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City Water System Is Nearing Completion

Do You Want City Water If So, Notify City Now

The pipeline contractor for the city water system, Moore Construction Co., assures the city council that if nothing prevents the water lines will all be laid, tested and sterilized by the end of next week.

The meters are due to arrive soon, and Sam Simmons will tie on the meters. If he knows those who wants water, he can start tying on as soon as the meters arrive, said city councilmen. So, if you want city water, drop by the city office and sign up for water.

There will be a \$10 meter deposit and a \$15 tie-on charge. You can already begin by having your line put in from your place to the property line by a plumber and it will then be tied on at that point by Simmons for the city when he installs the meter it was said.

Most meters will have a two-thirds inch lead which will deliver 25 to 30 gallons per minute at the pressure the city hopes to maintain. Should a place need and want more water per minute, they can have a one-inch lead meter which will deliver from 50 to 60 gallons per minute or larger should the customer desire. Larger meters cost more at time of installation. Consult with the city if you need more water than the regular size meter delivers.

The foundation for the water storage tank will be ready by Jan. 1 and water will be in the lines even before that it was said. The tank will be over in the north part of town just south east of the depot.

The city office will be open each morning from 9 till 12 o'clock and customers wanting water should go by or call in for water connection.

The meters will likely be set at property lines and pipes should be in a ditch of a foot depth, it was said. So, if you want water, go by the office and sign up and be getting your place ready for the hook-up.

Attends State Cancer Meeting

Miss Ethel Foster attended the annual meeting of the Texas State Cancer group in Austin last week, December 4, 5 and 6. She was re-named a member of the executive committee of the state group.

Miss Foster was vice-president of the society last year but was replaced by Mrs. L. E. Dudley of Abilene this year. Miss Foster has served on the executive board for the past three years and was vice-president for two years.

Ethel Murrell Named City Secretary

Mrs. Loyd (Ethel) Murrell was named city secretary here Monday by the council replacing Mrs. Virgie Garrett, who resigned to work in the post office. Mrs. Murrell will work each morning at present in the city office, and later on will work longer days, it was said.

Others who had applied for the job included A. W. Dearen, Mrs. C. C. Ainsworth and Mrs. Ralph Bynum.

Sam Simmons, local plumber, was named to make the water connections from the mains to the meter. Property owners will have to have the lines installed on in from the meter to their residences or places of business.

Epsilon Zetas Hear Talk On Religion

Mrs. Don Hodges and Mrs. Leroy Butler were hostesses when the Epsilon Zeta club met in the club room of the community center December 3.

Mrs. Joseph Blaneck gave the program talk on religion.

Bridge was played by members and two guests, Mrs. Beth Sprawls and Mrs. H. A. Anthony and Mrs. Martin Reed, club sponsor.

Bingo prizes went to Mrs. Elroy Butler, and Mrs. Winn McClure.

Epsilon Zetas Serve Football Banquet

The Epsilon Zetas served the football-pep squad banquet last Friday night at the school gym. They were assisted in serving by Jacques Caperton, Willene Glass, Lynda Allen, Ann Hays, Joanna Murrell, Bonnie Gartman, Edna Davis, Temple Ann Foster and Mitsy Davis.

The food was prepared by the club members and handled as a club project.

CERTIFICATE TO ANCEL REED IN GOC SET-UP

A certificate of recognition was presented to Ancel Reed here on Wednesday by County Judge G. C. Murrell and Staff Sergeant F. V. Wade of the Ground Observer Corps. The certificate, signed by Lt. Gen. J. H. Atkinson of the U.S. Air Forces, was in recognition of Reed's serving as post supervisor of the GOC unit here.

Johnnie Augustine, son of the J. S. Augustines, killed a nice eight point buck while visiting relatives last week.

Football-Pep Squad Banquet Held Last Friday

The annual football-pep squad banquet was held in the school gym last Friday night. The affair is sponsored yearly by the Mothers' Club group of the football boys and pep squad girls. The money to put on the banquet was raised during the football season by operating the concession stand.

The football boys, champions of this district, and the girls were guests of honor, and others present included their parents, school board members, some invited guests of the community and others.

The members of the Epsilon Zeta Club served the turkey dinner. On the menu was barbecued turkey, creamed potatoes and peas, fruit salad, stuffed celery, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, tea and coffee and pecan pie.

Wilbur Stone of the football squad was master of ceremonies. The Rev. L. Petmecky gave the invocation. Mrs. Leslie Payne, president of the Mother's Club, gave the welcome, and responses were made by LaVada Mitchel and Melvin Foster. Elizabeth Cole sang White Christmas. Mrs. Lillian Werb reviewed the pep squad activities. Alfred Chapple gave a humorous talk on "Bench Blues."

Coach W. L. Young talked of the season in review. Superintendent O. T. Jones introduced the speaker of the evening, Oliver Jackson of Abilene Christian College. Mr. Jackson is track coach at ACC.

Following the program a film of the 1957 Olympic Games in Australia was shown. Mr. Jackson had gone along with the team from the U.S. Also a film of the bi-district game with Gail was shown.

The gym had been beautifully decorated by the mother's club for the event. The decorating had been under the supervision of Mrs. Werb, pep squad director and homemaking instructor at the high school.

PROGRESSIVE FARMER NAMES "MEN OF THE YEAR"

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 12—W. O. Fortenberry, Lubbock County, and B. W. Frierson, Fort Bend County, were named "Men of the Year in Texas Agriculture in 1957" today by the Progressive Farmer magazine.

Fortenberry was cited for his outstanding agricultural leadership in the irrigated High Plains and in cotton affairs in Texas and United States.

Frierson's citation reads, "For exceptional services to Texas in developing the agricultural operations of Texas Prison System and for agricultural leadership in Gulf Coast Area of Texas."

When Frierson was hired to manage the agricultural operations of Texas Prison System in 1949, the System was known as one of the worst in the nation. In spite of 73,000 acres of potentially valuable land, the System was having to buy tremendous amounts of food. Now, the Prison System, for all practical purposes, feeds itself. Cotton production has jumped from one-third bale per acre to an average of 1½ bales per acre this year. In Texas is costs only 67 cents a day to keep a prisoner as compared to an average of \$2.83 in other states.

Fortenberry has been a cotton producer and ginmer for more than 30 years. During that time he has held virtually every office in ginning and farming organizations on community, state and national levels. At present Fortenberry is serving his second term as president of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., an organization composed of more than 20,000 Texas High Plains cotton producers and allied businessmen.

(Editor's note — Frierson left Sterling as Sterling County Agent to become head of the agricultural department of the Texas Prison System. He has repeatedly drawn praise for his good work in that department during his tenure, as manager of the agricultural department.)

Basketball Game Admissions

Admission to basketball games this year will be 25c for students and 50c for adults to pay for increased cost of officials and their car expense. This decision was made by district basketball officials early in the season.

Sheep-Killing Dogs

DOGS RUIN SHOW LAMBS IN WEDNESDAY NIGHT ORGY AT SCHOOL FFA BARN

Veterinarian Here Next Monday Afternoon

TO VACCINATE PETS AGAINST RABIES

Dr. Percy Turner, veterinarian from Water Valley, will be in Sterling City from 4:00 to 5:30 Monday afternoon, December 16 for the purpose of vaccinating pets for rabies. Dr. Turner vaccinated about 50 dogs and cats last year in December for rabies and it is time to renew the protection on these animals as the shots are good for one year only.

During the past summer there were several suspected cases of rabies in the county but the heads were not sent to Austin since no humans were involved. One case in Sterling City was a positive one however. This involved a small fox picked up as a pet and brought to town. It was sent to Austin and diagnosed definitely as rabies. Eight people took the series of shots as a result.

Rabies has been on the increase the last few years. The drought has forced wildlife, a carrier of rabies, to seek food and water near centers of human habitation. Pets, principally dogs and cats, have been exposed to the disease as a result of fighting with these animals. Of course, not all foxes or skunks or coons are rabid, but a few are, and this is enough to spread rabies.

The only positive protection against rabies is the shots which prevent it. There is no cure once the disease has started its cycle. The shots which humans take after being bitten are expensive, even though the state will furnish them, but they are the only protection available. The best protection however, remains prevention. If all pets were vaccinated, a community can feel that it has done the best possible. Bring your pets in and let Dr. Turner immunize. It will be the best \$2.50 ever invested. Get your neighbors to do likewise and make Sterling City and Sterling County a safe place for children and grown-ups alike; let's not have to have anyone take the shots again.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—

Mrs. Wm. J. Swann
Janie Jo Balkum
Mickey Balkum
Ira Glasscock
Mrs. Jim Butler
Mrs. W. A. Hutchison
Neill Munn
Mrs. Neal Reed
Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Glass
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week include—
Harvey Glass
Mrs. Bob Clemmons
Melvin Foster
Wayne Dickens
Charlotte McCabe
Robert Sloan
Dr. Wm. J. Swann
Joe Drennan
Mrs. W. L. Emery

\$201 Sold at Noratadata Club Bazaar Wednesday

The Noratadata Club bazaar on Wednesday took in \$201 for the club's treasury. The money will be used for the club's projects, such as their nursing scholarship and other worthy items of community interest.

The bazaar, an annual affair, was held in the lobby of the Palace Theater. Coffee and spudnuts were served to the shoppers. Items were all made by club members.

SCHOOL BREAKS OUT ON BI-DISTRICT GAME WITH GAIL

The gross gate receipts at the bi-district game at Forsan between Sterling City and Gail totaled \$454.05. Expenses of 3 officials, their travel expense and \$273.43 paid to Gail according to agreement was \$352.43. The net gate for Sterling City was \$101.62. When the \$90 for the 2 reel film of the game is paid a \$11.62 profit will be realized from the game.

Dogs got into the sheep barn of the school FFA boys Wednesday night between 6:30 and 8:30 and in an orgy bit all thirty lambs, and completely put out of commission four. The four worst hurt ones were slaughtered at the locker plant, but not too much of them can be salvaged, said Fred Igo, the vocational instructor at the school.

Igo estimated the damage at the barn to be at least \$300. Some of the lambs were ready for the Odesa show the last part of this month. The lambs not visibly ruined will be "boogered" and fail to gain any more said a spokesman. So, the lambs that the boys had on feed at the barn will not be fit subjects for the coming shows.

Dogs that get into a bunch of lambs or sheep and start biting, just keep on for the fun of it, even though not hungry, it is said. They just kill then for the sport of the thing.

This is a big blow to the boys and their hopes have been dashed—those boys who had lambs at the barn. Let's make certain it doesn't happen again.

Lions Club Luncheon

Deputy district governor Jimmie Keen of San Angelo and J. W. Jones of Angelo, were guests at the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday as it held the regular meeting in the community center.

Jones and Keen told of the ladies night program to be held in San Angelo at the Town House January 9. A program like "Beat the Clock" on TV will be held with prizes for contestants. Also a fine door prize will go to some lady. Cost is \$1.50 per plate and all Sterling City club members and wives are invited.

Fred Igo told of the "Lamb Tour" coming up here on December 21 at the show barns.

County agent Arthur Barleman told of the vet coming next Monday to vaccinate pets against rabies. The vet will be on the west side of the courthouse between 4 and 5:30 p.m. and the charge for immunizing pets will be \$2.50.

The club voted to send a contribution to Buck Bryson, former sheriff of Tom Green County, now hospitalized there from an accident that happened early in the year. Bryson has been unconscious all this time.

Debouillet Producers Hold Annual Meeting

Members of the Debouillet Sheep Breeders' Assn. met here on Thursday of last week. They met at the home of Foster S. Price, who was reelected as president of the group.

The association voted against sponsoring a show and sale. All officers were reelected. They include Price as president; Joe Skeen, Picacho, N. M., vice-president; and Mrs. A. D. Jones, Roswell, N. M., secretary-treasurer.

The breeders voted against the show-sale event since the goal of the breed is production. Members decided that showing of highly fitted animals would not be consistent with their goal.

Christmas Program at Methodist Church Sunday, December 22

The Christmas program at the Methodist Church will be held on Sunday evening, December 22 at 5 p.m. There will be a Christmas tree for the children, and fruit, candy and nuts will be given every child present.

There will be a Christmas program presented by the children in the children's department. Santa Claus will be present for distribution of gifts and candy.

The offering for the Methodist Home at Waco and the Mission Home and Training School at San Antonio will be taken at the morning service on Sunday, December 22.

Services will be held at the usual time next Sunday. The pastor, the Rev. L. S. Dubberly, will preach on "A Miracle to Believe" at the morning hour. The evening service subject will be "What Do We Want for Christmas?"

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6 o'clock Sunday evening and the choir will practice Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

THE AMERICAN WAY



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Greeting Cards Christmas Gift Of Englishman

Greeting cards are an English contribution to the Christmas observance.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas was originated in 1846 by Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman and the idea brought Cole great honor as well as knighthood.

Cole's original cards depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and he had a thousand of them struck off by lithograph. Although the cards met with immediate popularity and brought fame to Sir Henry Cole, it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.

Today the demand for cards is so great that many companies spend the full year designing and producing only Christmas greetings.

While today's mass-produced cards are quite superior to the original cards produced by Henry Cole, neither time nor poets have been able to improve on the classical message the Englishman penned to the first Christmas greeting cards: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

From Where Came Christmas Trees?

Like so many other Christmas customs, the origin of the tree tradition is not definitely known.

One theory holds that the 8th-century missionary Boniface persuaded the Teutons to transfer their worship of Odin's sacred oak to an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ child.

Popular legend has it that the first Christmas tree originated in Egypt where the first trees used were palm trees. Another story says that Martin Luther decorated a tree with candles to simulate an evergreen shimmering with starlit snow.

We do know the Germans did much to popularize the use of Christmas trees, introducing them into both England and America. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, started the custom in England when he had a tree for his young daughter. The tradition crossed the Atlantic with Hessian mercenaries during the American Revolution.

Early Saxons named the curious berries the parasite used as a Yuletide decoration "Mistletoe", meaning a shoot of a tree. Early Noridies dedicated mistletoe to their goddess of love and started kissing under it as a gesture of friendship and love.

State Highway Department to Improve Sterling Highways

The Texas Highway Department will spend \$15,000 for improvements on highways in Sterling County during 1958, D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, has announced. This is in addition to the regular construction and maintenance program.

The State Highway Commission has approved this appropriation to improve already existing highways in this county, and there will be

little or no additional right of way requirements, Greer said. At the December meeting of the Highway Commission, \$20 million was allotted to 144 Texas counties for road improvements during 1958. The \$20 million is being spent for shoulder widening, seal coat jobs, additional surfacing, and for widening of structures and highways in these counties.

"We should have this program moving by spring," Greer said. "We believe the money will go a

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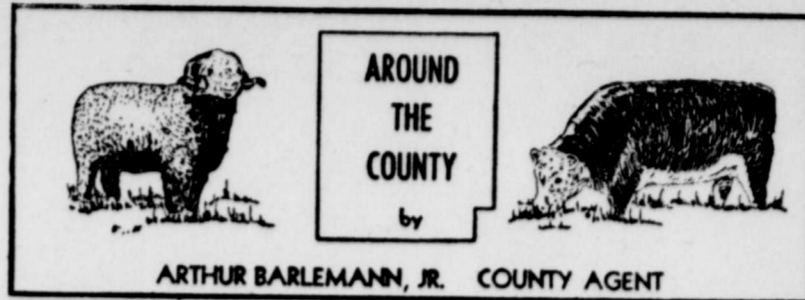
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LeRuth Reed and David Durham Gold Star 4-H winners from Sterling County, received their awards at the luncheon in San Angelo last Saturday. West Texas Utilities Company sponsored the luncheon which was very nice. One hundred and seventy people were present to help honor the Gold Star winners from twenty-two counties. Lee Reed and Worth Durham were guests at the luncheon to see their youngsters rewarded for their faithful work, as were parents or leaders from a number of other counties.

Price Campbell, chairman of the board of West Texas Utilities and a member of the board of directors of A&M College, presented the club members with their medals and certificates. Dr. T. M. Harrington, president of the A&M College system, was a speaker at the luncheon. Dr. Harrington reminded the club members that behind every successful man or woman, boy or girl, there were many people who helped them to achieve the great heights reached. In the case of 4-H club members, these people are the parents and leaders who help.

A plaque was presented to Mr. Campbell by the club members for his work with the 4-H program. His company has always been a strong backer of the 4-H club and has furnished much support in the form of advice, aid by their education people, and financial support.

Herman Carter, partner in the Midwest Feed Yards in San Angelo and former vocational agricultural teacher here, was honored by the boys and agents of the district. He was presented with the 4-H Spurclip award for his work with the boys and agent of the district in their feeding and livestock shows. This Spurclip goes to one man in the district each year who is a real friend of 4-H club work but who is not classified as a leader.

Herman has contributed much in this area of the state. He judges numerous county shows, is active in the San Angelo show as a superintendent, judges at major shows such as San Antonio and Fort Worth, and is always a source of information on the whereabouts of feeder lambs for the boys. Many, many lambs each year are selected in their feed yards in San Angelo which later show up very well on the show circuit. Both Herman and his partner, Fred Ball, are always ready to help boys and agents and teachers to find lambs.

The girls of the district and the home demonstration agents presented Mrs. McCarty of Abilene with a pin for her work with the girls. That award is made on the same basis as the spurclip.

The Lamb "Tour" will be held on Saturday, December 21 in the show barn here in Sterling City. At that time all FFA and 4-H club lambs will be brought in for exhibition. A livestock judging contest and a lamb trimming contest will also be held. There will be a senior and junior division in each with trophies to the winners. One trophy will be awarded for each division in the trimming contest and three for each division in the judging contest.

A barbecue will also be held. Plates will be a dollar each and all money will go into the show fund to help finance the show. Goats, salad, cake, and all will be furnished by 4-H club and FFA members. Cal Roberts is donating the barbecuing. Club members and FFA members will be selling tickets around town in a few days.

The spring livestock show is about to begin. First show is the Odessa show which opens December 31 and closes January 4. Others which follow are Abilene, January 13-17; San Antonio, February 7-16; and San Angelo, March 5-9; Sterling County 4-H club members will exhibit at all these shows. Date of the Fort Worth show is January 24-February 2 and Houston, February 19-March 2.

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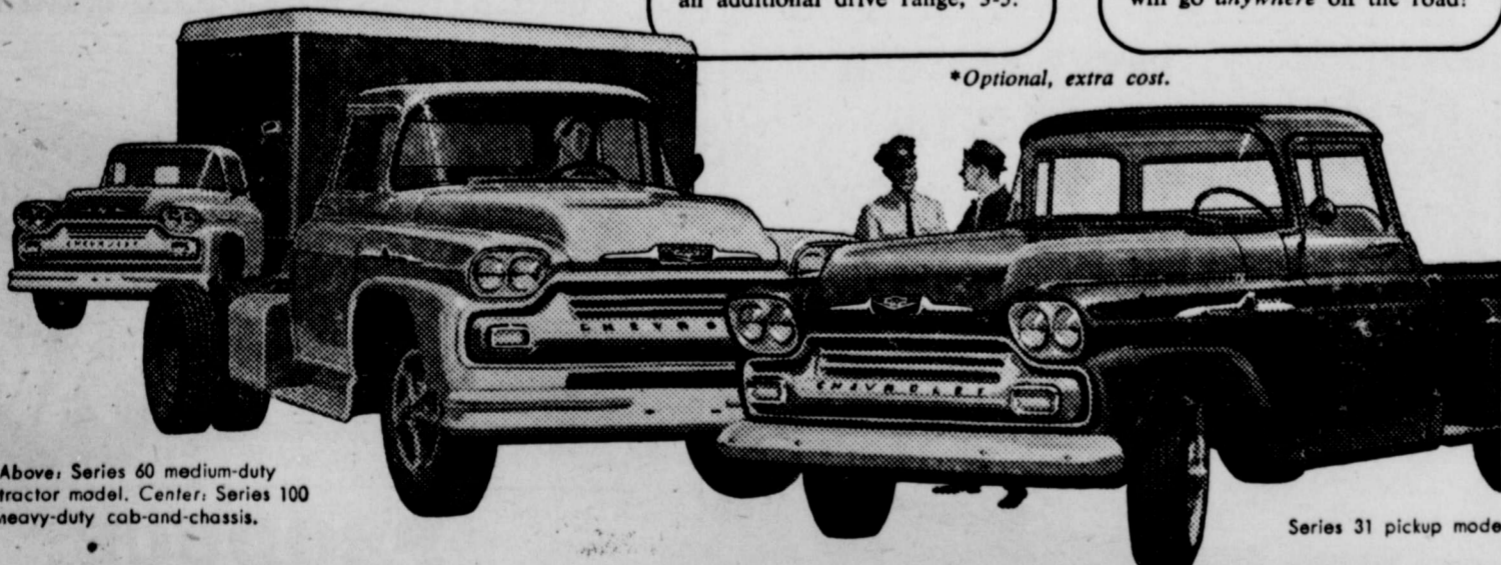
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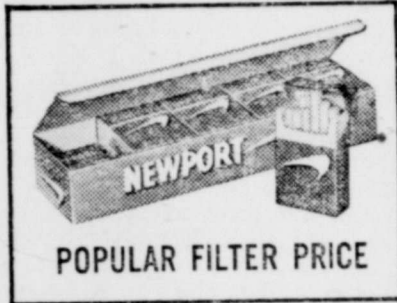
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Cold and Frosty
 The cold and frosty nights of the week are heralding the approach of winter, which arrives on December 21. Temperatures got as low as 22 degrees here Tuesday night and frosts are the rule each night.
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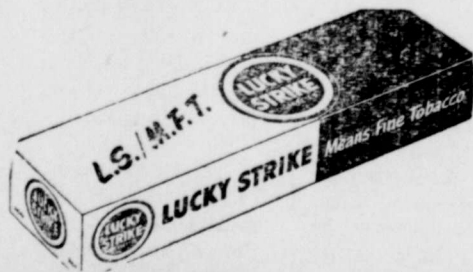
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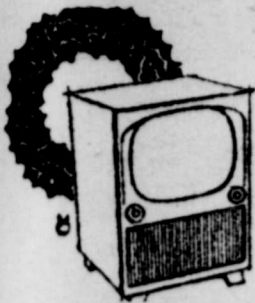
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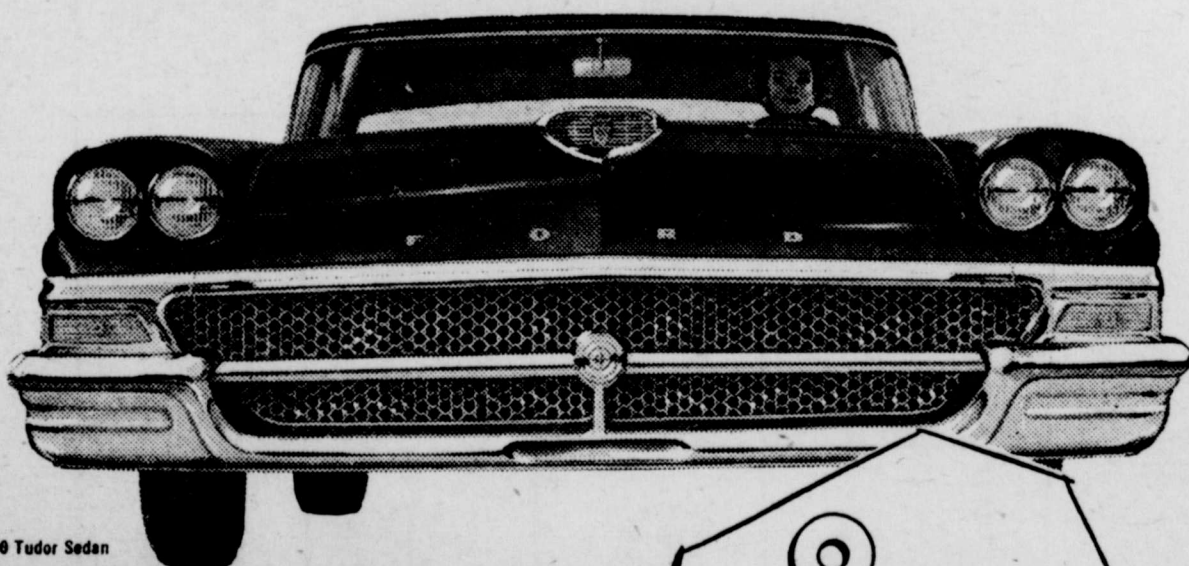
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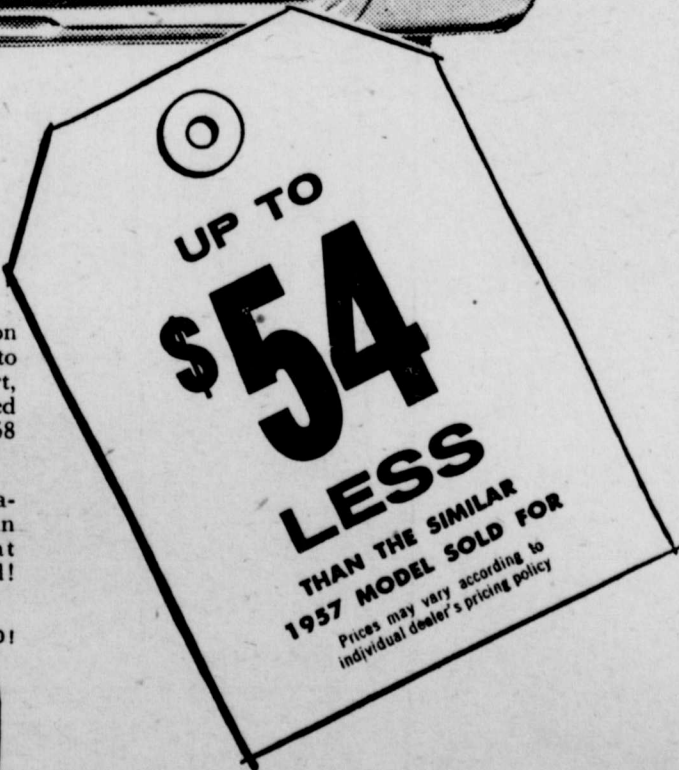


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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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Turkey, Dressing, Gravy
Parsley Potatoes, Frozen Green
Beans, Cabbage, Apple and
Celery Salad, Cranberry
Sauce, Hot Rolls
Orange-Date Cake

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Meal Unplanned



Just as vari-colored Christmas tree lights add to the Christmas spirit in practically every American home, so does flickering candlelight add to the enjoyment of holiday decorations.

This year's candles take on a glitter and sparkle to go with their glow. Tall or short, fat or slim, all candles lend themselves to jewelry. And here, as with other Christmas decorations its the "doing" that increases the fun and deepens the joy.

Popular on Christmas shopping lists this year are trim-a-candle kits which "do-it-yourself" fans can use to transform plain-Janes of candleland into tapers of striking loveliness which may be used for home decorations or gifts.

The kits' contents include glitter, spangles of infinite shapes and colors, pearls, sequins, stars and hollow beads

Gifts That Sparkle Add to Holiday Joy

Attractive gifts under a Christmas tree add as much sparkle to the holidays as decorations on the tree.

Plastic foam has unlimited use on packages. A boot three inches high, cut from one-inch-thick plastic foam makes a nice decoration for children's packages.

Brush the boot with shellac and sprinkle red glitter on the wet shellac. Then glue a collar 2 inches thick by 1 1/2 inches high on the boot.

You can make a wagon from a rectangular box by cutting wagon wheels and a tongue from 3/4-inch plastic foam. Edge the wheels and tongue with pipe cleaners and glue them to the package.

For a three-dimensional look, cut a picture from an old Christmas card. Make paper strips 1/2-inch by 2 inches and pleat them. Attach the picture to the package by gluing one end of the strip to the picture and the other end to the package.

'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Engelbert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece.

The musical fairy tale created a sensation.

Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes — Wagnerian style" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.

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North Concho River Soil Conservation News Column

Supervisors of the North Concho River Soil Conservation District meet on the first Monday of each month. At the December meeting, the board reviewed and accepted bids for two new stalk shredders. One shredder will be put here in Sterling City and the other in St. Lawrence. The board discussed and made plans for the coming year. The plans for 1958 include holding regular meetings each month to hold election of district officials, sponsor "Soil Stewardship Week", sponsor field days to show conservation work on the land, sponsor a grass judging contest for FFA and 4-H clubs, and many other activities designed to show the need and importance of conserving our remaining soil and water resources.

Brush infestation has become one of our most serious problems. Within the district records show that 165,000 acres of brush is a serious set back to economical ranching and needs some type of control. Of mesquite, prickly pear and cedar, mesquite remains our big problem. During 1957 several successful plots of root-plowing were done.

Conditions look favorable another year for this type of brush eradication. From observations made this year it appears that the best time for rootplowing is during March, April and May. This corresponds to our seasonal rains. Reseeding to native and introduced grasses is necessary following root plowing. Proper management following any type control is necessary if maximum benefits are to be received. Rootplowing followed by reseeding on the Currie ranch resulted in some good results during 1957. On land rootplowed during April and May and reseeded to blue panic shows good results. Clippings were made during October and a total of 14,000 pounds of foliage per acre was clipped. This represents total growth no grazing and includes parts of plants that may not be grazed. Production is always highest the first year or two. Even though growth declines it is still producing more and better grazing than the adjoining land with only burro grass and other low quality plants.

The district owns several types of machinery for use by cooperators in the North Concho River Soil Conservation District. There is only one piece of some types of this machinery, and in busy times of the year it is pretty much in de-

mand for use by cooperators. When you finish with a piece of equipment return it to the custodian promptly and pay your rental fees. Your neighbor might want to use it.

- District-Owned Equipment**
- Klattenhoff Area—A. B. Fuchs, Custodian**
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 Stalk shredder .20 per acre
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- Grape Creek Area—Albert Brokaw, Custodian**
 Blue panic grass seeder, 2-row .20 per acre
 Grass seed drill, 7½ foot .50
 Stalk shredder .20 per acre
 Eversman land leveler 40 per hr.
- St. Lawrence Area—Martin Holder, Custodian**
 Stalk shredder .20 per acre
 Eversman land leveler, 40 per hr.
 Grass seeder and fertilizer .25 per acre
 John Deere terracing disk .40 per hr.

Sterling City Area—Ewing McEntire—Custodian
 John Deere tractor with 2-disk pitting plow and seeder .60 per hr.
 If the equipment you need is in an area different from the one you live in, you may contact the custodian in that area and get the piece of equipment you need if it is not being used.

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