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THE COUNTY SEAT NEWSPAPER

1 Member Blevins Family Killed, 2 Critically Injured

Latest reports from the Cecil Blevins family who were in a severe auto mishap near Henrietta Sunday night say that Blevins himself and Eugene, 9, are in a very critical condition and attending physicians gave them one chance in ten of recovery.

One child, Zula, 11, was injured to such an extent that she expired Tuesday in the Henrietta hospital. Funeral arrangements for her are still pending it is understood.

The Blevins family lives in the north part of Wheeler on the same street with the Wheeler Hospital. Mr. Blevins was employed by the Texas Highway Department.

Charlie Blevins, 18, who has been employed by the Wheeler Locker, and was driving the car at the time of the accident, received a broken arm and minor lacerations but was able to be released from the hospital; so, he and two of the smaller children who were not injured too seriously have been returned home. Wanda, 16, was not injured so seriously that she is able to remain at the hospital and help take care of her mother.

EDITOR'S NOTE:—We are reprinting below the Associated Press report of the accident which appeared in the Wichita Falls Record News Wednesday.

HENRIETTA, Texas, Dec. 27.—Eleven-year-old Zula Blevins, one of nine members of the same family injured in a Christmas night auto wreck, died in a hospital here today.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Blevins of Wheeler, and her six brothers and sisters were still in the Henrietta hospital tonight—the condition of the parents and of Eugene Blevins, 9, reported serious.

About 8 p. m. Christmas night the auto containing Blevins, his wife, Vera, and seven children, left the pavement, overturned, and hit a bridge abutment on Highway 287 as the car was headed toward Wichita Falls. The family had been to Cooper, Texas, visiting Blevins' brother, Adicus Blevins. Cecil Blevins is with the state highway department. The accident scene was about four and one-half miles west of Henrietta.

Some rain had been falling here. Clay County Sheriff Joe Peden called it a freak accident. He said the car left the pavement on the right side, circled back across the highway and headed back east; rolled over twice, and hit the bridge. It was almost demolished.

Because of the season and the number of injured the accident threw a heavy load on personnel at the year-old, 21-bed Henrietta Hospital.

But residents of Henrietta turned out to offer their services and the hospital described their aid as "invaluable."

An attending physician said both men and women residents had been helping "in a wonderful way."

Zula's spine was fractured and she had possible brain injuries. The physician listed the injured as:

Cecil Blevins, 44, the father. Possible brain concussion; severe chest injuries, fractured arm. Condition critical.

Vera, his wife, 36, marked blood loss; dislocated hip; extensive laceration of the tongue; condition serious but improving.

Eugene, 9, fractured jaw; extensive laceration of the face; possible brain injury. Condition critical.

Charlie, 18, driver of the car. Minor lacerations, broken arm. Wanda, 16, minor lacerations (Continued on Last Page)

Mobeetie Happenings

Santa Claus has made his annual retreat to the North Pole and citizens of Mobeetie are facing the New Year with varied degrees of activity. The list of those who have not been ill would be shorter than the list of those who have for few families have escaped some sort of sickness during the holiday season, yet the business establishments are bustling with the annual inventories.

New comers to Mobeetie are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnston and their son, Jimmie, 3 who have taken the George B. Dunn place and moved in Wednesday. The Johnstons have made their home in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Among the numerous family gatherings over the holidays was the reunion of the P. P. Corcoran family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ridgeway Christmas Day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Corcoran and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Haning, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riley and son, all of Mobeetie; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hicks and family, and Mrs. W. H. Williams of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ogden of Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Trusty and Mrs. Chalmers Keeton and son of LeFlore, Miss Florine Corcoran of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haning and daughter of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Corcoran, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cox were not present for the dinner but dropped by in the afternoon. The guest of honor was Mr. P. P. Corcoran.

Clarence Holt and his son, Larry, of Borger dropped in to say hello to everyone. There were two other Adams children who were not present but sent their regrets and a word of cheer for the others. These were Mrs. John Kongs of San Pedro, California; and Clyde Adams of Tulsa and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Adams of Wheeler spent the holiday in Amarillo with Mrs. Adams mother.

On Tuesday night, December 27, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scribner had for dinner guests: Miss Sue Ward, Ada, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Si Marchbanks and Joe, College Station; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and Janice, Quail; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chase and Carol, Pampa; and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Matthews of Mobeetie. After dinner, open house was the order of the evening, and those calling to visit with the out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. Quintis Godwin and Linda Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Barton, Mrs. Laura Holt of Springfield, Colo., Miss Florine Corcoran, Miss LaRue Flanagan, Bud Carroll Scribner, and Mr. C. W. Burch.

The following members of a former Mobeetie High School graduating class drifted together for an informal party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flanagan: Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Quintis Godwin with their daughter, C. W. Burch, Bud Scribner, Miss Florine Corcoran, and Miss LaRue Flanagan.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Matthews spent Christmas with their son and his family. The Reverend and Mrs. F. Eugene Matthews and Michael Eugene at Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scribner went to Plainview Sunday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Scribner's mother and family. (Continued on Page 7)

\$50,000.00 Is Estimated Damage In Wheeler Co-Op Gin Fire Here Early Today

MRS. FARRIS FUNERAL HELD

Funeral services for Mrs. Birtie Lee Farris were conducted from the Wheeler Church of Christ this afternoon (Thursday) at 3:00 o'clock with Minister Ernest Grizzard, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Farris was born in Lee County, Mississippi on March 4, 1882 and passed away at Wheeler December 26, 1949 at the age of 67 years, 9 months and 22 days.

She came to this community in 1908 and has made her home here ever since with the exception of the past 8 years which she spent in California. Mrs. Farris came to Texas in an ox wagon at the age of 9 years.

Survivors include: Mrs. Eunice Morgan of Miller, Mo.; Mrs. Elizabeth Boehning of Wildorado; Mrs. Mary Schaffer of Pampa; Boyce Farris of Wheeler; Coleman, Earl and Brick Farris all of Ingleswood, Calif.; Mrs. Ruth Strout of San Diego, Calif.; and Mrs. Cordie Lee Jones of Dumas; 1 brother, Porter Herring of Long Beach, Calif.; 24 grand children and 1 great grand child.

One daughter, Elzora Fay, passed away in infancy, and the husband, 3 sisters and 2 brothers preceded her in death.

Serving as pall bearers were: George Porter, R. D. Mason, Ben Trout, Clarence Crowder, Narville Arganbright and Loubert Moore.

Interment was in the Wheeler Cemetery beside the husband who passed away December 30, 1944. Arrangements being with Kirk-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sivage Hostess To Children Christmas

Mrs. Annie Sivage was hostess to her children and their families over the weekend and for the Christmas Day dinner.

Those enjoying the dinner Christmas Day at their mother and grandmother's home were: Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Martin, Happy and Bob of Wheeler; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Oldham and Nona of Portales, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Johnston and children of Seagraves; Mrs. Mattie Hunt and Lila of Portales, N. M.; Vernon Sivage of Briscoe; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin, Wheeler; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sivage and children, who have just returned from Cairo, Egypt. Earl is doing fine since his recent airplane crash.

In the afternoon the following ones called to visit in the home: Mit and Bernard Wilson, Mrs. Vernon Sivage, Olaf Sivage and family, Mrs. Dub Goad, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yarbrough and daughters of Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sivage, Palmer and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Eda Randall of Boulder, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Emery Vernon Sivage of Hayes South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sivage and family left Christmas morning for Duncan, Okla. after having visited in the home of Mrs. Sivage since Thursday night.

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Wheeler Co-Op Gin plant here early this morning (Thursday) causing an estimated damage of approximately \$50,000.00 or more according to Barney Burgess, manager.

The fire was first reported around 6:00 o'clock this morning by Jim Clark who lives about a mile north of town on the west side of Highway 83. According to reports, Clark's son-in-law called his attention to the fire. Clark in turn called the telephone operator on duty who in turn called Burgess then proceeded to spread the alarm by calling other local residents.

The main portion of the gin plant is a total loss since the blaze was well under way before it was discovered, but the combined efforts of the Wheeler and Shamrock Fire Department saved the seed house and a small store room located at the south end of the gin proper.

MRS. KIRK'S FATHER PASSES

Vance Z. Brown, father of Mrs. C. B. Kirk, passed away at Billings, Okla. at 1:30 p. m. December 23.

Funeral services were held at the First Christian Church in Billings at 2:00 p. m. December 26 with interment in the Union Cemetery at Billings.

Mr. Brown had been in failing health for 6 years and had been bedfast for the past four years. He was 89 years, 9 months and 1 day old at the time of his death.

Mrs. Kirk had already gone to Billings to spend Christmas with her parents and arrived there about 30 minutes before her father passed away. Mr. Kirk went down for the funeral also and both Mr. Kirk and Mrs. Kirk returned to Wheeler Monday night.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. McCleskey and children are spending this week visiting relatives in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Dyer returned home Tuesday afternoon from Hood County where they had spent Christmas with her mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mitchell returned to their home in Tucumcari, N. M. Monday after spending Christmas here with her sister, Mrs. W. F. McNeil, and family.

Mrs. Neida Adams spent the weekend holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barry.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Revious of Pampa visited relatives and friends here this past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Clay of Marcell, Ark. have been visiting this week with relatives here and at McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Burgess returned to their home in Houston Monday after spending Christmas here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dominey of Wellington are the parents of a baby girl, Esther Louise, born December 23 at the Wheeler Hospital.

Saved along with the seed house was about 20 tons of cotton seed. A small supply of cottonseed cake and meal was saved in the storage room at the south of the main gin building.

Barney Burgess reported that the only cotton loss was that of approximately 6 bales of unginning cotton which was stored in bins.

The gin operated until around 7:30 Wednesday evening before shutting down for the night and as far as could be ascertained there were no signs of any sort of fire at that time according to reports of gin employees.

Burgess reports that his plant had ginned 1,501 bales of cotton this year and he had expected to gin approximately 200 or 250 more bales before finally closing the plant down.

The loss was partially covered by insurance. Burgess stated that it was still early to know whether stockholders in the gin would rebuild the plant or not but he was almost sure that it would be rebuilt.

The Wheeler Co-Op Gin was originally built by Ed Watson, now owner of the Wheeler Hotel, and sold to the farmers in 1929. The gin was built in 1924.

Burgess praised the work of the Wheeler and Shamrock Fire Departments and pointed out the fact that the Shamrock truck made the run in record time after being called.

Former Local Resident Dies At Canyon Wed.

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. A. H. Hunt of Canyon. Mrs. Hunt, mother of D. A. Hunt former Wheeler County Judge, passed away on Wednesday, December 28.

Mrs. Hunt is a former Wheeler resident. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at the time of this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Buri Chesher, Phil and Jan of Amarillo, Duane Bradford of Cheyenne, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. Red Richerson and daughters and Mrs. A. C. Mitchell were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carter and Coene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Black of Wellington are the parents of a baby girl born December 28 at the Wheeler Hospital.

Mrs. Hammie Herd underwent major surgery at the local hospital Wednesday, December 28.

Wheeler whisperings By J. C. Howell... three little children... old Santa found these... the group at the... believe the people of Wheeler... understand the Joe Rogers... were informed that C. C....

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personally at the office at Wheeler, Texas.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1949

Editorial LESS SCHOOL TRUANCY

At least one good effect of the Gilmer-
Alkin legislation already is apparent. Average
attendance in Texas public schools has
risen from 73 percent last year to 78 per-
cent this year. That change, of course, comes

from basing the amount of state aid on
school attendance instead of on the number
of youngsters of school age in the district.
Under the old plan, districts collected state
money on many children not in their schools.
Now they must get these youths into their
schools, and keep them there, if they re-
ceive state aid for them.

This shift in the basis for state aid also
spurs regular attendance by those who would
be in school anyway. While there must be
absences for sickness, parents are being asked
to take their children on routine visits
to doctors and dentists on late afternoons
and Saturdays when these trips will not
interfere with school attendance. Stronger
efforts are being made to check truancy and
to encourage older students to stay in school
instead of dropping out.

This is all educational practice. True,
the important thing is what happens after
the child is in school. But the school can do
nothing for him unless he is in the classroom
ready to be taught. A tightening of Texas
school attendance was long overdue. In some
districts the collecting of state money for
hundreds of youngsters not in school has be-
come almost a scandal. As school officials
study means to keep the classrooms filled, a
further gain in school attendance may be
expected.—From The Dallas Morning News

STRIKES IN BARODA

Maybe we are not always as respectful
as we should be of the so-called wisdom of
the East. There is the case of the 1,500
palace servants of the rich Gaekwar of Bar-
roda. They felt the old Gaekwar wasn't paying
them enough to keep body and soul together;
so they went on a mass hunger strike for
higher wages.

This palace scene so played on the sym-
pathies of other workers in the factories of
Baroda that they, too, went on a hunger
strike. But this secondary boycott of beans
was not aimed at the Gaekwar but at his
parlor maids, footmen and other lackeys. It
was a move to get them to start taking
nourishment again.

Now both strikes are ended and every-
body is eating again in Baroda—including
the Gaekwar, we suppose, who is probably
the one man there who should lay off the
calories.

Have you tried standing on your head
this morning.—From Dallas Morning News

With the possible exception of Herbert
Hoover, George Washington was the United
States' wealthiest president.

In 1861 there were two presidents in the
United States—Lincoln in the North and
Jefferson Davis in the South.

Church Calendar

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
W.M.U., Tuesday 2:30 p. m.
Prayer Service, Wed. 8:00 p. m.
Teacher's Meet., Tues. 8:00 p. m.
We preach Christ crucified,
buried, risen, and coming again.
M. B. SMITH, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Classes 10:00 a. m.
Worship and Sermon 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Ladies Bible Class, Mon. 3:00 p. m.
Wed. Eve. Classes 8:00 p. m.
ERNEST GRIZZARD, Minister

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Evening Service 8:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 8:00 P. M.
Church Night - First Wednesday
Methodist Men, 2nd & 4th Thurs.
DARRIS L. EGGER, Pastor

CHURCH OF GOD

Old Mobeetie
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Willing Workers 2:30 p. m.
Tuesday
Young People's Service, 7:00 p. m.
Saturday
B. A. RATCHFORD, Pastor

BRISCOE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
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Training Union 7:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
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and Third Sunday preaching
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Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service 8:00 p. m.
NELSE D. WRIGHT, Pastor

KELTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, School each Sunday at
10:00 a. m.
T. U. each Sunday at 7:30 p. m.
Preaching each Sunday at 11:00
a. m. and 8:30 p. m.
A. G. ROBERTS, Pastor

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship 11 a. m.
N.Y.P.S. 7:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 8:00 p. m.
C. D. CLIFFT, Pastor

ALLISON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Worship 11:00 a. m.
Young Folks Service 7:30 p. m.
Worship 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting 8:00 p. m.
REV. ROBERT ESTES, Pastor

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Mobeetie, Texas
Church School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
M. G. F. Meeting 6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Wed. Evening Prayer
Service 7:30 p. m.
You Are Welcome.
VERNON E. WILLARD, Pastor

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L. J. HELM, Pastor

ALLISON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School Each
Sunday 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, first and third Sun-
days 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
A warm welcome to all.
L. J. HELM, Pastor

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Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 7:30 p. m.
Preaching Service 8:30 p. m.

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Church School 10:00 a. m.
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Sunday.
H. E. LONG, Pastor

He's Just Her Type



SCREEN star Robert Montgomery
takes a quick look at what Val Jane
Shalom, 3, is writing about him as
they meet at LaGuardia Field, N. Y.
Both were awaiting incoming plane
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NOAH NUMSKULL



DEAR NOAH= DOES AN
ELEPHANT HAVE A
PAIR OF SPARE
TRUNKS WHEN HE GOES
IN FOR SWIMMING?
RUSS ALLEN
MAUCH CHUNK PENNA-
DEAR NOAH= WHEN A
SPOOK WAS HEARD IN THE
HAUNTED HOUSE DID THE
BLINDS 'SHUTTER' AND THE
WIND 'BLOW' ?
MRS. H. K. BELDEN, RICHMOND, VA.
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In China the first course at din-
ner is the dessert.

Boston Commons in Boston is
the oldest public park in the U. S.

Women are not eligible for
Rhodes Scholarships.

Grapefruit are so-called because
they sometimes grow in clusters.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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Prayer Meeting, Tues. 7:30 p. m.
Young Peoples Ser.
Thursday 8:00 p. m.
H. E. LEE, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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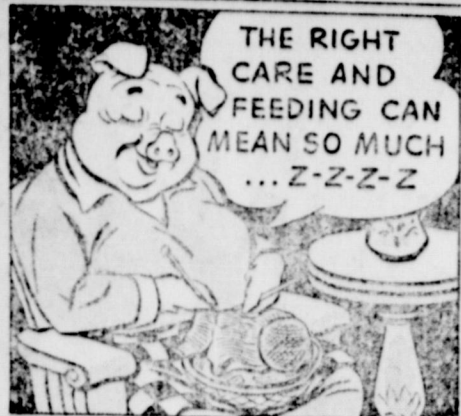
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working on the annual past week. We have sent in our first shipment.

We are looking forward to our Christmas vacation. We have been planning a party for Friday evening. Hope it isn't too cold for ice cream and cake.

SO HOMORE NEWS GOSSIP

Douglas, who is this M. C. you have been talking about?

Tolene is it true we saw you sitting in the car with Buddy?

Imogene why have you become so interested in Kelton?

S. W., did you really think that girl from Shamrock was cute?

SOMETHING OLD

S. W. still bashful.
Douglas talking about M. C.
Imogene liking basketball.
Tolene being quiet.
Buddy flirting.
Thomas Roy dating only one girl.

SOMETHING NEW

The boys winning third place in the Shamrock Tournament.
Melba wearing a Wheeler jacket.
Thomas Roy winning a gold basketball.

Mr. Barnett buying all the basketball boys and girls a malt.

Imogene and Lottie in the wrong car at Shamrock.

Buddy going home with Thomas Roy's car keys Thursday night.

Patsy and Tommy hitch-hiking home from Shamrock.

SOCIAL NEWS

Couples seen at the ball game Thursday night were: Tommy and Patsy, Doris and Tooter, Dorothy and Troy.

The following couples were seen Saturday night: Mary Carter, Douglas Robertson, Lavada Hogan, Kenneth Levitt, Mary Riley, Carol McCraw, Patsy Meek, Tommy Eiland, Dorothy Brotherton, Troy Treadwell, Doris Brotherton, Thomas Roy Helton, Betty Laycock and Alvie Dougherty.

Dorothy and Troy were in Shamrock Wednesday night.

Lucy Barnett went to Tulsa, Oklahoma over the weekend.

Patsy and Tommy went to Canadian Sunday.

PRE-FRESHMAN NEWS

We asked several students of the seventh and eighth grades what they would do if they met up with

a Zimandar.

Here are some of the replies:

Eddie—I'd try to ride it.
Gene—I'd speak to it.
Dean—I'd knock it down.
Lucille—I'd try to catch it.
Sylvia—I'd turn my head.
Dale—I'd run.
Monett—I'd hide.

Roy—I'd say hello.
Billy Joe—I'd tip my hat.
Martha—I'd turn around and

run.

Zetha—I'd wink at it.
Ann Dell—I'd ask it if had a wife.

Earlene—I'd ask it if had to take American History.

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FRESHMAN NEWS

What we hear the freshman singing:

Lucy Barnett—"Wedding Day".
Bobby Helton—"My Bucket Got A Hole In It".

Cleavene Johnson—"Jig".
Maureta Horn—"Slipping Around".

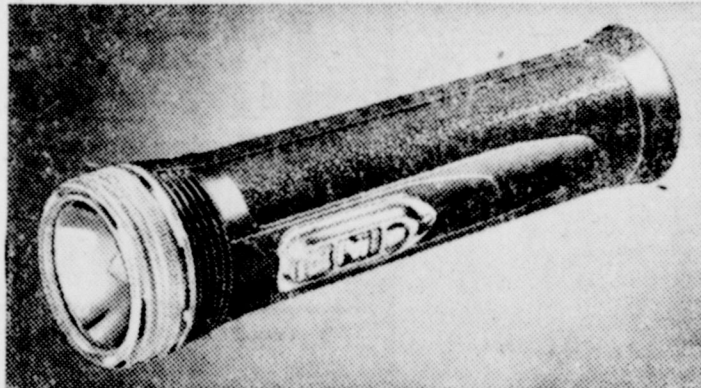
Leroy Hudson—"Huggin and a Chalkin".
Juanell Helton—"Muletrain".

Cleavene Johnson—"I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry".

W. L. Williams—"I Want a Bow-Legged Woman".

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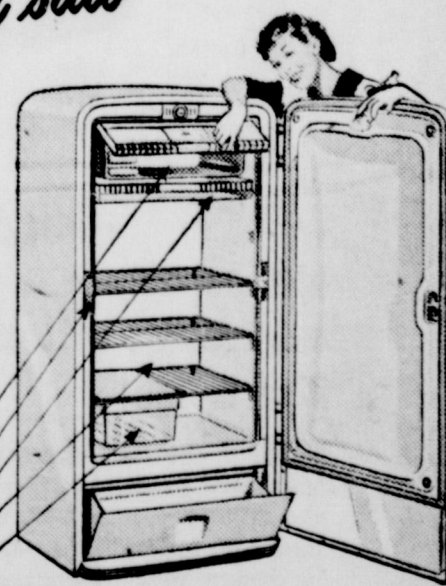
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SOCIETY

Mrs. Nash Hostess At Christmas Party

The Cecelia Mann Class of the First Methodist Church enjoyed their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Estelle Nash on Thursday night, December 15.

The group played several games and sang Christmas carols. Gifts were then exchanged and the teacher of the class, Mrs. Berry, was surprised with a miscellaneous shower.

Refreshments were served to the following: Miss Blanche Grainger, and Mrs. Mae Nash, guests and Mesdames Betra Farmer, Anna Robison, Grace Meek, Violet Hampton, Mittle Berry, Golda McIlhany, Ollie Beene, Cora Hyatt, Agnes Lawrence, Etta Crowder, Ressie Willard, Irma Kirk, Jessie Crowder, Annette Nicholson and the hostess, Mrs. Estelle Nash.

Edna Helen Farmer And R. Davis Are Married

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Farmer was the scene of the marriage ceremony of their daughter, Edna Helen, to Robert Wayne Davis of Canyon, Thursday afternoon, December 22, at 2:00 o'clock.

Rev. M. B. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated at the single ring ceremony which was read before a flower decked mantel flanked by baskets of sweetpeas.

The bride was attired in a navy

blue dress fashioned with a draped skirt and white lace yoke, trimmed in rhinestones. She wore gray accessories and a corsage of gardenias and sweetpeas.

Miss Billie Ann Ellison of Stratford attended the bride as bridesmaid.

Frank Williams, brother-in-law of the groom, served as best man.

The bride is a graduate of the Wheeler schools and is attending college at West Texas State in Canyon where she is classified as a junior. The groom is also attending WTSC, majoring in mathematics, and will receive his degree at the mid-semester.

Out-of-town guests who attended the wedding were the grooms parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, Hereford; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Farmer, Pampa; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Farmer of Allison.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. Lee McCasland Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morris and daughter, Colleen; Clarence Holt and son, Larry, all of Borger; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Adams and sons; Robert David and Mickey of Shamrock; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Greenhouse, Doyle and Virginia of Mobeetie; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey McCasland and children; Mrs. C. M. Hampton; Mrs. Dorcie Hutchinson and Annette; all of Wheeler; Mrs. Enos Morgan and Jovena of Pampa; Donald Ware of Clovis, N. M.; Mrs. J. W. Barr; Mrs. W. L. Williams; Mrs.

FARM FACTS WORTH KNOWING

1. What causes blackhead in turkeys?

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2. Is winter a good time to kill rats?

Any time is a good time to kill rats, but winter and early spring are especially good periods to exterminate these food and feed wasters, say V-T Agricultural Extension Service specialists in re-emphasizing the need for grain conservation. There are nearly as many rats in the United States as people, it is pointed out, and the rats eat, destroy, or damage an estimated 200,000,000 bushels of grain a year.

3. Is browse required for dairy goats?

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Gordon Whitener and Mrs. Weldon Sandifer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Farmer and son, Glen, are visiting this week in Dallas.

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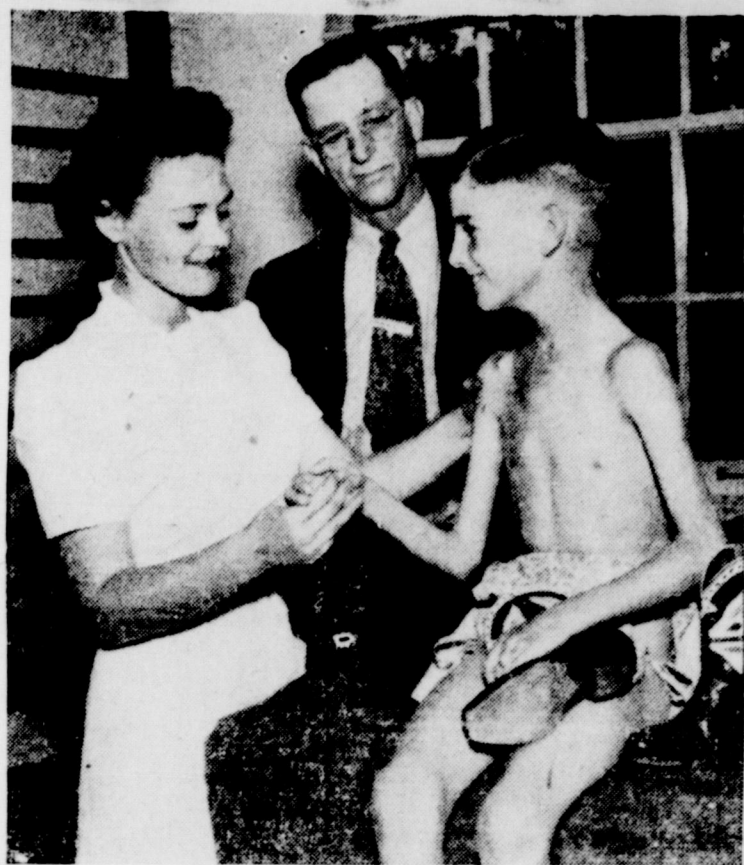
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Proudly holding his shiny new cowboy boots, nine-year-old Jerry Dan Swope of Wilson, Texas, undergoes treatment in his polio-ravaged right arm by Mrs. Mary Bass, physiotherapist at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Dallas, while his father, Chester C. Swope, watches. One of the hospital's many clinical patients, Jerry has already been cured of the polio that struck his neck and hopes someday to regain some usefulness in his arm. He has been returning periodically to the hospital with his parents since October, 1947. Jerry Dan is one good reason why the Scottish Rite Hospital, supported by generous Texans everywhere, annually needs and solicits at Christmas time \$200,000 to carry out its operating expenses.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Christmas guests in the G. W. Mason home were Mr. and Mrs. George Humphreys and Jack of McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Johnson, Stasia and Gayle of Ulysess, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mason, Dortha and Wilma of Wheeler;

Mr. and Mrs. Gleen Lile of Shamrock; Miss Evelyn Mason, Pampa; Miss Lee Lile of Amarillo; Miss Theresa Lile of Miami, Carl Mason of West Texas, Canyon and Bob Lile, Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Robison and children, Sonny Boy and Beverly, of Sacorro, N. M.; T. Sgt. and Mrs. Guy A. Robison and

daughter, Cheryl Anna of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robison and daughter, Terri, of Wheeler, enjoyed Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robison.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Black and daughters, Mary and Patricia, spent Christmas with her father at Tell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Seedig of Pampa visited Christmas Day with Mrs. Estie Seedig and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bodie Cole and Janet of Amarillo spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Farmer left Tuesday afternoon for Montague County where they will visit relatives and friends.

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by Mary Lee Taylor

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1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup soft shortening

1 cup grated American cheese
3 tablespoon Pot Milk
1 tablespoon water
4 teaspoons caraway seeds

Sift flour with salt. Work in shortening with fork. When mixture looks like small peas, fold in cheese. Stir in gradually mixture of 2 tablespoons milk and the water. Shape dough into a roll about 1 1/2 in. thick. Wrap in waxed paper. Chill several hours or overnight. Turn on oven; set at moderately hot (400° F.). Cut chilled dough in 1/8-in. slices. Put on well-greased and floured baking sheets. Brush with remaining tablespoon milk. Sprinkle with seeds. Bake on oven shelf slightly above center about 12 min., or until light brown. Makes 4 dozen.
*Poppy or celery seed also can be used.

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PUCKETT'S FOOD MARKET
SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 AND 31



Conservation farming, America's best bet for economic security even in the atomic age, is a tradition with Dusan Pakan in the community of the same name. Pakan, left, shows County Agent Wade K. Frey how he used improved grasses to reclaim 28 acres from the dust bowl. Mrs. Kristina Pakan, Dusan's mother, holds her Collie pup, Bunda, at the back gate of the family homeplace. She and her husband, Sam (who died in 1929) settled there in 1897 with other European immigrants. Dusan cleans out the mouth of his harvester-cutter, an implement which chops ensilage into tiny pieces as it moves down the row. Dusan preserves winter feed in three trench silos.

Pakan Farmers Build for the Future

Turn Wasteland Into Farm Oasis

EDITOR'S NOTE:—The following is an article by Garland Smith of the Amarillo News-Globe staff regarding soil conservation activities in Wheeler County. The article along with the above picture recently appeared in the Amarillo Sunday News-Globe.

PAKAN, Wheeler County—Tools, to Dusan Pakan, are instruments of superior workmanship. And soil is the birthright of generations yet unborn.

That's the Pakan system of farming—how he turns wasteland into fertile, green fields, earns a reasonable profit on his efforts, recharges the land with energy for security of the children who must live tomorrow.

Dusan, 48 years old, tall, genial and sincere, is a wise man with keen insight and a big heart, a man of faith and honor, grateful for what he has today and moving with confidence into the future.

Farming to him and his neighbors, on these gentle, sandy slopes 14 miles northwest of Shamrock, is a tradition with deep roots planted more than a half century ago.

A third generation is dipping plows in the land which its forefathers, just before 1900, chose as a symbol of "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness," ideals which others sometimes treat lightly and take for granted.

Dusan is like all children of those early settlers. He is a descendant of immigrants from Czechoslovakia, part of Europe now behind the Iron Curtain. He always is reminded of how it might have been.

"If our parents had not come from Europe years and years ago," Dusan said, "it's reasonable to assume we might be among those on collective farms set up by the

Communists."

Collective farming, by any stretch of the imagination, never could have accomplished the amazing transformation on the land here—terraces, and contours, improved pastures, soil building and cover crops, good houses and good barns.

Pakan community, with winter legumes absorbing nitrogen on the hillsides and introduced grasses thriving in pits eaten away years ago by the wind and rain, is an oasis. Much of its neighboring land, particularly that along the North Fork of Red River to the northeast, has been neglected since the boom days of gas and oil.

Private enterprise, the pride of having something to call your own and the joy of contributing something for the benefit of your children, is required to change the face of the earth like this.

Off the individual farms, where each man has done his job well, has come leadership for community development. Outstanding examples of the effectiveness of this leadership include the community center, the attractive, red brick Lutheran Church and the blocktop road connecting Pakan with US Highway 66.

Pakan community was born in about 1897 because a group of Czech and Slovak immigrants, resting temporarily in the Middle West, looked toward wider horizons on the new frontier. Dusan's father, Sam, was running a small grocery store in Chicago.

"My husband didn't want to be a merchant," said Mrs. Kristina Pakan, 74 years old, smiling at the front gate of the family homeplace. "He always had dreamed of farming, getting his feet on the ground and doing a good job."

Other settlers from the same part of Europe told Sam Pakan the Texas Panhandle-South Plains was wide open for development. Range land was for sale here at \$6.50 an acre. He sold the store in Chicago, and the family started west.

"We lived with some friends

until we could clear the land and build shacks," Mrs. Pakan said. "We stayed there until we built this place and planted the shade trees, grass and orchards. I said then I never wanted to move again, and I say the same thing now."

Sparkle and freshness across the countryside today suggest nothing but progress. Yet, Pakan folks, like nearly everybody else who risk the hazards of nature, have seen hard times.

A severe hail storm wrecked the 25-acre orchard at the homeplace in 1929, the year Sam Pakan died. The drought in the 1930's dug out their fields, uprooted native grasses and parched the crops.

Dusan replanted the orchard. Year after year it has flourished, supplementing the dinner table of his mother, his own family and some of the neighbors. Surplus fruit is offered for sale.

But rebuilding the soil has required more than one replanting. It's a never-ending struggle, that of holding the earth and protecting it, returning plant food and organic matter as rapidly as growing crops take the essential elements away.

A 28-acre part of the original half section his father purchased, indicates how Dusan has rebuilt the soil and how he treats conservation as a continuing project.

Until 1945 the plot was a worn-out, sandy field bruised, scratched and burned by the drought. As soon as it appeared certain the United States would win against Japan in World War II, and farmers could ease up some in food production, Dusan called on Quentin Williams, representative of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Pampa.

Williams helped him negotiate a Soil Conservation Service—Texas A & M Extension Service agreement to plant the land to improved pasture. Williams furnished the drill for seeding and the following grass: Indian, blue grama, side-oats grama and sand love.

In three days, April 2-5, Dusan drilled the grasses in 12-inch rows in sorghum stubble on 23 acres of the strip. His mixture included: Side-oats grama, 90 pounds; blue grama, 70 pounds, and sand love, 8 pounds. He later planted the remaining 5 acres in weeping love grass at the rate of 1 pound an acre.

Dusan followed in 1947 with a planting of weeping love on the north end of the field. This grass today is up to the size of the 1945 seedlings. Dusan harvested seed off the patch this fall. He plans to fence it this winter and turn cattle on the grass for the first time.

Wade K. Frey, Wheeler County agent, included this improved pasture on a tour of farming achievements in the Shamrock area for the benefit of persons attending the soil conservation program, sponsored November 14 by Burlington Lines and Second National Bank of Houston.

"Mr. Pakan has done a remarkable job of reclaiming this land which erosion had rendered valueless," Frey said. "This county has 60,000 to 80,000 acres of once

good cropland like this which needs the same treatment."

Dusan also showed the visitors a terrace which he uses to protect 30 acres of alfalfa at the bottom of a hill. The terrace stops the water and distributes it over a larger area of the farm. This way, more acreage gets a share of the water—and the alfalfa isn't flooded.

Hairy vetch, a new legume for the Texas Panhandle-South Plains and recommended by soil scientists, is growing on 10 acres Dusan has earmarked to see what the crop will do. He planted rye as a nurse crop for the vetch, and millet to shield the alfalfa.

Such conservation practices, coordinated from farm to farm, make up the foundation to which Pakan with its residences, church and community center, is anchored.

It's a solid foundation, too, from the deepest roots in the alfalfa fields to the rafters in the haylofts. Artificial stimulants like oil and natural gas puff and blow, then dissipate; but agriculture, like "Old Man River," keeps bringing in the dollars year after year.

Pakan residents became community-minded in 1947 when they decided to enter the rural neighborhood progress contest sponsored by the Farmer-Stockman. Besides improving myriad features on individual farms, they pulled together to accomplish other projects in the interest of all.

They erected the community center, built a parsonage near the church and promoted the highway project successfully to take Pakan out of the mud. The 6-mile strip of blacktop enables local farmers to reach Shamrock in all weather. The 25 miles across country through Magic City to Wheeler, however, remains unimproved.

Pakan consistently has supplied a good percentage of the leadership for a progressive agricultural program in Wheeler County. Farmers drive over the dirt roads across the river in fair weather to Wheeler, or take the long way by Shamrock in rain and snow, for two or three farm meetings a week.

Dusan, chairman of the board of supervisors, Wheeler County Soil Conservation District, finds time for these meetings, sandwiched between the operation of his own 320 acres and some 240 acres of rented land.

Local farmers, instrumental in organization of the district July 10, are among its most ardent supporters. He plugs conservation farming every time he has an opportunity.

"I'm not much of a public speaker," he said. "Can't make fancy speeches like some people. But I like to do what I can to help build up the soil and our security for the future."

At 12:50 o'clock in the afternoon, or 40 minutes before the conservation program was to begin at Shamrock November 14, the program chairman, R. H. Forrester, mayor of Wheeler and former county judge, asked Dusan if he would make a speech.

The Shamrock Community Building when Mayor Forrester called his name. He thanked the chairman, then faced the audience. He spoke briefly and in closing, said:

"If we don't practice soil conservation, what will our children have to look forward to in the future?"

A hush fell over the hundreds of persons in the grandstand. A resounding applause continued for several seconds. Speaker after speaker, most of them veterans on the platform, stood up and sat

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A Tonic For The Missus

The missus came marching in with a new hat yesterday. She was as happy as a circus poster.

I've learned one thing about the hats she buys. A hat is a tonic to her. If she's feeling blue, nothing gives her a lift like a new hat. Now, I could trade in my old grey fedora without raising my blood pressure a notch. But I'll admit that more than once I've bought a new briar pipe I didn't need—just because life was getting a little bit monotonous.

With Buck Howell it's something else again. When Buck is feeling

low, he gets over it by blowing on a broken-down clarinet he hasn't mastered in twenty years.

From where I sit, different people are always going to respond to different things in different ways. So let's keep a friendly understanding of what other folks get out of a new hat, an old clarinet, a chocolate soda or a temperate glass of sparkling beer or ale now and then.

Joe Marsh

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We hope you have enjoyed the Wheeler Times during the past 12 months and have derived some benefit from it and we are pledging ourselves to do everything within our power to make it an even better paper for you during 1950.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, we are,

Very truly yours,
THE WHEELER TIMES

Personal

Gordon Whitener and William made a business trip to Oklahoma City the first part of this week.

Miss Joan McCaslin of Chillicothe is spending this week in the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Warren and Wanda and Mrs. Gladys Bridges and children took Christmas supper with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Warren at Seymour Sunday enroute to San Angelo where they visited with Choice Bridges who is a patient in the Sanatorium there. They returned home by way of Amarillo where Mrs. Bridges and children make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crone and daughter of Winston, Mo. spent the recent holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Sandifer and Suzanne of Clarendon and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Whitener and children Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Faught and daughter, Diane, are visiting in Denton during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rogers and little daughter of Pampa spent the weekend holidays here in the home of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey and C. R. spent Christmas Day in Pampa with their daughter, Mrs. Grady Havenhill, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Denson and children spent the holiday week-

end in Wichita, Kans. with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kavanaugh and Mike of New London have been visiting friends here and relatives at Shamrock this week.

Miss Gladys Pettit of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nash and children, Mrs. Estelle Nash, Wylie Pettit and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Pettit were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Pettit and Maurice, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Owen and children spent the weekend holidays in Ft. Worth with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wofford left Tuesday night for New Orleans, La. where they will attend the Sugar Bowl football game New Year's Day. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Thurmond, Jr. of Elk City, Okla.

E. J. Cooper of Shamrock was a business visitor in Wheeler Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hard returned to their home in Plainville, Kan. Tuesday after spending Christmas here with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wofford and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardcastle of College Station and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sides and little daughter of Amarillo spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Noah.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kennedy of Muleshoe and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wofford and sons, Joe and Mike, of Lubbock spent the recent holidays here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Etter of Shamrock their sons, Pat of Amarillo and Earl B. of Dallas, Mrs. Hazel Watson of Pampa and Mrs. Mildred Isaacs of Amarillo were dinner guests Christmas Day in the home of Mrs. C. N. Wofford.

E. N. Orr was dismissed from the local hospital Tuesday after having received treatment there the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie C. Davis of Pampa are the parents of a baby boy, Gordon Ray, born at the Wheeler Hospital December 23.

Mrs. R. L. McClain entered the local hospital Wednesday for medical attention.

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Melba Valois, 5, minor bruises; upper respiratory infection, not serious.

Roy, 3, broken leg, not serious. Linda Faye, one, minor bruise; pneumonia. Not serious.

ALLISON NEWS

Mrs. Lester Levitt

Those spending the Christmas holidays in the C. L. Markham home were: Cecil Markham and family from Amarillo, Cloyd, Ralph and Glen Markham and families and Frankie Womble of Dalhart; Mrs. Hattie Taylor from Iowa, Mrs. Bonita Harmon of Pampa; Mrs. Charlene Rainy of Dumas and Bob Markham and family, and George and Avis Parker, Allison.

Gilbert and Clyde Green and families from Miami, Okla. and Buck Dorman and family of Shamrock spent the holidays here in the Glen Elmore home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Warren had as their Christmas guests, Dudley McMillan and family of Wellington; Chic Cox and family of Amarillo; Bill and J. Warren Chalfaut and families; Gene and Wesley Chalfaut of Cheyenne, Okla.; Bill Beget and family and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dillon.

Bill Thomas and family of Gardena, Calif., Earl Waldrip and family, Marcus Motta and family, Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Waldrip of Canyon spent Christmas here in the Ross Waldrip home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Evans has as their holiday guests Kenneth Montgomery and family of Allenreed, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradstreet, Gageby, Clint Evans and family and Gus Brock and family of Amarillo, Frank Bryant and family of Lubbock, Forace Evans and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Evans of Allison.

Earl McCoy and family of Reydon, Okla., C. E. McClendon and family, Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Cummings, Shamrock and Cecil McCoy and family of Dalhart visited in the W. S. McCoy home Christmas Day.

Lois Curlee and family and Lester Levitt and family spent Christmas Day at Canadian with relatives.

Petsy Huff, a student at Canyon College, Jackie Taylor of Abilene spent the holidays here with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Langford spent from Saturday until Monday at Hollis, Okla. with relatives.

Raymond Guthrie and family are spending two weeks in Oklahoma City with relatives.

Ray Guthrie and family spent the holidays in Jonesborough, La. Clyde Duks and family visited relatives near Ft. Worth during the holidays.

W. A. Crenshaw and family spent the holidays in Hollis, Okla. with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gilmer and Jim Guthrie and family were dinner guests Sunday in the Charley Inman home.

Mrs. A. C. Burrell is a medical patient at the Wheeler Hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jolly of Houston spent the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Watts.

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ed the many Christmas cards which they received by hanging them about their living rooms on strings and placing them on a wall in such a manner as to form a Christmas tree. Some of the displays we had the pleasure of noting included those of the W. O. Carricks, the George Porters and the Joe Rogers'.

The stork presented Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sartor with a bouncing baby boy on the occasion of their third wedding anniversary on Monday, December 19. The young man who has been named Clifton Riley weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces on arrival at the Shamrock General Hospital. A big boy is quite a nice anniversary present and we know that both the parents are quite proud of the new addition to their family.

Charles Frank is the name of the newest member of the Darris L. Egger family. Young Charles was born last Thursday evening at the Wheeler Hospital, and we are happy to announce that both mother and son are doing nicely and have been removed to their home.

Harold Sivage, technician at the Walker Clinic, called in today to report a new boy born at the Clinic Wednesday, December 28. He is Truett Lee Purcell, 9-pound son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Marvin Purcell of Lela. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

What about a fire warning system of some sort for Wheeler? As still and quiet as it was this morning when the fire at the gin was reported a good siren would have brought out the whole town to help fight the fire, but as it was practically no one heard the truck siren and consequently there were very few people out to help fight the fire.

As we draw to the close of another year we have no regrets except that we face the fact that we grow older as time goes by, but on the other hand we look forward to the New Year 1950 which lies ahead with renewed ambition and determination to make it the best year in our lives and to try to do more for ourselves and our fellowman than we have ever been able to do before. So, in closing this column for another week and the year 1949, we want to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous 1950.

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The Reverend and Mrs. Vernon Willard and family are spending a few days visiting relatives and friends at Wellington.

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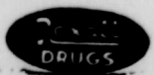
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