

The Baird Star

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

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BOOST BAIRD IN 1953

Rev. Charles Lutrick New Secretary Of Northwest Texas Conference

Rev. Charles Lutrick, pastor of the Methodist Church for the past 15 months, has been appointed executive secretary of the board of education, Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutrick and children are leaving Baird to make their home at 1917 23rd St., Lubbock, Texas. They are leaving a host of friends here,

who wish them the very best of luck in their new work.

In his work as Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church of the Northwest Texas Conference, Mr. Lutrick will have offices in Lubbock. His is the responsibility for the administration of the program of Christian education through the nine districts and all the local churches in the Northwest Texas Conference, which is bounded in general by a line south from Vernon to Baird then west to include Midland to the southwest corner of New Mexico and includes that portion of the state west and north of this line.

This work and activity will include the Sunday School and Church School, the summer program of youth camping and children's activities, and the training of teachers and leaders in the local churches.

There are two other employees of the Board of Education who will make up the staff with Mr. Lutrick in this program, a director of children's work and a director of youth work.

Star Christmas Issue To Appear Dec. 23

The Christmas greetings issue of The Baird Star will be published next Wednesday, Dec. 23, so that our readers will get their papers Thursday morning.

This issue will contain holiday greetings from business firms and individuals of this area, as well as our regular advertising schedule, news items and articles of interest to our readers.

Lions Club Goodfellow Fund Drive Success

We would like to express appreciation to the people of the community for making the Goodfellow Christmas Fund Drive a real success.

The Lions Club is glad to have served as the collecting agency. With some money still being reported, the total received in the street solicitation last Saturday amounted to more than \$200.

Chas. Lutrick
Chairman Lions Club Committee

Methodist Choir To Present Cantata

The choir of the Methodist Church joined by singers from other churches will present the annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The Cantata "The Manger Prince" is presented under the direction of Mr. Glenn Rockey with Mrs. C. M. Peek at the organ and Mrs. Hugh Ross at the piano. The people of the community are invited to share again in a presentation of the Christmas story in music.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sims and daughter visited his mother and other relatives in San Antonio last week.

Mrs. Nellie Mills and Miss Vela Sandlin were business visitors in Abilene last Thursday.

Yvonne Caldwell To Attend McMurry



Miss Yvonne Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, has been selected by Mr. R. T. Bynum, McMurry band director, to be one of the Mallettes of the twirling organization of the McMurry Indian Band, Abilene, for next year.

Yvonne has been a majorette for the Baird Band for four years, and has attended Summer Band School for three years. She will be graduated from Baird High School in May, 1954, and enroll in McMurry the following September. She will also play the clarinet in the band.

Miss Caldwell entered the Haskell Cotton Festival, October 31, and won the second place trophy for twirling.

W. A. Baulch Funeral Tuesday

Last rites for William Austin Baulch, 45, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Wylie Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Baulch died at 8 p.m. Saturday in an Oklahoma City, Okla., hospital after about a week's illness. He was born in Clyde on March 19, 1908.

Mr. Baulch was produce manager for several food markets in Oklahoma City.

Rev. Charles Lutrick, pastor of the Baird Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Eula Cemetery.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Tee Baulch of Baird; a brother, J. T. Baulch of El Paso; a sister, Mrs. Tom Barton of Baird; several aunts, Mrs. John Wright and Mrs. Cora Gunn, both of Abilene; Mrs. Alice Rutherford of Eula, Mrs. Lula McEachern of Crosbyton, Mrs. O. F. Bagwell of Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Claude Norsworthy, and Mrs. Vera Blakely, all of San Diego, Calif.; seven uncles, John Baulch of Ft. Worth, David Baulch of Big Spring, Jim Baulch and J. S. Baulch, both of Clyde, Willy Baulch of Baird, and Dee Pool of Eula.

City Council Canvasses Election

At the regular meeting of the City Council, Monday night, Dec. 14th the Council canvassed the results of the Revenue Bond Election, held Dec. 1, 1953. The official tabulation revealed that Proposition No. 1, the issuing of \$61,000.00 to refund presently outstanding Revenue Bonds, carried by a vote of 240 for the proposition to 46 against. Proposition No. 2, the issuing of \$139,000.00 to be used for the purpose of purchasing and installing new engine and equipment and making additional improvements, was carried by a vote of 240 for the proposition, to 44 against.

Having received a number of complaints as to trash, bottles, cans and dead animals being dumped in streets, alleys and on vacant lots, the Council decided that rigid enforcement of an ordinance, prohibiting such dumping should be carried out and instructed that fines be imposed on anyone caught violating the city ordinance. The City maintains a City Dump Ground about a mile and a half West of Baird, in order to provide a place for the disposal of rubbish, trash, dead animals, etc. and there is no excuse for anyone to dump such, in any street, alley or on any vacant lot within the city limits.

Several requests had been made to lease the surface rights of the well field and the land adjoining the City Dump Ground and having considered the matter for some time the Council voted at this meeting to ask \$100.00 per year cash lease for approximately 150 acres adjoining the dump ground and \$75 per year for approximately 100 acres in the well field. Applications were to be considered in the order received.

Mr. Hugh W. Ross, chairman of the Citizen's Committee, appointed to investigate the offer previously made by West Texas Utilities Co., came before the Council to report that the Committee was working and would report at an early date.

The matter of trying to obtain mineral leases on land owned by the City was discussed and it was decided that as soon as the proper descriptions and legal requirements could be worked up the lands would be advertised for lease. The City owns 1/2 minerals on 160 acres and full minerals on approximately 70 acres.

No other business came before the Council at this meeting other than the usual procedure, such as approving minutes of last meeting, passing on bills to be paid, etc.

CARD OF THANKS

Your kindness and sympathy has helped so much during the illness and death of our loved one, Mary Crawford.

We wish to say, "Thank You," and may God's blessings rest upon you.

Sincerely,
The Crawford Family

Stores To Close Friday And Saturday

All Baird stores will be closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 25, 26, and 27. The merchants are asking their friends and customers to make a note of this and to shop accordingly, so they won't be inconvenienced by their closing to enjoy the Christmas Holidays.

Mrs. Grace Miller Funeral At Putnam

Funeral for Mrs. Grace Brown Miller, 67, of Putnam was held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Putnam Baptist Church.

Mrs. Miller died at 12:25 p.m. Thursday in Callahan County Hospital.

Rev. Riley Fugitt of Baird and Rev. DeWitt Chandler of Putnam officiated at the service. Burial was in the Oddfellows Cemetery in Abilene under direction of Wylie Funeral Home of Baird.

Mrs. Miller was born Sept. 23, 1886, in Cedar Springs, Tenn., and came to Taylor County in 1897. She was married to Charlie Brown in Taylor County on Nov. 13, 1903. He died April 25, 1916.

She was married to John B. Miller on Nov. 20, 1927, in Eastland. She had lived in Putnam for 28 years.

Survivors include two sons, Charlie V. Brown of Cisco and Virgil Brown of Putnam; two daughters, Mrs. Charles K. Odum of Putnam and Mrs. J. Willard Vinson of Route 2, Abilene; an aunt, Mrs. Jessie Daugherty of Keller; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Safety Council Holds Meeting

Randall Jackson, president, presided over the meeting of Baird Safety Council when they met at the Court House on Dec. 15. The following problems were discussed:

1. Jay walking on Main Street.
2. Absence of stop signs on farm to market roads in city limits.
3. Problem of speeding cars about the school grounds.
4. Ask the Highway Patrol to meet with council on Jan. 19, 1954.

Those present were: Randall Jackson, Mmes. L. L. Blackburn, Ray Black, Terrell Williams, Jay Ashlock, Mr. Terrell Williams, James Eubanks, Bobby Poe and Miss Dorothy Henry.

Organizations of the city that had representatives present were Junior Wednesday Club, Lions Club, Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club, Wednesday Club, American Legion, Baird Luncheon Club and Baird High School.

Mrs. H. F. Phillips Rites Wednesday

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Wylie Funeral Home Chapel for Mrs. Huel Franklin Phillips, 83, a resident of Callahan County for the past 41 years who died at her residence in Clyde early Tuesday morning.

A. A. Beryman of the Clyde Church of Christ, and Glenn Wallace of the College Church of Christ in Abilene officiated. Burial was in Ross Cemetery at Baird.

Mrs. Phillips had been a semi-invalid for several years. She had lived in Clyde the past 12 years and had lived in Rowden for 25 years previous to that.

She was born July 9, 1870. Mrs. Phillips was preceded in death by her husband May 18, 1953.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. W. C. Sikes, dean of women at Abilene Christian College; Mrs. Katie Lee Smedley of Clyde, and Mrs. Bill Wagner of Amarillo; one son, Floyd C. Phillips of Ft. Stockton; a sister, Mrs. J. R. Edmonds of Bryan; and a brother, Ben H. H. Holcomb of Cooper, Texas.

She is also survived by four grandchildren, Mrs. Clark O'Connor of Dallas, Mrs. Tyre Watson of Atlanta, Ga., Benny Wagner of Amarillo and Don Phillips of Austin, and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Phillips was a member of the Clyde Church of Christ, having become a member of the Church of Christ at the age of 16.

Mrs. C. B. Holmes and son, C. B. Jr., are visiting her sister, Mrs. Miller Oliver in Evant.

Co-Op Sponsors Poultry Meeting

All persons interested in poultry are cordially invited to a meeting on Monday, December 21st, at the Clyde Community Center. Meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Full information and discussion on hen cages, also other phases of the poultry industry will be discussed. An interesting and instructive meeting is promised, sponsored by Callahan County Farmers Co-Op.

Rev. Crow To Speak At Methodist Church

Rev. John Crow, of Abilene, will preach Sunday morning at the First Methodist Church here. Rev. Crow is secretary of the Town and Country work of the Northwest Conference.

School Board Enjoys Annual Dinner

The school board members and their wives were given the annual dinner and game party in the homecoming department on the evening of Dec. 10th.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Shelutt, Mr. Roy Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Rowland and Mrs. Earl Ellis.

The Madeira covered dining table was centered with an arrangement of red cocks comb, a white Madonna, Christmas greens and ornaments on a silver tray. Miniature white Christmas trees decorated with red satin bows and holly, and silver wrapped fruit cake gifts were used alternately the length of the table.

Hostesses were the following Sophomore girls: Elizabeth Abernathy, Willie Bell Bruce, Ramona Cummings, Barbara Gilmore, Shirley McBride, Ethlyn Tabor, Shirley Waggoner and Mary Walker.

Open House

The children of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hornsby will hold open house at the family home in the Rowden community next Wednesday afternoon Dec. 23rd between the hours of two and four o'clock, honoring their parents on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Hornsby are pioneer residents of the Rowden community and of Callahan County, and all friends of the family are extended a cordial invitation to attend the open house.

An interesting conversation with Perry Hughes, owner of Hughes Feed Store on West 3rd Street, proved that Baird is still on the upward move. An owner and breeder of fine Palomino horses, he states that he sold the first Palomino horse around here that brought a price in the four figure class, and since that time has shipped several to the state of California and also state of New York, still bringing that fancy price. He recently sold one (individual two thousand pounds in or one ton) of bird seed feed at a cost of \$15.00 per hundred. So business must be thriving for the bird boys. Believe this puts us in a class with some of thriving city neighbors.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all who called on us Dec. 4 as we observed that day as our 65th wedding anniversary. We thank everyone for the lovely cards and lovely flowers and kind words of love and all who helped out in any way to make the day a happy day for us.

E. B. and M. C. Mullican

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends, neighbors, the doctor and nurses of Callahan County Hospital for flowers and acts of kindness shown us during the illness and passing of J. W. Brown, our loved one.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Black
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Black

Judge and Mrs. J. L. Farmer attended the funeral of C. W. Hukabee of Ireland, on Wednesday. Mr. Hukabee was the father of Mrs. Leonard Farmer of Cisco.

Christmas Seal Sale Report

Christmas Seal contributions to fight the spread of tuberculosis in Callahan County total \$850.00, as we come to the end of the fourth week of the campaign. Mrs. C. H. Siadous, County Christmas Seal Sale chairman, announced today.

The Association still needs \$350.00 to continue its projects, aimed at eventually wiping out the costly, communicable disease. The work of the association is entirely supported by the sale of Christmas Seals in this county. The Seal Sale will continue through December 25. If you have not already mailed your contribution, won't you do so now?

Tuberculosis strikes at least 115,000 people in this country every year. Since TB can be prevented, the physical, emotional, and economic suffering the disease causes the people is needless. We must check the spread of the disease with an all-out TB control program.

The Callahan County Tuberculosis Association, fights tuberculosis through educational programs, tuberculin tests to all school children, and free X-rays to every adult in the county. It also helps with the treatment and cure of those who have TB.

Mrs. Siadous explained that 82 per cent of every dollar contributed by county residents is used to support the association's program in this area. 18 per cent goes to the State Association which forwards six per cent to the National Tuberculosis Association, with which both the state and local associations are affiliated.

Explaining that one per cent of the amount allocated to the NTA is earmarked for research, Mrs. Siadous said that medical research is one of the most important fronts in the battle against tuberculosis and that the people of Callahan County help support TB research when they buy Christmas Seals.

"Everyone who buys and uses Christmas Seals takes an active part in the community and national battle against tuberculosis, the unnecessary disease, which is still the No. 1 infectious killer," Mrs. Siadous concluded.

Six families of the twelve brothers and sisters, from out of town, of the late Mrs. Gussie Surles were represented at her funeral which was held last Wednesday. They were nephews, Judge and Mrs. C. D. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Day and Mr. and Mrs. Woody Day all of Plainview; Ed Day of Press; Judge Dallas Scarbrough of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Russell of Cisco and Will Russell of Midlothian. Nieces present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young of Elmdale and Mrs. Max Stevens of Wichita Falls. A daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Oliver and sons, Wenton Russell and Don of Evant. A great-niece, Mrs. O. C. Rouse of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Russell Surles, Sr. is a daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gruver and baby all of Austin. Grandsons attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Surles Jr., and two sons of Dallas and O. J. Russell, Jr., of Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Walls, and daughter, Gayle, were shopping in Abilene last Friday.

Baird Area Due Wildcat

C. W. Trammell, Coleman, No. 1 Elma Jackson, et al, is a Callahan County wildcat seven miles north of Baird.

Contracted for 3,500 feet with rotary, location is 2,310 feet from the north and east lines of the southwest quarter in Section 96, Block 12, T&P Survey.

Robert W. McKissack, et al, of Abilene No. 3 W. P. Cheney, G. W. Denton Survey 360., is a regular field producer three miles southwest of Denton.

No. 3 Cheney had a daily potential of 48 barrels of 38 gravity oil, flowing through a 6-64-inch choke with 500 pounds casing and 200 pounds tubing pressure. Production is from 20 perforations at 1,739-44 feet with the casing set at 1,762 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 1,700-1.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Melton and daughters of Breckenridge were Baird visitors last Sunday.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you? I wish you could come to see me. Will you get me a toy train.

Love,
Gilbert Kennedy
Baird, Texas
Dec. 4, 1953

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. Will you come to see me? I have been a good boy.

Love,
Brent Hughes

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. Will you come to see me? I have been a good girl.

Love,
Celane Staudt

Dear Santa,
I love you.

Love,
Paula Kay Corn

Dear Santa,
Could you come to see me and bring me a doll for Christmas? And bring my mother and daddy something too.

Love,
Lois Ann Weed

Dear Santa,
We are going to leave you a coke and a sandwich. I hope you will like it. Will you bring me some toys? I have been a good girl. Have a nice Christmas.

Love,
Carol Lynn McGowen

Dear Santa,
Bring my mother and father something. Bring me something too.

Love Santa,
From Edwin Ault

Dear Santa,
I love you. Will you bring mother and daddy something and bring me a doll. I have been a good girl.

Love,
Lula Mae Walker

Dear Santa,
Bring me a doll. I love you. Bring me a ball. I have been a good girl. I want you to come see me. I live in Baird, Texas.

Stella Ramirez

Dear Sir,
I like Christmas. Will you come to see me? I have been a good boy.

Love,
Richie Crow

Dear Santa,
How are you? I wish you would come to see me. Could I have a toy train?

Love,
Mac McIntosh

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Will you bring me a doll and a ball and a dress. Bring my mother and father a present too. Santa I love you. I like Mrs. Bowlin, I like the children too.

Love,
Helen Daleres Huddleston

Dear Santa,
Bring me an airplane for Christmas, and my mother and daddy and my brother and sister.

Love,
Jackie Comlee

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CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE — Pansy plants, 60c per doz. Kelton's Flower Shop. 44-tf-c

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YOU CAN BUY NOW New propane tanks, 500 gal. \$220.00; 250 gal. \$140.00; 150 gal. \$115.00. J. T. Loper, Baird, E. P. Epperson, Clyde. 49-3-p

PICTURE FRAMES ANY SIZE \$2.95 — These are not ordinary frames but artists frames. They are three inch flat and shadow box. This is a special shipment from Richards of Ruidosa, N. M. and these frames sell from \$4.95 to \$10.00 in paint and art supply stores throughout the southwest. Any size 12x16 to 24x30, \$2.95. Smaller frames \$1.50. Mrs. L. A. Williams, Art Beauty Salon, Putnam. 51-1-p

Cpl. and Mrs. Jim R. Hatchett and son Jim Roy, Jr., arrived here Sunday night. Cpl Hatchett has his release from the Marine Corp. He has been stationed at El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif. and at present they are at his parents home here.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

In the County Court of Callahan County, Texas
In re estate of Iva Paulk Pearson, a person of unsound mind Number 1367

Notice
To all persons interested in the above Ward or her Estate: You are notified that I have on the 4th day of December, 1953, filed with the County Clerk of Callahan County, Texas, an Application under oath for authority to make Oil, Gas and Mining Lease on the following described real estate belonging to such Ward, located and being situate in the County of Callahan, State of Texas, and described as follows, to-wit:

All of the NE 1/4 of Survey 77, BBB & C RR Company Lands, except that certain three acres out of the NW corner of said NE 1/4 in the form of a square which was conveyed by Joquin Souza to The Right Reverend Edward Fitzgerald, Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas, and his successors in office, by Warranty Deed filed for record on July 13, 1893, and duly recorded in Volume M, page 579 of the Deed Records of Callahan County, Texas; said tract containing 157 acres more or less; that J. L. Farmer, Judge of the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, on the 4th day of December, 1953, duly entered his order designating the 4th day of January, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the County Court Room in the Court House of such County as the time and place, when and where such application would be heard, and that

such application will be heard at such time and place.
H. C. Harwell
H. C. Harwell, Guardian of the Estate of Iva Paulk Pearson, a person of unsound mind.
Mrs. Fred Heyser of Putnam was shopping and visiting friends here on Tuesday of this week.

A NOTE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the people of the community who have shown such a friendly spirit toward us in our stay in your town.
Especially do we wish to express appreciation to the Chris-

tian people who have been such an encouragement in our ministry here, and for the many courtesies extended us in so many forms and ways.
We wish for each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Lutrick and Children

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There is goodwill in the hearts of men at Christmas. There's a warm welcome for the neighbor—a deep desire for friendship between nations—a determination to achieve lasting peace. Clouds scud along the horizon, sometimes building up to frightening thunderheads. Angry voices thunder without reason—and threats, like lightning, break and crash over the people's heads. Yet the eternal stars are there—stars of Hope, of Faith, of Love—now dimmed or hidden by the clouds—now breaking through with a clarity and brilliance and strength that will not be denied. May these stars be seen and followed by the wise men of all nations. May they light the path to peace. That is the Christmas prayer of the people.
CHRISTMAS 1953
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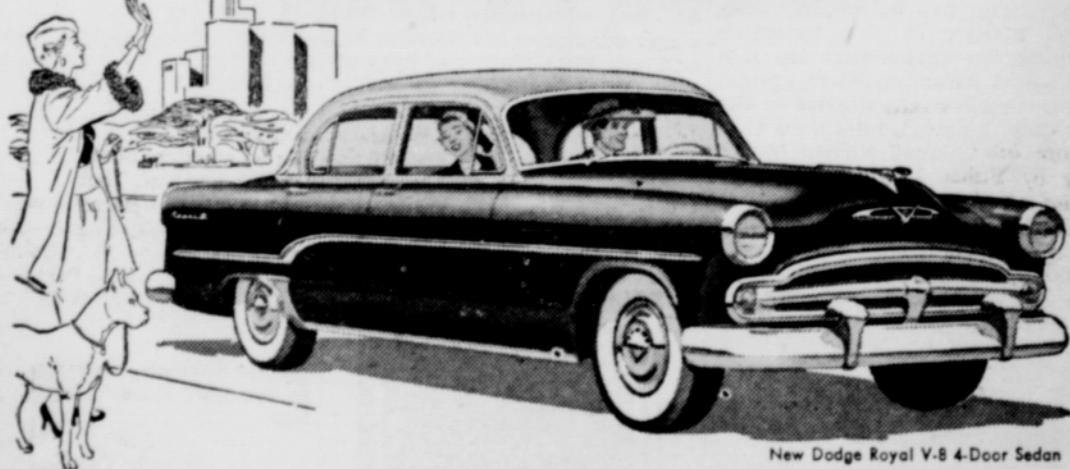
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SUTPHEN MOTOR COMPANY

The Putnam News

Mrs. John D. Isenhower—Editors—Mrs. E. G. Perkins

Sprawls To Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with open house, Sunday December 27, from two to five p.m. at their home in the Scranton community seven miles Southeast of Putnam.

Mr. Sprawls came to Callahan County from Collin County with his parents in 1883.

Mrs. Sprawls, the former Miss Vera Ledbetter came with her parents from Paragould, Ark., to this county in 1889.

They were married at Scranton by the late Rev. G. W. Parks, in front of his home in a buggy.

Mr. Sprawls is still active in farming.

All friends will be welcome to call at open house.

Scout News

The Putnam scout troop went camping, Friday afternoon at the Douglas Fry ranch west of here. They returned Saturday morning.

The boys stated they kept warm despite the fact it was one of the coldest nights of the year. This camping trip was planned about four weeks ago, while the weather was still warm.

Monday night the scouts met in regular meeting. They welcome the new members, Jimmy Putnam and David Lee Bell, and visitor, Lonell Henry. Others present were Dan, Pete, Jack, Bill, Carrol, and John Doyle.

The scouts have been going hunting, though they are beginning to wonder if they are ever going to be great hunters. They have not even found a skunk.

Where are your eyes boys? Too, if it is skunks you are after, why not follow your nose?

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Williams drove to Abilene Monday and enjoyed a visit with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams.

Mrs. Louie Williams, Sr., is visiting in Stanton with Mrs. Wesley Williams, Sr.

Mrs. Earle Hurst, Mrs. Lula Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman drove to Eastland to do a little Christmas shopping, Saturday.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Well folks! You must have brought us a little luck because our high school boys brought back (or rather would have if trophies had been presented) a second place trophy from the Cisco tournament last weekend. Cross Plains beat them and won first place. The girls had a little bad luck though. They were beaten by one point by Dublin Thursday, Cisco beat them two points Friday, which put them out of the tournament. We hope both teams win first place in their tournament which is this weekend, December 17, 18 and 19. We hope that everyone comes out and enjoys their winning with them.

This Friday we get out for Christmas holidays. The juniors and seniors put their tree up today (Monday) and got it decorated. It's really pretty. We are having our program and then passing out the presents Friday. I don't think Santa will get to come, but we will sing Christmas Carols and have a nice program, with refreshments added.

Merry Christmas everyone.

P-TA NEWS

The Putnam parents and teachers met on Wednesday. The regular meeting of the P-TA is on the first Wednesday of each month.

There were more members present at the meeting than usual. We extend an invitation to the visitors to come again and glad to report a deeper interest of the parents in the meetings.

Topic for discussion was the tournament to be held this weekend starting Thursday.

Since a great number is expected plans were made to serve hamburgers, sandwiches, cakes, and pies. Our ace coffee maker, Mrs. Sunderman, will not be on hand to make the coffee, but you will be assured of getting coffee to your liking. Mrs. Sunderman will be present as a spectator.

If you have an extra pie or cake, we would appreciate you bringing it to the school house, for we feel that it will be needed.

Before the business meeting all enjoyed a well presented program given by the Rhythm Band with Carolyn Sue White as band leader and Gayle Burnam as announcer.

These children are to be commended for their fine program.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

The Grade School boys lost to Buffalo Gap Friday night at Eula. They played Denton Valley Saturday and won. Then they played Hawley Saturday night and won. They got consolation trophy.

CHURCH NEWS

MYF NEWS

The Putnam MYF members attended the sub-district MYF meeting held at Cross Plains Monday night. Since it is almost Christmas the Cross Plains MYF members presented a pageant portraying a part of the Christmas theme "Love Came Down at Christmas".

After the program was given, games were played and then refreshments were served.

Those attending from Putnam were Gayle Williams, Delores Sargent, Nancy Hutchison, Mary Isenhower, Ray Green, Hall Green and Jammie Fry.

BAPTIST PROGRAM

The First Baptist Church will have a program at the Church on Wednesday December 23. The program will be presented in form of a pageant.

Last Sunday, in keeping with the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer, the members of the Sun Beam class presented a program showing the Mission side of Christmas.

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mas. Charlie Cunningham played the role of a missionary doctor. Charlene Davis was a missionary teacher and Dorris Lee Donaway represented all missionaries. Angel Mendez was a missionary nurse. Dianne Wagley and Cliff Barron recited poems. The Sun Beam class then sang songs. Then placed the Lottie Moon Christmas offering under the Christmas tree and in front of the world globe which shows missions all over the world.

The Sun Beam class meets every Thursday at the church.

New Budget
Copies of the new budget were in the church bulletin which was presented to those present, Sunday.

In preparation of the Christmas holidays, Ritha Burnam met with some of her Sunday School class, Monday night to decorate their tree at the church. Afterward she drove them to Cisco to view the beautiful Christmas decorations. Those going were Beth and Elsie Lee.

Rev. and Mrs. De Witt Chandler and daughter Karen were dinner guests in the home of his brother, Rev. R. E. Chandler, in Abilene, Friday night.

METHODIST TO PRESENT PROGRAM

The Putnam Methodist Church will present their Christmas program and tree Monday night, Dec. 21, starting at 7:00 o'clock. They plan to have a speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway and family visited Thursday in Van Horn with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Speegle.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weed, Monday night.

Union Usuals and Unusuals

Hi neighbors! Hope you had a nice weekend. We did. Roma and John McIntyre of St. Louis, Missouri were here. Yes, Roma is our other daughter and John is her husband. Been most fifteen months since we had seen John. Sure were glad to see them. Roma wasn't feeling so good. She caught that little old mean flu bug, which is hard to get rid of.

Roma and John went over to Opilin yesterday to visit with John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint McIntyre.

We killed a hog Saturday and my it sure is good eating. Even Duke was happy because we did. He eats all the cracklins out of the lard.

Fay and Emmitt Wood and daughter, Treva, came to see us Sunday afternoon and had supper with us.

Suppose everybody is in a big rush trying to get ready for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clinton of Putnam came out and visited with us one evening last week. We really enjoyed their visit.

Jim went over to Moran this morning to wash. Came home and hung the wash up to dry and everything froze as he hung them up. Been pretty cold for several days now.

Judge Ramsey, my brother Milton, of Andrews, gave us a pleasant surprise last Wednesday evening. He came up from the Judges and Commissioners Convention in Dallas and spent the night with us. He also visited with Burette Ramsey and Mrs. Mary Ramsey. Mrs. Mary is still doing ok. She is able to get in

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her rocking chair. No not entirely by herself yet.

Old Santa slipped in the other night and left some packages by my Christmas tree. But suppose I will have to be a good little girl and not peak. Now Mrs. Jim, Mc, don't you be peaking in to your packages either don't even shake them. No not even once cause you might shake to hard and the thing might break. I am going to be nice and so must you.

I visited a little while Thursday with Mrs. Mary Ramsey and Eula Fare. Also visited with the Mobby girls a little while too.

Mrs. Robert Francisco was quilting on a real pretty quilt the other day. It was right in keeping with the holiday season as the quilt had all pretty bright colors and a very pretty Santa Claus, red lining. I just bet that will be Walter's Christmas present. I think it is a good idea to give your husband something useful for the house. Boy just wait till Jim sees what he gets for Christmas. It might even be something for the house too.

Most time to finish dinner. Can't you smell those backbones cooking? You do. Well, that is what we are going to have so come on over. Think I cooked enough for you too.

Jim bought himself a big bright, shiny, new plow the other day. So if you see that in the field don't think you are seeing a Flyin Saucer lit on the

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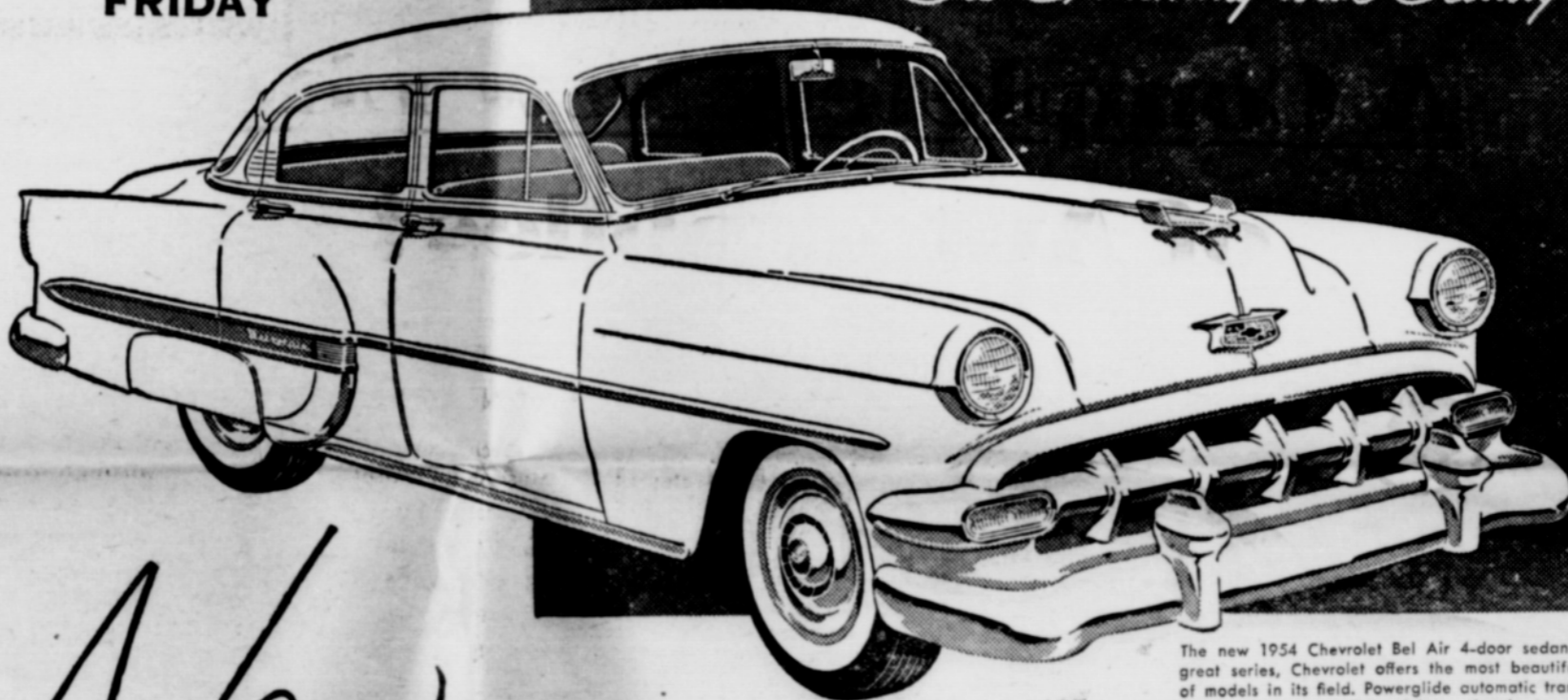
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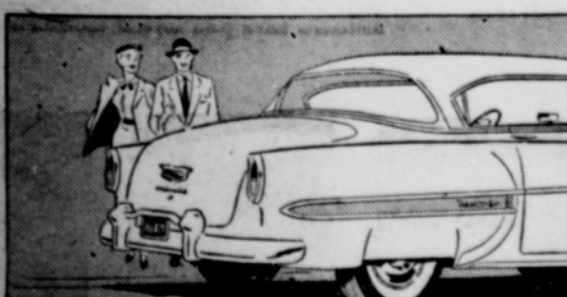
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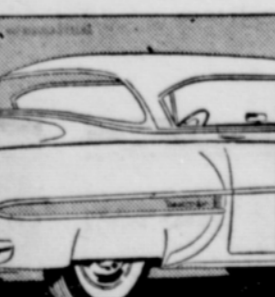
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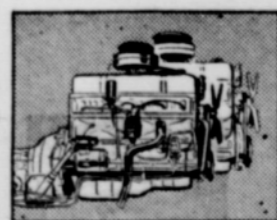
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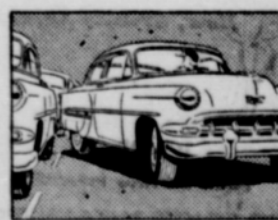
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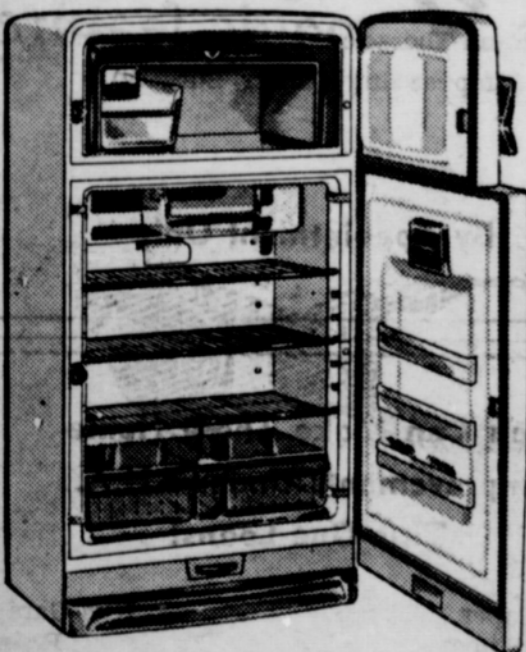


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ground. Been most too cold since he bought it to try it out. Guess this will be all till another time so let's all try to be good so Santa will stop by to see us.

Putnam Personals . . .

Flowers for all occasions. Call Mrs. I. G. Mobley, 35, Putnam, Texas. Representative Philpotts Florist, Cisco, Texas.

Miss Ora Clinton visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell.

There are so many friends, neighbors and relatives visiting with Mrs. Mary Ramsey that we will miss a few but some of them this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Dock Isenhower, Mrs. Clara Huntington, Mrs. Betty Wyatt and children, Mrs. Fred Allen and Trevis Wood, of Cisco, Mr. Lee Wilson, Lawn, Mrs. Clara Huntington and Mr. and Mrs. George Watkins and son, Mike, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sunderman and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards Sunderman and children of Morgan were weekend guests with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman.

Mrs. Eli Abernathy is reported as doing well at the present time. She underwent surgery about two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Clinton and children were here this weekend from Snyder visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clinton and Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lowry.

Mr. Frank Perkins came down from Dallas Friday and is visiting with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Perkins. Monday night they enjoyed playing dominoes with Mr. Alton White.

Mrs. Gus Thomas, the former Lillian Wingo, drove down from Dallas to visit friends, and her aunt, Mrs. Johnny Mae Ramsey. Lillian plans to go to Panama after school is out for nursing duties. She will stay about three years. Her children will accompany her.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mundt and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mitchell and boys, Mrs. Earlene Clark and daughter were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet.

Mrs. Clark, Doris, and Beth were visitors Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John A. Pruet in Cross Plains.

Pfc. Billy Jim Everett came in Sunday night to spend the Christmas holidays with his family and will be here until Jan. 3.

Mrs. W. A. Everett spent Sunday visiting with Mrs. Mary Ramsey.

Mr. Thomas Morrison drove down from Trent to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wirt. While here he visited with John D. Isenhower.

Mrs. Mae Williams and son, Ollis, of near Cottonwood and E. L. Harwell and granddaughter of Abilene, were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graves and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Graves

and family drove down from Ft. Worth for a weekend visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wirt.

Mrs. Janey Moore and daughter, Eva, attended the church services in Cisco at the Church of Christ. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moore.

Mrs. Henry Weeks was a business visitor in Abilene, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francisco attended the grammar school basketball tournament at Eula Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. H. M. Boatman and sons, Bill and Danny drove to Cisco Sunday to visit with Mr. Joe Boatman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evans and children, Jack, Mike and Dan of Kermit and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Mitchell and sons Chris and Donny of Big Spring were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brandon. Mr. Evans is a teacher in the Kermit School. Mr. Mitchell is an engineer and is now employed by Sinclair.

Mrs. Vena Shackelford drove to Ft. Worth for a weekend visit with Mrs. Lena Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton White are enjoying their new TV set.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Pruet, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pruet, Monday night.

Mrs. Tex Herring was Christmas shopping in Cisco, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rutherford returned home Sunday from attending their son, Charles' wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford also came Sunday to spend part of their honeymoon trip in Putnam, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rutherford, La Verne and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford visited Wesley Rutherford and Mrs. Cecil Rutherford in Abilene, Monday night. They also visited with Mrs. Joe Nalley in Merkel, Monday night.

Old toys are made like new. Broken toys are fixed, ready for some child to enjoy Christmas morning. Children that perhaps would not be enjoying the day except for donation by you who have toys that are suitable, and for Mrs. George Biggerstaff who is painting and repairing them.

Mr. and Mrs. Knighton West and children, Elsie Lee and James went to the Spring Gap Mountains to get her Sunday School class a Christmas tree. They visited the E. M. Price family while they were there.

Knots in pine logs are almost imperishable, decaying much less rapidly than the log itself.

Down Memory Lane

December 17, 1909

W. J. Cutbirth and daughter, Miss Freda, of Belle Plain, were in town shopping Saturday.

Mrs. W. A. Hinds returned a few days ago from Paris, Texas, where she visited her mother.

Oscar Lambert was in from Clear Creek Monday.

Noah Johnson of Dressy, was in town, yesterday.

R. E. Bounds, of Baird, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master.

Mrs. J. I. McWhorter and Miss Jennie Brightwell from the Bayou, were in town shopping, Wednesday.

T. M. Slaughter and Jas. Barton, Jr., of Tecumseh, have returned from Waco, where they attended the Masonic Grand Lodge.

Earnest Cooke, who recently moved to Archer County, had one of his eyes seriously injured and was carried to Ft. Worth where an operation was performed. His mother, Mrs. A. Cooke, went down to see him Saturday.

Miss Jennie Harris, of Admiral, is in the city to spend a few days with friends.

S. E. Settle, of Clyde, spent Saturday in Baird.

daughter, Betty Gay, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lidia at Stephenville Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lidia accompanied them home for a weeks visit.

C. A. Kent of Cross Plains was in Baird yesterday.

W. O. Wylie and W. O. Wylie, Jr., spent Wednesday in Fort Worth on business.

Mrs. T. A. Coppinger and daughter, Miss Mayme, with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Land and son, are visiting relatives in Tennessee this week.

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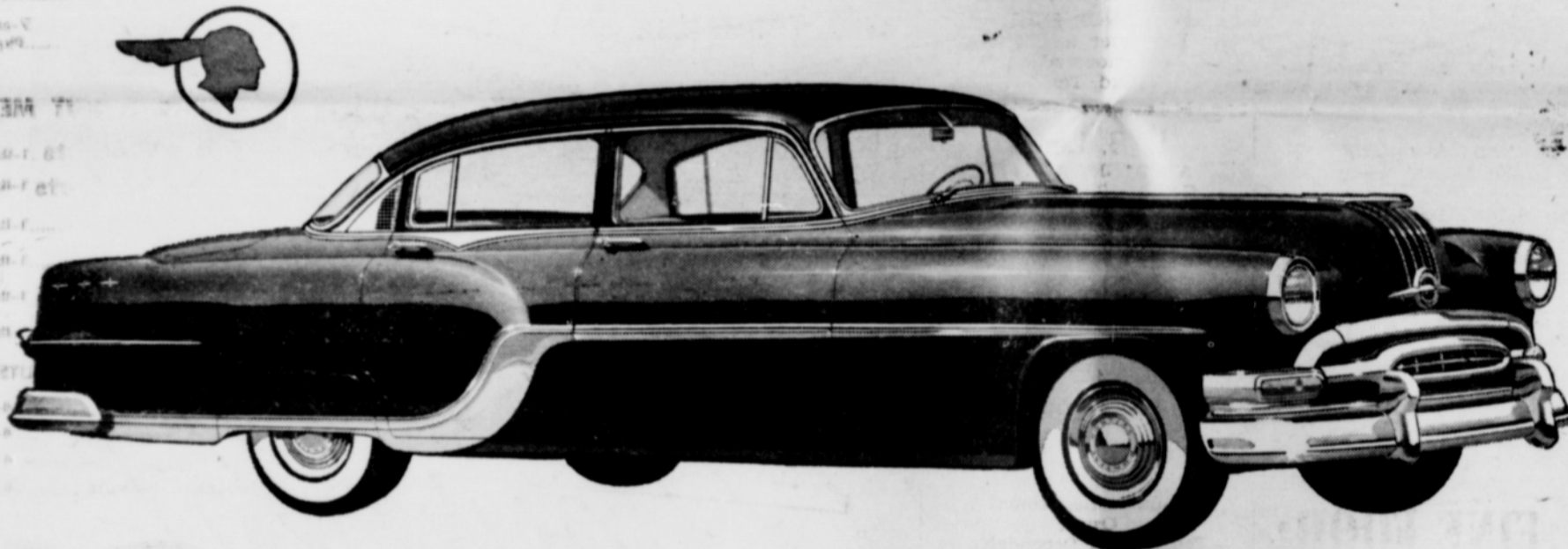
December 15, 1933

Mayor H. Schwartz, Lee Estes and Arthur Johnson, members of the local Knights of Pythias lodge, went to Abilene Tuesday night to attend the annual venison dinner given by the Knights of Pythias of that city.

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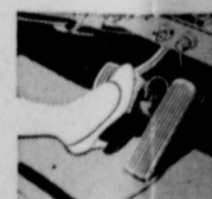
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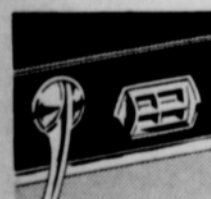
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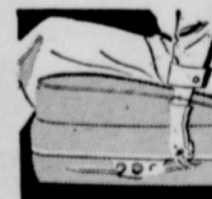
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Love,
Peggy Ann Payne

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I love you. Santa, I want a doll. I love my mother.

Love,
Beatrice Turner

Dear Santa, I like Christmas. Will you come to see me? I have been a good girl.

Love,
Gwendolyn Brandon

Dear Santa, I like you to come to see me. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Lynn Gleghorn

Dear Santa, I like Christmas. Will you come to see me? I have been a good girl.

Love,
Linda Lea Patterson

Dear Santa, I like Christmas. Will you come to see me? I have been a good girl. I want a bicycle, a walking doll and doll clothes.

Love,
Nada Yvonne Sheinutt

Dear Santa, I like Christmas. Will you come to see me? I have been a good girl.

Love,
Gwen Ellen Walls

Dear Santa, I wish you would bring me some toys and a car.

Love,
Ben Preston

Dear Santa, I like Christmas. Will you come to see me? I have been a good boy.

Love,
Maxie Don Gordon

Dear Santa, Bring me a gun for Christmas. Will you come to see me? I like you.

Love,
Scotty Mitchell

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle and please bring my little brothers tricycles. We have been good little boys.

Thank you.
Gary Abernathy
Ronnie Abernathy

Dear Santa Claus, I am Benny Brame, I'm five years old. I have been pretty good this year. I go to school every day and help Mama. I want a pop gun, a football and a pay loader. Please bring all the little boys and girls some toys for Christmas.

Love to Santa,
Benny

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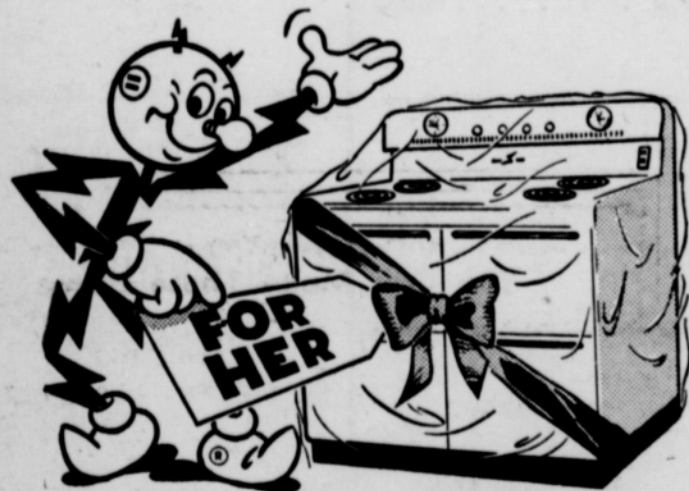


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NOTICE OF ELECTION
 Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the American Legion Hall in the City of Baird in Callahan County, Texas, on the 12th day of January, 1954, for the purpose of electing two Directors of the Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1. The officers of the said election are: D. J. Anderson, Election Judge; Hugh Ross, Mrs. Farris Bennett and Mrs. J. R. Jackson, clerks.
 All persons who are qualified voters and who pay taxes in said District shall be entitled to vote in said election.

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Gilbert Hinds,
 Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1
 50-3-c
 The Gunn sisters, Myrtle, Lenora and Lorena paid the Baird Star a visit on Monday and renewed their subscriptions for another year. The Gunn family has been subscribers to The Star for 64 years.

CARD OF THANKS
 Words are inadequate to express our deep appreciation for the expression of sympathy, the food and the beautiful floral offerings of our friends in our hour of bereavement. May God keep and bless you, is our prayer.
 Mr. and Mrs. Tee Baulch
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barton
 Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Baulch
 Judge J. L. Farmer was a business visitor in Dallas last Tuesday.

ESTRAY SALE
 Notice is hereby given that I. G. Mobley, County Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Callahan County, Texas, has this day, Dec. 14, 1953, legally estrayed the following animal:
 One black and white Holstein steer, age 2 years, weight 600 lbs., branded VV left side, right ear dropped, left ear swallow forked.
 Said estray will be sold to the highest bidder at the J. A. Yarbrough farm, 7 miles north of Putnam, Jan. 4, between hours of 1-3 p.m.
 I. G. Mobley,
 Commissioner, Precinct 3
 51-3-c

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Mitchell visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Varner at their home in Cottonwood last Sunday evening. From there the Mitchells went to Cross Plains to attend the night church services.
 Mrs. Jim Tom Lawrence of Cisco visited and did some shopping here on Monday.
 Mr. and Mrs. John D. Isenhower of Putnam wre business visitors here this week.

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OLEO, Azalea, lb. 19c

PECANS, Paper Shell, lb. 33c

WALNUTS, Large, lb. 43c

DATES, Dromedary, 7 1/4 oz. pkg. 23c

CHERRIES, Chocolate Covered, 1 lb. box 55c

SHORTENING, Bake Rite, 3 lb. can . 75c

SUGAR, Imperial Powdered, 2 boxes 25c

PUMPKIN, Del Monte, 2 No. 303 cans 25c

PIE CHERRIES, Kimbells, No. 2 can 25c

KIMBELLS
FLOUR
 25 lb. sack
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CUT TO ORDER T-Bone Steak pound 55c	LONGHORN CHEESE pound 49c	GOOD FOR BOILING HAM HOCK pound 33c	LEAN TENDER PORK CHOPS pound 59c	HOME MADE SAUSAGE pound 49c	ALL MEAT WIENERS 1 lb. cello 49c
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BLACK'S
RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor
Fruit Balls
 1/2 cup dried figs
 1/4 cup dried apricots
 1/4 cup mixed candied fruit, bulk or canned
 3 Tablespoons Fat Evaporated Milk
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup corn flake crumbs (see note)
 Put figs, apricots and candied fruit through medium knife of food chopper. Mix milk and sugar in a saucepan and cook over low heat, stirring until sugar dissolves, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add ground fruit. Mix well. Chill thoroughly. With wet hands, shape into 1-inch balls. Roll balls in corn flakes. Store in a cool place. Makes 2 dozen.
 NOTE: You can use finely cut unsalted nuts instead of the corn flakes.

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