



SHELBY PITTMAN DIES



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.

WATER DISTRICT ELECTED

The election to fill offices for the Board of Directors and County Commissioners of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 1972.

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 Committees 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 water-depletion, income tax allowance program.

The candidate for the position of District Director for District Director's Precinct 5-- Floyd and Hale Counties-- is Chester Mitchell, Lockney, Clay 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 Lubbock County can vote for one candidate for the office of Director for District Director's Precinct 5 only, and for three candidates for County Committee.

Candidates for the position of District Director for District Director's Precinct 1-- Crosby, Lubbock, and Lynn Counties--are Ray Kitten, Slaton; and C. C. Sherrod, Canyon County, Lubbock County.

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 Board of Directors. Candidates for these offices are: Andrew Tumbow, County Commissioner's Precinct 1; Alex Bednarz, County Commissioner's Precinct 2; and Glenn Blackmon, County Commissioner's Pre-

Dale Thickstun, Local Chamber Secretary is shown presenting 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 much happiness for most of us and many tears for others. Some didn't survive that trip that started out so gayly and pleasantly such pleasure if it had only 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, there is no way to undo them. We can profit by them though and avoid those pitfalls this time around.

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 this 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

the five polling places in Lubbock County are; in the basement of the new County Courthouse, Lubbock; Community House, Slaton; Community Clubhouse, Shallowater; and the City Halls in Idalou and Wolfboro.

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, 2 and 4 can vote for one County Commissioner for only that County Commissioner's Precinct in which they reside. The election places 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 Precincts 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."

Jim Davis

PHOTOGRAPHER AT BYLOW'S JAN. 10

An experienced photographer from the Unique Studio and Camera Center of Levelland will be at Bylow Discount Food store in north Abernathy Monday, Jan. 10, to take pictures. See Unique's photo advertisement in this issue of The Review for special price and other information.

Mrs. Jack Barton recently underwent a second round of surgery at West Texas Hospital, Lubbock, where she has been a patient more than a month.

These and act accordingly. The last Legislature passed several complex, perplexing insurance laws that even the Insurance Commission doesn't understand. Or so it would seem from the way they have been reversing themselves lately. We are supposed to be abreast of these things.

As Civil Defense Director we get some Government money for the City and thus are required to take training, either in person or by extension, to keep abreast of all that comes our way. You certainly are entitled to the best protection available and we would think less of you if you didn't expect it.

We are required to work toward 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 accomplished. The same thing is true as Tax Assessor, we must work toward a certification in this field. We attended one school last year and plan on two for this year.

And all the while we are happily doing things in the City Manager field. There are many wonderful men in this area who, like me, are happy in this profession. There are so many opportunities 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 at least some of the things you wish to have done.

We are looking forward to '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 people as expressed to us through the Mayor and City Council. Tell them your thoughts and we will advise us. Or tell us and we will be your messenger to them. We have a wonderful working relationship with them. We know they are interested in this fine City and its future. A fine gesture would be to thank them once in a while for all the time and effort they spend.

A Happy City with Happy People can make life so beautiful. Oh, Lord, give us strength and grace enough to see it happen.

Jim Davis

WITH AXE Man Named In Slaying

(From Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, Tuesday)

A charge of murder with malice was filed Monday against Pedro Portillo, 27, in connection with the axe 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 altercation 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 of 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 Friday.

Don Freeman, gin manager, told officers he saw the older Martinez and Portillo fighting in front of the small wood-frame 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 moving pickup.

NIGHT CLASSES BEGIN IN ADULT EDUCATION

Classes started again for adults on Tuesday night, January 4, 1972. There have been some changes in the Secretary Training Courses. The students now are having instruction in Shortland, Accounting, Filing, and Typing. Adults may enroll in these classes at any time, in the Learning Center or at the High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m.

The Modern Math and Basic Math classes meet in the Jr. High Building. Mr. Caffey has some new books on Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry, Personal Math, and Consumer Math. 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. A night class in Spanish may contact Mrs. Carolyn Wade or Clarence 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 with us and back with us.

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER YULE REPORT GIVEN

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

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 shining in 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 served and all attending. There were approximately 120 present. Our thanks to Mrs. Susan Collings and all the girls.

Brutally Beaten By Hold-Up Men

Shelby Pittman, 56, who was 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, Abernathy police chief, and deputy Dayton Marr talked with him in Altus, Okla. where he has been held on a forgery complaint.

Following Mr. Pittman's death, it is probable that a more severe charge may be lodged against Knight.

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

Services for Mr. Pittman were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in 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 County and a veteran of World War II, Mr. Pittman moved to Abernathy in 1946.

He had been in the service station business since that time. Survivors include his wife, Margaret; two sons, Larry of 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 Prairie.

JUDY DOWNS JOINS STAFF AT LUCILE'S BEAUTY SHOP

Mrs. Lucile Rogers announces the addition of Judy Downs, a graduate of Jessie Lee's Beauty School, to the staff of Lucile's Beauty Shop at 507 10th St. 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 Altar 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. Clarence 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 Store.

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 holiday season, I truly believe you missed a big thrill, but you will have the opportunity next season. Don't pass it up. God loves you and I love you. Esther Sepeda



MOTHER OF JAMES AND ED GRAHAM DIES AT LITTLEFIELD

Mrs. 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 arrangements.

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, Effron, 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.

"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, will be 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 planning.

SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE DUE HERE JAN. 11

The social security representative, 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 11. Anyone who needs assistance with a social security or Medicare claim, application for a social security number, or information about any part of social security may see him.

If you are physically unable to see him but you need his help, you can write the Plainview social security office at Box 1080, 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.

NEWTON RADIO & TV HAS MOVED TO 310 MAIN STREET IN DOWNTOWN ABERNATHY

Hernon Peel was a patient in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock.

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 Chamber of Commerce. This project helped give the city a Christmas look that has been needed.

Abernathy Man In Car Mishap

Claude Mullins of Abernathy is in Hi-Plains Hospital in Hale County where he was taken after the car he was driving struck an overpass abutment on Loop 148 just north of here Wednesday. A hospital spokesman said Mullins was in the hospital for observation.

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

Officers said Mullins was alone in the car at the time of the accident.

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 County after an apparent heart attack.

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

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 Erskine of New Deal, Mrs. Ernestine Morris of Spearman, and Mrs. Robert Adams of Muleshoe; 12 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

STOCK INSPECTORS ASSIGNED TO HALE

Two livestock inspectors working with the cattle societies quarantine will be stationed in Hale County, according to County Agent, Ollie Linder.

One is Jim Burnett, telephone 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 number 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.

SS INFORMATION GIVEN FARMERS

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(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 employer 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 said.

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.

BILL BEESON KILLS 8-POINT BUCK

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 was 14.

Hernon Peel was a patient in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock.

Mrs. C. B. Reeder visited in Midland and Monahans during the holidays.

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

The Struves' 5-Month Trip

(Editor's Note: Mr. and Mrs. Arno Struve were on a five-month trip late last year and early this year. Their travels took them to the Orient, South Pacific, Australia, New Zealand and other interesting places. The Review requested a series of stories on their trip.

The speech habits of the Australians are very distinctive and after our few weeks of exposure to English as it is spoken "down-under" we could understand it with only a little trouble at all. It was interesting to listen to the Edwards girls and thus to observe their adjustment to the language. Leslie who is about twelve or so years old still speaks like a West Texan but Jill who is two or three years 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 practical for them to do so.

Our visit was delaying their work so we decided to ask them to come to visit us in Perth when they came in to bring their produce to market. The plan was to have them eat with us that same evening after they had delivered the beans.

There is a range of mountains to the east of Perth. As we had flown over we had seen numerous spots of bright yellow scattered about in the forest. We learned later that these yellow spots were trees in full bloom. Each tree was a solid mass of blossoms and a most beautiful sight to see. They are called Christmas Trees because they bloom about Christmas time. This is their late spring or early summer. We saw many specimens of this beautiful tree as we drove around after leaving the Brady's house. We had almost run out of film. As a matter of fact we got only one shot but it turned out beautifully. This was the time we learned that it was most difficult to buy anything but food on Sundays. We never did find any film in time to take any additional photographs of these most lovely trees.

Trading hours are strictly controlled by the government in Australia. Filling stations alternate staying open for business on Sundays. Pharmacies carry film but these too are mostly closed on Sundays. However, they do not call them pharmacies, they call them "chemist shops." Business in general is much more severely regulated in Australia than in America. They do not have the strict anti-trust laws but they have licensing laws that result in actual permits to do business in many fields that are completely uncontrolled here.

The form of democratic government used in Australia is the parliamentary system and when a law is passed there is no constitutional hurdle that a law must overcome before it can be the law of the land. If a parliament says you can't do business on Sunday there is no recourse, but to comply. The chief executive officer, the prime minister, is even the creature of the parliament and can be voted out anytime the majority in parliament

wishes to do it, thus their system approaches a true democracy much more closely than our system does.

As we were driving through the country we went through an area of fruit production. We purchased some early plums that were quite good and found a kind of delicatessen where we were able to finish out our food supply for our lunch. But where could we stop beside the road and eat. Finally we found a park where there were some very large trees and the breeze was strong enough to minimize the nuisance.

In the afternoon we drove to the nearby city of Fremantle which is the seaport city close to Perth. The Indian Ocean beaches at Fremantle looked inviting and they were being used, too, but we were not prepared to take a swim. We drove to the top of a hill within the city where there was one of the ever-present "war memorials" that one sees all over Australia. This hill was also a good lookout point to see Fremantle, its harbor and the ocean beyond.

As we returned to Perth we passed a large park close to and overlooking the city. It is called King's Park. The panorama of the city and the wide Swan River below kept us interested for some time.

Driving on the left hand side of the road takes a bit of getting used to and it hadn't quite become second nature required from doing the wrong thing. We considered ourselves lucky not to have found ourselves in the wrong traffic lane but once all day. Since there was nobody else close by we were saved the embarrassment of being seen. In the evening the Edwards came by our hotel and we went out to "dinner" together. After we had eaten we drove along the river and saw some of the night sights of the city. We enjoyed our visit very much.

On the following day we took a full day commercial bus tour of the city. The most important stop we made on the tour was at the parliament building where a guide took us through the several chambers and went into quite some detail about their method of governing. Their traditions stem directly from the British parliament and they follow the British pattern closely. Another unusual sight on this tour was the flock of black swans on Monger's Lake. The black swan is native to this region and is found nowhere else in the world except by transplanted from here. They are just as beautiful as the usual white swan and equally as bad tempered.

Some of the people on the tour were very surprised when we told them we didn't have reservations for transportation onward from Perth. They seemed to think it quite possible that we could be stranded in Perth for as much as thirty days. They convinced me that I should call the airline at once to insure a way out. They had room for us the next day at 2 p.m. on a flight back to Adelaide. School holidays and Christmas travels were about to begin so we decided to take this opportunity. Our stay in Perth was a little shorter than we had

originally planned. This was in the middle of December but summertime in the southern hemisphere. Their Christmas decorations were all lighted up in the evening and we walked around the business district a short distance from our hotel to view the pretty Christmas atmosphere. It was very strange though to see this occurring in summer.

On the flight to Adelaide our stewardess was the same one we had met on our flight from Alice Springs to Darwin. She had been in the group that sat around and talked until after midnight at the Koala Motel in Darwin. After her work on the flight was finished she came and sat with us and we visited until we arrived in Adelaide. Her name is Carmel Ryan.

The flight from Perth was either over wild dry country, ocean water or the "Great Australian Bight" or the final wheatfields as we approached Adelaide. Our arrival back in Adelaide was of particular interest because of the fact that our first mail from home caught up with us there. The Elise's at Port Macquarie had forwarded all of our accumulated mail to the Grosvenor Hotel. It was good to hear from home but there is always the element of tragedy in human existence so that there is bad news as well as good. Accidents and deaths have to be faced along with the happier occurrences.

After a few days of sight-seeing that we had not completed when we were in Adelaide before we were ready to start journeying back toward home. Because of the up-coming Christmas and industry holidays we started a little more careful planning of our travels at this point in order to assure ourselves of accommodations. Before we left Adelaide we arranged for hotel rooms for the ensuing visit to Tasmania as well as reservations on the airline from Melbourne to Tasmania.

The reference above to the industrial holidays remind me of the fact that tradition in Australia, Christmas-time is summertime in the southern hemisphere so that their school vacation time coincides with annual industrial vacations during the warm part of the year. Their holidays which we call vacations are timed to occur simultaneously in most industries all over the country. They just more or less close down everything low as along the pathway. Tasmania is blessed with much running water and they use it to produce an abundance of cheap electricity. They are going all out to develop their hydroelectric potential in order to attract industry to their state. The beautiful gorge along which we walked was an example of the hundreds of such in the state. They are indeed bringing in many large electricity using companies such as aluminum producers.

At the end of the 1 1/2 mile path there was a recreation and picnic area. One can swim there in a large olympic size pool or swim in the reservoir behind the dam across the river. We elected to return by walking over the mountain that intervened 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 climb. Minnie got very tired of all the walking she was forced to do if she went a long with me, but she was willing and cooperative and rarely complained. From the crest there was a straight street that ran directly down the mountain with houses along the way. All of the yards had beautiful "gardens", flower gardens. As we stopped to admire the flowers 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 made a deal with him and were riding in restful comfort after the long walk and climb. He took us by a large saw-mill, an abattoir, a tannery, a woolen mill and the docks on the banks of the river Tamar. We saw a touch of home at the docks, a tanker named the San Pedro Gulf which was in for propeller repairs. Its work was supplying oil drilling rigs in the Bass Strait between Tasmania and Victoria. The Salvation Army maintains 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 discovered we had left part of our camera equipment on the taxi we had ridden in the afternoon before. We went to the taxi headquarters and asked if the equipment 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 the mouth of the Tamar river. In the days when there 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 principle city and harbor on the north side of Tasmania. Industrialization along the north coast has changed the pattern of commerce as has the development of railroads and highways but Launceston is still the major

city and harbor on the north side of Tasmania. Industrialization along the north coast has changed the pattern of commerce as has the development of railroads and highways. Launceston is still the major city of the north. As the south end of the island is Hobart the capital of the state of Tasmania, Hobart is considerably larger than Launceston.

The first tour we took was along the Tamar River by bus to near the mouth and then we went by launch on out to the open sea. The Tamar Valley is very pretty agricultural country. Tasmania is an apple country but it also produces many other fruits and vegetables. Sheep are still there in large numbers but we saw lots of cattle, too.

We wanted milk and fruit for supper that night so I went by a fruit stand and asked for a quart of milk. The attendant said he didn't have a quart but that he could furnish two pints. And sure enough he gave me a single carton of milk branded two pints. Perhaps two pints don't make a quart in Tasmania. We had apple, banana, plum, orange, shortbread, cheese and milk for evening meal. We often had meals like this when fruit was available.

Many of the Australians are traditionalistic. They do not like for anybody to do anything that they are not "supposed" to. The hot days in Australia always made the tour buses very warm when we would first get into them. The buses were "air-conditioned" but the air wasn't ever turned on until the bus started. The first thing I would do when we got on board was to open a window. We immediately got hard work as the attendant even some verbal notice that this bus was air-conditioned and you "can't" open the windows. They preferred to sit there in the stifling heat for as much as thirty minutes than to do anything they weren't supposed to. Of course when the bus started I would close the window but in the meantime I had some fresh air. Maybe I was being an "ugly American" but it was hard to see the logic in staying hot when it wasn't necessary.

Our second tour was to the northwest coast of Tasmania to the cities of Wynyard, Burnie and Devonport. This tour was by taxi and the driver Mr. Thorpe was a very nice man. He had driven us around the city the first night we were there and who had found our camera lenses in his cab and had returned them to us. He had a good supply of information and witty stories with which he kept us entertained and informed. We passed through an area that specialized in poppy growing for the production of legal morphine. There wouldn't be a chance for any of this drug to get into the black market. These good law-abiding English traditionalistic Tasmanian farmers would be very hard to subvert. The poppy blossoms were like vast carpets over the rolling hills and very beautiful but the roads were too narrow to dare to stop and take pictures. Before we knew it they were 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 pictures you have to shoot regardless of circumstances or it will be too late.

Since Tasmania abounds in hydro-electric power, minerals and inexpensive labor there has been considerable movement of ore-processing industries to the island state. All along the northwest coast cities have sprung up but as often happens 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 has produced large quantities of commercial fish in times gone by. As far out as we could see the water had a reddish tinge showing the presence of the poison in the water.

There is a very virulent disease of dogs in Tasmania that has to be fought diligently and constantly. It is called hydatid and is a kind of tapeworm. We saw several places that were designated as hydatid areas and to which presumable people have to bring their dogs for examination and if they do not pass they have to be treated, ethered or destroyed.

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 large two story house and had been on the market for some time but we were told that no one would purchase it because of its reputation for being snake infested. In the evening we walked to the beautiful city park. And then through some of the residential parts of the city to see the "Gardens". Walking in Launceston is quite a chore because it is rarely on the level but is either up or down. I began to believe that I might get Minnie into pretty good physical condition before this journey was finished.

The next day was Christmas Eve and we were a long way from home. 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. 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 something like our National Forests and are called crown lands. On

ly seldom are these lands made available for private ownership and use unless for special development. From the top of the mountain, Mount Barrow, we could see the Tamar Valley on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other. There were a very few "station" homes visible in the vast area on the ocean side.

Our tour "taxi" was a little Rambler with a 45 h.p. engine. The driver obviously kept his cars in tip-top shape. He told us his previous car had been a Chevrolet that he had driven 220 thousand miles before he had to touch the engine. Needless to say he was pleased with a thorough look at Tasmania.

We arrived back in Launceston in time to catch our bus to Hobart, the capital of the state. It took 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 have to consider the area rather backward and considerably less developed than might have been expected. The bus was full of Christmas travelers on "holiday".

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 commerce.

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 structure.

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 electric 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 convenient location. Everytime we went anywhere we wasted about an hour either waiting for a taxi or a bus. Also there were we could purchase 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 spent on tour to Port Arthur, Tasmania. This historic place is an infamous place as well as a famous one. England first used Australia as a vast prison for undesirable. She had been 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 thoroughly. There were a large number of prisoner colonies in Australia proper and on the island of Tasmania. Some of the more hardened criminals 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 sufficient from the standpoint of food production with the abundance of fish available in the quite waters on one side of 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 connecting link to the main island was guarded by a row of vicious dogs chained in place in such a sequence that no man would dare risk a passage between them. Queen Victoria put an end to "transportation" in 1853 and in 1877 she ordered the prison closed completely because it was considered inhuman.

On the way to Port Arthur we stopped by to see several unusual attractions: A place called "Devil's Kitchen" which is a steep rock formation cut by tides. Its straight walls and uniform appearance cause it to have a man made look thus the name kitchen and the devil part comes from the wild rush of tide water created great sprays that were fortunate enough to be able to see since the tide has to be moving just right for the phenomenon to be observed. In the area was a massive stone archway that was worth a stop and a look. Finally there was a stone beach that was called the Tesselated Pavement. Tesselated means tiled and the absolutely flat area looked just like a man-made tiled floor with large square tiles. Here again 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 is 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 reconstructed into a very useable church, however, presently there 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 explained 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 trip to Hobart. They never shed 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 delightful 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. We had to admit that it had been an interesting and very unusual Christmas Day.

Back 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 happens also to be the hotel manager) mixed us a drink of cherry brandy and ginger ale. A companion at the bar was a young teacher from Sydney. He was an Englishman and he taught mathematics. 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 it is because of this that we 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 capita consumption of beer is greater in Australia than any other country 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 below.

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 designation but I guess we'd get used to it.

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 roads.

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 along a little forest stream. It was 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 was unable to continue his life in Budapest and after he married again he and his wife were permitted to leave Hungary. Besides passage

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Lakeview News Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McCleary of Graham were weekend guests of Mrs. S. M. Harrison. Mrs. Herbert Watson visited her daughter, Mrs. Larry Monk, who was ill in a Tahoka hospital.

Ralls Stuns Dimmitt For Title

Morton Takes Third With 66-45 Victory Lee Clodfelter and Dave Schluter, a pair of forgotten names in Ralls' Langston-brother dominated offense, sparked a third-quarter spurt as the Jackrabbits upset Dimmitt 67-62 to win the 13th annual Caprock Holiday Tournament Thursday.

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

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 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.

The Agricultural Act of 1970, which established the set-aside concept, has opened the 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 the rest of their cropland to crops which will give them the most profit.

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



BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Patterson are parents of a son, Michael Lance, born Dec. 24. He weighed 6 pounds 12 1/2 ounces.

FHA YULE PARTY GIVEN FOR 50 BOYS AND GIRLS

The Future Homemakers of America had a Christmas party for fifty boys and girls Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 21. Barbara Bowen led several familiar Christmas carols to begin the party. Cookies and punch were passed out to each child.

Community Bible Study

Community Bible Study continues every Tuesday morning at 9:00 in the city's club room. Mrs. Charley Brewer and Mrs. George Wilkes are teaching in First Corinthians. Each local church has been represented with New Deal Methodist, County Line Baptist, and Lakeview Methodist.

QES Meeting Set Jan. 6

The first stated meeting of 1972 for members of Abernathy Chapter No. 877, Order of the Eastern Star, will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 6. Mrs. Dana Z. Ward, Worthy Matron, urges all local members to be present.

Hale ASC Rules On Transfers

The Hale ASC County Committee has determined that out-of-county transfers by sale will not be authorized for 1972. However, out-of-county transfers by lease are authorized and will be considered for approval beginning on January 17, 1972.

Notices of cotton and wheat allotments and feed grain bases plus projected yields, and payment rates along with leaflets on the various voluntary farm programs offered in Hale County have been mailed to area farmers.

AA All-South Plains

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal picked the following AA All-South Plains football teams for the 1971 grid season:

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HONORABLE MENTION 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, Tahoka.

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to Australia they were permitted to take only \$20 equivalent with them. They were able to visit in Paris on the way and made stops in New York, Chicago and San Francisco to see relatives. They had been urged by their kinkfolk in the U.S. to stay with them but they had their minds set to come to a new country and continued on to Australia.

By now we had come to the realization that other travelers enrich our travels more than the things we are able to see. We rarely had energy left over for further activity after our daytime tours and this day was certainly no exception.

After a tiring day's drive to the Gordon River Scheme "we were ready for something short and easy. On Sunday December 27th we were scheduled to take a tour to the top of Mt. Wellington that overlooks the city of Hobart and continues from there to the Huon Valley nearby.

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 Northwest Bay Country Club was an English made piano, a John Broadwood instrument. Our travels have afforded many opportunities to observe the differences in American made pianos and those made in other countries.

We were disappointed with the quality of our Huon Valley tour from the standpoint of commentary during the tour. Our driver probably at the pub passed it off lightly, stopping only a minute or two suggesting that we could catch a city bus back and have a look. He had a few disgruntled passengers but since we have no repeat business it didn't shake him up very much.

Eventually he did succeed and fortuitous addition to his business was his association with the Fiat Company of Italy. He accepted the firm implement franchise of the Fiat Company when nobody else wanted it and from this his company developed into a solid success.

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 delightful child.

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

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 cooperative. 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.

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 altar were two double candelabra which were entwined with jade leaves and anthurium.

The groom's mother was in a dress of light blue crepe and the groom's mother was in a dress of light blue crepe. Each had corsages of white gardenias.

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Double Ring Vows Pledged By Couple

In a Nuptial Mass Wednesday evening, December 20, at Sacred Heart Church, Comfort, Miss Patricia Ann Davis became the bride of Robert John Rosenbach. Father Albert Heakes performed the double ring ceremony.

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.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father. Her gown was of pale ivory silk faille, Reembroidered Alencon lace fashioned the scoop neck fitted bodice.

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

The bride is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin. The groom is a 1970 graduate of The University of Notre Dame.

VISITORS IN HOME OF MRS. H. H. SELKE

The following were visitors in the home of Mrs. H. H. Selke during the holidays: Mrs. and Mrs. Billy W. Selke and daughters, Kathy, Stacy, and Alla, Claremont, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Selke and daughter, Rhonda, Bryan, Tex.; Mrs. Maxine McEachern, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Selke and daughter, Rebecca, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Glen 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 Whelen and son, Michael, Lubbock; Mrs. Frank Bishop, Clifton, Tex.

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