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Here and There

By J. Troy Hickman

DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY LAW

Months ago the Texas legislature passed an act requiring drivers or owners of cars to have resources sufficient to care of damage or injury against them in certain circumstances of an accident involving another person or vehicle. The circumstances of some owners and drivers is such they do not have to do anything further to meet the requirements of the new law, which is known as The Driver Responsibility Law. Many others have satisfied the demands of the new law by getting some insurance. Still others continue operating their cars without having met the demands of the new act. All will be well until the latter involved in an accident. Then they will have to provide the security required by the law, or be deprived of their driver license for a period of time.

At least two cases suits have been filed in protest of the enactment of this law, both raising questions of constitutionality. One such case has already been decided by a Circuit Court of Appeals. This court held the act to be unconstitutional, but the State Supreme Court has still to announce its decision.

In another case it is reported to have been filed in San Angelo by a driver who had been deprived of his driver and car papers because of alleged failure to comply with the Driver Responsibility law. Although his suit raises several questions, the main one is whether the law is a violation of the Constitutional provision which says a citizen cannot be deprived of certain rights and properties without "by due process of law."

It would be hard to guess that the act would be declared constitutional by both the state and federal courts. We understand that 17 states had similar acts in force, in some instances for several years. Only the legislators and attorneys of the states concerned must have carefully considered the constitutional angle before the acts were passed.

When a man's rights end where his fellow's rights begin. No one has any right, the exercise of which would deprive another of his right. This nice balance between the right of an individual and the rights of the group is a difficult thing to find and keep. But that is the function of the law.

One's attitude toward the Driver Responsibility Law would probably depend on how it applied to him at the time. If it cost him considerable money or inconvenience, he would doubtless think he was against it. On the other hand, if he happened to become the helpless victim of another's mistake on the highway, he would not believe the law to be mighty thing.

4-H Club Sponsors County-Wide Rat Killing Campaign

Warfarin Bait Made Available Here at Low Cost

The Crockett County 4-H Club will sponsor a Rat Control program in Crockett county during the rest of 1952 and January of 1953.

The 4-H Club has purchased Warfarin Rat Bait from the Rodent Control Service in cooperation with Texas A&M College for distribution to those having rats and mice on their premises. The bait has been put into one, two and four pound packages and sells for twenty-five cents per pound. This is considerably below retail cost and is made available at this low cost for county-wide clean-up programs such as sponsored by the 4-H Club.

The Warfarin Bait can be purchased from any 4-H Club member or County Agent Pete W. Jacoby and can be picked up at the county agent's office or at the 4-H Club barn from 5:00 to 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon or from 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock in the morning any day of the week.

This is the right time of the year to clean up rats and mice since they move into warmer quarters from outdoors to houses and barns where food may be found, especially barns having some kind of feed stored, County Agent Jacoby said.

Warfarin is easy to put out, with necessary precautions in keeping out of reach of children and pets. Each package of bait has instructions furnished on distribution of the bait. The bait must be kept out for at least five days and a period of fourteen days is recommended for effective control.

Keeping out sufficient bait is necessary for a good clean-up campaign, usually one to two pounds of the bait in several good locations is sufficient for the average premise. Four pounds or more is recommended where infestation is heavy.

If everyone having rats and mice about their homes and barns will keep out sufficient Farfarin Bait for a reasonable period this time of year, Crockett county can be cleaned up from these expensive wasters for a good while, Mr. Jacoby declared.

Santa, Day Late, Gets Rousing Welcome From Swarm of Ozona Kids

Nobody resented Santa Claus being a day late on his promised pre-Christmas visit to Ozona, more especially his grown-up followers among the ranching gentry of Crockett county.

Just when Santa was due to land at the Dick Henderson airport shortly before four o'clock Thursday afternoon, one of those million dollar rains was falling, almost all over West Texas. A loud-speaker truck was pressed into service to cruise downtown streets advising the youngsters that Santa was unavoidably detained because of the weather and would be on hand the next afternoon at the same hour.

And so it came to pass that Santa did arrive at the appointed hour Friday afternoon and with a bright, warm, moist day for the occasion, hundreds of Ozona children were lined up along the downtown streets to greet him.

Riding on the big, red fire truck, Santa waved to his admirers and he and his firemen helpers passed out "bushels" of tiny Christmas stockings filled with candies, and some fruits.

1953 Ozona Football Schedule Slates 5 Home Games, 5 Away

The stage is already set for the 1953 football season so far as the Ozona Lions are concerned.

The schedule for next fall's grid wars has already been set up and was announced this week by Coach Larry Wilkins. The schedule calls for five home games and five away from home and lists Bronte, Big Lake, McCamey, Rankin and Crane among the warm-up opponents for the Lions in the early season play. So far as the district combat is concerned, the Lions will play two district games at home and three away, the games being played on a home and home basis year after year.

The 1953 schedule follows:

- Sept. 11 — Big Lake in Ozona
- Sept. 18 — McCamey at McCamey
- Sept. 25 — Bronte in Ozona.
- Oct. 2 — Rankin in Ozona.
- Oct. 9 — Open.
- Oct. 16 — Crane at Crane.
- Oct. 23 — Menard at Menard.
- Oct. 30 — Eldorado in Ozona.
- Nov. 6 — Junction at Junction.
- Nov. 13 — Eden at Eden.
- Nov. 20 — Sonora in Ozona.

Polio Aid to Texas Scaled Down Pending March of Dimes Drive

AUSTIN. — Texas got a stern reminder of the financial pinch caused by its unprecedented polio outbreak when the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis scaled down emergency aid to state chapters.

General Robert J. Smith, state chairman for the 1953 March of Dimes, stated that the NFIP had to curb allotments because the record number of cases nationally has almost exhausted available funds.

He said the restriction in cash advances would prevail until the 1953 edition of the March of Dimes which is exclusively the finances for the anti-polio activity.

"This does not mean that care will be curtailed for any patient needing help," said General Smith, who is president of the Pioneer Air Lines. "Pressing financial needs will be met, but hospitals will be requested to carry some polio care bills until money is available from the 1953 March of Dimes to be conducted January 2 through the 31st."

The economy move, according to the General, was taken to insure all chapters needing aid, a fair share of the emergency funds until the end of the year.

Texas has been one of the main recipients of aid from the National Foundation, and this year has received more than one out of every six dollars allocated by the NFIP for patient care.

"Under usual procedure," explained General Smith, "half of the March of Dimes funds are retained by chapters for local patient care, or, in emergencies, for supplementing national aid funds. The other half is remitted to the National Foundation for polio research, education and the replenishment of chapter treasuries depleted by epidemics."

"Because of the increasingly heavy load, Texas, for three years, has needed 100 per cent of the March of Dimes for patient care and thus has contributed nothing to research or education."

Crockett county will launch its drive for an unprecedented \$3,000 March of Dimes quota on January 2. The drive will continue through January.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Davidson, Jr., are spending Christmas in Dallas visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McClanahan and Beth and Susie

Rain Is Best Christmas Gift For West Texas

More Than Inch Moisture Delivered by Early Santa

Ranchmen of Crockett county and West Texas have already had their Christmas gift — the greatest one they could expect — a good rain.

Some sort of rare disturbance which the weather man describes as a cold front pushed moist clouds into the area last Thursday and in mid-afternoon came a slow, soaking rain which dumped an average of an inch of moisture over practically all of Crockett county.

The fall was reported somewhat lighter in the extreme southern edge of the county and a little heavier toward the west. Ozona rain gauges registered a little over an inch, counting light falls which visited during Thursday night.

More rain was promised over the week-end and early this week, but clear skies greeted Ozona and vicinity Monday morning, with a cool wind from the northwest. Hope was kindled, however, for more winter moisture to bring up weeds and winter grass and to assure sub-soil moisture for an early growth in the Spring.

Two Shallow Wildcats Slated In Crockett Co.

Co. Lands Sites of University, Chambers Prospectors

Two wildcats have been scheduled in Crockett county.

Texas Gulf Producing Co. of Houston has staked its I-J University in northeastern Crockett county between Block 47 field and the Barnhart field in Reagan county.

The project will test the San Andres.

The test will be drilled with combination tools to 2,500 feet. Drilling will begin at once.

Location is C SE NW 4-50-University.

The prospector is one mile southeast of Continental et al I University plugged and abandoned at a total 2,635 feet on elevation of 2,664 feet.

Shell Oil Co. has filed application to drill its 15 Chambers county, a wildcat, in northeastern Crockett county. The project will test the San Andres.

She et will be drilled with cable tools to 2,000 feet. Drilling will start immediately. Estimated elevation is 2,650 feet.

Location is 5,280 feet from the north and 3,700 feet from the west lines of league 4, Chambers csl. It is 20 miles southwest of Barnhart.

The prospector is 3/8-mile from production in the Midway Lane Permian field, which produces from Seven Rivers-Queen at an average depth of 1,096 feet. Midway Lane field produces from the Ellenburger, Ordovician at an average depth of 7,602 feet.

It is 900 feet southwest of Shell 12 Chambers plugged and abandoned May 12, 1952, at a total depth of 7,600 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Flippen will spend Christmas visiting their daughter-in-law, Mrs. M. B. Flippen, Jr., and their grandsons in Orange. Their son, Dr. M. B. Flippen, Jr., is serving with the U. S. Navy dental corps in the Far East.

Ozonan Who 'Died' During Operation Is Restored to Life

J. E. Evans, 67, Ozona trash hauler, was restored to life by a rare cardiac resuscitation operation performed by a San Angelo surgeon Tuesday morning after being "dead" for several minutes.

Evans was being given anesthetic preparatory to undergoing an operation for removal of a growth in his nose. His heart stopped beating and the surgeon, a heart specialist, made an opening between the patient's ribs and massaged the heart until it resumed normal beat. Meanwhile, oxygen and heart stimulating drugs were being administered.

Evans was reported in critical condition for some time after the operation, but later reports indicate that he is well on the road to recovery.

Three New Faces Appear in Courthouse Lineup Next Thursday

Three new county and precinct officials will take office for two-year terms on January 1.

Two new commissioners, Ralph Jones for Precinct 1 and Bill Miller for Precinct 2 and Dixon Mahon as county attorney will be the new faces in the line-up of the official family.

Re-elected county and precinct officers who start new terms of office on January 1 are County Judge Houston Smith; V. O. Earnest, sheriff, assessor and collector of taxes; George Russell, county and district clerk; Jim Dudley, county treasurer; W. P. Conklin, county surveyor; Bill Johnigan, justice of the peace, Prec. 1; Tom Smith, constable, Prec. 1; B. B. Ingham, Jr., commissioner, Precinct 3; and James Chilress, commissioner, Precinct 4.

Ending their terms of service with the expiration of this year are County Attorney N. W. Graham and Commissioners Ira Carson and Charlie Black, Jr.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF CROCKETT COUNTY HOSPITAL

By C. A. Woody, Administrator

We have been quite busy since I last wrote this article and perhaps the main event of this past week was our Hospital Christmas Party which was held in the Hospital last Friday afternoon at 3:00. We had a very nice Christmas tree with all the decorations that it could bear and also had some real holly with red berries and some mistletoe.

The first gifts handed out was some too small baby boy shorts for the doctors, also a too small pair for the cook, Lula Mays. Then, of course, I had to receive my gag gift, which was a baby bottle complete with nipple, full of milk labeled for Frirsky, Jr., which is to be a baby kid of one of my registered milk goats. Then there was a gift with the instruction that it was to be divided in thirds, but because it was a mechanical ball point pen we were unable to do so; therefore, it was given to me and I've used it since. Of course, it writes in three colors, red, blue and green, but here's hoping that the red ink never runs out as far as the financial part of the hospital goes and it won't if the people of Ozona will support their hospital.

Each one present had drawn a name and therefore was given a gift by ole Santa Claus.

We had only two patients that day. One slept through the party and the other, Mrs. Cecil Walkey was very much there and enjoyed the party. She is getting along as well as could be expected and is hoping to be able to go home soon, maybe for Christmas. Several of (Continued on Last Page)

Pandale Road Designated Farm Road By State

8 Miles of Paving Is Planned by State In Next 2 Years

Official action has been taken by the Texas Highway Commission designating the Pandale road, intersecting with Highway 290 west of Ozona, as a farm-to-market road and ear-marking an appropriation of approximately \$90,000 for the purpose of paving the first eight miles of the road.

The road segment is part of an approved program of work that will be carried out during the next two years from finances that will be available over that period of time from combined state and federal funds. Minutes of the State Highway Commission meeting reveal the following action regarding the road:

"Whereas, in Crockett county, the appropriate county officials and the Texas Highway Department in cooperation with each other have selected for improvement a road extending from U. S. 290 west of Ozona, southwest a distance of approximately 8 miles.

"Now, therefore, it is ordered that the above described road be designated as Farm-to-Market road and improved to provide a two-lane dustless surface, subject to the condition that Crockett county will furnish all required right-of-way free of cost to the state.

"Upon acceptance by the county and fulfillment of the condition of this order, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with construction in the most feasible and economical manner, and to assume the road for maintenance upon completion of construction."

The Pandale road was suggested by the Commissioners Court as its choice for state work in a recent conference with district Highway engineers. Funds left over from the recent \$200,000 road bond issue will be used to secure right-of-way, fencing, etc. on the Pandale segment. Definite location of the road will be made by State Highway engineers.

Even Christmas Cards Show Drouth Effect

You couldn't convince the post-office employes here that the drouth has made any dent in the usual volume of Christmas mail, but one clever Ozona couple used the drouth as a theme to produce one of the local well-appreciated novelties.

Handwritten on a ragged piece of wall paper, the greeting card reads:

What, no Christmas cards?
'Twould never do at all!
But we've had a drouth this year
Hence the paper off the wall!
Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!

Schools to Resume Classes Monday After Christmas Holidays

Ozona schools were dismissed Thursday afternoon for a ten-day Christmas holiday period. Classes will be resumed Monday morning, December 29.

The Thursday afternoon dismissal was the signal for many of the faculty members to take off for their homes or homes of relatives and friends to spend Christmas. The comparatively brief Christmas holiday period will make it possible for an earlier summer closing for the schools. The session will close in mid May.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Phone News to the Stockman

187 Million Drop In Texas Farm Income For 10 Months 1952

AUSTIN. — Texas farm cash income for the first ten months of 1952 was 11 per cent below that of the same 1951 period, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

The drop amounted to \$187,000,000.

In the year-to-year comparison, income from wool was down 42 per cent; sheep and lambs, 40 per cent; and calves, 36 per cent. However, flaxseed income gained 1.174 per cent; wheat, 70 per cent; and rice, 41 per cent.

In actual dollars, the cotton income loss was heaviest — nearly \$119,000,000. Cattle income was down \$90,000,000. Wheat income was up nearly \$100,000,000; cottonseed and rice, more than \$20,000,000 each.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Tandy, Kerry and Mills, will spend Christmas with relatives in Abilene.



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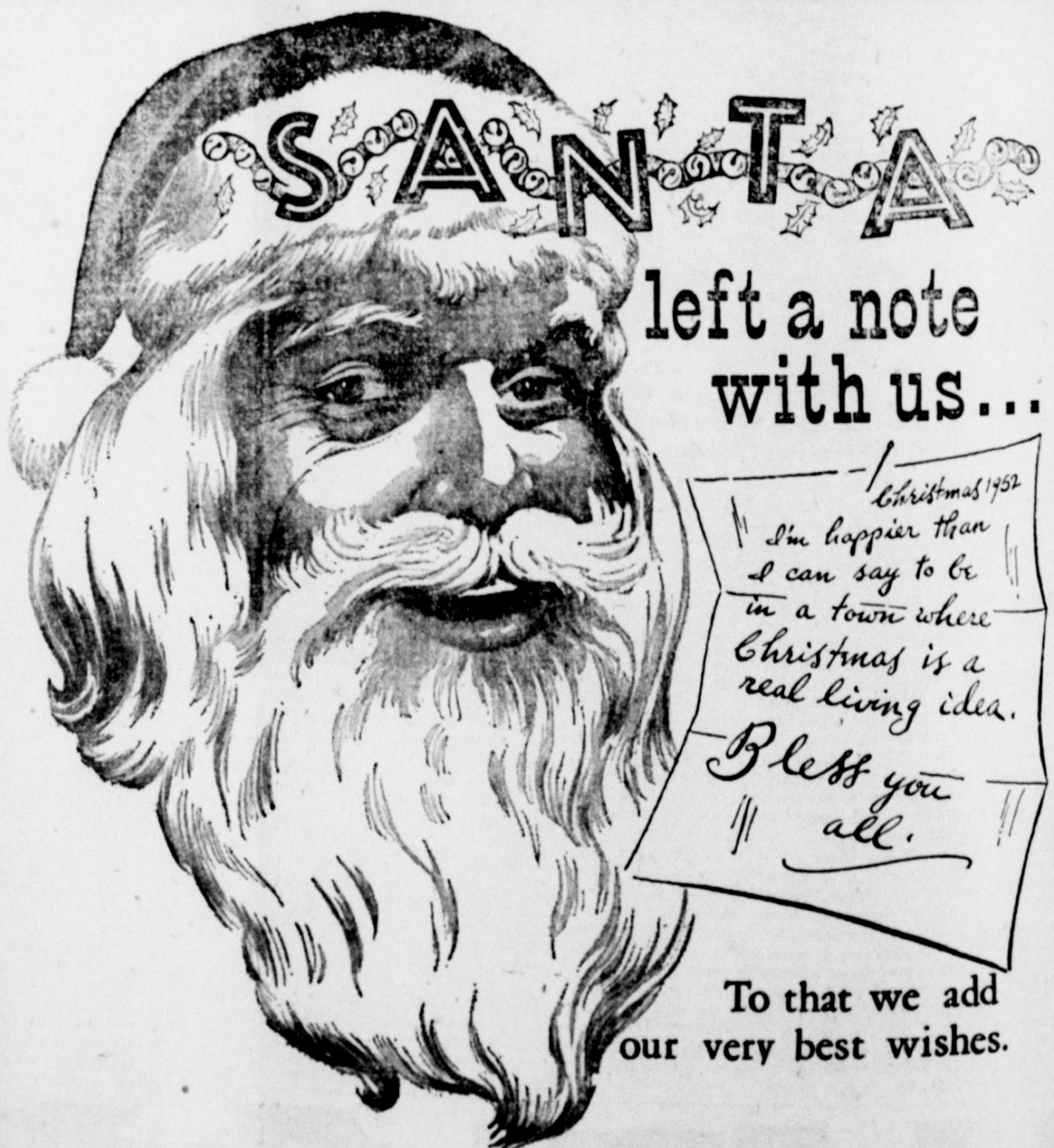


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ve hope and believe that the ver Responsibility law will be eld in the high courts. In case s not, we believe that the law ould be amended or the consti- on changed so that the respon- ility principle can be establish- . The framers of the constitu- a lived many years ago: They uld not possibly have foreseen ery circumstance which might e in a complicated machine e like ours. As new situations e up and demand new remedies- w and then we have either to ore the constitution or amend it spite of the popular disapprov- of the drawn-out processes of ement, this is by far the bet- course. To ignore or violate e constitution to provide for

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No Longer a Pushover

some new need means that all we have left is a government of expediency, based on the personal judgment of the ruling powers. We have had too much of that already. What we need is a government by law, according to principles which are known to all, principles which are written firmly into the basic body of national procedure, principles approved by the vote of the people themselves.

ability Law, it seems to be a step in the right direction. The thing that it seeks to do is right, and has to be done sooner or later. Moreover the principle it represents must eventually be extended to other relations of man to man. We hope that the courts will be able to uphold it in this instance.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Pierce are here from Alpine to spend Christmas with Mr. Pierce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. I. Pierce.

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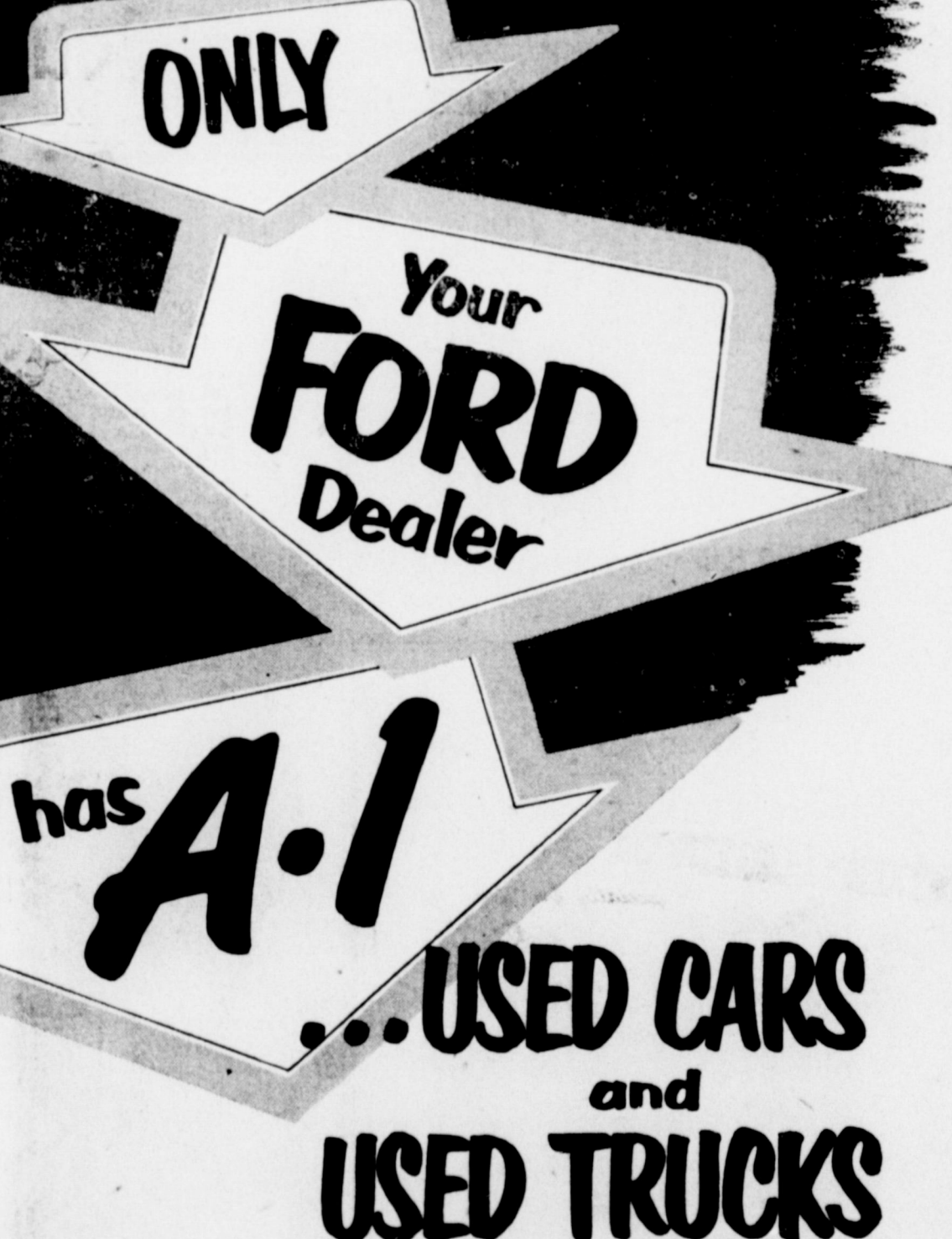
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Book Review, Musical Program Features Music Club Meeting

Mrs. Sherman Taylor reviewed "The Life of Lena Geyer" by Marsha Davenport for the Ozona Music Club, when it met Thursday night at the home of Mrs. George

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Russell, Jr., with Mrs. Joe Pierce, Jr., assisting.

Miss Janet North played two piano solos, "Busy Mill Wheel" and "Uncle Joe Plays a Cake Walk Tune," by composer Mary Ruth Jesse. Miss Wanda Carden sang "The Holy Child" by Easthope Martin, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. L. B. Cox, III.

The program ended with Christmas carols being sung by guests and members, with Mrs. R. A. Harrell, accompanying.

Guests attending were: Meses. Hilton North, Beecher Montgomery Lloyd Meredith and Paul M. Hallcomb, and Miss Janet North and Miss Wanda Carden. Members present were Meses. L. B. Cox, III,

R. A. Harrell, H. B. Tandy, Bob Bailey, Neal Hannah, Pleas Childress, Jr., Charles Applewhite and Miss Wanda Watson.

The Ozona Music Club is sponsoring a program of Christmas Carols during the holidays, with Mrs. R. A. Harrell, Mrs. Doyle Perdue and Mrs. V. I. Pierce, alternating at the First Baptist Church and playing during the lunch hour during the week and at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: I am Jackie Couch and I am trying to be a good little girl. Please bring me a Tony doll and a little bedding for her. Also a band baton. Then, dear Santa Claus, bring me any presents you want.

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NOTICE OF AN ELECTION

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Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the second Tuesday in January, same being the 13th day of January, 1952, for the purpose of electing three (3) directors, to serve terms of two years each, on the Board of Directors of the District.

Polling place will be the Crockett County courthouse and polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All laws of the State of Texas relating to the holding of elections on the 13th day of January, 1953, in this state are applicable in the case of an election to choose directors of the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

Applications for places on the ballot have been received and approved from W. E. Friend, Jr., R. A. Harrell, Sherman Taylor and

the names of these three candidates will appear on the ballot. Space will be provided for writing in the names of other candidates a voter might wish to vote for, in each case striking out the name or names of the candidates whose names are printed to leave three names on the ballot signifying

the voter's choice to fill the three places on the board of directors. **SHERMAN TAYLOR**, President **R. A. HARRELL**, Secretary.

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Entertaining for Ozonans But Results Still Uncertain

Ozonans are finding their experiments with television sets entertaining, what with occasional success in picking up programs, but results are still uncertain.

Wilkins has installed a TV in his home here and John Jones one in his ranch home of Ozona. Both have had luck in picking up stations, far distant stations, but the results come in erratically and are uncertain.

Wilkins has picked up TV broadcasts from Havana, Cuba, Mexico, Los Angeles, Calif., San Antonio and other far and near points. The theory is that the TV waves

bounce off cloud formations under favorable conditions, but sometimes the programs come in continuously for a half hour or more, and fade out as suddenly as they are picked up. When the programs do come in they are clear and the reception free from interference.

Mr. Wilkins reports that Mr. Childress is experiencing somewhat more satisfactory reception, due, he believes, to the fact that the Childress home is on the divide a few hundred feet, perhaps, higher than the town of Ozona. Anyway, the experiments of both are proving satisfactory enough to raise hopes of other residents of the area.

Permit has been granted for a TV station to be erected in San Angelo and these and other TV enthusiasts are looking forward to the possibility of picking up

signals from that station when it is finally on the air, expected in a matter of four or five months.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sykes and baby are here from Childress to spend Christmas with Mrs. Sykes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneemann.

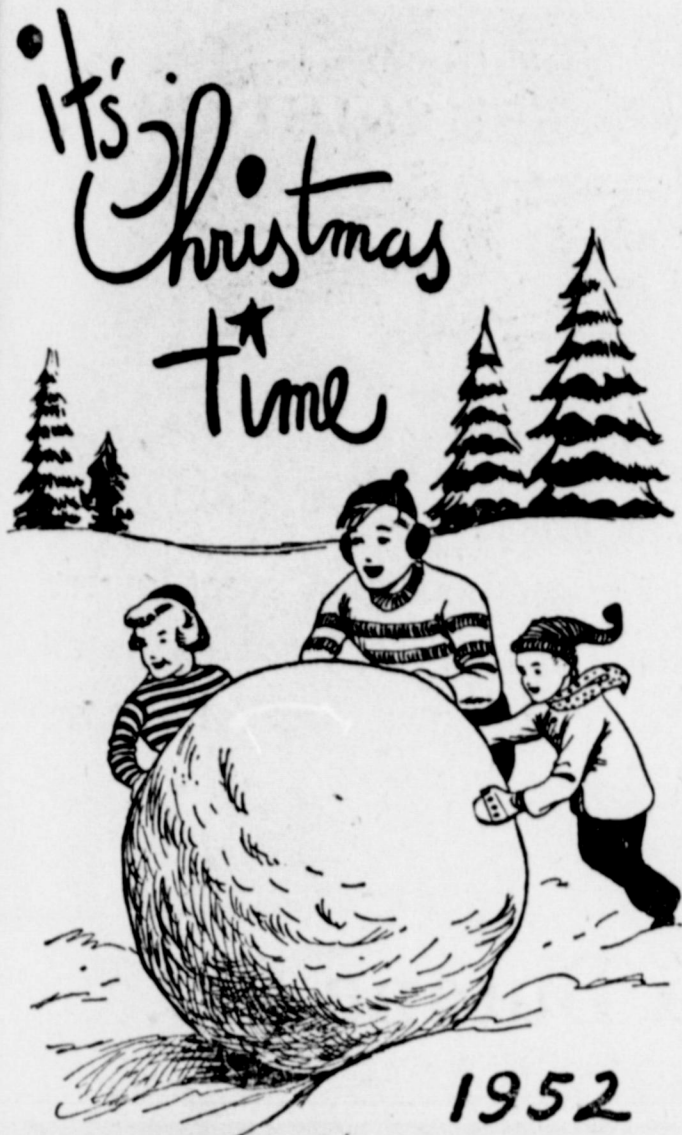
Miss Marjorie Hickman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Troy Hickman, in training as a WAVE at a U. S. Naval training center in Maryland, is under treatment in a naval hospital and will be unable to be home for Christmas. She expects to be granted leave about January 1, however. The Hick-

man's other daughter, Patricia, is home from TSCW in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Kincaid, Jr., and Tom, home for the holidays from Schreiner, will spend Christmas in San Angelo with Mrs. Kincaid's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McDonald.

Mrs. Joe Teague and young son are here from Slaton to visit her aunt, Miss Dolly Coates, and other relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad E. Tabb of Ozona are the parents of a daughter born in a San Angelo hospital December 15.



We send our hearty greetings.
Baker's Food Market
"WHERE HOUSEWIVES MEET"

Christmas Greetings



Hope springs full in the hearts of men,
for unto the world is born a Redeemer.

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Yuletide Greeting
**Merry Christmas
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Happy New Year**

We — your friends and neighbors
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— wish for you and yours a
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health, and happiness... and that
your New Year may be both
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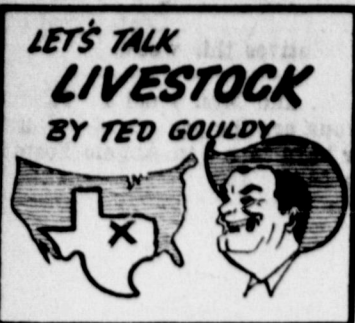
1952 Christmas Cheer



Empire Southern Gas Co.

James Isbell, District Mgr.

Phone 56



FORT WORTH. — The year 1952 will long be remembered by livestock people as the year of the Great Drouth — but it will also be remembered as the year of the Big Break in Prices. Perhaps live stock prices have never before undergone such a drastic series of losses as have hit cattle and sheep prices simply because they had never been so high and had so far to fall previously.

At the start of 1952, cattle and sheep prices were still near their highest peak since OPA died in 1946. The speculative fever that had gripped the industry was still raging. It was "buy, buy, buy" on the part of all interests and the

bullish sentiment was spurred by government figures, as released, and statements from people in high places.

However, as the first quarter of 1952 unrolled it was very evident that change was in the air. We noted this changed feeling in our visits with farmers and ranchers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. We discussed this new temper among the people with many men in many lines of business. There was a feeling of caution, a feeling of impending change that grew from the prolonged lack of progress in the Korean War and the exposure of many scandals in high places.

Livestock producers swung over to the selling side and for the first time in a decade, more people wanted to sell than wanted to buy. The Great Drouth put spurs to this sentiment as the summer progressed. The stage was set for a serious price collapse and it came in on schedule.

Speculators in livestock took to the sidelines, or took one drubbing after another, as prices continued to skid. The false bottom

fell out of the badly inflated stocker and feeder price structure when Cornbelt and other buyers studied the previous year's losses and became cautious and very bearish buyers.

Strong suspicion was abroad in the land that while government estimators believed the cattle population was between 90 and 95 million head, that it was possible that the past eight years of steady stocking of farm pastures may have boosted this population well beyond the 100 million mark.

As Spring changed to Summer, prices lost ground steadily. At the close of this year of 1952, virtually all classes of livestock were selling many dollars per hundred below a year earlier and many steers going to market represented \$50 to \$100 per head losses. Many cows that had cost \$250 to \$325 a year ago for stocking purposes would currently bring half that.

Time alone will tell whether 1952 will be more famous for the Big Drouth, or the bursting of the speculative bubble in livestock.

At the start of 1952, good and choice fed steers drew \$25 to \$36 at Fort Worth, today comparable cattle bring \$20 to \$29. Common and medium butcher steers and yearlings a year ago at \$22 to \$25, ago, now get \$8 to \$12. 20y1234 today bring \$10 to \$19.

Fat cows at \$21.50 to \$28 a year ago, bring \$12 to \$16 today. Cannerns and cutters at \$15 to \$21.50 a year ago, now get \$8 to \$12. A year ago bulls sold for \$19 to \$28. 50 at Fort Worth, today \$10 to \$18.50 is the range.

Good and choice slaughter calves a year ago drew \$30 to \$35, and this week sell for \$18 to \$25. Common and medium butcher calves at \$21 to \$29.50 a year ago, sell at \$12 to \$18 this week. Culls at \$18 to \$20 a year ago, cashed at \$8 to \$12 this week.

Good and choice stocker steer calves at \$30 to \$38 a year ago, sell from \$18 to \$22 this week, and some extreme lightweights sold over \$40 and baby calves to \$60 to \$75 per hundred early in 1952. Stocker yearlings and steers at \$21 to \$35 a year ago, have a range of \$11 to \$22 currently. Stocker cows at \$21 to \$27.50 a year ago, sell today around \$12 to \$18.

Top hogs at Fort Worth a year ago brought \$19 and currently sell Continued On Page Seven



on those long distance Christmas calls

We know that long distance calls add much to Christmas happiness. And we'll do everything possible to complete your calls. It's a good idea to place your long distance calls early and to call by number. That way, your telephone team speeds your "Merry Christmas" messages more quickly.

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Fear not, for behold!

The good tidings of great joy are wonderfully repeated for us all again this year.

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Phone 283

WALK LIVESTOCK —
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Sows at \$15 to \$16.50, bringing \$13 to \$16. Sold at \$10 to \$15 a year, presently bring \$6 to \$8.50. As at \$22 to \$28.50 a year for \$17 to \$20. Feeder \$15 to \$25 a year ago, with \$10 to \$16 lambs at Fort Worth.

amusing, and some not so. stories are cropping up about youth relief hay program. hat buyers for the govern- are having trouble getting hay as their orders call rancher told us he had formed it looked like it June or July before he spect delivery. Says if he wait till then he'll be out of business. Another ranch- he ordered mixed grasses imagine his surprise when load of high grade alfalfa

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and Mrs. Ollie Whitley of Christi are here to spend as with Mrs. Whitley's Mr. and Mrs. Hilton North

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Virgil C. Owens
GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 9th day of February, A. D., 1953, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Crockett County, at the Court House in Ozona, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 23 day of Dec., 1952.

The file number of said suit being No. 1082

The names of the parties in said suit are: Lou Ann Owens as Plaintiff, and Virgil C. Owens as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Suit for divorce to dissolve the bonds of matrimony that now exist between Plaintiff and Defendant.

Plaintiff alleges that on or about Dec. 10, 1952, by reason of

improper conduct of Defendant Plaintiff was forced to permanently abandon him. Plaintiff alleges that there was one child born to this marriage, a girl named Vonnie Ann Owens, one year of age; and Plaintiff prays the Court that she be given the sole care and custody of said child and that the Defendant be required to contribute the sum of Fifty & No/100 (\$50.00) Dollars per month toward such child's support. Plaintiff alleges that there is no community property belonging to this Plaintiff and Defendant.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 23 day of December A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ozona, Texas, this the 23 day of December A. D., 1952.

(SEAL) Geo. Russell, Clerk District Court Crockett County, Texas.

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Remington adding machines at the Stockman office.



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Not even a cataclysm could keep us from offering you, in perfect sincerity, the kind of Merry Christmas the people of our town deserve. Best wishes to all.



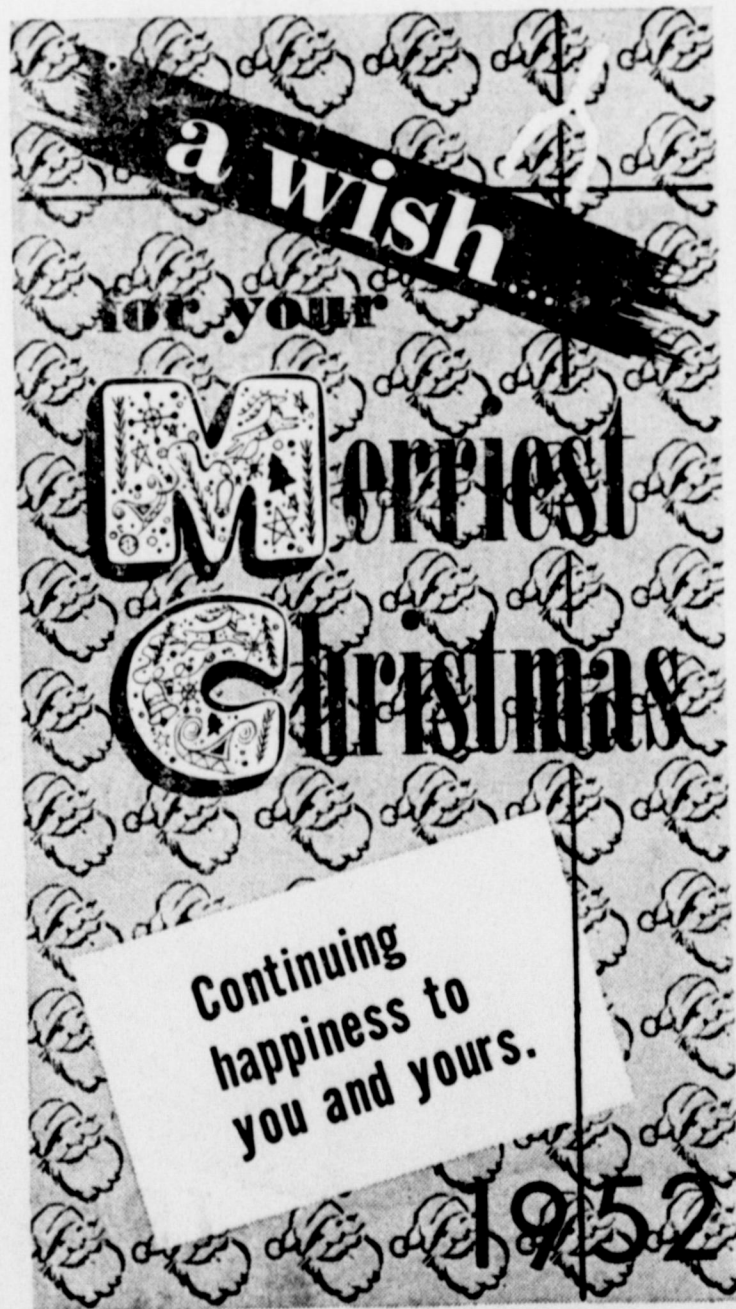
NORTH GROCERY



Williams Motor Co.
Highway, 163 South Ozona, Texas



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Ranch Feed & Supply
Ozona, Texas Phone 24

AUSTIN. — Twenty-five University of Texas law students are new staff members of The Dicta, School of Law weekly newspaper. Among the student staff members is Charles E. McDonald of Ozona.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierce had as guests this week-end Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Morgan and two small sons of Greely, Colo. Mrs. Morgan is Mrs. Pierce's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Taliaferro were in San Antonio last week to attend the Broadway musical, "South Pacific" which showed at the Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Schneemann and children are spending the Christmas holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneemann and Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Coates.

Choir Presents Christmas Program at First Baptist Church

The Christmas program of the First Baptist Church was presented Sunday night by the church choir under the direction of Dewey Fuglaar, music director.

The church was decorated with silver leaves and blue lights. The musical theme was the coming of Christ as prophesied by Isaiah.

The program opened with chimes and the processional, "O Come Emanuel." Music consisted of "Lo How a Rose Ere Blooming," by Mrs. H. A. Gustavus, Darrene and Jeannene Thompson; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," with soloist Jeannene Thompson; "Silent Night," "The Shepherds Song," "Away in a Manger," with soloist Marlon Mock; "Timothy's Carol," by the Junior Choir; "While Shepherds

Watched Their Flocks," "The Virgins Lullaby," by Darrene Thompson; "God With Us," "Praise To God," and "Jesus Is Calling." A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church preceding the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Coates are here from their home in Colorado to spend Christmas with Mrs. Coates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Russell, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schweitzer of Rockport are spending the Christmas holidays here with Mrs. Schweitzer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Augustine.

**OZONA LODGE NO. 747
A. F. & A. M.**

Regular meeting on 1st Monday of each month.

Merry Christmas

Like Santa, these words never grow old, but take on a richer meaning with each new Yuletide season.

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HAPPY HOLIDAY



May your heart sing with the true joy of Christmas time.

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PEAR BURNERS
Sales and Repair Service
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CHRISTMAS

DREAMS

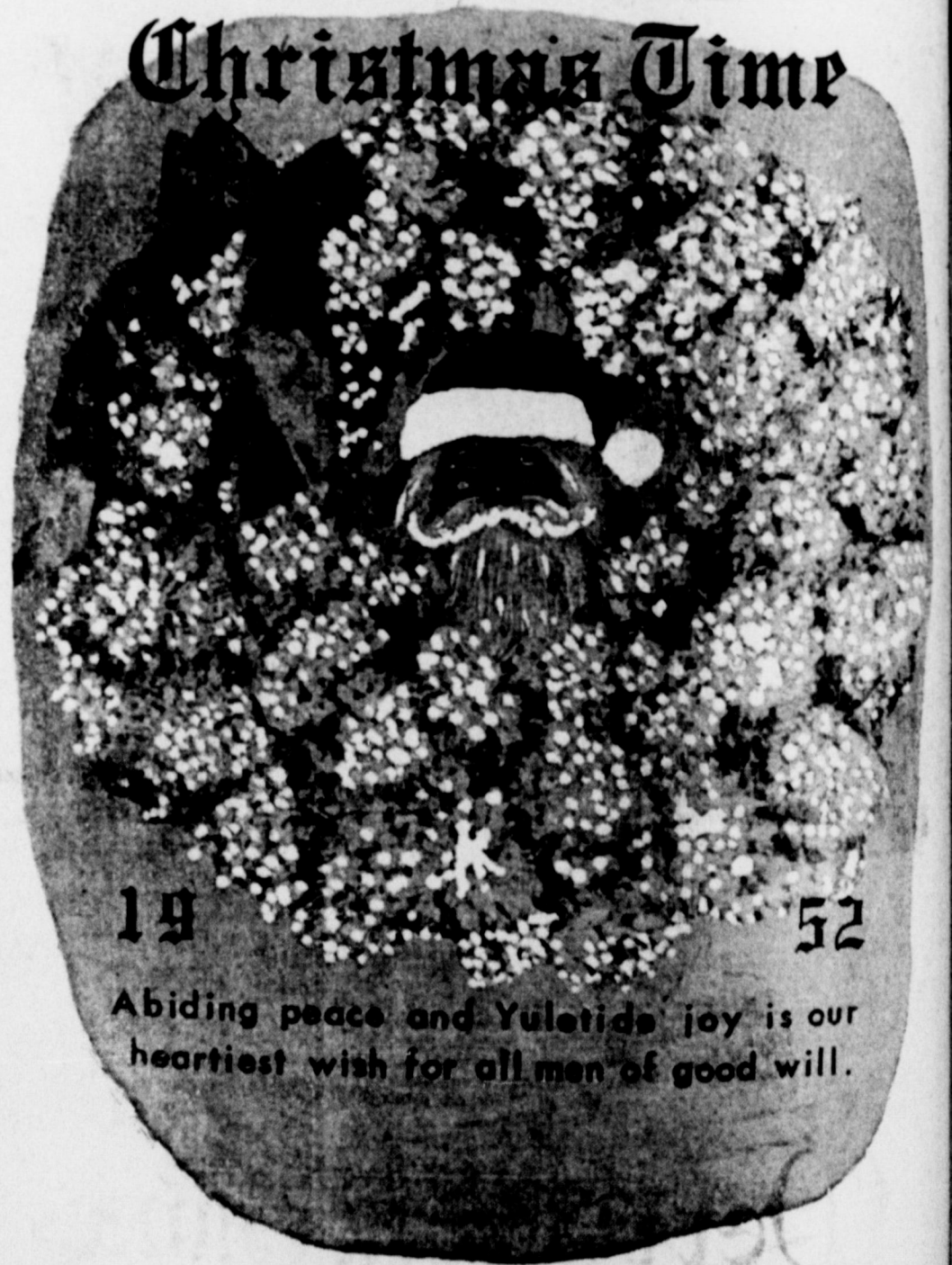
May the joyous warmth of the season rest with you always.



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**FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH
Lumber Company
Phone 173**

Christmas Time



1952

Abiding peace and Yuletide joy is our heartiest wish for all men of good will.

Spencer & Stevens

FORD * * * MERCURY
Phone 36

Co. to Repair at Barnhart; Directors Re-Elected

olders of the O. B. Trap at the courthouse here afternoon in the annual for the purpose of electors and directors and disbusiness of the company. B. Trap Co. owns traps Ozona and between here hant and at that shipnt. holders and officers of the agreed in the meeting urday to make necessary on the scales at Barnhart. y the Trap Company and shippers, buyers and sellstock in this area. The ill be completely overat an estimated cost of

\$1,500.

All officers and directors of the company were re-elected at the Saturday meeting. Directors are R. A. Harrell, Marshall Montgomery, Troy Williams and James Baggett. R. A. Harrell is manager and Troy Williams secretary.

Mrs. Coralie Meinecke has as holiday guests her son-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Melton of Ribera, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. James Dockery of Santa Anna, and sons, Bud Meinecke, stationed at Camp Cook, Calif., and Bill Meinecke, student at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer King of Houston are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Sr., and other relatives.

December Last Month To Earn Discount on 1952 County Taxes

If you have not yet paid your 1952 county, state and school taxes, Sheriff V. O. Earnest reminds that only a few more days remain in which you can earn a discount from your tax bill.

On the graduated scale of discounts allowed for early payments, a one per cent discount is allowed during the month of December. Taxes do not become delinquent until February 1 but payments made after December 31 must be made in full.

Approximately 87 per cent of all taxes in this county had been paid to the first of December. Figures are not yet available for the present month but payments have been dribbling in during the month and the percentage figure is expected to be considerably swelled with tabulation of the total for the three months tax-paying period which has already elapsed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Hicks and Sarah will spend Christmas with the Hick's son, Lin, who is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.



To All Our Ozona Friends

Christmas time sharpens our memories of "home in Ozona" and all the good friends we left behind there.

May you cast aside all cares this Christmas and find in it unbounded joy, and see renewed hope and brighter prospects in the new year. Our most sincere wish is always for your happiness and prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Peters

Arlington, Texas



Happy Yulelide!

A bountiful,
merry Christmas
to one and all.



WALLIS JEWELRY
Ranch Theatre Building



JAMES MOTOR COMPANY

Phone 225

Ozona, Texas



Merry Christmas

Let the joy and faith of the holiday season be reflected everywhere.

Ozona Oil Company

PHONE — 143

Joe T. Davidson Ray Piner Joe Tom Davidson



And to all our hope that the spirit of the season remains within you in the days to come.

NORTH MOTOR CO.

OZONA, TEXAS

NEWS AND VIEWS OF CROCKETT COUNTY HOSPITAL
(Continued from Page One)

the ladies present brought cakes, cookies and nuts and then with some good coffee we indeed had nice refreshments which must have been thoroughly enjoyed as they didn't last very long. Those present at the party were: Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Wiedeman, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Tandy, Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Walley, my wife and I, Mrs. Charles Williams, Jr., Mrs. Gus Parker, Mrs. Jo Siegfried, Miss Marjorie Billings, Mrs. Mary Lou Lilly, Mrs. Vernon Colley, G. Dixon Mahon, Lula Mays, Ira Mays and Ethel Warrior.

This morning W. T. Stokes brought the hospital two deer hind quarters and the back strap and I know these will be enjoyed very much. Thanks, Mr. Stokes, for this fine gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Whitehead are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born Monday morning at 10:30 and weighing seven pounds and seven ounces. This is

their first baby and we know they are proud. The best of luck to them and to the baby.

Mrs. S. B. Phillips was admitted to the hospital Monday night and is doing as well as could be expected. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Patients admitted: Marvin L. Beaver, Wm. T. Tarver, Joe Overton, Gilbert Armentrout, Bobby Bracken, Scott Mahon, Mrs. S. B. Phillips, Mrs. Ruben Whitehead, Mrs. James Harris and Marie Mays.

Patients dismissed: Barrego Placido, Carmen Vargas, Wm. T. Tarver, Marvin Beaver, Joe Overton, Gilbert Armentrout, Mrs. James Harris.

Improved Health Conditions Cited

AUSTIN. — Death won't cloud holiday festivities in as many Texas homes this year as in seasons past.

By and large, public health is at a higher level today than ever before, statistics compiled by the State Department of Health show.

The result is that more parents are alive to be with their children, for maternal deaths have been reduced by 88 per cent in the last 15 years. And more children are alive and vital, anticipating the sacred day we call Christmas, because infant deaths have been cut by 46 per cent.

Life is longer today than ever before, not just in Texas but the nation over. It used to be that a man of 50 years was in his twilight years. Today a 50-year-old is merely middle aged.

One of the most striking gains has been made against typhoid fever. Deaths due to this have been cut by 98 per cent in the last decade. A reduction of 95 per cent has been registered against diphtheria, 64 per cent against tuberculosis, and 96 per cent against pellagra.

GLAMORENE, the Rug-Cleaning Miracle, on sale at Ratliff Hdw. & Furn. Co. Ozona, Texas.

Merry Christmas

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Santa's Coming

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Christmas Wishes ... 1952

In the prevailing spirit, we offer our hope for your complete happiness...

...and we commend to you the extra joy this season brings to all our hearts.

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Born again is the King of Israel. Let us recall Him this season in peace and quiet joy.

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