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4-H Club Sees Finest Year For Livestock Shows

Four Major Shows To Lead Off At Odessa On January 1

Crockett County 4-H Club members will begin showing livestock early in 1957 when four members exhibit lambs and calves at the Odessa Show on January 1st. Mark and Penn Baggett will each show two finewool lambs and Jacquelyn and Billy Troy Williams will each exhibit a calf.

Plans are shaping up for the Tenth Annual Crockett County 4-H Show on January 12th. 4-H club members will exhibit lambs, breeding sheep, fat calves and breeding cattle. Fat lambs numbers are down from previous years but better quality is in prospect. Breeding sheep numbers will exceed all previous years with about sixty head to be exhibited. The county breeding sheep show will be the largest and strongest county show in the State, according to county agent Pete Jacoby. Both fat lambs and breeding sheep are better quality than in previous years and members are expected to make a strong showing at major shows such as Odessa, El Paso, San Antonio, and San Angelo this coming year.

Thirty 4-H members are carrying on feeding projects at this time, they are Erby and Susie Chandler, B. B., Alma, and Judy Ingham, George Bunker, R. J., Joe and Ladye Everett, Pierce and Jay Miller, Tommie and Janie Everett, Jacquelyn, Billy Troy, and Larry Williams, Bill and David Jacoby, Bob Childress, Frank Childress, Pleas Childress, Pam Jones, Abe and Bob Caruthers, Mark and Penn Baggett, Jimmy Baggett, Herbie and Freda Kay Noelke, and Bryan Montgomery.

College Group Home For Holidays Enjoy Supper And Visiting

A group of mothers of former Ozona High School students, now college and ex-college students, all home for holiday visits, entertained with a buffet supper and get-together Christmas night at El Sombrero Cafe to honor the group.

Attending the enjoyable affair were Mildred and Chris Perner from Texas Tech at Lubbock; Aileen and William Meinecke from Texas University at Austin. June and Bill Sloan from Fort Worth, Mary Ann and Bernard Lemmons from Houston, Jane and Dave Sweitzer from Midland, Eunice and Max Word from Texas University Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, Edith Lou and Jim Davis from Snyder, Ray Piner from Big Spring, Polly and Sam Perrine of Ozona, Jo Lou and James Chapman of Ozona, Mary K. and Jack Brewer of Ozona, Betty Sue and Armond Hoover of Ozona, J. G. Hufstetler and Mary Mahan of Abilene, Nat Read, Bob Bissett and Bud Meinecke of Ozona.

Hostesses were Mrs. Taylor Word, Mrs. Bill Hoover, Mrs. Coralie Meinecke, Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. Ben Lemmons and Mrs. Ray Piner.

Garden Club Elects New Officers Jan. 2

"The Beauty of Birds in a Winter Garden" will be the program topic when members of the Ozona Garden Club meet Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the home of Mrs. George Montgomery. Mrs. Joe Clayton will be assisting hostess. Election of new officers for the 1957-58 club year will also be a feature of the first meeting of the new year.

Mrs. Max Schneemann will be program leader. Mrs. Joe Clayton will discuss how to attract birds to a garden and Mrs. Gene Lilly will talk on berry-producing trees and shrubs. Mrs. Joe Pierce's topic will be "Vary Your Arrangements" and members will see an exhibit of bird feeders houses and baths. A question and answer period on when and how to prune will be led by Mrs. Clay Adams.

Holiday Mail Volume Here Said Largest In Postoffice's History

The nightmare was over at the Ozona postoffice Wednesday morning as postal employees looked back over the largest holiday mail volume in the local office's history, and spread out over the longest period.

But the place hardly looked like the calm after a storm. Most of the Christmas packages and mail had been cleaned out from the bins and the office floor, which had been covered most of the day for the last 15 days, was bare and clean.

Postmaster Floyd Hokit said the Christmas mailing started early this year, the volume beginning to build up about Dec. 10 and to patrons who heeded the service's plea for early mailing, he expressed his thanks. With the services of one part time helper, the local office staff handled the unusual volume of holiday mail with a minimum of waiting on the part of patrons.

New Co. Officers To Begin Terms Of Office Jan. 1

Billy Mills, Sheriff, Only New Officer In Co. Family

Newly elected county officers, nominated in the July primaries and elected in the November general election, will begin new four-year terms Tuesday, January 1. However, there will be only one new officer in the county's official family. Billy Mills will take over the duties of the office of sheriff, tax assessor and collector on that date succeeding V. O. Earnest, who has served in the office for the past nine years.

Two county commissioners, Ralph Jones of Precinct 1, and Rusty Smith, precinct 3, will begin their first four-year terms, as will County Attorney Dixon Mahon. These officers were among those drawing two-year terms in the first application of the voter-approved constitutional amendment which lengthened terms of county officials from two to four years. Other county officials who drew four-year terms in the beginning, will be up for re-election in two years.

Bonds of the new officers and those beginning new terms were approved by the Commissioners Court at its December session and new officers will take their oaths and be inducted into office at the year's opening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cooper spent Christmas with relatives in Ballinger and Anson.

County Rejects FM 33 Extension West To Iraan

Court Sees No Benefit For Estimated \$100,000 Cost To County

Because it could see no benefit to this county for an estimated right-of-way and fencing cost of approximately \$100,000, the Crockett County Commissioners Court has rejected a State Highway Department plan for extension of F M 33 from a point in north central Crockett county to the Pecos river and Iraan across the river in Pecos county.

The court failed to act on a State Highway Commission minute which authorized inclusion of this stretch of highway construction in 1957 and in discussion of the project, the court expressed its opposition to the project as without benefit to Crockett county.

The extension is being advocated by residents of Iraan as a direct and somewhat shorter route from that city to the points in the eastern part of the state. County officials here pointed out that the acquisition of right of way and lane fencing of the approximately 35 miles of road would cost Crockett county in the neighborhood of \$100,000 with very little benefit to accrue to residents of this county.

CROCKETT HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to hospital since December 18th: Gabriel Longoria, Jr., Ozona, medical; Mrs. U. Busby, Port Lavaca, obstetrical; Mrs. W. H. Augustine, Ozona medical; Leon Dowdy, Ozona, medical; Marla Barbee, Ozona, medical; Mrs. Claudio Ramirez, Ozona, obstetrical; Carlos Robledo, Jr., Ozona, medical; Ignacio Martinez, Big Lake, Texas, accident; Juan Flores, Big Lake, Texas, accident; Guadalupe Arredondo, Ozona, medical; Mrs. Bruno Garcia, Ozona, surgical; Cyn-die Jane Whitehead, Ozona, medical.

Patients dismissed: Mrs. Manuel Enriquez and infant son, Johnnie Lee Barbee, Mrs. Pearl Chisum, Joan Caldera, Mrs. Carl Hedrick, Clifford Tubbs, Charles Bishop, Jr., Dan Stevens, Gabriel Longoria, Jr., Marla Barbee, Mrs. Claudio Ramirez and infant son, Carlos Robledo, Jr., Ignacio Martinez.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Post had as holiday guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan and two children from San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Baggett spent Christmas day in San Angelo with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Massie West.

Emergency Feed Grain Program Is Extended

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

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

Wildcat Scheduled On Shannon Estate

W. H. Black will drill a 2,750-foot rotary wildcat in Crockett County, 20 miles southwest of Big Lake. It will be drilled as the No. 1 Shannon Estate.

Location, on a 80-acre lease, is 330 feet from the north and east line of 12-BB-L&RR.

The prospector is 3/4-mile south of the World field and 1 mile north of Howsley & Jacobs No. 1 Shannon, a 2,560-foot failure, plugged and abandoned in 1954. The project topped the San Andres at 2,460 feet on elevation of 2,681 feet. It is also two miles northwest of an undesignated San Andres field.

Gulf Finals Pumper In Farmers Field

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1-IZ State, in 21-47-University, one location east of a recently completed 3/4-mile extension to the Farmer (San Andres) field of Crockett county, 23 miles northwest of Ozona, has been completed for a daily pumping potential of 41 barrels of 33.3 gravity oil.

Production was through perforations between 2,204-94 feet in 5 1/2-inch casing set at 2,340 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 870-1.

Top of pay was picked at 2,204 feet on ground elevation of 2,632 feet.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE '56 NEWS IN OZONA

From The Stockman Files

Jan. 5, 1956 — Burglars sometime last night broke into the South Texas Lumber Co., and Frankie Jones Texaco Station and made off with a total of \$690 in cash, a rifle and ten boxes of shells. James Farr, killed in pick-up accident near Fort Stockton, buried here.

Jan. 12 — Crockett county voters approved 389 to 12 a \$200,000 bond issue to finance this county's part in the flood control project on Johnson draw. Ninth annual 4-H Club county show held. Agreements signed by county and Soil Conservation Service on Johnson Draw flood control project, clearing way for submission to Congress.

Jan. 19 — A blanket of snow estimated at 5 inches lay no Ozona Wednesday morning. Much needed moisture delivered in successive fall of rain, sleet and snow. Architect John Linn Scott retained by county to draw plans for a clinic building next to hospital. Twenty-fifth annual basketball tournament gets under way today.

Jan. 26 — Slow falling rains over the week-end added from a half inch to an inch of moisture to last week's snow and rain. Del Rio cops Ozona cage tourney, Ozona wins third.

Feb. 2 — A year ahead of schedule because Crockett county advanced funds for the survey, the Johnson Draw watershed control plan is on its way to Washington after the final preparatory step was taken here in a public hearing for all interested agencies. A record 1,361 poll taxes paid in county. Mothers march on polio nets \$669.

Feb. 9 — Patricia Ann Hardesty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hardesty of Ozona killed in auto accident near Abilene. Theo Willis

Ozona's New Wool Warehouse To Be Largest Building

100 x 170 Foot Structure May Be Complete By April

What will be Ozona's largest commercial one-story building, with 17,000 square feet of storage space and 900 square feet of office space is now under construction and may be completed by April 1.

The new building is to be Ozona's wool and mohair warehouse being built by Beall Barbee to house his Ozona Wool & Mohair Co.

The building is to be 100 by 170 feet with a 30 by 30 foot office space. It is being built in south Ozona across from the South Texas Lumber Co. on Highway 163.

The new building is to be constructed of tile and concrete, with upset tubing trusses and supports holding a concrete roof. The supports will be spaced for use as braces for stored sacks of wool and mohair. When completed the building will store approximately one and three-quarter million pounds of wool, offering approximately 300 more square feet of storage space than is now available in the two buildings which house the warehouse, Mr. Barbee said.

The building is being set back 28 feet from the street on the west side and a dock for unloading and loading of wool, mohair and feed will be available to trucks at both ends of the building, which extends from street to street through the block.

Estimated cost of the big wool storage warehouse is from \$45,000 to \$50,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Whitley of Austin spent Christmas with Mrs. Whitley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton North.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cox and children spent Christmas in Wichita Falls visiting Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Man.

Three Flood Dams May Be Ready For Contract In Jan.

Last Of Easements Being Signed; Local Units To Award

Final plans are nearing completion on the first three flood control dams to be constructed on Johnson Draw above Ozona and Soil Conservation Service engineers expect to be ready to advertise for bids for the first construction on the flood control project early in January, Bob Scott, area conservationist with the SCS here, said this week.

Mr. Scott and members of the board of supervisors and county Commissioners have been busy the past few weeks getting final easements and right-of-way agreements signed up by interested land, lease and royalty owners of the lands on which the dams are to be located.

Meanwhile, engineers of the Soil Conservation Service have been making field tests and surveys and completing paper work, plans, specifications, etc. for the dams in preparation for calling for bids for construction.

Mr. Scott, County Commissioner Ralph Jones and County Auditor Dick Kirby attended a contract award session of the state Soil Conservation Service in Temple last week to get pointers on the procedures preparatory to such awards here. The Johnson Draw project will be among the first in Texas to be contracted and supervised by local government units as sponsoring agencies. The recent Temple letting was by the SCS service. Under Public Law 566, under which the local project is being built, the contracting, payments for work completed and, finally, continuing maintenance of the completed structures is in the hands of local authorities.

The first three dams to be built, according to Mr. Scott, are the sites No. 1, 2 and 3, on the Jack Holt Ranch, the Boyd Baker ranch and the W. R. Baggett ranch.



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SON TO BUSBYS

Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer Busby of Port Lavaca, Texas, are the parents of a son born in the Crockett County Hospital Thursday. The baby is a grandson of Mrs. S. M. Harvick of Ozona.

FINISH High School or grade school at home. Spare time. Books furnished. Diplomas awarded. Start where you left school. Write Columbia School, Box 342, San Angelo. 24-52c

Georgetown. — Enjoying a brief respite from academic work at Southwestern university during the Christmas vacation, Dec. 20.— Jan. 2, is Miss Carol Blackstone, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Blackstone of Ozona.

YARD DIRT — for sale. Good black soil. Call Ivy Mayfield, Phone 825-W or 116. 43-tfc

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ogilvy, III, of Lubbock were holiday guests of Mrs. Ogilvy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evart White.

BABY SHOES & Boots Bronzed. Prices from \$3.00. J. W. Johnigan. Phone 281. 44-4tc

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Schweitzer and daughter were here from Midland to spend Christmas with Mrs. Schweitzer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Augustine.

FURNISHED Apartments For Rent. Phone 257 or 376-W. ttc

Mr. and Mrs. Max Word were here from Dallas to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Word. Max is attending Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

WANTED—Horses of any kind. Ottist Pridemore, Phone 28-J. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer King were here from Houston to spend the holidays with Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Sr., Mrs. Ingham also had as holiday guests

her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boothe of San Marcos.

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Taxes By Paying In December

December is the last month you can earn a discount on your County, State and School Taxes. One percent discount may be taken on taxes paid this month.

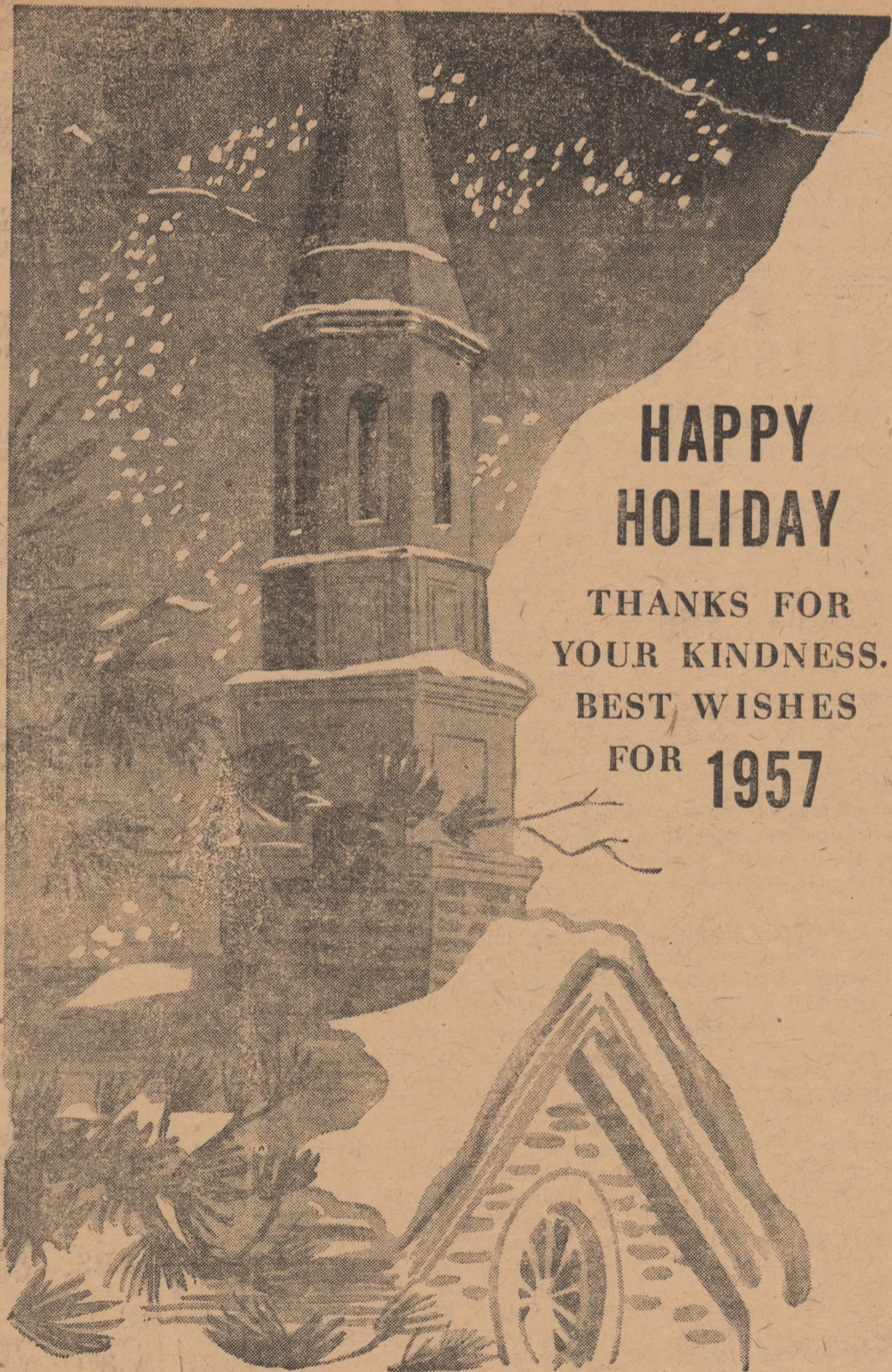
Discounts will be allowed only on state and county taxes, none on school taxes.

1% If Paid in December

Poll taxes are not assessed on your tax statement. When remitting, add \$1.75 for each poll tax. No Discount on poll taxes.

V. O. EARNEST

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Highlights of '56 News—
(Continued from page one)

J. A. Pelto named Lions Club president. Will Smith, brother of County Judge Houston Smith died at Arvin, Calif.

April 26 — Last minute modification of plans has resulted in delayed start of construction on radar station. Continental Oil Co. donates pipe for making Ozona street markers. Ozona club cooperate in sponsoring driver clinic here Saturday. Rev. Troy Hickman, on leave as pastor of Ozona Methodist Church because of illness, will preach here Sunday.

May 3 — Turbulent weather which broke the monotony of drouth in some parts of Texas with torrential rains and flood brought a much needed band of moisture to parts of Crockett county. Ozona High School band wins sweepstake honors at Abilene festivals. Ozona FFA Wool Judging team won top honors in Texas Tech contest. Demo precinct conventions set Saturday.

May 10 — Crockett county Democratic delegation goes uninstruced to state convention. New contract signed for radar station construction.

May 17 — Dr. John G. Flowers, president, Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos

will deliver commencement address to Ozona High School graduates Mrs. George Harrell, who died Saturday, laid to rest in services Sunday. Carol Blackstone named valedictorian, Bobby Martinez, salutatorian, of 1956 OHS graduating class. Spotted showers again visit Ozona country. County Commissioners took under advisement for cost study a request for street markers in Ozona.

May 24 — Thirty graduates to get diplomas tonight. With uncertain adjournment of Congress looming in the near future, local flood committee goes into action to press Washington for action. Ozona Garden Club organized in meet at home or Mrs. Bailey Post. Thunderstorm dumps .61 inch of rain in Ozona. 70,000 pounds new Spring wool clip sold at 46 to 51½ cents pound.

May 31 — Joe North, Ozona auto dealer, drowned in Devil's River accident. Leroy Russell former pastor at San Benito, assigned to Ozona Methodist Church. U. S. Budget Bureau promises submission of Johnson Draw flood project by June 1. Dirt contractors at work at radar station. Ground Observer unit starts operation.

June 7 — Crockett 4-H Club Senior and Junior teams win state championship in wool and mohair judging. Bids called June 27 on

new school construction. Plans mapped for poison campaign against rabid foxes in county.

June 14 — General Telephone Co. announces unattended dial phone system in plan for Ozona in 1957. Congressman J. T. Rutherford assured by Congressional committee head that Johnson Draw project will get swift Congressional approval once it is released by Budget Bureau Local committee turns fire on Budget Bureau. Ozona 4-H Judging team makes it grand slam in state championships by winning state title in both grass and range judging.

June 21 — Truck driver, wanted for kidnap and rape of 14-year-old Dallas girl arrested here and turned over to sheriff at Borne. James R. Fleming, father of Miss Ethel Fleming, nurse at Crockett County hospital, died in hospital here. South Texas team wins first half honors in Little League.

June 28 — Sometimes up, sometimes down — but not yet out! Johnson Draw flood project given set-back by adverse comments by Army Corps of Engineers. Bud-

get Bureau sends project back to D. A. for revision. Funeral services here Monday for James T. Patrick, pioneer Ozonan. Oil values hiked nearly three million dollars in county.

July 5 — Bob and Bill Meinecke, 14-year-old twins, seriously injured in car-scooter crash here. Water district engineers recommend \$250,000 stand-by bonds for 10-year expansion program. Guy Drake, native of Ozona and brother of Mrs. Lindsey Hicks of Ozona killed in auto accident near Fort Stockton. Nighttime thunderstorm brings .7 inch of moisture to Ozona.

July 12 — Only approval by senate agriculture committee and action by the Senate on vital amendments to cut wait stood between Johnson Draw approval this week. Sale of 40,000 pounds Spring wool at 46½ to 51½ cents pound here. Buster and Bud Loudamy announce purchase of Williams Grocery. Root plowing demonstration and range judging contests slated at field day Friday.

July 19 — Only by paper-thin

margin did Johnson Draw flood plan fail of final approval by Senate Ag. committee. Final approval held up pending final clearance of Army Engineers objections. Republican national Committeeman Jack Porter of Houston aids in pushing flood plan. Clark Barton, former Ozona, died at San Antonio.

July 26 — Final congressional approval of Johnson project came this week when Senator Ellender, chairman of the Senate Agriculture committee, signed approval after agonizing week of delays and red hot telephone and telegraph wires. Marijuana sales ring broken here with arrests of four pushers. Carolyn Stuart named carnival queen, Susan Boyd, tiny tots queen.

August 2 — Billy Mills elected sheriff, Dixon Mahon, county attorney, Ralph Jones, Rusty Smith re-elected to Commissioner posts. Contract signed for construction of new office building here for Continental Oil Co. district offices. January start for flood control dam construction predicted by

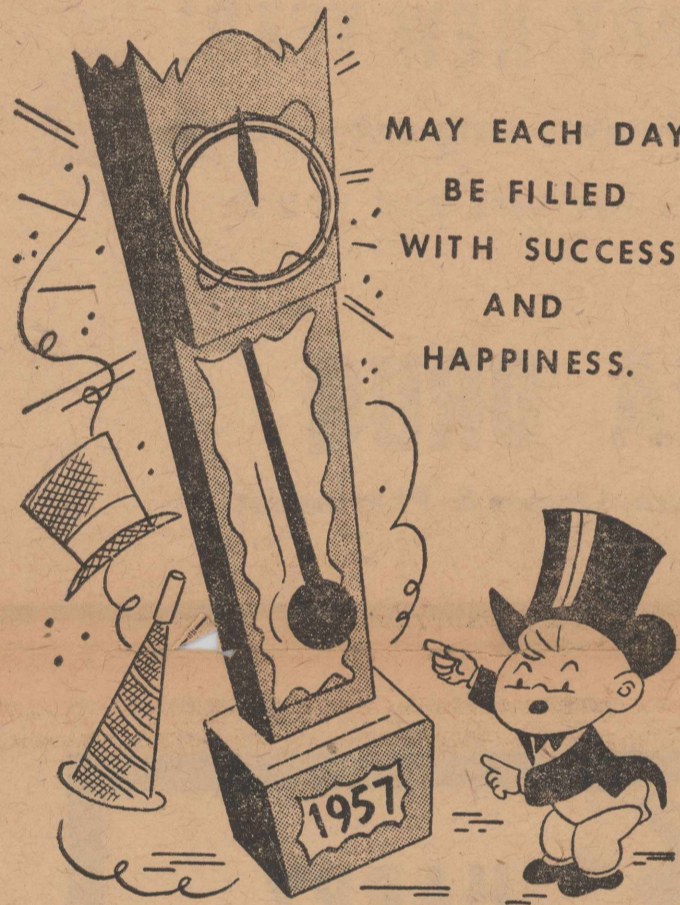
Soil Conservation Service. August 9 — Probated terms given seven defendants in marijuana sale cases. Hospital set to move to new building Sept. 25. Ozona fire department donates \$100 check to Dumas explosion victims. Public is invited to attend Hill Country Firemen's Convention here Tuesday. Mrs. Nancy Brownrigg, Ozonan for 50 years, buried here Saturday.

August 16 — Contract letting scheduled today on teacher houses. Group of Crockett ranchers plan flying tour to Dimmit and Webb county field day demonstrations. Bob Cooke observed 81st birthday.

August 23 — Honeycutt Const. Co. gets contract for teacher houses. Election Saturday on \$250,000 water district bonds. Schools set Sept. 3 opening. Draws ran south of Ozona Sunday when a mass of Canadian cold air triggered off showers which dumped from an inch and a half to 3 inches south of Ozona.

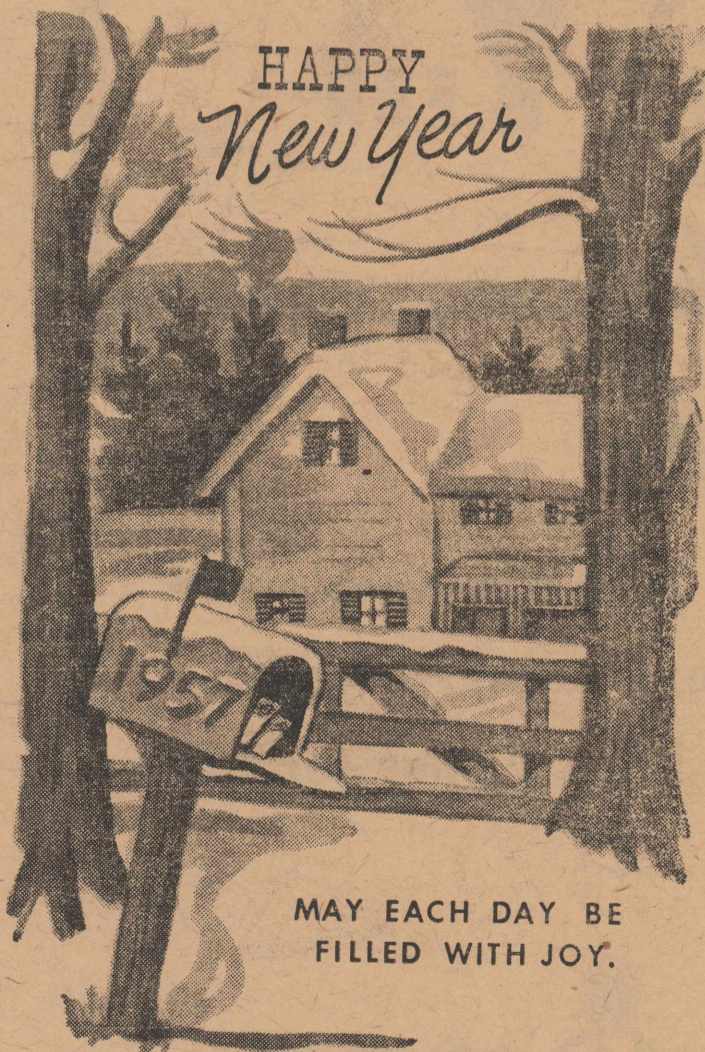
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\$1.50 HALO SHAMPOO	Bottle	89c	31c STOKLEY'S SUCCOTASH		23c
39c HEINZ CANNED FIG PUDDING		25c	17c JACK SPRAT DICED CARROTS	3 Cans	29c
41c MARSHMAL CREAM		29c	17c MONTE DICED BEETS	2 For	25c
6c ASSORTED FLAVORS KOOL SHAKE	6 For	25c	TIP TOP SPINACH	3 Cans	29c
\$1.39 SORGHUM SYRUP		98c	10c JACK SPRAT HOMINY	3 Cans	25c
\$1.85 PURE RIBBON CANE SYRUP		\$1.49	10c HEINZ ASSORTED JELLYS	Jar	25c
39c DERBY CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS		19c	39c BOTTLES ASSORTED CANDIES		19c
21c HONEY BOY SALMON DINNER	2 For	25c	75c PICKLED OKRA	Bottle	49c
25c ASHLEY'S BORDER STYLE BEANS	2 Cans	29c	21c ASHLEY'S GREEN CHILES	2 For	25c
21c HEINZ PORK & BEANS	2 Cans	29c	33c WHITE WAVE DETERGENT	2 Boxes	29c
23c HEINZ BOSTON STYLE BEANS	2 For	35c	69c SILVER DUST SOAP POWDER	Box	49c
15c JACK SPRAT KIDNEY BEANS	Can	10c	\$1.19 BOWL CLEANER O-SO-WHITE		50c
29c HEINZ MAC-CREOLE		19c	\$1.49 FIRE OUT FIRE EXTINGUISHER		89c
GROUND BEEF	Pound	33c	25c GULF LIGHTER FLUID		19c
BEEF ROAST	Pound	39c	15c BABBITS CLEANSER	3 Cans	25c
PORK CHOPS	Pound	49c	\$1.05 CAN BRIGHT AND EARLY COFFEE	1 Pound Can	79c
HOME MADE, PURE PORK SAUSAGE	Pound	49c	\$1.09 SCHILLING'S COFFEE	Pound	89c
ARMOUR'S THICK SLICE BACON	2 Pound Pkg.	95c	RED BULL PKG. COFFEE	1 Pound	39c
CRESCENT BACON	Pound	39c			

CONSIDER YOUR MANY BLESSINGS

2nd Place Winner In Americanism Contest Sponsored By Ozona Woman's Club

By Durwood Wylie

It is early morning. There is a knock at the door. A wave of terror fills me, for a neighbor cannot be calling at this hour. The knock is repeated. My father answers the door. He is bodily pulled outside. Soldiers enter and force the rest of my family out. A truck loaded with soldiers is parked a block away. Our neighbors are also being forced from their homes. All is quiet except for the wail of a baby and the sobs of mother. She knows that my brother and I are old enough to be taken this time.

This scene shall never be allowed to happen in the United States of America. The freedom that our people enjoy has been bought at the price of more than one million lives. Freedom is an abstract quality, yet since the very beginning of time many wars have been fought and millions of men and women have given their lives in an attempt to gain it. Out of all this bedlam and horror our nation alone has been able to gain its freedom and preserve it. The heartaches, trials and wars that have come and gone since the founding of our country seem only to strengthen this freedom.

A few people are pessimists and contend that the American people do not appreciate this freedom. I say that the majority of them do appreciate it. In a crisis or during a national emergency we become very strongly united. This cannot be said of countries that do not have the type of freedom we enjoy, or of countries that have kings or dictators as rulers. The Suez Canal issue affords a good example. Our country backed President Eisenhower, as shown by his re-election, but the English were sharply divided over the action of their government.

We have the most democratic form of government and the strongest constitution in the world. We are the only country that enjoys, within limits, the complete freedom of the press, speech and worship. Our constitution guarantees these rights and the govern-

ment preserves them. It is true that certain racial groups are discriminated against, yet they have more opportunity for advancement here than may be found for any minority group anywhere on the globe.

The American way of life is in sharp contrast to any other found on the globe. We are a generally educated, ambitious type of people. We labor under excellent conditions and the forty hour work week is the accepted practice. We are several years ahead of the rest of the world in the scientific, industrial, and medical fields. Our housing conditions are generally very good. These things cannot be said about our close neighbor to the south, Old Mexico, or our sister nation across the sea, England.

I maintain this to be proof of a happy, contented people, thankful to God that they live in America.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis of Snyder were holiday guests of Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Piner.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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GREETINGS 1957

May each day of the new year be filled with achievement and contentment.



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We join Mr. Snowman in extending to you our best wishes for 1957.

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Phone 56 James Isbell, District Manager Ozona, Texas

ORDER FOR DIRECTORS ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CROCKETT

On this the 11th day of December, 1956, the Board of Directors of Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 convened in called session with the following members present, to-wit:

Sherman Taylor, President; Lowell Littleton, Vice - President; James Baggett, Gene Williams, W. E. Friend, Jr., Secretary and the following absent: (none), constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:

Whereas on the next ensuing second Tuesday in January, being the 8th day of January, 1957, there will be elected 3 directors for this district;

Whereas this Board by order dated the 11th day of December, 1956 established the procedure for candidates who desire to file for said election;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CROCKETT COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1:

That an election be held in said district on the second Tuesday in January, 1957, the same being the 8th day of January, 1957, for the purpose of electing 3 directors to the Board of Directors of said District;

That said election shall be held at the following places Courthouse

in said District, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election.

1. For Election, at Courthouse Building, in Ozona, Texas, within said District with W. M. Johnigan as Presiding Judge, and Gladine Kost and Roberta Cooper Clerks.

The following named persons have duly filed as candidates for said election in accordance with the above mentioned order for election procedure in Directors Election passed by this board, and their names shall be placed on the ballot for said election in alphabetical order as follows:

W. E. Friend, Jr., Sherman Taylor, and Gene Williams.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which this district is located, or if none is published in said county in the nearest county in the nearest county thereto, the first publication shall be at least 21 days prior to the date of election, and not more than 35 days prior thereto. Immediately after said election has been held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the result thereof in triplicate, one being retained by the Presiding Judge, one delivered to the President of this Board, and one delivered to the Secretary. The ballot box and other election records and supplies shall be delivered to the Secretary at the office of the District and be

preserved as provided by law in said office except that the Stub box shall be returned to the District Clerk for this County.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: Sherman Taylor, Lowell Littleton, W. E. Friend, Jr., James Baggett, Gene Williams, and the following voted NO: (none).

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 12th day of December, 1956.

Sherman Taylor, President Board of Directors of Crockett Co. Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

ATTEST: W. E. Friend, Jr., Secretary. 37-3c

Another'n from Texas

Hear about the Texan who rushed up to the airlines ticket office and demanded a ticket on thenext plane? "Where to?" asked the clerk. "To anywhere at all," boomed the tycoon. "I got business all over, son!"

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Perner of Lubbock were here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Perner. Also guests of the Perners were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sloan of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Lee and children, Sylvia, Tommy, Joe Pat and Peggy, are spending Christmas here with Mr. Lee's mother, Mrs. Pat Lee, and with Mrs. Lee's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Sprawls.

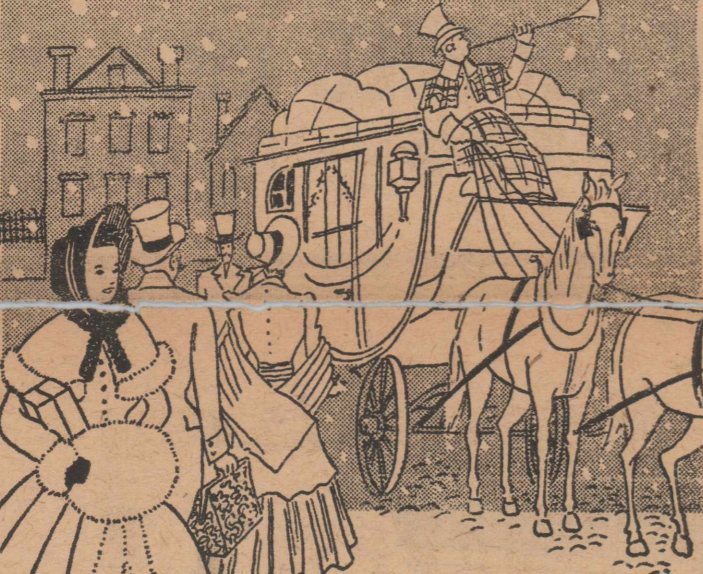
Mrs. Coralie Meinecke had all her children and grandchildren for the Christmas holidays. Out-of-town members of the family here were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Melton and two sons from Serafina, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. William Meinecke and two children from Austin; and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dockery and daughter from Santa Anna.

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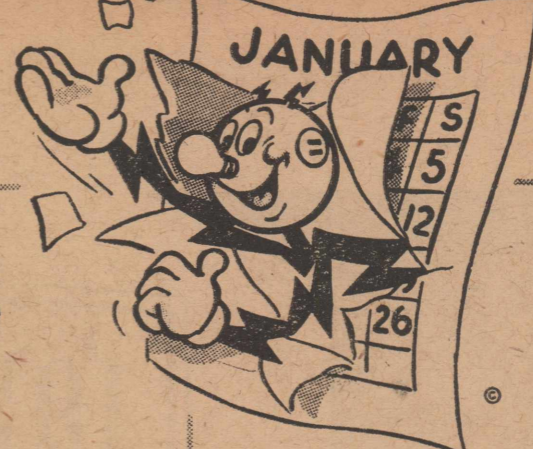


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Best wishes to all our friends.

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The News Reel

A re-run of "The Ozona Story" as gleaned from the files of The Ozona Stockman

From The Stockman, Dec. 29, 1927

Joe Pierce was re-elected president of the Crockett County Fair Assn. at a meeting of stockholders Monday night following the second Mid-Winter Rodeo and Race Meet Monday. Mr. Pierce's work as head of the Association was highly complimented by the stockholders and his re-election was unanimous. All other officers were re-elected. Paul Penner was re-elected vice president; and Scott Peters, secretary-treasurer.

— news reel —

The first run of ice to be made in the new plant of the West Texas Utilities Co., housed in the handsome new building, nearing completion, was made Thursday to test out the new machinery. All ice made in this run will be dumped, it was announced, it being several weeks before the plant will get into production of ice for sale. The plant is seven-ton capacity and all machinery is new and modern. Otho Drake is local manager for the W. T. U.

— news reel —

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cox are here from Waco spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Couch.

— news reel —

A slow, drizzling, cold rain, slippery streets and generally uncomfortable weather failed to halt the second annual Mid-Winter Rodeo and Race Meet here Monday. Considering the weather, a good crowd was on hand for the event.

The football game between Ozona gridiron veterans and a team of Sonora veterans featured the morning's events and a big crowd of rooters crowded the sidelines despite the drizzle and cheered the players. Ozona won the contest in the last few minutes of play, Frank Russell kicking a field goal to win the contest 3 to 0. The line splitting ability of Morris Dudley, Worth Odom, Sherman Taylor, Jake Young, Frank Russell and other backfield stars, and the brick-wall line that faced Sonora on both offensive and defensive

plays were features of the game.

— news reel —

Leon and Wrightsman's No. 1 Half, in section 70, block 1, I&GN Survey in Crockett county, opposite the Yates pool in Pecos county, was estimated Tuesday to be good for from 500 to 800 barrels of oil an hour after gushing 150 barrels in eight minutes from 1,051 feet. The well made no water before being shut in for storage, which is now being erected.

Coming on the heels of a blanket of snow which covered the country several inches, two or three days of slow, drizzling rain early this week will prove of inestimable value to winter ranges in this section of West Texas. The fall put roads in this section in an almost impassable condition.

— news reel —

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Johnston of Big Lake spent Christmas with (Continued on Last Page)



M & M Cafe

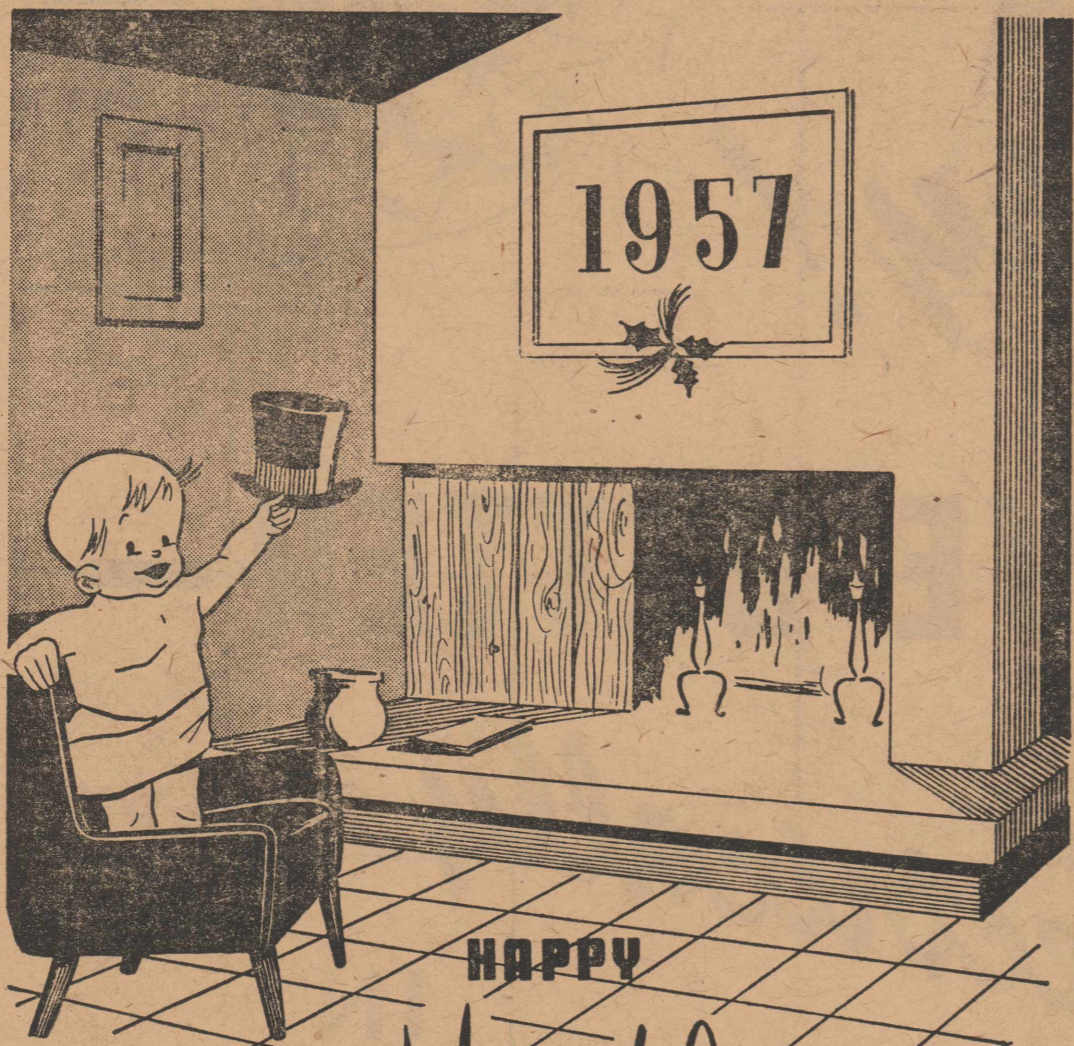
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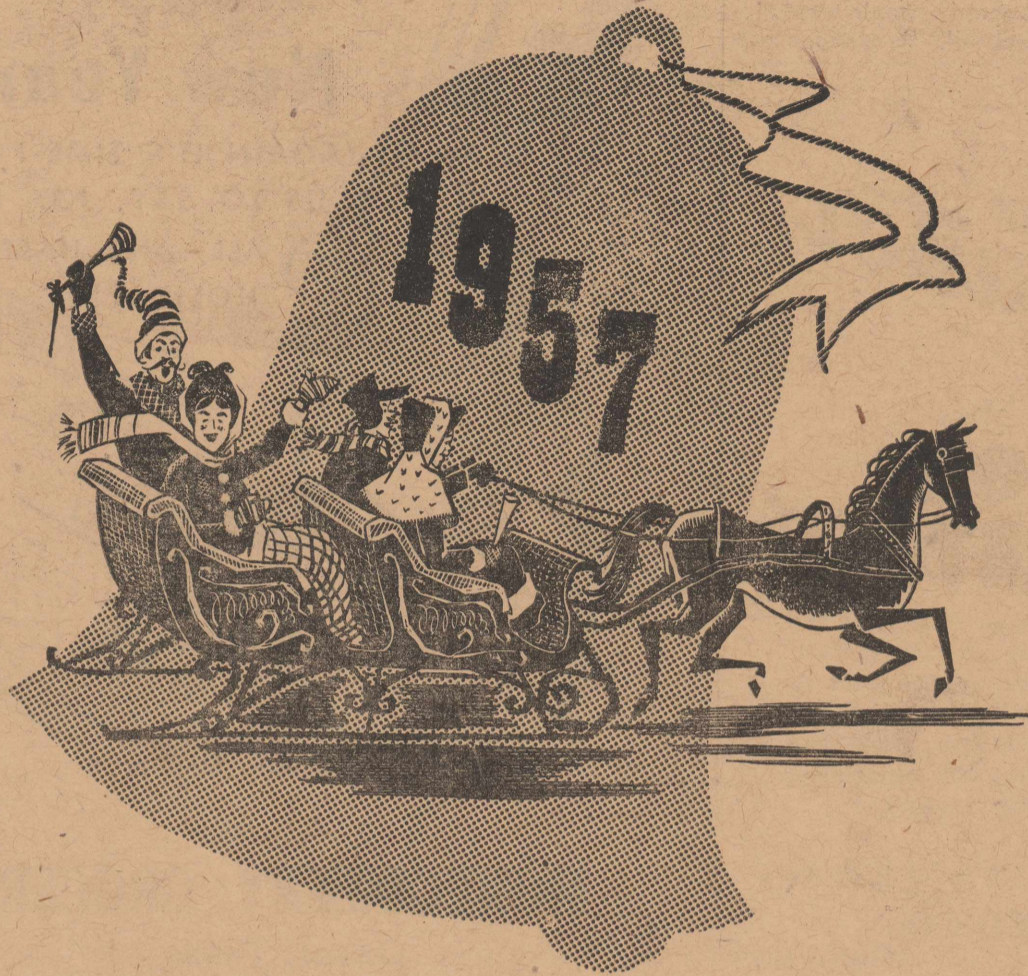
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Ozona, Texas

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Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kreamer and Mrs. Helen Taylor, all of Houston, spent Christmas here with their mother, Mrs. W. H. Augustine.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Kincaid, Jr., had as guests last week their son, Tom Kincaid, and Miss Ann Wicker of San Angelo, both students at San Angelo College.

Capt. and Mrs. Clyde Sikes and two sons were here from San Antonio to spend Christmas with Mrs. Sikes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneemann.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Robison and children of Marfa spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Robison and Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneemann.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Tandy and Mills spent Christmas in Grants, N. M., where they visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Tandy.

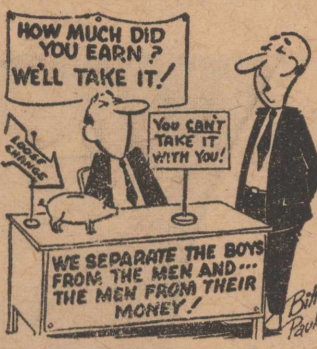
Mr. and Mrs. Miles Pierce and children were here from Alpine to spend the holidays with Mr. Pierce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. I. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perner had as holiday guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Anja Wilson and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Allen and children, all from Odessa.

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My Neighbors



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News Reel

(Continued From Page Six)

Mrs. Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Friend.

Misses Wanda and Gussie Watson, who attend Baylor College, are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mitcham spent Christmas with Mrs. Mitcham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Childress.

Mrs. E. E. Stricklen and daughter, Carcie, are spending the holidays here visiting friends.

Miss Louise Coates is home for the holidays from S. M. U.

Miss Vivian Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Miller, became the bride of Ted Atkins at a quiet wedding in the home of the bride's parents Saturday afternoon. The bride is a 1927 graduate of Ozona High School and attended Draughton's Business College. Mr. Atkins is employed on the W. R. Baggett ranch.

Miss Mary Belle Flowers, daughter of Mrs. B. C. Flowers, and

Walter Augustine, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Augustine, were married in San Angelo Saturday morning. After a short wedding trip, the couple will be at home on Mr. Augustine's ranch in Pecos county.

Mrs. W. R. Baggett, Mrs. J. M. Baggett and Miss Emma Lou Phillips were hostesses at a shower given Tuesday afternoon at the Hotel Ozona for Miss Gertrude North, who will be married Saturday to A. A. Perry, Jr.

Miss Peggy Schwalbe, who is employed in Wichita Falls, is spending the Christmas holidays

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Schwalbe.

Misses Edith and Mattie D. Word, students at Simmons University in Abilene, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Word.

Mrs. Jim Baker, 52, mother of Dick and George Baker of Ozona, died in a Temple sanitarium last Friday night after an illness lasting several months. Mrs. Baker is survived by her husband, six daughters and four sons.

Crockett county people were given an opportunity to examine one

of the new Ford models at the sedan in charge of a factory representative was displayed at the dealers, Wednesday when a Tudor local agency during the morning.

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NOTICE

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MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY - 9:00 A. M. TO 3:00 P. M.
FRIDAYS - 9:00 A. M. - 5:00 P. M.
CLOSED SATURDAYS

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

On March 3, 1955, the Texas Legislature passed Bill No. 19 enabling banks within this state to observe the five-day week. From the beginning it was our thought to watch carefully the success or failure of this program with banks throughout the State which immediately began observing the five-day week.

More than one hundred fifty banks throughout the State, principally in the large cities, are now observing the five-day week, and in all instances, the program has met with complete success and satisfaction on the part of the banks and their customers.

We now feel that a year and a half of experience has proven the five-day week to be not only acceptable, but in fact, to be the wise procedure for banks of our size in cities the size of Ozona.

After very careful and thorough consideration and investigation covering many months, this bank effective Jan. 12, 1957, will begin observing the five-day week. Therefore, the bank will be closed on January 12, 1957, and each Saturday thereafter. TO FURTHER ACCOMMODATE OUR CUSTOMERS AND OFFER THEM NEARLY THE SAME NUMBER OF BANKING HOURS AS THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO, THE OZONA NATIONAL BANK WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 5:00 O'CLOCK ON EACH FRIDAY PRECEDING SATURDAY CLOSING.

This action on our part is a move to adopt the five-day week which is being observed by industry generally throughout the United States.

We trust that you will agree with us that we could do no less than offer our employees the opportunity to work under the provisions of the new law. It has worked so successfully in so many other cities that we envision no inconveniences to our patrons - to whom we owe so much! We know that you will find it just as convenient to do your banking between Monday and Friday of each week.

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