

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

Test Tube, Young Victim Symbolize Polio Hope in '54

Four-year-old Debby Dains of Gooding, Idaho shares the spotlight with an oversize test tube on the 1954 March of Dimes poster. On view in every community and along highways from coast to coast, the poster with its twin symbols dramatizes the programs of patient aid and polio prevention which have made March of Dimes services a byword in millions of American homes.

The fair-haired, blue-eyed, little Idahoan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dains, came down with polio in 1949 when he was only four months old. In all his short life, Debby has been at home for only about eight months. Most of his time is spent in the Idaho Elks Convalescent Home in Boise.

Debby Dains is a cooperative patient and so sparkling in his manner that his doctors and nurses have dubbed him "Mr. Personality." This in spite of the fact that he has needed almost constant treatment since the onset of the disease.

Poliomyelitis was not a stranger when it entered the Dains' modest home on Thanksgiving Eve. Ervin Dains had had polio when he was five years old and one of his legs is still weak. Even so, in the rage of the flu epidemic in Idaho that fall, Debby's illness was not immediately recognized as polio, a disease difficult to diagnose in early stages.

The Dains' family physician, Dr. Walter Anderson, was himself homebound with the flu. The morning after the baby first became ill, the Dains brought him to the physician's home. There Dr. Anderson made the tentative diagnosis of polio.

While the four older Dains children went to a relative, and the holiday turkey went unprepared, the unhappy young parents drove their shivering bundle 100 miles to a hospital in Boise.

The city doctors confirmed the diagnosis. Tiny Debby Dains was placed in an iron lung—his first Thanksgiving Day.

Almost as soon as the Dains departed for Boise, their doctor called Grocer Charles Sasser who was the local March of Dimes director. Sasser contacted the Boise hospital with the assurance that if Debby had polio, the chapter would give financial aid. Ervin Dains made only a modest income as a truck driver for nearby farmers; the chapter volunteers knew he needed help. Eight weeks and \$1,000 later Debby left St. Alphonsus Hospital for the Elks Home. Since that first November, the March of Dimes has provided more than \$15,000 in hospitalization, mechanical appliances, and physical therapy for the boy.

Today, only 37 inches tall and weighing a mere 27 pounds, Debby is partially paralyzed from the neck down. He requires a full body brace in order to sit up, crutches and full leg braces to walk. But, although both his shoulders and arms have been affected, he uses them well and get around with surprising agility. Last summer, for the first time, he learned to fish in the famous trout streams that surround his home in Idaho's famed Magic Valley.

Debby is fond of fruit juices, likes dogs, is impressed by cowboys and is as anxious to don a ten-gallon Stetson as any other fellow his age.

Quick to make friends he is at ease whether playing with the other handicapped children at the Elks Home, or with his five brothers and sisters in Gooding.

During January Mr. Personality is making friends for the March of Dimes as his part in helping free future generations from the threat of polio.

Brother Of Putnam Man Buried Saturday

Funeral for Truman Connor (Curly) Maynard, 69, who died at his residence in Fluvanna early Friday, Dec. 18, was conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Fluvanna Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Ronald Hubbard of Snyder, officiated and burial was in Fluvanna Cemetery.

Mr. Maynard had lived in Fluvanna since he became ill five years ago. Previously he ranched in Borden County 10 years.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Vivian Edgerton of Seattle, Wash.; four sons, Doyle Maynard of Natchitoches, La., Clyde Cox and Murie Cox of Carlsbad, N. M. and Don Cox, of Quinton, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Eula Craven of Eastland and Mrs. Eunice Moon of Glade-water; three brothers, Frank Maynard of California, Claude Maynard of Eastland and Lorenzo Maynard of Putnam; and six grandchildren.

Civil Service Exams

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that qualified printer-proofreaders are still urgently needed by the Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C. The positions to be filled pay \$2.80 an hour.

To qualify, applicants must pass a written test and have completed a 5-year printer's apprenticeship or have had 5 years of practical experience in the printing trade. In addition, they must have had 1 year of experience in reading book or magazine proof or 2 years of experience in reading proof on a daily newspaper. Full details concerning the requirements to be met are given in civil service examination announcement No. 351.

Further information and applications may be obtained from most post offices or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Applications will be accepted until further notice and must be filed with the Commission's Washington office.

Seventy-Two Guests Attend Open House

The five children, seventeen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin honored them with open house, on Dec. 13th, in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

The Gwin home, at 441 Race St., was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, gifts from the grandchildren and great-grandchildren; the lovely cake was a gift from their children, all of their children being present for the occasion.

Seventy-two guests registered in the guest book.

Mrs. R. A. Webster was a business visitor in Abilene on Monday of this week.

Discovery Well Flows 30 Barrels Hourly

Pethybridge-Erlich, et al, No. 1 Adelia Scott, Mial Scurlock Survey 207, wildcat 12 miles west of Cross Plains and 1 3/4 miles southwest of the War-Kirk Field in Callahan County, flowed at the rate of 30 barrels of oil an hour Saturday.

The flow came on a three-hour test after tubing was run and the swab pulled. Flow was through 2 3/4 inch choke with 500 pounds flowing pressure on tubing.

The well was shut in Saturday noon, waiting on completion of more storage.

The discovery—from the Cross Plains Sand—is being completed in open hole from 1,800-12 feet.

Spring School Terms For Veterans

The spring school terms, starting early in 1954, mark the last enrollment opportunity under the Korean GI Bill for thousands of post-Korea veterans, the Veterans Administration said today.

The reason, VA explained, is that the law's cut-off date of August 20, 1954, (exactly eight months away) applies to Korean veterans separated from service before August 20, 1952. If they want GI training, they must begin by the 1954 deadline in order to continue afterwards.

The deadline, however, comes before next fall's school term gets underway. Therefore, except for the summer session, the school term starting early in 1954 will offer many veterans their last opportunity to get started under the Korean GI Bill.

Veterans who left service after August 20, 1952, need not concern themselves with the forthcoming 1954 cut-off date, VA said. Instead, they have two years from the date of their separation in which to begin GI training.

Under the law, a veteran actually must "enroll in and begin" training before his deadline, if he wants to go on with it afterwards. The mere filing of an application beforehand, with the intention of starting afterwards, is not enough, VA pointed out.

Generally, the veteran will be expected to be in the classroom or at the training bench on his deadline date. But so long as he started in time, he may be permitted to interrupt his course because of the summer vacation, or for other reasons beyond his control, or for any circumstances that VA deems to be excusable.

Open House For 1947 Baird HS Graduates

Mrs. Lee Ivey and her daughter, Mrs. M. O. Moring, invite all members of the 1947 class of Baird High School, with their husbands or wives to attend an informal class reunion on Christmas afternoon from 4 to 5 at the Ivey home.

Tomorrow Is Christmas

Have you made your contribution to TB?

It is your gift to your neighbor and your community.

James C. Terry, 74, Buried Thursday

James C. Terry, 74, a resident of Moran for the past 37 years, died Sunday, December 13, at the home of a daughter in Gardena, Calif. He had been visiting there for two months.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 17, at the Moran Baptist Church, with Rev. J. B. Fowler, officiating. Burial was in Moran Cemetery, under direction of Wylie Funeral Home.

Mr. Terry was born Jan. 18, 1879.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. G. L. Marshall of Gardena, Calif.; three sons, Douglas of San Francisco, Calif., Royce Lee of Ft. Worth, and R. J. of Vann, Tex.; one sister, Kathryn Stevens of Long Beach, Calif.; three brothers, Kirk Terry of Blyth, Calif., Steve Terry of San Francisco, Calif., and Zed Terry of Calif.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

E. M. Gullede, of Dallas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stiffler, the first part of this week.

Louis F. Neeb, 77, Dies At Cross Plains

Louis Frederick Neeb, 77, died at 2 p. m. Monday at his home near Cross Plains.

Mr. Neeb was born on Sept. 19, 1876 at New Braunfels. As a child he moved with his parents to Coleman County in 1886. He spent most of his life farming in Coleman and Callahan Counties.

He was married to the former Virgie Freeman on Sept. 1, 1898. He had been a member of the Methodist Church for the past 45 years.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at the First Methodist Church at Cross Plains.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Doyle Neeb of Cross Plains, R. M. (Pete) Neeb of Baird, and H. W. Neeb of Cross Plains; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Spencer and Mrs. Jimmy Payne, both of Cross Plains; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one brother, J. B. Neeb also of Cross Plains; and one sister, Mrs. C. W. Davis of Corpus Christi.

13-B All-District Team Selected

The following boys, selected by the coaches of District 13-B, have been named on the All-District team:

Ends: Ronald Jackson, Gorman, Freddie Kniffen, Clyde; Tackles: Kyle Meadows, Baird, Tommy Johnson, Clyde; Guards: Foster, South Taylor, Harry Maupin, Gorman; Center: Nevin Foster, Clyde; Backs: Jimmy Hicks, Clyde, Robert Rankin, Gorman, Bill Barr, Clyde, George Jones, Baird.

Receiving honorable mention are:

Galik, Strawn, Jones, Gorman, Alphin, Baird, Blackstock, Moran, Lanardum, Strawn, Manning, Clyde, Rodgers, Gorman, Mangum, Carbon, Scott, South Taylor, Mitchell, Moran, Lambert, Baird, Morris, Strawn, McMillan, South Taylor, Grisham, Gorman, Self, Gorman, Self, South Taylor, Pruitt, Strawn, Poe, Baird, Jones, Baird, Warren Gorman.

NOTICE!

The Sheriff's Posse will meet Jan. 8, 1954 instead of Jan. 1, 1954. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the coming year. Time - 7 p. m.

Miss Yvonne Melton of Breckenridge, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, is working in the Lawrence Drug during the Christmas holidays.

May Christmas bring many blessings to each. May your New Year be happy and prosperous.

The Max Levi Family

Christmas Commercialization

By Keith Parks Professor of Bible, Hardin-Simmons University

A six-year-old boy of my acquaintance was so amazed at hearing a teacher explain the historical meaning of Christmas that he could hardly wait to announce his discovery to his mother. "Did you know," he questioned with wide eyes, "that Christmas is God's birthday?"

If no one explained that this day of celebration commemorated an obscure birth in a manger, how many Americans would recognize the fact? Somehow the sudden forests of firs and cedars on corner lots, the rotund figures in white beards and red suits, the bright lights, the frenzied buying, the loud noises and gaudy decorations seem entirely unrelated to the manger scene of Bethlehem.

A borrowed manger is the first of many indications that Jesus of Nazareth lived a life of simplicity and even poverty.

The pomp and splendor which kings (and more recently, queens) receive did not accompany the earthly life of the King of Kings.

But in contrast today, his birth is no longer associated with the simple quietness and lack of material riches. These are buried under an avalanche of wealth and glitter which defies description. Apparently Christmas has become the slave of commercialization.

Many who decry such exploitation of His birthday point an accusing finger at business enterprises and naively charge them with total guilt.

A quick glance at bold headlines, full-page advertisements, tempting displays, unbelievable bargains and easy lay-away plans seems to uphold this accusation.

But a deeper probe provokes the realization that these agencies could not accomplish such a phenomenal feat alone. The money to pay for all this comes from the pay check of the average American family. Admittedly, agencies which thrive on selling have promoted increased Christmas buying.

Starting with mid-summer campaigns to put dolls or jewelry in lay-away for Christmas, they add an ever-increasing pressure in early November to promote the exchange of goods for as much money as possible. Consequently clever minds of promotion and advertising are not blameless for the commercialization of Christmas. But, in reality, the attitudes and activities of business men are mere reflections of the current American philosophy.

Before children of this generation are capable of reasoning or developing individual opinions, they are besieged with queries about what they expect from Santa Claus.

For the next few blissfully innocent years they write extended lists of requests to him and impatiently wait for his nocturnal visit.

The desire for toys on Christmas is so deeply imbedded in young hearts that even the rowdiest find enough incentive to behave "angel like" for at least a few days.

And with the dawn of the eventful day youngsters attack bountiful treasures of presents and Christmas is spent hilariously displaying and experimenting with them. Accompanying this is an overabundance of too-rich food which produces some regret and quantities of bicarbonate soda.

Somewhere in the middle of this tradition—suddenly, almost shatteringly—some parent, religious teacher or preacher explains to the little ones that all of this is not the real meaning of Christmas.

The simple story of the Christ child is abruptly introduced into mid-December and the confused

little minds are left to reconcile the theoretical view to the familiar observance of Christmas.

The child says little but looks quizzically and with bewilderment at the actions of his elders. He sees them dashing with frowns and set jaws down crowded streets and feels the tension mounting in these last days before December 25.

He is pressed by the unsympathetic crowd as he is pulled from one store to another. He sees furrowed brows and dejected, sometimes exasperated, faces as gift lists and bank accounts are compared. He hears talk of money borrowed and charge accounts opened.

He puzzles as gifts are gauged to equal or better those received last year from particular relatives and friends. His wonder increases as presents are given to those from whom one is expected.

Finally Christmas comes and the child looks at the worn-out adults who have overspent their money, time, nerves and patience. He hears the discharge of enough explosives to destroy dozens of tin cans, several fingers and the calm composure of everyone in his block.

Again somebody repeats that this is an observance of the birthday of Jesus, but the child's conception is fixed. He reaches adulthood and passes it on to his children. The joy and success of Christmas are measured in material returns, but lip service must be given to its religious meaning.

Some shrug and say nothing can be done—so just enjoy it.

Others develop a disapproving attitude and condemn the multitudes. Still others wonder if these are the only approaches and contemplate constructive steps to de-commercialize Christmas.

If followed, a few simple steps could change the prevailing condition. If the true spirit of giving is re-instated at Christmas, we will seek to give to the needy, the forgotten and others from whom there is no return. Second, instead of the exhaustive expenditures of self on physical excitement, we can pause for the quietness of a sacred time spent in the presence of the central Figure of Christmastime. Reading the story of His birth and portions of His life would be rewarding. And third, we can give ourselves and part of our substance to the One for whom Christmas is named. Again, a little child expressed wisdom beyond her years when she asked, "If it's Jesus' birthday, where is His present?"

Rites Held For Tot Found Dead In Bed

Funeral for Patsy Inez Williams, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Williams, 726 Chestnut St., Abilene, were held at 1 p. m. Saturday at the Kiker-Warren Funeral Home Chapel in Abilene.

The 7-month-old girl was found dead in her bed about 8 a. m. Friday by her parents.

Patsy was born in Abilene May 22, 1953.

Rev. Elbert G. Peak, pastor of the Corinth Baptist Church conducted the services. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Survivors include her parents; two brothers, Jerry Bob, 5, and Raymond Jones, 4; one sister, Peggy Ruth, 2, all at home; her maternal grandmother Mrs. F. C. Pierce of Abilene; and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams of Baird.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC!

Window service at the Post Office will be from 8 to 10 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 26. All other service will be as usual.

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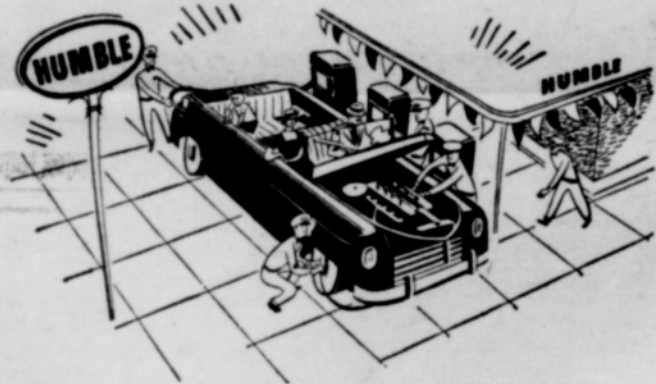
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At this Christmas time let us echo in our hearts and then implement by our acts these words of the President of our country—

"We are ready to dedicate our strength to serving the needs, rather than the fears, of the world."

CHRISTMAS 1953

The First National Bank Of Baird

BAIRD, TEXAS

With thanks to Mr. Roland Irvine, President of The Chase National Bank.

Down Memory Lane

December 24, 1909

Club Holds Annual Christmas Party

The Lowell Boyd home was the meeting place Monday evening for twenty members of the Corinne Blackburn Club and one guest, Mrs. Lee Ivey, for their Christmas party.

A delightful tree and other yule decorations were used throughout the rooms.

Mrs. Roland Nichols gave the invocation. The President, Mrs. Peek, introduced Mrs. Ivey, who read the beautiful story, "Here Comes Christmas."

Mrs. Boyd acted as Santa and distributed the gifts. After refreshments, Mrs. Peek played the accordion and all joined in the singing of Christmas carols.

Members enjoying this delightful party were: Mmes. Lynn Ault, Fabian Bearden, Eunice Brock, Lowell Boyd, D. C. Cox, N. L. Dickey, Juanita Danielson, Horace Elliott, Jack Gilliland, Eddie Koneczak, A. A. Manion, C. S. McGowen, Roland Nichols, C. M. Peek, Margie Ray, G. E. Rokey, Terrell Williams, L. L. Blackburn, Misses Burma Warren and Edith Bowlius.

State Teachers Gaining Members

The Texas State Teachers Association already has passed its 1954 membership goal and now has more members than ever before in its 73-year history.

Charles H. Tennyson, executive secretary, said today the total membership of the Association has reached 54,450. He predicted it would reach 55,000 before the end of the membership year.

TSTA had 53,342 members at the end of the last membership year, Sept. 30. Its goal for the 1953-54 membership year was 54,000.

Tennyson said the record-breaking membership total is an indication that Texas teachers are more united than ever before.

Miss Martha Royce Gilliland, who attends college in Denton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Royce Gilliland during the holiday season.

Misses Coranell Boydston and Francis Ross, who are attending Kid-Key College, Sherman, are at home for the holidays.

Misses Stella Raley, Agnes Prew, Callie Pyeatt and Myrtle Estes, of Clyde, visited in Baird, Monday.

Rupert Jackson, who has been attending school at Austin is at home for the holidays.

Misses Mary Joiner and Lillian Coffman came in Wednesday from Simmons College.

Ray Leverett, who is attending school in Cisco came home to spend Christmas with relatives.

Misses Susie and Grace Ogilby of Bell Plains, came in Monday from Cisco, where they are attending school.

Mrs. Harry Ebert and sisters, Misses Stella and Flossie Jackson were to leave Wednesday for Granbury to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. F. L. Bellenger of the News, left last Thursday night for Jackson, Miss., his old home, where he goes to visit old friends. The Star wishes him a pleasant trip.

Henry Harmon, who is attending Polytechnic College, is home for the holidays.

December 22, 1933

Belle Plains Community News

Mrs. Earl Hughes

The annual Christmas tree of the Belle Plain Community was held Saturday night, Dec. 19, at the Community Center.

A program of Christmas songs and readings was given by Betty Williams, Barbara Higgins, Dolores Flores, Patricia Joy, Clayton and Claxton Joy and Bill Dunlap.

Music was furnished by W. C. Hazel, Hansel Sanders, and Jeff Miller, B. F. Johnson, S. R. Sanders, E. F. Avrett of Abilene.

The beautifully decorated tree was surrounded with gifts for everyone present. Santa also presented each one with a sack of candy, nuts and fruit. Approximately seventy-five guests were present.

Christmas For T&P Friendship Club

The members of the Friendship Club of the T&P met in the beautifully decorated dining room of the T&P cafe. The tables for the banquet were also beautifully decorated in Christmas motif. Those served the delicious turkey dinner were, President of the club, Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Ross, Mrs. Ellen McGowen, Robert Cockran, Mrs. Nellie Mills, Mrs. T. T. Baker and son, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McDonald, Mr. H. N. Ebert, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pitzer, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sanford and daughter Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ross and children, Kitsy, Bobby and Danny, Mrs. Jack Stevens, and Mrs. W. A. Fetterley.

After the banquet members went to the recreation hall in the station where a lovely decorated tree laden with gifts for all was enjoyed. Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Hubert Ross furnished music. A grand time was had by all.

G.A.'s Hold Meeting

The Estelle Freeland G.A.'s met Monday at 4:15. The President called the meeting to order and we sang two songs, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear", and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day". The Program Chairman, Sherry, told an interesting story. We dismissed at 5:00.

F.H.A. Club Party Held Monday

Members of the Baird High School Future Homemakers of America had a Christmas party Monday evening Dec. 14th honoring friends.

The refreshments were planned by Mary Brown, Mary Jo Goosby, Jerry Jones, Joy Latimer, Martha Martin, Rosalind Monzello, Betty Lou Smith and Beth Welch. A game committee of Norma Barton, Dorothy Henry and Clara Tollet presented fun and entertainment.

The party room decorations featured a white painted mesquite tree, trimmed in red to carry out the National Club and the High School colors. Door ornaments included some made from kitchen graters, chicken fryers, wooden spoons, funnels, stemmed cake pans, spoons, cans and chore girls.

Those in attendance were Joy Latimer, Jack Corn, Martha Martin, Charles Leitch, Leah Welch, Leslie Nichols, Leslie Stevenson, Robert Corn, Margata McQueen, Pudgy Young, Roney Monzello, Arvid Harris, Dely Summers, Cecil Thompson, Dorothy Schafferina, Shirley Tollet, Ramona Cummings, Jackie Stanley, Yvonne Caldwell, Paul Jones, Patsy Betcher, George Jones, Dorothy Henry, Gen Kerby, Beth Welch, George Lambert, Bid Gilbreath, Bobby Poe, Mary Brown, John Bullock, Jerry Jones, Charles Brame, Curtis Alphin, Ethlyn Tabor and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis.

Mrs. Corrie Driskill left Wednesday for Dallas to spend Christmas with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Harris, and her son, Sam L. Driskill.

T. E. Walker of San Angelo is visiting his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Walker, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Clark of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stiffler on Sunday.

Mrs. Dee Peavy of Abilene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin and Mrs. Augusta Connel of Tulsa, Okla. and Mrs. Chester McCarter and daughter, Jackie of San Antonio, who are granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gwin visited them last weekend.

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Announce Engagement
Mr. and Mrs. Sutton Crofts of Cisco have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carolyn, to James Hughes Webster, son of Mrs. R. A. Webster and the late Dr. R. A. Webster.
The wedding will be Jan. 1, 1954 in the Episcopal Church at Eastland.



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Mrs. Fetterley Hosts Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club met on December ninth in the home of Mrs. W. A. Fetterley, with seventeen members answering roll call.

The president, Mrs. Bell, asked Mrs. Clyde White, chairman of Americanism, to arrange a program for January thirteenth honoring Benjamin Franklin. Four members Mmes. N. M. George, V. E. Hill, L. L. Blackburn, and White were designated as representatives of the club to serve on the purchasing committee for the Goodfellows. Club members agreed to aid in providing clothing and Christmas gifts for three patients at the Abilene State Hospital, and also to assist in giving a Christmas party for children from that hospital.

The afternoon program was: Revolt in Egypt and it's Result Mrs. E. J. Hill
Relief of the Middle East through Point Four and the United Nations Mrs. V. E. Hill

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our friends of the Baird, Clyde and Rowden communities for the food, flowers and other acts of kindness shown us during the illness and passing of Mrs. H. F. Phillips, our mother.

The H. F. Phillips Children and Grandchildren

Rowden Round-Up

By Theida Crow
Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter.

All of the kids are proud to be out of school for several days. They are all looking forward to Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hanford visited Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls Tuesday.

Mrs. Oran Bains visited her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Claudell Joy in Cottonwood some the past week.

Mrs. C. E. Stephens of Abilene visited in Rowden a few days this week.

Several Rowden People attended the basketball games at Cross Plains Tuesday night.

Mrs. Bob Merriman of Cross Plains visited her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Adair Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Stephens visited in Abilene Thursday night.

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

High School Tourney

Everyone who didn't come to see Putnam High School Tourney missed some very good games.

The games Thursday and Friday night were very good but the final games Saturday night topped it all off. Clyde girls, after losing to Cisco "A" team Friday and winning over Eula "B", played Denton Valley girls who lost to Putnam Thursday night and beat Rising Star "B" girls Friday night, for the consolation trophy Saturday night. Clyde won by a score of 67-42. Abilene "B" won over Denton Valley for the boy's consolation trophy.

Putnam girls after defeating Denton Valley and Scranton met Cisco "A" in a tight game for first place. Cisco won by a score of 20-19.

Putnam boys, after defeating Moran and Cross Plains "B" played Scranton for the boy's first place trophy with Scranton winning over Putnam 47-38.

Personal awards were also given. The girls who received basketballs were: Madge Reed, Putnam; Shirley Shipman, Clyde; Betty Rutherford, Putnam; Donnie Owens, Cisco; Merle Breeding, Denton Valley and Mary Helen Isenhower, Putnam.

The five boys who received basketballs were: Ray Green, Putnam; George Callarman, Cisco; Don Star, Scranton; Hubert Donaway, Putnam and Wayne Speegle, Scranton.

The Lone Star Club

The Lone Star Study Club of Putnam met for their regular club meeting combined with a Christmas party Monday night, Dec. 21, in the home of Mrs. Dale Wirt. Assisting hostesses were

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The program was brought to order by Vice President, Mrs. E. V. Ramsey, who presided in the absence of Mrs. Boyce Bolick, President. Mrs. Charlie Davis called the roll and each member answered with a Bible verse.

Mrs. E. G. Johnson was the leader and opened with a prayer. La Verne Rutherford spoke on Mary, Mother of Jesus, and Mrs. Sargent spoke on "Ruth".

The members of the club exchanged gifts and refreshments were served to Mmes. W. C. Barron, Floyd Buchanan, Bill West, Charles Davis, E. G. Johnson, G. S. Pruet, E. V. Ramsey, W. P. Reed, La Verne Rutherford, M. H. Sargent, H. E. Wagley, Dale Wirt, Burette Ramsey, Henry Ramsey and John D. Isenhower.

The net meeting will be Jan. 4th, in the home of Mrs. Charles Davis.

Danny's Birthday Party

Danny Boatman was honored with a birthday party given in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maynard, on December 15.

The party was given in honor of his seventh birthday by his mother, Mrs. Helen Boatman.

There were fifteen friends present to wish him many happy returns of the day, and to present him with many useful and lovely gifts.

They enjoyed making wishes at the wishing well and playing many games. Cake, ice cream and different kinds of candy was served to all present.

Danny's father is serving his country overseas in Arabia. Happy Birthday, Danny!

Scout News

Mrs. J. O. Taylor entertained the Scout troop with a Christmas party in her home Monday night. Those present and exchanging gifts were Dan, Carrol, Jack, Pete, John Doyle and Scout Master, Mr. P. L. Butler.

After the party Mrs. Taylor and Carrol went to the Methodist Church to enjoy the program there.

The rest of the Scouts went to the Baptist Church to practice the Pagent to be presented Wednesday night.

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Sunday School Class Entertained

Mrs. Walter Francisco entertained her Sunday School primary class with a party in her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Francisco told the children the story about the birth of Jesus. The Christmas theme was carried out by having the nativity scene on her living room table. After several games were played, cookies and hot chocolate was served to: Charlene Davis, Angel Mendez, Linda Isenhower, Dorris Lee Donaway, and Danny Boatman.

SCHOOL NEWS

Everyone entered into the Christmas Spirit wholeheartedly this past week at school. Every morning the Junior and Senior speech class under the direction of Mrs. Cluck enjoyed going into the auditorium and singing Christmas carols, with the freshmen and sophomore classes joining them Thursday morning.

Friday, after singing several Christmas carols, the presents under the beautifully decorated tree were passed out and then candy and cold drinks from the teachers were given to the high school students. After wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas" we all went home to enjoy a whole week out of school.

Each room had a Christmas program. The first, second, third, and fourth grades "joined forces" and presented a program for their mothers. After singing Christmas carols they presented a short Christmas playlet called "The Little Stranger".

The fifth and sixth grades enjoyed a different type of program. They had their program in their room for their own entertainment. Each one gave a short reading, quoting a verse from the Bible. Then the whole room joined in singing "Silent Night" and said a poem named "A Christmas Prayer".

Each pupil said a Christmas poem, then the fifth grade boys gave a poem in form of a choral reading. After singing Christmas carols they had their Christmas tree and then school was out for the Christmas holidays.

Women's Study Club

The Womens Study Club met in the home of Mrs. R. D. Williams for the Christmas party. Twenty-one members answered roll call with "Happy Christmas Memories".

Mrs. R. B. Taylor brought the story of the "Ragged Cloak", written by Margaret Sangster. All joined in singing Christmas carols, led by Miss Pat Fry with Mrs. E. C. Waddell at the piano. Later old Santa presented to each one present a lovely gift which was shown to other club members. After admiring each others gift, delicious refreshments were served to those present.

We were happy to have Miss Pat Fry, Miss Joyce Fry, Hollis Dale Williams, Mrs. Ross Finley and small daughter Debra, and Roma McIntyre as visitors.

Mrs. Bob Clinton and Mrs. E. C. Waddell visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clinton and children in Snyder last week.

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Veda Yarbrough

Hi neighbor! Suppose everybody is all in a big rush to get everything all ready for Christmas. Don't suppose anyone ever gets completely ready for Christmas. Here is wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a good and prosperous New Year.

Roma and I went to church in Putnam this morning and enjoyed the Christmas Sermon brought by our pastor, Bro. Chandler.

Jim, A. Yarbrough and Clovis McCollum went to Ft. Worth last Wednesday. The doctor said A. was doing ok.

I see the Mark Burnams have a pretty Christmas tree all lit up. Really looks pretty when one passes by. Am sure several others have their tree up too. I know all the kiddies are real anxious to see old Santa Claus. I am getting little anxious to see him myself.

Mrs. Enoch McCollum and Clovis visited with Jim and I Wednesday morning. Always glad to have them. When they were ready to go home of course I asked Mrs. McCollum if she would like some of those good old turnips we have and she said I sure do. So we pulled up two big armfuls. Clovis said I told her that was all she wanted to come for was to get her some turnips.

John and Roma McIntyre visited in Oplin, Big Lake and San Antonio last week. They will be with us this week. James will be here this week too. He and John will get to see which can beat shooting rabbits and sparrows as that is about all there is to shoot at. My Duke sure will be happy too. He sure does like to hunt.

We had cracklin cornbread for dinner today. My it sure was good. Yes, I gave Duke some of the bread, too.

Roma and I went shopping in Cisco Saturday. Sunday afternoon we went over to Putnam and visited Mrs. Mary Ramsey. Glad to say she is looking good and feeling fine. We visited in the Eli Abernathy home also. We were very sorry to hear of Bonnie Abernathy being sick. Hope she will soon be well again.

Jim tried out his shiny new plow this week. He really does like it.

The Burette Ramseys have a new dress. Guess it was too big to put in their sock at Christmas so old Santa brought it by a little each.

Ruth Mobley and Gertrude Short of Big Spring came over awhile Friday afternoon. We enjoyed their visit so much. Only wish they could have visited longer.

Mark and Ollie Burnam went to Dallas last Thursday. I just wonder if they saw Santa Claus.

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How many of you ever ate deer sausage? John brought some back from San Antonio. Can't say that I like them so well, I just don't like deer meat.

Got to get busy now and cook some goodies for the holidays. If I can persuade Jim and John to shell some pecans I might make some candy. So be seen you next week.

Putnam Personals . . .

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

Mrs. E. C. Lambly, a former resident of Putnam, fell last week and broke her hip. She is living in Tescalusa, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Everett drove to Cisco to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jack Everett and family. Alice Everett has been sick but is feeling better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jim Everett plan to leave Wednesday for San Antonio, where they will attend a wedding.

Mrs. Hershell Wagley received a letter from one of her best friends, Mrs. Freda Baskets, telling her that she had adopted a 10-month-old baby, whose name is Linell Victoria. Mrs. Baskets is living in Clarkston, Washington. She and Mrs. Wagley formerly worked together, and have continued corresponding the many years Mrs. Wagley has lived in Putnam.

Billy Wagley was shopping with his mother, Mrs. H. E. Wagley, in Cisco, Monday.

Mrs. Bill West, of Cisco, was visiting in Putnam, Monday.

Ronnie Mitchell, of Abilene, spent Sunday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet.

Mrs. Hulon Smith was shopping in Cisco Friday.

Mrs. Weldon Isenhower visited Mr. and Mrs. Dock Isenhower in Cisco Friday and also did some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Smith of Arlington are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Smith over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Sargent and daughter Delores drove to Cross Plains Monday and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Pruet and also did some shopping.

Miss Vella Sandlin was shopping in Cisco Monday morning.

Frank Mendez is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luciano Mendez this week.

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The Baird Star, Baird, Callahan County, Texas, December 25, 1953

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm Byron Snyder and I am five years old, I help my Mama to take care of baby brother. I want a road grader like you sit on with a steering wheel and a gear that pulls up on the blade. I want a pair of new house shoes. I want boxing gloves, two pair and punching bag, a bridle, a saddle blanket and new reins, a pair of horse shoes for my pony, two in the back and two in the front. Please remember Daddy, Mama and baby brother.

Love,
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Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

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- WEDNESDAY - Dec. 30th:**
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Black Eyed Peas
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Milk and Chocolate Milk
- THURSDAY - Dec. 31st:**
Pimento Cheese Sandwiches
Prittos Pork & Beans
Pickles Ice Cream
Milk and Chocolate Milk

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.

Gilbert Hinds,
Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1
50-3-c

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 cropped, 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
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Brr! These cold nights and icy mornings that we have had the past few days makes one think that 'ole man winter' might be here for an extended visit. But who doesn't feel better with a little nip in the air.

Our Christmas Spirit will get underway next Sunday night, Dec. 20 when the Baptist Church will present a Christmas program at the church with Mrs. Tommie Windham in charge of the program. The custom of decorating a tree with gifts to be sent to the orphanage will be carried out. There will be sacks of fruits and candy for the youngsters. Members have plans for a surprise of love gifts for their pastor, Rev. McAuley and family. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The Methodist Church will also have their Christmas program Sunday night, Dec. 20. It is their custom to have an old time Christmas tree where the members draw names and have an exchange of gifts. They likewise extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend their program.

Their pastor, Bro. Williams and wife had a slight accident enroute home last Sunday night, Dec. 13, when the lights from their car blinded a stray horse in the road at the bridge just south of the crossroad below Rufus Looney's. Some damage was done to the car when the blinded horse hit it. From the tire marks still on the road Bro. Williams was doing his part in trying to miss the animal.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Lambert have moved to the Gwin place for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Straley of Tyler are the proud parents of a baby girl born Nov. 22. She has been named Sharron Lane. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Straley of Tyler. All are former residents of Oplin.

Branding was underway last weekend down at the Frank Windham ranch. No joking, nine year old Frank, Jr., is making a good cowhand.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chatham and family are the proud owners of a new TV set.

Loyd Steakley is reported to be some better with his rheumatic fever but is still in the hospital at Coleman.

The days until December 25 may be dragging along to a lot of the children, but to me the greatest length of time is from one mail time to the next. All along, until recently, I felt that I lacked the Christmas spirit this year, but when greetings of remembrance started arriving from long time neighbors, many of whom have moved away, childhood pals and friends, friends as close as kin, kinsmen, closest of Christian friends, etc., well then I felt a peace of happiness, friendliness and contentment creeping in and now each day I realize more fully what the Christmas spirit means. From close relationship with friends and neighbors here in our little community I feel that they likewise are sharing this glorious feeling and I know that in the next few days that each Merry Christmas will be a sincere one.

Our hostesses for December, Mrs. Earl Durham, Shirley Nobles, Mrs. L. E. Turner, Mrs. Charley Tom Straley and Mrs. Olf Clare had a most enjoyable treat for the community last Thursday night. It was an old time Christmas tree, gaily decorated, doing justice to the holiday season. Everyone brought a gift to put on the tree. Our own local young talent had a short Christmas program arranged. Then to the recreation room where sandwiches, coffee and hot chocolate were served for refreshments. A big red sled, just like Santa's held fruit, candy and nuts for all.

There is an old adage, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." This I know believe me from the way Uncle Ed Kirkin-doll was sitting down on that car horn one evening last week to let friends know that his wife,

Miss Betsy Hickman of Austin, is home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman.

Miss Suzanne Sladous, who is attending school in Louisiana, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. M. O. Moring and baby daughter, Shelley, of Austin, are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ivey.

Aunt Rose, had got home from a visit of several weeks with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Clark of San Diego, California.

The Ira Crawford family has moved to the home place of his late parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Crawford.

It was awfully nice seeing Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre again. They have had a sort of pre-Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint McIntyre. They are now living at St. Louis, Missouri.

Delphian Club Meets In McElroy Home

The Delphian Club met Dec. 17 in the home of Mrs. S. L. McElroy, with Mrs. T. P. Bearden and Mrs. Frank Windham as hostesses. Fifteen members answered the roll call.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Fulton. Mrs. Stubblefield gave the invocation.

After the business session, Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr., introduced the speakers. The topic for the afternoon was Bible Day. Mrs. Clyde Lattimer gave the story of Evangeline Booth, a religious leader and General of the Salvation Army. Mrs. M. C. McGowen gave the lovely story of "Christmas Anniversary". The group sang a number of Christmas Carols.

Lovely refreshments were served to the following members and guest: Mmes. M. D. Bell, W. P. Brightwell, L. C. Cash, E. C. Fulton, Frank Gardiner, Brice Jones, Clyde Latimer, Bob Norrell, S. L. McElroy, M. C. McGowen, C. H. Siadous, C. B. Snyder, Jr., M. L. Stubblefield. Guests were Mmes. Ace Hickman, Fetterley, Lea MacDonald, Tom Windham, and hostesses.

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AND WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Baird in regular session on the 14 day of December, 1953, determined that it was advisable to execute a Texas Form, Producers 88 special oil and gas lease to their interest in and to all of the aforesaid land, tract A in one lease and tracts B and C in a separate lease;

NOW, the City Council of Baird, for the said City of Baird, does hereby give notice that at a regular meeting to be held on 11th day of January, 1954, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall of said Town, the City Council of Baird will receive and consider bids for such mineral leases, or lease, as the Council may determine to make. Said lease, or leases, shall be made to the highest and best bidders and the Council may reject all bids, or lease a portion or all of aforesaid lands, all in accordance with Article 5400A of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes (1925), reference to which is made for full description of the hearing and proceedings to be had on the aforesaid date.

WITNESS our hands this 22nd day of December, 1953.

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BY: J. T. Lawrence, Mayor
SEAL:
Attest:
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Dec. 25, 1953, Jan. 1, 8, 1954

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FM Road Program In Danger Of Slush

A prediction that anti-rural road forces will try again in 1955 to destroy the farm-to-market program was made by Judge Ralph W. Yarbrough, 1952 candidate for governor, in a speech before the County Judges and Commissioners Assn. in Dallas.

Yarbrough warned the county officials to be on guard against renewed efforts to slash the program for construction of farm-to-market roads, pointing out that only through their efforts was the program saved in 1951.

"In the 1951 legislative session, the present state administration made a determined effort to destroy the farm-to-market road-building program in Texas," Yarbrough declared. "Due to your determined fight, that effort was thwarted, and in a stump-speaking tour over Texas in 1952, I made over 300 speeches in support of your farm-to-market road program.

"The present state administration let the issue lie during the 1953 legislative session, but make no mistake about this, that administration has not given up. It has plans to reintroduce in 1955 the bill to stop the farm-to-market road construction that it failed to pass in 1951, and unless those interested in local self-government and in farm-to-market roads in Texas pay your poll taxes now for your fight in 1954, you might lose in 1955 our hard-earned gains of 1951 and 1952.

"If the farm-to-market road program were stopped, unemployment would mount in most Texas counties.

"This administration is building a centralized government in Austin that is destroying self-government in the counties in Texas. Unless you county officials continue your fight, local self-government will be destroyed in Texas, and we will have all phases of county government run and dictated by a centralized bureaucracy. This destruction of local self-government is an insidious slide into State socialism.

"The way to defend your rights of local self-government is to see that poll taxes are paid in your county, your city, your town, and your precinct. The time for action is now."

Eight Hunt Deaths Make Total Nineteen

The latest tabulation of Texas hunting season fatalities shows a total of nineteen from both gunfire and drowning, according to the Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

The last previous report made in late November showed eleven fatalities.

Six of the eight additional deaths were from drownings of duck hunters. Two hunters, a father and son, drowned in North Concho Lake near Abilene. Two men drowned while hunting in Galveston Bay. A Dallas man drowned while hunting in Breckenridge city reservoir. A 17-year-old Weslaco boy drowned in trying to retrieve a wounded coot.

The gunfire deaths involved a Waco railroadman shot in the back and killed when he apparently stepped into the line of fire of a .22 rifle held by a 14-year-old boy, who was shoot-

ing at a rabbit, and a Dumas pharmacist who shot himself with a .22 pistol apparently while climbing over a fence to shoot at a coyote.

Gunfire had caused the deaths of eleven Texans previously listed as hunting casualties this fall.

Capt. and Mrs. Morris H. Cooke and children who have been living in Rantoul, Ill. visited in Baird this week. Mrs. Cooke and children will make their home in Abilene until Capt. Cooke is located in Europe, then they will join him. He plans to sail the later part of Jan. from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Melton of Breckenridge were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence last Thursday.

Mrs. Sallie Eastham left Sunday for Ft. Worth to spend Christmas with two of her children, Miss Agnes Eastham and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Eastham.

Alvis Dill is in the T&P Hospital at Marshall. He writes home to say he hopes to be home for Christmas, however.

A3C Tod Newton, of Corpus Christi is visiting his wife, Mrs. Newton and Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Dickey over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. D. L. Havens is a patient in St. Ann's Hospital in Abilene.

Harold Ray, who has been a patient in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene for the past three weeks is at home now and doing fine.

Chester, common ending for English town names, comes from the Roman word castra meaning camp, since many were originally Roman camp sites.

First words spoken over the telephone were, "Watson, come here; I want you," spoken by Alexander Graham Bell to his assistant.



Best wishes to our many friends and patrons for a very Happy Holiday Season.

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The first Power Steering in its field now reduced in price! Optional at extra cost on all models.

New!
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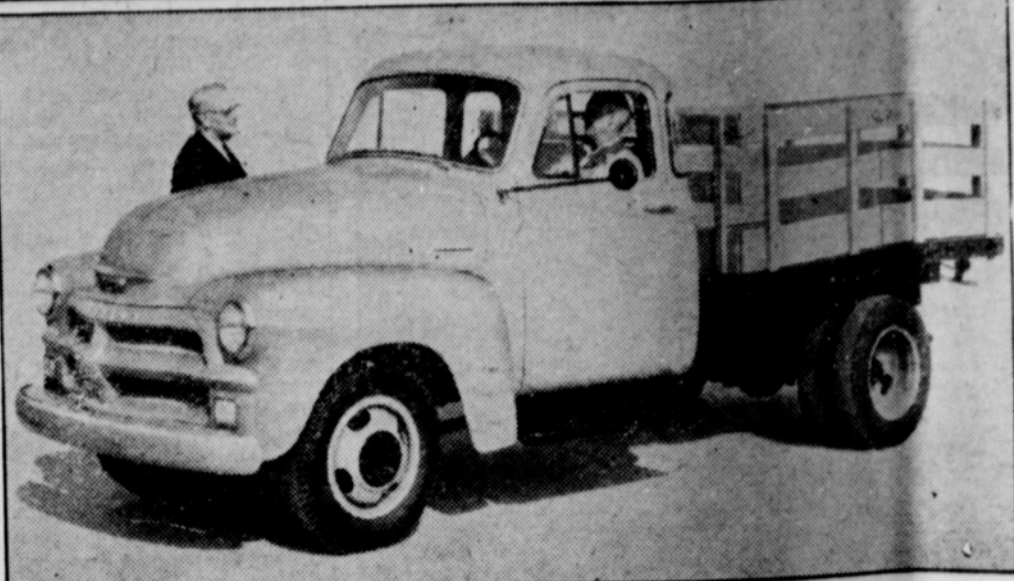


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AND ALL GOOD
WISHES TO
YOU, OUR FRIENDS

Sam Gilliland

Chevrolet Dealers Spotlight New Trucks



Typical of completely re-engineered Chevrolet trucks making their 1954 model debut at dealer showrooms this week is the three-quarter ton (8500 GVW) stake, on which dual rear wheels are now available. Loading height has been lowered and floor area between stakes increased. More horsepower in each of three new engines, greater durability through sturdier construction, optional automatic transmission, improved comfort and convenience are among Chevrolet truck advances.

**Texas Tech To Host
Chemical Meeting**

A two-day conference on agricultural chemicals will be conducted at Texas Technological College January 13-14, 1954, according to a joint announcement by sponsors of the event.

The conference, which will include discussions on the use and effectiveness of fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides, is to be sponsored by Texas Tech, the Texas A&M College System, the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

"We believe the conference will be valuable to agricultural interests of the entire region," R. W. Fielder of Abilene, chairman of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee stated. "We are going to urge that agricultural chemical retail dealers, county agents, vocational agriculture teachers, newspaper and magazine farm editors, chamber of commerce managers and agricultural representatives of banks, utility companies and railroads make special efforts to attend."

Dr. W. L. Stangel, Dean of Agriculture at Texas Tech, is chairman of the committee planning the event.

the **MERRIEST OF
YULETIDES**

At this Holiday Season we feel prompted to tell you how deeply grateful we are for the consideration you have so kindly extended us in the past year and to wish each of you a Christmastide of happiness and a year of health and prosperity.



MODERN TAILORS

**Indigestion Caused
By Many Things**

Indigestion is so common that many persons hardly give it a thought. So-called indigestion may be caused by trouble in the digestive tract itself or somewhere else in the body. The reason trouble elsewhere in the body may cause indigestion is that the digestive tract, and especially the stomach, is very sensitive to disturbances in other parts of the body. Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, warns not to doctor yourself because indigestion can be due to so many causes that you are apt to be wrong, and delay in seeing your doctor may be serious.

Indigestion appears in various ways. There is the kind that hits suddenly and violently, with pain, nausea or vomiting and takes the "starch" right out of you. Then there is the kind that creeps up on you, manifesting itself in a feeling of fullness after eating, that lump in your middle, or maybe a burning sensation or gnawing feeling a few hours after eating. Other symptoms are excessive gas, constipation, diarrhea and a sour bad taste.

Dr. Cox says that indigestion

is not necessarily dangerous, but can cause you to miss enjoying life. It may interfere with your work or your sleep and may make you a grouch. Sometimes serious digestive troubles begin with mild symptoms and that is the very time your physician can do the most for you. Early diagnosis followed by proper treatment may spare you a serious illness, so do not neglect seeing your doctor if indigestion continues.

Here are some things that contribute to a feeling of well being and discourages indigestion: Eat a variety of foods at regular times and drink plenty of water every day. Relax and eat slowly. Have good companionship at mealtimes. Rest a little while before eating when tired.

**Every Person Should
Protect Others**

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, says that it is the duty of every citizen, young and old, to help in preventing the spread of disease. Every man, woman and child in Texas has a personal obligation to keep as well as possible, and to do all they can to protect others from illness. Even a child in kindergarten can be taught to cover a cough or sneeze and thus help in preventing the spread of colds or other diseases that start with the symptoms of a cold.

Dr. Cox emphasizes the fact that the local health officer can do little to break the chain of communicable disease in the community if he does not have the whole-hearted support of the people. Every case of illness that looks suspicious of being a communicable disease should be promptly reported to the health officer. Physicians report to the county or city health officer the cases of communicable diseases they diagnose, but parents often fail in this duty. The local health officer cannot start control measures unless he is informed of cases or suspected cases of communicable diseases.

Some signs and symptoms which often accompany communicable disease are: running nose, coughing and sneezing, dizziness or faintness, swelling about the neck, sore throat, unusual paleness, ear ache or running ears, feverish appearance, rash, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea and irritability or other change in normal behavior and appearance.

**Shooting From Autos
Causes Arrests**

The Director of Law Enforcement for the Texas Game and Fish Commission said an unusually large number of prosecutions have been made for shooting game from automobiles.

He said the latest arrest report shows thirty-four persons were caught firing from a car, adding that most of the cases occurred during the recent mourning dove season.

The automobile also became a party to the seven arrests for hunting from public roads. The automobile likewise was linked to most of the twenty-nine arrests for hunting at night, primarily headlighting deer.

The Director said wardens also were having some trouble with duck hunters shooting after hours, although the daily shoot has been extended this year until sundown. Using unplugged shotguns, or firing weapons NOT limited to three shells, has caused some arrests.

The report cited conspicuous cases:

A Beaumont man paid \$150 and court costs for shooting a doe deer at night.

A Rankin man paid \$225 and court costs for shooting a fawn deer at night.

Two members of one Beaumont family were fined \$50 each plus court costs for hunting deer out of season.

A Lubbock man paid \$100 plus court costs for shooting dove out of season with a rifle.

Forty-four persons were fined for lacking resident hunting licenses and thirteen were fined for lacking non-resident licenses.

**"Whillybd" Feature
Of TV Program**

Did you ever see cattle herded by helicopter? You can see that and many other uses of the versatile "whillybd" on "Texas in Review" Humble Oil & Refining Company's popular TV program. The program returns to the air next week after being replaced by "Southwest Conference Football Review" during the last football season.

Each week "Texas in Review" is highlighted by films of people, industry and important happenings in the news in Texas during the previous week. An interesting feature story on film occupies the last 10 minutes of the program.

This week the feature will be on helicopters, machines that gained surprising popularity during World War II and the Korean conflict. The feature, filmed in the Hurst Plant of the Bell Aircraft Corp. between Dallas and Ft. Worth, will show assembly, present uses and probable future uses of the helicopter. Scenes of helicopters used in farming, oil fields, herding cattle, mail delivery, and patrolling power lines will be shown.

"Texas in Review" can be seen Monday on KRBC-TV, Abilene, 8 p.m.; KRLD-TV, Dallas, 7:30 p.m.; WBAP-TV, Ft. Worth, 7:30 p.m.; KPRC-TV, Houston, 9:30 p.m.; and KWFT-TV, Wichita Falls, 7:30 p.m.

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Shaddock is another name for grapefruit.

Portugal is due east of New York City.

Lake Superior is the largest lake in North America.



I. A. (Hoot) Allphin



As we enter upon the threshold of another year our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose courtesy, good will and loyalty have made possible our progress.

In this spirit we extend to you greetings of the Season

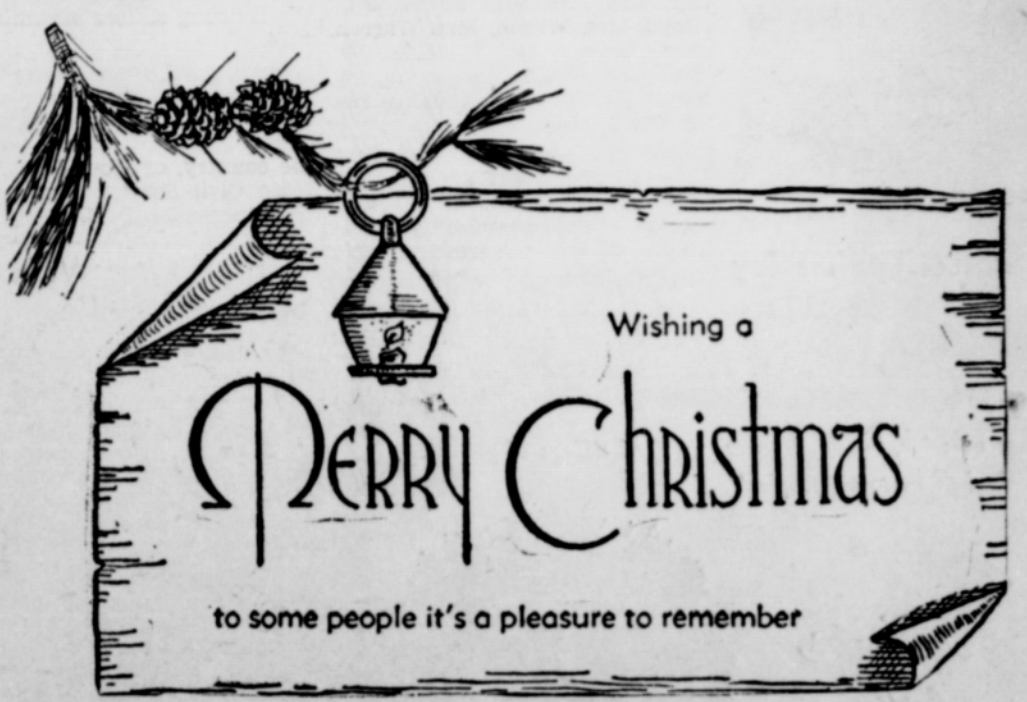
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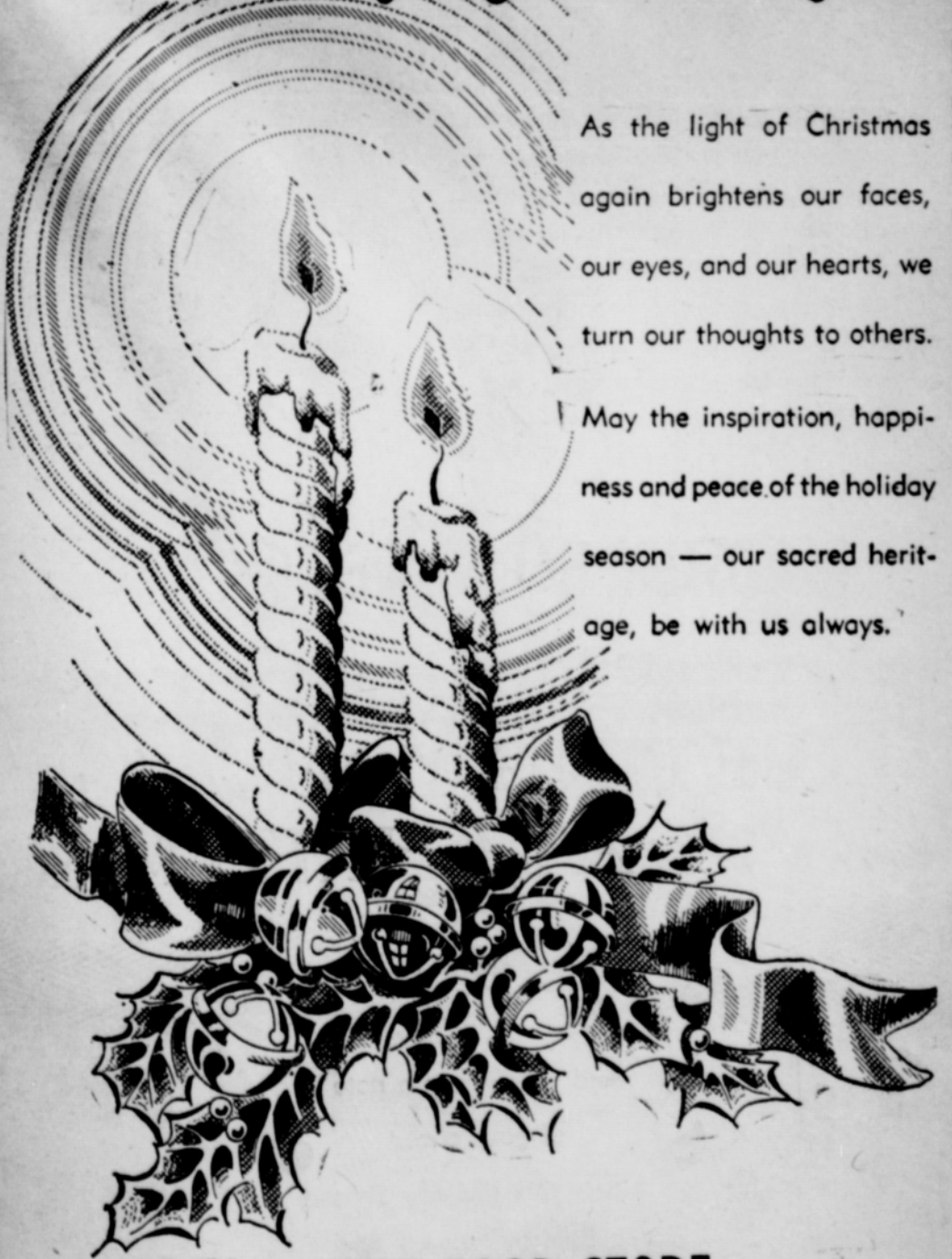
Merry Christmas

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Merry Greetings



As the light of Christmas again brightens our faces, our eyes, and our hearts, we turn our thoughts to others.

May the inspiration, happiness and peace of the holiday season — our sacred heritage, be with us always.

BLACK'S FOOD STORE

Midway Musings

Mrs. Joel Griffin
Miscellaneous Melange and
Minor Mention of Men
and Women

(Held Over From Last Week)

Mrs. Morton has returned from a month's visit with her aged parents who live in California. Her father and her mother are both above the 80 milestone.



SEASON'S GREETINGS
and
All good wishes

**Swinson & Tankersley
Barber Shop**

Mr. and Mrs. Webb left Tuesday for an extended trip. They will visit in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Buck McClure and Mr. Webb's uncle Harry Nelson. Then they will go on to Marfa where they will spend Christmas with their four sons and families. From there they will go to El Paso and spend the month of January with the son, Sam Webb and family and a daughter Mrs. J. W. Faircloth and family and Mr. Webb's brother, Frank Webb.

The children of the late C. E. and V. C. South met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Sunday for their annual reunion. There was 51 visitors. Six of the children being present and their children and grandchildren and the step mother, Mrs. C. E. South who lives in Clyde. A most enjoyable day was had by all present.

The Merry Quilters met Monday for their Christmas party. A very nice time was had by all. The husbands were invited and everyone else in the community. A most delicious meal was served at the noon hour and a lovely Christmas tree was furnished and decorated by Mrs. Mosley and Charles. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Will Fuqua, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Mosley, Mr. Parisher, Mr. Best, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Webb, Mr. Dick Griffin and Charles and Buddy Mosley.

Mr. and Mrs. Barbian have a new television set as does Mr. and Mrs. Morton. In passing through the community midnight oil being burned doesn't indicate sickness as in days of yore. But rather the program is still on. My how time changes.

Civil Service Exams

The United States Civil Service Commission has reannounced three examinations for the following positions in the Federal service: Dietitian, \$3,410 and \$4,205 a year, for duty in hospitals and regional offices of the Veterans Administration throughout the country and in Puerto Rico; Elementary Teacher, \$3,410 a year, for duty in the Bureau of Indian Affairs in various sections of the country; and Veterinarian, \$4,205 to \$7,040 a year, for positions principally in the Bureau of Animal Industry, located throughout the country.

Appropriate education is required for all of the positions. For some positions, experience is also required. The maximum age limit for Elementary Teacher is 50 years; there is no maximum age limit for the other positions.

The Commission has also announced that applications are again being accepted for the position of Resident in Hospital Administration, \$2,200 a year, and Dietetic Intern, \$1,800 a year, for training in Veterans Administration Hospitals. Appropriate education is required. The maximum age limit is 35 years. Qualified persons will be eligible for the training classes beginning in 1954.

Further information regarding the positions and instructions on how to apply may be obtained at many post offices throughout the country, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

Reminiscing With Sidney Harville

My daddy died when I was a little boy and left my young mother and me. It left us very sad and just as lonely as we could be. A young man helped us to finish our crop with what we did ourselves and the help of a very fine old fellow we called Old Nigger Jeff. We decided after we gathered our crop we would move out here in the west. It was where my uncle lived and we thought out here we could get along best. We moved in a covered wagon and it was awful slow, about thirty miles in a day was all that we could go. A blizzard caught us on our way and it was so cold at night, we had to go to bed early for we did not have a light. At last we came to the little old house. It did not even have a ceiling, and when night time came around we had such a

Christmas Leather Forecast



SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—It looks like a leather Christmas what with husband-and-wife-matched ensembles of personal leather goods this year's fashion note on gift counters everywhere. Pop and Mom can't go wrong when they exchange gifts of the same golden saddle leather that each admires. Such leading manufacturers as Wheary, Buxton, Prince Gardner, Rump, Rexbilt, Platt, Ace, Amity and Ganson are among those meeting this new fashion trend toward "his" and "hers" look-alike briefcases, wallets, luggage, pocket secretaries, brief cases, toilet kits, handbags, glass and comb and necktie cases in matched, natural-color California Saddle Leather. So great is the interest in this leather, it has the quaint old A. K. Salz tannery in this city busier than ever in its 100 years' history.

lonesome feeling. Out in a big live oak tree near by we could hear an old hoot owl and not far away a bunch of coyotes howl. It was close to Christmas time but I did not seem to care for I did not think old Santa Claus could even find me there. But he did come with a toy pistol I could shoot and a pretty little bugie I could really toot. In a few years my mother married a very fine man with some land and some cattle, and after that when I went to town I had money I could rattle. And then when Christmas came mother said you are just too big a boy for Santa Claus to bring you a little old cheap toy. I think you have even got too big for me to even paddle. So on Christmas I found hanging in the barn a little boys saddle.

Questions & Answers

Q—Premiums on my National Service Life Insurance policy are under waiver, since I've been totally and permanently disabled for many months. I have a term policy, but I'd like to convert it to a permanent plan. May I do so, while premiums are being waived?

A—Yes. You may convert your term policy to a permanent plan other than endorsement. And you won't be required to take a medical examination.

Q—I want to reinstate my GI term insurance policy, which has been lapsed for more than three months, and understand I'll have to take a physical examination. Could a physical examination be given by an osteopath?

A—Yes. The examination may be given by a licensed osteopath who graduated from a recog-

nized college of osteopathy and who is listed in the current directory of the American Osteopathic Association.

Columbia University was first known as Kings College.

Bungalow houses originated in India.

Rockefeller Center's R.C.A. building in New York is 70 stories high.



May each of us be mindful of the true significance of Christmas as we accept the good wishes of friends.

Bryant Laundry

Redheads Rally! Ducks, That Is

Redhead ducks, the swift member of the waterfowl family are rallying around their wintering grounds on the lower Texas coast, according to the Director of Wildlife Restoration for the Game and Fish Commission.

These speed-happy birds, by the way, are among the more numerous along the Texas coast and make up from thirty-five per cent to sixty per cent of the total bag of all ducks taken along the lower coast.

The Director said field men are now observing the Texas concentration of redheads which comprise a large percentage of those hatched in the northwestern United States and Canada. Their studies are aided by bands taken from legs of harvested birds and sent in by the hunters.

Wildlife Biologists W. S. Jennings and J. R. Singleton have

estimated that the Texas redhead population was seven hundred thousand two years ago and about five hundred thousand last year.

In their report to the Director, the two biologists said:

"Sometimes the coastal population varies greatly from month to month during the winter. They apparently move back and forth across the Texas-Mexico border. We have noticed them moving south when a norther comes in and have seen them coming back after the bad weather was over.

"As to what makes them stay in the lower Laguna Madre most of the time—they are just like any other wildlife species; they go where they can find suitable food.

The biologists stated that redheads feed on salt water vegetation, mainly shoal grass and widgeon grass which are very abundant in the shallow bays of South Texas.



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Holiday Greetings



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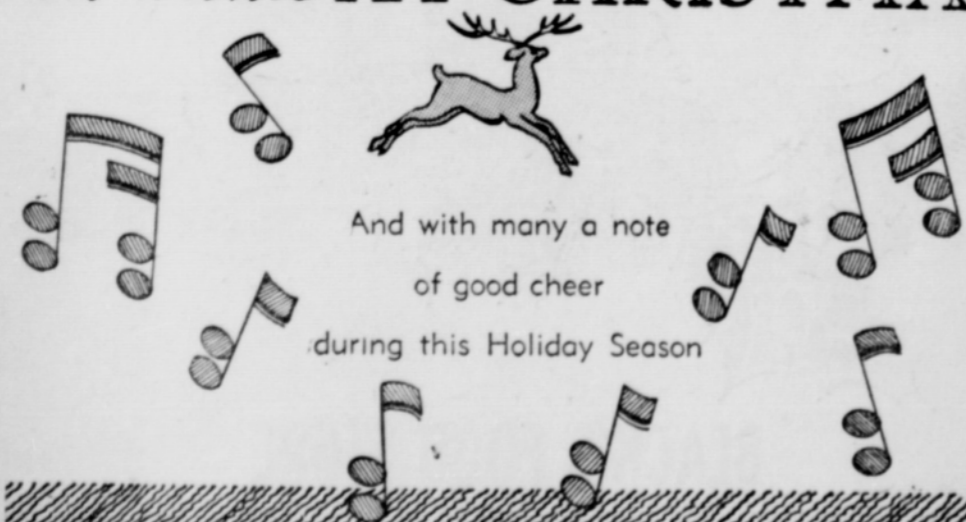
Old Friends and New

The greatest gift that we could ask of Old Saint Nick is the continued friendship and goodwill of our friends and customers. This goodwill is among the worthwhile things we cherish—so one of our greatest joys at Christmas time is expressing our appreciation of your friendship and wishing you a Merry Christmas.

A Merry CHRISTMAS to You

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THE BAIRD STAR

THE JOY OF
Christmas



May you have
Each Joy and
Blessing
That is part of
Christmas Day

THOMPSON VARIETY STORE

Humble Glee Club To Sing Carols

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Old Faithful, Yellowstone National Park's famous geyser, erupts once every hour.

Rowden Round-Up

By Thelda Crow
Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter

(Held Over From Last Week)

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls Sunday was Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gibbs of Baird.

Several people of the Rowden community attended the basketball tournament at Cisco where the Cross Plains girls and boys played the past weekend.

We are sorry to have Mrs. Claude Stephens and Donald leaving our community. They are moving to Abilene where Donald has been employed in work.

Everyone enjoyed the shower given for Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Stephens Monday night. A lot of people were there from different places and there were many nice gifts received.

Marjorie Mauldin spent Friday night in Cross Plains with Mrs. Mazarría Strayhan.

Because the earth's atmosphere bends the moon's rays, the moon is not actually where it appears to be when looked at from the ground.

4-H Youths Win College Scholarships



These safety champs are national winners in the 4-H Farm and Home Safety Program. Their achievements in promoting safety on the farm and in the home won them \$300 college scholarships, all-expense round trips to the 32nd National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and a chance to talk with leaders of industry. The scholarship awards, sponsored by General Motors for the ninth consecutive year, were presented in Chicago December 3. Here GM Vice President Paul Garrett shows the youngsters some of the safety devices used by industry for protection of its workers. Left to right: Charles Bruch, 17, Lusk, Wyoming; Gayle Givens, 17, Frederick, Oklahoma; Erich Willen, 17, Westminster, Maryland; Hope E. Caswell, 17, Canton, New York; Mr. Garrett; Margie Sellers, 17, Whitesboro, Texas; Harriette A. Lee, 15, Montrose, Colorado; and George N. Fleming, 18, Simms, Montana.

such registration does afford substantial benefits to trademark owners.

(This column, based on Texas law, is written to inform - not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts, because the facts may change the application of the law.)

nett visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Summerour Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woods visited Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lilly and family Sunday.

Mrs. Bonnie Patterson and Mrs. Helen Blackwell from Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Varner and family Wednesday.

A cluster of bananas is called a hand.

A&P Employees To Share Compensation

Employees of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company throughout the country will share more than \$2,225,000 in pre-holiday compensation this year, it was announced today by Ralph W. Burger, President of the food chain.

Every employee with as much as six months' service will receive a part of the annual fund voted by the Company's Board of Directors. Distribution is scheduled for December 18.

Dudley Dabble

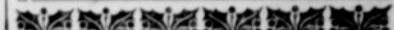
Mary Ann Varner
Delectable Deeds Delineated To Dazzle and Delight

(Held Over From Last Week)

The Denton Valley grammar school girls and boys played in a tournament last weekend. Friday night the girls beat Trent about 15 points and the boys got beat. Saturday the boys and girls both got beat.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Finley Coughran and Betty and Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Howe and children from Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Charnel McWhorter, Mrs. Bernie Young and Cecelia Ann and Mr. Lewis Bur-



Best wishes for Christmas

Work's Dry Goods

Merry Christmas
It makes an old tradition warmer and



nicer, to have the chance to express Season's greetings to fine friends like you.

STAUDT'S JEWELRY

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USE OF TRADE-MARKS ANCIENT CUSTOM

Although persistent advertising has made Americans acutely aware of the existence of trademarks, most of us have at best a hazy idea regarding their origin and functions. Is the trademark a modern innovation? What does it actually do?

A trademark identifies merchandise as being the product of a particular manufacturer or distributor. The use of trademarks is very ancient. They were used by the brick-makers of ancient Egypt, the lampmakers of old Athens, and the helmet makers and armorers of medieval England. While a trademark is most often a word, it may also be an emblem, symbol, slogan, or other device. The intended function of a trademark is to distinguish the goods of the proprietor from the goods of others in the market place. The ex-

pression "trade-mark", "brand name", or more simply "brand" or "mark", are synonymous.

A person or company becomes the owner of common law rights in a trademark through adoption and use of the mark on goods. The law affords protection to the owner by prohibiting others in the field from appropriating the mark or one so similar as to be likely to cause confusion.

There is a twofold purpose behind such legal protection; first, it protects the purchaser from deception and assures him that he is getting what he wants; and second, it protects the trademark owner from piracy of the good will, reputation and property rights which he has built up in a mark through manufacture or sale of merchandise carrying the mark.

Trade-marks are frequently among the greatest and most valuable assets of a company, for they symbolize the good will and

reputation of the company. To achieve such a status, however, a trademark must be carefully selected. Among other considerations it is, of course, important that a mark be chosen which is not confusingly similar to any other trademark used by another on similar goods. It may be necessary to conduct a search of marks already in use in order to determine this question.

When a word or symbol has been selected, it must then be properly used in connection with the goods to become a valid trademark. Once in use, it should be carefully guarded. It is possible for a good trademark to lose its legal protection due to improper use by its owners or the public.

The Federal and most State governments including Texas, have, by legislation, provided for the registration of trademarks by their owners. While a trademark need not be registered to receive protection in the courts,

Season's Greetings

AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

WHLIE FUNERAL HOME



JOY TO ALL

As the carols of Christmas seasons ring out the joyous tidings, we bring you our good wishes for a happy Christmas Season.

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We sincerely trust that many friendly thoughts will find their way to you to bring Christmas joy.

And, may we say simply, but with all sincerity, "THANK You."



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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We Wish Each of You



A VERY MERRY Christmas

Brashear Food Store

"Merry Christmas



and Happy New Year!"

From the Red River to the Rio Grande, your friends and neighbors at your electric service company wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

West Texas Utilities Company



GREETINGS... FOLKS

There is no better wish than we could hold for you, our friends and customers, than that something of the happy friendliness which you have brought to us with your many kindnesses and courtesies throughout the past year, be yours at this Christmas Season. Merry Christmas.

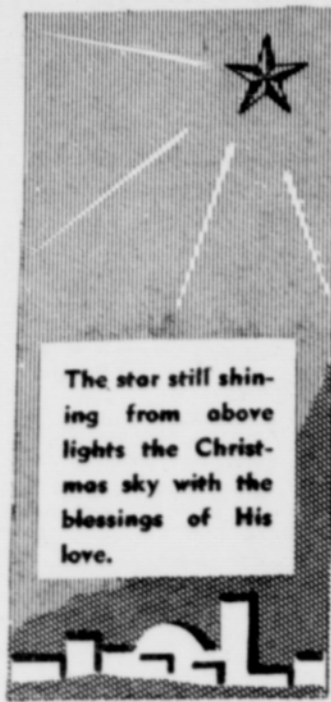
LAWRENCE DRUG

SEASON'S GREETINGS



TO ONE AND ALL

C. E. Andrews



The star still shining from above lights the Christmas sky with the blessings of His love.

PEEK'S Fashion Cleaners

Dig Those Crazy Corn Flakes



Les Baxter, at the piano, giving his rendition of the popular tune CORN FLAKES. Les just recorded this song for Capitol and it is ranking high on the list of popular records of the day. 'Tis rumored it was inspired by those tasty morsels Kellogg's produces which have been America's favorite breakfast food since 1906. If so, we wish the record CORN FLAKES the same luck as the cereal has had. Which would make it the biggest selling record of the day.

Open Steer Contest At Fat Stock Show

The open steer show at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show is, as the term implies, open to the world and the competition each year attracts entries from numerous states.

Almost \$10,000 in premiums is offered and the grand champion steer, besides the prize money, brings the owner a rich reward when the animal is sold in the "auction of champions."

The champion in the open show is matched against the champion in the junior show and the victor is adjudged the grand champion of the entire exposition. Last year's grand champion brought \$6,000 in the auction.

Should the grand champion steer be a Polled Hereford, the owner may receive a special award of \$5,500. This amount is offered by the American Polled Hereford Association and the National Western Polled Hereford Association to the exhibitor of the first Polled Hereford steer to be adjudged grand champion in this or three other designated stock shows.

If the grand champion is a Hereford, there is a special award of \$500 from the American Hereford Association; if a Shorthorn, \$250 from the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association; if an Angus, \$250 from the American Aberdeen - Angus Breeders' Association.

Deadline for livestock entries is Dec. 15. Dates of the exposition are Jan. 29 through Feb. 7. W. A. (Bill) King, assistant manager of the show, is livestock superintendent.

Show To Have Press - Radio and TV Day

Press-Radio-TV Day at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show a year ago was such a success that the occasion will be repeated at the 1954 exposition, officials announced today. The date of Press-Radio-TV Day will be Monday, Feb. 1.

The guests of honor will occupy a special section at the afternoon performance of the world's greatest indoor rodeo

and horse show in the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. The day will be one of the most eventful of the entire exposition as judging will include Herefords, open steers, Palomino halter classes, Corriedale, Shropshire and Cheviot sheep, poultry, turkeys and lambs.

In addition, the Southwestern dairy judging contest and the general livestock judging contest for junior A&M and teachers' college students will take place.

"Without the splendid co-operation of the newspapers, radio and television stations, the Fat Stock Show could not continue to grow, year by year, as it serves the great livestock industry of our Southwest," said President-Manager W. R. Watt. "The exposition is, therefore, most happy to designate an occasion in honor of the men and women who contribute so much to the success of the show."

Boyce House, director of publicity and special events, will be in active charge of arrangements.

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Questions & Answers

Q—The VA has just awarded me disability compensation for an ailment I incurred in service. Can I count on receiving compensation checks, for the same amount, each month for the rest of my life?

A—Not necessarily. Your compensation payments may be subject to change, depending on your physical condition. If medical evidence shows your disability is improved, payments may be reduced or even stopped; or, if it shows the disability is worse, payments may be increased.

Q—In computing my income for VA pension purposes, am I supposed to include the gross salary that I receive on my job, or only my net take-home pay? Part of my pay is withheld for income tax and retirement.

A—You must include your gross salary—your take-home pay plus what is withheld for taxes, retirement or other reasons.

Q—When I reentered military service, I surrendered my permanent National Service Life Insurance policy for cash, and thereby became covered by the free indemnity. Will the beneficiaries I named in my NSLI policy carry over for the indemnity coverage?

A—No. You must make new designations of beneficiaries or the indemnity. They may include only persons in the following classes: wife, children, parents, brothers or sisters.

Q—I am a disabled World War II veteran and I want to take vocational training under Public Law 16. Is it still possible to enroll for a four-year course?

A—No. Under the law, you may only take a course that you can complete by the end of the Public Law 16 program, on July 25, 1956.

Q—I have a GI home loan and I've recently had to take on some additional financial obligations. Now I'm afraid I won't be able to meet my

monthly payments. Is there anything that can be done, so I won't have to default on my loan?

A—Yes. It may be possible for the terms of repayment to be extended over a longer period of time, which would result in lower monthly payments. You should discuss the matter with your lender or your VA office.

Q—Through an oversight, I paid my GI insurance premium just before the 31-day grace period came to an end. But I'm afraid the premium won't reach VA until after the grace period expires. Will my insurance lapse?

A—The postmark date on the envelope is considered as the date on which the premium was paid. So long as the postmark date is within the grace period, you will be protected.

Q—I'm a disabled Korean veteran, and I'm planning to take training under Public Law 16. How long would I be allowed to train? Would the length of training depend on the amount of military service I've had?

A—You would be permitted to train for as long as is necessary to restore your ability to earn a living in spite of your handicap; that is, to become rehabilitated. The maximum, generally, is four years. Training time does not depend on your length of military service.

CHRISTMAS brings



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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Season of Good Cheer find us again eagerly awaiting the opportunity of expressing a warm and friendly Greeting to our host of friends throughout Callahan County — the community which it is our privilege to serve. May the sentiment we express today remain with you through the Holiday Season . . . and all the days following.

The approach of the New Year affords us a splendid opportunity to express to you our heartfelt appreciation for your fine friendship and consideration during the preceding twelve months. It is with very real pride that we, your automobile dealers, join hands to say in a harmonizing chorus to you "HAPPY NEW YEAR."

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Baby Boom Points Up Equipment Woes

Though there'll always be a change in the weather and a change in the seasons, the biggest change all this year in Texas will be in diapers.

The U.S. Bureau of Vital Statistics is father to this thought since its records show that during the first seven months of the year 129,643 births were recorded in the state. And this bumper production shows no signs of let-up since there were 21,108 birth registered in July alone.

Gas appliance people, who make studies of these things, say that changes in the homes of these new-born Texans are considerably more far-reaching than those demanded almost hourly by the infants themselves.

In fact, the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association says when a new baby takes over in the average home, the hardest hit appliance of all - aside from the parents, of course - is the hot water system. That's because 12 to 18 freshly-laundried diapers are required in a 24-hour

period in addition to normal hot water demands for bathing, cleaning and dishwashing.

At the bottom of all this is the too-frequent tendency of homeowners to install undersized heaters, GAMA points out. Where heaters are of sufficient tank capacity, there's no need for Father to sacrifice his hot shower or shave, or for Mother to neglect the dishes or family wash just so the diaper demand can be met.

Outdoor drying - dependent as it is on the vagaries of weather - is another thing that changes with the arrival of a baby since dry diapers must be available rain or shine. That's one of the main reasons, GAMA says, for the tremendous growth in popularity of the gas clothes dryer. It will fluff-dry a full day's change of diapers in 30 minutes and simultaneously keep Mom from keeling over from exhaustion from trotting in and out to the clothesline with another bundle of wash.

And there's one final thing that should change for the better with the arrival of the baby - the climate, if it isn't already as good as modern homeheating

apparatus can make it. That's the reason, GAMA claims, there's such a trend to gas heat in new homes since many gas-operated heating systems distribute controlled warmth through a duct network which can be used also for sending cool, filtered air through the house during the summer.

New Insurance To Aid Many Employees

Opening of the Texas Workmen's Compensation Assigned Risk Pool in Austin this week will make it easier for Texas employers to buy this type of insurance coverage.

Organized by insurance companies as a public service under authority of the last Legislature, the new plan is designed to furnish workmen's compensation insurance to employers who cannot obtain it through regular sources, Karl F. Vasen of Ft. Worth, executive vice-president of the Houston Fire and Casualty Co. and chairman of the plan's governing committee, said.

In the past, some companies have been reluctant to write workmen's compensation insurance for employers engaged in particularly hazardous operations. These employers now may apply directly to the Assigned Risk Pool through their local insurance producer. Insurance companies participating in the pool then will share in underwriting these sub-standard risks on the basis of the basis of the amount of workmen's compensation insurance they write in the state.

G. W. Greathouse of Dallas, vice-president of the Texas Employers' largest workmen's compensation writer in the state and vice-chairman of the new plan, says it assures fairness to both the insured and the insurance company.

"By pooling sub-standard risks, no one company gets the best business while another is saddled with the worst," Mr. Greathouse said. "This way, each company has a part of each such risk on its books. At the same time, the employer who has had a difficult time getting this coverage from an individual company now can buy it with a minimum of delay and trouble."

A. F. Raynsford, an insurance executive for 30 years in Dallas and other Texas points, will manage the new plan. Headquarters are in Austin's Commodore Perry Hotel Building.

4-H Members in Texas Win Trips

1953 HONORS in the Lone Star State were presented to four 4-H Club members who reported exceptional work in the National 4-H Clothing, Farm and Home Safety, Field Crops and Home Improvement programs. Their rewards will be all-expense trips to the 32nd National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Summaries of their accomplishments are as follows:



Ann Crow Marva Chambers Margie Sellers Wesley Masters

By making 129 garments suitable for work, school and parties, Ann Crow, 18, Ingleside, was proclaimed Texas champion in the 4-H Clothing project, an honor that included an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, made possible by The Spool Cotton Co.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Crow and a member of the Lucky Clover 4-H Club, where she has a perfect attendance record for six years. She has won blue ribbons in five county dress revues and taken first place at the County Fair the last three years. Ann began 4-H work six years ago and is now president.

Marva Chambers, 18, of Owens, turned her efforts toward making the interior of her home more comfortable and attractive in the 4-H Home Improvement program. State honors and an all-expense trip to the Congress were awarded to Marva—a fine bonus for good planning and painstaking effort. The trip was provided by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Marva has been an active 4-H Club girl for six years. She chose "Remodeling My Bedroom" as her demonstration. She mixed her paints until she had an orchid gray which she used on the walls, and painted the ceiling a deep rose. Flowered drape material was used at the window, bench and closet shelves. Then she upholstered a chair in light green with ruffles of the drapery material carrying out the scheme of green, rose and gray.

Noteworthy results in the 4-H Farm and Home Safety program have been accomplished by Margie Sellers, 17, of Whitesboro.

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for which she received as state winner the General Motors trip award to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. She helped make her community more safety conscious by means of surveys, demonstrations and other aids. She drew 17 free hand posters advertising National Farm Safety Week, displaying them in business houses in Gainesville and Callisburg, and conducted a safety survey, placing 200 placards on hazards throughout the community.

Margie also planned a community safety program, securing speakers and movie, arranging for newspaper and radio publicity. She conducted a hazard survey on the home and farm, urging other 4-H'ers to do likewise.

Through all-around efficiency in crop production on the 875-acre farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Masters, Wesley, 16, of Hale Center, was named state winner in the 4-H Field Crops program. A coveted trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago was his reward from the International Harvester Co. Wesley was able to achieve that recognition through careful attention to every phase of crop production, such as keeping farm machinery in condition, selection and treatment of seed, and scientific soil management.

President of the Cotton Center Boys' 4-H Club in 1952, Wesley raised seven acres in cotton that year, boosting his cotton acreage to 28 acres this year. His field crops for 1950 consisted of 12 acres of Plainsman Maize and 15 acres of blackeyed peas. In 1953, in addition to cotton, he raised castor beans, alfalfa and cow peas.

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A Merry Christmas



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Each Christmas we realize more and more the obligation we have to the people of this area. Whatever success we may enjoy depends entirely upon the friends we serve. Since we are truly grateful for all you've done, we want you to know our thoughts are with you during this, the happiest season of the year.

Season's Greetings

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Mrs. Chas. L. Robinson	L. C. Cash
Joe Pierce	W. L. Bowlus
F. E. Mitchell	Corrie Driskill

Baird Churches

The Baird Star extends an invitation to all Baird churches to participate in this column to make public their announcements.

Episcopal Church

Afternoon Service 3:30 p.m.
Each second and fourth Sunday of each month.

The First Methodist Church

Rev. Charles E. Lutrick, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.
MYF Meeting—6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship—7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship Hour—8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Mid-Week Service—7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY:
Choir—7:15 p.m.

Church of Christ

Merle King, Minister
Phone 370

SUNDAY:
Bible School—10 a.m.
Worship—10:45 a.m.
Young People's Bible Class—6:45 p.m.
Worship 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:
Ladies Bible Class—3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study—7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Rev. Riley Fugitt, Pastor
Rev. David Whitaker, Associate Pastor
Bonnie Thompson, S.S. Supt.

SUNDAY:
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Morning Service—11 a.m.
Training Union 6:45 p.m. (Depts. for all ages)
H. B. Terry, Director
Evening worship 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
W. M. S.—3:15 p.m.
Mrs. J. T. Warren, Pres.
Sunbeams—3:15 p.m.
Mary Walker, Leader
Junior G. A.'s—4:15 p.m.
Mrs. Riley Fugitt, Counselor
Int. G. A.'s—4:15 p.m.
Mrs. Reese, Counselor
R. A.'s—4:15 p.m.
Rev. Riley Fugitt, Counselor

WEDNESDAY:
Officers and teachers meeting 7:15 p.m.
Prayer meeting 8:00 p.m.
Choir practice 9:00 p.m.
Intermediate G. A. Counselor Mrs. Medford Walker.

First Presbyterian Church

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SUNDAY:
Sunday School—10 A.M.
Morning Worship—11 A.M.
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Christmas Greetings

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New Silent Power On GMC Trucks

A real desire to aid the trucking industry in solving an important problem is the only "secret" of GMC Truck's new Silent Power Exhaust system. P. J. Monaghan, general manager of GMC Truck and Coach Division, said today.

The new system, standard at no extra cost on all 1954 models

now in production, has brought a flood of favorable comment and inquiries from truck operators and newspapers throughout the country.

"Since we first announced Silent Power at the recent American Trucking Association Convention in Los Angeles, everyone wants to know what 'revolutionary principle' is used in its construction," Managhan said.

"Our principle is not revolutionary in any way. Engineers know it takes increased muffler volume to quiet exhaust noise without increasing back pressure on the engine BUT a larger muffler costs more to produce. For years, the cost factor has been shrinking the size of mufflers throughout the industry until in some cases trucks have virtually a tomato can trying to muffle the exhaust of a powerful engine.

"GMC decided to reverse this trend by introducing larger mufflers made of heavier steel, and make them standard on all models.

"Muffler sizes have been increased in 1954 models by as much as three and one-half times," Monaghan said.

"We believe the quieter exhaust system will aid truck operators in improving relations with the public, which has shown increasing resentment against truck noises," Monaghan continued.

"As we said when GMC Silent Power Exhaust was first announced, other manufacturers are free to adopt this new muffler concept. For the good of the industry, we hope they will do so."

Monaghan disclosed that six separate mufflers were redesigned and greatly enlarged to fit the varied line of GMC trucks which range from a one-half ton pick-up to 35 ton trucks.

To illustrate the greater size, the muffler for the 503 cubic inch engine, (GMC's largest gas engine) was increased from 650 cubic inch capacity to 2178 cubic inches. The weight was increased from eight to 28 pounds.

Both increased diameters and increased lengths were combined to provide the additional volume.

GMC engineers emphasized that the increased muffler size has not obliterated exhaust noise. However, it has definitely reduced GMC exhaust noise to the point where it is no more noticeable than other normal truck sounds such as tires, gears, fans and engines.

Further, they point out, revised internal construction of the muffler has changed the pitch of exhaust noise from a piercing whine offensive to the human ear to a low-pitched humming sound which does not offend the ear.

Silent Power exhaust is equally effective on gas and diesel engines. It is also used on all GM buses.

Car Inspections For Winter Driving

Motor Vehicle Inspector, Carl B. Boustead, who is in charge of the Vehicle Inspection Stations in Callahan County, said today that although inspection is progressing extremely well in Callahan County and throughout the State, it would be well to keep the following information in mind:

With ten months of 1953 already behind us, the State of Texas is 106 highway deaths behind the 1952 total for a comparable period. This decreasing rate may be held and even improved upon although the "deadly" holiday season is fast approaching. With winter and holiday travel only a weather change away, it would be wise for all those who have not had their vehicles inspected to do so now.

The very essentials of winter driving - proper brakes, lights, horn and windshield wiper operation - are the backbone of the new Motor Vehicle Inspection program. We can, therefore, do our winter driving safely and with fewer operational worries, as well as avoid the last minute Spring Inspection rush, if we will have our vehicles inspected between now and Christmas.

Boustead said that of all the cars inspected so far, records show that 58% need some adjustment or repair, 7% alone needed brake adjustments while 34% needed headlight corrections. At the same time, total cost of inspection has averaged only \$1.77 per car which includes the price of the inspection. Boustead said that this was probably the most reasonable life insurance being sold in Texas today. He urges each owner to go today to the inspection station of his choice. Tomorrow may be too late.

There are six inspection stations in Callahan County. They are required by law to be open

for business at least 8 hours a day. Most of them are open much longer, and each one will be glad to give your car a thorough, courteous and personalized inspection.

Don't Let Christmas End In Tragedy

That Christmas tree you'll be setting up in your home this season can easily become the center of a tragedy unless you take a few precautions.

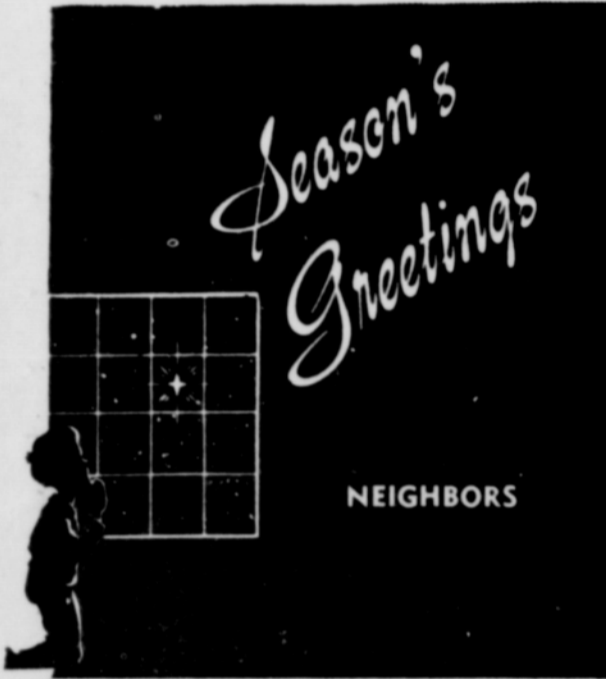
Texas was lucky last year. Only 14 Christmas tree fires were reported, with property damage totaling \$33,298. But the Texas Insurance Advisory Association, which keeps such figures, says Christmas tree fires annually take about 100 lives over the nation and destroy thousands of dollars in property.

To help keep your Christmas merry, the fire insurance experts suggest the following safety rules:

1. Choose a small tree. It's safer than a large one.
2. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas, and then be sure to buy a tree that is freshly cut.
3. Then stand it in water and put in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators or open gas heaters. Cut off the trunk diagonally at least on inch above the original cut end.
4. Avoid using cotton or paper decorations, and never place an electric train under a tree.
5. Be sure your electric lighting sets are in good working order and bear a label indicating that they have been approved by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.
6. Never leave the lights burning when no one is in the house.
7. Place the tree so that its accidental burning would not ignite curtains or other combustible furnishings, or block off an exit.
8. When the needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it immediately.



Mrs. D. J. Anderson
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Garden Club News

The Old Fashioned Garden Club met December 15th in the home of Mrs. Claude Johnson with Mrs. Wade Johnson as co-hostess. The living room was beautifully decorated with Christmas candles, shining ornaments and greenery. As the members and guests arrived they placed their gifts under the lovely Christmas tree.

The roll call was "What I Like Most About Christmas". Mrs. Hubert Ross recited the delightful story "Bells of Christmas".

Mrs. Cash announced that the club would meet in her home January 5. Mr. Weldon Bryant

will speak in "Interior Decorating."

Gifts were exchanged and a delicious refreshment plate was served to: Mmes. D. J. Anderson, C. Z. Anderson, W. E. Box, L. C. Cash, E. C. Fulton, Ace Hickman, Arthur Johnson, Mary Kehler, Felix Mitchell, S. W. Lilly, Joe McGowen, Hubert Ross, John Towler, I. E. Warren, C. O. Welch, Clyde White, Al Young, Dick Young, C. S. McGowen and Ernest Hill.

Drafts and notes differ in that the former is a written order to pay; the latter a written promise to pay.

Europe is the second smallest continent in the world.

Hosiery Wardrobe Aid to Feminine Beauty



Because her husband is a perfectionist in matters of feminine beauty, Mrs. Ern Westmore, wife of one of the famous brothers who act as beauty consultants to motion picture stars, has to have a hosiery wardrobe suitable for all costumes and all occasions. In presenting the wardrobe, W. F. Williamson, president of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers, noted that Mrs. Westmore's needs required a total of 34 pairs of sheerest nylons in color variations to go with five basic costume shades. Included were the new textured stockings for tweeds and nylons with glamorously accented heels for cocktail and evening wear. Mr. Williamson said that these requirements were a little unusual because of Mrs. Westmore's extensive clothes wardrobe and varied activities, adding that a woman could dress above the average hosiery-wise with a well-selected wardrobe including about 12 pairs. The presentation was made at the WABC-TV studios in New York, where Mr. Westmore's network program of beauty and fashion advice originates.

and many other diseases. However, you need not worry about becoming ill with this disease if you cook pork thoroughly.

According to Dr. Cox, pork that has been thoroughly cooked will not transmit Trichinella — they die at 137 degrees Fahrenheit. When pork becomes white and no pink color remains in the center of the cut as well as around the edges, it is safe to eat. Long, slow cooking will do the trick and retain the delicious juices of the pork.

This disease is transmitted in hogs principally by the feeding of uncooked garbage which invariably includes raw pork scraps containing the parasite of trichinosis. It is, therefore, essential for hog raisers and farmers to cook all garbage before feeding it to swine.

Dr. Cox says, "Don't let your fear of this disease rob you of your enjoyment of pork and its products, which are delicious and good for you. The most important preventive measure is — eat only pork that is well cooked."

Auxiliary Hosts Christmas Dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary members were host to their families with a Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson on Tuesday night, Dec. 15th.

The spacious home was beautifully decorated with novel yule decorations and members and guests were invited into the dining room to enjoy a bountiful dinner, which was served buffet style.

After dinner games were enjoyed and gifts exchanged by the following: Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stiffler, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sanford and daughter Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Freeland, Mmes. Sallie Eastham, Ellen McGowen, J. T. Loper, Currey, Duke McIntosh and children, Virginia, Mac, Ilean and David.

Motor Freight Lines Aid In Hide Drive

Motor freight lines are giving realistic help in the collection of deer hides for patients in the four state operated TB hospitals. A number of these Texas carriers are waiving shipping charges on the hides consigned to the patients and addressed to the Austin Taxidermist Studio where tanning is being donated. L. M. Rathbone, the owner, is paying shipping costs on hides sent to him collect.

A spokesman for the motor freight industry reports that the policy may vary with individual lines and suggests that the hunter consigning the shipment call to the carrier's attention the fact that the hides are being given to the TB patients. The address is simply Austin Taxidermist Studio, Austin, Texas.

Hides came in from Texas hunters at the rate of about 100 a week for the first three weeks of the hunting season, Mr. Rathbone said. They were shipped from all sections of the state, chiefly in packages of one or two from individual hunters.

Locker plants processing the game also are aiding in the collection. Several owners have notified Mr. Rathbone they are salting and storing the hides given by the hunters for bulk shipment to him at the close of the season.

State hospital officials have voiced the hope that at least one hide will be available to each of the approximately 2500 TB patients for use in leather work during the coming year.

Use Of Liquid Fertilizer Growing In This Area

Increased use of a balanced liquid fertilizer in this area is expected to result from efforts of at least one major manufacturer to build an extensive sales and service organization in this state.

The trend toward greater use of liquid nutrients for farm crops is largely due to results obtained by growers and to reports coming from increasing numbers of agricultural colleges and experiment stations.

Liquid Fertilizer is applied in various ways including seed treatment of small grain crops as a transplanting solution, as a side dressing and by spraying directly on the leaves of a growing crop. This last method is known as leaf feeding. Tests have shown that leaf feeding has increased yields as much as 50% on many crops.

In most applications, the liquid fertilizer is applied to the plants rather than to the soil. Scientific tests prove that plants can absorb 90% or more of the nutrients sprayed on their leaves and these nutrients are carried quickly throughout the plant structure. Ease of application, convenience in storing and handling, and the ability to get a "free ride" along with applications of water-soluble weed killers are some of the advantages reported by growers.

Farmers are familiar with single-purpose liquids such as nitrogen, or anhydrous ammonia, but the availability and use of balanced solutions containing the important major elements in a 1-2-1 ratio plus powerful trace

elements is now winning widespread recognition among America's growers.

Great Barrier Reef along the Northeastern coast of Australia has the largest coral formation in the world.

Rats have caused more deaths than any other animal.



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Christmas

Again the occasion arises to unite in renewing our pledge of peace on earth and good will toward our fellow man.

May each of you receive many fold blessings during the Christmas season.

McGowen Gulf Station

Cooked Thoroughly Pork Is Good

"Now that winter is here, our thoughts turn to pork roast dinners or perhaps to waffles and sausage suppers. From the standpoint of good nutrition, pork is good to eat. It is rich in protein, fat, and vitamin B, but undercooked or raw pork is also the most common source of a disease called trichinosis," Dr.

Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, said today.

Trichinosis is caused by a tiny parasite which is found in the muscular tissue of infected animals. When such meat is eaten, the parasites multiply and enter the blood stream, causing fever, intense pain in the muscles and a high white blood cell count. Symptoms of trichinosis are varied. It may be confused with typhoid fever, food poisoning, colitis, rheumatism, pneumonia,

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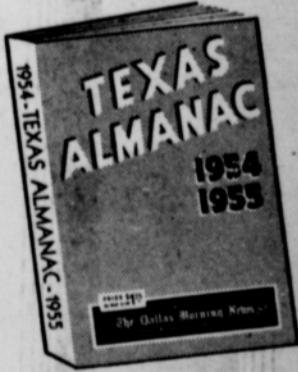
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People generally have come to accept the results of engineering tests as merely being indicative of how a car may perform in actual use. Today's prospective automobile buyer—before he will buy—must be shown that a car will live up to its laboratory reputation on the open road.

Thus, a few weeks before public introduction of its newest models, Dodge took two of its 1954 Royal V-8 cars, a four-door sedan and a convertible, to the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. The Dodge goal was to offer the public the proof that it desires. One manner of establishing this proof was to make an assault on 84 American Automobile Association stock car records.

But, the 1954 Dodge did even better. When the AAA tests on the Salt Flats were over, the 1954 Dodge had chalked up a total of 196 new AAA stock car marks, more than any standard American car has ever held before. The Dodge total included 153 records in AAA runs for cars with 183 to 305 cubic-inch engine displacement (which takes in a majority of U.S. cars), plus 43 more records on the AAA's scoreboard for other classes.

Only regular grade gasoline was used, as record after record fell to the 1954 Dodge. All marks were set in runs held under the supervision and sanction of the AAA Contest Board.

The AAA Contest Board, almost since the auto industry's beginning, has supervised the competitive efforts of automobiles in races, tours, hill climbs and other tests. It has done so in a manner internationally accepted as a laboratory process which has helped produce the dependable transportation motorists enjoy today.

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Baird Dairyman Makes Effort To Gear Production To Demand

By **DUANE HOWELL**
Reporter-News Farm Writer

BAIRD, Dec. 3 — The dairy industry has a major responsibility in helping feed a rapidly growing population and must show an ever increasing volume of milk to safeguard the public's health, according to Herman Betcher, Baird dairyman, who is starting an intensive dairy-building operation.

Since the total land area is fixed, the per acre or per unit production therefore must be increased, he point out. Betcher believes this can be done by keeping a watchful eye on market trends and planning a breeding and production program so that products go to market when prices are highest.

He breeds the bulk of his cows to freshen in September and scatters the rest so that he will

have a high rate of production during the fall and winter months when the market demand is the highest.

Constant shifting "in and out" of major farm enterprises generally proves costly, according to Betcher, therefore the farmer "should keep up a particular enterprise once it is started, if at all possible." Such shifting operations prevent the maximum use of facilities and resources, he says.

\$30,000 Investment

Betcher only started his dairy last July, but has established the operation on a permanent basis and his 60-cow milking herd is now producing 28 cans of milk daily. The Betcher-Holstein herd represents more than a \$20,000 investment, and hay buildings and a milking barn about \$10,000. He plans to raise his production next year to about 45 cans of milk daily.

Although Betcher has been buying feed this year, he plans to plant extensive acreages of Atlas Sargo next year for silage. He now has about 100 acres of grass.

"Profitable dairy operations depend largely on the availability of adequate feed supplies all times," said Betcher. He pointed out that in maintaining feed balance, the dairyman must consider reserve feed supplies for expected unfavorable seasons, additional feed for expanded operations, and the adaptation of available land for the production of roughage feeds, in addition to requirements for his present operations.

Balanced Program

Hardships experienced by producers during drought have stressed the need for a balance of livestock and poultry numbers with available feed, including reserves for hard times, said Betcher.

"We should have more than one source of income and not just depend on a single phase of ranching or farming for our living," he continued. "Dairying can and should support a higher standard of living for Texas farm families as well as contribute to a sound, prosperous and permanent agriculture and help stabilize our national economy."

Betcher is currently working on additional outbuildings and adding other improvements on his dairy. He is now using two milking machines and plans to add two more next year.

Did you ever stop and think "why do we have law enforcement officers?" The answer is a simple one. We need police officers to protect us—from other people and, if we are honest about it, even from ourselves.

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the county Farmers Home Administration office, courthouse, Baird, Texas. Committees authorized by Secretary of Agriculture Benson approve the loans. Applications for more than \$50,000 must have final approval by the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington.

A borrower may use his loan funds for usual expenses of carrying on a livestock operation, including restocking his herd up to the number he held before he had to reduce his herd.

The 5 percent loans may be amortized over a 3-year period and secured by the best lien possible on the borrower's property and his personal obligation to repay the borrowed money. Other creditors, although not asked to subordinate their claims, are expected to agree to stand by so the farmer can have a fair chance to work out of his difficulties. Agreements are made to let the farmer apply a reasonable part of his livestock income to repaying the special livestock loan.

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Livestock Producers Use Emergency Loans

More than \$11,689,000 in special livestock loans has been loaned to approximately 1,190 farmers and ranchers throughout the United States and nearly 600 other applications are being considered, Elmer L. Purtle, Farmers Home Administration county supervisor for Callahan county, reported this week.

The special livestock loan program, authorized last July, helps established producers of cattle, sheep, and goats to maintain their herds, Elmer Purtle said. The producers who can borrow are those with good past records of livestock production who are temporarily unable to get adequate credit from commercial banks, cooperative lending agencies, or other responsible sources to enable them to go ahead with normal livestock operations. They must have reasonable prospects of success with the help of a loan. Commercial feed lot operators are not included.

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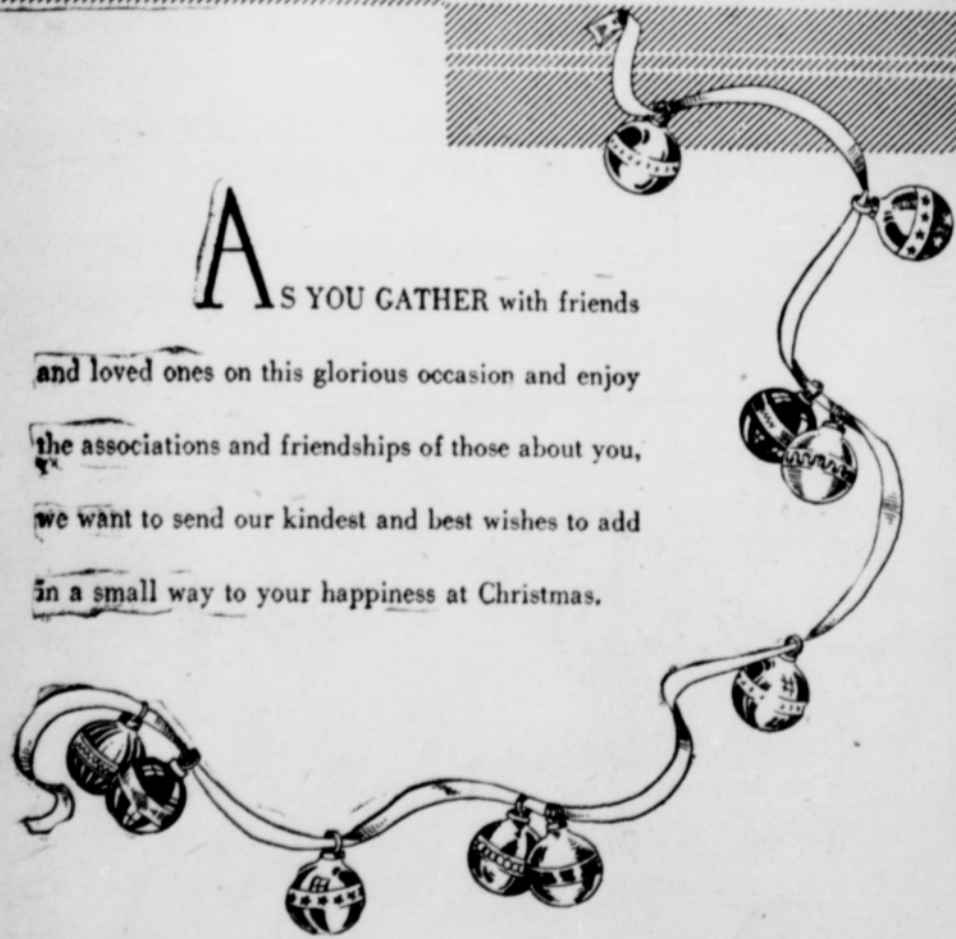


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