

SWEET 'N SOUR

By A. DILL

Never before have there been so many gaily lighted trees, windows, doorways and yards in the home town. Maybe we say that every Christmas, but we really believe that you've gone yourself one better this year than ever before. If the profusion of bright lights and decoration is any indication of the yuletide spirit, and you can bet the proverbial bottom dollar (provided you've got one left) it is, then Bairdites are just full to the eyebrows of all the bright warm feeling that Christmas brings.

We made some special trips this week to see some special trees. Maybe we've missed some in trying to recall all we saw, and maybe some of the trees weren't lighted, but here are a few I did have the pleasure of seeing and they are beautiful.

The Meadows family have a beautiful tree in their picture window and the Barnhills have a brightly lighted one in their home, too. The E. O. Parsons have a wonderful display of Christmas lights and one we look forward to seeing each season. The Coley children have a beautiful Christmas tree and we appreciate so very, very much Martha calling and inviting us to come see it.

Scotty Mitchell has a lovely tree in his window and there is a very special Christmas display at the Dunlaps. We saw Lee, Ruby and Joaquin Abernathy's tree, and the one for Don, Gary and Douglas Franke. The Leslie Bryants have a beautifully decorated home, and Corrie Driskill has some of the prettiest windows you'll see anywhere. Mary Brown's Christmas tree looks merry and bright and so does the one for Bruce O'Brien and Debby Bell. Cora Sue Lambert and brothers, large and small, have a Christmas tree in their window and Bonnie and Howard Farmer have a lovely Christmas doorway at their home.

The Earle Halls have a very pretty Christmas window and the E. B. Posey family have a beautiful tree all lighted for Christmas. Joy Latimer's home is decorated in beautiful dress for the season, and the Peek's have a very attractive yard arrangement of Christmas Carollers. Stanley McGowen has an extra pretty tree in his home. The Ray Haas home is one of the loveliest we've seen and the E. C. O'Connell window treatment is well worth your going by to see.

We saw the tree for Tabor, Karen and Tommy Bearden, the one for Suzy and Freddie Foy, and Richie Crow's pretty tree, too. We saw the lovely tree at the Cliff Curtis home, also one for the Botts children and the Cummings family.

Mrs. Neithert has a beautiful tree in her home. Bill Edwards has a lovely tree and you should see the decorations at the home of Bobby Jack Simms. They have reindeers, Santa Claus, and lighted trees and you'll love seeing it.

China Alphin has a beautiful doorway and the Jimmy Aldridges have a pretty Christmas window. Bob Estes has decked his home with pine, plus a huge tree in the yard. Mr. and Mrs. W. Clyde White have one of the prettiest windows and trees we've seen anywhere - graceful and with a quiet dignity that seems to capture both the solemnity and gaiety of the holidays.

Burma Warren has a beautiful doorway, and so does Grace Ray - beautiful work from gifted people.

There is a gay tree at the Marshall Alexander home, and a very pretty one for the Bill Womack family.

We saw the tree at the Glasston home, the Smiths, the Harold Alexanders and they were all lovely. We saw Ray Black's beautifully decorated home and the Jackson childrens bright tree and door ornaments. Ben and Lula Mae Russell have their home decked out in lovely holiday style, and much could be said for the very pretty tree at Benny Brame's house.

We saw the Wilson children's tree, also McCleary's lighted tree, or at least a glimpse of it.

We saw Judy Tollett's tree in her picture window and also the Weed children's tree and the one for the Robbins family.

David Warren and his small brother have a beautiful tree and does Richard Danielson and the Turner children.

We went way across town to see Henry and Mary Helen Silba's tree and on the way we saw a beautiful window at Charlene Sheltons and another at the Ode Berry home.

The Windham's have a lovely tree and there's a bright one for Linda Clark and her brothers. Out our way we can see Joe Lynn and Edwin Ault's beautiful trees and the one for Gary and Julie Goble.

Of course, we'll not forget (Continued On Last Page)

The Baird Star

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Git-up-and-Git That Makes Men Great."

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BOOST BAIRD IN 1955

Cost Of Operating Schools In Baird Is \$582.85 Daily

Education is big business.

Cost of operating the public school system in Baird is \$582.85 per day. This despite the fact that Superintendent Bill K. Ford and his seven trustees carefully evaluate every item of expenditure, and nothing is budgeted without first having been seriously studied.

An examination of the annual budget would likely reveal that Baird is getting more for its educational dollar than most schools in Texas. Strict economy is employed, yet no modern practice designed to equip local boys and girls with the best all-around high school program possible is overlooked.

The Baird Independent School District has 28 full time employees and two part-time faculty members. Of the 28, three are bus drivers, two are building maintenance personnel, four are cafeteria employees, and 19 are classroom instructors. Part-time people are a school nurse and a librarian.

Total annual budget for Baird schools amounts to \$103,000. Currently enrolled in the local system are 403 students, of which 111 are in high school.

Members of the board of trustees here are: Hugh Ross, president; Roscoe Shelnett, secretary; Roy Higgins, Curtis Sutphen, M. L. Hughes, W. C. Edwards and C. B. Snyder.

Local Lady's Mother Dies Early Sunday At Abilene Home

Mrs. R. R. Hodge, 53, mother of Mrs. George Warren of Baird, died at her home in Abilene Sunday morning shortly after four o'clock. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

She was born in Waxahachie Aug. 10, 1902. A member of the Methodist Church, Mrs. Hodge and her family lived in Post for many years before moving to Abilene.

Surviving are husband; two daughters, Mrs. Warren of Baird, and Mrs. W. H. Bryant of Garland; one son, Bob Hodge, Abilene; two sisters, Elizabeth Hendley of Denton and Mrs. J. P. Razor of Houston; two brothers, Ben Hendley of Gainesville and Charlie Hendley of Denton; and six grandchildren.

Retired Farmer To Be Interred At Eulonia Friday

A retired Baird farmer, Henry T. Jordan, 84, died at his residence here after a brief illness, Wednesday.

He was born on Dec. 17, 1871 in Alabama.

Funeral will be held at 10 a. m. Friday in the Wylie Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Lenard Hartley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baird, will officiate. Burial will be in Eula Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Ira Franklin of Pasadena, Calif., Mrs. W. A. Turner of San Angelo, Mrs. J. V. Kirkendall of Clyde and Mrs. C. E. McGraw of Abilene; five sons, C. E. Jordan, A. H. Jordan and Talmon Jordan, all of Abilene, H. L. Jordan of Odessa and V. L. Jordan of Fort Worth; two brothers, Spencer Jordan of Denver, Colo., and Ollie Jordan of Denver, Colo.; 26 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Water Board To Pick 2 Directors In Vote Carded January 10

Two directors will be named for the board of directors for the Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District at an election to be held here January 10. Balloting will be held in the American Legion Hut with B. H. Freeland acting as presiding judge. Clerks are to be Mrs. Eva Lee, Mrs. F. E. Mitchell and Mrs. Alice Crutchfield.

Terms of Ray Black and Leslie Bryant are expiring, however, they will both be candidates for re-election. Bryant has served on the board several years, and Black was named to the directorate in October succeeding Jack Flores, Jr., who moved from here.

Dr. T. A. White Is Located In Abilene

His many friends will be interested to learn that Dr. T. A. White, Jr., son of Mrs. Ashby White of Baird, has purchased the practice and office facilities of Dr. Walter Sibley in Abilene, and is now open for the general practice of dentistry in the Alexander building on the corner of North First and Pine Streets.

Dr. White is a graduate of Baird high school and Baylor University. He recently completed a tour of duty with the United States Navy.

50 Year Resident Of Baird Is Laid To Rest Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Temple Poe, 83, one of Baird's oldest ladies. She died early Monday morning in an Abilene convalescent home.

She was born October 17, 1872 in Limestone County, Texas, and moved to Baird in 1906, which continued to be her home until a short time ago, having been a resident of Baird for more than 50 years. Her husband, Sam Poe, died 27 years ago.

Funeral services Tuesday afternoon were conducted from the Wylie Funeral Home in Baird with Rev. Lenard Hartley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the family plot of the Ross Cemetery.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. King Gist of Mansfield and Mrs. A. B. Cochran and Mrs. Cecil Huffman, both of Ft. Worth; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

One son, Calude Poe, died in 1937. Three other sons died in infancy.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Pall bearers were: Glenn Boyd, Billy Jim Shelton, Frankie Crow, Russell Warren, Bob McKennon and Fred Thompson.

Baird Girl Bride Of Midland Man Saturday Night

The First Baptist Church in Rule was the scene Saturday night, December 10, for the wedding of Joyce Tyson and Rudolph Schindler of Hallettsville.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Buford Tyson of Baird.

Rev. Riley Fugitt read the double ring ceremony.

Meiba Tyson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a gown of mauve pink faille with white accessories and carried pink asters.

Benny McClusky, of Midland, was best man.

Mrs. Tyson, mother of the bride, wore a dress of blue-violet shantung with pink corsage and black accessories.

The bride wore a dress of blue crepe and carried white flowers, her accessories were blue.

After a wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Midland, where Mr. Schindler is a civil service employee at the Air Base.

Mrs. Schindler is association with an oil firm.

Mrs. Schindler was recently honored with a tea by her associates and friends in Midland.

New, Renewal Baird Star Subscriptions This Week

The Baird Star's reduced rate subscription offer will be brought to a close Saturday afternoon, December 31. Until that time, however, new and renewal subscriptions will continue to be accepted at \$2 each in the county and \$3 to points outside.

This reduced rate has been

made for a limited time, notwithstanding rising newsprint and production costs, in the hope that many old subscribers will send the Star to a friend or kinsman as a Christmas gift. The rate can not be continued after January first.

New and renewal subscribers since last publication in the Star are as follows:

Mark Adair, Cross Plains
Mrs. R. E. Myers, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. J. R. Hart, Ft. Worth
Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield, Baird
E. Ringhoffer, Jr., Baird
W. B. Bradley, Downey, Calif.
G. H. Corn, Baird
E. Ringhoffer Sr., Cross Plains
Mrs. Ellen McGowen, Baird
Mrs. R. M. Cunningham, Nacala, Colo.

Mrs. H. C. McGowen, Abilene
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Leslie W. Detrick, Clyde
G. L. Albin, Fort Worth
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Mrs. J. C. Lee, Baird
Mrs. J. W. McAuley, Baird
Tom Barton, Baird
A. E. Young, Baird
D. W. Young, Newcastie
C. P. Sherman, Big Spring
W. C. Whitley, Long Beach, Calif.

Jute Whitley, Grand Falls
Howard Johnson, Grand Falls
J. M. Whitley, Clyde
C. E. Boydston, F. kersfield, Calif.

Mrs. J. C. Barringer, Baird
Mrs. Kate Crawford, Clyde
Mrs. Robert Walley, Hannibal, Missouri

Arthur Johnston, Idalou
J. H. Hughes, Baird
Lowell Corn, Baird
Mrs. A. W. Warren, Moran
J. O. Warren, Baird
A. B. Elliott, Baird
Mrs. Joe Harris, Baird
Mrs. J. Orris Moore, Columbus, Ohio

Mrs. Corrie Driskill, Baird
Bob Norrell, Baird
Bill Ferguson, Clyde
T. M. Allen, Clyde
Mrs. W. H. Phillips, Abilene
Mrs. Sam I. Smith, Baird
Ray Clemmer, Chaw Chilla, Calif.

Mrs. J. J. Trussell, Baird
O. L. Coats, Portales, N. M.
Mrs. R. N. Whitehorn, Cross Plains

Ace Hickman, Baird
Betsy Hickman, San Marcos
Mrs. Joe Smartt, Abilene
E. J. Hill, Baird

Mrs. C. J. Redwine, Baird
J. E. Edwards, Clyde
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Mrs. Ashby White, Baird
Clyde White, Baird
B. M. Jobe, Schell City, Mo.
Clarence Boatwright, Amarillo

J. A. Sikes, Baird
V. L. Chatham, Baird
C. A. (Ott) Neal, Dudley
Mrs. Jack Shelton, Baird

First Meeting Next Year Of Auxiliary To Be January 26

Next meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held the night of January 26, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Randall C. Jackson, president of the organization.

At a recent meeting of the Auxiliary, 17 were in attendance and it is an objective of the group to at least double attendance at all meetings throughout 1956. Everyone present at the recent meeting contributed to a fund to aid the needy at Christmas time.

Two Are Arrested At Cross Plains

Two men were arrested in Cross Plains Tuesday afternoon and taken to Eastland County Jail, charged with short changing a Rising Star business concern.

The men were being questioned in connection with recent robberies at Putnam and Cross Plains.

H. R. Jeffries is spending the holidays in Corpus Christi with relatives.

John Bullock, of Brownwood, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bullock.

Charles Young, student in ACC, Abilene, is spending the holidays with his father, Charlie Young, and Darrell.

Miss Martha Gilliland, student in NTSC, Denton, is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Royce Gilliland.

New Production For Hugh Ross Found In Denton Valley Area

H. G. Henson, of Abilene, is completing his No. 1 Hugh Ross wildcat in Section 1, Block 1, SP Railway Survey, near Denton Valley. Five and one-half inch casing was set to 1,803 feet after a drill stem test taken from 1,728-33 feet surfaced gas in 15 minutes and recovered 450 feet of free oil, and 30 feet of oil-cut mud. Flowing pressure was 110 pounds, with 675 pounds shut-in.

Potential on the new strike was taken Monday. The well flowed at the rate of 238 barrels daily. The oil was rated 41 gravity. Three offsets have already been staked and additional drilling will get underway on the Ross acreage immediately. The offsets are West, South and North of the discovery.

Homer Price Builds New Dwelling Here

A four room and bath dwelling is being constructed in West Baird at 316 West Girard. The construction is being done for Sheriff Homer Price, who will rent the property.

The house is on the lots which were owned by Mr. and Mrs. Allan Johnson, whose home was located there until their recent removal to Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson, of Rockwood visited Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McBride last Sunday. The occasion was the 51st wedding anniversary of both couples.

The secret of success seems to lie in doing your work cheerfully and efficiently, rather than trying to get away from it.

Goodfellows Ask For Aid

Are there needy families in Baird?

If so, the Goodfellows would like information concerning their needs at Christmas time, immediately.

"We have the funds and the earnest desire to be of service," says Rev. James Price, Goodfellow Chief in Baird.

Persons who can supply the names of families in want are urged to contact Mrs. Lee Brown at the Sheriff's office before Friday afternoon at one o'clock, at which time packing of boxes will begin.

Thus far the names of 11 families have been turned in to the Goodfellow group, however, it is believed there are many others who will be denied some of the joys of Christmas time unless information regarding them is supplied immediately.

Clothing, toys and kindred items are being accepted by the Goodfellows either at the Russell-Surles Abstract Company or in the basement of the courthouse.

Rodeo Group Will Name Officers In Meeting Jan. 10

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse will name a new president, a secretary and two directors at the annual meeting to be held in the courthouse here the first Friday night in next year, the date being January sixth.

Everett (Ev) Hughes, long time president of the Posse, has announced that because of reasons of health he cannot accept re-election, and has requested members of the rodeo group to begin giving thought to a successor to the post.

Production Tests Are Being Made On Dyer Land North Of Clyde

Production tests are being made at Magnolia Petroleum Co. No. 4 Dyer Heirs, Section 58, BBB&C Survey.

It is completing as a Flippen Sand discovery in the Dyer (Strawn) Field. Location is five miles northeast of Elmdale in northwestern Callahan County.

During 11 hours it flowed 49.79 barrels of oil through a 14-64-inch choke. Gas-oil ratio was 500-1.

Production is from six perforations per foot at 1,658-62 feet with the casing set on bottom at 1,670 feet.

Spotted 300 feet north of the discovery was Magnolia No. 5 Dyer Heirs. Having a proposed depth of 1,750 feet with rotary, it spots 450 feet from the south and 150 feet from the east lines of Section 58.

McCarrick, Gouger & Mitchell of San Antonio, spotted two locations in the same field. Both are slated for 2,000 feet with rotary.

Their No. 3-B A. E. Dyer Heirs is 150 feet from the south and west lines of Section 55, BBB&C Survey.

Site for No. 5 A. E. Dyer is 150 feet from the north and west lines of G. W. Riley Survey 56.

Local Boy Stationed At Fort Hamilton

Army Pvt. Glynn D. Beasley, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve D. Beasley of Rt. 2, Baird, was recently assigned to the 69th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion at Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

Private Beasley, a gun crewman in the battalion's Batter A, entered the Army in July of this year. He completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Home for Christmas with the E. J. Hills will be all their children, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Davis of Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Goodrick of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Young, Craig and Diane of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill, Jr., and son Phillip Keith, who have been in Merced, Calif. the past year and a half.

The E. J. Hill, Jr., family will live in Abilene after Jan. 1, following a transfer from Castle Air Base in California to Tye Air Base. He is a senior field man for B47 bombers.

Talk Elevator In Courthouse

Unofficial reports from all sections of the county reaching Baird this week were to the effect that a delegation of citizens would probably meet with the Commissioners Court at the next regular session of the body, January ninth, to ask the installation of an elevator in the courthouse at Baird.

Petitions have been circulated in Clyde, Cross Plains, Putnam and Baird, as well as in some of the smaller communities, requesting an elevator.

Shaft for elevator service is said to be available, having been foreseen when the courthouse was constructed. At present the shaft space is inclosed in closets, only the floor and ceilings of which would be removed.

Cost of the project is not immediately known, however, proponents point out that the need for elevator, particularly by older people, justifies serious consideration of the project.

Premier People Are Complimented With Party On Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bullock were hosts Saturday night at their annual Christmas party, given for employees of Premier Refining Co., and their families. Buffet supper was served to 44 guests.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Burks, Mr. and Mrs. Q. P. Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burrough, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Peak, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Welborn, all of No. 1, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bullock, Jr., of Abilene.

Baird guests were C. K. Meadows, Kyle Meadows, Mrs. Carmen Fuller and the Messrs. and Mrs. Aden Atwood, Irvin Corn, E. L. Dunlap, Horace Elliott, Gilbert Hinds, G. T. Jones, Curtis Jones, George Lambert, Henry McDonald, H. W. Martin, R. L. Murphy, O. B. Pool and Bruce Thompson.

James Paul Shanks Sends Greetings From Over Seas

Many friends in this area have received Christmas greetings from James Paul Shanks, who is stationed near Nurnberg, Germany. He is in Headquarters Battery, 599th A. F. A. Battalion at the U. S. Base at Erlangen.

James Paul is a reporter and assistant photographer for the "Stars and Stripes," service newspaper. During the two months he has been in Germany, the Callahan County youth has seen scores of Europe's historic landmarks, including the famous old castle built in the thirteenth century at Heidelberg, one of Europe's oldest cities. He tells of visiting Rothenburg which has streets and buildings erected in 780 A. D., as well as many old and beautiful churches. He spent a recent week end in Garmisch, a resort in the Bavarian Alps, and will spend the Christmas holidays in the mountains of Austria, where he hopes to try snow skiing.

James Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shanks. He is a graduate of Baird high school and of Hardin-Simmons, and has completed a year and one-half in Texas University law school.

Hooks Brothers Finish New Well

Hooks Brothers, et al, of Abilene, completed No. 9 Hooks Ranch as a regular field producer seven miles northwest of Clyde in Section 91, Block 13, T&P Survey.

Daily potential was 76 barrels of 42 gravity oil, flowing through a 16-64-inch choke with 600 pounds on casing and 200 on tubing. Flow was from 4-per-foot perforations at 3,141-49 feet. Casing was set at 3,211 feet, total depth. Gas-oil ratio was 566-1.

Forrest Dunlap, Jr., et al, of Dallas, No. 1-C, J. W. Brown will be a 1,500-foot rotary project 13 miles southwest of Baird in the regular field.

Drillsite is 2,878 feet from the north and 220 feet from the west lines of Section 1, SP Survey.

Joe Martin Chambers, of Shreveport, La., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. H. W. Martin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Melton, of Tia Juana, Venezuela, are visiting relatives and their many friends here and in other Texas cities during the holidays.

Safety Council In Meeting Tuesday

Baird Safety Council met in regular business session Tuesday afternoon, December 20, with five members present. Those in attendance: Rev. H. G. Markley, Rev. James Price, Mrs. Lee Brown, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn and Miss Martha Ann Martin.

Rev. Price reported that the Scotch Lite tape for bicycles had been ordered and would be ready for distribution after first of the year.

The Council will have a special program at the next meeting January 17. Jim Asbury and Patrolman Barry Lusk will speak at that time and every organization is urged to have its representative present.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

This is to say thank you for the many lovely and useful gifts I received at my bridal shower.

Mrs. Izora Poindexter Stewart

FOR SALE — House at Moran, 3 rooms and bath. Could easily be moved. Call 1292 or write Mrs. Leo Jeanis, Graham, Texas. 51-4-p

Mrs. Fulton Hosts Christmas Party

Mrs. E. C. Fulton entertained the Presbyterian Ladies on Monday, Dec. 19, at 3 p. m. with Mrs. V. F. Jones, presiding.

A number of Christmas songs were sung and Mrs. Jones read the scripture lesson, Mrs. James Asbury gave an interesting talk on the birth and life of Jesus. Closing prayer was by Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Sr.

A social hour followed with Mrs. Jones presiding at the tea table which was laid with green net and centered with a green net tree, decorated with sequins. Gifts were exchanged from the beautiful Christmas tree.

Those enjoying the party were Meses. James Asbury, John Alexander, Harry Berry, Grover Berry, H. G. Markley, Mary Kehrer, R. L. Elliott, Sr., Bell Hickey, Craig Burns, V. F. Jones, Joe McGowan, George Jones, E. J. Hill, Lee Ivey, Arthur Johnson, Sallie Eastham of Ft. Worth, Edna Yonge and little Misses Shyrl and Linda Alexander.

Garden Club Awards Plaque

The judges for the Old Fashioned Garden Club made a tour of the city December 19, and after much thought, placed the "most attractive yard" plaque in the yards of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes, who through joint effort, produced the best "over all effect" this Christmas.

The yard of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wise ran a close second, along with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Russell.

There were many attractive windows such as those of Ray Black, L. C. Cash, John Bowlus, and many doorways such as the Fabian Bells, China Allphins, Frank Hodsons, Hubert Ross, Harold Rays, and especially the doorway of Jesse Parks.

There were many others including Sam Gillilands, and to everyone who has a shining tree in your home or yard, we feel sure your hearts are shining too, and may we have many more next year.

Cottonwood News

Hazel I. Respass

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McIntosh have returned from Marathon and Mrs. McIntosh's son, Joe Garrett, who is stationed at Roswell, N. M., visited Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Maddox last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey, of Stephenville visited with Mrs. J. F. Coffey Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Swofford and Hazel I. Respass attended the Open House at the Methodist pastor's home, Rev. Joe Block, at Putnam Saturday night.

Mrs. Sam Swofford visited her son and family, Alfred Thate in Abilene, and accompanied them to San Antonio and other points recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Arvin, of Baird, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Varner Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Murray and L. V. visited her brother, John Jensen and family of Cisco last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swofford visited her sister, Mrs. Emmett Bayett and husband in Houston last week.

Mrs. John Burnam, of Dallas is spending the holidays with Mrs. W. B. Gilleland.

Mrs. W. B. Gilleland, Mrs. Burnam, Beulah and Hazel Respass had supper with Miss Eunice Hembree at Seranton Monday night.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Myrick have moved into their new home, just recently completed.

Presbyterian Notes

Sunday, December 25th, is Christmas Day, 1900 years ago there shone over the world a beautiful new star, signifying the birth of our Saviour, born of a Virgin in a stable because there was no room for Him in the Inn. How wonderful God works. He did not send a mighty senate from the skies, nor did He send an arch angel. The mission was so urgent and important that He sent His only begotten Son to carry the message of Redemption.

What a wonderful day for us to celebrate His coming. And we wonder in how many ways His coming will be celebrated. Here at this church following Sunday school which convenes at ten o'clock, we will offer our praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the gift of His Son. If you are not worshipping in any other church, or if you are not a regular church attendant, the Little Red Brick Church On The Corner invites you to be with us. The minister will speak on the subject "The Name of Jesus."

There is always a warm welcome and hearty handshake here where you are a stranger for the first time only.

TO THE MEN OF BAIRD: If you do not attend any other Bible Class you will enjoy the informal study of God's Word here in the Men's Bible Class. Mr. Markley is the teacher.

Notice To Creditors Of The Estate of James L. Chatham, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of James L. Chatham, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 19th day of October, 1955, by the County Court of Callahan County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post-office address is Baird, Callahan County, Texas.

V. L. CHATHAM
Administrator of the Estate of James L. Chatham, Deceased.
12-23, 30

THE DAIRYLAND CAFE

IN CLYDE

Now Under Management of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Myers

INVITE YOUR FREQUENT PATRONAGE

Mrs. H. I. Turner is still associated with the business and invites her friends to drop in for Choice Foods at all times.

Merry Christmas To Everyone

Sunshine Club Holds Wednesday Meeting

Mrs. Ica Beck entertained the Sunshine Club on Wednesday, Dec. 14, with an all day meeting. The meeting was opened with devotional, after which roll call was answered.

A short business meeting was held, after which a delicious luncheon was served to twelve members and two guests.

First Baptist Church

Sunday night, Dec. 25, at the Baptist Church will be student night, according to a statement made by Rev. L. A. Hartley.

The entire service will be in charge of students who are home from college.

Everyone is invited to hear these testimonials given by the young people of the church.

Paul, Maurine and Don Cook, of Lawton, Okla., are visiting relatives and friends here

Linda Sue Denney visited the first of the week in Abilene with her aunt, Mrs. Grover Maxwell and family.

Miss Yvonne Melton, of Breckenridge, spent the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence.



PREMIER TRUCK STOP

BAIRD, TEXAS



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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

It has been a genuine pleasure to serve you in the past, and here's hoping to enjoy a continuance of your good will and support.

Abilene Livestock Auction Commission

Bob McDaniel

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT G. A. BROWN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown were honored Thursday night when Mrs. S. M. Eubank and her Sunday School Class came for a Christmas Party and program and bought refreshments and a basket of fruit, cookies and candy.

Those enjoying the event were: Mmes. S. M. Eubank, Veda Yar-

brough, Ollie Burnam, John Cook, Fred Cook, U. L. Lowry, Sam Jobe, Mary Ramsey, John Shrader, J. C. Jones, A. S. Reese and Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Bill Cargal and wife, of Biloxi, Miss., are visiting relatives and their many friends in Baird during the holidays.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Overton of Sweetwater are visiting Tom Butler through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Son Sipes, of Cross Plains, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sunderman and family, of Cleburne, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee White have returned home after a week end trip to Madill, Oklahoma, where they visited relatives.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Everett and family of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Everett and son, Mike, of Lorraine.

Mrs. I. G. Mobley and son, Hall Green, had dinner with Hall Walker and son, Wesley, in Ranger Monday. They also visited Dr. and Mrs. Brayda of that city.

Mrs. Vena Shackelford and Ruth, Betty and Mabel all attended a church program in Baird Sunday night at the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Browning, of North Carolina, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Lowry, who has been ill. Mrs. Earl Jobe was an Abilene visitor with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Caraway.

Mrs. I. G. Mobley and son, Hall, on their return from Lubbock this week, came by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Williams at Post and visited a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brandon have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brandon and family, of

El Paso, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evans and family of Kermit. Mrs. Lexie Leveridge was in Putnam Monday visiting her sisters, Mrs. Gene Cook and Mrs. A. S. Reese.

Gladys Thames was in Putnam Monday visiting her mother, Mrs. R. L. Buchanan.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rutherford Sunday were: Betty, Clint from Lubbock, Wesley and Fay of Abilene, Ray Rutherford and family from Groves.

Mrs. Nora Allen, of Scranton, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Armstrong of May, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Shrader Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Sublett visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donoway and Sam visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle Sunday night.

Carl Weed is home from Guam visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weed.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Weed and family, from San Antonio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weed.

Mr. and Mrs. Duran Cox of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. John Ussery of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ussery of Ft. Worth and Mrs. Janice Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brazil Sunday.

Dr. J. C. Whitacre, from Roswell, New Mexico, visited his grandmother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brazil Saturday. He was on his way to Louisiana to get married December 23.

Mrs. Lula Dixon is spending

Christmas in Dallas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitacre of Tucson, Arizona, visited her mother, Mrs. A. A. Brazil Sunday. They were on their way to Louisiana to attend the wedding of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Pierce, of Midland, visited Nettie Lu Dono-

day Saturday. Mrs. Bertha Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Mingus, Olin and Buford Crenshaw of Big Spring, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Crenshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWhorter and family, of Throckmorton visited with Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford, Jr., Friday evening. Mrs. McWhorter is Mrs. Shackelford's sister.

Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Brown and family, of San Antonio, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. A. Shultz of Rising Star.

Mmes. Mitt Cook, John Cook, Mary Kellner and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook all attended Mr. and Mrs. Roll Cook's 60th wedding anniversary party at Clyde Sunday.

Mrs. Artie Bolick and son, Bruce, visited her mother, Mrs. Mitt Cook Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mancill, of Cisco, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clinton and sons, of Snyder, were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lowry and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton Saturday.

Mrs. Gertrude Short, of Big Spring, spent Wednesday night with the Mobley girls.

Mrs. Earline Clark and daughter, Doris, of Bosque, are here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellison Pruet.

Mrs. Walter Francisco was shopping in Abilene Wednesday.

Mary Thomason, who has been visiting in Putnam for several weeks left for her home in Whittier, California, Friday.

Kenneth Rutherford and family, of Grand Prairie, were visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rutherford Sunday.

Mrs. G. S. Pruet and Mrs. S. M. Eubank were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Miss Mildred Johnson, of Amarillo, is spending Christmas with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Tee Baugh.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, Texas, will receive bids until 10 o'clock, A. M., on the 9th day of Jan. 1956, at the courthouse in Baird, Texas, for the purchase of the following described road machinery: two 1 1/2 ton chassis trucks and cabs with short wheelbase, two-speed rear axle and 4-ten ply 8.25x20 rear tires.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County; however, the County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. Lester Farmer,
County Judge, Callahan County,
Texas.



T. O. DULANEY

Gulf Consignee



May we pause in the rush of this holiday season to thank our many friends whose good will throughout the year has been an inspiration to us and to wish you all the Blessings of the season.

FOX'S INN

On Highway 80 Clyde, Texas

We will be closed all day Sunday, December 25, to permit our employees and ourselves to celebrate Christmas. But we'll be looking for you every other day in the year.

STAR'S CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE — 1 used 20-in. girls bicycle; 1 used 24-in. girls bicycle; 1 used 26-in. girls bicycle and 1 used 26-in. boys bicycle. White Auto Store, Baird. 52-1-c

WANTED — Curb work, including curbs around cemetery lots at 75c per foot. Sidewalks, steps and storm cellars built to specifications. Satisfaction guaranteed. G. W. Hunt, Rt. 1, Baird, Phone 1687. 51-tf-c

PANSY PLANTS — 60c dozen. Mrs. Kelton's Flower Shop. 50-tf-c

FOR SALE — Old James building, 50x140 feet on Market St., in Baird, attractively priced. B. H. Freeland. 50-3-p

NOTICE
D. D. Tedford now located in Clyde, ready at all times to give you first class plumbing service. Box 215, phone 2051. 50-3-c

FOR SALE — Complete set of dry good store fixtures, including fluorescent light fixtures. Mrs. W. B. Jones, Baird. 49-tf-c

NOTICE

New prices on Helpy-Self Laundry beginning Jan. 3, 1956, will be 75c per hour. Pick up service on Helpy-Self customers will be 15c round trip or 10c one way. Bryant Laundry. 51-3-c

GARAGE FOR RENT — 12x15 storage room, 422 Walnut, \$5.00 a month or you can use either one of them for yard work. Madison Montgomery, No. 12 & Walnut, Abilene. 49-tf-c

FOR SALE — Vanity, high-boy and platform rocker. Mrs. W. B. Jones, Baird. 49-tf-c

POSTED — All land owned by Frank Windham is posted. 40-tfn-c

You can now buy the Maytag range on the Round-Up Plan. Also the automatic washers, liberal trade-in. Phone 231. J. T. Loper. 42-tfn-c

MOVING? — Then call 4-4118 for a complete, safe and reasonable service. — Red Ball Transfer & Storage, Abilene, Texas. S. R. Cagle. R. V. Carey. 14-tf-c



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
THE ROCK HOTEL
Mrs. C. J. Redwine

A Happy Christmas

May your days be bright with the joys of the Yuletide Season. May every good thing be yours during the coming New Year!



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AND A VERY JOYOUS NEW YEAR!

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May the joy and happiness of Christmaside abide with you. May the story of the infant Jesus be a constant inspiration. Let us pray that Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men will be true for all time.

PEEK'S FASHION CLEANERS



Season's Greetings

W. T. PAYNE

TEXACO CONSIGNEE

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Green are spending the holidays in Sonora with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Sallie Eastham, of Fort Worth, is visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays.

SWEET AND SOUR

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Robert Martin's lovely silver tree peeping out of his front window or his doorway and beautiful lighted candles. You may not see it from the street but Robert has a "private" tree all his own in the kitchen. It's a real pine tree and Robert did all of the decorating and lighting of it himself.

We had a glorious Christmas visit this week from that spirit of the season herself - Curley Seale. She looked positively glamorous and that pink angel food cake in hand didn't de-

tract one whit from the overall effect. Curley always comes up with spendiferous ideas for making folks happy and her own personal problems and health doesn't even slow her down - she's some gal, that Curley.

Sayyy - we had a beautiful Christmas card with a Latin flavor from some favorite friends of our in South America - Bob and Corrie Lou Darby, and we want to say Merry Christmas right back at 'em.

There was a letter and a card in the mail this week from California from Sophie Blair, which made us all real happy, and a very special card from Eula

Walker which gave us a great yen to reach out across the miles and hug that very dear lady.

Before we seal this with a big red poinsetta and wish you Seasons Greetings, we want to personally thank the telephone gals for all the wonderful calls they've relayed to you-know-who through our line. It's been loads of fun.

So that wraps up Christmas and does seem like the guys in the back room at the Star could tack a sprig of Holly on the tittle of this mess of pottage for this week anyway, doesn't it? But how-some-ever, you know we're wishing from all of us to all of you MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Cecil Thompson, student in NTSC, Denton, is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Thompson and other relatives.

Bob and Marianne Estes are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Rich in Richmond.



SAM H. GILLILAND

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS:

WE SEND BEST WISHES

for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And A New Year Filled

With Happiness!

The Max Levi Family.

Dear Santa Claus:

I love you so. Thank you for the ball that you gave to me last year. I am proud of it.

Love,

Linda Evans

Dear Santa Claus:

I thank you for making every Christmas a happy Christmas for every man, woman and child.

I would like to have a two-gun holster and a camera for Christmas, and my little brother wants a water gun and a cap gun.

I have tried to be good and sometimes I have found it hard to do.

It is time to close my letter now.

Michael Patton



STAR HATCHERY

MR. AND MRS. PAUL SHANKE
Baird, Texas

Highest Quality
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Holiday Food Hints

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BORDEN'S
Biscuits
can
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SUGAR CURED TENDERIZED

HAMS whole lb. 49c

OCEAN SPRAY No. 303 can
CRANBERRY SAUCE 19c

COMSTOCK
PIE APPLES, No. 2 can 19c

KIMBELL'S
OLEO, lb. 19c

POWDERED OR BROWN 2 boxes
SUGAR 25c

MARSHMALLOW CREME
HIP-O-LITE, 8 oz. jar 23c

MRS. TUCKER'S 3 lb. can
Shortening 69c

KIMBELL'S
TABLE SALT, 2 boxes 15c

Finest Quality **MEATS**

CHOICE
BEEF ROAST, lb. 45c

FRESH DRESSED
HENS, lb. 49c

NICE, LEAN
BEEF RIBS, lb. 25c

HORMEL'S DAIRY BRAND
BACON, lb. 39c

FRESH HOME-MADE
SAUSAGE, lb. 49c

Garden-Fresh **VEGETABLES**

GREEN CRISP 2 stalks
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GOLDEN SWEET bushel
POTATOES \$1.95

FIRM, CRISP 2 heads
LETTUCE . 27c

FOLGERS
Coffee
pound
89c

WE DELIVER!

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Phone YOUR ORDER
PHONE 297

Merry Christmas

It's Christmastime again, and, as this season foretells the passing of another year, we think of those who have helped make that year so very enjoyable. Knowing and serving folks like you makes business a pleasure.

It is indeed a privilege to greet you and wish you a Merry Christmas.

CALLAHAN ABSTRACT CO.
CALLAHAN INSURANCE CO.



Agricultural Meeting Held On Shelton Farm East Of Admiral

A gathering of bankers, agricultural leaders, and agricultural representatives met on the farm of Jessie M. Shelton, one mile east of Admiral on December 9th. The meeting was in the form of a clinic, and was arranged by Ray F. Turknett, County Supervisor, Farmers Home Administration and DeWitt C. Cox, Work Unit Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service. This meeting was an outgrowth of the interest of farmers in "soil building" through "soil and water conservation." Shelton is a Soil Conservation District Cooperator, with a number of soil conservation practices planned but not yet completed.

Farmers Home Administration is authorized to make loans to farmers for soil and water improvement practices. The practices for which soil and water loans are made must be in line with Soil Conservation Service and Extension Service recommendations. A part of the cost of facilities, improvements and practices planned may be earned by the farmer through participation in the ACP program under the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Soil and Water Conservation loans were made possible by legislation passed by the 83rd Congress. Loans may be made for such purposes as building terraces, developing and sodding waterways and digging ponds in connection with handling water run-off. Farmers are becoming more conscious of the value of water and controlling it on the ground, Turknett, County Supervisor says. In some areas, subsoiling is necessary in order to enable better water penetration of the soil. Loans are being made for this purpose. Loans may also be used for brush removal, the establishment and improvement

of permanent pasture, well drilling, land levelling, and for the purchase of pumps and irrigation equipment, Turknett said. Loans are made by the Farmers Home Administration, primarily out of funds advanced by private lending institutions. The

Government insures the repayment of the loan. The repayment period on loans to individuals can be up to 20 years, and can be secured by liens on chattels or real estate depending on the amount and length of the loan.

Information about Soil and Water Conservation loans can be obtained from the local County Agent, representatives of the Soil Conservation Service and the local Farmers Home Administration office. Applications for loans are to be made at the

county office of the Farmers Home Administration, located on the 3rd floor, courthouse, Baird, Texas. The 3-member County Committee of the Farmers Home Administration, Mr. Fred Heyser, Mr. S. O. Montgomery and Mr. E. G. Hampton will certify as to the eligibility of the applicants for Soil and Water Conservation loans.

Callahan County's first jail at Belle Plain cost \$6,500.



To all our good friends and customers
We'd like to pause a moment to say . . .
May your Christmas be calm and peaceful
and your New Year bright and gay!

W. CLYDE WHITE

Merry Christmas



This Yuletide message we send you you, the finest people on earth, our customers and friends, but it's genuine and sincere from all the folks at

HOME TELEPHONE & ELECTRIC CO.

Friendly Greetings



To our dear old friends,
to our cherished
new friends and
to those whose
friendship

we hope to earn,
we extend the

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

CITY PHARMACY

Phone 100 - 169



We'd like to tell all our good friends with whom we worked this past year . . . Thank You for your cooperation and patronage and Best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

OSCAR STIFFLER

JEWELER



A&P FOODSTORE

\$16,500 Worth Of Baird's Park And Pool Bonds Bought Monday

Callahan County Commissioners' Court, in regular session here last week passed an order to purchase \$16,500 worth of City of Baird park bonds for the permanent school fund, which the commissioners are charged with keeping invested in interest-bearing securities.

Motion to make the purchase was made by I. G. Mobley, commissioner from Precinct 3, and seconded by Clyde Floyd, commissioner from Precinct 2. The

proposition was unanimously passed.

The bonds bought for the school fund are 30 year securities, bearing two and one-half percent. These bonds were originally voted by the people of Baird to build a swimming pool and park, at a site yet to be secured.

With the purchase of the \$16,500 worth of bonds this week, there remains \$7,500 of the issue yet to be sold.

Union Usuals and Unusuals

Veda Yarbrough

Hi, there neighbor. Say has the weather been cold over your way? Sure has here. Lots of ice every morning. Think we will butcher a pig one day this week. Christmas we will have home-cured ham, maybe.

Oh yes, I went to church yesterday, both morning and evening. Bro. Loiry brought two real good sermons.

Mrs. Loiry is still confined to her bed, but seems to be slowly improving. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Last Wednesday, Ollie Burnam, Reba Francisco, Mrs. Mary Ramsey and I went to Abilene. Took Mrs. Mary for a check-up. Doctor said she was doing fine, had been quite a while since she had a check-up. We were glad she was found OK.

Lula Isenhower has been sick, supposed to spend some time in bed every day. Lula, we hope you will soon be OK. You just can't afford to get sick so close to Christmas. Old Santa might miss you, but I bet he doesn't.

Last Friday, Ruth, Mabel Mobley and Mabel Carrico had dinner with us, so did Annie Yarbrough. You know the Mobleys know when they come to see us to bring something to eat, so they brought some of those good old blackeyed peas and okra. With what little I could rake up to cook, we had a pretty good dinner. Anyway, everyone seemed to enjoy it. Always glad to have these girls, the trouble is you don't get to come often enough.

Mr. and Mrs. Allyn, of Trent, are visiting the Weldon Isen-

howers. The Allyn's are Mrs. Isenhower's parents.

The Women's Study Club had their Christmas party this afternoon with Mrs. Weldon Isenhower. Certainly was a nice party. Everybody seemed to en-

joy it very much, and, of course, Santa came to see every one of us gals, which made us happy as if we were little girls.

Dovie Pruet says she hasn't been a very good girl this year and Craig, you know he is her grandboy, is so worried because he is afraid Santa Claus won't come to see her. He says Santa don't come to see girls that haven't been good. Now, Craig, I will tell you a little secret. Dovie has been a real good little girl and you tell Santa so he will come to see her. Will you?

Gertrude Jones and Dovie Pruet visited a while with me Thursday afternoon on their way to the Christmas party.

Kana Burnam visited with the Burnams a while today. She also went to the party.

D. A. Yarbrough looked at several farms last week down around Cross Plains and Rising Star. Don't think he has found one that just exactly suits him. Think he is having a lot of fun looking around, anyway.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO ALL OF YOU!

We will endeavor to uphold, and strive to improve, our services to our many customers with the fondest wish for a Happy New Year!

LAWRENCE DRUG STORE



As the Christmas bells ring out and another year is about to be born we realize how very important your friendship has been to our success. We appreciate the opportunity this Holiday Season brings to Thank You and say . . .

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**M. L. Hughes Service Station
MILLER'S GROCERY**



**FROM ALL THE PEOPLE WHO
MANUFACTURE AND SELL**



**HERE'S SINCEREST GOOD WISHES FOR
A JOYFUL YULETIDE**

**MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU HEALTH,
HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY**

**PREMIER OIL REFINING COMPANY
OF BAIRD**

Merry Christmas



We would like to extend at this time our best wishes to you and your loved ones. May your Holiday be a merry one and filled with goodwill! May the New Year bring you luck, success, and happiness!

BOYDSTUN HARDWARE CO.



GREETINGS

to each of you from all of us at
WHITE'S GROCERY
Putnam, Texas



JOYEUX NOEL

To thank you, as we'd like to do,
Is far beyond our power,
For if we had no friends like you
There'd be no firm like ours!

Lowell Boyd Groc. & Mkt.

Callahan County's Slaughtering Plant Is One Of Section's Best

Meat is the principal item of diet, and local people are particularly fortunate in that the quality which graces their tables is probably not surpassed anywhere.

A representative of this newspaper took time out one day this week to visit the abattoir in Baird, from which two markets in Putnam, two in Clyde and three in Baird are supplied with fresh beef and pork. The Callahan County concern is operated by W. L. Ivey and his chief butcher, Mart Poindexter.

Arriving at the abattoir just as a 700 pound, pen fed steer was driven into the slaughter chute, the reporter observed the efficiency of the undertaking and came away with a keener appreciation of the science employed to bring top quality meat to local table.

To begin with Ivey selects his animals and immediately starts them on a supplemental feeding program, there being 135 calves in this category at the present time. After the animals have begun to take well to the new ration, they are moved to a specially-equipped lots and placed on a full feeding program which includes ground grain, cottonseed meal and huts, alfalfa and molasses. This diet has been found to be especially conducive to prime flesh building. When the animals reach the desired flesh they are moved to the slaughtering chute as the need for beef arises at one of the seven Callahan County markets which Ivey supplies. It was at this point in the operation that the reporter for this newspaper arrives on the scene this week.

As Mr. Ivey explained the process, Poindexter began the actual work. The steer was felled and slain in an almost instantaneous operation. Mechanical hoists raised the beef and dismembering began. The carcass was then lowered for skinning and the hide removed with surgeon-like precision. Not once during the process did the flesh come in contact with anything other than the skinner's blade.

After halving, the meat was then completely rinsed with a pressurized water hose. Incidentally, the plant has its own wells and pumping equipment.

The beef was then shrouded with protective covering and moved along overhead trackage to chilling rooms. There it remains overnight and then goes into freezing quarters, being kept at exactly the prescribed temperature by electrical refrigeration until time for removal to one of the local markets.

Even ladies with discriminating tastes would admire the inside of the Ivey abattoir. To begin with, its kept as neat as a modern kitchen, but the thing that really catches an aesthetic eye is the redwood finishing throughout the interior. One would almost believe the walls were selected as a fitting backdrop for the prime and choice beef carcasses which they inclose, but actually the utility idea prevailed when the abattoir was built.

A quick re-check by Ivey and Poindexter revealed that an average of two tons of dressed meat is handled weekly through the Baird plant. In addition, the firm turns out custom orders which are not included in this figure.

With virtually all towns in Texas constantly searching for small industries as a means of making the communities more self-sufficient, Callahan Countians can point with pride that they already have one which both by past performances and plans for the future promises to be doing business at the "same old stand" for many years to

come. Too, many local people recall that during the scarcities of World War II, the Callahan County meat supplier didn't forget local outlets when there were more profitable points of disposal elsewhere. These facts coupled with choice beef and a sanitation record that has ejected nothing but praise from health officials for the past eight years, portend a bright future for the business and more good eating for the people of Callahan County.

Roy Arrowood, of Cross Plains, was a business visitor in Baird one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoysar, who live on a ranch south of Putnam, had as their guest several days last week, little Miss Freda Gene Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson of Abilene.

B. H. Freeland was a business visitor in Cross Plains last week.

Baird was first called Vickery.

Texas cut its Safe-Driving Day death toll from the usual 7 to 2; but followed through on the week end with 10 traffic deaths in two days.

Baird's first mayor was the late F. S. Bell.

One child out of every 10 born in Texas will spend some time in a mental hospital, says the Texas Society for Mental Health.

Texas' supply of Salk polio vaccine may catch up with the demand by next fall, says Dr. Henry A. Holle, health commissioner.

Baird Wednesday Club was organized February 24, 1905.

Lease bids by oil companies on 23,679 acres of school lands last week enriched the permanent school fund \$1,552,284.

The City of Baird was incorporated January 22, 1839.

The recognized Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission has taken first steps toward securing the financing from the livestock industry upon which its operation will begin after Sept. 1, 1957.

Try our Classified Ads!



Merry Christmas

WORK'S DRY GOODS



May this Christmas be the merriest one you've ever had and may the bright New Year hold for you the fulfillment of all your cherished dreams.

BRYANT LAUNDRY

\$175,397 Worth Of Bonds Are Sold In Callahan County

Howard E. Farmer, United States Savings Bond Chairman for Callahan County, announced yesterday that citizens of this county purchased \$175,397.00 worth of U. S. Savings Bonds during the past 11 months. This amount represents 87.7 percent of the 1955 Savings Bonds Quota for Callahan County, Mr. Farmer stated.

"Go to your bank NOW and buy that extra Bond. Your purchase will help Callahan County to make its 1955 goal. And remember," said Mr. Farmer, "when you buy that extra bond you are helping to keep your dollars stable, you are helping to keep your community strong, and you're investing in a brighter future for yourself and your family with a safe, sure United States Savings Bond."

Governor Shivers has appointed H. M. Hood of Borger as judge of the new domestic relations court in Hutchinson County. Also he named W. D. Noel of Odessa to the State Liquor Control Board.

T. J. Norrell was first sheriff of this county.



May happiness be with you and yours at this Christmastime... and throughout the coming New Year!

WHITE AUTO STORE



Wishing you a Christmas bright with holly, joy, friendship and cheer to last you throughout the coming New Year!

W. LIVEY
Baird, Texas



WE WISH YOU

May the spirit of the Christmas Season be with you and your loved ones throughout the New Year!

GRAY'S STYLE SHOP



Wishing You **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

TO EACH ONE OF YOU FROM EACH ONE OF US!

HUMBLE SERVICE STATION

E. Ringhoffer, Jr., Dealer



Merry Christmas

... EVERYONE!

We'd like to join our old friend with the
whiskers in wishing all of our cherished
friends a Merry Christmas and a very happy

New Year ... may peace be with you always!

RUSSELL-SURLES ABSTRACT CO.

Vada White Bennett, Owner

Mrs. V. E. Hill is spending the holidays with her son, Clifton Hill and family in Houston.

Weldon Bryant, of Dallas, is spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Bryant.

Sgt. and Mrs. David West, of Des Moines, Iowa, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Snyder, student in the University of Texas, Austin, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lambert are spending the Christmas holidays in Hitchcock with their daughter and family.

Bobbie Poe, student in Texas University, Austin, is home for the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Jessie Poe.

Miss Betsy Hickman, of San Marcos is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman.

Billy Ray, of Lubbock is spending the holidays with his mother Mrs. Margie Ray, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fetterly, of Midland, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop, of Dallas are visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield during the holidays.

Miss Vergie Stevenson, student in NTSC, Denton, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Stevenson.

Miss Glynda Beth Gilbreath, student in Southwest Texas State Teachers' College, San Marcos, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbreath.



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BLACK'S FOOD STORE

Outstanding Grass On Garrett Farm Result Of Conservation Practices

C. M. Garrett of Cross Plains did not check his grass to see if it is "stirrup high" but did find that it is "head high" to a man sitting in a car.

Garrett started his conservation program in the fall of 1946 by making a complete conservation plan and becoming a co-operator with the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District.

He began to put his conservation plan into action when he planted his cultivated acres to vetch and rye during the fall of

1946. He started his revegetation work in the spring of 1948 when he planted eight acres of weeping love grass. In 1949 he seeded 22 acres to a bluestem mixture; 20 acres to sideoats grama and 10 acres to King Ranch bluestem.

In 1951 he seeded 60 acres to a mixture of little bluestem, King Ranch bluestem, weeping lovegrass and switchgrass. This year Garrett seeded 30 acres of blue panic; however, he only had about 15 acres to come up to a



C. M. GARRETT, left, and H. P. Morris, of Grosvenor stand in grass on a former "blown out" peanut field that was seeded to grass some six years ago on Garrett's Callahan County farm near the Brown County line. See story on another page.

respected by our governing bodies today.

Among the most familiar of our constitutional guarantees are those relating to freedom of religion, speech and of the press. The same article protects the rights of peaceable assembly and the privilege of petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, and specifies that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, and unless supported by oath or affirmation.

The due process of law amendment encompasses not one but several guarantees. Every American is secured against being placed twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense; against being compelled to be a witness against himself in a criminal case; and against having his private property taken for public use without just compensation.

He is also secured against being held for trial for a capital (death penalty) or other infamous crime; unless upon a presentment or indictment of a grand jury. And, of course, no person may be deprived of life, liberty or property without orderly court proceedings, on due process of law.

The right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, in the locality where the crime was committed, the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and the rights to compel attendance of defense witnesses and to have the assistance of defense counsel in all criminal prosecutions are secured by another section of the "Bill of Rights."

Excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, are prohibited in Amendment VIII. Other articles insure the right to bear arms and ban quartering of soldiers in private homes during peace time. Then, to make quite clear to our governing bodies the underlying intent of the preceding

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provisions, the Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." The Tenth Amendment further emphasizes this basic theory

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good stand and make a light seed crop this fall.

Grasses were also planted by Garrett in 1950, 1952 and 1953 but these plantings failed to get a good stand. He does have 135 acres of old fields that have satisfactory stands of grass. He plans to plant more in 1956.

How has Garrett achieved such success? Garrett says he always wants to plant a soil improving crop first. He usually plants vetch with rye on his mixed sandy soils for one or more years before seeding grass.

He says: "Never graze the seeded grasses the first year with the exception of blue panic." Garrett always fertilizes his land with superphosphate when he seeds vetch and rye. This fall he fertilized his vetch with phosphate and nitrogen fertilizer. Dry weather the last 75 days has made it difficult to see if the addition of nitrogen fertilizer will pay.

Garrett says the question most frequently asked him by interested people is "What grass do you like best?" He says his cattle eat them all well, but right now slightly prefers King Ranch bluestem because it spreads rapidly and is very drought resistant.

Garrett owns 800 acres with a little more than half of it in native grazing land. He practices deferment and moderate grazing on all his grassland. Last winter Garrett fed hay to his cattle only on one cold day. He has an abundance of "dead" grass and does not plan to feed any hay this winter. He does feed a protein supplement when the grass is dry.

Garrett grazes his blue panic when it is green. He says it is not a good grass for winter use but is unusually good during the growing season. He says his weeping lovegrass has some green leaves almost at all times.

Garrett was one of the first landowners to request assistance when the work unit office of the Soil Conservation Service was opened in Baird in July of 1946. He is now serving his second term as a supervisor of the General Colorado Soil Conservation District and is secretary of the board.

Garrett has been raising livestock and poultry for the last 16 years. Before this he was in the automobile business in Cross Plains for 17 years. He was reared on a livestock farm west of Cross Plains. He now has about 1,700 laying hens and has a few steers in his feed lot. He uses the fertilizer from the poultry houses and feed lots on his old fields that have been seeded to grasses. He says he can tell the difference after applying it.

Although Garrett produces grass for livestock grazing, he says that you should always leave plenty of cover on the ground. He works on the assumption that it takes grass to make grass. Bare ground will not absorb much water and what it does take in, evaporates very quickly is Garrett's observation.

C. M. Garrett is not alone in this work. He is assisted by his wife, the former Gladys Baird, also of Cross Plains. The Garretts have two children, Mrs. Jess Swinney of Beeville, Texas, and Harold Garrett of Brady. Both children completed high school at Cross Plains and then each completed a four year college course. The Garretts say that the laying hens should be given much credit for the college education of the son and daughter.

Putnam was incorporated in 1922.

T&P Railroad reached Baird in December 1880.

One of Baird's most disastrous fires was on January 8, 1884. Levelled to the ground were 23 business houses.

IT'S THE LAW

IN TEXAS

AMERICAN "BILL OF RIGHTS" EXPLAINED

With December 15 being observed as "Bill of Rights Day" throughout the land, many persons are (or should be) thinking about what this important "document" means to them. This column will attempt a brief explanation of its meaning.

The American Bill of Rights, consisting of the first ten amendments to our federal constitution, all adopted at one time in 1791, specifies in some detail a number of basic civil rights of the individual citizen. Unaltered by subsequent amendments and jealously guarded by our courts, these privileges must still be

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A Christmas Wish

May you be with those you love during this gala holiday season and receive the blessings of prosperity and happiness. May you be steadfast in your faith that there will be peace on earth and have good will toward all men!

National Farm Loan Association OF BAIRD

Doughnut-Fruit Snack



You'll welcome a refreshing snack this busy month while you are filling your freezer and canned fruit shelves with Fall's luscious fruit bargains, and getting the children ready for school. Our suggestion is one the whole family will enjoy—big glasses of milk, served with cook book quality packaged doughnuts from your grocer's ready-to-eat cake department. Serve them as is from the package, or make them into a glamour snack by splitting them crosswise, and putting them together again with banana slices. Banana slices can be dipped in a lemon juice solution to keep them from darkening. To make this simple refreshment idea suitable for company, let the banana slices show between the doughnut halves, and garnish them with slices of maraschino cherry.

Down Memory Lane

December 23, 1910
Fred Cutbirth, Mr. and Mrs. Cutbirth and children, spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth. Claude and Jack Flores entertained with a dance at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Flores, at Belle Plain, Wednesday night. T. L. Conway and family left Tuesday night for Oklahoma to visit relatives. Orin and Miss Dana Moon are at home for the holidays from Britton Training School, Cisco, for the holidays. Hugo Foy, of Taylor, came in last week to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Foy. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones are visiting relatives in Fort Worth during the holidays. J. U. Johnson, of Ovalo, spent a few days in town this week. Leland Jackson is at home for the holidays from A & M College. Gabe Smartt and others from Admiral were in town on bus-

ness the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Jackson are spending the holidays with relatives in Erath County. Willis Windham and J. J. Jones of Oplin, were in town yesterday. December 27, 1935
Mr. and Mrs. James Massa, of Pampa, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Massa's mother, Mrs. E. C. Hill and family. Miss Ruth Simons, teacher of the Oak Lawn school, is spending the holidays with her brother, John Simons. Miss Pauline Terrell, teacher in the public schools at Houston, is at home for the holidays. Miss Dora Warren, of Turpin, Okla., spent Tuesday night with her aunt, Mrs. Than Warren and family, returning Wednesday to Mineral Wells to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Dean Warren and family. Misses Virginia and Mildred Crawford of Denton were shopping in Baird on Christmas Eve. Mrs. A. T. Vestal and daughters, Marion Olivia and Mrs. Frances Myers, and Miss Edith Bowlus spent the past week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Vestal Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bowlus, Jr., in Longview. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ross and daughter, Maxine, left Saturday night for Los Angeles, Calif., where they will spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bounds of Moran, and Mr. and Mrs. Connie Brown of Admiral, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bounds. Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman and Reaves, Beatrice and Betty Gene spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hickman in Coleman.

Miss Billie Beth Bell, student in NTSC, Denton, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell.

Garland Smith, chairman of the Texas Insurance Commission, reports that the commission needs at least 25 more examiners. At present there are 39.

The schools and health units received more than \$3,000,000 worth of surplus federal property the past fiscal year. So states C. Read Granberry, chairman of the board of the Texas Surplus Property Agency.

One death and one serious illness at El Paso, following administration of rabies vaccine, were not the result of faulty vaccine, reports Dr. Henry A. Holle, state health commissioner, after a quick statewide check.

O. B. Ellis, general manager of the Texas Prison System advises that he and the Prison Board will ask the Legislature for \$8,000,000 at the next session, for a new five-year building program for the prison farms.

The Democratic State Executive Committee held two days of closed sessions here, schooling leaders in convention procedures. There will be 100 such seminars over the state in preparation for the fight to retain control of the presidential conventions next May.

New certificates are being mailed to 63,000 Texas teachers, under a law passed by the last legislature. Teachers with five years or more of college work receive "professional" certificates; those with only a bachelor's degree receive "provisional" certificates. Both types are permanent certificates. Of Texas' 65,000 teachers, only 2,000 do not have degrees.

First Treasurer of this county was John McDonald.



At Christmas

It's time for remembering old friends, old songs, old pleasures of years gone by... and it's also time to start a fresh page in your book of memories for the new year!

SHACKELFORD'S

Putnam, Texas

Joyous NOEL



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."
ST. LUKE, Chap. II, 10

Let us all remember the blessed story and its lessons. Let us keep faith and love in our hearts for all mankind and this will be a truly Joyous Noel!

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TO WED JAN. 21 — Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McKelvy of Clyde have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marilyn, to Dean Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs of

Baird. The wedding will take place Jan. 21 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gibbs in Abilene. Miss McKelvy is a graduate of Clyde High School and is employed in Abilene. Gibbs is a graduate of Denton Vafcy High School.

Miss Suzanne Sladous, student in the University of Texas, Austin, is home for Christmas.

Mrs. Kate Crawford, of Clyde, was visiting friends in Baird last Thursday.

J. M. Whitley, of Clyde, was a business visitor in town Thursday.

Oscar Stiffler attended the 50th A. F. & A. M. Lodge celebration in Loving last Tuesday.

Miss Marguerite McClendon of Abilene, visited her mother, Mrs. John McClendon on Tuesday.

Mrs. Laura Smith, of Ranger, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Cline and Mr. Cline.

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Santa Letters . . .

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Dear Santa:
I want a BB gun, a heating blanket, a felt hat and some screw worm medicine to carry on my saddle. Please bring Jim, my little two-year old brother, a ball and tricycle.
Love,
Byron Snyder.

Putnam, Texas
Dear Santa:
I go to school. I am in the second grade. I would love to have a doll and fruits.
Betty Sue Hamrick

Putnam, Texas
Dear Santa:
I go to school. I am in the second grade. I would love a doll, book and some fruit.
Please bring a gun to my brother.
Wanda Jean Ashley.

Putnam, Texas
Dear Santa:
I would love to have some doll clothes, a doll and some tinker toys. I love you.
Sharon Petty.

Putnam, Texas
Dear Santa:
I go to school. I am in the second grade. I want a paint set, and a bow and arrows. I also want a pogo stick.
Thank you,
Roddy Reynolds.

Putnam, Texas
Dear Santa:
I go to school. I am in the first grade. I would love to have a doll, book and some fruit. Please bring me some doll clothes. I love you.
Jan Petty.

Putnam, Texas
Dear Santa:
I would like a gun, a holster set, and a cowboy hat and a big truck for Christmas.
Thank you,
Jimmie Wagley.

Putnam, Texas
Dear Santa:
I go to school. I am in the second grade. I would love to have a walking doll, a basket of fruit and a doll house.
Connie Feely.

Putnam, Texas
Dear Santa:
I go to school. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a Schwinn bicycle, a superman suit, play army gun and a watch like Daddy's. Love,
Pierce Shackelford

Putnam, Texas
Dear Santa:
I go to school. I am in the first grade. I would love to have a doll, book and some fruit. Please bring a gun to my brother.
Roselee Rouse.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and bring a vacuum cleaner. Remember all little children everywhere. I try to be good. I am five years old. Love,
Mary Ann Bell.

Midland rancher J. O. Nobles has resigned from the Board of Directors of Texas Southern University, because of the distance between Midland and Houston where the university is located.



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May we extend a truly sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and may every good thing be yours during the coming New Year!

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As we prepare for another visit from Santa we like to pause to remember all the wonderful friendships we've made in the past and look forward to those of the New Year. We thank you all for your every kindness and hope you have a

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Baird, Texas

Mayor Lawrence Issues Warning Fireworks Taboo

Mayor J. T. Lawrence calls attention to the fact that both selling and shooting fireworks within the corporate limits of the City of Baird is a violation of city ordinance, and that the regulation will be enforced during the approaching Christmas season.

"We certainly do not wish to minimize anyone's enjoyment of the yuletide season," he said, "but the city ordinance against fireworks is for the public good, both in the prevention of fires and a safeguard against personal injury."

Veteran's Questions

Q—I am a World War II veteran and I have a \$10,000 GI term insurance policy that is approaching the end of its current term. I would like to convert \$5,000 to permanent insurance and drop the other \$5,000. If, at a later date, I want to pick up the insurance I drop, will I be able to do so?

A—No. Under the law, once a World War II GI term insurance policy is allowed to expire, it may not be reinstated. A term policy expires when you allow it to pass the end of its term without renewing it for another term, or converting it.

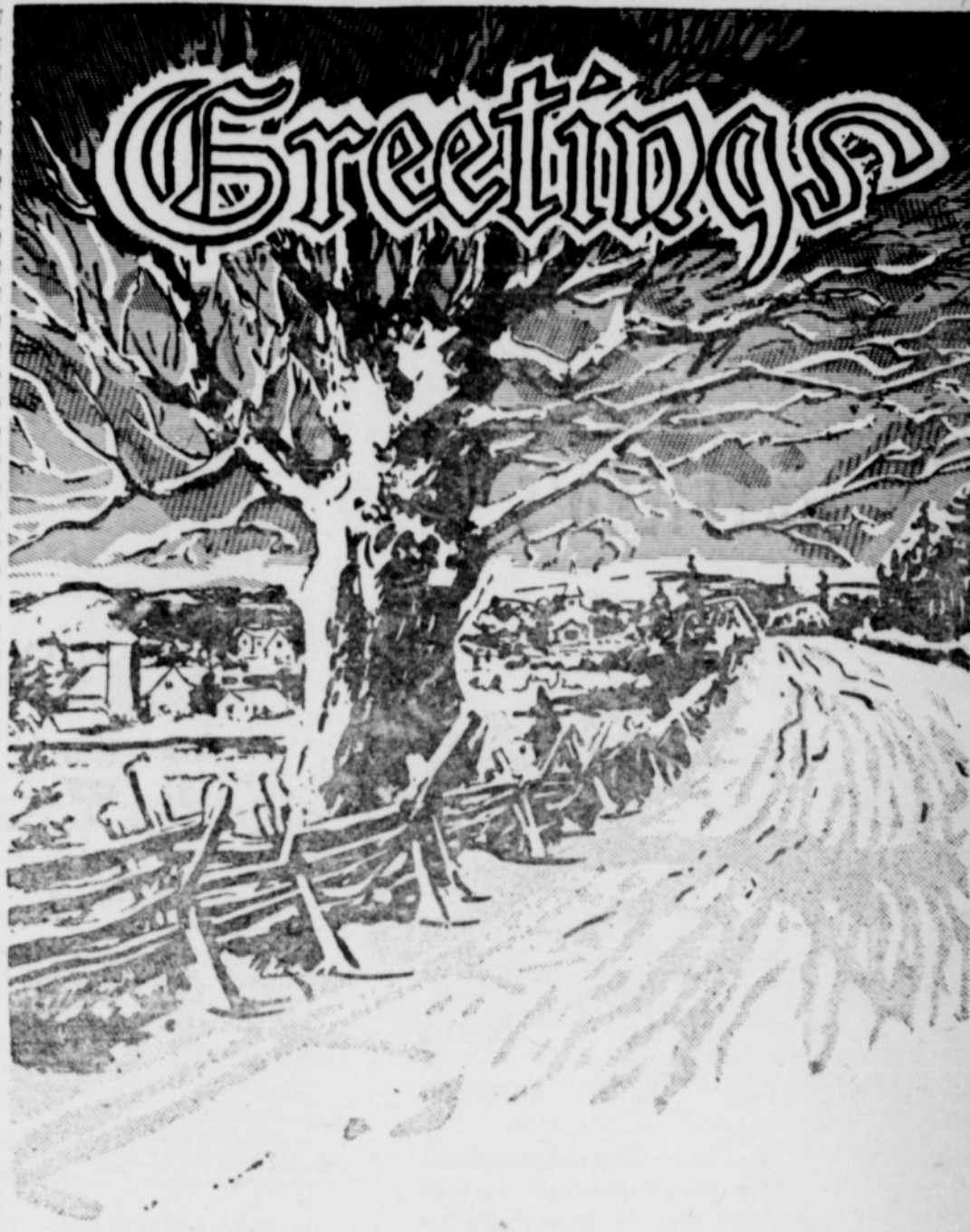
Q—I am in school under the Korean GI Bill. My three-year starting cut-off date has passed. Would I still be allowed to change my course? I never changed courses before.

A—You will be allowed to change your course after the starting deadline only if (1) you have not been making satisfactory progress in your present course through no fault of your own or (2) the new course will be a normal progression from your present course.

Q—If I write a letter to VA, applying for disability compensation, could my claim be approved based on the letter alone? Or will I also be required to fill out an application form?

A—You will be required to fill out the application form that VA will send you. If you return the completed application to VA within one year from the date it was sent to you, your original letter will be considered as an "informal claim," and your official date of application will be the date on which VA received your letter.

Greetings



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