

Santa Anna News

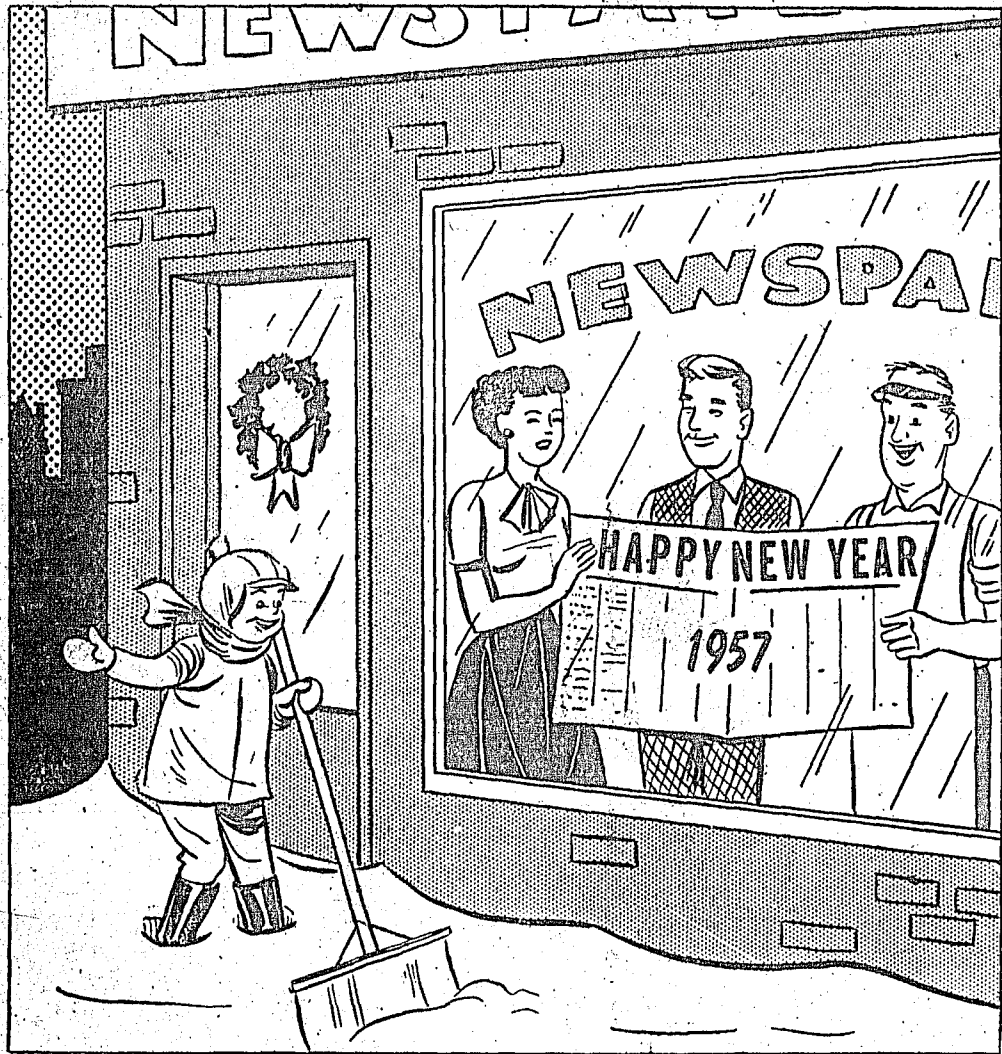
"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

One Section — 8 Pages

VOLUME LXXI

SANTA ANNA, COLEMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1956

NUMBER 52



The News Staff and Rural Correspondents

Business And Financial Forecast For 1957

By Roger W. Babson

Both presidential candidates, in the pre-election speeches, promised PEACE, PROSPERITY, and PROGRESS. They stated that they must do this in order to enforce the Employment Act of 1946. This is the basis of my Outlook for 1957, tempered of course by Russia.

1. World War III will not start in 1957.
2. 1957 will witness gradually increasing inflation.
3. Manufacturers will be faced with higher costs for both materials and labor.
4. All businesses will be confronted by increased competition, both within their own industries and from other industries.
5. More advertising will be necessary in 1957 if profits of manufacturers and retailers are to equal those of 1956.
6. Failures will increase in 1957, both as to numbers and liabilities. Thousands of small concerns will be wiped out. One or two of the largest corporations will face bankruptcy or reorganization.
7. Cost of living will rise slightly during 1957.
8. Most labor unions will hesitate to make public fights for higher wages, but will work for shorter hours, pensions, and "fringes".
9. Europe must pay so much more for oil that it will have less money for purchasing other goods.
10. Unexpected events will occur during 1957; however, as a whole, business will remain fair, but with smaller profits.

MONEY OUTLOOK

11. As foreign countries must pay in gold or dollars for oil, their industries will be handicapped, unemployment will increase and pressure for aid from the United States will be greater.
12. The Federal Reserve Board will not relax its restrictions so long as we have full employment in the United States, but if unemployment increases we may expect a relaxation. I am very glad Mr. Robert Cutler will again be Mr. Eisenhower's adviser.

13. Owing to the tremendous numbers of employees, suppliers, and retailers dependent upon the large corporations, these will be first to receive bank funds.
14. Many plans for expansions of plants, by both big business and little business, will be postponed. Most corporations will find it difficult to get new short-term money at any price in quantity; while long-term financing will be too expensive.
15. Tight money will cause state, municipal, and town governments to postpone plans for building roads, schools, and hospitals except in cases where the Federal Government pays most of the costs. This will put a damper on many lines of business.
16. Owing to these increased money rates, state, municipal, and town bonds, although tax free, have been declining rapidly in price. Most financial advisers forecast much lower prices for such securities. It is possible that the postponement of such building plans may so diminish demand for such money that these non-taxable bonds will sell at higher prices before the year is out. This postponement may also reduce the price of steel and other materials.
17. The money managers for such corporations, large and small, will now arrange their financing needs for two years by either securing the necessary funds now or reducing their requests.
18. Prices of corporation bonds will not recover so quickly as the non-taxables. I forecast lower prices for most corporation bonds.
19. Many of the smaller and newer corporations will be much disappointed by their inability to secure funds during 1957, except by selling convertible preferred stocks on terms very favorable to investors. It is well to issue such securities when money rates are low because the advantages continue for many years, but not when money is tight, as such securities then tie up the borrower for a long number of years at high rates.
20. This means that 1957 will be a good year for investors to switch from low-yielding stocks to attractive bond issues.

REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK

21. Home building, corporate expansion, and municipal improvements will decline in 1957. Therefore, it will not be a good year for speculating in real estate.

22. Interest rates on mortgages will be higher in 1957. Loans not "federally" guaranteed will require larger margins.
23. Real estate in large cities will continue inactive with declining prices due to lack of parking facilities.
24. Suburban real estate will continue active, but fewer new houses will be built. Houses will be for sale by executives who have lost their well-paid jobs.
25. Purchasers will give more attention to the size of the lots than to the houses. Better locations can be secured by buying existing houses. Modern kitchens will become a "must".
26. Acreage near proposed shopping centers will be excellent for speculation. The automobile will continue to raise havoc with real estate prices, helping some locations and hurting others.
27. New inventions in connection with heating, lighting, and other features will make most older houses obsolete.
28. Large commercial farms will continue prosperous. Small farms on the fringes of cities will be more valuable. The outlying medium-sized farms will be both expensive to operate and hard to sell.
29. The nearness to schools, churches, stores, and bus routes will become a more important factor in the re-sale of homes.
30. Those wishing to own a well-located home to occupy will find 1957 a good year to buy or build; but a dangerous year for speculation.

STOCK MARKET OUTLOOK

31. It is foolish for anyone to now forecast the stock market for 1957. The Dow-Jones Industrial Average, now around 490, may decline to 400 or advance to 600 during 1957.
 32. All investors will want "safety," but wise investors will first decide whether they also want "income" or "profit." Only by luck can you obtain all three features with certainty during 1957.
 33. Investors can buy, during 1957, well-seasoned preferred (Continued on Back Page)
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClellan of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn and family of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Howard and family of Post, and Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter and children of Abilene, were Christmas visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunn.

Tuesday, Jan. 1st Is Holiday

Tuesday, January 1st, is one of five days of the year selected by the Santa Anna Merchants to be observed as a holiday. All the local stores will be closed all day, as will be the post office and bank.

Joe Van Breemen Resigns As Coach After 1½ Years

Joe Van Breemen, head coach of the Santa Anna High School for the past two football seasons, offered his resignation to the school board on December 21st, to be effective at the close of the present semester or when a replacement can be obtained. The resignation is also subject to acceptance by the school board.

Van Breemen came to Santa Anna in the fall of 1955 from Strawn, where he had coached three years. His first year here he did not win any games, but during the 1956 football season he had a season record of 3-5-2 and a conference record of 0-5. He also coached girls basketball and the track teams for the high school.

Van Breemen states in his letter or resignation to the board: "Because of financial and locative reasons, I find it necessary to leave the teaching profession. Therefore, I feel it my duty to submit my letter of resignation at this time." He also asked that he be relieved of duty by the end of the present semester, which ends January 11, 1957. He said his decision was not a "spur of the moment move. It is a thing that has been building up over a period of time."

Cullen N. Perry, Superintendent of the local schools, said the next meeting of the board would be Tuesday, January 8, and he did not know at this time whether they would call a special meeting or not. However, he did say that he would like to have applications from qualified coaches who might be interested in the position. He said if a qualified coach was interested at this time, the board may see fit to employ another man now. However, it might be that the board would attempt to fill the position for the remainder of the school term with someone other than a coach and then employ a coach during the summer.

Perry said he also would like to have applications from college graduates who will complete their work during the present semester. Van Breemen has been teaching in the History Department along with his coaching duties.

Emergency Feed Grain Program Extended

Walter T. McKay, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, today advised John H. Curry, County Supervisor, of the extension of the Emergency Feed Grain Program in Coleman Co. Under this extension, farmers and ranchers may now file applications through February 15, 1957 for a supply of feed grain necessary to carry their basic livestock through March 15, 1957.

Mr. McKay also advised that the Emergency Roughage Program will be extended, however, there will be a delay in accepting applications for roughages until sometime in early January since financial aspects of the program are being worked out in Washington.

David Neal left last Saturday for a visit through the holidays with his brother, Woodrow and family at Anahuac.

17th Annual Santa Anna Livestock Show To Be Held Here Saturday, Dec. 29

The 17th annual Santa Anna Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Santa Anna Livestock Show Barn Saturday, December 29. The show barn is located just west of the high school athletic field. Entries in the show will be on display all day and judging is due to begin at 1:00 p. m.

Judges for the show will be Raymond Walston, Menard Rancher, in the sheep division and C. H. Sergeant of Bangs in the swine division. No steers are expected to be shown in the show.

Plans are to select a champion lamb and champion hog in each division, but a grand champion will not be selected. Ribbons will be awarded to all animals placing in each division. No local sale will be held.

The Santa Anna National Bank will present a nice trophy to the contestant showing the outstanding showmanship ability. This is an annual award by the bank and is coveted by all the youths who participate in the show.

ATTENTION Correspondents, Advertisers

Once again it is necessary for us to request early copy for The Santa Anna News next week, Tuesday, January 1st, is another holiday and because the rural mail routes will not run that day it is necessary that we request our correspondents to please get us your news letters on Monday. We also request all others who have news items for publication next week to get us your copy on Monday.

Advertisers are also urged to get their copy to us as soon as possible.

Two Firms Robbed Friday Night

The Dairy Barn on the Rockwood Highway and the Gulf Oil Corporation Warehouse were entered Friday night and considerable merchandise was taken. A few minor disturbances were reported and investigated, and these were the only unfortunate incidents to mar the holidays as reported from the Deputy Sheriff, Bud Simmons. No automobile accidents were reported.

Simmons reported 13 new auto tires were taken from the Gulf Warehouse, valued at an average of \$15.00 each. At the Dairy Barn about \$20.00 in cash was taken from the register and the music machine and cigarette machine were broken into, but the amount of money taken had not been determined.

Entry was made in the Dairy Barn by forcing the front door open and entry was made in the Gulf Warehouse by either cutting or twisting two locks off the front door.

Sid Knox's To Observe Golden Wedding Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Knox will observe their 50th Wedding Anniversary in their home at the corner of Wallis Avenue and Parker Street Sunday afternoon, December 30th.

Calling hours will be from 2:00 until 4:00 p. m. All friends of the couple are invited to visit them during the hours.

Everyone through the area is invited to visit the show. All the entries in the local show will also be entered in the county show on Jan. 13-15.

Large Crowd Attends Annual Christmas Party

The largest crowd Santa Anna has enjoyed during the year was here Monday for the annual Santa Anna Merchants Christmas Party. All the prizes were awarded as follows:

Bed room suite, Myrl Shields; electric fry pan, Mrs. K. G. Gore; table lamp, G. R. McClure; electric fry pan, Cline Smith; table lamp, Uta Risinger; electric mixer, Dallas Robinson; electric waffle iron, Mrs. P. A. Radle; electric bean pot, Gary James; T V trayette set, Joe Swindell; carving set, Joe Swindell; cake server, Margie Fleming; tea glasses, W. A. Standley; rubber rug, Eva Nell Bengel; electric toaster, Mrs. T. H. Upton, rubber rug, Guy Cammack; waste paper basket, Homer Vinson; towel set, H. W. Gray; colorvision snack set, Paul Arnold; apron set, R. W. Mathews; set of hand towels, J. A. Hester; apron set, Jack Shields;

Electric iron from Phillips Drug, Myrl Shields; gift certificate from Purdy Mercantile Co., Mrs. Nora Goen; gift certificate from Grammer's Dept. Store, Mrs. J. E. Bolton; two year subscription to The Santa Anna News, Milton House; gift certificate from Burris Dry Goods, Woodrow Niell; electric pop corn popper from Blue Hardware Co., C. B. Ashmore; gift certificate from the Ladies Shop, R. L. Todd; electric corn popper from Western Auto Associate Store, Milton House; basket of groceries from Harvey Grocery, E. E. McClintock; basket of groceries from Piggly Wiggly, Mrs. B. B. Bryan; basket of groceries from Hosh Grocery, W. E. Vanderford; gift certificate from Gandy's Creamery, Harold Walker; dressed turkey from Griffin Turkey Farm, Mrs. Roy Stockard; dressed turkey from Stewardson Turkey Farm, H. W. Gray; casserole from Moore's Variety Store, Clara Traylor; foot stool from Papa Harris Cabinet Shop, Mrs. Jess Griffith; package of glitter from W. R. Kelley, Jr., Mrs. W. S. Stacy; package of glitter from W. R. Kelley, Jr., Joe L. Wallace; set of gold plated jewelry from the Truck Harbor Service Station, Steve Valdez.

Mrs. Arch Hull won the David Crockett set given away by the Delta Omicron Sorority.

Happy Birthday

"Happy Birthday" to all who have birthdays during the next week. Below are listed the birthdays we have this week.

- DECEMBER 28
Mrs. John Gregg
Linda Rae Rley
Mrs. Gertrude Martin
Linda Henderson
Blanche Boyd
E. E. McClintock
- DECEMBER 29
Mrs. B. Wagner
Dick Deal
James A. Mallow
Paula Gayle Copeland
- DECEMBER 30
Marcia Sue West, Abilene
- DECEMBER 31
Mrs. R. B. Archer
Mrs. Doug Moore
- JANUARY 1
Mrs. J. J. Copeland
Mrs. E. W. Gøber

Would you like for your name to be published on your birthday? If so, please be sure to let us know when it is. Next week we will publish names of those having birthdays between January 4th and January 10th.

Trickham News
BY EDNA R. DEAN

We were happy to have a large number of our home boys and girls, their husbands, wives and children at our services Sunday morning and night. We had 96 at our morning service. Rev. Lloyd Coker, Methodist pastor, filled the pulpit at both services. We were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Frank Haynes with us Sunday morning. Other visitors in our Sunday services were: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sullivan and Carolyn of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Calcote and son of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Whitley and Sharon of Big Lake; Miss Myrtle Baird of Brownwood; Chaplain and Mrs. Pat McClatchey and Pat of Roswell, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes of Midland; Mrs. Pat McShan, Jr., of Menard; Mr. and Mrs. Delray Stacy of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge, Sr., of Mt. View.

As next Sunday is a Fifth Sunday, we are happy to announce that Chaplain Pat McClatchey of Roswell, N. M., Air

DR. A. M. FISCHER
Chiropractor
Phone 2421 — 615 Commercial
Coleman, Texas

OPTOMETRIST
Dr. E. H. Henning, Jr.
117 Commercial Ave.
Coleman, Texas
Phone 8169
OFFICE HOURS
9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.
SATURDAYS, 9 to 2

Force Base, a hometown boy, will preach for us Sunday morning and Rev. Lloyd Coker will be with us Sunday night.

Friends here regret to hear of the death of Mr. Kit Douglas, who died at his home at Elkhart. The Douglas family formerly lived here and have many friends here who will regret to hear of his passing. Our community extends sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Martin went to Blanket Thursday to the funeral of Mr. Martin's cousin, Butler Dameron, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schulze and family of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lancaster of San Marcos, Mr. and Mrs. Odean Lancaster and family of Kyle, Texas, are here visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lige Lancaster and Mrs. Neta Williamson.

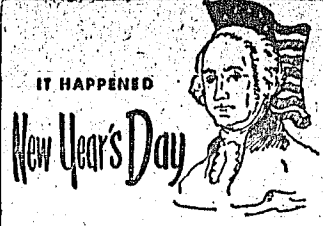
Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Coker and family and Donnie York were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grady McIver and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Earl York and Nikki were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Mrs. Lucille Jones of Brownwood visited her father, Tom Bingham of Eden, last weekend. Mr. Bingham returned to Brownwood and during the week they visited with his sister, Mrs. Beula Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke were in Brownwood shopping Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sullivan and Carolyn of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heibrier and family of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Stacy and Jane of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Delray Stacy of Abilene, are visiting during the Christmas holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stacy.

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Henderson and children of Fort Worth, pastor of the First Christian Church of Santa Anna, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke. Sunday visitors in the Chleo



New Year's day is primarily a festive occasion, but recorded in the pages of history are many important events which have taken place on the first day of various years.

On January 1, 1776, the First Union flag of 13 stripes was unfurled by George Washington. On January 1, 1863, the Emancipation of Negro slaves became effective by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln.

Here are some other events which occurred on New Year's day:

- 1735—Paul Revere was born.
- 1792—Kentucky admitted to the Union.
- 1801—Union of Ireland with Britain.
- 1815—General Jackson repelled British when they attacked New Orleans.
- 1825—Great Britain acknowledged independence of South American republics.
- 1907—U.S. pure food law put into effect.
- 1913—Parcel post system inaugurated.
- 1919—New Year's day declared a legal holiday throughout the country except in Massachusetts and Washington, D.C.

James home were Miss Delma Martin of Brownwood, Mrs. Harold James, Mrs. Milton Johnson and Joan of Fort Worth, Mrs. Pete McClatchey and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pat McShan of Menard. Mr. and Mrs. McShan are here for the holidays. Chaplain and Mrs. Pat McClatchey and Mike of Roswell, N. M., are here visiting during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie McClatchey.

U. S. Among Last to Welcome New Year

The United States, accustomed to being a world leader in many things, will always be an also-ran to Father Time until—and unless—something is done to change our present method of counting the days, hours and years.

Father time serves up the New Year to Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe and most of South America before he gets around to the first of our citizens in Maine. He then takes three more hours to give Californians a bright New Year, and it's two hours after that that residents of Alaska get their first look at 1957.

When the year 1957 is born, near Wellington, New Zealand, it will be 7 a.m. December 31, in New York City (EST). Three hours later the New Year will arrive in Yokohama, Japan, and in two more hours it will have reached Bangkok.

When the roar of the crowds welcomes 1957 along Times Square in New York City, the New Year will be eight hours old in Moscow, six hours old in Paris; three hours old in London and two hours old in Buenos Aires.

COLUMBUS WAS FIRST

Christopher Columbus was probably the first white man to celebrate New Year's day in the western hemisphere.

While his ships were being repaired on January 1, 1493, Columbus enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti.

After his meal, historians say, the discoverer of America had his first smoke of tobacco.

Shields News
By Mrs. E. S. Jones

Mrs. Herman Gilbreath is at home after several days in the Coleman hospital and is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Holder and children of McCamey, spent the weekend with the Audrey Epler family.

Mr. and Mrs. Raeford Evans and children, Jim, Janet and Hal, of Stephenville, visited Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carroll of Fort Worth, were weekend visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carroll.

Mrs. Bessie Stewardson, Mrs. Lillian Lewellen and Don Zirkle visited on Thursday with Mrs. E. S. Jones.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baker and sons visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fowler and family.

Mrs. George Cobb spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Jim Watkins at Okra, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fowler and children, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Wood, Cheryl and Bruce, of Fort Worth, George C. McDonald of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd of Mertzson, met at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McDonald at Vick for their family Christmas tree and supper Saturday night.

Mr. Richard Dillingham of San Antonio is home for the holidays and Edward Dillingham is expected home today (Monday), for Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Ura Dillingham.

Tuesday Mrs. Edgar Shelton entertained her Sunday School Class with a Christmas party in her home. After a prayer, song, program and game, refreshments of angel food cake, congealed salad, and coffee were served to eight members and the hostess.



RHYTHM ON WHEELS—Top Hat will dance, kneel and bow as he takes his glamorous owner, Lynn Randall, of North Hollywood, Calif., for a buggy ride at the world's greatest indoor rodeo during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Jan. 25 through Feb. 3. The climax of the superbly-educated horse's performance is a colorful scene, "Fantasy in Feathers." Dates are Jan. 25 through Feb. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Lewellen and daughter, Anna Lols, of Tyler, came Sunday for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Lewellen. Other members of the family coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McDonnell of Tokio.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bengé and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Eubank and children, Lanita, Bettie Vinson, Alton Bengé and wife, and Charles E. Bengé and wife of Lubbock, visited Sunday in Millersview with Mrs. Bengé's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Franke and son.

HERE'S TO A SUCCESSFUL

New YEAR



Coleman Gas Company



Our Wish for you

HEALTH
HAPPINESS
SUCCESS

Griffin Turkey Farm

ALL GOOD WISHES
FOR THE
NEW YEAR



Blue Hardware Company

Long Ago, Man Began Celebrating New Year

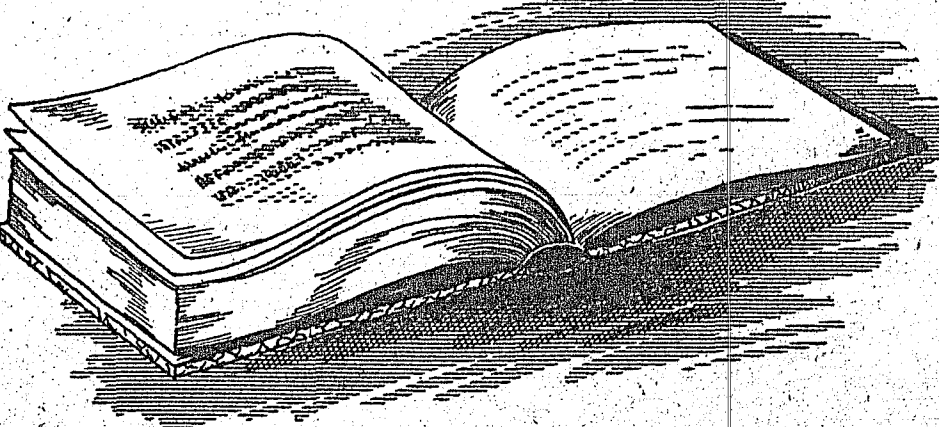
The Japanese have always used holly in decorating for the New Year celebration. It is an old belief that "the prick of the thorns on the leaves would scare away devils." The emperor's first bath, Hatsumyzy, taken early New Year morning, was called a "religious rite of cleansing and purification performed by the ruler to bring peace and prosperity to Japan and his people."

Long before history was recorded, the Persians discovered sugar cane and made sweetmeats, an important part of their New Year celebration. These pagan Persians also made human sacrifices on the eve of the New Year in the belief that their barren fields would be fertilized by the gods.

It was custom in ancient China to make visits shortly after the New Year had begun. Hilarity reigned in old India and Babylon, where celebration of the New Year was a wild affair.

Attend church regularly.

ANOTHER YEAR CLOSES



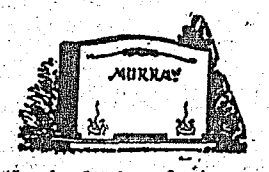
The last chapter of the book of the old year has just been concluded and now, as we turn to the first page of the New Year we say to you, "Thanks for everything."

It is our wish that next year Will be one of health, happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

Santa Anna National Bank

Member FDIC and Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

ARTISTIC MEMORIALS



Authorized Manufacturer of Barre Guild Granite Georgia Granite Winsboro Granite Texas Granite And Marble Memorials

SEE H. D. Harwell

Phone 8276 Coleman, Texas Representative For Coleman Monument Works W. A. Finley, Owner 1801 East 9th St. Coleman, Texas

VELDA CULLINS BIRTHDAY PARTY
 Velda Cullins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cullins, was honored with a birthday party in the home of her parents Friday afternoon, December 21, after school. She was 10 years old. Games of Drop The Handkerchief and "Little White House Over the Hill" were enjoyed. Refreshments of cake, cocoa, and candy were served from a table which had the decorated cage in the center, with candy canes surrounding it. Those present were: the honoree, Velda, Barbara Baucom, Geneva Taylor, Linda, Jean and Gale Robinett and Sheila Swindell.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Barry Sullivan and their sons, Barry, Pat and Mike, of Denver, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Calhoun and Debby, of Fort Worth, came for a weekend and holiday visit with their parents, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moseley.

DR. PEBBLE PURCELL CHIROPRACTOR
 Phone 6951 — 407 Llano St. COLEMAN, TEXAS



FOR SAFE SAILING . . . Officers on USS Compass Island operate navigational evaluation system designed for missile ships but usable on all ships from ocean liners to small motorboats.

USE BOTTLED GAS

- Clean and Safe
- Best For Heating
- Higher BTU Rating
- Best For Cooking
- Approved By Architects
- No Muss
- No Fuss

Prompt Delivery PHONE 8371

Coleman Butane Gas Co.

WIDE, WONDERFUL WORLD

BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE
 Editor, The American Peoples Encyclopedia

SAMUEL F. B. MORSE, inventor of the electric telegraph, has been termed "America's Leonardo da Vinci" with good reason. Like his Florentine predecessor, he was a man of many accomplishments. The "Wigard of the Wires" was a painter, sculptor, teacher, author, photographer and engineer. He became nationally famous as a portrait painter.

the most noted examples of his work being portraits of Lafayette and Monroe and the likenesses of 86 congressmen shown in "The Old House of Representatives."

The common hog-nosed snake, or puff adder, is something of a faker. It measures not more than three and one-half feet in length and its turned-up snout resembles that of a pig. When annoyed, hog-nosed snakes flatten the head and neck in cobra fashion, hissing loudly. Their appearance at this time is so formidable that many erroneously believe them to be poisonous.

Spices, vegetable products of definite and pronounced taste, are used to add flavor to less flavorful foods, and less frequently to disguise unpleasant tastes and odors and to preserve foods by checking the growth of bacteria. Spices come from roots and rhizomes, flowers and flower buds, fruits and seeds.

TODAY'S Meditation

The Upper Room
 THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. (Luke 2:20.)

It seemed to the happy shepherds that the very stars were singing, each star an angel of the heavenly host. Mankind could never again doubt the good will of God toward them, for He had sent His own Son into the world for their salvation.

The birth of Christ was accompanied by a marvelous outburst of praise. Luke records five songs — the Beatitude of Elizabeth, the Magnificat of Mary, the Benedictus of Zacharias, and later on, the Gloria in Excelsis of the angels, and the Nunc Dimittis of Simeon.

Into the daily round, into the common life of these men and women came this outburst of song.

What was this but earth's prelude for the heavenly song, as all nations and people fall down before the Lamb in the midst of the throne and sing, "Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the

throne, and unto the Lamb?" lives. —Lydis Mowatt (Ontario)

PRAYER
 Lord, we thank Thee for the wonderful gift of Thy beloved Son, and for Thy redeeming love toward us. In the daily round of our lives inspire us with the joy of our salvation in Christ. In our Redeemer's name we pray. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
 The love of Christ in us brings heavenly joy into our hearts and

Fred Oakes came in at the weekend from Fort Worth, to spend Christmas Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Oakes. The three will spend Christmas Day at Robert Lee with their sister and daughter, Mrs. Otto Wojtek and husband.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

Once again

BEST WISHES

For the New Year

Phillips Drug

Happy NEW YEAR

May this message be a friendly handclasp with the best of good wishes for the happiest and most successful New Year of them all.

Gordon Hardware AND FURNITURE COMPANY
 112 E. COLLEGE COLEMAN, TEXAS

Be happy!

LIVE BETTER — Electrically IN 1957

DO SOME FIGURING IN '57
 Do a little checking around the house and you will find you will want more Electric Appliances. Plan now, that in 1957 you will provide your home with more Electric Servants. Better still, call us and let one of our representatives help you do your planning.

West Texas Utilities Company

JOHN C. GREGG
Editor and Business Manager
PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY
AT SANTA ANNA, COLEMAN
COUNTY, TEXAS

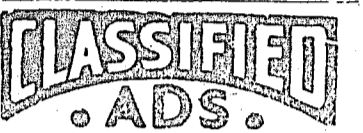
**SUBSCRIPTION RATES
IN COLEMAN COUNTY**

1 Year	\$1.50
6 Months	\$1.00
OUTSIDE COLEMAN COUNTY	
1 Year in Texas	\$3.00
6 Months in Texas	\$2.25
1 Year outside Texas	\$3.50
6 Months outside Texas	\$2.50
1 Year outside U. S. A.	\$5.00

The Publisher is not responsible for copy omissions, typographical errors that may occur further than to correct it in the next issue. All advertising orders are accepted on this basis only.

Entered at the Post Office at Santa Anna, Texas, as second class mail matter under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Advertising Rates on Request



Minimum Charge 40c Weekly

FOR RENT: 5 room house in west part of town. Phone 240. Mrs. Arthur Turner. 50c

FOR RENT: 2 rooms and bath, furnished with all modern conveniences. J. Edd Bartlett, Box 126. 50c

FOR SALE: 350 Motor Vehicle Inspection Stickers that must be on by April 16th. See L. A. Welch. 51-52c

FOR MONUMENTS and Markers of all types and sizes see T. A. Hodges. 307 Banister St. Phone Red 335. 49c

FOR SALE: 6 room house on Wallis Ave. Priced for quick sale. M. L. (Rat) Guthrie. 48c

FINISH HIGH SCHOOL at-grade school at home, spare time. Books furnished. Diploma awarded. Ruther where you left school. Write Columbia School, Box 2105, Abilene, Texas. 44c

SPECIAL NOTICES
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given: That the Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Santa Anna National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 8th day of January 1957 at 2:00 p. m., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
Respectfully,
O. L. Cheaney
Executive Vice President and Cashier. 51-1c

CARD OF THANKS
We are sincerely grateful to neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during our sad bereavement. Our appreciation cannot be adequately expressed.
May God bless each of you.
The A. D. Hunter family,
R. L. Cash and family. 52c

Veterans Land Board To Sell Forfeited Properties Soon

Austin — Texas' Veterans' Land Board began advertising December 19 for bids on 56 tracts of land it will sell early in 1957. The lands to be sold, which are located in all sections of the state, have been forfeited by original owners who purchased the property through the Veterans' Land Program.

The notice — to be published in newspapers near forfeited properties — will explain that bids will be accepted by the board until 10 a. m. February 5, 1957. Bids will be opened at that time.

In addition to its advertising, the land board has begun mailing out detailed information on the sale to 10,000 veterans who have requested the material.

Others who desire information about the sale can write the Veterans' Land Board in Austin, Earl Rudder, commissioner of the General Land Office, explains.

Mrs. M. N. McBurney of Zephyr, came Saturday to visit through Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Alice Daniel and her sister, Mrs. Edd Sewell. Mrs. Daniel, who has not been well, was able to come downtown with Mrs. McBurney Monday.



THE American people are paying at the rate of approximately \$10.8 billion dollars annually in excise taxes. Excise taxes are supposed to be taxes that don't hurt, since they are hidden in the final price the consumer pays for a product—such products as cigarettes, cosmetics, beer, jewelry, freight shipments, electric light bulbs, telephone bills, rail, bus and air travel, household appliances and many others. So these taxes are, in effect, nothing more than a sales tax imposed during war time emergency.

Lower income groups, which are hardest hit by excise taxes, may be interested that Congressman Aime J. Forand, of Rhode Island is already holding public hearings prior to the convening of the Congress, before his subcommittee on excise taxes of the House Ways and Means Committee, to carefully examine the administration excise tax policy, rates, technical and administrative procedures, with an eye to slashing these taxes.

For instance, excise taxes in this fiscal year will exceed estate and gift tax receipts, paid by folks in higher income brackets by some \$9 billion dollars. For every dollar of tax paid by corporations during this fiscal year, the Treasury will collect another 50 cents from wage and salary earners on excise taxes.

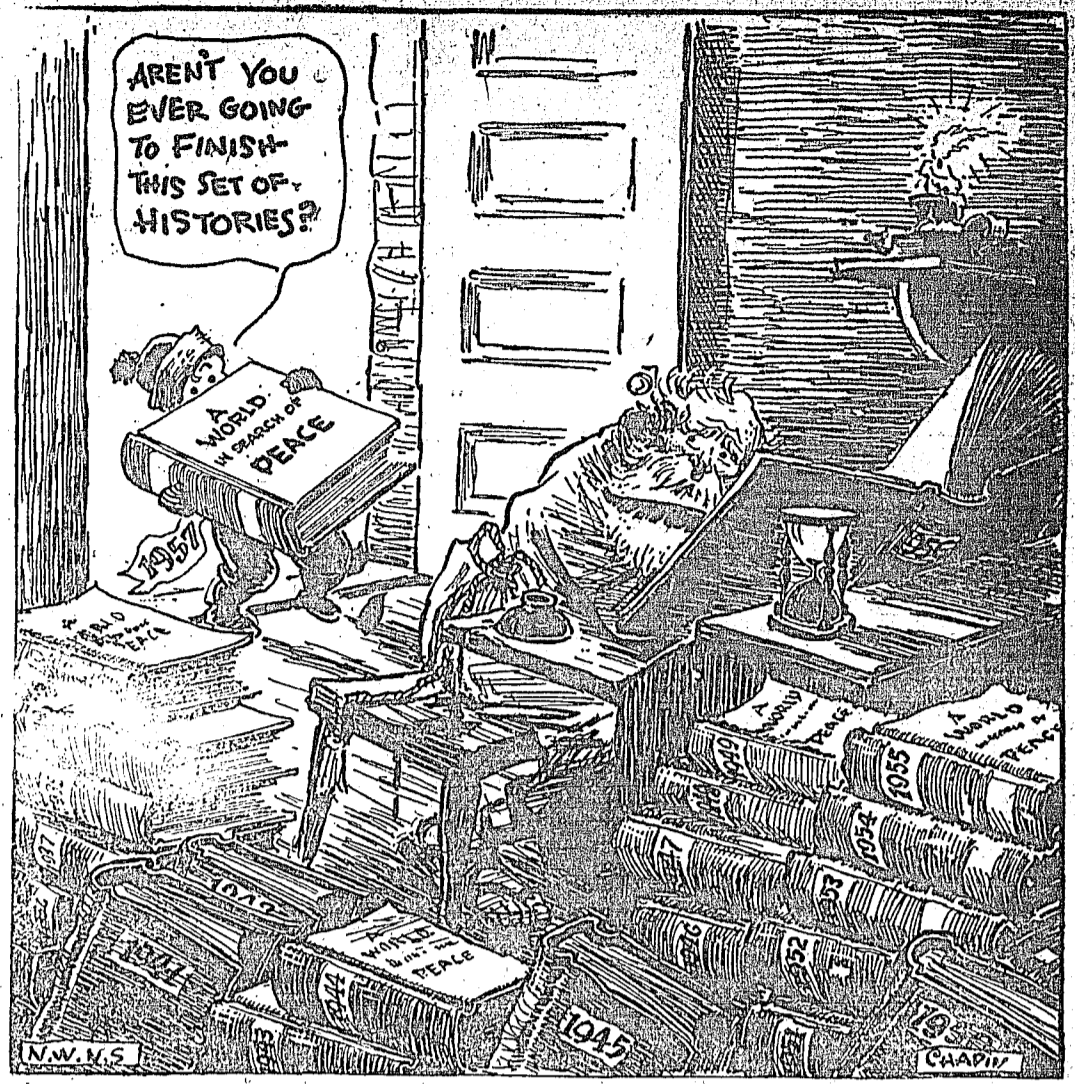
Excise taxes, imposed at the manufacturers level, grow because they add to the mark-up or profit margin by each handler until they reach the consumer. No one quarrels with such excises, as those on narcotics, firearms, whiskey, etc., but on essentials they increase the cost of living and the

tax load. The Forand Committee may recommend reduction in these taxes which were boosted some \$165 million by the last congress. At least a start may be made.

A clashing point in the incoming congress as between the Republican and Democratic leadership may arise over the whole question of taxing policy. The Republican Tax policy is based on cuts to business and the upper income brackets as incentives to business expansion on the theory that increased productive capacity will provide more jobs and more wages to buy the increased production. This theory coupled with a hard money policy and higher interest rates is the policy of fiscal agencies headed by Mr. George Humphrey, President Eisenhower's Secretary of the Treasury. It also was the policy of Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon under the administration of President Herbert Hoover, whose son, Herbert Hoover Jr., is acting Secretary of State in the illness of Secretary Dulles.

But under this theory inflation soars, consumer debt soars, and we are now approaching the point reached in 1929, according to some economists, where buying power cannot keep up with productive power, because of the high cost of living, now at its highest point in history. And the minute business finds that purchasing power is not keeping up with production, production slackens, as it is now doing. For actually the only incentive investors and producers respond to is that of a continuing demand for their products—if purchasing power drops production immediately follows.

'HEY, POP...



Rockwood News

By MRS. JOHN C. HUNTER

The A. L. Crutcher family wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to all their friends for their kindness and cooperation with the telephone service. Wishing one and all a happy, healthy and progressive year for 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steward and family left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Steward in McCamey. Mr. Fondren will visit in San Angelo with his daughter, Mrs. L. V. Hillyer and family while they are away.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rehm Friday night and enjoying their new television were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Porter of Utopia, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Steward, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rutherford and children, Mrs. Claud Cox and Sonzy Steward.

Mrs. Kate McIlvain and Mrs. Mena Shuford visited Friday afternoon with Mrs. A. L. Crutcher.

Visitors over the weekend in the A. L. King home were Mr. and Mrs. Travis King, Vance and Mark of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sitterle, Susan and Jillana of Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings Arnold and Meri Jose of Midwest City, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Brian Harden, Barbara and Carol of Fort Worth. Mrs. Harden and children had spent the previous week with Mr. and Mrs. King.

Rex Cooper and boys from Anton visited several days last week with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mueller and son from Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Valcek and son of San Antonio, came Friday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McCreary are in Memphis, to spend Christmas with their son, Weldon McCreary and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim West and son of San Angelo, spent Sunday in the M. A. Richardson home.

Those attending the Brady-Stamford football game in Abilene Friday were Bill Bryan, Frank McCreary, Jim Rutherford, Curtis Bryan, Rodney Dean and Joe Wise.

Weekend visitors in the L. Brusenan home were Cecil McCreary of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brusenan and Sue of Walnut Springs.

Mrs. J. C. King of Coleman spent last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King. Miss Sammie Stewardson of Coleman visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gray went to Temple Saturday for the holiday season.

Miss Bernice Johnson of Coleman attended church here Sunday and visited home folks.

Mrs. Lon Gray attended memorial services in Santa Anna for Mrs. Robert Cash.

Vernon Estes visited Sunday with J. A. Estes and Mr. and Mrs. John Horseman and Mr. and Mrs. Boss Estes were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davenport of Coleman were weekend visitors in the Lee Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Norris and children of Houston came Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crutcher.

Mrs. Ida May Harris of Brownwood visited in the Joe Wise home last Saturday, also Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tisdale of Brady.

Miss Neva Rehm of Austin and

Miss Bobbie Rehm of Stephenville are home for the holidays, also Miss Jo Beth Cooper.

Sunday visitors in the Johnnie Steward home were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Porter of Utopia, Mr. and Mrs. James Steward of Imperial, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Horton and children and G. T. England of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rehm and family of Brownwood, John Rutherford of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rehm and family.

Major and Mrs. Robert Steward and daughter of Wichita, Kansas, are visiting in the R. L. Steward home.

Mrs. Lee Miller was admitted to the Brady hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Jesse Oakes returned to her home at Corpus Christi on Monday of last week. Mr. Oakes returned with her. He is having eye treatments in a Veteran's hospital in Houston and will return there. While he is being treated, Mrs. Oakes and children are staying here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Talley.

It was nice to see Mr. and Mrs. Joe Christi Barnes and members of their family, from Grand Rapids, Colo., at the drawing Monday afternoon, as they greeted old friends. They are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Barnes, other relatives and old friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kingsbery and their three children of Crystal City, are Christmas visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kingsbery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woodward and their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Clifford, came Saturday to stay through the holidays in their home here.

All the Clifford Stephenson family came to visit them at Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pruitt and Kenneth of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stephenson and Gary of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scarborough and Carol Ann of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Richardson of Abilene, visited Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson. Mr. Richardson is improving nicely from his long illness and surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Parker and children, Martha Lynn and Bill, of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Zachary of Freeport, came for a weekend and holiday visit with the home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zachary.

Members of the A. Hefner family visiting with them for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Healer and son, Mike, and Jeannie Hefner of Brownwood, Mrs. Louise Rutledge of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Hays Hefner and Kay of Lubbock.

Mrs. J. E. Watkins left last Friday for Odessa to visit through the holidays with her daughters, Mrs. Bessie Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. Audis Smith and their three young boys, the youngest of whom will be a month old December 30th.

Dr. and Mrs. L. O. Garrett had their children, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Starnes and children, Tommie, Jr., Barbee and Ruth Ann, visiting with them for the weekend and Christmas.

WORDS or Just Being Human THOUGHTS

by Brad Anderson



...BUT LET'S FACE IT!



Old China Celebrated New Year for 15 Days

The New Year celebration in old China lasted for 15 days, beginning on the First Day of the First Moon and climaxing on "Teng Chieh," the Feast of Lanterns.

Family gatherings are as traditional in China as throughout the world and from New Year's Day until "Teng Chieh" exchanges of gifts and all sorts of entertainment were in order.

Northern China usually celebrated very simply, with paper lanterns hung in doors and windows. In Southern China, however, the festivities were usually concluded with spectacular lantern-lit parades featuring huge fire-breathing dragons supported from within by many men.

New Year Celebration Dates to Ancient Times

The history of the celebration of New Year's day goes far back into antiquity and it is only in relatively recent times that the holiday has been observed on January 1.

The ancient Persians and Egyptians celebrated New Year's on September 22, the autumnal equinox, while the Greeks did so at the winter solstice, December 21. The vernal equinox, March 22, marked the beginning of the year for the Jews.

New Year's day has always been celebrated in the United States and from Colonial times to the present it has been a day of happiness and hospitality.

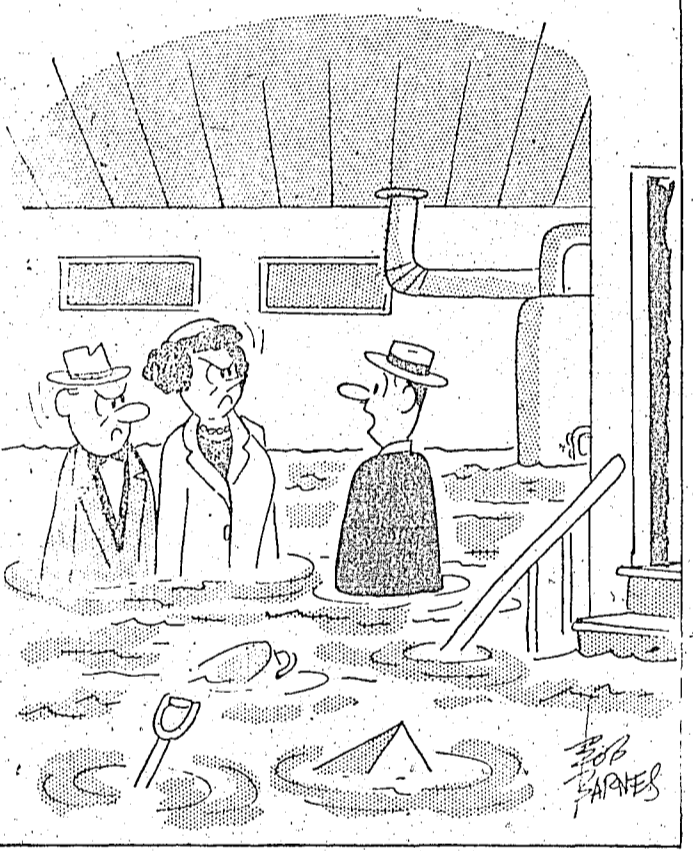
Mrs. Dovie Chapman left last Friday to visit through the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Phillips in Fort Worth.

E. M. Niell left Saturday for a visit through the holidays with members of his family in San Antonio, Natalia and elsewhere.

Ann Stiles of Amarillo, came last Friday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Ella Stiles, and other relatives and friends, through the holidays.

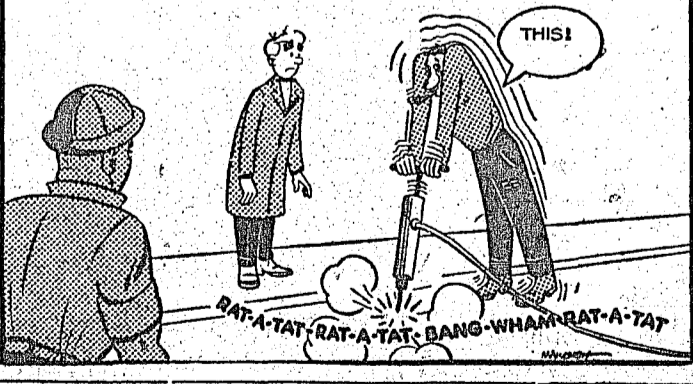
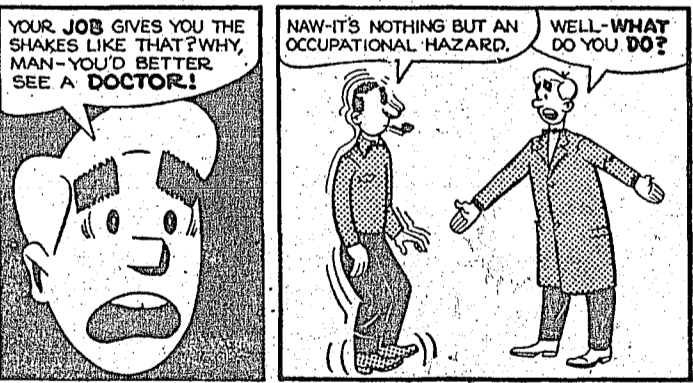
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baxter left Saturday to visit during the school holidays with the home folks at Floydada and Guthrie, and relatives and friends elsewhere.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"If you've seen enough of the cellar, shall we get along with the rest of the house?"

THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



A2c and Mrs. Carl Langford of Amarillo, are spending a 10-day leave with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Langford and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bouchillon.

Mrs. George Thomas and Faye from Abilene, came Sunday afternoon and visited with her grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Featherston, now staying in the home of Mrs. Preston West, Mrs. Featherston returned home with

Mrs. Thomas, to visit through Christmas Day. She will also be visiting with a grandson, Rodney Spence and family in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hartman and their three children, Steve, Debbie and Gary, of Snyder, and Tom Bailey of Snyder, came to enjoy Christmas with the home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Preston

ON THE TOWN

BY SHIRLEY SARGENT

ANNA LEE OSENBERG faced three facts as she studied her reflection with critical blue eyes. She was 26, unmarried and it would presently be New Year's Eve. If only Ralph were here. The mirror in her rented room supplied further vital statistics—blond hair worn long, a firm, curving mouth and good bones. "And what," she questioned aloud, "do good bones have to do with fun and games on New Year's Eve?"

The hall telephone shrilled and Anna Lee ran to answer. "Hello? Oh, yes, Joyce."

"Look, Lee, I'm awfully sorry but I can't go to the show with you tonight." Joyce sounded uncomfortable. "I...uh...something else came up. I'm sorry."

"Don't be," Anna Lee said. "My plans have changed too, so have fun and I'll see you at work." She hung up quickly not wanting her voice to give her away. It didn't take much imagination to figure what had come up for Joyce. A date and that was fine, only she wished that she had one too. She went back to her room and sank down on the bed. She knew she was pretty; knew too, now, that



...sounded uncomfortable. "I...uh...something else came up. I'm sorry."

she had been choosy about her dates. Through her early twenties, there had been plenty of men and the phone at home had rung constantly.

She remembered how telephone calls had dwindled as the bachelors thinned out. Maybe she'd been too particular, but she wanted certain qualities in her man; thought maybe she'd found them in Ralph Cooke. But Ralph was a salesman—farm implements—and was gone for two weeks.

"The telephone rang again. Could she baby sit? 'I'm terribly sorry,' Anna Lee didn't hesitate, 'but it's New Year's Eve and you know what that means.'"

What did it mean? she wondered again in her room. Well, it certainly didn't mean she had to stay here. She dressed in an attractive jumper outfit and her good, long red coat. She would find a way to celebrate. And she stilled the voice that questioned what she was celebrating.

Happy People

After dinner in a small Italian place, she decided to take a walk down the main streets. At first she was glad, as the sidewalks seemed thronged with happy people.

Then a little girl, looking at the same window display that Anna Lee was, asked, "Where's your daddy?"

A well-dressed, middle-aged couple were admiring some jewelry. "We must go, Frank," the woman said, "if we're to be at home by midnight."

"Excuse me," the man brushed Anna Lee's arm. "Wait, haven't we met before?"

Anna Lee felt herself growing tight. Really, in front of his wife! "Of course," the woman beamed suddenly, "we know you from your picture."

"My picture?"

"Our son, Ralph, has your photograph and we've been wanting to meet you. How nice you are in person."

"Do come home with us. We're just ready to see the New Year in—or are you waiting for someone?" the man said.

"No, I'm alone, but I wouldn't want to intrude."

Pleasant Feeling

They fairly swept her off with them. It was their pleasure. They were Cookes. Come in, Anna Lee liked it and them and their home. They talked of Ralph, but not entirely.

Then it was twelve and a new day, a new year, a new chance. Mr. Cooke insisted on driving her home, and invited her to Sunday dinner. Anna Lee went upstairs. She had set out because she couldn't bear a quiet evening and that was what she had found, but with good company. She sighed, then yawned hugely. What would Ralph think of this chance encounter? She found herself really caring what Ralph thought.

She was 26, unmarried and it was a brand new year. What would she be by next New Year's Eve? Anna Lee went to bed thoughtfully.

DRIVE SAFELY — Respect and obey all traffic signs.

That Sloan Girl

BY FRAN PACTER

IT WAS New Year's Eve and Beatrice Sloan returned to her place of birth intent on revenge. She was returning a success, a success achieved and spurred on by years of ridicule and scorn meted out to her in this very town. Orphaned at birth, her life during her formative years had been spent in a series of foster homes in which she grew up unloved and unwanted. Scorned by her classmates she had lost herself in the world of books gaining for herself scholastic honors worthy of accolades, but denied her because she was "that Sloan Girl."

Tainted by illegitimacy she grew up filled with bitterness and hate and had left her birthplace vowing someday to return and retaliate in kind. Her day of triumph was at hand. She was now a wealthy, successful professional woman bearing slight resemblance to the girl who had sunk away in the dead of night. As she signed the hotel register she wrote her name with a proud flourish.

Though the town had grown there were enough old timers around to whom the name would be familiar and chance had it that one was at the register desk as she signed in.

He peered closely at her, saying, "Are you the Sloan girl that grew up here?" His voice inflection held the long remembered slur.



He peered closely at her, saying, "Are you the Sloan girl that grew up here?"

"Yes, I'm Beatrice Sloan, and I did grow up here." Her own cultural tone added to the haughty shrug of her mink clad shoulder drew his attention to her smart attire.

"It appears that you've done alright for yourself." The old timer grudgingly allowed admiration to creep into his voice.

"May I have my key?" Beatrice terminated the conversation with an air. She walked toward the elevator fully aware of the close scrutiny she was receiving. If her assumptions were correct it would not take long for news of her arrival to travel.

Things Changed

Progress had changed many of the familiar sites making her feel a bit alien to the town of her birth. On a side street she saw one of her foster homes no longer a home but was now a rooming house. As she approached she noticed an old man coming down the steps. It was Jed Smith! He had been a blacksmith back in her childhood and one of her few friends. His strong physique was now bent with age and he bore little resemblance to his former self. Many a happy hour had been spent in his company listening to fanciful tales he had spun as he worked. In recall she could almost feel the warmth of the red hot forge as he shod horses and smell once again the odor that filled the air as he applied the shoe. She called out, "Jed! Jed Smith! Do you remember me?"

The man paused peering closely at her. "Well I'll be darned, if it isn't little Beatrice. You grew into a fine lady, didn't you?"

Beatrice felt warmth envelop her for the first time since her re-entry into town. Jed was tied in with the few happy times she remembered.

A Good Gesture

Jed continued, "Tell me about you. I can see that you made out real well. You had me worried a bit but I felt sure that fine mind of yours would see you through. It's nice gesture of yours to come back and see us folks. Folks hereabouts gave you a hard time but toughening never hurt anyone."

Beatrice felt shame as she heard him speak, shame for the real reason she had returned. He was so right. Toughening never hurt anyone and perhaps if her background had been different she would not be a success now. Beatrice felt a cleansing of herself as bitterness fled from within her. Opening her wallet she stuffed bills in the old man's hand whispering as she did, "Happy New Year." She walked away rich in her newfound wisdom that one could only live a rich life through application of the Golden Rule.

The year ahead would be a happy one.

DRIVE SAFELY — You don't buy safety, you build it.

Mrs. Bill Griffin Hostess for W. S. C. S. Regular Meeting

The W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church met for its social meeting of the month, and the last meeting of the year, on Monday, December 17, at 3:00 in the home of Mrs. Bill Griffin. A forecast of the book, "Youth in a Responsible Society, A Christian's Concern," which the group will begin a study of in January, was given by Mrs. Frank L. Turney, Miss Bettie Blue and Mrs. Roy Horne. The study promises to be quite interesting.

Lovely refreshments of turkey salad, party wafers, pickles, home-made fruit cake, and coffee, were served.

Others present besides the above mentioned were: Mrs. Kenneth Bowker, Mrs. Tom Hays, Mrs. Oscar Cheaney, Mrs. Tom Mills, Mrs. Dan Blake, Mrs. A. J. Hilk, Mrs. Floyd Hale, Mrs. Arch Hurlpatrick and Mrs. C. L. Eeds.

At the close of the meeting those who had not done so, were shown through the ultra-modern new Griffin home, and some who had, took another look-see.

First Baptist Young Women's Auxiliary Christmas Party

The Young Women's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church met in the home of the sponsor, Mrs. James A. Mallow, Wednesday afternoon for a supper meeting. A salad course was served with sand tarts and hot chocolate. Christmas decorations were used on the tables.

Afterwards the program chairman, Miss Jeanne Stewardson, presented the program, "Something for Thee." The interest center consisted of the open Holy Bible on a red cloth surrounded with greenery, candles, and Christmas balls. The program was presented by candlelight.

Those participating on the program were Misses Clois Cullins, Frances Biggs and Sonja Dunn. After sentence prayers were offered, Miss Stewardson closed the program with a Christmas Prayer.

In the business meeting that followed, members turned in their offering for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Each member pledged \$1.00 for this offering. Articles were also turned in for their community mission projects to help a needy family at Christmas time.

Members exchanged gifts from the Christmas tree. Those attending were Mrs. Dorothy Harris, co-sponsor, Misses Cullins, Dunn, Biggs, Stewardson, Jean Smith, Carolyn McClellan, Rita Jane Ing, Shirley Francis, Kay Owen, and a visitor, Shirley Simmons of Brownwood.

Delta Omicron Sorority Has Annual Christmas Party

The Delta Omicron Sorority met for its annual Christmas party Wednesday night, December 19, in the home of Miss Gay Turner. Co-hostesses with her were Miss Charlotte Moseley and Mrs. Jo Ann Allen.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the house and the main attraction was the Christmas tree in the party room.

Guests brought a Christmas present for their secret pal, which they have had for the past year, and the secret pals were revealed. There were many surprised "pals" among the members present.

Refreshments of congealed salad, sandwiches, fruit cake, pickles and coffee were served to 15 members. Afterwards a game of Charades was enjoyed by everyone.

Those present were Misses Coyita Bowker, Johnny E. Horton, Lera Guthrie, Lorene Rice, Alice Horne, Billie Guthrie, Maurice Mallow, Bessie Gill, Jeanne Van Breemen, Helen Hodeak, Dillie Dockery, Miss Patricia Davis and the hostesses.

Adult I Department Of First Baptist Christmas Party

The Adult I Sunday School Department of the First Baptist Church, held its Christmas dinner at the church annex on Monday night, December 17.

Members of the classes, teachers, associate members and their children were served from tables decorated with candles, greenery and snow. The menu consisted of ham, green beans, congealed salad, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, coffee and tea, and pie with whipped cream.

Mrs. Tom Kingsbery, social chairman for the department, acted as master of ceremonies. Mr. James Mallow led the children in singing some Christmas carols. Miss Babs Tatum sang "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer," accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Walker Tatum, who also played for the group singing. Mrs. Allyn Gill read "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and Mr. and Mrs. James Mallow



FLOUR	Gladiola 10-lb Bag	98¢
With 20c Coupon Free		
TOMATO JUICE	Hunt's 46-oz Can	29¢
HOMINY	15-oz Cans 3 for	25¢
VIENNA SAUSAGE	Chuck Time 3 CANS	25¢
TAMALES	Wolf Brand 2 Cans	49¢
CRACKERS	Supreme 1-lb Box	25¢
SALMON	Honey Boy - Tall Can	56c
SALAD DRESSING	Kraft Pt.	35c
SYRUP	KIMBELL'S WAFFLE 24-oz Bottle	35c
PANCAKE MIX	PILLSBURY LARGE 2-LB. BOX	35c
BEEF	Seven Steak Lb.	29c
BEEF	Ground Fresh and Lean Lb.	25c
HOSCH GROCERY		

sang "Winter Wonderland." After group Christmas carols, Mrs. B. A. Parker read "The Christmas Story," and Mr. Emzy Brown gave the benediction.

Mrs. Mallow is superintendent of the department and Mrs. Parker and Mr. Brown are teachers. Guests present were Messrs. and Misses Kingsbery, Gill, Mallow, Brown, Parker, Tatum, Robert Smith, Elgen Harris, Carl Benton, Dee Yancy, Charles Hosch, Mrs. A. G. Furvis, Mr. Robert Earl Lancaster and several children.

FAMILY GATHERING IN F. A. PARSONS' HOME

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Parsons were pleasantly surprised when their children and members of their families came last Sunday, bringing a big Christmas dinner. There was also a gift exchange.

Food consisted of chicken and dressing, ham, roast and different kinds of salads, cakes and pies.

Those coming were Mr. and Mrs. Newell Parsons and Kenneth; Mr. and Mrs. Newell Parsons, Jr., Walter and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Goodgion, Roy Lee and Nita; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lappa, Ronnie and Donnie of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Nena Parsons of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wright, Darrel, Cora Lou, Lynn and Judy of Santa Anna; a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wells, Nola and Kay of Crane; a great grandson, Gregory Martin of Fort Worth; a friend, Mrs. Ethel Morris of Fort Worth.

Members of the family that could not be present are: Mr. and Mrs. Nolon Parsons, Mrs. Dorothy Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Williamson and their families.

Sunday Service At First Christian Church Well Attended

There was an encouraging increase in Sunday School attendance and many more came for the church services, mostly former members here for the holidays, at the First Christian Church Sunday.

Profuse decorations in red and green were in evidence, an arrangement on both the lectern and pulpit and tall baskets besides them. During the Sunday School period a special offering for Juliette Fowler Homes for Orphans and Aged, was taken.

Bro. Henderson, pastor, reported he took the many gifts assembled on Saturday night, Dec. 15, to the homes. He brought his wife and their three young children with him for the weekend. She is also a student at TCU.

The Junior C. Y. F. put on a Christmas Program between Sunday School and church service that went over in a fine way. Children leading the songs



Romans Named Romans Named Month of January for Two-Faced Janus

The early Romans named their new year in honor of Janus, a two-faced god who was believed to have the power to look back over the past and, in a prophetic way, into the future.

He was represented with a key in his hand, symbolizing his power to open doors and gateways, and this holiday was one of great gaiety. The festival was not observed in midwinter, but in the spring, when the Roman year began. At first, the Roman calendar had only ten months, but later January and February were placed at the beginning of the year and the New Year was celebrated on the first of January.

As early as 747 B.C., the Romans gathered gifts of bay and palm for New Year's presents. As the years passed and Rome prospered, the gifts became more elaborate and in time it became the custom to bestow them upon the emperor, a habit that contributed greatly to the wealth of the Caesars. Claudius, recognizing the fact that the giving had graduated through the years from a voluntary tribute to a regarded duty, issued a decree limiting the amount which might be given.

Rome continued to celebrate the New Year until the Christian emperors. The idolatrous rites of the people, however, caused the church to ban Christians from participating in the celebrations, and it was not until December 25 was legally fixed as the date of the Nativity that the church made January 1 a religious festival, in commemoration of the circumcision of Jesus.

and Linda Moore at the piano.

Mrs. Oscar Boenicke, and others are faithful in training the children.

On Saturday night Mrs. Boenicke and Mrs. Tom White took the group caroling, stopping at homes, mostly of elderly or afflicted. They distributed more than 30 bags of candy, fruit and nuts.

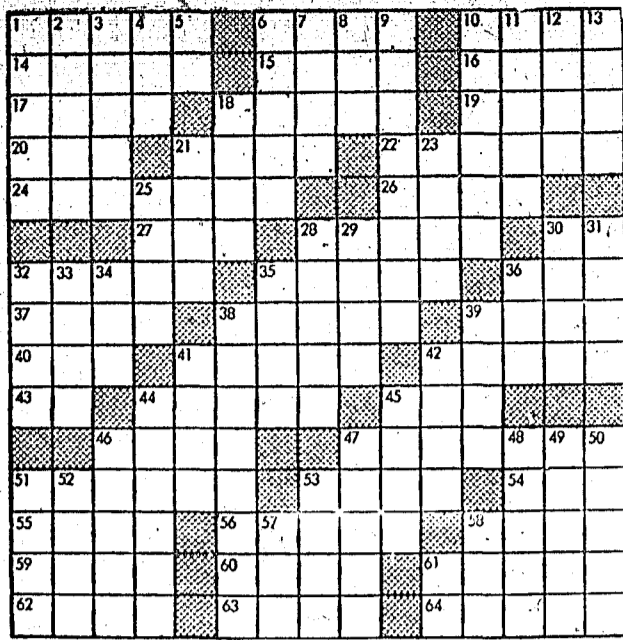
Sunday night services were dismissed.

Juneau is the capital of Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones, Mildred and Buddy and a friend, Connie Travland of Bishop, came Friday night. They went on to Leuders Saturday, to visit his father, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones. They returned here Sunday for a Christmas visit with her mother, Mrs. J. J. Gregg, and departed for their home in the afternoon of Christmas Day.

Mrs. Lola Bishop of Bangs, formerly of Santa Anna, was here Saturday doing some Christmas shopping.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"SEE here, Janie—ever since I put that engagement ring on your finger, you've been trying to put a ring through my nose. And I don't like it!" Bill Rook scowled down at the cuddlesome blonde as he held her coat.

Janie Lynd put one arm into the coat and batted her big blue eyes at him, a teasing pout on her kissable red lips.

"But, honey—" she cooed, "I only suggested that you wear white shirts for evening, instead of those gaudy colored things. And you always have that bunch of pens and pencils sticking out of your pocket. Most men wear a neat white hanky. Besides, if you didn't carry those pencils, you wouldn't be tempted to doodle on tablecloths and menus. That's an awful habit, Bill. Why don't you make some resolution for the New Year?"

"Oh, ye gods!" Bill reached for his hat, then faced her with a beligerent chin. "Look—I wasn't going to tell you this, Janie—but you've made me the laughing-stock of the office. Every morning the gang inspects me to see what new changes you've made. First, I shaved off my mustache, then I gave up cigars and began wearing

"Della is not a phony," said Bill in icy accents. "She happens to be a very intelligent young woman, who appreciates a man without trying to reform him."

Janie gave a delicate snort. "Well, if dear Della's opinion means more to you than mine, maybe you'd better take her out tonight."

Good Suggestion

"That," said Bill with maddening calm, "is the best suggestion you've made. And don't think she won't accept. Della likes me just as I am—doodles and all. Goodnight." The door closed behind him.

"He—wouldn't—dare!" gasped Janie, her blue eyes wide with amazement.

Bill's car shot away from the curb just as Janie reached the door. She hailed a passing cab and fell into the seat, breathless.

"Follow that green convertible!" she told the driver. They chased Bill for five blocks through the heavy traffic. Janie's heart sank as he turned off and headed across the Maple Park Bridge. He was taking the shortest route to Della's house.

"Never mind, driver," Janie said wearily. "Go straight ahead. Take me to—The Domino on Tenth Street." That was the restaurant where she and Bill had been going for dinner. Would he take Della there? She had to know, even if it hurt. And it did, just thinking about it.

Lost in Crowd

The Domino was crowded, but Janie found a booth in the rear. She ordered a sandwich and coffee to pacify the waiter, then focused her eyes on the revolving door. The soft music and pleasant hum of conversation brought back memories of all the happy hours she'd spent there with Bill. A lump settled in her throat and froze there as a willow blonde in a red coat came through the door, followed by Bill.

They took a booth up front and Janie could just glimpse the elbow of Bill's dark suit resting on the table. Any minute now, he'd pull out a dark pencil and begin doodling on the white place-mat.

Three cups of coffee and a caramel sundae later, Janie saw them leave. She gathered up her purse and walk to the cashier's desk. As she passed the empty booth, her eyes wandered to Bill's place-mat, and a beautiful smile lit her face. The mat was covered with doodles in the shape of hearts. The hearts were joined by shaky arrows and alternately labeled: "JANIE" and "BILL". And beneath were the words, "Happy New Year!"



Janie Lynd put one arm into the coat and batted her big blue eyes at him.

these silly bow ties. I suppose after we're married, you'll be telling me what to eat and when to breathe. No wonder they call me 'The Mouse.' Della says you're wrecking my personality."

Janie backed up and collapsed on the sofa. "Della?" she bristled. "That—that peroxide tele-phony I met at the Christmas party?"

PLANT ROSES NOW

Anyone can grow roses, according to A. F. DeWorth, head, Department of Floriculture. They may be planted in the fall or spring. In Texas, fall planting is generally preferred.

Aim for quality and you may also get quantity. Many gardeners try to grow too many varieties or too many plants. Given careful attention, Mr. DeWorth says that 10 well chosen varieties will produce as many flowers and give far more pleasure than 50 poorly-tended plants.

Essentials for success with roses are: proper planting, a sunny location and well-drained soil. Start with No. 1 grade plants, and have the ground ready when the plants arrive. Make sure roots are never exposed to sunlight or drying

winds.

Water plants thoroughly. Don't apply fertilizer to newly-planted bushes until the root system is well established, then feed at least twice a season. Never fertilize in late fall. Keep plants free of insects and disease with regular spraying or dusting schedule.

For details on selection, soil preparation, pruning and care of roses, get a copy of TAP-1 — ROSES FOR TEXAS — from your home demonstration agent's office, or write the Agricultural Information Office.

CHURCH WOMAN COUNCIL NOT TO MEET MONDAY

There will NOT be a meeting of the Santa Anna Council of Church Women on Monday, December 31. The next Fifth Monday meeting will be announced at a later date.

DRIVE SAFELY — Life is not so short that there is not time for courtesy

The original meaning of the word opera was "works."

- ACROSS**
- To gather
 - American
 - Indian
 - So be it
 - To lift
 - Meadows
 - French foe
 - father
 - Finishes
 - Chairs
 - Sheet of
 - window glass
 - Card
 - To box
 - Levelled
 - Dog
 - Tidy
 - Emmett
 - East car
 - Earth
 - godless
 - Gold shot
 - Stream
 - Fitch
 - City of Italy
 - Chews
 - Godless of
 - discord
 - High
 - mountain
 - Monarch
 - Child's
 - blackbeard
 - Pronoun
 - Roman god,
 - dess of
 - vegetation
 - Capuchin
 - monkey
- DOWN**
- Extensive
 - Pointed
 - scrapion
 - Kind of duck
 - Deast of
 - Jurien
 - A direction
 - Cloudless
 - Talse
 - Consume
 - Fundamental
 - nature (pl.)
 - Seam
 - Intended
 - Sea eagle
 - Requill
 - Small bur-
 - cauda
 - Mathematical
 - term
 - Swerve

D	A	C	E
A	L	A	S
R	E	S	T
N	A	T	I
S	E	E	M
C	L	E	A
H	E	A	T
E	A	S	E
A	S	E	R
T	E	L	L
M	A	S	S
C	R	A	P
A	A	A	A
O	R	I	G
I	N	E	S
F	A	N	T
E	V	E	N
P	E	R	T

Answer to Puzzle No. 425.



IMPROVED PLANTING PRACTICES — A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

A good New Year's resolution for Texas farmers would be, Resolved: To plant Texas registered or certified seed for the 1957 crop year.

There is no such thing as "bargain basement" seed. Cheap seed often result in inferior plants — you get about what you pay for, with few exceptions. Registered or certified seed isn't necessarily expensive but it is sensible — you know what you are paying for.

The farmer should look for the official tag in the bag of seed which indicates that the contents have been inspected by the Texas Department of Agriculture. It means the seed meets specifications of the Texas State Seed Law that demand certain regulations.

A seller of certified seed must plant his plots with the purest foundation or breeder's seed. The fields to be certified must be isolated from similar crops according to the standards and these fields are checked by impartial state inspectors for purity and freedom from disease and weeds. Warehouses where seed are stored must measure up to certain standards and the seed are sealed in a bag with the red, white and blue State of Texas certified or registered tag securely attached.

Registered seed, strictly is not guaranteed quality seed. The tag merely guarantees that the bag is properly labeled as to content; what percent is foreign matter, etc. This label is purple. Certified seed, on the other hand, must meet strict standards and this tag is pale blue.

These labels are the farmer's protection against inferior mis-

represented seed products. He knows exactly what he is buying and that his seed bags contain exactly what the tag says they contain.

In other words, the tag on the bag guarantees the breeding in the seed.

Further information about Texas registered and certified seed will be given on request. Address inquiries to John C. White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, Capitol Station, Austin 14, Texas.

EARLY 'OPEN HOUSE'

"Open House" on New Year's day was quite the vogue in the United States around the turn of the 20th Century. Newspapers carried columns of 'at home' notices announcing the hours during which visitors would be received. And having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions and joined the procession of callers at other 'open houses.'

DRIVE SAFELY — Promote safety and prevent sorrow.

There were 13 men at the Last Supper.

COLEMAN ABSTRACT COMPANY
203 State Bank Bldg.
Fred Paddleford
Telephone 9-3443
Coleman, Texas

Electrical Motor Service

We repair and rewind electrical motors of all kinds and give you prompt, expert service!

BOZEMAN ELECTRIC SHOP
Coleman, Texas
Service Calls 6281
Night Calls 7899

Here's wishing you a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Coleman, Texas

CHRISTMAS TREE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Members of the Presbyterian Church at Waldrip came to Santa Anna and had a supper with the First Presbyterian Church in their Fellowship Hall, at 6 p. m. last Sunday. Rev. Moore, pastor of the Santa Anna Church, preached at Waldrip on the 3rd Sunday night each month.

For the services last Sunday night they were asked to meet in a combined service with the local congregation.

Much fine food was brought and enjoyed with much left over. After the supper, there was a Christmas tree and an enjoyable Christmas program. The affair was largely attend-

ed and a fine fellowship was enjoyed.

MORRIS STRAUGHAN PROMOTED TO M/SGT.
Stephenville — Morris E. Straughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straughan of Rockwood, was recently promoted to the rank of master sergeant in the Tarleton State College ROTC.

Straughan, a second year student at Tarleton, is majoring in agriculture education.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wallace and their two children of Kermit, came to spend Christmas with the home folks, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McClintock and Mr. and Mrs. Doc Wallace.



Here's to a
Happy NEW YEAR

To you—our Friends

Morgan & Cullins
WHOLESALE MEATS

COLEMAN

TEXAS



Hope your
NEW YEAR

days are
happy days

Sturges & Gibbs

COLEMAN'S LADIES' STORE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

First Coleman National Bank

MEMBER FDIC and FED. RES. SYSTEM

COLEMAN

Duval's Background For Dictatorship Is One of Violence and Sudden Death

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—To know the history of Duval County is to understand the power of George B. Parr. To know the county's people is to know Parr himself. Parr's power, and that of his father before him, is based on the Latin-American, by tradition an easily led "follower." Almost 90 per cent of the people in Duval are "Mexicans," so called even though their families may have lived on this land since the days of the Conquistadores. Most of them are desperately poor. Many are illiterate. Many speak no English at all.

Perhaps half the population of this little county town, 4,897 at the last official census, live in miserable "jacales," unpainted huts built with scrap lumber.

The town, officially a city, is typically Mexican, with a mission-style church and a central plaza with a band stand. The line separating Duval from Jim Wells County runs through the town, and through the center of the San Diego Cafe, meeting place of the anti-Parr forces. Across the street, Highway 44, and city corner to the West is the Court-house and the Windmill Cafe, headquarters of the Parr brigade. The "Mexican" in Duval is small, dark-skinned, Catholic by religion.

George Parr is an "Anglo" and by all rules of deep South Central Texas he and his followers should be as different as day is from night.

The average "Anglo" in Duval is a big man, taller by inches than the general run of Americans. By religion he is Protestant. He speaks little or no Spanish. He is apt to wear fancy, high-heeled Western boots and a Western hat.

Even though his skin may be burned by the sun to the shade of old copper he thinks of himself as "white"—in contrast to the Mexican-American who is patronized as a peon, as part Indian. The "Anglo" speaks of "good Mexicans" and "bad Mexicans," but always of "Mexicans." He doesn't think of the Latins as Americans at all.

More than a trace of the frontiersman still remains in the Duval "Anglo." There are men still living who can tell truthfully of pulling trigger on yelling Apaches.

It is more than a bit startling to the outsider to get the "feel" of the small towns in Duval, Jim Wells, Brooks, Webb and other counties of the area. A man from north of the Nueces River is

"Yankee" and an alien. The feeling, the psychology, the atmosphere, is that of the frontier, of violence and of sudden death.

It would give a man from Austin, from Dallas or from Chicago quite a jolt to sit in a man's office as I did and ask a casual question about another man and have your host slam a loaded .45 on the polished desk so hard that it left a dent.

"One of these days the blankety blank so and so is going to walk in here and I'm going to kill him." Or to hear a peace officer say very seriously that if he were such and such a man—naming him—that he wouldn't fool around waiting for the law, he'd just up and kill the fellow who had gotten a relative.

Or to hear another man tell of visiting a friend in jail for murder, a friend who was acquitted quickly when the case went to a jury. I asked for the circumstances.

"Oh, he was throwing..... out of a bar when..... said 'Go ahead, why don't you kill me?' My friend said 'Alright, if that's what you want.' Bang!"

It's not so many years ago that these same men were killing Mexican raiders from across the Rio Grande on sight—and asking questions afterward.

George B. Parr's father, old Senator Archie Parr, and the son after him, put the anti-Mexican, patronizing psychology of the "Anglo" into reverse. They then parlayed the gratitude and adoration of the Latins into one of the most cynical, most ruthless dictatorships in American political history.

Old Archie, then a red-necked, cocky little \$25 a month cow puncher, arrived in San Diego at the turn of the century and took the side of the "Mexicans" against the "Anglos."

The "Anglos" in Duval were then split into two factions, led by the Robinsons and the Hoffmans. Archie shrewdly moved in between the two groups, voted his Mexicans as a solid unit and before a dozen years had passed he owned the county as a private barony. He knew every political trick in the book and added some of his own. The title "Duke of Duval" was no empty honor.

Old Archie was a small man, pot-bellied in his later years, who spoke Spanish like a native and thought like a Mexican. He apparently sincerely loved his followers, loved them as a man might love a faithful dog. He punished them when they were

naughty, fed them when they were hungry, led them like a flock of sheep, robbed them blind, tended their hurts—and used them so adroitly that no man dared oppose him. He made alliances with political leaders in adjoining counties. His power was vast.

Old Archie sat in the State Senate for twenty years, ran a rip-roaring wide open county back home in Duval where not a dog barked without his permission. He controlled the courts, the police, the schools, the rackets, everything in the county. He manipulated elections with the dexterity of a gambler with a deck of cards.

There were sporadic revolts against his rule, of course, but these were put down ruthlessly. On primary day in 1912, for example, three men were shot to death in the street in front of the Courthouse. Two years later a determined attempt was made by Parr foes to clean up Duval by the simple expedient of abolishing the county altogether. It didn't work. In 1915 the Texas Supreme Court ordered an audit of the county's books and the Courthouse burned down after the auditors had worked only one day, destroying the records.

In building his power, and in consolidating it, Old Archie had one powerful force operating in his favor—the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Ironically, that much-amended Constitution of 1878 was framed deliberately to give counties the greatest possible measure of home rule. Behind the solid rampart of that document the Duke of Duval ruled with the absolute authority of a Medic.

Thus it was the Constitution, as much as Parr himself, that posed the serious obstacle to Attorney General John Ben Shepherd in his march on the Duchy of Duval. He had to stay carefully within its obsolete framework while fighting against forces that cared not one snap of the fingers for all the law in Texas.

Old Archie's son, the present Duke of Duval, grew up in this atmosphere of corrupt politics. He knew of the liquor-laden pack trains that came into the county during the lush days of prohibition, that went on, and he learned well. His playmates were the Latin children of San Diego. Spanish, not English, was his mother tongue.

Among his playmates was Manuel "Meme" Marroquin, now Parr's most bitter enemy, editor of a militant little bi-lingual newspaper "New Duval." Other articles in this series will tell more of Marroquin, a man who has suffered much, including physical beatings, at the hands of the Boss and his henchmen.

NIWOT NEWS BY THE NIWOT KIDS

There was good attendance for the Christmas program and tree Sunday night. The children did a good job putting on the program and Santa did get there. Our visitors were Mrs. Mae Flores of Bangs, Mr. Leonard Phillips of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wells and daughters of Loraine, Mr. and Mrs. Watt Ingram and baby of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Baker of Irving.

Mrs. Beula Fleming and Margie, Mrs. Duane Raspberry and Donna, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ross White of Brownwood Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbetts were supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Avants and family Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis were dinner guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ellis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bengie were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Franke Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ellis, Jerry and Anita attended a family gathering and Christmas dinner Sunday in Brownwood in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Miller visited Saturday night with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Rice at Brooksmith.

Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Baker of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Watt Ingram and son of Dallas, came in Friday night to spend Christmas with the girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wells and Wanda visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ellis and family.

Mrs. Mae Flores of Bangs visited Thursday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baugh.

Mrs. Silas Wagner and Mrs. Harrel Cupps visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Miller Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Miller were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baugh and girls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes visited Sunday afternoon with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Evans and family.

Jimmy Reed and Naomi Baugh visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bengie.

Mrs. Beula Fleming and Margie, Mrs. Duane Raspberry and Donna, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fleming and family Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis visited Thursday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Thompson of Coleman.

Mrs. Silas Wagner and Mrs. Rex Baker visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Callie Overby and Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Wagner.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU

Here we stand on the brink of another year
And it's time we must be grateful for all the
Promises that it holds forth, and too for the
Peace and prosperity that has blessed the
Year now past and so soon to be forgotten.

Never look back, they say, or throw away
Even a slight lament for now-fruitless time
Which has been indelibly inscribed to history.

Years come and go, unto eternity; but it is
Ever the New Year which supports the myriad hopes
And ambitions of mankind... the New Year, full of
Rewards, Achievement, Happiness and Success.

Mrs. James Perry and Brenda visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and attended the Christmas program Sunday night at Cleveland.

Robert Perry spent Sunday night in Santa Anna with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. James Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bullock and little daughter, Kay, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Holder of Lubbock, came Saturday for a brief visit through the holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Bullock. A granddaughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn Robertson and son of Las Vegas, Nev., have visited recently with the Bullocks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McClellan and Carol left last Friday morning for Aiken, S. C., for a visit through the holidays, with their daughter and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Bartow Boylston and children.

Weah McCulloch, Sec.-Treas.
Bettie McCulloch, Mgr.
Standard Abstract Co.
City & County Maps For Sale
405 Bank Bldg. - Coleman

Furniture For Every Room

TRADE WITH US

Furniture — Admiral Refrigerators
6—9—12 Foot Gold Seal Linoleum

Lewis Furniture Store

West Of Court House In Coleman



GREETINGS... Actress Lucy Marlowe strikes this fetching pose as she lifts a horn to salute the incoming year and remind everyone that another holiday is on the way.

Egyptians Among First To 'Measure' Time

The ancient Egyptians were among the first people to figure out any "exact" measurement of time. Their calendar of 365 days was divided into 12 periods of 30 days each, with the remaining five days tacked on to the last period or month without any provision for leap years.

Actually, the solar year consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds. Consequently, a well-ordered system of Leap Years is necessary to keep the calendar and the solar equinoxes congruent.

The Gregorian calendar, devised and presented to the world in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, provides that years divisible by four—exclusive of the years numbering the centuries—shall have 366 days, and the century marking years shall be leap years only if they are divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed.

This system guarantees the accuracy of the Gregorian calendar until, at least, 2500 A.D.



CHICKEN broth, milk and some whole canned onions cooked for a few moments in butter will give you an elegant cream of onion soup for a cold day.

Brussel sprouts will do wonderfully for a company vegetable when they are prepared with sauteed mushrooms and slivered roasted almonds.

Crumbled pieces of bacon added to muffin batter or blended lightly into baking powder biscuit

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE

- Pickled Peach Salad**
- 1 No. 2½ can cling peach halves
 - ¼ cup brown sugar (packed)
 - ½ cup vinegar
 - 1 tablespoon mixed pickling spices
 - 1 1 pound can jelled cranberry sauce
- Drain syrup from peaches. Combine with sugar, vinegar and spices tied in cheesecloth square. Boil 5 minutes. Add peach halves and simmer gently for 5 minutes or longer. Let fruit stand in syrup for several hours or overnight. Place slice of cranberry sauce on top of each peach and serve with salad greens or as a relish.

dough will give you a fragrant and savory hot bread.

Having a fruit cup for a first or dessert course? Sprinkle the fruit with crushed peppermint candy and add a dash of concentrated lime juice for refreshing flavor.

Pitted and canned Bing cherries with crushed pineapple added to black raspberry or cherry gelatin make a delicious fruit dessert.

Creamed asparagus placed in a buttered casserole and topped with potato chips can be heated in the oven until just warm throughout. It makes a good vegetable dish when you're entertaining guests because you don't need to be concerned about cooking a vegetable after company arrives.

Patronize Our Advertisers — Everyday

HEARTY NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS



To Our Friends

Marrs Furniture Co.

Coleman, Texas

INSURANCE FOR A FEW CENTS A DAY
COVERAGE FROM 1 Day through 95 Years
WRIGHT'S Burial Association
Box 986 — Phone 2361
Coleman, Texas

Coleman County State Bank

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Coleman, Texas

HAPPY
New Year

It has been a pleasure to serve you and it is our sincere wish that the New Year will be full to overflowing with good luck, good cheer and prosperity for you and yours.

Babson Predicts—
(Continued from Page One)

stocks (preferably cumulative) which will give, with safety, a yield of near 6%. I will gladly send, free of charge, a list of such to any reader so requesting.

34. During 1957 good utility stocks should be attractive for yield and marketability. The demand for electricity will continue to increase throughout 1957.

35. The above two recommendations apply to those in moderate income tax brackets. The investor in medium or high brackets will buy during 1957 non-taxable state, municipal, or town bonds carrying "full faith and credit." Taxes will gradually increase during 1957, and non-taxable bonds will be more in demand from wise investors.

36. I am not now prepared to advise readers who do not care for income, but only profit. As above stated, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average may approach, during 1957, either 400 or 600. It will be very easy to make a mistake by either buying or selling stocks at this time, except for intelligent switches. I am willing to say, however, that readers should not get panicky and sell their oils. Even Gulf Oil, which has the largest interests in the very rich Middle East fields, should not be sold.

37. All sensible investors will carry good bank balances and reserves during 1957 so as not to be caught, whatever happens.

38. There should be no panic in the stock market during 1957. Stocks will either fluctuate near their present levels or else will gradually slide downward or upward. It will be risky to borrow money to buy stocks in 1957; rather, one might sell stocks to get out of debt.

39. The way to make money in the stock market is: (1) Confine your purchases to the stocks of the leading companies in each industry. (2) Diversify moderately and do not try to pick out winners, remembering that, whether you buy or sell, someone (probably as smart as you) is doing the opposite at the same time. (3) Store up cash when most people are bullish; use this cash to buy stocks when most people are bearish.

40. We are no longer on the Gold Standard but on a Political Standard. Although the Law of Action and Reaction will ultimately rule, yet periods of prosperity can artificially be extended by manipulating money rates, subsidies, and other financial props.

41. Every reader should have a little stock in one of the local banks in which he has his account. Bank stocks should make money during 1957, whatever the "blue chips" do.

INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER AFFAIRS

42. During 1957 the Administration will do everything possible to keep us out of war. It certainly will not get us involved with England, France, Israel, or their families.

43. So long as President Eisen-

hower is in good physical condition (as Commander-in-Chief), he will back the United Nations with our Army, Navy, and Air Force. This is the only way in which he will be tempted ever to enter World War III.

44. The United States will not use the A-Bomb or H-Bomb during 1957 or give these bombs to any other nation. However, to save the United Nations, President Eisenhower will give that organization all the bombs it wants.

45. 1957 should be a good year to make tax-exempt gifts to colleges, hospitals, and other worthy causes. You, however, should give a stock which shows you a profit, and let the beneficiary do the selling. 1957 should be an especially good year for such institutions to make drives for funds.

46. Household will avoid making unnecessary purchases on installments until the international situation clears. Several feasible plans are being considered one of which is to have a very small tax on every gallon of oil moving through the Canal with the understanding that the money will be used for financing the Great Dam on the Nile River which the Egyptians so much need. This would make unnecessary any expropriation of the rich Middle East oil reserves and any renegotiations. Either expropriations or renegotiations will scare our investors out of making further foreign investments.

47. The big thing that Russia wants is not so much the oil fields as freedom to pass through the Dardanelles. This will be an important feature of a settlement of the Suez Canal problem. I further forecast that the Republic of Panama will attempt to undo the "steal" which we perpetrated in 1904, in order to build the Panama Canal.

48. I would be unfair to readers of this Forecast not to mention the great importance of Mr. Eisenhower's health. In connection with any building, business, investment, or other program, it should be continually kept in mind.

49. Better fed and more intelligent populations, both in the United States and elsewhere, will continue to increase. Important new discoveries and inventions will take place. Twenty years ago we were enjoying the prosperity brought on by the Electrical Era. Then followed the Motor Car and Oil Eras which we have recently been enjoying, plus a Chemical and Building Boom. These coming together account for the great prosperity for the last ten years. Sometime we will witness a business readjustment, but it will be followed by a new Electronic and Nuclear Era. Therefore, be optimistic.

50. In closing, I urge my friends to read the 8th Chapter of the Bible Book of Deuteronomy, which was written 3,000 years ago and is as applicable today as ever. Incidentally, it mentions Egypt, which even then was an important factor in world events.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Robert L. Cash Held Here Friday

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church at 3:00 p. m. Friday, December 21, for Mrs. Robert L. Cash. Rev. Frank Turner, pastor, and Rev. Denman, pastor of the Walnut Hills Methodist Church of Dallas, her pastor, officiated. Mr. Drake, Choir Director of the Dallas church, came and played the organ. Mr. Cash is a member of the choir.

Mrs. Cash, the former Joyce Hunter, died Thursday, December 20, at 4:00 a. m. in a Dallas hospital. She had been in ill health for sometime.

Ora Joyce Hunter was born in Santa Anna January 12, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Arch Hunter, being 27 years, 11 months and eight days old at the time of death. Her father preceded her in death by several years.

She was a graduate of Santa Anna High School and NTSC at

Denton. After her college graduation she worked with the Welfare program at Post.

She was married to Robert L. Cash on June 29, 1951. They lived in Texarkana until about two years ago, when they moved to Dallas. The family was here last Thanksgiving, visiting her mother, Mrs. Ora Hunter.

Mrs. Cash is survived by her husband, Robert L. Cash and three children, Robert Lindsey, Jr., Jay Hunter and Martha Dean, age 3-months, of Dallas; her mother, Mrs. Ora Hunter of Santa Anna, three brothers, Archie Dean Hunter of Dallas, Harper Hunter of Midland and David Hunter of Abilene. Many relatives connected with the Harper and Hunter families also survive, and a number of them came from a distance to attend the services. Many friends also survive.

Pallbearers were Louis Miles Guthrie, J. D. Dunn, Brownlee Hunter, Edwin Hunter, Robert Hunter and Myron Hays. Women of the First Christian

Church Choir were in charge of the floral tributes.

Burial was in the Santa Anna Cemetery with Hosh Funeral home in charge.

Santa Anna Hospital News

Patients admitted and discharged from the Santa Anna Hospital during the past week are as follows:

ADMITTED:
A. L. Hawkins, city
Matt Estes, Rockwood
Joe Rosals, Coleman
T. L. Huggins, city
Mrs. Earl Smith, Bangs
Cynthia Parker, city
J. A. Edwards, Gouldbusk
Mike Pitts, Coleman
Mrs. Sam McCrary, city

DISMISSED:
Theola Stewardson, city
Sidney Blanton, city
Joe Rosals
T. L. Huggins
Mrs. Earl Smith and baby.

BIRTHS:
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith of

Bangs are parents of a daughter, Janice Dianne, born at 11:30 p. m. December 21, 1956. Weight was eight pounds and three oz.

Visitors in the Doc Wallace home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wallace and family of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wallace of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rouse and children of Center Point, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fletcher of Coleman, Martin Wallace of Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace and children of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Bible and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howard and children of San Antonio.

Elva Adele Hale of San Antonio, Ruthie and Shirley of Fort Worth, and Charles Hale and family of Brownwood, were Christmas visitors here with their mother, Mrs. Floyd Hale and Tom.

DRIVE SAFELY — You're never safe enough to afford one careless moment.



SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!
MORE GOOD EATING AND EASIER SHOPPING
PIGGLY WIGGLY

HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS
We have endeavored honestly and conscientiously to be of service to you this past year and we trust we may continue to merit your consideration in the years to come.
YOUR PIGGLY WIGGLY STORE

PETER PAN
CHILI Big Quart Can **.49**

PETER PAN
TAMALES Big Qt. Can **.39**

303 Diamond TOMATOES 2 Cans .25	Dry Black-Eye PEAS Lb. .19
Sunshine CRACKERS Lb. .25	Diamond Black-Eye PEAS & BACON 300 Can .10

TEXSUN
Grapefruit Juice 46 Oz. can **.25**

ROAST Chuck Lb. **.29**

Tender Crisp LETTUCE LARGE HEAD **.15** | **Fresh CARROTS** Bag **.09**

RUSSET POTATOES 10-Pound Bag **.39**

Piggly Wiggly

UNEXPECTED PAY
By Pauline French Stacy

GRIF FARRIGAN looked quickly away from the pair of disapproving blue eyes in the rear view mirror. He wasn't enjoying the drive from the city to Hangman's Lake. Why did he see "blue" eyes, he wondered, when he'd purposely covered them with dark glasses.

Jutting his stubbled chin, Griff jammed his foot harder against the accelerator. This was his first "job" and he was anxious to get it over with.

The highway curved down, in, then up and out again. A sign, "Lookout Point", flew by. People were crazy, risking their necks to catch a skillet-full of trout. The boss was crazy too, sending him off up here gunning for the biggest fisherman of them all, J. Shepard Van Buren. Him, Griff Carrigan.

"Maybe I'm crazy too," Griff thought. But then he was desperate for a fast five hundred. He couldn't go home broke.

Griff couldn't wait to get back home to the old folks, now he realized that was where his place was. Like Nellie. You'd think Nellie was married to that hick town, from that letter she wrote. And if Griff didn't get a bee-line back there, next thing you knew she'd be writing him a "Dear John" letter, some other guy staring over her shoulder.

There was the sign, "Boulder Canyon", off to the left. Griff picked up speed.

Swinging off the highway, Griff rocketed up the stony trail. The creek thunder-clapped down the mountain to his right. Tall pines towered above clusters of tents and trailers.

The boss had provided him with tent, fishing gear, bedding, canned food, as well as instructions as to how to dispose of the stolen license plates and the gun. Even if things got warm, there was no reason for anyone to suspect him, Griff Carrigan, of killing J. Shepard Van Buren.

Griff wondered what sort of war raged between the boss and J. Shepard Van Buren. Wondered what strange quirk of fate had led him to confide in a buddy who was able to jigsaw his need and that of the boss into the picture of Five Hundred Dollars.

"Danger: Slide Area," a sign read.

A fair-sized rock rolled out of the underbrush ahead and to his left. Griff watched it angle toward the creek. He saw an old man sitting on a log, readying his rod for casting into a pool between the stair-steps of boulders.

He pulled the emergency brake, leaped from the car. Ran, stumbled, and raised his head in time to see the rock hit the log, catapulting it into the stream.

And then he saw the old man. Rather, he saw a hat, a replica of his own; a pair of dark glasses; a stubble of beard. The man was treading water. Griff saw the sharp rocky ledge of the pool, green and slimy.

He was proud of himself, catching on so fast. There were several short pieces of rope in his tent bundle. Jerking one from the trunk of his coupe, he ran back to the pool. Bracing his feet against the surface of the boulder, Griff tossed the other end of the rope. The old man caught it. In a matter of seconds Griff pulled the old fellow out. Getting a blanket from the trunk, he wrapped him and carried him to the car.

He carried the old fellow inside. Seeing them, a little old white-haired woman began to flutter. Bringing a robe and slippers, she knelt before the old fellow. Griff wondered if Nellie would stay that devoted to him.

"Never mind that yet, Mar-thie," the old man said. "Just bring me my checkbook." He looked at Griff. "Words, can't you how grateful I am. Money might. Look like you could use a little."