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SHELBY PITTMAN DIES

PHOTOGRAPHER AT

BYLOW'S JAN. 10

An experienced photograph-

er from the Unique Studio and

Camera Center of Levelland

will be at Bylow Discount Food

store in north Abernathy Mon-

day, Jan. 10, to take pictures.

See Unique's photo advertise-

ment in this issue of The Re-

information.

view for special price and other

Mrs. Jack Barton recently

underwent a second round of

surgery at West Texas Hospital.

Lubbock, where she has been a

themselves lately. We are sup-

to keep abreast of all that

comes our way. You certainly

tion available and we would

think less of you if you didn't

We are required to work to-

ward certification in the water

and waste water fields. We

have been spending much time

getting this done and are happy

to see it shaping up. Time is

so essential for getting this ac-complished. The same thing

is true as Tax Assessor, we

must work toward a certifica-

tion in this field. We attended

one school last year and plan

happily doing things in the City

Manager field. There are many

wonderful men in this area who,

like me, are happy in this pro-

fession. There are so many op-

portunities to literally be a

friend to man as we go about

it. Sometimes we feel like we

are not capable of doing all

that cries out to be done. Many

times it seems there is no answer

to the need. And often this is

true. But, we are optimistic. We love the work. Especially

getting to be with you and do

'72 with you. Come to see us

at City Hall. Why not really

surprise us and just come for a

nice visit and let us share some

of your good ideas. We just

know that there are dozens, if

not hundreds, of you that have

wonderful ideas about things

that need to be done or maybe

left undone. And, furthermore,

we would bet that you have

good ideas about how to make

them happen. We are here to

carry out the wishes of the peo-

ple as expressed to us through

the Mayor and City Council.

Tell them your thoughts and they will advise us. Or tell us

and we will be your messanger

to them. We have a wonderful

We know they are interested in

this fine City and its future. A

fine gesture would be to thank

the time and effort they spend.

People can make life so beau-

tiful. Oh, Lord, give us strength

and grace enough to see it

Jim Davis

A Happy City with Happy

wish to have done.

And all the while we are

on two for this year.



ABERNATHY CHAMBER PURCHASES LAND

The Abernathy Chamber of Commerce purchased the Moorhead Property located in the North part of the city on Ave. D for the possible use as an eating and parking area for traveling people. The City has a tremendous need for a facility of this nature.

A Committee of Morris Stevens, Arno Struve, and Ralph Wolf studied the location and recommended to the Chamber that it be purchased. The location lends itself to being very desirable as an eating and parking location.

Terry Echols, V. P. of the Chamber will contact and work with the Park and Recreation Dept. at Texas Tech University for plans and improvements on the site. A study of the electrical, water, and sewerage needs will be made and plans will be developed for maximum use. Many travelers in the future will be given an opportunity to spend time and resources in our city.

WATER DISTRICT ELECTION SLATED Hale & Lubbock

The election to fill offices for the Board of Directors and County Committeemen of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. I will be held on Tuesday, January

The District covers all or parts of 15 Southern High Plains Counties. It is governed by a 5-member Board of Directors, advised by five Committeemen from each of the 15 counties.

The District issues permits for the drilling of water wells and regulates the waste of groundwater. It is also responsible for the annual water-level measurements, and the waterdepletion, income tax allow-

The candidate for the position of District Director for District Director's Precinct 5--Floyd and Hale Counties -- is Chester Mitchell, Lockney,

Floyd County.
Voters in Hale County will also be choosing three persons to fill positions in the District's 5-member Hale County Committee. Candidates for these offices are Clint Gregory, Jr., Homer Roberson, and Henry Scarborough

The polling place in Hale County is the Community Center, Petersburg.

Persons who hold a valid voter registration certificate and who reside within the bounds of the District in Hale County can vote for one candidate for the office of Director for District Director's Precinct 5 only, and for three candidates for County Committeemen.

Candidates for the position of District Director for the District Director's Precinct I --Crosby, Lubbock, and Lynn Counties -- are Ray Kitten, Slaton; and C. C. Sherrod, Canyon Community, Lubbock Coun-

Voters in Lubbock County will also be choosing three persons, one from each of County Commissioner's Precincts 1, 2 and 4, to fill positions on the District's 5-member Lubbock County Committee, Candidates for these offices are; Andrew Turnbow, County Commissioner's Precinct I; Alex Bednarz, County Commissioner's Precinct 2; and Glenn Blackmon, County Commissioner's Pre-

Dale Thickstun, Local Chamber Secretary is shown present-ing a check to Joe Thompson, Administrator of the Moorhead Estate for the Moorhead Property on North Ave. D to be used as a travel park. Committee members looking on are from left to right, Ralph Wolf, Morris Stevens, and Arno Struve.

From The Desk of the City Manager

The Holiday Season has come and gone. There was Lubbock, where she has been much happiness for most of us patient more than a month. and many tears for others. Some didn't survive that trip that these and act accordingly. The started out so gayly and premis- last Legislature passed several ed such pleasure if it had only complex, perplexing insurance ended differently. We are anticipating the New Year with all the enthusiasm and excitement of a child with a new toy. We know we are proud that we shared this, the Good Holiday with you. 1972 should be as good or better for all of us. We are counting on it. Hopefully, you are too.

This New Year gives us a clean slate to work with as we look into the future. Sure, we made some mistakes last year and, much as we would like it, are entitled to the best protecthere is no way to undo them. We can profit by them though and avoid those pitfalls this time expect it.

We are now fairly familiar with the routine procedures. We positively are better able to meet and cope with many situations that are bound to arise from time to time. We have been studying hard, equipping ourselves to qualify for the many and varied facets of this business. Like every other business, running a City gets more and more complex as we progress into this technical age.

In addition to the routine business of day to day operations, the courts are making decisions almost all the time that drastically affect our tax structure and how it is run. As Tax Assessor Collector we are expected to keep up with all of

cinct 4.

The five polling places in Lubbock County are; in the basement of the new County Courthouse, Lubbock; Community House, Slaton; Community Clubhouse, Shallowater; at least some of the things you and the City Halls in Idalou and Wolfforth. Persons who hold a valid

voter registration certificate and who reside within the bounds of the District in Lubbock County can vote for one candidate for the office of Director for District Director's Precincts 1. However, only qualified voters residing in County Commissioner's Precincts 1, 2 and 4 can vote for one County Committeeman for only that County Commissioner's Precinct in which they reside. The election Judge at each of the polling places will have a map showing the area within the District in Hale and Lubbock Counties, and the County Commissioner's Pre-

cincts in Lubbock County. Frank Rayner, the District's Manager, noted that the conservation of groundwater is the immediate economic concern of everyone in this area. He urged all qualified voters to exercise their right and responsibility to vote. He observed that, "Good government is no accident, it is a creation of public interest.

In Slaying

WITH AXE

(From Lubbock Avalanche Journal, Tuesday)

A charge of murder with malice was filed Monday against Pedro Portillo, 27, in connection with the exe killing Friday of Jorge Martinez, 17, at the Caldwell Gin near New Deal.

Portillo was reported in "fair" condition Monday at Methodist Hospital where he has been confined since he apparently darted in front of a pickup truck at the gin shortly after the altereation in which Martinez was killed. Portillo suffered head and internal injuries when struck by the truck driven by Luther Hobgood of Rt. 2, Lubbock.

Martinez died shortly after being struck in the back of the head with an axe in a room a barracks-type building where he and Portillo lived with Martinez's brother, Carlos, 24. The older Martinez told officials Portillo struck the younger man with an axe during an argument over money Fri-

Don Freeman, gin manager, told authorities he saw the elder Martinez and Portillo fighting in front of the small woodframe structure where the three men lived and later found young Martinez lying on some mattresses in one of the rooms.

Freeman told officials he grabbed the axe for safekeeping and that the fight broke up outside the front door as he came out of the building.

Officers said Portillo then walked a few hundred yards east away from the gin before he was struck by the slow mov-

NIGHT CLASSES BELL Survivors include his wife, Margaret; two sons, Larry of

Classes started again for adults on Tuesday night, Janu-ary 4, 1972. There have been laws that even the Insurance Commission doesn't understand. Or so it would seem from the some changes in the Secretarial Training Courses. The stuway they have been reversing dents now are having instrucposed to be abreast of these tion in Shorthand, Accounting, Filing, and Typing. Adults may As Civil Defense Director enroll in these classes at any we get some Government motime, in the Learning Center ney for the City and thus are or at the High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights from required to take training, either in person or by extension,

-9 p.m. The Modern Math and Basic Math classes meet in the Jr. High Building. Mr. Caffey Trigonometry, Geometry, Per-He will be available to give instruction from any of these

during night classes from 7-8

o'clock. The Modern Math class

is held from 8-9 p.m. The Spanish class will start again on January 11. It will meet each Tuesday and Friday morning at 8:30 in the Learning Center. Mr. Jesse Salazar and Mrs. Luisa Lopez work together as instructors. Persons who are interested in a night class in Spanish may contact Mrs. Carolyn Wade or Clorene Henderson. Mrs. Wade teaches English as a Second Language. In the Auto-Mechanics, Bro. Hollis Shewmake will be back with us as instructor. We are very happy to have him will and back with us.

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER YULE REPORT GIVEN

--Reported

The Abernathy Neighborhood Center wishes to share with everyone some of the We are looking forward to things done in our community to spread the joy of Christmas to those less fortunate in our

I truly believe that Abernathy is one of the tops when it comes to serving and helping its fellowman. Truly the Spirit of Christmas is shown by the actions of its residents.

On Dec. 20, the F.H.A. girls sponsored the annual Christmas Party for children who attend the Center. The children got a thrill out of having their own party. Santa was present and gave out presents supplied by F. H. A. members. Refreshments were made and served to all attending. There working relationship with them. were approximately 120 present. Our thanks to Mrs. Susan Collings and all the girls.

The evening of Dec. 20, the annual board meeting and them once in a while for all Christmas Party was held at the Center. We were entertained by a very nice group of young people from the Catho-lic Church. Their director is season. Don't pass it up.

Man Named By Hold-Up Men

beaten and robbed at his service station in the northern part of Abernathy on Dec. 14, died Monday afternoon in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He had been in the intensive care unit at the Lubbock hospital since the robbery. Billy Ray Knight, 39, of Lubbock has been charged with robbery by assault in connection with the incident, and officials here still are searching for a second man believed connected with the robbery and beating.

Knight was charged with the Abernathy robbery Thursday after Frank Russell, Aberanthy police chief, and deputy Dayton Marr talked with him in Altus Okla. where he has being held on a forgery complaint.

Following Mr. Pittman's AND ED GRAHAM death, it is probable that a more severe charge may be lodged DIES AT LITTLEFIELD against Knight.

Pittman was found lying unonsicous in the grease rack bay of his service station by his wife, officials said. His wallet and the station's cash drawer were

Services for Mr. Pittman were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. is Abernathy First Baptist Church with the Rev. Murry L. Brewer, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Hollis Shewmake, Sr., pastor of Abernathy's Northside Baptist Church.

Burial was in the Strip Cemetery northeast of Abernathy. Chambers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A native of Red River Counand a veteran of World War II, Mr. Pittman moved to Abernathy in 1946.

station business since that time. IN ADULT EDUCA, TON Abernathy and Mike of Lubbock; three brothers, Clyde of Abernathy, Charlie of Grand Prairie and Travis of Amarillo; and four 'sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Hillard of Arlington, Mrs. Faye Williams of Abernathy, Mrs. Joyce Watkins of Paradise and Mrs. Ima Lee Edwards of Grand

JUDY DOWNS JOINS STAFF AT LUCILE'S BEAUTY SHOP

Mrs. Lucile Rogers announces the addition of Judy Downs, a graduate of Jessie Lee's Beauhas some new books on Algebra, ty School, to the staff of Lucile's Beauty Shop at 507 10th sonal Math, and Consumer Math. Steet in Abernathy, Call 298-2145 for appointments.

> Mrs. M. O. Hood, Debra Thomas, and Mark Harrison, who were patients in Lubbock hospitals, have returned to their respective homes.

singing. Bags of fruit and nuts were given to all children attending and refreshments were served to everyone. They were provided this year by the Catholic Women's Society and Alter Society. Appreciation was expressed

to the five outgoing directors who finished two year terms and five new ones were elected. They are Mrs. Micki Villegas, Mrs. Clorene Henderson, Mrs. Alice Pace, Mr. Jim Davis, and Mr. Claude Mullins. Mrs. Juanita Ramos, board President, recognized Mr. Oliver Bier who served as Hale County C.A.P. Director for four and a half years and retired effective Jan. 1. She presented him with a present from board members. The Center was decorated in Christmas attire. Our tree was donated by Bylow Discount

The Future Teachers of America members did a wonderful job with their toy and food drive. The Center provided names of needy families and they boxed toys, wrapped, and delivered them to the homes. Mrs. Gough commented, "If the kids got as big a thrill out of receiving the toys as the girls got of taking them, it would be wonderful. "About 80 children or more were served. Our thanks

to the girls and their sponsors. Several families were supplied with food, toys, and clothes by two of our local churches who believe Christmas should be shared with others. All in all, I think Abernathy

residents should be commended for their effort for providing for the needy in our community. If you did not help anyone this you missed a big thrill, but you HAS MOVED TO 310 will have the opportunity next Mr. Max Garza. Everyone pre- God loves you and I love you. DOWNTOWN ABERNATHY in University Hospital, Lubbock. Esther Sepeda



MOTHER OF JAMES

LITTLEFIELD (Special) --Mrs. Minnie Graham, 80, died

about 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Littlefield Hospital. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Crescent Park Church of Christ with Bob Wear, minister, officiating, Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park with Hammons Funeral Home in charge of arrange-

Mrs. Graham, a native of Sherman, had lived in Littlefield for 20 years.

She is survived by her husband, Olin; six sons, Edgar and James, both of Abernathy, Robert of Everett, Wash., and Leonard, Efton, and O. B. Graham, Jr., all of Littlefield; one daughter, Mrs. Fannie Rogers of Littlefield; two brothers, John Cary of Lubbock and Elmer Cary of Evening Shade, Ark. : two sisters, Mrs. Ina Patterson of Ponca City, Okla., and Mrs. Belle Whitlock of Hobbs; 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

C-CLUB IS PLANNING "NIGHT AT THE CLUB FOR FEBRUARY

The "Night At The Club" dinner program staged here in the past by Abernathy Country Club has been scheduled for February, with the date to be announced later. The event always has been a crowd-pleaser on two counts, the meal and the program. The show this year will have a "School Days" theme. Everyone in the community

is invited to attend, country club members and non-members alike. Tickets for the event will be placed on sale this month. Proceeds will go into the country club fund.

A general meeting of all country club members has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at the country club, to plan the "Night At The Club. All members are urged to attend and assist with the plan-

SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE DUE HERE JAN. 11

sentative, Jim Voyles, from the Plainview social security office will be working in the City Hall in Abernathy from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, January II. Anyone who needs assistance with a social security or Medicare claim, application for a social securi ty number, or information about any part of social security may

If you are physically unable to see him but you need his help, you can write the Plainview social security office at Box 1989, Plainview, or call 293-4371 and ask for him to drop by your home.

News From St. Isidore's

Rebecca and LeRoy, children of Ismael and Margarita Garcia Flores, with Jose and Concepcion Flores as Godparents, were baptized Dec. 29, during 7:30 Mass at St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Abernathy.

holiday season, I truly believe NEWTON RADIO & TV MAIN STREET IN

Christmas lights were strung a-cross Ave. D and Main St. to help facilitate the spirit for the Holiday Season for the residents of Abernathy and the surrounding area. Shown above are two installations by Higgenbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co.

Abernathy Man In Car Mishap

lins of Abernathy is in Hi-Plains Hospital in Hale Center where ern Public Service employees he was taken after the car he was driving struck an overpass abutment on Loop 1-18 just north of here Wednesday. A hospita! spokeman said Mullins was in the hospital for observation.

Investigating officers said Mullins, 19, was eastbound on the west service goad of the loop about 8 p.m. when his car hit the concrete piling under the the Holiday Season,

Mrs. Darden's **Funeral Friday**

HASKELL (Special) --- Mrs. Pearl Darden, 63, died about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Hi-Plains Hospital in Hale Center after an apparent heart

Services were held at 2 p. m. Friday in the First Baptist Chruch of Haskell with the Rev. Troy Cullpepper, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Willow Ceme-

She was a native of Jones County and lived in Dimmitt for 20 years. She then returned to Haskell where she had resided for the past year.

Survivors include one son, William Martin of Bedford; three daughters, Mrs. Doris Har-key of New Deal, Mrs. Ernestine Morris of Spearman, and Mrs. Robert Adams of Muleshoe; 12 grandchildren and a greatgranddaughter.

STOCK INSPECTORS ASSIGNED TO HALE

Two livestock inspectors working with the cattle scabies quarantine will be stationed in Hale County, according to County Agent, Ollie Liner,

One is Jim Burnett, telehone number 806 879-2232. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Burnett of Cotton Center. The other is Dub Hodges, who is staying at the Rest Well Motel in Plainview, telephone num. ber 806 296-5597.
Probably those in the south

half of the county would want to contact Burnett and those in the north half would contact

Hodges.
These two people are being placed in Hale County by the Texas Animal Health Commission and are available to make on the premise inspections of cattle that are to be moved.

BILL BEESON KILLS 8-POINT BUCK

Bill Beeson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Beeson, killed a large eight-point buck deer on a hunting trip in Coleman County last weekend. He hit the buck at a distance of near 350 feet. He was using for the first time a rifle he inherited through his mother from his grandfather, the late R. A. Daugherty, Bill killed three deer on a hunting trip when he

Hernon Peel was a patient

ABERNATHY CHAMBER DECORATES AVE. D AND MAIN STREET

The Abernathy Chamber of Commerce purchased 20 arrangements of lights to be installed across Ave. D and Main Street from the Lamesa Cham ber of Commerce. This project helped give the city a Christmas look that has been needed.

Mr. Dave Cavitt of Southwestern Public Service and Mr. W. B. Rudisill of Petersburg Southwestern Public Service installed the lights. Some additional utility poles were needed and were installed by Southwestat no charge to the Chamber. This gesture is greatly appreciated by the Chamber and the

City of Abernathy, Additional lighting will be installed on the City Property in front of the City Hall and the Post Office for Christmas of 1972. The lights will be installed on poles that will be removed from the ground after

Many compliments were Officers said Mullins was made to the Chamber members the installation of the lights. Some people have indicated a desire to have a financial part in the purchase and installation of the lights. The Chamber will accept any gifts that any of the people of the Community would ike to share.

The Chamber hopes that in future years that the lights will continue to help create a Holiday Spirit for our Community.

SS INFORMATION GIVEN FARMERS

FARMERS MUST FILE SOCIAL SECURITY REPORTS IN JAN-

FARMERS MUST FILE SOCIAL SECURITY REPORTS IN JAN-UARY, IRS SAYS

(Dallas, Texas) -- Farmers have until January 31 to report Social Security taxes withheld from their employees, wages during 1971, Ellis Campbell, Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue for North Texas, said today.

The reports should be filed on Form 943, Employer's Annual Tax Return for Agricultural Employees.

Mr. Campbell said that any farmer who pays an employee cash wages of \$150 or more a year must withhold Social Security taxes. These taxes must also be withheld on wages under \$150 for any person hired 20 days or more a year.

For tax purposes, a farm emloyer includes anyone who furnishes and pays workers to perform agricultural labor on his behalf or for someone else. Mr. Campbell said a "crew leader" is an employer under this definition.

The 1971 Social Security tax rate is 10.4 percent of the first \$7,800 of taxable wages paid a farm employee. Half the tax is paid by the farmer and the other half by the employee.

Farmers must give a W-2 wage and tax statement to every worker they pay \$600 or more a year. Employees paid less than \$600 should receive a statement covering their Social Security taxes, Mr. Campbell

More detailed information is available in Publication 51 (Circular A), "Agricultural Employer's Tax Guide." Send a post card to District Director, Internal Revenue Service, 1100 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75202 for a free copy.

Mrs. C. B. Reeder visited in Midland and Monahans dur-

ing the holidays. Martha Benn of New York City visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. Chris Benn, here during the holidays.

The Struves' 5-Month Trip

English as it is spoken 'dovn-un- the nearby city of Fremantle out any trouble at all. It was in-Perth. The Indian Ocean beach-nished she came and sat with us teresting to listen to the Edwards es at Fremantle looked inviting and we visited until we arrived girls and thus to observe their ad-and they were being used, too, in Adelaide. Her name is Carjustment to the language. Lesie but we were not prepared to ta- mel Ryan. still speaks like a West Texas but Jill who is two or three years there was one of the ever-prese- water of the "Great Australian younger has taken on a distinct Australian accent. I think they would all like to come back to the U.S. if it were at all p.acti-

cal for them to do so. Our visit was delaying their work so we decided to ask them to passed a large park close to and come to visit us in Perth when hey came in to bring their produce to market. The plan was to have tham eat with us that sa- River below dept us interested

me evening after they had deliv- for some time. There is a range of mountains to the east of Perth. As we had flown over we had seen numer- become second nature required ous spots of bright yellow satt- considerable vigilance to keep ered about in the forest. We lea-from doing the wrong thing. We

were trees in full bloom. Each tr-to have found ourselves in the ee was a solid mass of blossoms wrong traffic lane but once all and a most beautiful sight to day. Since there was nonody elsee. They are called Christmas se close by we were saved the spring or early summer. We saw me by our hotel and we went Many specimens of this beautiful out to "diseas" to the Edwards of tree as we drove around after lea- we had eaten we drove along veig the Brady's house. We had the river and asw some of the

tter of fact we got only one shot joyed our visit very much. but it timed out beautifully. The On the following day we took

iness in general is much more severely regulated in Australia then in America. They do not have the strict anti-trust laws

titutional hurdle that a law mu- as thirty days. They convinced st overcome before it can be ment says you can't do business They had room for us the next on Sunday there is no recourse . day at 2 p.m. on a flight back

tive officer, the prime minister, Christmas travels were about to ment and can be voted out any- opportunity, our stay in Perth time the majority in parliament was a little shorter than we had

wishes to do it, thus their system originally planned. approaches a true democracy mu This was in the middle of Dec. The dining room in the hotel ch more closely then our system ember but summertime in the

(Editor's Note: Mr. and Mrs. country we went through an ar- hted up in the evening and we Arno Struve were on a five-mo-ea of fruit production. We purc- walked around the business dis- tel where we had stayed before. ton is still the major city of the on one side and the Pacific Ocnth trip late last year and early hased some early plums that were trict a short distance from our this year. Their travels took thequite good and found a kind of hotel to view the pretty Christem to the Orient. South Pacific delicatessen where we were able mas atmosphere. It was very st-ter on in our travels we did stay the State of Tasmania. Hobart sible in the Australia. New Zeland and oth-to finish out our food supply for range though to see this a 11 oc-in another "Peoples Palace" that is considerably larger than Lau-ean side. er interesting places. The Rev- our lunch. But where could we curring in summer. iew requested a series of stories stop beside the road and eat. Fi- On the flight to Adelaide our

nally we found a park where th- stewardess was the sameone we

of a hill within the city where er over wild dry country, ocean nt "war memorials" that one se-Bight" or the final wheatfields es all over Australia. This hill as we approached Adelaide. Our was also a good lookout point to arrival back in Adelaide was of see Fremantle, it's harbor and the ocean beyond.

As we returned to Perth we ed King's Park. The panorama of the city and the wide Swan

Driving on the left hand side of the road takes a bit of getting used to and it hadn't quite rned later that these yello., spots considered ourselves lucky not

specimens of this beautiful out to "dinner" together. After

rnment used in Australia is the Perth. They seemed to think it would have been necessary. We parliamentary system and when quite possible that we could be prefer to take a chance on accoma law is passed there is no cons- stranded in Pertir for as much me that I should call the airli-

du le flexible. the law of the land. If a parlia ne at once to insure a way out. Tasmania from Adelaide was to return to Melbourne. Although we preferred flying around westbut to comply. The chief execu- to Adelaide. School holidays andern part of Australia it wasn't be- over the mountain that intervcause we really had any choice; is even the creature of the parlia begin so we decided to take this there just isn't any other way to go. The roads are poor to noxexistent. Neither are there any railroads that would be available for making such a circuit of the western half. In the east, however, it is a different matter. We did have the choice of going by surface transportation with its much better possibility of viewing the

> On the bus to Melbourne there was a young lady from Irving, Texas whose name is Eva Watts. She is in Australia as a teacher in their public schools. We learned sometning about how their chools differ from ours. They shift their teacher from school to school and from town to town and they do this even during the school year so that one class may have several teachers in a single school year. Eva had taught in the Dallas school system for 4 years and has a masters degree. he had to make considerable sacrifice in salary by going to Australia for the two years she is under contract to teach there She is making less than half as much there as she would be at home, but she is having the adventure of travel and new experience. Minnie had a long visit with her because just as we were approaching Ararat, Victoria the bus had a flat. We were to stop in Ararat anyhow for "tea" so town. We were delayed on hour

the country. Besides its cheaper.

we walked the half mile on into or more. I wandered around the town looking for things to take pictures of but had little success. Our driver had had very little experience but was very careful and courteous. He was such a likeable fellow that nobody grumbled about the inconvenience of his troubles and his mistakes. When we got to Melboirne it was night and he didn't know how to get to the bus station. Finally one of the passengers had to direct him to

our destination. We had lots of

good laughs at his expense but he

was a good sport. Arriving in Melbourne at night we had to find a place to stay at once. We chose to try one of the chain of hotels owned by the Salvation Army of Australia. They call the hotels: "Peoples Palace" and are destigned to be inexpensive places to stay but at the same time producing a profit for the Salvation Army. As a matter of fact we heard that the Salvation Army over there owns several very large enterprises that produce considerable income. This particular choice

of hotels, however was not a ha-

ppy one. It was even less modern than the usual standard hotel that

we had become accustomed to. where we had breakfast the next along the the north coast has che and use unless for special develsourthern hemisphere. Their Ch- morning was much better than As we were driving through the ristmas decorations were all lig. the rest of the hotel but we decided to move to the Victoria Ho- roads and highways out Launces- could see the Tamar Valley Not only was it nicer but it was more in the heart of the city. La- island is Hobart the capital of ter on in our travels we did stay the State of Tasmania. Hobart was very nice and stayed there se-nceston.

veral days. We had one day of vaiting ti- ong the Tamar River by bus to der" we could understand it with which is the seaport city close to ter her work on the flight was fi- turn from Tasmania and this madealso produces many other fruits it convenient to leave much of and vegetables. Sheep are still our baggage there and not have there in large numbers but we to take it with us.

the Koala Motel in Darwin. Af-

particular interest because of

the fact that our first mail from

home cuaght up with us there.

mail to the Grosvenor Hotel. It

there is always the element of

tragedy in human existence so

that there is bad news as well as

good. Accidents and deaths ha-

ve to be faced along with the

ing that we had not completed

when we were in Adelaide befo-

happier occurrences.

The only practical way to get who is about twelve or so years ke a swim. We drove to the top The flight from Perth was eith- to Tasmania is by air. The ferry, supper that night so I went by is booked up in advance anytime a fruit stand and asked for a quof the year but more especially art of milk. The attendent said during the "holidays" and besides he did'nt have a quart but that I'm no sailor. We left Melbourne he could furnish two pints. And about noon and were in Launcestotsure enough he gave me a sinless than an hour later. Flying is gle carton of milk branded two

The Else's at Port Macquarie had ment travel bureau to arrange meals like this when fruit was was good to hear from home but for tours for the next several day available.
The tours are very inexpensive even though they use taxis al-

kept as reasonable in cost as po-After a few days of sight-see- ism as much as possible. We were unable to arrange for a tour en we would first get into them. the same day so we decided to The buses were "air-conditionre we were ready to start journey see everything around the city ing back toward home. Because of Launceston that we could on of the up-coming Christmas and foot. It is in a mountain setting first thing I would do when we indured olidays we started a and many of the streets are ex-These because they bloom about embarassment of being seen.

These because they bloom about embarassment of being seen.

Industry of the streets are expected and many of the streets are expected an to assures ourselves of accomoda - The Tasmanians have not drifted verbal notice that this bus was tions. Before we left Adelaide away from their English forbear- air-conditioned and you "cawn-

we arranged for hotel rooms for ers ways as much as the other the ensueing visit to Tasmania Australians have. This is no doalmost run out of film. As a mat-night sights of the city. We en- as well as reservations on the air-ubt because of their insular posline from Melbourne to Tasmania ition.

The reference above to the in- The South Esk river flows into is was the time we learned that a full day commercial bus tour dustrial holidays remind me to the Tamar river just at the city's when the bus started I would it was most difficult to buy any- of the city. The most important tell of that tradition in Australia, edge. There is a spectacular gorthing but food on Sundays. We stop we made on the tour was at Christmas-time is summertime ge that the South Esk flows thionever did find any film in time the parliment building where a in the southern hemisphere so the ugh and because it was so eas.ly
Maybe I was being an "ugly Amto take any additional photogra- guide took us through the sever- at their school vacation time coi-accesible we took the very con- erican" but it was hard to see the phs of these most lovely trees. all chambers and went into quite noides with annual industrial va- venient path up the canyon. Mo- logic in staying hot when it was Trading hours are strictly con- some detail aout their method of cations during the warmest part st of the path along the gorge was logic in staying hot when it watrolled by the government in Au governing. Their traditions stem of the year. Their holidays which either cut into the cliff or on a bi- our second tour was to the posterial. stralia. Filling stations alterna- directly from the British parlia- we call vacations are timed to ocidge-like structure along the fa- Our second tour was to the notes that the staying open for business on ment and they follow the British cur simultaneously in most industrice of the sanyon. There were Sundays, Pharmacies carry film pattern closely. Another unusual ies all over the country. They ju-banks of flowers above and bebut these too are mostly closed sight on this tour was the flock st more less close down everything low us along the pathway. The Devenport, This tour was by sight on this tour was the flock st more less close down everything low us along the pathway. The Devenport, This tour was by sight on this tour was the flock st more less close down everything low us along the pathway. The Devenport, The Taxle and the driver Mr. Thorpe on Sundays. However, they do of black swans on Monger's La- they can for this period of two or smania is blessed with much not call them pharmacies, they ke. The black swan is native to three weeks. They get their holi- running water and they use the call them "chemist shore "Buse this region and is found newhore."

call them "chemist shops." Bus- this region and is found nowhere days over with expeditiously but to produce an abundance of ch- around the city the first night else in the world except by tran- it also creates a flood of travelers eap electricity. They are going we were there and who had fospland from here. They are just and vacationers during this time. all out to develop their hydroe- can and had returned them to as beautiful as the usual white It was claimed that during the mo-lectric potential in order to at- cab and had returned them to swan and equally as bad temp- nth of December it would be virtu-tract industry to their state. The us. He had a good supply of inally impossible to have accomoat result in actual permits to do

Some of the people on the tour dations if arrangements were not
business in many fields that are

were very surprised when we told made about a firm which he lept us entertained and business in many fields that are business in many fields that are were very surprised when we told made ahead of time. We took the hundreds of such in the state. Thinformed, We passed through an completely uncontrolled here. them we didn't have reservations ir advice but we remained uncon- ey are indeed bringing in many area alat specialized in poppy The form of democratic gove- for transportation onward from vinced after the experience that it large electricity using compan- growth for the production of

> picnic area. One can swim th-The first leg in the direction of ere in a large olympic size pool or swim in the reservoir behind the dam across the river. We elected to return by walking were like vast carpets over the ened between the recreation area and the city. As we got to the crest of the mountain and could see the panorama of the beautiful red-tiled roofs of the city below us it made it worthwhile to have made the climy Minnie got very tired of all the walking she was forced to do if she went along with me, but she was willing and cooperative dro-electric power, minerals and rarely complained. From the crest there was a straight st-been considerable movement reet that ran directly down the mountain with houses along the way. All of the yards had beau northwest coast cities have sptiful "gardens", flower gardens rung up but as often happens As we stopped to admire the fl-it hasn't been all to the good owers the friendly people would stop whatever they were doing and come and talk with us. One of these was a cab driver who was about to go to work in the city. He suggested that he might help us see the city and country close by. We soon had the water had a reddish tinge made a deal with him and were showing the presence of the poriding in restful comfort after the long walk and climb. He to ok us by a large saw- mill, an abbatoir, a tannery, a wollen mill and the docks on the banks of the river Tamar. We say a touch of home at the docks, a pairs. Its work was supplying oil drilling rigs in the Bass Stroil drilling rigs in the Bass Strait between Tasmania and Victoria. The Salvation Army materials always along old folks home. intains a large old folks home in the edge of the city. It had been a very interesting day but we were glad to turn in early for fatigue will eventually take

over after enough activity. The next morning we discove red we had left part of our camera equipment on the taxi we had ridden in the afternoon bequarters and asked if the equiment had been turned in but it hadn't. They volunteered to radio our driver of the previous evening and he replied that he had the stuff and was on his way to the office to bring it to us if we would wait there. We were very lucky to retrieve the

missing items so easily. Launceston is about forty miles from he mouth of the Tamar river. In the days when th ere was little efficient land travel they brought ships in land as far as they could toward the center of the island. Because of this Launceston became the north side of Tasmania. Industrialization along the north coast has changed the pattern of commerce as has the develop-

north. As the south end of the

The first tour we took was al-The speech habits of the Austra- and the breeze was strong enou- lians are very distinctive and afget our few weeks of expoure to English as it is spoken "down-un-" and the breeze was strong enou- talked until after midnight at the same one was the Victoria when we were to re- mania is an apple country but it had to touch the engine. Needsaw lots of cattle, too. We wanted milk and fruit for

> certainly the most efficient way pints. Perhaps two pints don't to get from one place to another, make a quart in Tasmania, We backward and considerable less After we got ourselves located had apple, banana, plum, oran developed than might have beoverlooking the city. It is call- forwarded all of wur accumulated in the hotel where we had reser-ge, shortbread, cheese and milk en expected. The bus was full vations we went to the govern- for evening meal. We often had of Christmas travelers on "hol-

> > Many of the Australians are traditionalistic. They do not like most exclusively. The tours are for anybody to do anything that they are not "supposed" to. The ssible in order to promote tour- hot days in Australia always maled" but the air wasn't ever turned on until the bus started. The 't open the windows. They preferred to sit there in the stifling heat for as much as thirty minutes than to do anything they

ies such as aluminum producers, legg apporphine, in any of this orefer to take a chance on accom. A, the end of the 11/2 mile be r! The chance for any of this odations in order to keep our sche path there was a recreation and drug to get into the black marnt on tour to Port Arthur, Tas-English traditionalist Tasman-

ian farmers would be very hard to supvert. The poppy blossoms but the roads were too narrow to dare to stop and take pictures. Before we knew it they we-

e behind us and it was too late to make the effort to get off the road for making photographs. So many times if you want picutres you have to shoot regardless

Since Tasmania abounds in hyand inexpensive labor there has of ore-processing industries to the island state. All along the it hasn't been all to the good. The wastes from the processing plants have destroyed the fishing for eight miles out from the coast. This expanse of water commercial fish in times gone by. As far out as we could see ison in the water.

There is a very virulent diese-ase of dogs in Tasmania that has to be fought diligently and constantly. It is called hydatid and is a kind of tapeworn. We saw several places that we-Another unusual thing we saw

during the day was a "haunted" house but it wasn't haunted by ghosts but by snakes. It was a la purchast it because of its reputa. ion for being snake infested. In the evening we walked to fore. We went to the taxi head-the beautiful city park. And th-

en through some of the residential parts of the city to see the-'Gardens". Walking in Laun-

The next day was Christmas Eve and we were a long way frhome. It would be the first Christmas we had ever spent away from our family. We had a tour arranged in the morning that would take us to the top of one of the nearby mountains. principle city and harbor on the Only a few miles out the "bush" started and from there on it was a desolate rough area. These eucalyptus forests belong to the government somement of railroads and highways thing like our National Forrests but Launceston is still the major and are called crown lands, On-

city and harbor on the north side ly seldom are these lands made of Tasmania, Industrialization available for private ownership anged the pattern of commerce opment. From the top of the as has the development of rail- mountain, Mount Barrow, we ean on the other. There were a very few "station" homes visible in the vast area on the oc-

Our tour "taxi" was a Little Rambler with a 45 h.p. engine. The driver obviously kept his less to say he was pleased with American cars. We were getting a thorough look at Tasman

We arrived back in Launceston in time to catch our bus to Hobart, the capital of the state. It wook us a little less than four hours. We passed through a sparsely settled country on our way south through the center of the island. One would ha- trip to Hobart. They never shve to consider the area rather

Hobart is on the south side of the island on the Derwent River. This river is tremendously deep and consequently ocean going ships can easily come all the way to Hobart. It is a perfect natural harbor and would be ideal for shipping except for its isolated

position relative to commer-The Tasman Bridge like the Sydney Harbor bridge dominates the architectural pattern of the city. Its long arched roadway could not be supported by piers into the river because of the depth of the river and because the shipping lanes had to be kept clear. It is a beautiful and graceful struc-

Our room at the Beltana Hotel was somewhat better than we had in Launceston but could not be classed as luxurious. Even though it was summertime we were glad to have eleectric heat in our room. We were a bout three miles from the center of the city and if we hadn't made the reservation in advance we would have tried to find a more conven ient location. Everytime we went anywhere we wasted about an hour either waiting for a taxi or a bus. Also there were we could pruchase the good fruit that we had grown accustomed to having. Otherwise we liked the place and every morning we were served a very good breakfast which was included in the tariff for our room.

Christmas day was to be spe

mania. This historic place is .

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ed Australia as a vast prison

sending "criminals" to prison colonies in America but when she lost this colony she had to find another isolated place to which she could transport the law violators. This gave impetus to her desire to take possession of Australia more throoughly. There were a large num of circumstances or it will be too ber of prisoner colonies in Australia proper and on the island of Tasmania. Some of the more hardened crimanals were incarcerated on a peninsula off the south coast of Tasmania. The peninsula was connected to the main island by a very narrow neck of land which made it an ideal place to hold prisoners. It was a fertile land and could be self sufficent from the standpoint of food production with the abundance of fish available in the quite waters on one has produced large quantities of side fo the peninsula. There was also an abundance of stone for building material for the actual prison dormitory as well as the church and other buildings deemed necessary for the colony. The narrow neck of land that was the connecting link to the main island was guarded by a row of vicious dogs chained in place in such as sequence that no man wuld dare rish a passtanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named the San Pedro Gu-we saw several places that we less thanker named to "transporter are to which presumable people contract the same several places that we less thanker named to "transporter are to which presumable people contract the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that we less thanker named the same several places that have to bring their dogs for ex- tation" in 1853 and in 1877 she ordered the prison closed comp letely because it was consider-

ed inhuman. On the way to Port Arthur we stopped by to see several unusual attractions: A place called "Devil's Kitchen" which is a ge two story house and had been steep rock formation cut by tion the market for some time but des. Its straight walls and uniwe were told that no one would form appearance cause it to have a man made look thus the name kitchen and the devil pa rt comes from the wild rush of tide water created great sprays that we were fortunate enough to be able to see since the tide has to be moving just right for ceston is quite a chore because the phenomenon to be observit is rarely on the level but is eiled. In the area was a massive ther up or down. I began to be- stone archway that was worth a lieve that I might get Minnie in stop and a look. Finally there o pretty good physical conditi- was a stone beach that was calbefore this journey was finish. led the Tesselated Pavement.

Tesselated means tiled and the absolutely flat area looked just like a man-made tiled floor with large square tiles. Here a gain we were lucky to be able to see it for the tide could easily have covered it preventing our viewing it.

The great stone ruin of the prison at Port Arthur is the outstanding feature of the actual prison area. The actual setting s one of natural beauty. After the prison was abandoned the bush" encroached itself on the

area and later in 1897 a bush fire led to the complete destruction of all the wood parts of the prison building and church. The old church walls still stand erect and impressive and it seems that if there were any need it could easily be reconstructd into a very useable church, however, presently the ere wouldn't be anybody there

to use it. Christmas dinner consisted of sandwiches on the green grass near the prison parade ground nothing special except for one thing: the driver arranged for luscious strawberries and whipped cream.

After our Christmas dinner we were conducted through the prison ruins. The guide ex plained the routine of the average prisoners day and when we finished he offered to give us a certificate to show we had been in prison at Port Arthur. But nobody accepted.

The eucalyptus trees showed us their beauty on our return ed all of their leaves like other deciduous trees. There are often beautiful golden leaves on them at the same time that they have their fresh green leaves. On this particular day we had a view of such a delight ong a little forst stream. It ful mixture and made some pictures accordingly.

Our companions for the day were a Mr. John Major, a teacher from New Zealand, a Mr. Seymour, an electronic technician from England, and a Mrs. Reid of Melbourne. Our driver was Doug Quinn, a delightful, intelligent Irishman had to admit that it had been an interesting and very unusual

Christmas Day. ck at the Beltana Hotel we were invited to have a drink on the house in the bar. It was such a cordial invitation that we found it difficult to refuse. The bartender (who happened al so to be the hotel manager)mixed us a drink of cherry brandy and ginger ale. A campanion at the bar was a young teacher from Sydney. He was an Englishman and he taught mathema. tics. Although we enjoyed the visit and the conversation we didn't stay long for we were

fatigued from the days travel. An early morning rush was necessary the next day because we were making a long tour into the high country of southwest Tasmania. Hop fields in the upper Derwent Valley supply 70% of the beer flavoring needs of Australia and if this be the c ase they must raise a lot of hops because we had observed that Aussies drink their share of that beverage. As a matter of fact statistics show that the per captia consumption of beer is greater in Australia than any other cou ntry in the world including Germany. The hops fields look like fields of beans and the climbing vines on trellises reach up ten feet or more. A stop at an overlook gave us a

broad look at the fields be-It wasn't long before we were out in the "bush" on a gravel road that twisted and turned up through the mountains. It turned into a hot day and the swinging movement of the car back and forth around the curves soon produced a bit of motion nausea in my system.

Our goal was to visit a site in the high country where hydro-electric plant is being constructed. The project is called "Gordon River Scheme" Our use of the word scheme had come to be somewhat derogatory and we were a bit uncomfortable with this disignation but I guess we'd get use The dam is being built in a

very narrow and deep canyon. Immediately behind the dam site the canyon spreads out wide making it possible for a large quantity of water to be impounded. It seems a shame to have water cover up all that natural beauty but it would also be a tremendous loss for all that water power to be lost to beneficial application. As remote as the area is very few people would ever get to see it anyhow. Were it not for the construction in the area there wouldn't have been

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

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any way to get there for the access roads are project ro-

On the return some of us were able to nap in the car. A respite came when we stopped at the Mt. Fields National Park. It is a picnic and recreation area that is the gateway to the beautiful Russell Falls.

To see the falls it is necessary

to walk about a half a mile alwas a delightful relief to walk along in the shade on the trees and ferns after our hot ride. The waterfall is a multiple cataract and although the volume of water is small its lacey character as it spreads and drops creates a water wonderland beauty in the shady glen that made it amply worthwhile to

make the effort to see it. Shafts of light from the sun reached through to the water giving parts of it a silvery surface that enhanced its beauty. Again we were fortunate in the time of day we saw it. Despite the complex lighting situation our pictures of the falls turned out pretty as any we have ever taken.

The people with us on the days travels were, as usual, an interesting group. There was a Jewish couple who are now Australian citizens. Their name is Vollmond (which means full moon) and we induced them to tell us a lot about their tragic lives. Mrs. Vollmond had spent much of World War II at Auschwitz and was one of about 10% who survived that terrible place. Mr. Vollmond was placed in a work camp and while he was there the several years of the war his first wife and their three children were destroyed by the Nazis. After the war he could not find any trace of them. After hostilities ceased he was unable to continue his life in Budapest and after he married again he and his wife were permitted to sell what little they had left and leave Hungary. Besides passage

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Lakeview News

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mc-Leroy of Graham were weekend guests of Mrs. S. M. Har-

Mrs. Herbert Watson visited her daughter, Mrs. Larry Monk, who was ill in a Tahoka hos-

Boyce Paxton, basketball coach of Ralls, spent part of the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Paxton.

Guests in the Arlie Gilmore home during the holidays were her mother, Mrs. T. W. Driver, who is currently residing in the Hale Center Nursing Home, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stover, Mike. and Arleta of Lawton, Okla.

Miss Teresa Milner of Borger visited her grandmother, Mrs.H.L. Milner, and the Dale Milners.

Mrs. J.R. Alls and children of Martindale visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Gibson, of the Lakeview Gin.

Steve Bristow, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Bristow, who graduated from Tech last spring, is now employed in the State Comptrollers office in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Enger are moving this week to their new home on 1st Street in Abernathy,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Camp and son, John D. of Corpus Christe, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Babbit of Kansas City, Mo., were guests last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Bristow and Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Colwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scarborough spent the holidays with their son, Charles Scarborough, and wife in Dallas. They were joined there by another son, David, of Houston.

Late reports on the condition of J. A. Smith who is receiving treatment in a hospital in Houston, remains serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Texas State University students, were here during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvan Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Enger.

The Watch Night Service held at Lakeview Church Dec. 31, 7:30 to midnight, was well attended and included guest speakers from New Deal, Shallowater, Abernathy, Cotton Center, Plainview, Abilene, and Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Tune. pastor of Ashbury Methodist Church of Midland.

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Steve Jackson returned to his military post at Aberdeen, Md., following a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jack-

Visiting here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finus Hill during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Leach and children of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fowler and children of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Norval Hill and children of Hale Center.

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Ralls head basketball coach, Boyce Paxton, is a former AHS Antelope player. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Paxton.

News Of Area Servicemen

ABOURS AND SHAPE AND APPLICA

ABERNATHY - Airman James E. Attebury Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Attebury, Rt. 1, Abernathy, has completed his U.S. Air Force basic training at the Air Training at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for training in fuel services. Airman Attebury is a 1970 graduate of New Deal High School.

Farm Program Sign-Up Near

Wheat, feed grain, and cotton farmers who plan to enroll in the 1972 set-aside programs may sign up beginning January 17, according to E.J. Pope, Jr., Chairman of the Hale Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

January 17 through February 25 is sign-up time at all county ASCS offices for the voluntary farm programs," Pope

Pope emphasized that the sign-up period is earlier than usual, and also pointed out no extension of the February 25 deadline will be made.

Farmers who know they will be out of the county through the sign-up period may arrange with the County Office to sign up in the programs by mail or by other procedure.

To qualify to participate in ASCS set-aside programs for crops, farmers will set aside 83 percent of the farm's domestic wheat allotment, 25 percent of the feed grain base, and 20 per cent of their cotton allotment.

The Agricultural Act of 1970, which established the setaside concept, has opened the dual farmers are free to plant the rest of their cropland to crops which will give them the most profit. In 1971, 90 percent of U. S. farmers altered their cropping patterns from their established bases and allotments in order to increase their profits. The set-aside programs encourage this.

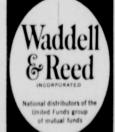
Under the 1972 set-aside programs, a participant who complies with the set-aside acreage he has signed up for and maintains his conserving base, is free to plant the rest of his cropland to anything he chooses, except a few crops which are under marketing

"With the set-aside program, farmers can decide what and how much to plant on their farms. The only crops under restricted plantings are peanuts.

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given to the children. Kathi Guerrant, Reporter.

Community Bible Study

view Methodist. Come join our domicile and rest. with us in the study of God's After a tiring day's drive to the word and the wonderful Christ-Gordon River Scheme" we were

OES Meeting Set Jan. 6

Chapter No. 877, Order of the ing long enough for us to get Eastern Star, will be conducted out of the bus and take a leisat 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6. urely look at the city below. Matron, urges all local mem - re lucky to see as well as we bers to be present, and extends did. A young man on the tor a welcome to visiting Eastern was from Fort Worth. He wa Star members.

Worthan, Jessie Duty, Ulita Niehuss. We were delighted to

Hale ASC Rules On Transfers

mittee has determined that out-ter from Perth, Western Austnot be authorized for 1972. If folks the tour became quite a secondary thing. On the bus fers by lease are authorized and Minnie was seated with Molly way for major shifts in the patterns of American farming. By using set-aside acreage to limit general overproduction, individual farmers are free to plant.

> Notices of cotton and wheat allotments and feed grain bases plus projected yields, and pay-ment rates along with leaflets

rice, tobacco, extra long staple cotton and sugarcane. Pope

them. " said Pope.

STRUVE TRIP (Continued from Page 2) John Broadwood instrument. Our

to Australia they were permitt- portunities to observe the differed to take only \$20 equivalent ences in American made pianos with them. They were able to and those made in other count-Mr. and Mrs. Nick Patterson are parents of a son, Micheal Lance, born Dec. 24. He weighed Lance, born Dec. 24. He weighed latives. They had been urged latives. latives. They had been urged by their kinfolk in the U.S. to ntary during the tour. Our drivstay with them but they had the er had very little to say all day

> us was a young Chinese elect- ciency it remains a point of inrical engineer who had also co terest and is one of the highly me to Australia as a refugee. publicized sights of the area. of the requirments for his permission to enter and become gruntled passengers but since toa citizen in Australia. He had urs have no repeat business it left his family behind in China

regime there. Community Bible Study con- By now we had come to the tinues every Tuesday morning realization that other travelers at 9:00 in the city's club room. enrich our travels more than

Mrs. Charley Brewer and Mrs. the things we are able to see. George Wilkes are teaching in We rarely had energy left ov-First Corinthians. Each local er for further activity after our visitors to the ship coming off, church has been represented daytime tours and this day was with New Deal Methodist, certainly no exception. We we names of passengers who hadn't County Line Baptist, and Lake- re happy to reach the haven of

ready for something short and easy. On Dunday December 27 th we were scheduled to take a tour to the top of Mt. Willington that overlooks the city of Hobart and continues from there to the Huon Valley nearby. The day turned out to be foggy and rainy. Visibility was The first stated meeting of not the best from the top of the 1972 for members of Abernathy mountain but it stopped rain-

Mrs. Dan Z. Ward, Worthy Considering the weather we rer members. teaching in Sydney and had to Hostesses for the Jan. 6th ken his Christmas holidays in meeting will be Mmes, Hazel Tasmania. His name is Rober

Kiker, and Edith Lovelace. have this young man on thetour with us. The larger toursof ten break up into small sub groups that more or less stay ther during the duration of tour. Our "sub-group was added to when we stopped at the town of Cygnet to have lunch at the Hill Hotel. The table accomodated six persons. Join-

ing us at this time was Will Ma-The Hale ASC County Com-|nn, his wife Molly and daughof-county transfers by sale will ralia. After meeting these live-

ter in this story.

After lunch the rain had slackened as we rode through the beautiful Huon Valley. It is an area of apple orchards and all kinds of berries. The highway we were traveling curved along the hills covered withfruit trees and berry bushes. Part of the time we followed the outline of on the various voluntary farm back-water bays and inlets of programs offered in Hale Count the southern ocean. We stopped ty have been mailed to area far-for the always required "aftermers. "If farmers have any noon tea" at a country club thother question on program par-ticipation, County ASC Com-of a golf course. These places mittee and County ASCS offi-always make me wish I could pl-cials will be glad to answer ay an acceptable game of golf. Of particular interest to me at

eir minds set to come to a new and although he was a good drer country and continued on to iver and a courteus gentlemen Australia. They each had jobs he seemed to have little interin three days after their arrival est in what he was doing. We

the Northwest Bay Country Club

was an English made piano, a

in Sydney and their description should have made a stop at the of their feelings when they were famous "Shot Tower" where roemployed and fee again made und shot was manufactured sous realize the emotional impact me hundred or more years ago. of their experience. They have Molten metal will assume a spsince established their own busi-herical shape as it falls through ness which is a manufacturing space and it will harden in this concern that make tools for the shape when it strikes a waterplat ing industry in Melbourne bath. Although it has long since The other tour passenger with been superced because of effi-

Not many Chinese are permitt-Our driver probably looking fored to enter the country but in ward to a visit at the pub passed special cases it happens. His brother was a resident of Sydminute or two suggesting that ney and was able to support him if we really wanted to see it we until he could complete his Unicould catch a city bus back and versity education which was one have a look. He had a few dis-

didn't shake him up very much. and had been urged by his moback because of the communist to the city. The clouds had cleared so we decided to walk to the water front. The British Liner "Aranda" was about to put to sea for its last voyage from Tasmania. The hustle and bustle of passengers going aboard,

and loudspeakers calling the showed up created an interesting bedlam of activity. In addition to this there was a long row of dock fishermen casting in the waters at the bow of the liner and bringing out considerable

numbers of 12" barracuda. These dock fishermen usually run in age from the very young to the very old all intent upon the business at hand. After the ships whitles had blasted a few times ans the late passengers had come running and got aboard, the luge vessel was towed and pushed to the middle of the Derwent River after which she was on her own. This final voyage of the "Aranda" represented somewhat of a day for it hearld the

end of an era. The ocean liner and the luxury passenger train had their day and we may look back with sentimental nostalgia to their day of glory but they will live on only in token form and extent. Nothing today can compete with the jetliner for long distance or difficult terrain travel. We really enjoyed the 25 or more individual flights we made more than we did any orther form of travel. The only comparable travel pleasure was aboard the "bullet"trains in Japan. It must be remembered that these very fast luxury trains are very specialized in

scope serving as they do relatively very short distances through densely populated areas.

After the departure of the "Aranda" we continued our walk around the waterfront. There was little activity since it was Senday afternoon, but the different vessells tied up, from the dirty fishing vessels and freighters to the fancy yachts in the

local club basin were strange and interesting to us. We visited a water front restauranat was decorated in the atmosphere of the whaling and buccaneer days of Hobart. It was dark and smokey looking It had anchors and pilot wheels, and furniture that look like it might be a hundred years old. It was too early for dinner wh-

en were there and besides a

look at the menu would have

ruined my appetite anyway. Another objective for the day was to photograph a beautiful sunken garden and park located in the center of a busy traffic circle. As the lighting improved the time came to make the effort to accomplish this goal. There was a Travellouge that overlooked the park and on the eighth floor a restaurant made an ideal vantage point for my purpose. As I was descending in the elevator from having taken the picture I w anted a stop was made at about the fifth floor where Molly, Mann and Elizabeth got on the elevator. They immediately wanted to know where Minnie was and wanted us to come to their rooms for coffee. Minnie was waiting at the street level so we all went on down to get her. This started a whole round of events that led to having dinner with them in the previously mentioned restaurant on the top floor and several hours of con-

versation. We were treated ro-yally far beyond the call of ho-spitality. As a result of the several conversation we had with the Mann family we learned a great deal about them. Will Mann is seventy-five yearls but he has the smooth pink skin of a helathy youth. He was born in England and educated an an agriculture school in North Ireland. He migrated to Australia for his health immeiately after World War I. He wasn't expected to live long when left home but the cli-mate of Western Australia was just what he needed and before long he was a new Mann. He purchased a farm "properfrom the American Consul at Perth and was supposed to pay it out as the farm prospered but he was no farmer.

and before he lost all his savings he sold the place at a loss. He was more the salesman type and got a job buying wheat and selling farm implements for a wheat and selling farm implements for a wheat coope rative. The territory he was given was one of the poorest the cooperative had but he was able to build it up and it became a better than average territory. He is proud of the fact that at first he lived in a sheet iron shed that was unfin. ished on the inside. His wife

came to join him in this venture although sue had to leave a very nice home in Perth to do so. He didn't want her to have to make this sacrifice but of course he was happy that she wanted to. His wife worked on the old shed where they lived and before long it was a liveable home. They built a that. chted lean-to on the side of their "house" so they would have a bearable place to go, in the scorching heat of the day. His commissions netted him some savings after a few sea-sons and he decided to go into business for himself. Again he failed and was once more "broke"His optimistic nature could not be repressed' he decided to go into the farm implement manufacturing business. He managed for a vacant building and with borrowed capital statted

the third time on his own. The implements he made must have been of good quality and in demand for before long he had a business going. He was making a good profit but was able at the same time to sell below his competitors. In Australia there is no such law as the She rman Anti-trust law and his competitors began to press his to raise his prices. They threatened to drive him out of business and to their threat that they would "break" him he had a ready reply: They couldn't br eak him for he was already br-

in any worse financial conditition then he already was. Eventually he did succeed and fortuitous addition to his business was his association with the Fiat Company of Italy. He accepted the farm implement franchise of the Fiat Company when nobody else wanted it and from this his company developed into a solid success. He had just retired at seventyfive with assets of well over

oke and they couldn't put him

a million dollars. Will Mann and his first wife reared a family of five. She passed away some fifteen years ago. His first family was scattered and he was alone. He then married Molly who is twenty-five years his junior. Their Elizabeth who is now 12 years old is, of course his pride and joy and truly she is a de-lightful child. We have no doubt but that Elizabeth will visit us someday here in the U. S. and perhaps her parents too. She is interested in everything American and her eyes just sparkled with interest when

she asked us questions and we told her about America. Her one request from us was that we send her a post card from

The following day Minnie awoke feeling very sick. It had rained all night and was still (Continued to Page 4)

Double Ring Vows Pledged By Couple

In a Nuptial Mass Wednesday evening, December 29, at Sacred Heart Church, Comfort, Miss Patricia Ann Davis became the bride of Robert John Rosenbach. Father Albert Henkes performed the double ring

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Davis of Abernathy. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rosenbach of Comfort.

Adorning the alter were two double candelabra which were entwined with jade leaves and anthurium. Single gardenias with ivory streamers decorated the pews. The organist was Mrs. Harold Spenrath.

The bride was escorted to the alter by her father. Her gown was of pale ivory silk faille. Reembroidered Alencon lace fashioned the scoop neck fitted bodice. A capelette shoulder flounce gave accent to the long slender lace sleeves. Lace motifs, in flower and leaf design, garlanded the flared 'A' skirt. Multi-folds carried the back wike and full into a chapel train.

A bonnet of clustered lace petals held her bouffant silk illu
Mrs. Gerald Selke and daughsion veil. She carried a bouquet of white gardenias.

Miss Mary K. Fowlkes of Schulenburg was maid of honor. Mrs. Charles Crawford of Houston was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Cherry Blair and Miss Margaret Newton of San Antonio, and Mrs. James Janda of Corpus Christi.

Their dresses were emerald green velvet. Styled along empire lines, the long gowns featured rows of ivory Chantilly lace at the scoop neckline and again flouncing the long sleeves. Self-fabric buttons detailed the bodice. A velvet sash, bowed in front, encircled the waistline to introduce a slightly full gathered skirt. They carried three anthurium with floor length red velvet ribbon. The best man was Mr. Eddie

Taylor of Center Point, The groomsmen were Mr. Bernard H. Rosenbach of Mexico City, brother of the groom; Mr. Mark Emmert of San Antonio, cousin of the groom; Mr. Dennis Broderick of Pittsburg, Pennsylvan-Guy Bartlett, Worshipful Mas-ia; and Mr. Danny Luby of Dallas, ter, urges all members to be Serving as ushers were Dr. James M. Goforth of Dallas and Mr. Ted Masser of Comfort.

The mother of the bride wore a dress of light pink crepe and the groom's mother was in dress of light blue crepe. Each had corsages of white gardenias. A reception was held in Hil-

scher Hall at the church. The bride's table was skirted in white organdy with an overlay of white lace. The centerpiece was a candelabra arrangement of gardenias. The tiered bride's cake was decorated with spun sugar roses topped with white satin wedding bells.

The groom's table was co-

vered with an emerald cloth and accented with the brides-

a german chocolate groom's cake and a silver coffee service on the table.

Members of the house party for the reception were Mrs. Ted Masser, Miss Leigh Evans, cousin of the bride, Miss Cindy Kruger, Miss Melissa Lewis, Miss Cyndy Welhausen, Mrs. Johnny Emmert, and Miss Diane Rainosek.

The bride is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin. The groom is a 1970 grad-uate of The University of Notre

After a wedding trip the couple will live in Austin where the groom is a second year law

VISITORS IN HOME OF MRS. H. H. SELKE

The following were visitors in the home of Mrs. H. H. Selke during the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Selke and daughter, Rhonda, Bryan, Tex.; Mrs. Maxine McEachern, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Sherlan Selke and daughter, Rebec. Lubbock: Mr. and Mrs. Gler ion Selke, Abernathy; Mr. and Mrs. Barry Selke and son, Greg, Abernathy, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Selke and son, Coby, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gray and sons, Shannon and Jimmy Dale, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wheelen and son, Michael, Lubbock; Mrs. Frank Bishop, Clifton, Tex.

Masons Meet Here Jan. 13

Members of Abernathy Lodge No. 1142, A.F. & A.M., will have their first stated meeting of 1972 on Thursday, Jan. 13, opening at 7:30 p.m. Guy Bartlett, Worshipful Maspresent, and extends a welcome to visiting Masons.

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T	Jimmy Matsler	200	12	Roosevelt
T	Steve Merritt		12	Idalou
G	Kim Rose	210	12	Floydada
G	Gary Kerr	191	12	Denver City
C	Lyndall Trout	181	11	Denver Cit
QB	Steve Stockdale		12	Olton
QB	Tony Ford		12	Lockney
В	Ralph Funk		12	Littlefield
В	David Vasquez		12	Roosevelt
В	Donnie Buchanan	185	12	Coahoma
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Pos.	Player	Wt.	CI.	School
DL	Pat Bennett	180	12	Lockney
DL	Steve Merritt	200	12	Idalou
DL	Brad Winchester	185	12	Slaton
DL	Ruwayne Struve		12	Abernathy
DL	Walter Mann		12	Roosevelt
LB	Joe Rogans	188	12	Frenship
LB	Bill Bailey		12	Friona
LB	Matt Giles		12	Littlefield
HB	Langston Williams	165	12	Floydada
HB	Dennis Hartley		12	Littlefield
HB	Keith Embry		12	Morton
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OFFENSE - Kent Snodgrass, Abernathy; Louis Zedlitz, Tahoka; James Dickey, Roosevelt; Mike Vinson, Floydada; Jim Kunkle, Floydada; Marlos May, Olton; Ron Bartley, Slaton; Bobby Rogers, Abernathy; Stoney Jackson, Idalou; Ricky Hightower, Roosevelt; Don Jackson, Roosevelt; John Thomas, Ta-

DEFENSE — Dusty Dowgar, Frenship: Terry Bunch, Floydada: Danny Estrada, Littlefield: Bobby Roye, Ralls, Johnny Hemphill, Abernathy; Jimmy Ellison, Denver City; Darrell

Eastman, Slaton; Jeff Atwell, Tahoka.

COACH OF THE YEAR — Jerry Blakely, Littlefield.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Ralph Funk, Littlefield.

All-South Plains football teams for the 1971 grid season:

Pos.	Player	Wt.	Cl.	School		
E	David Hammett	160	12	Roosevelt		
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LOCAL **NEWS**

of New Deal will observe their 72nd(seventy-second)Wedding Anniversary Jan. 7. Mr. Davis is 92, and Mrs. Davis will be 90 Feb. 13. Horace Davis of Abernathy is their son. Other sons and daughters are Clarence of New Deal and Lawrence of Floydada, and Mrs. Florence Jackson of New Deal and Mrs. W. C. Cochran of Groves.

The Rev. Murry L. Brewer, pastor of Abernathy First Bap tist Church, and Mrs. Brewer plan to attend the annual Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference in Fort Worth's Tarrant County Convention Center Jan, 10-12.

Sgt. and Mrs. Larry Gist of Robinville, New Jersey, spent Christmas Holidays here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Von Gist of Abernathy, Sgt, Gist is stationed at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.

Woodrow Kitchens was in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock.

While they were away from home during the holidays, burglars took most all the food from a home freezer, a TV set, record player, and other items from the Charley Jackson home in the County Line area. The same night, burglars took some tires from the house on the George Wilkes farm southwest of town. Other houses in that general territory also were ransacked by burglars, but complete information was not available at press time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Phillips of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Phillips, here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ritchey and family of Fort Stockton visited here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, and with Tom's aunt, Miss Nannie Belle Ritchey, during the holidays.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. W.E. Connell during the holidays included Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Connell, Jr., of Battle Mountain, Nevada, Jerald Adams of Long Beach, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Connie Lewis and daughter of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Shag) Willis of Oceanside, Calif., visited friends here during the New Year Holidays. They are former Abernathy residents. He is a former Tuco employee.

Mrs. Grady Carpenter of Arlington visited here during the Austin Hughes.

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pouring at day-break. We had

arranged for a morning tour and an afternoon tour for the day but, considering the weather and Minnie's illness, it seemed the wiser course to skip being tourists for the day, but Minnie would have none of this idea. The morning tour consisted of a drive through the city itself but it was almost a complete "wash-out" for all we could do wassit in the bus as it was driven around and look at buildings and gardens and institutions as they were pointed out to us through the falling rain. The only incident of note was the docking of the ferry-ship from Sydney. There is also a regular ferry from Melbourne. They carry passengers and cars and are still a popular method of transportation to and from Tasmania. There are, of course, people who will travel no other way and there will be a continuing demand for the ships for this purpose but from the standpoint of economics, the same amount of money that a ferry would cost invested in airliners would haul many, many times the number of people and at the same time do it in conformity with the convenience of the passengers time. There

there is in almost any other tra-After the morning tour we and Art Gallery. Had we a down. town hotel room, Minnie could have been induced to rest a while but she wouldn't give in to the loss of time that would be required to go all the way to where we were staying. The museum was most interesting because of its complete coverage of the Tasmanian aborigines which have completely disappeared from the earth. They were different racially from the mainland natives and considerably less intelligent and developed. They were treated like animals in the early days of the white man's conquest and they had no place of retreat like the mainlanders did. Before people became aware of their plight

is still more glamour at the ar-

rival of an ocean liner than

efforts that were then made to save them were inadequate. In the museum there were seats that were comfortable ed but the museum guards and

an old town out from Hobart through the streets as it did to was rather foolish at that! called Richmond. We were also fly from Tasmania to the main- At noon we went to the bufsupposed to drive to a lookout land. on another mountain but log and rain made this part useless.

still in use. We crossed a stone bridge

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British people spell the word jail g-a-o-l. They pronounce of the country.

it just as we pronounce jail. show these horrible old places more rolling and the country-She apparently felt personally ing and beautiful. ashamed of the history of her country, not realizing that we the train: They seemed to be all people and nations have such spoken, some of which we re-

shame us. had done wonderfully well to tough-it out like she did.

in far-south Tasmania. How- Anglo-Australians. ever, by mid-morning it was of the airport the Manns met us home whenever we were there. at the door. They knew we were After another good night's had come early to the airport there, we would have come did we know that fate would bring us together again at a place far away when the odds seeing them again. But I will is little but scrub growth for tell about this meeting in the chronological order in which it

occurred. We stopped at Launceston long enough to pick up a few passengers. We were actually on the ground longer than it ceston and there wasn't any time the typical Australian pasture of consideration and compassion wasted either. It is a pleasant experience to see a place and had all but disappeared and the feel familiar with it when only Valley and other valleys along a few days before you approach- the way. The camera was kept ed it as a completely strange

In a very few minutes, it enough for Minnie to have rest- seemed, we arrived back in Mel-altimes, in order to get a better bourne making it the third time picture. I had to open the train others were so solicitous in of- we had arrived in that city. Nor-door and hang on with one hand fering to help her or wanting to mally, the cost of a taxi in while shooting with the other. know what was wrong that she Australia is very reasonable, but Of course, I was careful not to didn't have a chance to really on this day the traffic was so get caught at it for the conducrelax. Still she wouldn't give up. heavy that it took almost as long tor would certainly have gotten In the afternoon we went to get from the airport and after me for doing it. Guess it

We hade expected to have some mail when we got back to At Richmond we visited an old Melbourne but there wasn't any. Catholic churce that is supposed We called the Elses at Port Mac- the Manns we had last seen far to be the oldest Catholic church quarie to learn why there was in continuous use in Australia. no mail and to our relief they Of most interest to me in this hadn't forwarded any. They were ited there while we were coming afternoon. It was a hot day and old church was the ancient har- holding it there for us. Minnie monium (reed organ) that was still wasn't feeling well so we stayed in our room most of the time and watched television. holidays with her mother, Mrs. built in 1825 by convict labor It was cold and wet outside and to reach a 150-year-old jail since we had pretty well seen he city previously, there was

ittle motivation to get out. The following morning we vere at the railway station early catch the "Daylight Special" We always made it a point to travel by day only so that we could see the country. As long as we were in the state of Vicoria we traveled along flat val- light as she had been before. eys of pasture land. On both sides in the distance, mountain anges lined the horizons. Had been a bright day we probably ould have had a better imression of the country. It was

in Richmond. Incidentally, the it wasn't the bleak arid land like the western and northern parts

As we crossed over the Mur-One of the ladies on the tour ray River into the state of New was incensed that they would South Wales, the country became to tourists. She felt that these side continued to be dominated vestiges of an uncivilized past by pasturelands. There were some should be completely destroyed fields of wheat but mostly we and an attempt made to wipe saw grass, hills, and sheep. The them from the memory of man, rolling countryside was interest-

A note about the people on learn to improve by knowing mostly of Mediterranean extracthe sins of the past; and that tion. We heard many languages 'skeletons in the closet" that cognized as Spanish and Italian and there was probably Greek

We were glad for the end of spoken too. Most of these people this uncomfortable day to arrive would be recognized as belong-It was good to get Minnie into ing to the working class and are bed and resting. I thought she probably relatively recent immigrants to Australia. Had we been traveling in the First Class sec-Although it was Summer- tion of the train, we probably time we turned on the electric would have been associated with heater almost every morning a much higher proportion of

Our train arrived in Sydney always pleasant except when it after dark but on time, Luckily rained and even then it wasn't there was room for us at the Cenuncomfortable. December 29 tral Plaza Hotel where we had was the day we had reservations stayed before. The air was balmy on Ansett Airlines to fly back and pleasant in Sydney, and Minto Melbourne. Our plane was nie was beginning to feel better scheduled to leave at 12:30 p.m.in spite of the shaking movement and we just made it as they were on the train. We had become calling our flight for boarding. attached to our little new hotel As we entered the waiting room in Sydney and felt very much at

leaving as they were and they rest, Minnie's health was much improved and we were ready to went to the Tasmanian Museum so that we could visit a little start for Port Macquarie to visit more before leaving Tasmania. our friends, the Elses once again. Had we known that they were Just north of Sydney there is the great Hawkesbury River system much earlier. As it was they had that the train must skirt and cross, to run for their plane to Sydney We saw the marinas of pleasure as we went to our plane for Mel- boats and recreation homes of bourne. At that moment little the wealthier Sydney-ites all along the river. Some of the homes were isolated by mountain and water so that they could were almost infinite against ever be reached by boat only. There many miles north from Sydney. The limestone hills support very

little vegetation of value. We passed again through Newcastle, the coal mining towr. with its odd little coal burning locomotives puffing around of took to fly from Hobart to Laun- the sidetracks. Beyond Newcaste lands started again. Recent rains had greened up the Hunter River busy recording impressions of the ranch pastures and the very few fields along the way. Sever-

> fet car to have lunch. We were in for a surprise and a very pleasant one at that. Seated in the car having their dinner were away in Tasmania. They had flown directly to Sydney and visby train from Melbourne and ey were now on their way to visit relatives at Taree, New South Wales. We had not run into them all morning on the train to the shade as we could for because they were traveling in the First Class section and we

After we had lunch, they in- see how they stand them! vited us to visit them in their car where there was ample room Sydney some 600 miles away, to be seated by them and visit with them again. We stayed with them for a couple of hours until they got off the train at Taree. Pretty little Elizabeth was a de-

The Port Macquarie bus was at the Wauchope railway station the races. More of that acquainwhere we had to leave the train. It was good to have a respite from our travels. We felt perfectly at home at the Elses and the consequent feeling of relax-

ation was most welcome. It was New Years Eve and the beginning of an intended one week stay with the Elses that stretched into a full two weeks. And even then they would hardly let us leave.

During the two weeks stay at Port Macquarie, we made several interesting drived in the Else's automobile. Sometimes Mary Else went with us and sometimes Nemo did and part of the time we went alone. They were most unselfish in letting us use their car. By this time I had become almost completely at home driving on the

left-hand side of the road. Our arrival at Port Macqua rie was on the last day of 1970. We thought about staying up and seeing the New Year in but we decided that since it wouldn't be New Years at home unti' 4p.m. the next day, we wouldn't bother.

We had considerable mail toread and a stack of slides to inspect to see how our camera was performing. We were happy to hear from home and learn that everything was getting along so well without us. One of our letters was from the Kodak processing company in Melbourne. It contained the bad news that some of our pictures had been lost orruined in processing. We have never received these pictures, but since they only represented a very small proportion of the pictures we had taken, we weren't too unhappy. We had had this hap-

pen to us at home, too. The next morning we had a delightful continuation of our visit with our friends, the Elses.

That afternoon Mary Else. Minnie, and I went to the local country race-course. Horseracing is probably the most popular sport in Australia. Ontrack betting is legal and the bookmakers set up shop in a ring close to the judges stand. As betting progresses the odds change and are posted by each bookmaker on his little blackboard. Before each race, the horses which are to run in the subsequent race are paraded in a paddock so that prospective bettors can make up their minds about the bets they want to make. Excitement builds up gradually until a fever pitch is eached as the horses come in o the home stretch. The spectaprs run to the race course fene and scream in a frenzy urgag their favorite horse to a greater effort. Minnie placed a bet and lost but I was too

here was an open pavilion whee the spectators could purchas beer and mixed drinks. Ther was a smaller place where sandwiches and soft drink were available. The gree r part of the crowd stayed clo to the larger pavilion. There was plenty of time between each race for those who were inclined to bend an elbow. Hovever, we did not see a single person who gave the appearance of tipsiness.

sting to try it.

There were five races that the pesky Australian flies were swarming as they usually do anywhere in the country. Between races we stayed as close coolness and slight relief from the flies. Australians seem to were in the Second Class section, be used to the flies but I don't

> Although we didn't know it at the time, our attendance at the racemeet was to lead to one of the more interesting days of our entire time in Australia. One of the race horse owners at the meet was a good friend of the Elses. We met his wife, Mrs. Livermore, during

> tance later. The racemeet didn't excite me at all and I was glad when we got back to the Elses. Nemo had prepared some canapes and hors d'ouvres in our absence that were most welcome for we had not been hungry at noon so hadn't eaten any lunch. I had a bit of sherry with the food, Minnie took ginger ale, and Nemo and Mary sipped their usual afternoon mixed drinks.

Later, Minnie and Mary cooked a dinner of lamb chops, grilled tomatoes, potatoes and gravy, and rice. It was such a good meal that we all ate more than we should have. We watched TV for a while and went to sleep during the performances.

Being the breadwinner, Mary had to go to work the following morning in her little children clothing shop. Much of Australia's retail business is still done in such little specialty shops. Department stores are the exception rather than the rule.

During the day we watched a cricket match on TV which seemed to us to be the least exciting sport we had ever seen. You might imagine the cute remarks that were made by the living room spectators during the cricket match. None of us really understood the game, there being no Australians around to explain it to us. Nemo had a little knowledge of the game but preferred to feign ignorance so as to poke fun at it. A rugby (football) match was

much more interesting. In the late afternoon Val Ridoutt, Mary's cousin from Sydney, arrived with her husband, Dick. That evening we went to the R. S. L. Club for dinner. The R. S. L. (Returned Soldiers League) is the Australian equivalent of our American Legion. It is much more active all over Australia than the Legion is over here. Many of the R. S. L. Clubs are quite luxurious as is the one in Port

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ABERNATHY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Cafeteria Menu

January 10-15, 1972 Monday-Soup-vegetable beef; Fish sticks, tartar sauce, creamed corn, Waldorph salad, hot rolls, butter, apple goodie, 1/2 t. milk. Tuesday-Soup-vegetable; Corn

chip pie, lettuce wedge with 1000 Island dressing, pinto beans, cornbread, butter, peanut butter cake with icing, 1/2 ot. milk. Wednesday - Soup - vegetable

beef; Creamed turkey, rice, cranberry sauce, English peas. French bread, butter, cinnamon rolls, 1/2 pt. milk. Thursday-Soup-tomato; Chilicon-carne, cole slaw, corn-bread, butter, peach cobbler,

/2 pt. milk. Friday-Soup-vegetable; Hamburgers with lettuce, onions, and pickles, french fries, Jell-o, 1/2 pt. chocolate milk.

Macquarie. Private clubs in New South Wales are permitted to have slot machines and these "one armed bandits" pay a large proportion of the cost of operating the clubs. The dinner was excellent. The appetizer I had wasrock oysters of a very fine variety. I had never eaten raw oysters but thought I ought to try them and sure enough I liked them!

In order for us to be able to attend the club it was necessary for me to be issued a temporary membership since it is strictly for members only. So that now I can say that I have belonged to the Returned Sol-

diers League of Australia. The beautiful, white Port Macquarie beach beckoned us the following morning where all of us, but poor old Nemo. went to be washed by the salty Pacific surf. It is a pleasant experience to walk or swim into the white caps and let the surf rolling in suddenly lift you and carry you toward the shore. The movement is more up and down than it is forward but eventually it will take you shoreward.

That night we saw a most brilliant thunderstorm some miles out to sea. Adding to the spectacle was the presence of an intervening cloud formation. The lightening in the active storm was practically continuous outlining the contours and bulk of the nearby clouds.

The Ridoutt's had a little Toyota Corolla sports car with a stick shift. Dick Ridoutt had never driven an automatic shift car and he wanted to drive we switched cars and I got to drive the little yellow sportscar. It was too cool and windy to go to the beach. We sat around most of the day and watched TV and visited, except Mary who had to go to work at her shop.

The Ridoutts had to return to Sydney on the fourth day of their visit. We were sorry to see them go for we had been enjoying the continuous partylike atmosphere while they were around. They invited us to come by their home when we passed through Sydney on our way to New Zealand. Will be able to tell more about them later, for we did visit them there.

We made several all day

trips out from Port Macquarie in Mary's car. Sometimes Nemo went with us but only as guide and companion for he is no longer able to drive because of his health. One of the trips was to Comboyne in the mountains west of Port Macquarie. It is an area of rolling and rough country where the soil is good and the rainfall averages inches a year. There is nothing any prettier than broad expanses of green grass and, in the Comboyne country, dairying is the primary industry. Once upon a time, there was a cheese factory in Comboyne on the banks of a tiny creek, but now it has been converted into a Grade "A" milk collection plant. We visited the plant and talked to the foreman who was an immigrant from Germany. His English was not good, but it was adequate although I managed to get in a little German practice. We drove out into the mountain "bush "near Comboyne into a kind of national forest. It gave us some idea of what it

took to convert the area from its wild state to its present high ly productive meadow lands. Out in the forest there was a place alongside the road where we could have stopped to have Devonshire tea. Devonshire tea consists of scones, preserves, and tea. To us, scones are just plain clod biscuits and we cannot understand why anybody would enjoy them. That night Mary prepared

creamed turkey with liberal quantities of onions included in the dish. Onions don't sit very well in my digestive tract and when I passed up the meticulously prepared dish, our hostess was angry and proceded to tell me it was only my imagination and how foolish it was of me not to eat it. If she hadn't been a long time friend I might have been disturbed, but knowing that she enjoys a good hard hitting argument, I just tried to hold my own in the ensueing discussion that lasted through the meal and through dishwashing time and on the circle be fore the television. This was

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I came home We certainly did appreciate everything done for us. "God bless all of you. Nell Veda and Jerry Nix

not the only argument we had either. Once she proceded to criticise American table manners in that we handle a fork with our right hand and the Australians and Continental Europeans use their left hand. She pointed out the ridiculousness of changing the fork from one hand to the other after cutting the meat. My counter-argument couldn't be understood by the reader without having seen an Australian eat, so suf fice it to say that the argument was never resolved but we had lots of fun in a really hard hitting discussion. Timid people would certainly not have enjoyed it. We always had a threeto-one advantage overher because Kansas-born Nemo practiced the American habit. We have often wondered where and how this simple practice of the old countries got changed to our way of doing it.

One of the things we missed most while traveling in Australia was everyday news from the U. S. All we could get was Newsweek and Time, which were most welcome, but neither of these had much information about such important things as Texas Tech or Dallas Cowboy football. It wasn't until we got to Sydney the last time that we discovered the U.S. newspaper at the U.S. Embassy office and got more complete coverage of more ordinary news that we normally like to read about everyday.

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