

CALLAHAN COUNTY, In Central West Texas, organized 1877; area 882 square miles, pop. 11,600. Rolling prairies and wooded areas of mesquite, post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

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BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1948

MARVIN HUNTER, Jr. Editor

Winners Picked In Light Contest

Out of town judges in the Christmas lighting contest found picking the winners to be a difficult task, due to the splendid effort put forth by Baird people. In making the selections, the judges followed definite rules for artistry, originality, suitable decorations for the surroundings, and the displays that reflected serenity becoming the birth of Christ were preferred to the showy, more elaborate entries. All entries were judged by numbers and the judges did not know the contestants. Although the exhibit by Olton Poole nor the Municipal Light Plant were awarded prizes, they should be viewed by all the townfolk, as expressed by the judges.

The Old Fashioned Garden Club expressed appreciation for the fine work that was done by so many Baird people in making this the best contest ever held here. The judges made the remark that Baird was far better lighted for Christmas than any other city they had seen. More entries are invited next year. The contest will begin earlier next Christmas and there will be better prizes.

Winners are as follows:
Business Section — 1st. Jones Dry Goods; 2nd, Mayfields; 3rd, West Texas Utilities Company.
Window — 1st, Alan Johnson; 2nd, Clark Edwards; 3rd, Wade Johnson.
Doorway — 1st, Fabian Bell; 2nd, Russell Warren; 3rd, R. L. Griggs.
Outdoor Tree — 1st, M. C. McGowan; 2nd, (very outstanding) Erie Hall; 3rd, Mr. Avery.
Best All-round Decorated Home — Wade Johnson. The prize in this award is a month's free electric service, which was given by Municipal Light Plant.

PTA MEETING

Christmas songs and popular numbers were given by the Hi-Lo quartet at the PTA meeting Thursday, Dec. 16. The quartet, composed of Jack Hunter, Jack Yarbrough, Ray Kerby and Jimmy Mobley, is directed by Mrs. Clyde White and accompanied by Mrs. V. E. Hill.

The membership drive prize of \$2, and the traveling picture for largest attendance, were won by Mrs. Dunwoody's room.

It was voted upon to put on a home talent play in the spring.



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Saturday
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and the Plainsmen

Saturday Owl Show
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—in—
'The Knockout'

Sunday - Monday
'Feudin', Fussin' and A-Fightin'

DONALD O'CONNOR
MARJORIE MAIN
PERCY KILBRIDE

Tuesday
Wednesday
'Deep Waters'
DANA ANDREWS
JEAN PETERS

Joe Pierce Names County Deputies

Joe Pierce, who will take the oath of office as sheriff of Callahan county on January 1st, announces that Wes Patton will be his chief deputy. Mr. Patton has served in this position for several months and has had previous experiences as a peace officer. During the time he has been deputy sheriff here, he has served well and has gained many friends throughout the county. Miss Hope Glover, former employee in the sheriff's office, will be office deputy. Ed Cornelius, who has had a number of years experience in law enforcement, will be deputy at Cross Plains, and Sam Maynard, who has served as deputy sheriff under a number of Callahan county sheriffs, will be deputy at Putnam.

DEPUTY GRAND MATRON VISITS BAIRD LODGE

Mrs. Retta Bartlett of Santa Anna, Deputy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star of Texas, made her official visit to Callahan Chapter 242 on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, and brought an interesting and instructive message on official workings of the chapter, to the 41 members present.

After the close of the meeting, all present enjoyed refreshments of cake and coffee, after which gifts were distributed from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree. The chapter presented a gift to Mrs. Bartlett.

A dinner honoring Mrs. Bartlett was given Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. R. L. Alexander. Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Mae Payne and Helen Payne Hunter of Santa Anna were also special guests. The rooms were beautifully decorated with a Christmas tree and greenery. Twenty-four guests attended the dinner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY AT PRICE HOME

Mrs. Spencer Price and Mrs. O. P. Thompson entertained the first and second year Sunday School classes of the Church of Christ with a Christmas party at the Price home from 3 until 5 p. m. Monday.

After several games, gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ross, Mr. Price and Zella Price assisted in serving star cookies and punch to twenty-five small guests.

T. C. Powers, Sr., and daughter, Miss Vera Powers, of Corpus Christi, spent Christmas with Mr. Powers' daughter, Mrs. Marvin Hunter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell and children of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. O'Brien and boys of Houston, Mrs. J. M. Woodley and son of Maplewood, La., and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bell of Big Spring spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dell Shocklee and daughter of Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kehrer of Big Spring spent Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. Mary Kehrer.

Albert Kehrer left for Odessa Sunday after spending several days with his mother, Mrs. Mary Kehrer.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ault were: J. A. Ault, Miss Sarah Ault, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Chalker, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cotoon and son, Mutt, of Clyde.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Massa of Pampa, Miss Ann Hill, N.T.S.T.C. Denton, E. J. Hill, Texas Tech, Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young of Abilene.

Edwin Dunnam of Houston visited his uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Bob Beck and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mitchell, of Houston, had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Beck's granddaughter, Mrs. W. A. Garrett and Mr. Garrett at Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Walls and children, Gayle, James, George Fred, and Gene, spent Christmas in Sweetwater with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis and family. Gayle remained for a visit there this week.

Mrs. Bess Johnson spent Christmas in Monahans.



SUNSHINE CIRCLE CLUB HOLDS PARTY

The Sunshine Circle Club had their Christmas party at the home of Miss Jeff Lambert on Wednesday, Dec. 15, with president Mildred Crutchfield in charge. It was a big success and a great time was enjoyed by all.

The program included Christmas Carols and a poem, read by Mrs. Wade Johnson. Miss Edith Bowlus read "The Night Before Christmas", and Mildred Crutchfield read the Christmas Story. Mrs. John Bowlus was in charge of a game, with Mrs. Ed Lambert walking off with the prize.

All sixteen members were present: Mrs. Anne Asbury, Mrs. John Bowlus, Mrs. Alice Crutchfield, Mrs. Ella Jackson, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. Wade Johnson, Mrs. Mary Kehrer, Mrs. Willie Lambert, Mrs. Bud Walker, Miss Edith Bowlus, Mrs. Gobel, Miss Jeff Lambert, Miss Katie Lou Walker, Miss Susie Walker, Mrs. Isa Beck and Mrs. Mildred Crutchfield.

The 15th was also Miss Susie Walker's birthday so the club presented her with a gift. The club also voted to send a gift basket to a needy family.

ASSIGNED TO DUTY

Robert H. Matlock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Matlock, Route 1, Clyde, has been assigned to the Fifth Armored Division for eight weeks of basic training.

Reactivated July 6, 1948, the Fifth Armored "Victory" Division hung up a brilliant war record in six European campaigns during World War II. Before the end of 1949 Camp Chaffee is expected to have 20,000 troops, making it the largest Army training center in the nation.

GARDEN CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Old Fashioned Garden Club met Dec. 16 at the home of Mrs. Alan Johnson for the Christmas social. The home was attractively decorated in the Christmas motif. Members answered roll call with Christmas memories. Programs for the remainder of the year were passed out and after a gift exchange around a gaily lighted tree, a refreshment plate of fruit cake, tea and coffee was served.

The next meeting will be Jan. 4, at the home of Mrs. Rod Kelton.

Dr. J. T. Lawrence of Fort Worth will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence.

Suzanne Sladous, who is attending Academy of Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, La., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sladous.

Wilburn Jones, in the Navy at San Diego, Calif., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones of Rowden.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT McQUEEN HOME

Mrs. R. F. McQueen honored her children with a Christmas dinner at her home on Christmas Day. All of her children were present for the occasion. Children present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Holloway of Desdemona; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McQueen and children of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Ermine Robbins of Scottsburg, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Barnard and Emmitt Hutchin of Baird.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCarty, Mrs. Tof Arledge of Baird, Mrs. Barnard of Sulphur Springs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses issued recently at the county clerk's office are: Clemene Delara and Lillian Silva; Curtis Parker and Bobbie Nell Joy; Melvin L. Wilcoxon and Claudine Stanley; Doyle Canno and Bety Lovelady; Burk Allison Clifford and Laverne Dorsey; Edwin C. Wilcoxon and Neida Frances Woody; Alfred Newman and Mrs. Octavia Newman; John Ray Harrison and Barbara Hale; James F. Pitt and Bonnie Mae Epperson; Donald C. Clark and Jane Mersfelder; Billie Joe Henderson and Wanda White; James Poindexter and Lois Gregg; Floyd Glenn Andrews and Wilma Jones; E. L. Tarpley and Billie Jean Fulton.

Christmas guests of B. H. Bennett, Mrs. Ella Hooper and Mrs. La Vesta Cargal are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bennett of Valera, Mrs. D. L. Parrott of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cargal of Denton, M-Sgt. and Mrs. Bill Cargal of Ft. Payne, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cargal, George and Mike.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart are Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Garner and son, Don and Lynn, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hart of Midland, and Billy Fred Hart of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Todd and sons, Davy and Bill, of Anson, and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sparks will have Christmas dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McElroy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil West and children, Saran and Bowius, of Crane, and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ramsey of Corpus Christi, will spend Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. O. T. Cooper arrived Wednesday from Corpus Christi to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Ross and family.

Dr. Jim Tom Lawrence of Ft. Worth spent the Christmas holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Q. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Evans of Denison and Miss Donna Carter of Dallas were visitors in the home of Miss Jeffie Lambert during Christmas.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOLDS SERVICE FOR JOSEPH T. SMITH

Funeral for Joseph Thomas Smith, 81, former resident of Putnam, was conducted at 10 a. m. Friday, Dec. 24th, at the Wylie Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Putnam cemetery.

Mr. Smith died Wednesday afternoon at Odessa, where he had lived the past 12 years.

He was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors are his wife; four sons, Lee of Odessa, J. T. of Hamlin, A. P. of Amarillo and O. C. of Valmeyer, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Sallie Pippet of Cisco; and two brothers, John of Sweetwater and Worth of Post.

COLEMAN PIONEER WOMAN SUCCEUMS

Funeral service was held in Dallas Tuesday for Mrs. Maggie Wilson who died at her home in Clyde, Monday, Dec. 20.

Mrs. Wilson was an early day resident of Coleman county. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berry Burnett, were among the early settlers at the old Atoka community.

Survivors are six children; one sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Parker of Sweetwater; and three nieces of this area: Mrs. Lura Bullard of Goldsboro, Mrs. G. G. Bowen of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. Sam McIntosh, Clyde.

HUMBLE BROADCAST

The traditional New Year's Day broadcast of the Cotton Bowl Game in Dallas by Humble Oil and Refining Company will go on the air at 1 p. m. Saturday. This 13th Cotton Bowl game, featuring the Championship S.M.U. team and the visiting Oregonians, will be brought to listeners over a statewide network.

Kern Tips will give the Play-by-play report and will be assisted by colorman Alec Chesser. The Humble broadcast may be heard over stations WRR, Dallas; WFAA-820, Dallas; WOAI, San Antonio; KPRC, Houston; KRIS, Corpus Christi; KVAL, Brownsville; KURV, Edinburg; KGNC, Amarillo; KOSA, Odessa; KIUN, Pecos, and KROD, El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phillips and daughters, Florence and Florida, moved to Abilene from Clyde Tuesday of last week. The Phillips had lived in and around Clyde for the past 28 years.

Lefty Rutherford, who is stationed at San Diego, Calif., with the Navy, is spending Christmas at Putnam.

Mrs. Roy Smith of Big Spring is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Reese.

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Star Out Early This Week

The Baird Star is being mailed earlier than usual this week that the office force may take a little time off to relax and get ready to begin another year. It used to be the custom for weekly newspapers not to publish a paper between Christmas and New Year's, due mainly to the fact that all business places were taking inventory and were not primarily interested in advertising their goods, but there came into being a law which stipulated that a newspaper must be published continuously for the entire year for it to be a legal publication qualified to publish legal notices, etc. For this reason, The Baird Star always publishes a paper, although only a few pages, during this week each year. We do this to make The Star legal and in good order that some sharp lawyer cannot nullify a case in court after a legal notice has been published and paid for in this newspaper.

The editor and J. L. Ault, our shop manager, are going down to the hill country next door to the Schreiner preserve to see if we can kill a deer. They say they are as tame as bed-bugs and as plentiful, too, down there this season. If we kill one, it will have to be from a distance for we have seen their soft brown eyes at close range. There's one thing we will assure our readers, that is, that we won't come home with a long story about shooting a hind-quarter off a deer without knocking his eye out at five hundred yards distance. We'll just go and have a good time and while we are resting and playing, we will be hoping all of you are happy, too, and that the New Year will bring you a heapin' measure of success.

POSTAL RATES ARE TO ADVANCE NEXT YEAR

The high cost of living finally has caught up with the least expensive of all commodities—postal service.

Beginning the first of 1949, it will cost six cents instead of five to send a letter air mail. The Post Office Department will inaugurate a new service then—air mail post cards at four cents each.

Cost of mailing practically everything, except ordinary first class matter, will go up January first.

Special delivery letters will cost 15 cents each instead of the present 13 cents.

Money orders now range from 6 to 22 cents, depending upon the amount. After January 1st, they will range from 10 to 35 cents. Postal notes have been increased from 5 to 8 cents.

Registered mail rates now are from 20 cents to \$1.35, but will range from 25 cents to \$1.50. Insured mail now costs from 3 to 25 cents. The new rate will be from 5 to 30 cents.

Collect-on-delivery mail, unregistered, also will rise an average of 5 cents—from 15 to 60 cents up to 20 to 65 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen were business visitors here Wednesday from Oplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Kniffen of Austin, Grady Edward Davis, Jr. of Ft. Worth, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil West and family of Crane are visiting their son, Cecil, and other relatives here.

NEWS TOPICS OF T & P EMPLOYEES

By G. P. Latsha

Statistics: One-hundred-forty rail miles west of Ft. Worth, 127 miles east of Big Spring, county seat of Callahan County, lies Baird. Mech. dept. employees include 33 men, three machinists, three helpers, eight carmen, four helpers, two clerks, ten laborers and three stationery firemen, handling an average of nine hundred engines a month, re-releasing to service an average of one-hundred-fifty cars each month from the rip track, under supervision of Gen. Foreman W. A. Fetterly.

Other mech. dept. supervisors are A. J. Pierson; Car Foreman H. L. Ross and Storekeeper J. A. Steele. W. S. Middleton of Big Spring relieving Gen. Foreman while ill.

Goodbye and good luck to Eastlandier, T. A. Ince, retiring after 32 years continuous service at this point.

Our sympathy to Storekeeper J. A. Steele on the death of his

Eula Man Retires After 30 Years

D. L. Kisman, Sr., who has been employed by the Magnolia Oil Company, now working at the Magnolia station northwest of Eula, will retire this weekend. His retirement will fall on Sunday, December 26th, but his company has seen fit to allow time off for Mr. Kisman to take it easy on Christmas.

On Oct. 13, O. D. Stollard, general superintendent of the company, came from Dallas to the station and presented him with a gold Magnolia pin set with a diamond. This pin is presented to all employees after 30 years of service.

Thirty years ago in October, while employed for the Fort Worth and Denver Railway at Ft. Worth, he and his wife took a leave of absence to go to Electra to visit in the home of her brother. He told his wife that he was going to look around and see if he could find a job working outside while at Electra. He applied for one and got it with this company. He never returned to the railroad.

That was just before the boom days of Burkburnett. Heavy machinery that is used now was unknown then. Living accommodations were not as comfortable as they are today, even in the acute housing shortage areas.

The Kismans have been shifted here and there. When asked to name the different posts that they had lived, Mrs. Kisman named 15 or 16 places then said: "Why bother? Just say from Red River to the Gulf of Mexico, and back again."

Several years ago they were transferred to Cisco, and it was there that they decided to buy a home. They are looking forward to that one last move, which will be between Christmas and New Year. This is the only move that they have really planned. They are expecting to spend the rest of their life doing things that they have never had time to do.

On Tuesday of last week they went to Cisco and made arrangements for the move which is scheduled for December 28th.

Mrs. Kisman claims to be a champion and an expert at moving. She tells of moving five times in eleven months. That included settling as many as three boys in school in a strange community.

The Kisman's have four boys, Jack, the youngest, is a sophomore at Eula High, Kenneth, the third son, is working for a telephone company in Hobbs, N. M., Turnes Seal, the second son, is rounding out his 11th year as a paratrooper in the U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. The oldest son, D. L. Jr., is following in his father's footsteps. After several years in the service, he received a discharge in 1945, and it was only two weeks until he was working for the Magnolia company. He is now a gauger at a station at Levelland.

DAUGHTER BORN

A daughter, Sally Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Irby Smith of Waxahachie, December 22. Little Sally Ann is the only granddaughter of Mrs. S. L. Smith of Baird. Mrs. Smith, with Mr. and Mrs. John Coppen and son of Abilene, left the 23rd for Waxahachie to visit the Smiths.

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grandfather, J. A. Steele in Ft. Worth.

Belated announcement of marriage of Bobbie Jean, daughter of Stnry, Fireman R. H. Jacobs, to Donald Joy, now attending Abilene Christian College. Much happiness to the two people.

Carman G. E. Davis suffered back injury, but is improving steadily.

A new face in the family: William Otis Bollinger, eight-pound nine-ounce son of Laborer and Mrs. Otis Bollinger.

New and pleasant face is that of O. C. Yarbrough, working as extra clerk and caller attending pre-med school at Murray College in Abilene.

Congratulations to Hostler Homer Nix on his new (to him) Chrysler.

Oil men swarming to Eastland have taken over the hospital which now serves as a hotel. Healthy peoples these Western Eastlanders!

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The undersigned, having been duly appointed independent executor under the will and of the estate of Mrs. Mary Emma Helm Adair, deceased, late of Cross Plains, Callahan County, Texas, by J. L. Farmer, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 6th day of December, 1948, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to it within the time prescribed by law, at its place of business in the City of Waco, McLennan County, Texas, where it receives its mail.

This the 14th day of December, 1948.

The First National Bank of Waco, Waco, Texas.

By E. A. Flowers, Its Vice-President and Trust Officer.

Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7, 14.

Billie Bob Pierson, who is stationed with the Navy in Memphis, Tenn., arrived the past weekend to spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pierson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Walls and daughter, Gayle, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rutherford moved to Baird during the weekend from Haskell.

Mrs. Flora Mask visited her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Davis in Abilene Tuesday.

Miss Dollie Wilson of Fort Worth arrived Friday to spend Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Charles L. Robinson and Mr. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Ross of Marshall spent the past weekend with their son, Hubert Ross and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Work of Austin are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith are spending Christmas in Colorado City.

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As we wish you the best of New Year's wishes we add a word of thanks for your fine patronage and good will. We trust we may continue to be of service to you.

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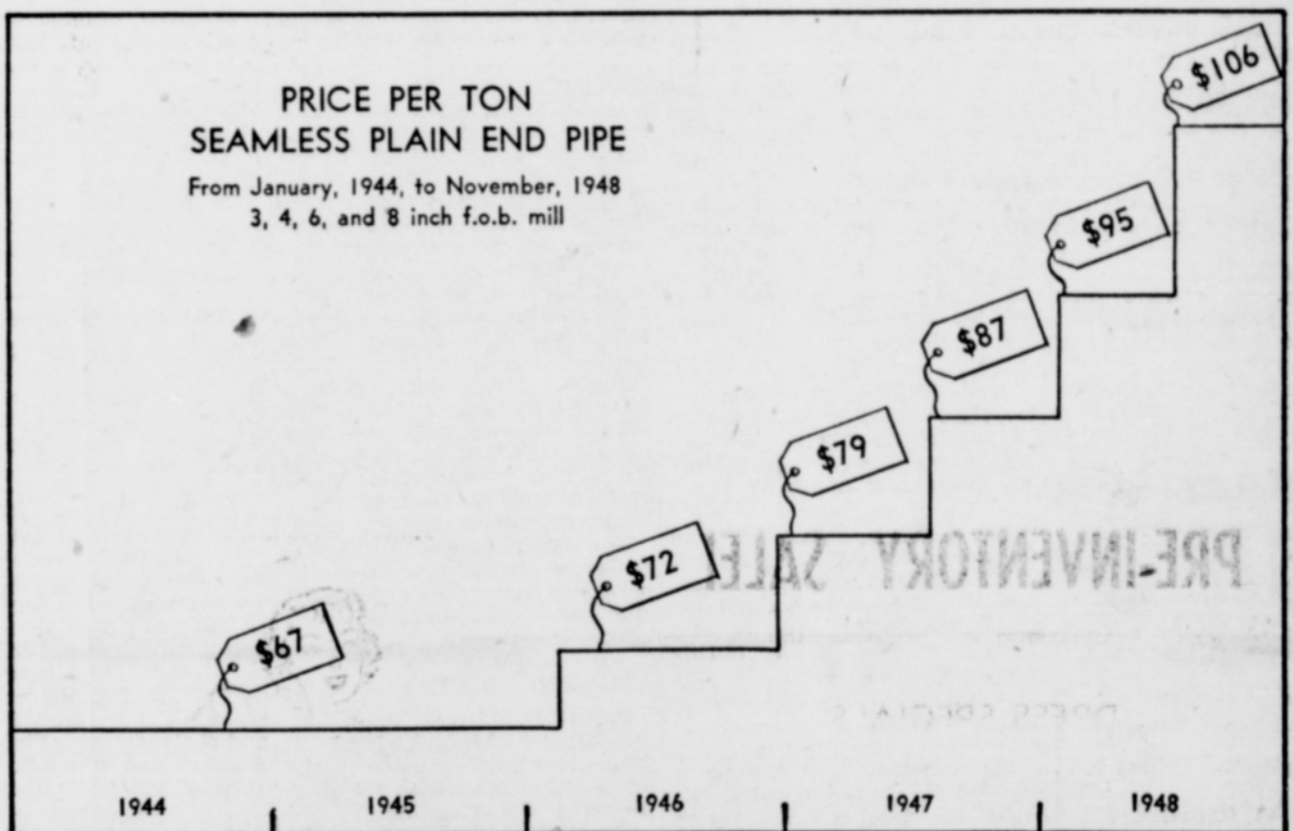
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We want to extend our sincere greetings to each of you and to wish you a New Year abundant with joy, health and prosperity. May the coming year be one of lasting peace and contentment, the days of which will see the achievement of your highest hopes and ambitions.

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Mrs. Alice Tunnell is very ill in St. Ann's Hospital. Her daughters, Mrs. Ennis Favors of Stephenville and Mrs. Grady Hayne of Abilene are at her bedside. She is reported some better.

Joe Magill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Magill of Clyde, has the mumps.

Mrs. Van Harris returned to her home after six weeks treatment in Cisco, and is reported doing fine.

Guests in the Hodges home Wednesday were Mrs. B. B. Smith of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Escue of Cleburne, Leon Kiser of Winters, J. P. Tunnell and Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Keele.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Windham of California are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Betcher and Mrs. Callie Windham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Miller and daughter, Jimmy Ruth, of Stephenville, came by Baird Thursday enroute to Lamesa to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spencer and daughters, Margaret and Evelyn, of Dallas, arrived Friday to spend Christmas with Mrs. J. H. Grimes and Miss Isadore Grimes in Baird, and Mrs. W. O. Spencer of Burnt Branch.

Mrs. Sam. D. Jobe was a pleasant visitor in town Monday.

Rowden Round-Up

Irene Mauldin Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter.

The Rowden Baptist Church sponsored a Christmas tree at the church house Friday night. Santa was there with a gift for everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr Elliott and children and Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Dell and children of Irvin, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Dell and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elliott, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Lehev of Spur and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crow and Richie, of Baird, visited Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Bains and children spent Christmas with relatives in Leesville, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens and Harold Lynn, of San Angelo, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stephens and boys.

Oscar Jones, who has been in boot training in the U. S. Navy in San Diego, spent the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gibbs of Jal. N. M., came home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Pauline Elliott, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Burr Elliott in Irving, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin English and boys went to Stamford Saturday to visit Mrs. English's sister.

Cecil Jones, of Howard Payne, Brownwood; Gerald Stephens of Hardin-Simmons, Abilene; W. B. Gibbs and Haroce Bains of Texas Tech, Lubbock, are among the college students spending the holidays at home.

Weldon Stephens of Junction came home for a few days.

Irvine Dickson returned Wednesday from a week's visit with his uncles and aunts, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Orman and Mr. and Mrs. Lois Harper, near Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Browning and daughter, Bessie Mae, returned Thursday of last week from a two weeks visit in California.

Mrs. C. T. Clay and sons, Charles and Robert, arrived Monday from Big Spring to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boatwright.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. George, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George and Joe George left the first of the week on a trip to California.

Mrs. R. A. Webster and sons, Jimmy of Abilene and David of Texas, U., are spending Christmas in Lufkin with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Webster, Jr.

Miss Evelyn Frazier is spending the holidays in Ft. Worth.

Christmas guests of Mrs. John F. McClelland were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McClendon of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Bates Baulch and children, Polly and Janice, of Brownwood, Miss Marguerite McClelland of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Andrews of Baird.

Mrs. E. Jones of Abilene spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Bowlus.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe R. Mayes and daughter, Ludie Jo, of Abilene, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. F. A. Payne and family. Rev. Mayes was pastor of the local Baptist church for thirteen years and always enjoys visiting with his old friends here.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Stubblefield and daughter, Carol, of Denver, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop of Denton are visiting Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Henry and baby, Barbara Jane, of Pecos spent Christmas holidays with Mrs. Arthur Johnson in Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Larmer Henry in Abilene.

Mrs. Walter Bryant visited her daughter, Mrs. Bob Austin and family, and her son, Bernie Bryant and family in Ft. Worth recently.

Mrs. W. L. Cooke and Mrs. R. D. Bryant went to Denton to bring Maurine Cooke, Virginia Stevenson and Ann Hill home for the holidays.

Coleman Nichols and Travis Henry, A.C.C. students in Abilene, spent the holidays here.

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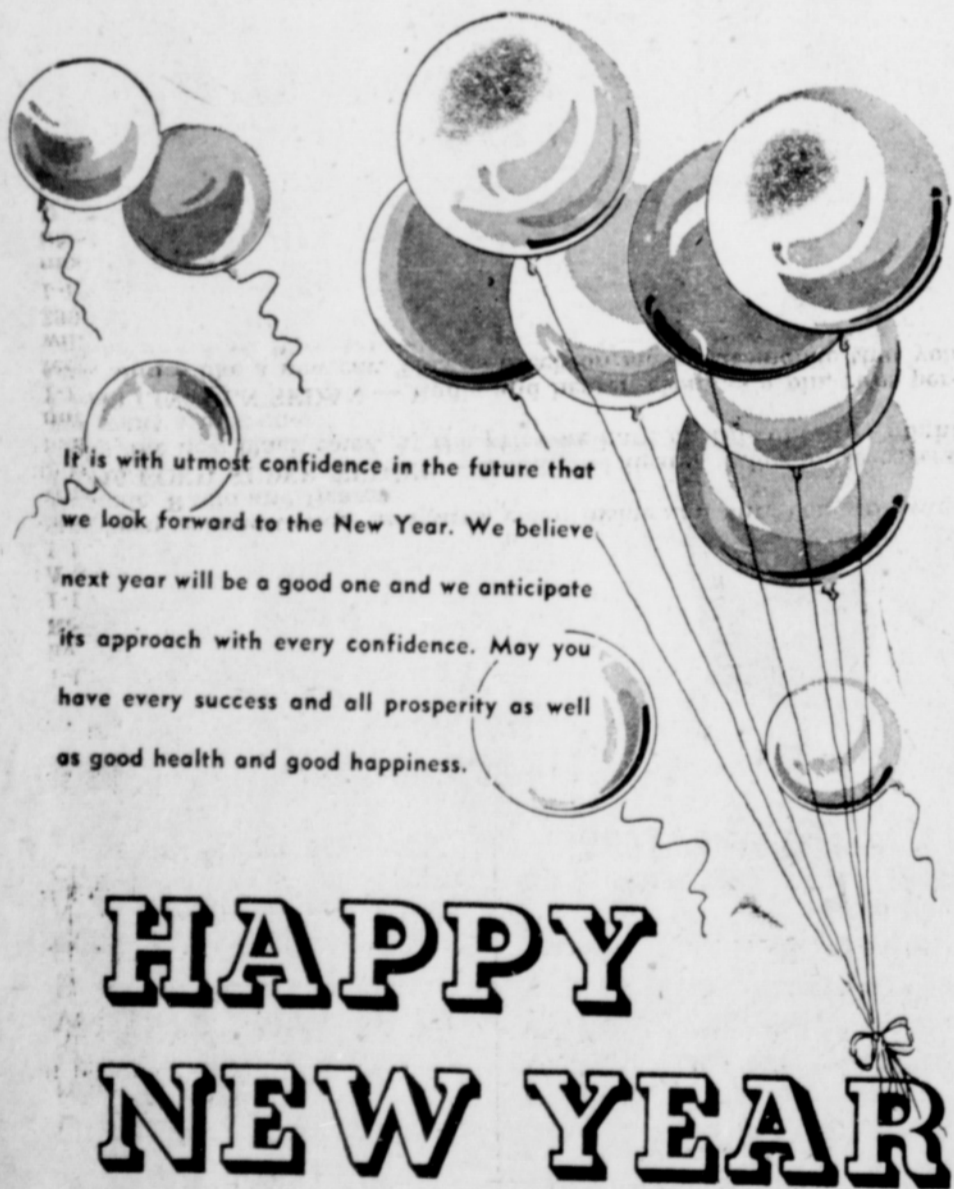
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NOTICE — I wish that whoever threw the tin cans, old shoes, dead chickens and other trash in the gravel pit on my place south of Baird will remove them and hereafter refrain from using my place as a dump ground. Tommie Windham. 5tp.

FOR SALE — good used, galvanized tin, light weight, \$5.00 per square, heavy weight, \$7.50 per square. W. E. Nabers at Cedar Shop in Baird. 1tp.

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Mr. and Mrs. Drue Hampton of Austin and Dr. Ben Louis Russell of Clovis, N. M., are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Russell.

Mrs. Farris Bennett left Friday to spend Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Buck White in Amarillo.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brashear were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Johnson of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. King of Seymour, and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Brashear and children, Jimmy and Carole, of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harper of McAlester, Okla., spent Christmas with Mrs. Harper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mitchell of Houston left Sunday after spending Christmas with Mrs. Bob Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stiffler spent Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Jake Williams, Mr. Williams and daughters at Henrietta.

Dolores and Jack Hunter are spending the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marvin Hunter, Sr., in Bandera.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dallas and son, Jimmy, of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dallas and sons, David, Jr., and Douglas, of Cross Plains were holiday visitors of Reta Dallas and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dallas at Admiral.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black and family were Christmas visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Terry, Jr., and son, H. B. III., with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tarrant of Clyde, ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Farmer at Eula.

Mrs. H. B. Terry and daughter, Rilla Frances, of Clyde, spent Christmas in Ft. Worth with Mrs. Terry's daughter, Mrs. T. J. Higgs.

Gene Black, who is stationed in Arkansas with the Army, was home for the holidays.

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