



Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETTA ALLEN

Favir County Home Demonstration Agent

Want to give the house a special Christmas fragrance? ... Or maybe, you need several "fill in" gifts for the holidays?

Pomander balls, made from spice apples, tied with colorful satin ribbon, make attractive, inexpensive gifts. Or they can be used as holiday decorations.

These fragrant balls can be made in one easy sitting. Here's how:

Start with some whole cloves and a red, well-shaped apple.

Wash and dry the apple. Then, beginning at the top of the apple, force a row of whole cloves in a circle around the stem. Push the cloves in up to their heads. Follow the same process with row after row of cloves, until the apple is thickly covered. You can use both star-shaped, headless cloves, and full, knobby ones. After the apple is studded with cloves, let it drain on paper for a couple of hours. It's then ready to go to work. Just hang it in the clothes or linen closet, or put it in a decorative bowl, or basket for a hall or dining room table.

Making candles can be a profitable as well as an entertaining

project. You can use your imagination and skill to create many different effects. There still is time to make them for your own home or for special gifts.

To make candles all you need is paraffin, tins and a few simple kitchen tools, according to Charlotte Tompkins, extension home management specialist. You can utilize bits of old candles, melt odds and ends of used candles, adding wax crayon, if color is desired. If you need to start with fresh paraffin, you will find it sold in one-pound packages of four bars each.

The forms may be milk cartons, ice cream cartons, tin cans, etc. Anchor the wick (medium weight string) by punching a hole in the bottom of the form. Put the wick through the hole and tie a knot. Then tie the other end to a pencil or stick that is placed across the top of the form. Pour melted wax into container and let harden. Snip the knot off bottom of the candle, and fill in around wick with additional melted wax if it has pulled away during cooling. If layer candles are desired,

pour one color at a time and let harden.

If you are using a pound package of paraffin, you can make an interesting square candle without re-melting the paraffin. Problem here is to stick the bars together and place a wick inside. To do this, cut a small groove in one middle cake for the wick. Use a hot iron to make all bars stick together and to smooth the outside surface. The wick should be several inches longer than the candle in order to hold the candle while frosting or decorating.

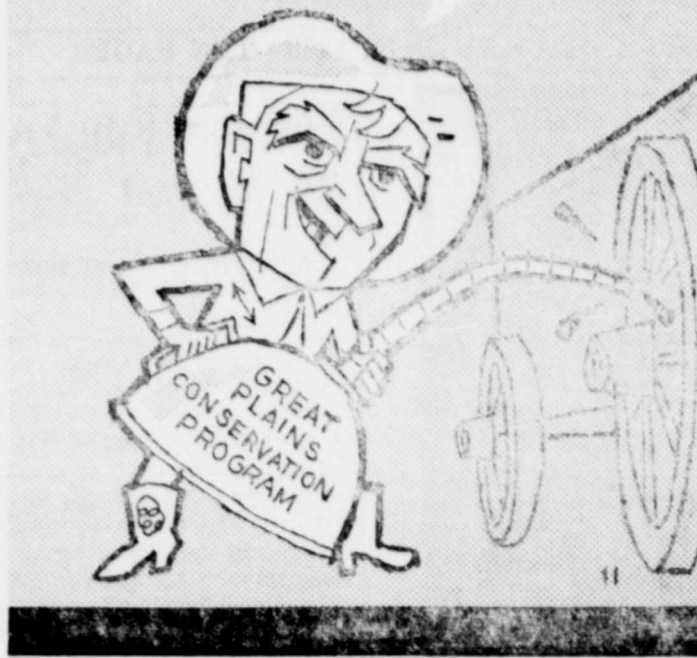
You will need extra paraffin for the frosting; one bar should be enough for a small candle. Melt in a saucepan, add crayon for color, if desired. After the mixture has cooled slightly, beat with a rotary egg beater until frothy then spread or dab lightly over candle with a spatula.

Sfc. and Mrs. Billy So Relle and children of Lawton, Okla., were weekend visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley attended funeral service in Abilene Monday for Fred S. Whittman who died Sunday after suffering a heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. Whittman, the former Ethel Mancille, formerly resided in Merkel.

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Devil's Pocket Area Licensed To Game Group

A new wildlife management license has been completed by the Game and Fish Commission on approximately 179,327 acres in Newtown County. It has been announced by H. D. Dodgen, executive secretary. The license covers a tract of land owned by the Kirby Lumber Corporation, and 60 acres owned by the R. L. White Company.

This property is known as the Devil's Pocket area, and has been under limited license lease to the Commission since July 1, 1954. Under the terms of the present contract, the Game and Fish Commission will assume full responsibility for managing all game species, except fish, on the tract. Primary emphasis will be placed on deer and squirrel management.

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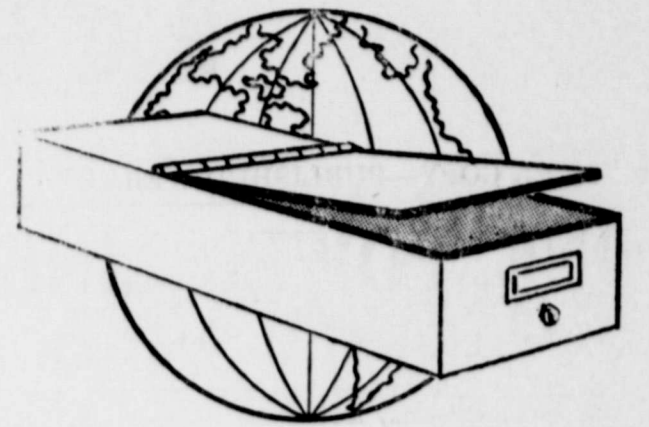
Saturdays at noon.

Public hunting on a permit basis is planned on the area when surpluses of game species are found to exist.

The executive secretary pointed out that this is the fourth area of this type in the State. Kirby Lumber Corporation also has completed licenses on its holding in

the Moore area in Sabine County, and the Lake Tejas in Tyler County. Hunters selected through impartial drawings have been allowed to hunt on these Kirby owned tracts during recent years as the result of agreements similar to that just completed for the Devil's Pocket.

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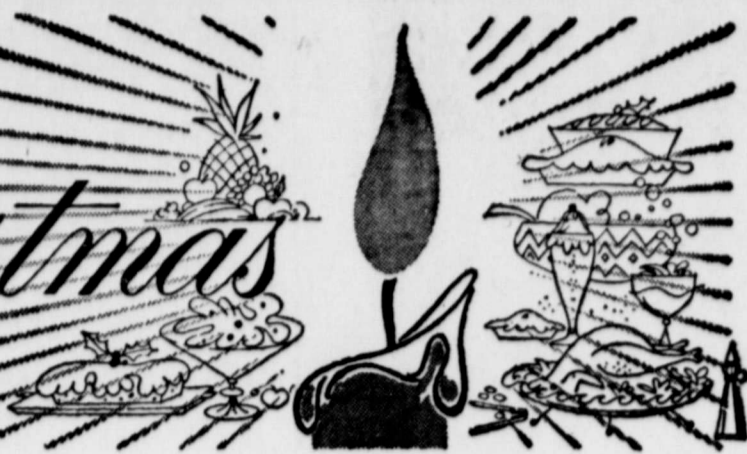
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CLEMMERS TO OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer of 1400 Heath will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

Hosting the affair will be their children, Mrs. Doyle (Bootsie) Connally of Monahans, Mrs. Joe (Tootsie) Price of Colorado City and Harroll Clemmer of San Angelo.

Another son, Maj. Woodrow Clemmer, who is stationed in Bermuda, will be unable to attend.

Mr. Clemmer, who farms 10 miles north of Merkel, was born at Putman in 1885. His wife was born in 1894 in Clio, Brown County.

Married in Weatherford, the couple moved to Merkel from Hamby on Jan. 4, 1921.

The Clemmers have 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Queen Victoria's marriage to Prince Albert helped introduce the Christmas tree into England. Research experts with World Book Encyclopedia say Albert brought the custom with him from Germany and set up a tree in Windsor Castle in 1841.

The British call the day after Christmas "Boxing Day," but it has nothing to do with heavyweights. According to World Book Encyclopedia, this is the day when families give money to milkmen, postmen and others.

In earlier days, the custom was to give Christmas boxes of food and other gifts to tradesmen and servants.

The Japanese version of Santa Claus is the ancient god Hoteio-sho, who has eyes in back of his head to help him see how children behave, according to World Book Encyclopedia.

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By BOYCE HOUSE

Hollywood notes:
The most striking thing about a movie set is its make-believe—that is, when you are a visitor in a studio.

The scene is, let us say, a library. There are only a few shelves—just the area in the range of the camera; and even those shelves don't extend all the way to the ceiling, in fact there is no ceiling; and the stairway goes up to the first landing—and ends.

Robert Montgomery was seated in such a library for the shooting of a scene in "Earl of Chicago." A makeup man had applied the last touches and then a voice—that of a police inspector—asked a series of questions, to which Montgomery replied and the work was over for the afternoon.

On another set, Lucille Ball, who then was not very famous, appeared in a scene with a veteran actor and he kept getting one of his lines transposed. After four unsuccessful attempts, I left.

Really, seeing movie-making is disillusioning.

My first two nights in Los Angeles, I spent at the Hollywood-Roosevelt. My room was \$8 a day—quite a sum in 1939! Since the hotel was a long way from the M-G-M studios, I decided to move to Culver City and be close to my work on "Boom Town" (as technical advisor and writing consultant).

The leading hotel in Culver City was the Washington, very attractive and quiet. The manager himself escorted me to inspect the room, which I liked very much.

"How much is it?"
"Twelve dollars."

"This rather took my breath but a little further discussion brought out that this was the rate per week!"

It was only four or five blocks to M-G-M so I remained there until my work ended four months later.

During that entire time I ran into only three persons whom I had known elsewhere. One was Gumbinsky, an excitable, voluble, friendly man who had directed the colorful square dance of 40 couples in "Last Frontier" in 1936 at the Fort Worth Centennial produced by Billy Rose.

Another was State Senator H. L. Winfield of Albino.

The third I had known when I was on the staff of the Memphis Commercial Appeal and he had been a substitute reporter. It was at night and he and his family were window-shopping. I do not recall that I have ever received a less enthusiastic reception—no invitation to have lunch sometime or to phone him at the office nor even a question as to what I was doing. Living in a big city makes some people grow cold, suspicious, indifferent.

On the stage of a burlesque theater not far from Los Angeles "Skid Row" I saw a comedian. He was wearing the traditional hazy trousers, the loose coat with a knee-sized safety pin in lieu of buttons, a battered hat, the oversize shoes and the grotesque make-up and he was hit with a slantstick and was tricked by a loaded cigar.

So what? Just this—he was the father of the No. 1 box office star of the movies. He did not want a pension from his rich son; he did not seek to capitalize on the star's fame; no, the old burlesque comedian just wanted to go on performing and in the only way he knew, it was his life.

Some of the dramas of real life are more remarkable than the make-believe scripts.

Trent Club Hears Program On Yule Arrangements

Bill Wood of Merkel was guest speaker for the Trent Community Garden Club meeting at the Trent school cafeteria on Dec. 5.

Speaking on "Beauty In The Home At Christmas," Wood demonstrated methods of making simple arrangements of "glowing" beauty. He stressed the importance of light in setting off displays.

Mrs. Erma Black introduced the speaker.

Mrs. Odell Freeman reported on a trip she made to Roswell, N.M., where she attended the program "Christmas Beautiful" presented by Mrs. Merrit O'England of Mercedes, Calif.

The group discussed the completion of the club's first civic project—"welcome signs" that have been erected on the highway on both the east and west sides of Trent.

Following the program, Wood judged two divisions of Christmas arrangements made by 16 of the members.

Winners in the table division were Mrs. Frank Allyn, first; Mrs. John Strawn, second; and Mrs. Othel Barnhill, third.

Mantle division—Mrs. Ronnie Freeman, first; Mrs. Odell Freeman, second; and Mrs. Barnhill, third.

Hostesses were Mrs. Frank Allyn, Mrs. Carl Edwards, Mrs. J. M. Strawn and Mrs. W. C. Allison.

Mrs. Foy Steadman was a guest.

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Woodmen Circle Meet For Party

Members of the Woodmen Circle met for an "Ole Skule Day" party in the home of Mrs. Carl Bonneaux of Noodle. Present were Mmes. Alf Walla, Charley Seago, Dent Gibson, Clarence Perry, Harry Barnett, Clara Johnson, Bee Edwards, Maurine White, Essie Warren and Ida McCandless.

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Mrs. Darrell Watkins of Odessa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Reynolds, and Mr. Watkins are in Houston where Mrs. Watkins is undergoing medical treatment at M. D. Anderson Hospital there. Their children are with the grandparents here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey and children of Big Spring spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary Carey.

The word Xmas as a form of Christmas originated in the early Christian Church, reports World Book Encyclopedia. In Greek, X is the first letter of Christ's name. It was often used as a holy symbol.

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The couple will exchange vows Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2:45 p.m. in Calvary Baptist Church, Merkel. The Rev. Cecil Wagner, pastor, will officiate.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well, this has been some spell in our area. Feed wagons are still going as stockmen have really had to feed their livestock through this spell.

The ice storm was very severe in livestock and damaged lots of shade trees around homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and V. T. Perry reported much damage done to trees around their homes and pastures.

Allen King said his sheep came through the storm in good shape due to good pasturage, which also made his feed bill light.

We saw some results of the ice storm on the Divide the other day. Damage to phone lines and light poles was heavy. The entire country up there was without electricity.

Moisture amounted to around

two inches here, which will be a big help to small grain and pasture land. Crops had all been gathered before the bad weather.

Reported on the sick list this week are Allen King and daughter, Sue, Mrs. O. W. Reed and Dewell McLean. He hopes for them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Pyburn of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray Sunday.

Grover Blair is able to get around on the camp ground some now.

Booth Russom of Seminole visited his mother, Mrs. Jess Russom this week.

People of the Canyon will meet at the Pioneer Church Sunday evening at 7:30 for a community Christmas program and tree.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Churchill and their son, LeRoy Churchill, visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander and Randy, over the weekend.

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Q—My GI insurance premium is due and I have misplaced the premium notice the VA sent me. In sending in my payment, I know I should include the policy number, but just what does that mean? Does VA want only the number, or the number and the letters which precede it?

A—In sending any premium payment without a premium-due notice, always give your name in full, your address, and your policy number, with the letter or letters preceding. The letters are important in enabling VA to give you credit for your payment. If you have more than one policy you will have an insurance file number and should include that.

Q—My three-year-from-separation deadline for taking advantage of educational benefits under the Korean GI Bill will be up in March of 1961. Does that deadline mean I must actually be taking courses then, or is it just a date to apply?

A—You must actually be at school, taking your courses, by that date. Your own deadline of March, 1961, would thus mean that you should arrange to start at the school of your choice at the beginning of the spring semester.

Q—Can a VA benefit check be forwarded? It used to be that it

could not. I am going to have to move and want to know if I should inform both the post office and VA.

A—VA checks can now be forwarded, yes. When you are ready to move, inform both your local post office and the VA of your change of address. Give both your old and your new address.

Q—I understand children of some deceased peacetime veterans may now be eligible for schooling under the War Orphans Education Act, as a result of a new law. What determines the eligibility of the child of a deceased veteran who served in peacetime?

A—The peacetime veteran parent's death must have been caused by the actual performance of military duties or by extra-hazardous service, and eligible children must generally be between 18 and 23 years of age.

Heatley Family Meet On Thanksgiving Day

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Heatley of Sweetwater had 12 of their 13 children together Thanksgiving Day in the home of a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McMurray of Trent.

Children present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl (Margaret) Thomas and sons, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. James Bright (Grace) Seminole; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd O. Steen (Elsie), Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart (Emma Lois) and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hobbs (Nelda), all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Heatley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Yates Sipes (Ruby Fay) and children, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heatley, Sweetwater; and Johnny, Sherry and Jerry of the home.

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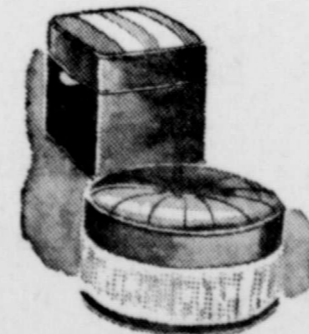
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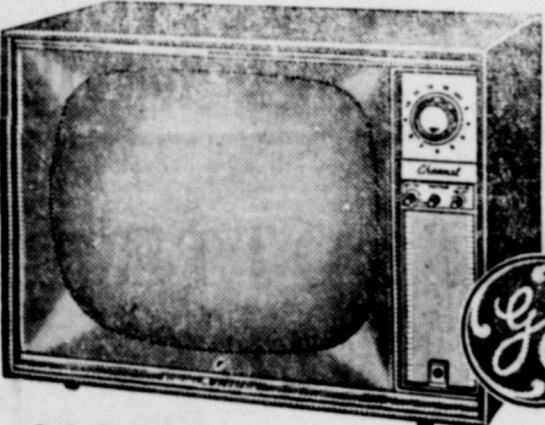
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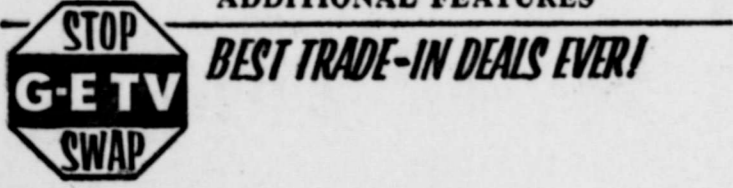
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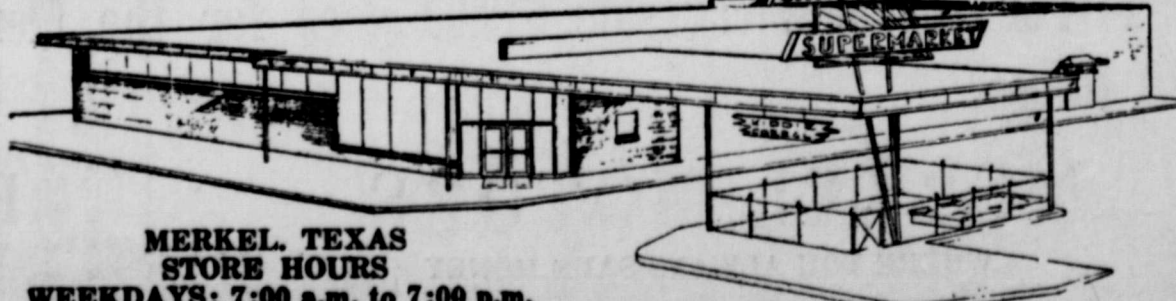
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BADGER TALES

By Ruthie Corder

Regardless of the idea that most people hold of science being boring, there is a difference of opinion. If in doubt you should attend a meeting of Merkel's new Science Club. Everyone present always seem to be expecting something exciting to happen in just the next minute. Two or three mem-

bers have dropped out and one has moved since the club was formed and there are now several openings for new members if you are interested. If you are, why don't you notify Mr. Longnecker or Don Williams and talk it over with them.

Speaking of the Science Club, Carol Sue McAninch's project is to build an aquarium. When Mr. Longnecker stated the fact that she would need a little help you should have seen some of those

Small Birth Defect Victim Is A 'Prop' As Mother Lectures

Kathy Houle, of Mt. Clemens, Mich., a pretty blue-eyed brunette "going on five," poses today with perfect self-command as her schoolteacher mother lectures on the heart-breaking topic of birth defects.

Kathy doesn't mind being one of her mother's "props." Mother and daughter are dedicated to the proposition that since 250,000 infants are born yearly with significant birth defects—and 34,000 babies annually are stillborn or die within the first month because of birth defects—the more widely the subject is discussed, the healthier for the nation.

The National Foundation, which financed the development of both the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines, is now supporting research and patient care for birth defects and arthritis through the New March of Dimes.

Kathy has ample reason for her devotion to the cause embraced by her mother and herself. The child was born with the forbidding birth defects of an open spine and excess fluid on the brain. When only weeks old, Kathy underwent major surgery three times.

Doctors told the parents: "Enjoy the baby while you can. She may not be with you for long."

It was a miracle that Kathy survived. But since she did, both the child and her grateful mother, Mrs. William W. Houle, a Michigan grade school teacher, want to shed light on this often "taboo" subject.

"Tens of thousands of mothers are mistakenly ashamed of having given birth to a malformed infant," Mrs. Houle says. "Tragically, many parents hide these innocent children away from public view—instead of seeking medical advice and therapy."

"When Kathy and I set out



Mrs. Houle and daughter Kathy lecture to audience of children and adults.

on our lecture tours to adults, we describe in detail such birth defects as an open spine and excess fluid on the brain. These and other such major birth defects are the largest unmet childhood medical problem in the United States today.

"Then, we tell parents that they rarely need fear having a second defective child because birth defects are not always hereditary. But when Kathy and I talk to groups of small fry, we concentrate on persuading the youngsters not to shun handicapped children which with thoughtless cruelty they often do. And not to be afraid of them."

The Houle-Kathy lecture "circuit" includes parent-teacher groups, and associations of school principals. The audience for this unique mother-and-daughter team is expanding. They can't fill all the requests for bookings.

Kathy, described by her doctors as "strong and healthy today" despite a bladder involvement due to the spinal defect, gets around nimbly on her crutches and leg braces. She has all the traits of any normal child of her age and is devoted to her two collies, to her adoring brother Douglas, seven, and to her dolls, in that eccentric order.

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boys rush to her aid.

Monday night the Junior Class had their Christmas party. Everyone had a wonderful time according to Carolyn Anderson — and the most outstanding thing of the night was Eugene getting stuck with tooth picks.

Another basketball tournament is coming up for this weekend — it looks like quite a few things are going to be happening before school is out for the holidays — tests, a play, basketball and the homemaking girls are working almost every study hall trying to catch up on their suits — Maxine Patterson was going to try to finish hers by Friday.

Because of a mix-up in dates the banquet date has been changed to January 14th. That should give everyone plenty of time to get ready for it. Even some of those girls that always have such a hard time getting their hair fixed.

The Seniors will have their Christmas party Monday night at the Country Club. The class voted on bringing toys instead of gifts this year.

20 YEARS AGO

The following pupils of Christine Collins will present a program of popular numbers over Station KXOK, Sweetwater, on Friday evening from 6:30 to 7 o'clock: Betty Lou Higgins will sing two numbers: "You Got Me This Way" and "We Three." Maurine Moore will sing an Indian song, "Cherokee," and Joyce Cox will sing the "Sunrise Serenade." Ben Robert Hicks will give a group of three: "Ferryboat Serenade," "The Call of the Canyon," and "The World is Mine Tonight," after which Louise Patterson will conclude the program with "Only Forever," and "For You."

The committee on arrangement chose the Thanksgiving motif for decorations and games for the Players club meeting on Thursday night, Nov. 28. The twelve members serving on this committee

were Venita Allen, Jeanette Neff, Jean Paine, Doris Clyde Miller, Louise Patterson, Betty Higgins, Dora Gaither, Joe Horton, Delmer Harris, LaMoine Sherrill, Bonnie McAninch, Wanda Douglas, Sammie McGehee, president, presided for the business hour, during which Eva Brown and Jeanette Neff were chosen reporters and Joe Winter, stage manager.

Tuesday morning the Merkel Badger band appeared in a formal concert on the stage of the Hardin-Simmons auditorium. Jack Haynes was presented as a soloist in the number "Something About a Soldier."

Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is fair at this writing only Mrs. Van and Granny Massey. They were unable to go to church Sunday. We hope they will soon be feeling better.

Mrs. Hughes is back at work again. Her mother is much improved. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Miller underwent eye surgery at St. Ann's Hospital Dec. 7. She is reported doing nicely. Thank you nice people for the

sympathy cards you sent us. They were appreciated. I want to tell you a little story of a nice lady who was one of Aunt Pearl's dearest friends. When Aunt Pearl lived at Morgan Mill this lady did all the nice things a person does for an old person who has no one to look after her, anyway she did everything for her to help even taking her to church each Sunday. After her funeral the other day, this lady came to me and told me she wanted to thank me for being so nice to Aunt Pearl in her last days and for putting her away so nice. You would have thought she was her Aunt Pearl instead of mine, but I am glad everyone loved Aunt Pearl and to me she will always be the most precious memory next to my mother.

Paul Wheeler of Abilene came and brought us a beautiful blue Christmas tree. He brings us one each Christmas. We will decorate it this week and have our Christmas tree Christmas Eve. Paul's dad, "Uncle Ben," was a patient in the Rest Home a good while and passed away here, Paul will always be considered one of our best friends. We certainly appreciated his kindness.

Frank and Ethel came and sang Sunday at 10 o'clock. Nearly all the patients were able to come

to the lobby. Thank you Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt for helping them sing. It was a good service and we do appreciate the Carr's for they have been coming in to our Rest Home almost four years, every Sunday unless sickness kept them away.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spears of Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spears of Lubbock spent Sunday with their dad, Uncle Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Reed of Abilene visited his father, Uncle Bob Reed Sunday.

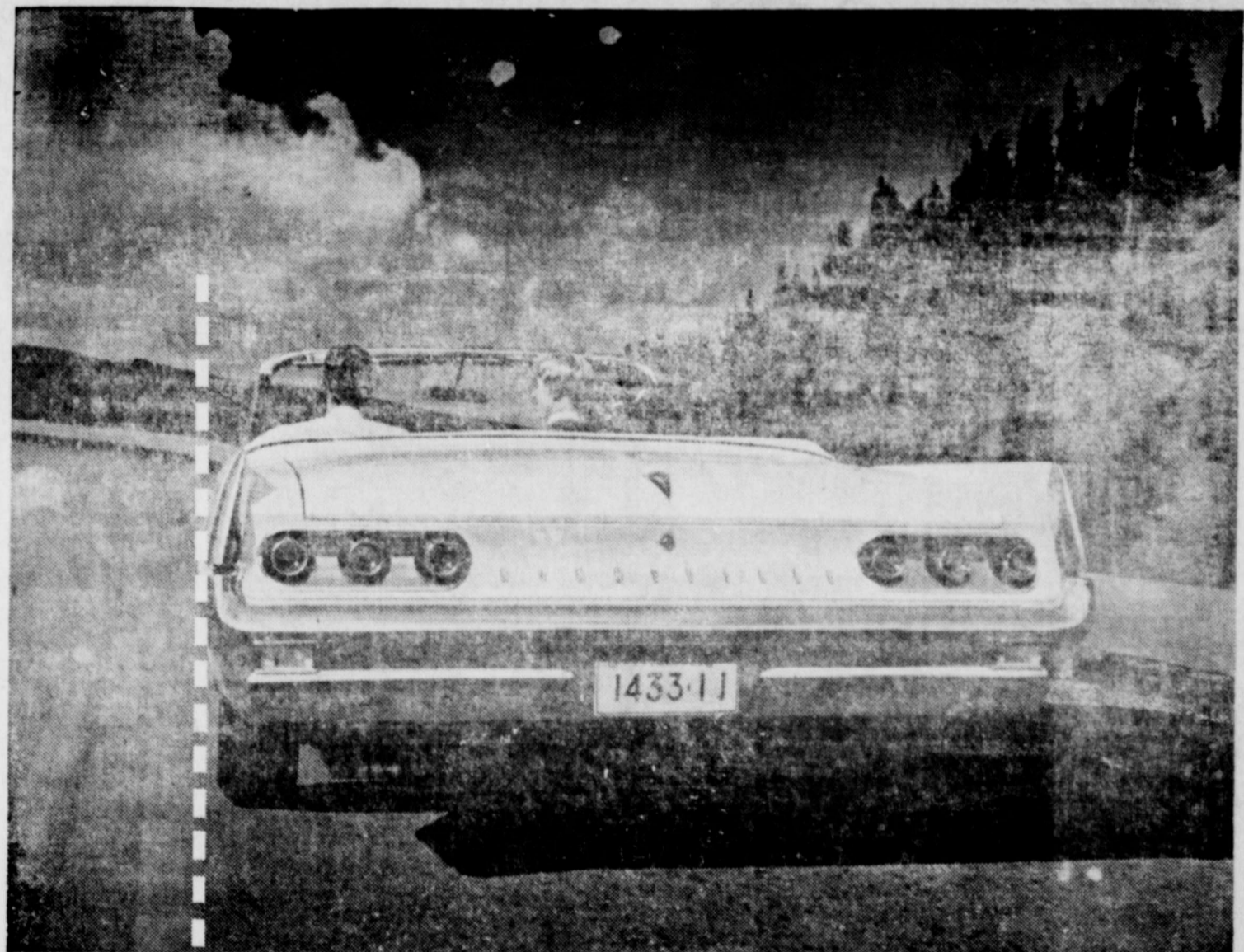
Mrs. Ashford celebrated her 85th birthday Dec. 9th. We wish for her many more.

Rev. M. D. Windham, pastor of the Hebron Church, filled his appointment Sunday, Dec. 11. Those that came to help sing were Mrs. Windham, Charlotte Alexander, Ronnie Alexander and Mrs. R. D. Ely. We enjoyed the service very much.

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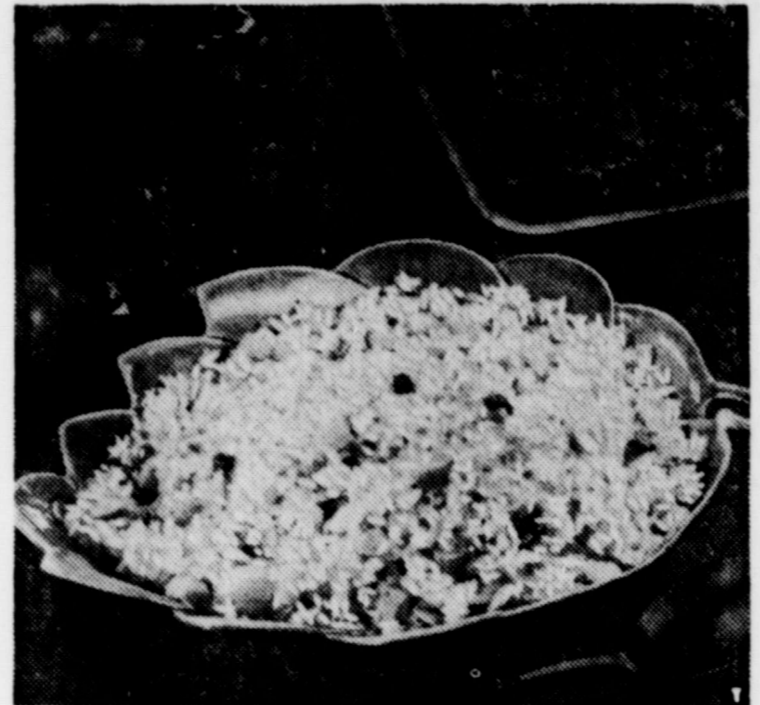
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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:
A feller can tell from the signs that Christmas is about to git here again. The postmaster in New York, fer instant, reports that he's getting hundreds of letters being forwarded there to Santa Claus. I would suggest he forward 'em along to Washington. Santa Claus has been making that his legal residence now fer the last 30 year or more.
And country folks all over the nation is reporting finding cedar stumps on their property where a tree used to be. That's a shore sign their city cousins is busy getting ready for Christmas.
And another sign that Christmas is just around the corner is

the pieces in all the papers about the outlook fer business in 1961. These fellers that tell us in advance how things is going to be fer another year always start back in December so's people will loosen up on their pocketbooks during the Christmas shopping season. As fur back as I can recollect ain't none of them ever predicted a bad year, even back when we was having a panic and them that didn't have no belt to tighten was holding their pants up with a plow line from the barn. Fer instant, all of 'em this year is predicting business will be so good in 1961 we won't have nothing to complain about. I think business will be real good in 1961, but not that

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Rice Council Photo

For a fresh approach to roast or steaks, delicious stuffings or dressings have no equal in good eating or variety. And, when you make them with rice, they can be prepared quickly top of the range!
Choice for the fall menu is a Celery and Rice Dressing flaked with almonds and pimiento. The cooked rice is simply mixed with the other ingredients. Then, just before serving, it is tossed with a quick and flavorsome sauce of canned cream of chicken soup blended with sharp cheese. No other cooking is necessary!
Another fact you will appreciate is the colorful eye appeal it adds to the plate. Serve it handsomely with a roast, such as roast leg of veal, or other meat entree. Rice goes naturally with meats in menus that provide the eating everybody likes and that hold to the family budget.

CELERY AND RICE DRESSING

- 3 cups chopped celery
 - 4 cups hot cooked rice
 - 1/4 cup blanched almonds, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
 - 1 1/2 ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup
 - 1 cup grated sharp cheese
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - Fresh ground pepper to taste
- Cut celery into 1/2 inch pieces. Cook in boiling salted water until tender but slightly crisp. Drain.
Toss together celery, rice, almonds and pimiento.
Combine condensed soup and add grated cheese in a saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, until cheese is melted. To serve, pour sauce over rice mixture. Sprinkle with freshly ground pepper to taste and mix well.
This dressing requires no extra cooking. It is excellent served with roast leg of veal. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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good. It ain't never been that good, and we've had some bumper years.
I see by the papers where the new administration is strong in favor of Federal aid to education. I'm stronger fer education, too, Mister Editor, on account of getting so little of it myself. I went to a one-room school and we didn't have many advantages. About the only advantage we had over these modern schools was we could always git just one more in that room. Today they got so many gymnasiums and things that they just can't git one more in the classroom.
But the thing that worries me about Federal aid to education is the interest. The Federal government can't git the money no place except from us folks back home, and experience has showed that about half of all they git from us rubs off in Washington afore it gets back to us. I figger that 100 per cent interest is a little high, even fer education. I wish they was some way we could handle this proposition and save that 100 per cent interest.
On account of this not being very modern thinking, I better quit now afore somebody takes me off the air.

"M" night program at the First Baptist Church in Samford Monday, Dec. 5. Those on program from the local church were Mrs. J. B. Harris, Pat McDonald, Martha Perry, Sandra Hale and Lonnie and Johnnie Harris.
The Home Demonstration Club will have their family night Christmas party at the community center Saturday night, Dec. 17.
The Rev. Bob Carter, pastor of the Baptist Church, visited in the Stith community Saturday afternoon.
Alvin Byrd of Tye was a Stith visitor Saturday.
Barney Berry visited his brother, Ollie Berry of Sweetwater Tuesday.
A Christmas program will be presented at the Baptist Church here Sunday night.
Sam and T. Burns of Abilene visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Sunday.
The older Women's Sunday School class and the Men's class

Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The weather has been bad the past week. I do not have much news.
We are thankful for the nice rain, as much as 2 1/2 inches. It will benefit small grain and pastures.
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry returned home Monday after a week's visit in Wichita Falls and Oklahoma.
Thirty-eight members from the Stith Baptist Church attended the

of the Baptist Church will meet for a party at the community center Thursday night. An offering will be taken for "Little Moon Missions." Refreshments will be served.
Mrs. Don Doan and children, Dian, Steve and Kevin, accompanied by Mrs. Criswell Doan, all of Stamford, were visitors in the home of their in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan Friday.
Don Amason of Mineral Wells visited his grandmother, Mrs. J. K. Ayers Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King have returned home after attending funeral service for Mrs. King's brother, C. G. Steele of Paris, who died Saturday, Dec. 3, after suffering a heart attack Nov. 24. Mrs. King had been at his bedside since the attack.
Don Amason of Mineral Wells was a guest in the home of his grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Wednesday.

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