

WEST WIND

The present school upheaval is like the eruption of a dormant volcano in which an age-old accumulation of forces from down underneath reach the surface with a terrific explosion. The components of those forces are easily analyzed but to do so it is first necessary to explore the historical background.

Shortly after the turn of the century, a hardy tribe of pioneering people settled in the area just north and east of the present school site. Doubtless, their existence was a lonely venture, but it was they who organized, located and built the school where it is today, and this WAS the logical point for a school, we agree, at that time. Their entire community life centered around it. It was THEIRS and under the influence of strong sentimental ties, they administered its affairs free from any interference.

About a quarter century ago, the Earth area began to be populated with another clan of hardy people — farmers, traders, merchants — who in the main migrated from Oklahoma and the great mid-west. Their industrious efforts soon produced the town of Earth in the same district of the original school. That represented progress and development.

Apparently, the two pioneering elements blended in all their activities except in the school. From subsequent events, it seems that the appearance of this tribe and town on the historical scene began to pose an imaginary threat to the existence of the school years before such threat actually existed. Friction of one sort or another has continuously marred peaceful co-existence in school affairs.

I think I am correct when I say that the reactionary and defensive attitude of the originators and their various dominated boards has brought down upon THEM the responsibility for the insurmountable stone wall that divides the two factions. Add to this the unparalleled climax of more recent, disgraceful, tax paid court raids against the constitutional rights of their own co-taxpayers and patrons and you will have the nauseating and undisputed proof of my accusations and the deadlock we now face.

At a time when this issue could have been settled peaceably, we begged the present board to consider our needs, and we have been favorable to compromise at every turn — only to be ignored over and over. We are no longer begging for anything. We are not seeking compromise.

It is obvious that the present board has very unwisely chosen to jet-propel their building program through at any cost but we take the position that a victory won by either side under such conditions would be fatal to the existence of the school.

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" What possible advantage could there be to either side to win \$400,000.00 worth of buildings and lose the most priceless possession of all — the community cooperative spirit? The defeated side could never again be reconciled. The unholy feud which has endured these many years would only be intensified and inflamed.

The extreme gravity of this problem increases by the hour. What is the answer? It is simplicity itself! Every mother with two healthy kids has settled a similar problem innumerable times. When the brats start a fight over one lonely piece of pie or cake, she simply divides the cut in two and both are satisfied.

The remedy for our situation is just that simple. An election victory would give us what we want — OUR OWN SCHOOL! Each day it becomes more certain that there is no other means of getting out of the present mess. I surrender here we are doomed to 25 years more of silly bickerings. Why not take the courageous step and abandon this perpetual dog fight.

For the benefit of those who do not understand what we mean by dissolving or abolishing the district, we'll explain briefly. An election is called to decide whether or not the district shall be abolished. If such election carries, the County School Board becomes the receiver or liquidator for the abolished district. In that capacity they define the boundaries of the new districts set up to replace the abolished district and prorate the assets (money and property) of the abolished district to the newly organized ones.

Out of the multiple advantages of this plan, one in particular should appeal to a large majority of voters, namely, the fate

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SPRINGLAKE TEXAS

HUNDREDS ENJOY SANTA'S VISIT TO CITY OF EARTH

Question - Answer Program Set

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE NEW SOCIAL SECURITY LAW?

This and many other subjects about Social Security will be discussed in a question and answer program at a series of meetings being held in Lamb County during the month of January, with representatives from the Social Security office in Lubbock doing the answering.

The first in this series will be a meeting in Spade school house, Monday January 3rd at 7 p. m. This meeting will be sponsored by the Spade Farm Bureau.

The next meeting will be held in the First National Bank, Community Room, in Sudan sponsored by the Sudan Farm Bureau.

Further meeting will be announced next week. The public is invited to attend all of these meetings and take part in the question and answer period.

Firemen's Wives Enjoy Meeting

Ten ladies were present for the Firemen's Wives meeting in the home of Mrs. Harold Brittain last Tuesday evening.

After gifts were exchanged and secret pals were revealed, refreshments of assorted Christmas cookies, hot spiced cider and coffee were served to the following Mesdames: Harold Miller, Keith Chastain, W. E. Anderson, Jack Hadaway, Ray Glasscock, Bill Kisinger, Lester Hammons, Jerry Kelley, Carl Jones, Rex Angeley and the hostess.

Funeral Service Held Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Cotton Center for Ed Wesley, grandson of J. W. Barrett, formerly of Earth. Wesley, 14, died Christmas day in a Littlefield Hospital. He had been an invalid for several years. He was a cousin of Mrs. C. G. Jaquess of Earth.

of \$200,000.00 allocated to "playhouses" (1,200 seat auditorium and 1,100 seat Gymnasium) under present plans. By dividing the district, that \$200,000.00, or certainly a more reasonable portion of it, will be spent on classrooms to serve our alarming scholastic growth.

To accomplish the ends sought, it may be expected that an election to abolish Springlake Independent School District will be called at any time. In this connection we cannot over-emphasize the importance of procuring your poll tax receipt at the earliest possible date in order to be qualified to vote.

In this election, legal residence and a poll tax receipt makes you a qualified voter. Nothing else is required. Poll tax may be paid at the City Hall in Earth or to County Tax Collector in Littlefield.

Without any personal animosity towards anyone, we are convinced that we are pursuing the only logical course open to us to settle a bitterly contested issue. We have resorted to this means as a last resort hoping that the opposition would see and realize the hopelessness of settling the issue by their methods. No, we do not aspire to become the dog that wags the tail; we're just tired of being the dog the tail has been wagging for too long.

Henry and Don Randolph attended to business in Clovis, N. M. Monday.

A crowd of hundreds gathered in the streets of Earth last Wednesday afternoon to be present for the visit of "Jolly Ole" Saint Nicholas.

The old gentleman arrived about 3:30 p. m. on the City fire truck and after making the "main drag" the truck was parked on East First Street where Santa passed out sacks of fruit, candy, and nuts to over five hundred children.

Santa made personal appearances in many of the area homes throughout the Christmas week and appointed the members of the Earth Lions Club as his helpers to deliver baskets of food to several needy families.

And with a "ho, ho, ho," and a "ha, ha, ha," he made his exit as he bade everyone a "Merry Christmas and Goodbye Until Next Year".

GUESTS IN WINDERS HOME

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Winders on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winders, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Layman, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Winders, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Winders, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stephens, all of Earth; Mrs. Marge Awtry of Wichita, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Winders of Clovis, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Winders and family of Clayton, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Duke of near Sunny-side and Mr. and Mrs. Dent Bradley and family of near Big Square Community.

HOST TO XMAS LUNCHEON

The J. W. Kelley's were hosts to a Christmas day luncheon. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Danforth of California, Mrs. Jerry Angley and Tommie of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Devenport of Ardmore, Okla.

Jacee Installation Set January 24

Buddy Adrian presided at the regular Monday meeting of the Earth Jaycees in the absence of president Bill Kisinger.

The club voted to hold its installation of officers Monday, January 24. The evening will begin with a banquet at the school cafeteria with the regular catering staff preparing the meal. A dinner in the Legion Hall will be held immediately following the banquet with the music provided by the Bernie Howell Trio of Lubbock.

Adrian will act as Master of Ceremonies throughout the evening.

NOTICE!

All Firemen and their wives are invited to a dinner at the Earth Community Hall tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p. m.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS IN QUANNAH

Spending the Christmas holidays in Quanah were Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Hair and Yvonne, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Hair and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pete O'Hair and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Woodson and Janie of Farwell.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Anderson Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Robnett and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson and family.

Lem Kelso visited in the home of Mrs. C. V. Terry Sunday evening. Kelso, who is a pilot for an oil company is now stationed at Austin, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wood spent last week end visiting relatives in Wellington.



Miss Blanche Sue Welch

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Welch of Earth are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bennie Sue, to Bobby Free, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Free of Muleshoe.

Vows will be exchanged in Earth First Methodist Church on Sunday, February 20, at 4 p. m. with Rev. Hugh F. Blaylock, pastor of First Methodist Church in Anton, performing the double-ring ceremony.

Miss Welch is a graduate of Springlake High School with the class of 1953. She attended Texas Technological College in Lubbock for two years. Free is a 1950 graduate of Springlake High School and has served with the U. S. Navy for four years. He is now engaged in farming near Muleshoe.

The public is invited to attend the wedding and reception.

Bill Bearden

Suffers Attack

Bill Bearden of near Olton was admitted to the Olton Hospital early last week and later transferred to a Lubbock Hospital after suffering from a heart attack at his home.

Bearden, formerly of Springlake, is reported to be some better.

LEONARD GILMORE VISITS PARENTS

Leonard Gilmore is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gilmore. Gilmore, who is stationed with the U. S. Army in Denver, Colo., will return there January 3.

GUESTS IN GILMORE HOME

Guests in the H. J. Gilmore home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jackson and family of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Ferguson of Roaring Springs, Tex.

LUNCHEON GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. White Griffiths were luncheon guests in the Willard home Christmas day.

After lunch they attended a Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration of the Hugh Griffiths in Lockney.

LUNCHEON GUESTS

Luncheon guests in the Bill Morris home Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hodge and girls and Mrs. Ruby Hodge of Hale Center.

SPENT CHRISTMAS WITH MOTHER IN MATADOR

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Starkey and girls spent the Christmas holidays in Matador where they visited with her mother, Mrs. Strickland.

Luncheon guests in the home of Mrs. C. W. Terry Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Green and Terry, Mrs. Zou Wilson and Mrs. Marie Bock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wood spent last week end visiting relatives in Wellington.

JIM MARTIN SUFFERS SEVERE INJURIES IN SAT. CAR ACCIDENT

SNOW COVERS WIDE AREA

The "White Christmas" for this area was slightly delayed but when residents awakened Tuesday morning a thick blanket of snow had beautifully covered the whole countryside piling approximately three inches of snow upon roof tops and evergreen branches, quickly decorating every home, street corner, and lawn on the South Plains.

However, a 20-30 mile gale soon turned the beauty into a small blizzard causing much drifting snow.

Traveling in the area was hazardous and somewhat slowed down as the below freezing temperature continued until Wednesday.

DON DAVIS' RETURN TO DUTY

Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis left early Monday morning after a short visit with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley.

Davis, who is in the U. S. Navy is to report to New Port, Rhode Island, January 1, for eight weeks of training and then will return to Norfolk, Va., where he has been stationed for the past four months.

FREE SHOW SET NEW YEAR EVE

Ted Borum, owner of the Earth Theatres has announced that a special Free show will be shown at the Earth Theatre New Years Eve beginning at 11:00 p. m. In addition to the show, "Sun Valley Serenade", free popcorn will be given to everyone.

Borum stated that this entertainment was in appreciation for the patronage which he has received during the year 1954.

SATURDAY GUESTS WITH CLAYTON

Saturday luncheon guests in the E. C. Clayton home were Mr. and Mrs. Cletis Clayton and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Sigman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cody and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goodwin and son, Mrs. E. L. Cody, Henry Cody, and Mrs. M. E. Cody.

SATURDAY NIGHT GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Roberts and sons, Will J. and Don of Sweetwater were Saturday night guests in the M. E. Kelley home.

VISITING IN HOBBS

The Rev. Cecil Meadows and family are visiting in Hobbs, N. M., with her mother, Mrs. Adams.

GUESTS IN JAQUESS HOME

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Giles and family of Haggaman, N. M., were visitors in the Travis Jaquess home early this week.

SPEND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Devenport of Ardmore, Oklahoma spent the Christmas holidays with relatives here in Earth.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Guests in the L. W. Jaquess home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jaquess and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jaquess and family all of Littlefield.

Visitors in the R. W. Kimbell home last week end were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge of Hollis, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Melani of El Paso spent last week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ellis.

Youngsters Enjoy Christmas Party

Earth Community Center was the scene of a Christmas party last Wednesday afternoon. Miss Dianne Hodge and L. Ardis acting as co-hostesses.

The tables were decorated with Santa's made from apples, two large cakes which were decorated with Christmas scene. The group drew names and changed presents after which game "Musical Chairs" was played.

Cocoa and cake were served to Donna and Debbie Atkinson, Melody and Dianne Brock, Dora Ardis, Annette Hodge, L. Kay and Vicki Lynn Talbee, and Lulu McBride, and Debbie Barton, Pat Ingler, Barbara Moore, Buddy Innet, Bobby Coker, Mrs. Donkinson, Mrs. Ross J. Brock, Ruby Ardis, Mrs. Billy H. Ho and the hostesses.

CLARK, RUST VOWS READ

Miss Lois Rust became bride of Ed Clark in a public ceremony last Thursday evening December 23, at 7:30 p. m. in First Baptist Church in Phil Texas.

The bride is a daughter of and Mrs. Richard J. Rust of Phillips and the bridegroom a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark, Sr. Dallas.

A reception was held in church dining room immediately following the ceremony. Clark is music director at local Baptist Church, he Mrs. Clark are both students Wayland College in Plainview.

GUESTS IN BELEW HOME

Guests in the R. H. Belew home for the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Odis Baker family of El Paso, Texas; and Mrs. Scott Kirkpatrick family of Alamogordo, N. M. Mr. and Mrs. Finis Kirkpatrick of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phifer and Panda of Home and Mrs. Cecil Adam Estelne.

VISITING IN HALE CENTER

Visiting the Jack Brown Hale Center Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brown, Kathy.

SPEND HOLIDAYS IN JAQUESS HOME

Miss Lou Hall of Tulsa, Okla. spent the Christmas days in the home of her sister and family, the Curtis Jaquess.

CHRISTMAS WITH PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sterling family of Brownfield spent Christmas holidays with parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Barton.

WEEK END IN OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Use and Linda Pat spent last weekend in Eric, Okla. where they visited relatives.

RETURNED HOME SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Barton family returned Sunday evening from Ft. Worth after spending the Christmas holidays with parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Halsey Barta Jo have been visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. John Welch spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rhea, in Seaboard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Welch of Earth spent the Christmas holidays here in the home of Mrs. and Pody Welch home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Anglin spent the Christmas holidays in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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- Junior Chamber of Commerce-Monday noon
- Rebekah Lodge- Each Thursday night
- I.O.O.F. Lodge Each Monday night
- Rainbow For Girls - First and third Monday nights.
- Eastern Star - Second and fourth Monday nights
- Masonic Lodge - Second Thursday nights
- V. M. S. Each Tuesday at 3 p. m. (Baptist) Auxiliaries - Tuesday at 4 p. m.
- W. S. C. S. Each Monday at 2:30 p. m.
- Wesleyan Service Guild Second and fourth Tuesday nights
- Methodist Men's Organization - First and third Tuesday nights
- Baptist Brotherhood - First and third Tuesday nites.
- Good Earth Garden Club - First and third Tuesday nights
- Town and Country Study Club - Second and fourth Thursday nights
- Farm Bureau - Second Tuesday nights
- Farmer's Union - Each second Tuesday night.
- P-TA - Each third Thursday at 4 p. m.
- Girl Scouts - Each Thursday at 4:30 p. m.
- Brownie Scouts - Troops 23 & 24 - Each Thursday at 4:30 except third Thursday
- American Legion - First and third Thursday nights.
- Earth Woodman Circle Group 2275 - Each third Tuesday at 4:30 p. m.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Braden spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Braden in Quinton, Okla.
 Sunday afternoon guests in the E. C. Clayton home were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Monroe of Harts Camp and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clayton of Springlake.
 Billy Braden spent the Christmas holidays in Mission, Texas.

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CHRISTMAS WITH PARENTS

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The Bill Stephens and the Ernest Stephens visited in Carlsbad, N. M. Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thompson and sons, Billy, Dennis, and Neil of Amarillo spent the Christmas holidays in the E. R. Hawkins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Cearley and sons, Jon and Joe, of Lovington, N. M., spent the Christmas holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hickman spent the Christmas holidays visiting in Chickasha, Okla.

The J. H. Mullis family spent Christmas day in Edmondson, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Brockett spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family, the Elvis Hestands, in Portales, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Campbell returned Monday from a few days' visit in Tulsa, Okla.

Master Sgt. and Mrs. John P. Faith and Greg of Wichita Falls are visiting in the Gene Brown home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brown and Kathy spent Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. Laura K. Fulfer.

brother who had been ill there for some time.

Auburn Stewers left Sunday to return to Honduras in Central America, after a two weeks visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jaquess.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Duvall of Bryson, Texas, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Green and Terry spent Sunday in Brownfield with the Charlie Green family.

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