mrs. Carl Allen spent Christmas Day in Levelland with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Percy and family.

VISIT HERE SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield, Linda, Debbie and Terry of Smyer visited Sunday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayfield, and also in the B. J. Thomas home.

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VISIT IN LITTLEFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen and family spent Christmas Day in Littlefield with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Streety.

As you read this issue of the Plainsman, it will be the Eve of the New Year, or perhaps New Year's Day. Our hopes for 1965 are high, and we are looking forward to the association of old friends, and the meeting of new ones.

No one knows just what the next twelve months will bring. We are not supposed to know.

As we are writing this article, and look out the window, the sand is blowing, and the trees are bare, but we know the time will come when they will have a new coat of the greenest leaves, life will begin again for them in the new Spring.

The few remaining days of 1964 will pass quickly, and the cycle of the four seasons will go on.

Our New Year begins in the dead of winter, the fourth of the seasons. This is the season when much moisture is hoped for, as the crop is gathered and the land has been laid by to absorb all the water it can. We look forward to heavy snows, rains and cold temperatures to kill the remaining germs in the atmosphere. For the air to be washed clean by falling weather, and to prepare for the next season.

Spring is planting time, the earth freshly turned and the seeds covered to sprout, and grow into life giving crops of our rural area. The season of flashing displays of lightning, and the heavens to roar with claps of thunder. When every living thing begins to bud and turn green with promises of a bumper crop.

We also look forward to the next season, Summer, with its heat, and still days, the school vacation and family vacations. When each growing thing reaches its peak and stands in wondrous beauty before the first frost of the year.

Then Fall is here, and the crops are gathered, the harvest goes into full swing. The hum of the cotton gins is a pleasant sound. The grain is reaped, and either stored or shipped off in railroad cars or trucks.

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BEST SOME THOUGHTS—

"Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes, it brings good cheer" — now who said that, we don't remember, but they were right.

We had two Saturdays, and three Sundays this past week, all filled with candy, fruit, nuts, presents and kids, so who needs a sock?

Well, the "ho, ho, ho" season is now past, and the "I resolve" season is beginning. Oh boy.

We get to start all over again. However, this season doesn't last long either, and neither do most resolutions.

In 1965, we resolve to print 52 issues of the Plainsman, now that is a sure fire resolution, really, there's no way out of it. So we have found it safer to make resolutions that are not easily broken.

Once there was a man who resolved to quit drinking, he lasted until early March of the new year, then he gave in and his wife went out to find him. Entering the bar where he was sitting, she picked up his glass and took a drink, and said, "How in the world do you stand this stuff?" Being a quick thinking man, he replied, "Un-huh, and you thought I was enjoying myself!"

That wasn't original, but then, there aren't very many things that are original anymore. We give our brother credit for that one.

Have you ever wondered what happened to the old year, and where it went. The only thing we have ever seen to explain it is an elderly, bent gentleman hobbling off, and a new babe walking in.

The new year has an expression of hope, youth and innocence, while the old year looks as if he has found out that the human race is impossible. He looks beat.

The new year is not partial
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Last Rites Held Saturday For Gracie Riojas Kincaid The Great Reaper Takes The Young As Well As The Old

—by Troy Morris
As I sit with the typewriter in front of me I am at a loss for words to express how I feel—indeed, my heart is heavy and my eyes filled with unshed tears.

This morning I learned Gracie Riojas Kincaid had passed away at a hospital in Amarillo, and as this message saddens me I think of the lines which Whittier wrote:

And, so beside the silent sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me,
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift

There fronded palms in air
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

And, even as the boat, with its muffled oars grates on the sandy shore God, in His infinite mercy, took care of this young woman we have known so long.

As I think back over the years I remember well the first time I saw her—standing on the porch of her father's

dry goods store, laughing, and talking to her brother, Richard. From that time on we knew her and her brothers and sister well—we consider the family our friends, and in this dark hour, when the Grim Reaper has walked into the home and cut down in her prime this lovely and accomplished flower, our tears mingle with those who weep, and we sorrow with those who sorrow.

Gracie was twenty-four years of age at the time of her death, and had been married only a short time. She was a graduate of the Ropes High School and of Texas Tech. When taken ill she was dietician in a hospital at Amarillo.

Behind the cloud the starlight lurks,
Through the showers the sunbeam falls;
For God who loveth all His works,
Has left His hope with all.

In hours such as these is it not to man we turn, but God, put our faith in the Lowly Nazarene whose foot prints

were left on the sands of Galilee, for as we stand before the open grave and know that it will soon entomb a loved one there is no one else left with whom we can seek solace, and there is solace there, for the Book of Books tells us, of dust we are and that dust returns to the earth and the spirit to the God who gave it.

We have heard the grave compared to a garden gate—when death strikes the spirit steps through the gate and is in eternity—eternal life with out pain, but living in the glory of God, who said, "Come unto me all ye who are weary and I will give you rest."

To know how others sorrow you must have had sorrow yourself—in the events with which a newspaper man deals he sometimes becomes callous, but there are times when this crust is penetrated and in this case we feel almost as if one of our own family had been claimed—soon there will be only a mound of flower covered

earth to mark the resting place of a keen mind, a devoted wife, a loving daughter and a kind sister, for the Eboned Winged Angel has come and gone—God has claimed His own, for Gracie was a devout Christian, and while her life was only of short duration she lived in such a way that only death of those who knew her will wipe it out.

But now, it is God's will be done, and we remark "what ever is, is for the best." Life is arranged that way—and we do know Gracie now dwells in a land better than ours—in the presence of the Great Godhead; in the presence of our saviour, Jesus Christ, who died that we might be saved.

The record has been closed one player has stepped from the stage on which the drama of life is played—just another who will await us on the celestial shore of that Great Beyond into a land from which no traveler ever returns—to rest under the shade of the trees and hear

the voices of angels raised in songs of praise, for Christ said unto the thief on the cross, "Surely, this day shalt thou be in paradise with me."

Gracie is gone, but with un faltering trust, approached her grave as one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

Services for Graciela Amelia Kincaid were held at 10 a. m. Saturday in Amarillo at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Monsignor Francis Smeyer officiating.

Graveside services were at 4 p. m. Saturday in Ropesville Cemetery with Father James Daley officiating.

Survivors include the husband, Ernest Kincaid of Amarillo; father, Rafael Riojas, Ropesville; two brothers, Ralph Riojas, Amarillo and Richard Riojas of San Antonio; a sister, Mrs. Rosa Cordell of Huntsville, Alabama.

THE NEW YEAR
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It is then Winter again, and each season connects with the one before and then moves smoothly into the next. Then another new year will begin.

And, we are right back where we started.

JEST SOME THOUGHTS—
From Page 1

He brings a birthday to each and everyone -- now that's what we call equality. Some just get theirs before others.

First you are too young for certain things then you are suddenly too old for all things -- this is the story of mankind, too bad for the men, they haven't learned the art of counting backwards like the women.

A small town is the place where you can't hide your age because there is always someone there the same age as you, who doesn't have the kindness to forget it.

What do you suppose 1965 holds for you--if some of us knew we would probably prefer to stay in 1964.

We are looking forward to a better and, we hope, longer year. We will wash our clothes with cheer, eat twink-

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That sounds like a good enough beginning, so we will quit while we are ahead. By the way, Happy New Year to all our readers.

VISIT BROTHER SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. John Ream and family enjoyed supper Saturday night at Wolfforth in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gillit.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gaut and family of Pampa, Melvin Gillit of Wolfforth, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gillit, Tracy and Leshe of Lubbock.

IN AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayfield spent Christmas in Amarillo with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morehead and family; and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boles and family.

Milton, Donna and Denise returned home with the Mayfields for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield and family of Snyder also spent Christmas in Amarillo.

IS IMPROVED

Jim Gotcher, who was returned home December 24th from the hospital, is reported to be improved.

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Sunday visitors were Mrs. Mavis Jones of Dickens and Mrs. Truman of Floydada, mother and aunt of Mrs. Billy Kulms.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Guests for Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monty McGuire were Mr. John Daves and sons of Corpus Christi.

Also visiting the McGuires is her mother, Mrs. A. G. Daves.

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LAST RITES FOR

MRS. DELOYD ROBERSON
Last rites were held Saturday, December 26 for Mrs. Deloyd Roberson, 45, at the First Baptist Church in Vernon. Interment was in East View Cemetery, Vernon.

Mrs. Roberson passed away December 23 after a lengthy illness.

She was a sister in law of J. H. Roberson, Lockettville.

Attending the funeral from Ropes was Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberson, Charles, John and Joe.

While in Vernon they also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Abston.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thomas and family were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitfield, Barbara and Steve of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morris, Donna, Kathy and Larry of Houston, Lela Shanklin, Wesley, Troy, Roy and Stanley from Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Prince of Fort Worth.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cole and family the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Cole at Sanger, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cearley at Denton.

Debbie and Janet stayed at Denton for a visit with their grandparents.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Visitors Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gotcher were their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gotcher and Floyd of Kingland, and Garth Gotcher and son, Dennis Ray of Floydada. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sims of Ropes.

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CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Guests for Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Abney were her sister, Mrs. Eva Cox of Lincoln, Nebraska and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Mundell Shipp, Patti and Randy of Lubbock.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Arnwine and family visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Arnwine, and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Wiley at Levelland Christmas Day.

VISIT IN LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jimison spent Christmas in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin LeBreton and family of Lubbock. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rice and family of Ropes.

VISIT HERE TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boles of Amarillo were here Tuesday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayfield. Their children, Milton, Donna and Denise who had been visiting here returned home with them.

IN TULIA

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Server spent Christmas in Tulia in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Staltenburg.

ON SICK LIST

Mrs. Jim Gotcher has been on the sick list this past week.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. D. E. Strickland returned home Sunday after spending the Christmas holidays in Hobbs, New Mexico in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whittle.

Aunt Betty Moore and children brought Mrs. Strickland home and spent the night.

Sunday dinner guests were her son Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Strickland and family from Brownfield.

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