

'SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN'

With the Holiday Season here there's excitement in the air for all. To the youngsters Santa's visit is an event eagerly awaited. To the rest of us "young oldsters" it's a time of happiness and thanksgiving.

Amid the gayety of this most wonderful occasion, however, let us not forget the real and sacred meaning of Christmas. Let us ever remember the glory and significance of the Babe in the Manger many hundreds of years ago. The story of the Three Wise Men following the Star of Bethlehem to the place where our Lord was born is one of beauty and faith. It's one that is told over and over . . . One that will always be an inspiration to peace loving peoples.

It's difficult to express in mere words the feeling that is in the hearts of millions of grateful people during this Christmas Season. The spirit that reigns in our own community and throughout our great land makes us realize that Christmas in the American way is a reality rather than just a dream as it is in so many other countries today.

Let us pray that the Christmas spirit which prevails here will someday be observed in the same way over the entire world. Let us pray for the day when the words and lessons of the greatest Teacher ever known will be observed, and there will be PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN.

The Baird Star

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

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

BAIRD, pop. 2,000. On "The Broadway of America." Has beautiful homes, modern schools, fine churches, and healthful climate — "where there ain't no poor, and there ain't no sick; where the fat get fatter, and the thin get thick."

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MARVIN HUNTER, Jr., Editor

Baird Dresses Up For Christmas

If you want to see the old home town in its Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes, get in your car and ride over the town. First, take in Market Street, and see all the decorated windows. The buildings on both sides of the street from the courthouse to the depot are cleverly decorated and radiate the real Christmas feeling. With the city's decorative lights to form a canopy, the store fronts and show windows have a very attractive setting. To complete this street scene, there are Christmas shoppers searching through all the places of business for last minute gifts. People trading at home put the final and most important touch to the picture.

Then, drive around all over town and look at the beautiful decorations. Some might not suit your own particular taste; you might have decorated the front door or the porch or the window another way, but the effort put forth by our home people will amaze you. Baird is all diked out for a date with Santa. All this stir for Christmas lighting and decoration was instigated by the Old Fashioned Garden Club when they announced that prizes would be presented for the best decorations. The homes having the most attractive displays will be awarded first, second and third prizes. The business houses and service stations will be classed together and receive honorable mention for first, second and third places. Contestants must burn their lights through Dec. 28th from 6:30 to 10:00 p. m.

J. H. POINDEXTER BREAKS LEG

J. H. Poindexter sustained a broken leg Sunday afternoon at the Clarence Price place, while roping goats. J. H. was taken to a bone specialist in Abilene for treatment.

Jim Asbury Finds Interesting Papers On Old Time Hesperian Dance Club

In cleaning out an old desk which he had acquired, Jim Asbury found some papers pertaining to a club which existed in Baird about 1912-13. Although a curious mouse had nibbled away part of the paper, enough remained of one sheet to show the officers, the arrangements committee, the floor managers, and the members of the club.

The purpose of the club was primarily for social entertainment of the members. Its name, The Hesperian Club, probably came from Hesperus, the Evening Star, and the dance mentioned seems to have been during the holiday season in 1912-13. Some believe the now famous Cowboy's Christmas Ball held at Anson, found its beginning in Baird through the activities of the Hesperian Club.

Below is given the names of various committees and members, many of them are deceased.

First Grand Ball, Abilene Orchestra.

Thieves Strike Baird Twice Friday Night

Sheriff Joe Pierce is tracking down two men who staged two robberies here Friday night. The men were seen by a number of local citizens late Friday of whom they gave graphic descriptions that fit into the robberies. They entered Medford Walker's station and took only a few pennies, then broke into the Modern Tailors and fit themselves out with suits, shirts, etc. One of the suits belonged to Tiny Shelton and the other to Kelly Avery. A shirt belonged to G. C. Avery, a blanket belonged to Mrs. L. A. Pace and two pairs of trousers belonged to Mayfield's dry good store that had been altered. Several other small items were also missing from the cleaning and pressing shop. The thieves must have been in a hurry to get away as one shirt, belonging to Jack Hunter, had been dropped at the back door as they left the building.

BLACK'S WILL OBSERVE FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Just a year ago Ray Black and his father, Judge J. R. Black, entered the grocery business in Baird and this week they are announcing their First Anniversary Sale of foods. Read their advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The Star.

Black's have greatly enlarged the services at the store during this year. Beside stocking a complete line of foods, they have added a line of farm supplies, appliances and feeds. They bought out Roy Williams' grocery next door to make more room for their store and it is also filled with merchandise to help satisfy the needs of their customers.

In looking to the future the Blacks have a well planned program for the continued improvement of their store. They are placing emphasis on quality merchandise at low prices, and prompt, courteous service.

All Kids Invited To Theatre Party

Judy Garland's memorable Technicolor musical, "The Wizard of Oz," will be featured at the Plaza theatre Saturday at 10 a. m. and all the children of this community are invited to be guests of Bob Vaughn and the Callahan County Club. This free show will delight every child who sees it. Mr. Vaughn made a special effort to show "The Wizard of Oz" to help make this the highlight in the minds of the children during this Christmas season. The show is absolutely free and all are invited.

As soon as the picture is over Old Santa in the flesh will be on hand to greet the children and to pass out bags of candy. There will be lots of fun, so plan now to attend the big free Christmas theatre party.

Acted to perfection by an all-star cast, including such Broadway headliners as Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr and Jack Haley (respective stars of the New York musical hits, "Where's Charley?" "Make Mine Manhattan" and "Inside U.S.A."), this combination of music, fantasy and spectacle remains an offering which charms adults and youngsters alike. The picture retains the wizardry of L. Frank Baum's book, read by millions, together with an adult appeal in plot, dialogue and song. In addition, it has some of the most remarkable color sequences ever devised for a motion picture. If you can figure out how some of these tricks are done, you're a magician.

Judy Garland, as the wide-eyed Dorothy who is blown away by a cyclone and finds fantastic adventures in the Land of Oz, is the same sparkling, infectious and lilting-voiced Judy of such recent hits as "Easter Parade" and "The Pirate." One of the high spots of the picture is her singing of "Over the Rainbow," a tune which has retained its popularity over the years.

Frank Morgan, as the Wizard, has never been funnier. And if you think you won't recognize Ray Bolger as the Scarecrow, Bert Lahr as the Cowardly Lion and Jack Haley as the Tin Woodman, you'll be mistaken. They are characters right out of the book, yet they retain their own personalities, with their songs and dances a distinct delight.

Lending splendid support are Billie Burke as Glinda the Good, Margaret Hamilton as the Wicked Witch, Charley Grapewine as Uncle Henry and Clara Blandick as Aunt Em.

Considering that "The Wizard of Oz" was directed by Victor Fleming, currently represented on the screen by Ingrid Bergman's great success, "Joan of Arc," and was produced by Mervyn LeRoy, whose recent productions include "Little Women" and "Homecoming," it is easy to see why this musical remains one of the screen's finest creations. It is a picture you will want to see again and again.

W. O. Wylie attended a directors meeting of the Texas Funeral Directors Association at Ft. Worth Thursday of last week.

Former Baird Resident Dies At Greenville

(From Greenville Morning Herald, Dec. 11, 1949)

A Biney Jones, retired Greenville capitalist and a native of this city, died at 5:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon at a local hospital where he had been critically ill since Friday when he suffered a stroke. He had been in ill health for the past few years but had been up and made daily visits to town.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Gray-Ballard-Sorrells funeral chapel, with Dr. Harrison Baker, of Dallas, officiating. Burial was in Forest Park.

Pallbearers were nephews: Troy Jones, Althys Jones, Bailey H. Jones, B. H. Jones, Jr., Eldon Jones and Joe C. Cowan, all of Greenville. Honorary pallbearers were neighbors and friends of the family.

For many years, Mr. Jones had been identified with the growth and progress of Greenville and Hunt county, having been identified with the loan and investment business since a young man.

A native of Greenville, he was the son of Henry E. Jones and Mary Littlepage Jones, pioneer Hunt county couple. He attended the Greenville public schools and a Military College in Fort Worth. Following his graduation from college he yielded to an urge to go to West Texas and located in Big Spring, where he became identified in the banking and ranching business. He became cashier of the Citizens State Bank in that city and served in that capacity for a number of years, retiring to enter the stock business. He was at one time owner of one of the largest ranches in Howard county. He disposed of this property and obtained holdings nearer the city of Big Spring. While operating the large ranch, he stocked the first white-faced Hereford stock ever brought to Howard county.

After several successful years of stock farming he returned to the bank of Big Spring. It was during his residence in Big Spring that the city started its growth and his suburban ranch became a residential section known as the Jones addition.

In 1912 Mr. Jones returned to Greenville with his family to his native land. He and his late wife built the family home on Park Street, where he continued to make his home until the time of his death.

He was married to Miss Birdie Jackson Smith, of the Floyd community. A son, A. Biney Jones, Jr., died in 1933, and his wife preceded him in death in 1934.

Because of his outstanding business career and keen judgment, many persons, both old and young, have sought his advice on various matters, more especially business ventures. He was a man of high ideals and throughout his long and useful life he won and held the friendship of countless numbers of people, who learned to appreciate him for his fine qualities. He was a member of Kavanaugh Methodist Church and attended regularly as long as his health would permit.

In later years he was married to Miss Carrie Fanning, of this city, and she survives, with his

Funeral At Oplin For Jim Tunnell

Jimmy Tunnell, 52, former Callahan County farmer and uncle of Allen Hodges, died of a heart attack at 9 a. m. Thursday at his Fort Worth home.

Funeral services were conducted at Oplin at 3 p. m. Saturday at the Church of Christ. Burial was in the Oplin Cemetery.

Born in Williamson County, September 4, 1898, Tunnell had lived near Oplin, in Callahan County, for a number of years before moving to Fort Worth in 1941. Since living in Fort Worth he had been a carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, his father, J. P. Tunnell, Oplin; two brothers, Ray Tunnell, Kerman, Calif., and Clyde Tunnell, Weatherford; five sisters, Mrs. B. B. Smith, Midland; Mrs. Dolph Hodges, Oplin; Mrs. Buck Hartley, Bakersfield, California, Mrs. Clint Dean, Bakersfield, California, and Mrs. Rube Kiser, Bradshaw.

BELLE PLAIN WOMAN BURIED TUESDAY

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Wylie Funeral Chapel for Sarah Susan Hornsby, 89, who died Monday in Callahan County Hospital.

Rev. J. C. Hancock of Abilene officiated, assisted by Cecil Jones of Brownwood. Burial was in Belle Plain Cemetery.

A resident of Callahan County since December, 1899, Miss Hornsby had been ill for the past 10 months. She had lived in the Belle Plain community with her brother, W. J. Hornsby since she came to Callahan county. She was born April 1, 1860 in Rone county, Tenn.

Survivors are the brother of Rt. 2, Baird, and two nephews, Horton Hornsby of Dallas and Alton Hornsby of Route 2, Baird.

Pallbearers were Jack Gilliland, Ernest Hill, Walter Jones, Ray Boen, Homer Walker and Raymond Gibbs.

JONES BUILDING GETS NEW AWNING, PAINT

The Jones Dry Goods building, owned by the Hall Estate, is getting its face lifted this week. A new awning has taken the place of the old one and the front of the store is being painted. Those who shop at Jones' clearance sale will receive a nice reception. For some real money-saving bargains, read Jones Dry Goods advertisement in this issue of The Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Settle and children, Koma Sue and Lewis, of Henrietta, arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lewis.

H. B. Terry, III, spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Tarrant at Clyde.

daughter, Mrs. Mary Fae Averitt of Greenville; grandson Edwin Averitt, Jr.; two brothers, Henry E. Jones of Eula and Virgil F. Jones of Baird. Five brothers and one sister have preceded him in death.

New Minister For Church Of Christ



Leslie Rickerson

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rickerson of Abilene will move to Baird next week and Brother Rickerson will begin serving as minister of the Church of Christ here on January 1st. He has preached for the church here on a number of occasions and is not a stranger. Mr. Rickerson is resigning her position as secretary to Wendell Bedichek, public relations director of Abilene Christian College, and she and Brother Rickerson will occupy the church cottage.

Boyd Hayes of Elmdale has been preaching for the church here for the past several months. During his time here he made many friends throughout this area.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT COURTHOUSE

A giant Christmas tree has been placed in the main corridor of the Callahan county courthouse and the annual Christmas party will take place there by the county officials and courthouse employees on Christmas Eve. The tree will be laden with nice gifts which the courthouse personnel will give each other.

This exchange of gifts has been the custom among the county's official family for the past twenty years, and the present group of officials are keeping up that tradition. The plan speaks well for the harmony and cordiality that prevails in the courthouse.

Donations To Goodfellow Fund Is Not Sufficient To Meet The Needs This Year

Most of the folks in Baird are of the impression that there are no needy people in town, but this is not true. There are several unfortunate people who need help, and the Goodfellows have not received enough to render the help that is necessary. Gifts have included clothing, food, toys and a little money.

The Goodfellows have not received anything for children 11 and 12 years old, and there are several in this class who need attention. If you give clothing, be sure that it has been cleaned. The Goodfellows will wait until after Christmas to buy

Melvin G. Farmer Killed In Crash

Melvin G. Farmer, 74, died in Callahan County Hospital Tuesday night, a short time after the car in which he was riding crashed into a bridge abutment about two miles south of Albany on Highway 183. Andrew J. Young, 56, driver of the car, is in serious condition at the Callahan County Hospital, with head injuries. The car, a 1949 Mercury, was demolished.

Funeral services for Mr. Farmer were held Thursday at 2 p. m. at Wylie Funeral Chapel here in the presence of a host of sorrowing friends and relatives. Rev. David W. Binkley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiated, and burial was in Ross Cemetery.

Mr. Farmer was a pioneer resident of this county who will be sorely missed. Born April 2, 1875, in Bosque County, he was the son of the late W. B. Farmer. He was a postal clerk under the first postmaster at Cross Plains.

On Sept. 1, 1898, he moved to Baird to work for the late T. E. Powell in the dry goods business. In 1919, he became a car inspector for the Texas & Pacific Railway. From 1915 to 1919 he was Callahan County tax assessor.

He became state game warden for 10 area counties in 1927. After selling cars for Shaw Brothers here for a time, he returned to the dry goods business in 1929.

He married the former Tillie Betcher Feb. 26, 1902. She died in 1938.

Mr. Farmer was a member of the Blue Lodge, the Woodmen of the World, Modern Woodmen, and had been a member of the Methodist Church for 40 years. He was secretary-treasurer of the local church when it was built.

Surviving him are two sons, Howard Farmer, cashier of the Baird First National Bank, and F. C. Farmer of Iran; one daughter, Mrs. M. V. Turner of Austin; one granddaughter, Gladys Lucille Farmer of Iran; four brothers, E. C. of Austin, R. H. of Brownwood, O. B. of Ash Fork, Ariz., and U. L. Farmer of Springville, Ariz.; and two sisters, Mrs. P. C. Jones of Cleburne and Mrs. W. E. Thurman of San Angelo.

clothes for the needy, in order to use the money that will be donated. Thus far the only money givers are:

L. L. Blackburn	\$5.00
Mrs. Harold Ray	\$2.00
Temple Brashear	\$1.00
Mrs. John McClendon	\$1.00
Ace Hickman	\$5.00
Mrs. Hickman's Sunday School Class	\$3.00

Those who wish to donate to the Goodfellows are asked to leave their gift at The Baird Star office, the bank or hand it to Mrs. Hickman or Mrs. Blackburn.

Dudley Dabble

By Ott Neal
Attention, all car owners! I have a Texaco philling station at Dudley. I have been open for two years, and I believe I will stay another year, and want to thank all of my customers for past business. People, if you ever come to the south-west part of

the county stop at Ott's place at Dudley. We have a phone office run by Charles Varner, and the biggest little grocery store in the county run by Hawk Roberts. All of us here at Dudley are happy all the time. We are so proud of the crop we made this year. Everything we planted made good. We have been

noticing the grain lately. It is nice and green. Finley Coughran said it could take a good soaking rain right now. (Oh scat, Tom, quit scratching my pants leg. That cat wants me to play with him, but I will not).

Well, Elbert Crawford has just left the store. He was in a hurry. I figure he's trying to buy a bunch of yearlings. Jess Mason was in the store Saturday from Borwnsfield. He came after the rest of his furniture. He bought a nice farm out there. We sure hate to see them leave, for they were such good neighbors. From what I hear they are going to have a Christmas tree at the Baptist Church here and everybody is invited. Santa said he would be there about 9 o'clock Dec. 24th. Yes, I am going because I want to see Santa myself. Good bye 'til me and Tom see you again.

Among college students expected home during Christmas holidays are: Gayle Dyer, Betty Dungan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Griffin, Ernestine Hill, Hardin-Simmons, Abilene; Betty Dalton, Jackie Gilliland, Virginia Stevenson, Ray Kerby, Winifred Burks, McMurry College, Abilene; Jack Hunter, Billy Fred Hart, A.C.C., Abilene; Estelle Freeland, T.S.C.W., Denton; Gene Yeager, Sonny Burleson, Emily Cauthen, James Dyer, Sul Ross, Alpine; Jon Hardwick, John Poindexter, West Texas State, Canyon; Jimmy Roy Hatchett, San Marcos; Bobby John Hawk, Bill Jones, N.T.S., Denton; Paul Max Varner, Cisco Jr. College; Dale Brown, Carrol Gillit, Draughons Business College, Abilene; E. J. Hill, Texas Tech, Lubbock; Gerald Dallas, John Tarleton, Stephenville; and Carol Ivey, N.T.S., Denton.

EULA BUS DRIVER SAYS IT'S A WAY OF LIFE — NOT JOB!
Mrs. R. G. Edwards

"School bus driving is part of my life," asserted Newt Trotter several years ago when advised by his physician not to drive the bus again.

For children are his favorite people, and he really meant it when he said that it was part of his life. He loves them and they love him.

He was the second bus driver ever hired by the Eula School Board. That was back some 12 years ago when Eula became a consolidated school. Eagle Cove had consolidated the year before. Willis Bauch was the first driver hired, but he quit a few months later.

Trotter drove the same bus all these years, until a few weeks ago a bright shiny new one arrived to replace the decrepit old thing, called "Loueller." There was a time when it was called the "Chicken Coop." That was when it had a flat top, square sides and windows that might open, and might not.

One of the first lessons a kid learns when he starts riding Newt's bus is to call him just plain old "Newt." No one on his bus is going to "Mr. Trotter" him. He thinks that is too formal.

He has no disciplinary problems, the children are obedient and respect him enough to do what is required. Every child has a place, and the bus is never put in motion until every child is in that place. There is no changing and switching around after a child has once chosen a seat, unless he has permission.

There have been some pretty bad times with the weather. There have been times when Newt had to deliver his load on foot, but he would never leave them for a minute. He might not get to school on time, but he leaves home so regularly at the same time that you can almost set a clock by him. He has a certain time to make every stop, and if he is a minute early he comes to a complete stop and honks his horn before passing by.

He likes to tease and play. Nearly every kid on his route spends the night with him and Mrs. Trotter sometimes during the school year. They look forward to these visits and plan special treats.

The Trotters had two boys and one girl. Their oldest son, Sam, and his wife and son, live in Oceanside, Calif. Ethel, their daughter, lives in Big Spring. Newton Glenn, the youngest, died after a brief illness in 1944. He would have graduated this next spring.

There are about 47 regular passengers on Newt's bus now, and he travels nearly thirty miles each trip. None of the road is hard surfaced except for a short strip of Highway 36.

Newt is not only interested in the kids, their safety and their welfare, he is interested in their work; whether or not they are making passing grades. He has made it a practice all these years to give every boy and girl with a straight A card a nickel. You would be surprised how those little ones work for those straight A's. It is so disappointing to a little fellow to miss it when he wants to please Newt so badly.

Mrs. Inez Tisdale, of Elk City, Okla., arrived Monday to visit Mrs. John McGowen. Miss Tisdale was enroute to the Valley to spend the winter.

WE GROW BY CHANCE

Columbus took a chance — and look what a wonderful country he discovered.

Eddie Konczak spent upward to a thousand dollars to see if television could be received in Baird. The result is that receptions come in from Fort Worth as good as if we were sitting beside a TV set in the middle of Fort Worth. It's wonderful, this television! And now, because someone took a chance and risked a little money, the people of Baird may go ahead and install TV sets with confidence that they will bring in the programs in picture and sound right here at home, despite the mountains that surround our town.

It will probably not be so long now before many people in Baird will have the new radios and programs may be received from

Abilene, Wichita Falls, Fort Worth and various other places. Then with a greater perfection of television color will be added and many other features will be improved to make this thing even greater than it already is.

The first trial of TV receptions was made by Konczak Saturday night with splendid success. The receiver is located in White Auto Store, operated by Konczak, with the antenna on top of the building. He will soon move the equipment to his home where he has erected a 65-ft. aerial which he believes will enable him to get TV from a number of points.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pierson will spend Christmas here and Sherry Lynn will return home with them. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Pool, Jr., of Del Rio, will also be Christmas guests of the Pools.



From One Friend to Another

GREETINGS

F. E. MITCHELL

County Attorney



... and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2: 14

G. H. CORN

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1



greetings Friends!

Every Good Wish for Joy at Christmas.

Bruce Bell
County Clerk

SEASONS



Greetings

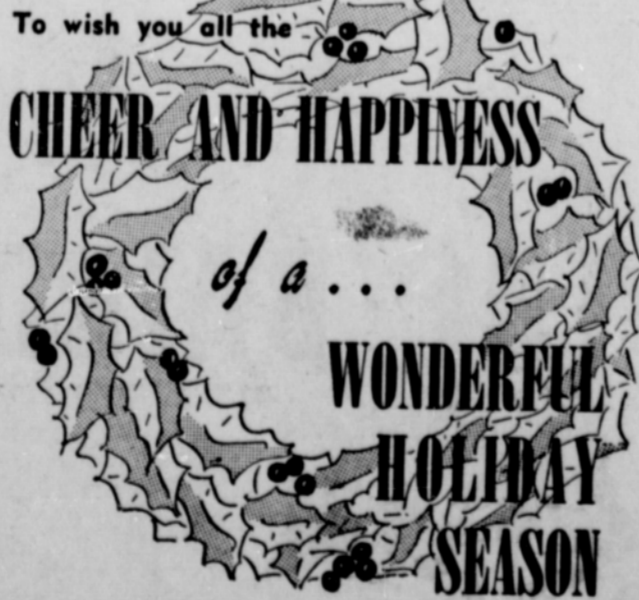
Wishing you every Happiness for Christmas.

Hazel Reynolds
County Treasurer



J. LESTER FARMER

County Judge



Mrs. Corrie Neithercutt
District Clerk

TO THOSE WE SERVE
Merry Christmas

AND TO THOSE WHOM WE HOPE TO SERVE
Merry Christmas

TO EVERYBODY
Merry Christmas

JOE PIERCE

SHERIFF

And Department



Just a thought of remembrance and a wish for happiness at this Christmas Season to our many loyal customers.

Caldwell Furniture Company

Free Delivery

Courteous Credit



It is with full appreciation of your loyal and sincere friendship that we take this means of extending Compliments of the season to each of you.

M. H. (Bob) JOY

Tax Assessor-Collector



CHEERIO!

Best wishes and good cheer for a Merry Christmas Season.

B. C. Chrisman
County Superintendent



May you rejoice in the gladness of this Christmas Season and may the spirit of Peace and Good Will remain with you always.

LAWRENCE LAUNDRY

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many friends who were so kind to us during our hour of sorrow at the passing of our beloved Jimmy Tunnell. To those who helped to prepare the dinner and all who cheered us in any way we wish to express our sincere thanks. May God's richest blessings be upon you.

J. P. Tunnell
Mr. and Mrs. Dolpl. Hodges and relatives.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all the friends who sent the beautiful flowers and cards during my illness. Special thanks to Loren Everett, Drs. Evans and Stubblefield, and the staff of nurses at Callahan County Hospital. May God bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Hedrick
Ricky and Bill Hedrick.

Pvt. E. J. Boyd, Jr., has just spent 18 days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boyd here. Pvt. Boyd is in the Engineering Division stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He has just finished two weeks on the firing range where he made expert score with the Army .45, M1 rifle and Carbine.

Rowden Round-Up
Irene Mauldin
Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter.

Cecil Jones and Carl Mauldin are home from college for the Christmas holidays.

Dannie English and Donnie Mauldin visited Mike Odom on Sunday.

Gerald Stephens, who has been in California, returned home Monday.

The Denton basketball girls defeated Novice, Lawn and Eula to win the Eula tournament last weekend. Katy Swafford was chosen as the best player on the Denton team.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens and son, of Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stephens and sons Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Rose and Bruce visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Dell and children, of Admiral, Tuesday night.

MRS. PERRY HUGHES ENTERTAINS GA GIRLS

Mrs. Perry Hughes entertained the Junior G.A. girls of the Baptist Church, Friday, December 16, from 4 until 5:30 p. m. in her home with a Christmas party.

Christmas carols were sung and the girls exchanged gifts. Refreshments of cake, candies and fruit were served to twenty-two members, five guests and the hostess. All report a wonderful time.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Ada Carmichael, who was admitted the 15th for medical treatment, is reported feeling a little better.

Marvin Clements, a patient since the 12th, seems to be resting well at this writing.

Mrs. Arthur Beasley is improving. She was re-admitted the 15th as a medical patient.

George Eubank, who was admitted the 16th, is feeling better.

Andrew Young, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident the 20th, shows some improvement.

Mrs. L. G. Barnhill, who underwent surgery the 20th, is getting along nicely.

Born the 16th to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Chrisman, a boy, weight 9 lbs. 7 ozs.

Born the 19th to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fitzpatrick, a boy, weight 7 lbs. 14 ozs.

Born the 20th to Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan, a boy, weight 7 lbs. 4 ozs.

Born the 20th to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Donoway, a boy, weight 7 lbs. 9 ozs.

Among recent dismissals are

Best Wishes

for a MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Little Onion



You know that we are hoping for your

MERRY CHRISTMAS CHEER

MEDFORD WALKER
Octane Products



Johnson's Gulf Station

A BRIEF MESSAGE BUT ONE OF SINCERITY...

COMPLIMENTS of the Yuletide Season!

CISCO STEAM LAUNDRY
Cisco, Texas



AND ALL GOOD WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS

ALEXANDER DAIRY



Thelma's Beauty Shop

Mrs. W. B. Atchison, Mrs. E. L. Reese, Mrs. Sam Hedrick, Mrs. F. N. Lawless, Mrs. Tom Roberson, Mrs. Will Bowen and Miss Jane Weathers; Bob White, C. P. Goble, F. Hollingshead, Tom Roberson.

Mrs. Euna Lovelady, Putnam, who was admitted the 17th, is improving.

Bob Spence, a medical patient since the 15th, is resting better.

Chas. Redwine's condition seems a little better the past few days.

Mrs. N. E. McGee is feeling some better.

B. W. Lofton is getting along nicely.

AMONG OUR XMAS CARDS

The Star editor and family have received many Christmas cards, more than ever before it seems, and we appreciate every one. Among the unusual cards was the one from our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodley who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Dallas B. Sherman, and her husband, who holds a government position in Tokyo, Japan. The card was made in Japan and the front piece was a Japan street scene at Christmas time. Before

Japan was conquered, there was no sign of Christmas coming out of that country, and Japanese talents were spent in worship

to their emperor. The Woodleys are expected to return to their home in Brownwood late in January.



ANDERSON APPLIANCES

Merry Christmas



JOHN'S LUMBER YARD



Emphasizing our appreciation of your

good will and patronage, we

wish to extend

Season's GREETINGS

to the fine citizens of this area

TOM BARTON
HUMBLE PRODUCTS



Dr. Robert W. Evans is Selected To Head Callahan-Eastland Medical Society

Dr. Robert W. Evans, owner of the Evans Clinic at Clyde, was elected president of the Callahan-Eastland County Medical Society at a meeting at the Connelee Hotel in Eastland Tuesday night, Dec. 13th.

kins of Ranger were reelected secretary of the group. Dr. Evans has been in Clyde since October, 1946. The new president said that meetings of the society will be held once every other month, instead of once a month as in the past.

WILL YOU BE ALLOWED TO VOTE IN 1950

Next year, 1950, is election year, but will you be allowed to vote? Not if you haven't paid your poll tax before the deadline, January 31st. You might have paid your property taxes, but that doesn't mean you have paid your poll tax too.

Bob Joy, tax assessor-collector, reports that tax payments have been brisk, but poll tax payments are falling off seriously. This is unusual right here on the threshold of an election year.

DELPHIAN CLUB MEETS AT JONES HOME

The Christmas meeting of the Delphian Club was held in the home of Mrs. Brice Jones, with Mrs. E. C. Fulton as co-hostess. Christmas corsages were presented to the guests.

Mrs. C. B. Snyder, first vice-president, called the meeting to order, and fifteen members responded to roll call.

The following program was given: Christmas reading, "The Birth of Christ," Mrs. Tee Baulch; "Christmas Customs In Other Lands," Mrs. Reese; a duet by Mrs. Reese and Mrs. Baulch; Christmas anthems by the club. Little Alice Fay Alexander sang "Santa Is A Nice Old Man" and gave a reading, "Awful Sick."

Presents were distributed from a beautifully decorated tree. During the social hour, delicious refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. C. McGowen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brice Jones are expecting their children and their families to spend Christmas with them. They are Mr. and Mrs. Wendell L. Jones and two children, Mary Jane and Wendell, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Fayne Hollingshead and son, Neal, of Baird. The Joneses are also looking for Mrs. Jones' brother, B. A. Williams of Sweetwater.

Miss Theda Kerby arrived Wednesday night from Austin, where she is a senior student at the University, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Kerby. She will leave Monday for University of Illinois to attend a Methodist Youth Meeting and will go to Chicago before returning to Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Ragan of New York City visited her sister, Mrs. R. L. Alexander Thursday of last week, enroute to Los Angeles, Calif., to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Ida Cox.

Mrs. Stella Smith will spend Christmas in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green.

ODD FELLOWS ENJOY CHRISTMAS FEAST

Some 250 Odd Fellows, their families and friends gathered at the local lodge hall Thursday night of last week and enjoyed the annual Christmas party. The past two years the party was held at Thanksgiving, but this year it was a Christmas event with a big turkey dinner. The crowd was served heaping plates of the delicious turkey with all the trimmings by the Odd Fellows. Hot coffee and chocolate were served with the meal and then cakes and pies were served as dessert.

After the crowd had eaten all they wanted there were pies and cakes left which were auctioned off by G. H. Tankersley, with the proceeds amounting to more than \$20 being given to the Rebekahs.

A jolly good time was enjoyed throughout the evening. After the turkey feast, fiddles and guitars were tuned to the piano and an old fashioned dance took place. Special numbers were presented by Glen Rockey at the piano and vocal numbers by Ray Kerby.

Many of the visitors praised the lodge for the fine, modern lodge hall, and the wonderful spirit of friendliness that prevailed there. The Odd Fellows are a friendly group and all of their functions are given in a way that everyone feels free to be at their leisure. Those who attended are now hoping the Odd Fellows will give another party next year and carry on the tradition.

Slim Dungan passed through town Monday on his way to work on his new farm.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Dungan over the weekend were their children, Jim Coffey of Del Rio and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coffey of Abilene. Mr. Dungan is still ill and shows very little improvement.

Christmas guests of Mrs. Tom Wylie will be Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Wylie and son, Durwood, Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Womack and daughter, Pat, of Ozona; and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wylie of Baird.

We are sorry to report Bob Spence is not doing so well. He has been in the hospital for several days and we hope to hear a good report soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ashlock will visit their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Hicks at McLean and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ashlock, Sr., at Sherman, during Christmas holidays.

Pfc. John Sprouse left Sunday night for Houston, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Sprouse.

Mrs. O. T. Cooper of Corpus Christi is spending the Christmas week with her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Ross and family.

MR. MAYFIELD'S BROTHER FROM ALASKA HERE

R. C. Mayfield, who is engaged in government navy construction work at Adak, Alaska, is visiting his brother, R. F. Mayfield, and Mrs. Mayfield here. Mr. Mayfield has been working at the Navy Base at Adak for the past seven years and prior to that, resided in European countries. The brothers had not met in twenty-four years. Mr. Mayfield is spending his vacation here and with relatives at Rising Star.

Arvin Melton, of Austin, visited his brother, Donald Melton, and family Tuesday evening and spent the night with his aunts, the Gunn sisters.

Mrs. E. O. Battles, of Hico, arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Holly, of California, are planning for a new rock home on Walnut St. soon.

Words cannot express our appreciation for all the nice things you did for us during 1949. We want to wish each and every one a

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FOR SALE — 5-room residence 528 W. 4th Street. Willard Koltson. tfn.

BOX STATIONERY — As low as \$2 per box of 100 sheets and 100 envelopes. If you are looking for some nice stationery with your name and address printed on it, come to The Baird Star office. New type faces will make you proud of your personal stationery. Makes ideal Christmas gifts, too. Whatever your printing needs, call The Baird Star.

NOTICE FARMERS — Beginning week of December 4th, Baird Gin will run on Tuesday and Friday until further notice. Baird Gin Company. tfn.

Please return baskets and vases that have been delivered with floral arrangements to Kelton's Flower Shop. We are badly in need of them. 1tc.

If you are looking for a small place near town on paved road where you may raise chickens, fruit, garden stuff, call The Baird Star. We have 6 1/4 acres three miles from Baird that should be an ideal location for you. The place has three good wells on land that will grow anything, a pretty good house, and priced at only \$2,500. This as a bargain that is sure to be taken soon, so hurry or you'll be too late.

IT'S TIME TO PLANT NOW — Roses, 50c; Evergreens, \$1.25 up; Flowering Shrubs, 50c; Shade Trees, 50c up; Peach, 25c; Apple, 60c; Pecans \$2.25. Lou's Nursery, Mile N.W. on New U.S. 80, Clyde, Texas. tfn.

NOTICE — My business will be cash only in the future. My prices will not stand the losses sustained by a credit business. I request prompt payments in the same courteous manner I solicit your business. Both are necessary for my business success. Jno. W. Loven. 4tp.tfn.

NOTICE — Home Laundry will be closed Friday and Saturday, Dec. 23-24, and will be open Monday, Dec. 26. 2tp.



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ATTENTION RANCHERS AND STOCKMEN — Peanut hulls now available for winter stock rations, \$5 ton. Southwestern Peanut Co., Abilene, Texas, phone 7526. tfn.

If you want any typing done, phone 302. 7tc.

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FOR SALE — Slightly used high-chair; also bathanette and stroller. Mrs. Russell Warren. Call 125 or 291. tfn.

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BE SURE - BE SAFE — Trade your old tires in on a set of Ward's Riverside Today. Black's Farm Store. tfn.

WHEAT FOR SALE — Westar and Comanche, about 100 bu. each. J. O. Warren, Box 754, Phone 266, Baird. 2t.

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LOST — White shoat about 65 lbs. Last seen at foot of Admiral Hill, Sat. evening, Dec. 10. A. C. Ashley, 5 mi. east of Baird, Childs & Housley place. 1tp.

FOR RENT — Partly furnished apartment. J. T. Lawrence, Holmes Drug Co. tfn.

FOR SALE — Pansy plants and Nandzina bushes. Kelton's Flower Shop. tfn.

FOR RENT — 3-room house in West Baird. See C. W. Sutphen at Sutphen Motor Co. tfn.

Miss Josephine Hamlett will spend the Christmas weekend with Dr. and Mrs. Earl G. Hamlett.

Mrs. John McClendon, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Andrews, with Mr. and Mrs. Bates Bauleh of Brownwood, went to Wichita Falls Sunday to visit Mrs. Hansel McClendon, who is recovering in a Wichita Falls hospital after sustaining injuries when hit by a city bus recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Moore, of Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roe Kelly, of Dallas, will spend New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Boydston and sisters.

Miss Pencie Work left Saturday for a few days visit in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gray left Sunday for Brownwood where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Courtney Gray Tuesday at Brownwood. Judge Courtney Gray was able to return to his home Sunday, after serious illness in a Brownwood hospital.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell will be their son, Dr. Ben L. Russell and Mrs. Russell, of Clovis, N. M., and their daughter, Mrs. B. D. Hampton, Mr. Hampton and son, Ronny, of Longview.



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"AUNT HET ON SCHOOL TEACHING" SENT IN

When Mrs. Blan Odom was Miss Jessie Tatom and teaching in the Denton school back in 1934, the following was mailed to her from her home town of Putnam. She never knew who sent it. Mrs. Odom is a teacher in the Denton school now.

"Aunt Het on School Teaching"

"One o' my girls had her heart set on bein' a school teacher, but I talked her out of it. Teachin' school is too much like bein' a preacher's wife. It's a high callin', but people expect you to give more'n they pay for."

"You take the teachers here in town. The only difference between them an' Christian martyrs is the date an' the lack of a bonfire."

"They was hired to teach an' they do it. They teach the

younguns that can learn, and entertain the ones that fell on their heads when they was little. But that ain't enough. They're supposed to make obedient little angels out o' spoiled brats that never minded nobody, an' wetnurse little wild-cats so their mothers can get rest, an' make genluses out o' children that couldn't have no sense with the parents they've got."

"But that ain't the worst. They've got to get up plays an' things to work the school out o' debt; an' sing in the chair an' teach a Sunday school class, an' when they ain't doin' nothin' else they're supposed to be a good example."

"Then they don't get no pay for six months an' can't pay their board or buy decent clothes an' on top of ever'thing else they can't hold hands comin' home from prayer meetin' with-

out some plous old sister with a dirty mind startin' a scandal on 'em."

"I'd just as soon be a plowmule. A mule works just as hard but it can relieve its soul by kickin' up its heels after quit- tin' time without startin' any talk."—(Robert Quillen in the Fountain Inn Tribune.)

LAST CHANCE

Just one day left, and I can't see everyone I'd like to, so if you will help me win the bicycle this Saturday by leavink Red & White labels at Morgan's for me, I will certainly appreciate it.

Bill Montgomery.

Mrs. Lelan Bloom, of Lubbock, visited Miss Mae Clair Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Erie Hall from Thursday until Monday.

MASONS MEET TWICE IN DECEMBER

Due to the time of meetings being on Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month, Baird Lodge 522 A. F. & A. M. will meet in a stated meeting Saturday night, December 31st for the second time this month. The same condition exists with the February meeting, and members should check their calendars to keep up with the meeting times.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tabor at the Stamford Country Club Christmas party Saturday night.

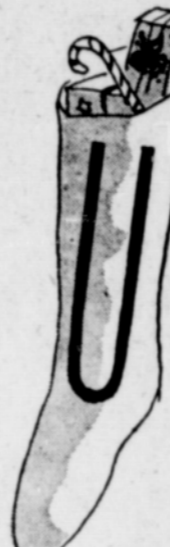
Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Franz, of Killeen, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gee.

T. D. WHITEHORN TO PREACH SUNDAY

T. D. Whitehorn, highway patrolman who recently entered the ministry, will preach his first sermon Sunday morning at Midway. He will preach at the First Baptist church at Baird Sunday evening at seven-fifteen. Mr. Whitehorn was licensed by the local Baptist church.

NOTICE
A community Christmas tree will be held at the Admiral Baptist church Saturday night, at seven o'clock. Everyone is urged to attend. No regular church services will be held Sunday, Christmas Day, because so many will be away for the holidays.

Mrs. Charley Holly and Mrs. Ed Lambert were on the sick list last week.

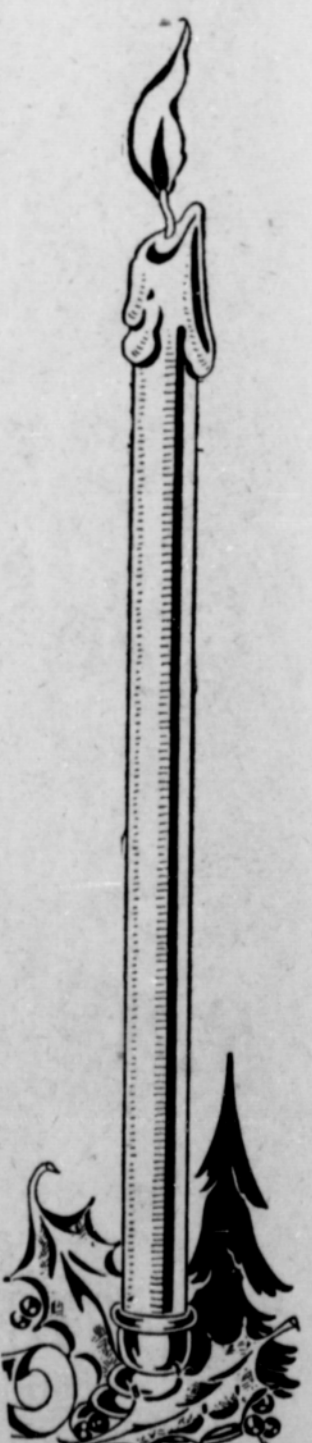


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trust we may continue to
merit your consideration in
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THE BAIRD STAR



MRS. FULTON ENTERTAINS PRESBYTERIAN LADIES

Mrs. E. C. Fulton was hostess to the Presbyterian ladies Monday at 3 p. m. when she entertained with a Christmas party. After the group sang a song, Mrs. Virgil Hughes offered a prayer. Mrs. R. L. Alexander gave a beautiful Christmas story after which Mrs. Sam Smith closed the meeting with a prayer.

Gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree and refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. R. L. Alexander, Willie Barnhill, Sallie Eastham, H. N. Ebert, R. L. Elliott, Virgil Hughes, J. A. Jackson, V. F. Jones, Arthur Johnson, Mary Kehrer, Joe McGowen, E. B. Mullican, E. O. Parsons, Sam Smith, Edna Yonge and little Jerry Barnhill.

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CAMPAIGN YEAR COMING UP

The good year, 1950, is just around the corner. With it will be ushered in another political year and campaigns will be opened up from precinct offices in the county to the governor's office in the state.

During the past several months things have been comparatively quiet in political matters, but the rustling of the candidates wings are beginning to be heard and by the first week in January several office seekers are expected to make public their announcements.

The Baird Star's political announcement column will be opened in the first issue of 1950 to afford the candidates the opportunity to place their names before the people of Callahan county. At any time during the campaign year, Callahan county voters may look to the Baird Star's political column to learn who is in the running for the various offices.

Candidates may have their names entered in the Baird Star announcement column in state offices for \$20 or in county offices for \$15. All who announce will be entitled to a free article announcing their candidacy the week their name is entered in the announcement column.

60-DAY RADIO EXPERIMENT NOW IN PROGRESS ON T&P DALLAS

— If a 60-day radio experiment now in progress on Texas & Pacific Railway freight trains proves practical, walkie-talkies may take their place alongside flags and flares as standard gear for train crews. Installed under supervision of W. A. Roberts, T&P superintendent of telegraph, and distributed by Bendix Radio, the walkie-talkie is the newest adjunct to cab-to-caboose radio, already a familiar sight on some railroads. Currently operating on long-haul, Diesel-powered trains of 80 and 100 cars running between Fort Worth and El Paso, the test equipment may cover parts of T&P's eastern and Louisiana divisions before the experimental period expires Jan. 15, 1950.

T&P caboose No. 2314 and one of the line's new three-unit freight Diesels are the two test units for the end-to-end radio and the allied walkie-talkie. Ultra-high frequency sending and receiving sets have been installed in each of these pieces of equipment, with an extra outlet for the caboose cupola "upstairs." Engine and caboose crews, long used to communicating only by flags or flares when hot boxes or other emergencies occurred in a lengthy freight train, can communicate instantly with one another simply by picking-up a telephone type receiver hung on the wall and then speak into it.

The walkie-talkie feature actually is a 100% improvement over the wartime version of such equipment, according to Robert B. Barnhill, district sales manager for Bendix, who is overseeing the T&P test. In one 8½ lb. sling-pack is packaged a sending and receiving set, smaller but just as sensitive as the ones on the train. Each sling-pack set has its own 18-inch, cork-tipped antenna. As the flagman, for instance, steps off the caboose to walk down the track and set his flags when the train is standing, he slings the walkie-talkie over his shoulder and can converse with either the caboose or cab occupants just as though they stood by his side.

On one of the test runs made this week on T&P freight train No. 65, between Ft. Worth and El Paso, conductor W. F. Haworth, Sr., and Engineer H. R. Parker, both of Ft. Worth, tried out the radio for the first time in their long railroad careers. Said Parker: "I've been railroading 37 years and this makes a whale of a difference in running your train; I like it."

Telegraph Superintendent Roberts said that the T&P ex-

periment was being conducted through a special radio permit issued by the Federal Communications Commission, with call letters KA4895. It gives the railroad permission to conduct the tests anywhere on its lines in Texas and Louisiana.

SON IS BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan December 20, a son weighing 7 lbs. 4 ozs. Baby and mother are reported to be getting along fine. Congratulations.



TO WISH YOU



The Bonnet Box
Miss Josephine Hamlett

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
to our friends who have
been with us through
the years
and new friends!



Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made,
And the things which in common we share;
We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
But because of the people who care;

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And the joy of the world, when you've summed it all up,
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 SUGAR, 1 lb. box 10c	 PI-DO, pkg. 13c
 COCOANUT, in tin 15c	 PORK CHOPS, lb. 35c
 BACON, lb. 39c	 SPUDS 10 lbs. 19c
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County Agent's Column
Oliver F. Werst

Cotton Insect Control

A report has been received by the County Agent showing the recommendations that will be made for controlling cotton insects in 1950. The report is based on experiments carried out during the last crop growing season and other previous experience. The Department of Agriculture is now recommending the use of spraying to control cotton insects. This has

never been done before. Dusting was always recommended. Both dusting and spraying will be recommended in 1950. Anyone desiring to see this report should write or contact the county agent.

Trees For Windbreaks

Sixteen and one-half million forest tree seedlings were grown this year by the Texas Forestry Service. These trees will be sold to landowners at cost and they will be used for reforestation and windbreak purposes. They cannot be sold for ornamental plantings.

The supply is now limited to six tree species and these are slash pine, bois d'arc, catalpa, Russian mulberry, and green ash. Bois d'arc and catalpa produce excellent posts. The wood of these trees is resistant to decay.

The planting season extends from December to March, but past records show that those who wait until January to place orders for planting stocks may be disappointed because the supplies now are limited. Orders will not be accepted after Feb. 1st. For further information contact the county agent.

Pruning of Fruit Trees

Now is the time to get ready to prune fruit trees. J. F. Rosborough, the Extension Horticulturist of A & M College, says the next year's fruit crop to a large extent depends on the care

you give the trees in the dormant season.

Now is the time to check to see if the tools are sharp. You should have a pair of long-handled shears, a 14-inch briar tooth saw and a pair of hand pruning shears in your kit.

Fruit trees are pruned to stimulate new growth for next years fruit to grow on. Pruning also keeps the trees to handling dimensions. It is much easier to harvest the fruit crop from properly pruned trees and Rosborough points out that fruit needs sunlight to ripen as it should, and pruning will allow sunlight to reach the ripening fruit.

Pruning also should give the orchard owner a chance to remove dead or diseased limbs and branches from the trees and while the pruning job is being done, a close and thorough

check can be made for insects and diseases that might otherwise go unnoticed until they had caused a lot of trouble.

Free Bulletins

Free agricultural bulletins are available from the county agent. A bulletin may be secured on most any agricultural subject. One bulletin which is very popular this time of the year is "Killing and Curing of Pork." Other bulletins which people like this time of year are on Control of Insects on Livestock, Feeding of Beef Calves, Feeding Lambs, Control of Nightblindness in Cattle, Feeding Hogs, Feeding Chickens, Farmhouse Planning, Sewage Disposal, and many others. Just write or visit the county agent for these bulletins and others.

COMBINATION OFFER IS STILL GOOD

It is not too late for you to take advantage of the special holiday offer to subscribe to The Baird Star with the Abilene Reporter-News or the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. We would be glad to send in your renewal or new subscription to either of these newspapers. The Abilene Reporter-News, one year, \$9.95; Fort Worth Star-Telegram, a year, \$13.95. The Baird Star and the Abilene Reporter-News, a year, \$11.75. The Baird Star and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, a year, \$15.75. The Baird Star only, one year, \$2.00 in the county, \$2.50 outside the county.

The Star office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's, but subscriptions may be sent in by mail, or handed in the following week.

With the coming year's politics, et cetera, you will want to keep right up with the going-on in the county and the state, so be sure to renew your county paper and your state paper promptly. And another thing, don't neglect to pay your poll tax and take part in the political activities in 1950.

Ens. and Mrs. Billy George Yarbrough and sons, David Lynn and Billy Hall, arrived Sunday from Norfolk, Va., to visit Mrs. Yarbrough's mother, Mrs. Gus Hall. Mrs. Hall and the Yarbroughs will leave today for Houston to attend a family reunion and the Yarbroughs will go on to Weslaco to visit Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Yarbrough.

J. D. Warren dropped by the Star office Friday and ordered the home town paper sent to his son, C. C. Warren, who lives at Altadena, Calif.

BELLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CLUB WITH MRS. YOUNG

Fifteen Belle Plain Community Club members and one visitor met at the home of Mrs. Dick Young on Dec. 13th.

Preparations for the community Christmas party and tree are complete except the decorating of the tree, which is to be done on Dec. 19th., with everyone meeting at the community house at 2 p. m.

Future secret pals names were drawn, followed by the penny drill, with Mrs. W. A. Williams as the prize winner. Mrs. Earl Hughes and Mrs. John Blakeney received aprons in honor of birthdays.

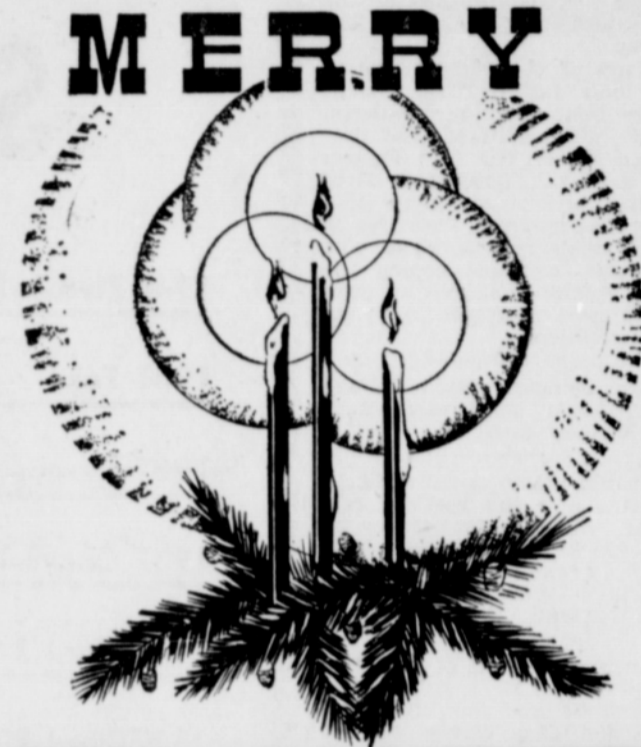
Refreshments of pie, cake and toasted nuts were served to all present.

Miss Jennie Harris, of El Paso, has been visiting friends here.



Sincerest wishes for a truly Merry Christmas filled with Happiness and Contentment.

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CHRISTMAS

Kind remembrances and best wishes to our friends this Christmas Season. Thanks too for your patronage and loyalty.

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Most sincere wishes that you and yours may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas.

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Office in Courthouse
VADA WHITE BENNETT, Owner



Merry Christmas

That the season's cheer gladden you and stay with you throughout all the year is our ardent wish to our friends this Holiday Season.

M. L. HUGHES
GROCERY AND STATION

**HOUSTON FAT STOCK SHOW
FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH 12**

HOUSTON — Two Callahan county youth, calf scramble winners at the 1949 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition, plan to attend the 1950 show, February 1 through 12,

and will compete for almost \$4,000 in special prizes.

The boys and the names of their calf sponsors include Cecil Barton, FFA from Cross Plains, Acme Sign Co. of Houston, sponsor; and Lewis Fortune, FFA from Cross Plains, M. C. Carson of Humble, sponsor.

One of the top prizes being offered at the 1950 show will be the Jim Tucker award, a \$2,000 scholarship to Texas A. & M. College. The Houston insurance man is offering the scholarship for the second consecutive year to one of the 10 top exhibitors of scramble calves.

Herbert G. Turner, 1950 calf scramble committee chairman, is offering, on behalf of United Gas Company, a \$100 cash award to the calf scramble participant with the highest scholastic average, and W. Kendall, Houston attorney, is offering \$200 to the youth who makes the highest net profit on the pounds of gain he puts on his calf.

J. W. Sartwell, Port City Stock Yards president and Stock Show chairman of the board, again will give \$100 to the youth whose calf makes the greatest gain from feed raised on the boy's farm, protein supplement excepted. Charlie Willhoite of Houston's Red Chain Feed Company, plans to award a \$150 Western saddle to the partici-

pant whose calf shows the greatest percentage of gain from the time it was caught at the 1949 show until it is weighed at the 1950 show. An additional \$150 will be given if the calf was fed on Red Chain feed.

A free trip, with all expenses paid, to the Purina Mills Experiment Farm at Gray Summit, Mo., and to Purina Mills Research Department and Biological Laboratory at St. Louis, Mo., will go to two boys showing top scramble calves at the 1950 show. The trip will be made after school in the summer of 1950.

FLAMING DRAMA OF FOREIGN LEGION STARS GEORGE RAFT
Swashbuckling adventure, highly emotional drama and colorful romantic races across the screen at the Plaza Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 28-29 when Samuel Bischoff's exciting production "Outpost in Morocco," comes to the screen. George Raft is starred in this tale of the French Foreign Legion which was filmed, for the greater part, in Southern Morocco, with the French Foreign Legion actually playing a part.

Raft plays the role of Captain Gerard, who is stationed at the French Military Headquarters in the town of Tesket. Considered a "bon vivant" Raft is commissioned to escort Cara (Marie Windsor), the lovely Paris-educated daughter of the Emir of Bel-Rashad, back to her home.

There is smouldering undercover activity at Bel-Rashad which disturbs Cara who is distressed to see the mounting antipathy of the Arabs toward the French. Raft is also disturbed and he decides to report the unrest to the Commandant at the

Fort before returning to Military Headquarters. The Commandant sends him back to Tesket for reinforcements. When Raft returns to the Legion Outpost he finds that the Fort has been taken by the Emir and the Commandant killed.

Raft takes command at the Outpost and has his friend Lieutenant Glysko (Akim Tamiroff) kidnap Cara and bring her to him. She escapes and rides up into the front lines hoping to convince her father that it is wrong to attack the French. But she is too late, and in the furious battle that ensues both she and her father are killed.

As the swashbuckling Captain Gerard, George Raft has a part that suits him to a T, and Miss Windsor demonstrates quite easily that she is a young actress to be reckoned with. In top supporting roles, Akim Tamiroff, Eduard Franz and Damien O'Flynn turn in excellent performances.

H. D. COUNCIL MEETS

Callahan County Home Demonstration Council met at the courthouse in Baird, December 12th at 2 p. m. for their annual Christmas party.

Singing of Christmas Carols opened the meeting, followed by a reading by Mrs. G. R. Prichard of the Clyde Club. A beautiful Christmas tree, with all the trimmings, and holiday Christmas packages were around the tree. Tiny red cellophane Christmas stockings were given each one, with the number of their gift inside.

Oliver West, Co. Agricultural Agent, and Marvin Hunter, editor of The Baird Star, judged the scrapbook contest. First place, a fruit bowl, Mrs. Ray

Young, Enterprise Club; second place, a flower vase, Mrs. Reo Jolly, Eula Club; third place, a bud vase, Mrs. R. S. Darden of Clyde Club.

The refreshment table was in red and white with mistletoe at a center piece, and lighted with Christmas candles.

Special guests were the County Judge, County Commissioners, Mr. West and Mr. Hunter.

Punch and cookies were served to approximately 25 club women and guests.

Mrs. R. E. Hansen.

Mrs. G. E. Sutphen accompanied Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brock to Villa Platte, Louisiana, to spend the Christmas holidays with the Charles Allman family. They left Tuesday and expect to be away for about 10 days.

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A HAPPY HOLIDAY



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Mrs. Opal Shelton

We're Lucky!



No question about it. We're just plain lucky! We're lucky that we live in a community like this, lucky that we have such friends. We appreciate every one of you and your thoughtfulness and consideration.

May the joys of a happy Christmas be yours this season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dallas
and Gerald
Rev. J. L. Carter

WITH candles gleaming everywhere we know it's time to send a

Happy Greeting

of Merry Christmas Cheer

Here's our very best wishes for the season



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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like for you to bring me a doll and doll buggy for Christmas. I have some brothers and sisters, Ray, E. J. Charles, Fay, June. Please come to see them too, and all the other little boys and girls everywhere. I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Thanks,
Ola Jane Boyd,
604 E. First St.

P.S. — Please bring me a beach ball and don't forget mommy and daddy, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boyd.

Dear Santa Claus:

All I want for Christmas is the Free Bicycle at Morgan's Food Store, so be sure and leave me some Red & White labels so I can win it.

Bill Montgomery.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl four years old. I have been trying to be a good little girl. I would like for you to bring me some cowboy boots and a cowboy belt and skates.

My little sister Lynda Kaye would like a doll, as she is too little to be a cowboy.

Be sure and remember all the other little boys and girls. I'll be looking for you.

Love,
Tommye Sue and Lynda Kaye Pruitt.

Dear Santa:

We want a doll buggy, a doll house and furniture, and a cow-girl suit. We are good girls.

Thank you,
Glenda and Kathy Ricks.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a record-player and two guns and holsters.

Thank you,
Wayne Boyd.

Dear Santa:

I am a boy almost six years old and I have been pretty good most of the time. I would like for you to bring me an electric train, some new cowboy boots and hat, and lots of bubble gum and funny books. Don't forget all my little friends and my cousin, Mickey Brown.

Thank you,
Arnold Edgar Colcleasure, Jr.

Dear Santa:

I love you very much. I would like a flashlight gun and a football and a gun.

Love,
Larry.

Dear Santa:

I wonder what all this "Yule" talk is that I've been hearing so much about. Last Christmas I was two years old, and I didn't know there was a Santa Claus until I saw you with my own eyes. Now I am looking for you to come again and bring me some more pretty toys. My mommie says I must be good or you won't bring me anything. Every time I want to make mud pies in her nice dishes, or dress up in her clothes, she had to remind me that you won't bring me anything. Please, Santa, won't you bring me even a tiny baby doll if I am just a little bit bad once in a while? I like to be good, but I think it lots of fun to get mean and try to shake everything to pieces some time, too. If I can be good some and bad some, I won't ask too much for Christmas, only a big Santa doll, a large doll buggy, a big rag doll like Sally Miran, a Toni doll, a real big play house with hot and cold running water, electric lights, gas, venetian blinds, and wool rugs, and period furniture, and whatever else you think I have been good enough for you to bring me. Even though I am a little bad and can't have everything I want, I do wish you would remember all the other girls and boys in Baird and bring them everything they want and then some, for I have found out that they are wonderful children, every one of them. I wish I had time to write every one of their names, but you know them as well as I do, I am sure.

The grown-ups are not a bad lot, either. They are pretty cranky at times, especially my dad, but don't blame them too much. Some of them probably don't believe there is a Santa Claus, but without the spirit of Christmas these winter days would be so dreary and cold. To you Santa, and to all my friends, and to the big people and children too, I want to say "Merry Christmas."

Carlie Sue Hunter.

WEEKEND GUESTS IN DENNIS HOME

All of the five children and several friends were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heber Dennis. A wonderful time was had and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Friends present were Zella Dungan of Baird, Mrs. James Gillit and daughter of Abilene, Mrs. Joy Brown of Jal, N. M. Children and grandchildren present were Mr. and Mrs. Earvin Dennis and two daughters of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sanders and two children of Abilene, Mrs. Ila Mathis and daughter of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dill and two children of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dennis and two children, of Jal, N. M.

JUNIOR W.S.C.S. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Casto Peek, Mrs. Glen Rocky and Miss Burma Warren entertained the Junior W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church Tuesday night in the Peek home. Mrs. Rocky and Mrs. Peek played organ selections and duets, after which the group sang Christmas carols.

Gifts were distributed from the beautifully decorated tree. Fruit cake and punch were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ashlock, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Thompson and daughter, Mary Jo, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Binkley and sons, John and David, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barton and children, Ann and Tommy, Mrs. Elanton Freeland, Miss Sarah Parks, Miss Betsy Hickman, Mr. Peek and Mr. Rocky.

NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Parents and friends of pupils in Mrs. Sidney Foy's Nursery School were present Monday morning for A Typical Day at Nursery School. On the program featuring Christmas, were songs, numbers by the rhythm band, folk and ring dances.

CURLEY SEALE TO BE HOME NEXT WEEK

Curley Seale wrote The Star December 12th from Rochester, Minn.:

"Seven above zero here this morning and the natives are talking about the unusually mild fall and early winter. I expect to be home next week."

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Kelton, of Beaumont, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kelton.

MRS. JOEN SCHAFFRINA WINS CROSLY SHELVDOR

Mrs. John Schaffrina, Star Rt. 2, Baird, on Saturday, December 10, was announced the winner of a new 1950 custom model Shelvdor refrigerator given away at Parson's Electric & Refrigeration Service, as part of a giant national "giveaway" conducted by the Crosley Division, Avco Manufacturing Corporation, and its distributors and dealers throughout the country.

Mrs. Schaffrina was adjudged to have submitted to Parsons Electric & Refrigeration Service the best statement as to "Why I Should Be Given A New 1950 Shelvdor Refrigerator." Announcement was made at special ceremonies held at Parsons Electric & Refrigeration Service Saturday night.

All entries in the local contest are still eligible for the 125 grand national prizes to be awarded by Crosley. Announcement of the winners of these prizes will be made on December 20th.

ENTERPRISE CLUB MEETS

The Enterprise Club met in the home of Mrs. Ruth Patton for their Christmas party.

There was a nice musical program given by Mrs. C. R. Shirley.

Members attending the party were Mes: Marion Randolph, Joe Peay, Callie Patton, Jack Bewley, Lynda Sue, Patsy Ann, Judy Anderson, Charlie Anderson, Sam Sherrill Arnel Powers, Ester and Jack, Arthur Coffey, Paul Shanks, Clyde Gibbins, Will Young, C. B. Collings.

Delbert Corning, R. E. Hansen, Ben Nunn, C. B. Kniffen, Cleo Pringle, Ruth Patton, Ray Young, Dessie Patton, J. C. Meadows, Leon Kendrick, Elmore, Roy Pringle and Jerry.

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STORES TO CLOSE DEC. 26 TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Due to Christmas Day being on Sunday this year, most of the Baird business houses will be closed on Monday, December 26th in observance of the holiday. Shoppers are requested to attend to their business with the Baird merchants beforehand and not be inconvenienced by the Monday holiday.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1950, same being the second Tuesday in said month, for the purpose of electing two members of the Board of Directors of said District. Said election will be held at the City Hall, in the City of Baird, in said district, and the following have been appointed officers to hold said election, to-wit: D. J. Anderson, presiding judge; C. E. Andrews, judge; Mrs. S. I. Smith, clerk and Corrine Barringer, clerk. All qualified voters in said District shall have the right to vote in said election.

ROY GILBREATH,
President, Board of Directors,
LEE LOPER
Secretary, Board of Directors
1tc.

Little Sherry Lynn Pierson, of Kermit, spent the past two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Pool and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pierson.

FAMILY XMAS PARTY AT MRS. MARGIE RAY'S HOME

A family Christmas party was held Monday night at the home of Mrs. Margie Ray. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brock of Eliasville; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sutphen and son, Bob, of

Byrds; Miss Rose Mary Ivey of Cisco; Mrs. G. E. Sutphen and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sutphen and boys of this place. Mrs. Ray's son, Billy, who has been stationed with the Army at Nashville, was also present. Billy will be at home a month before being stationed at Corpus Christi.

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Don't forget that if you wish to vote during 1950, your poll tax must be paid before February first. 1950 is election year. You will not want to be disfranchised for the need of a poll tax receipt, so attend to this detail at once. Poll taxes are to be paid at the office of—

M. H. 'Bob' JOY

CALLAHAN COUNTY
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR



On our First Anniversary, we wish to extend thanks to all of our friends for the splendid business that you have given us the past year. Here at Christmas time everyone is trying to make that budget fill all of Santa's needs, so in appreciation for your splendid business given us, we would like to help you with the following Christmas specials.

PICNIC HAMS, 4 to 6 lb. size, lb.	29c
HENS, Fresh Dressed, lb.	49c
BEEF ROAST, Choice Cuts, lb.	39c
PORK ROAST, delicious & tender, lb.	39c



Xmas Mix
CANDY
lb. 19c

CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES, lb. box .	39c
OLEOMARGARINE, plain, lb.	19c

BLACK'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

by Mary Lee Taylor

Egg Nog
Broadcast: December 24, 1949

1 egg
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 tablespoons vanilla*
2 cups Pet Milk
1 cup water

Beat eggs until light and fluffy. Beat in gradually the sugar and salt. Beat vanilla in slowly. Stir in mixture of milk and water. Chill. Sprinkle each serving with nutmeg if desired. Makes 1 quart.

*If desired, use 1/2 cup alcoholic flavoring in place of the vanilla.
You Will Need:

PET MILK 10c

ADAMS 1 1/2 oz. bottle

Vanilla 19c

FRESH COUNTRY

Eggs, doz. ... 33c

YAMS, lb.	4c
CELERY, large stalk,	10c
APPLES, Delicious, extra fancy, lb.	8c
CRANBERRIES, 1 lb. bag	15c
PEACHES, Cal Top, No. 2 1/2 can	19c
JELLO, assorted flavors, pkg.	5c
CARROTS, firm, crisp, 2 bunches	9c
ORANGES, Sun-Kist, lb.	6c
PECANS, Burkett paper shell, lb.	29c

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One of the real joys of Christmas is the privilege to set aside momentarily the affairs of business and to wish our friends a Happy Holiday Season.

With genuine appreciation of the pleasant relations we have had with our customers, we extend to all a Merry Christmas.

McELROY DRY GOODS

DONORS TO GIRL SCOUT FINANCE CAMPAIGN

Terrell Williams	\$1.00
Sterling Abernathy	50c
Miss John Gilliland	\$1.00
Mrs. Elva Smith	\$1.00
Miss Eliska Gilliland	\$1.00
John T. Towler	\$1.00
Bruce Brown	\$5.00
K. H. Rowland	\$2.50
Ted Walker	\$1.00
Miss Helen Settle	\$1.00
Scat Russell	\$1.00
Edwin L. Reese	\$1.00
Archie Nichols	\$1.00
C. F. Briggs	\$1.00
Nodge	50c
Ray Black	\$1.00
C. L. Stallings	\$1.00
Little Onion Cafe	\$1.00
Jones Dry Goods Co.	\$1.00
Bob Warren	\$1.00
L. C. Cash	\$2.00
Ellen G. Farley	\$1.00
John Conlin	50c
Harry Berry	\$1.00
Carrie Neithercutt	\$1.00
J. E. Sunderman	\$1.00
Oliver West	\$1.00
T. Bauch	\$1.00
Vada Bennett	\$1.00
Bob Joy	\$1.00
B. C. Chrisman	\$1.00
Eva Dena Ellis	\$1.00
M. D. Bell	\$1.00
B. L. Ross	\$1.00
Hubert Ross	\$1.00
J. A. Stoker	50c
A. A. Manion	\$2.50
Johnson Service Station	\$2.00
George Crutchfield, Jr.	\$1.00
Roscoe Shellnut	50c
Floy McCaw	50c
Mrs. Tom Wylie	50c
Mrs. Sutphen	50c
Bess Johnson	50c
Margie Ray	\$1.00
Parson's Electric	\$1.00
Meadow Beauty Shop	\$1.00
L. G. Barnhill	\$1.00
Gilbert Hines	\$1.00
R. C. Corn	\$1.00
George Lambert	\$1.00
Lee Ivey	\$1.00
Mrs. Hall	\$1.00
Mrs. R. A. Webster	\$1.00
Miss Isadore Grimes	\$5.00
Miss Sybil Myers	\$1.00
D. Teal	\$1.00
Mrs. Bessie Short	\$1.00
Marvin Hunter	\$5.00
John H. Shrader	\$1.00
M. M. Caldwell	\$2.00
George Morgan	\$2.00
L. B. Lewis	\$1.00
B. H. Freeland	\$1.00
Hugh W. Ross, Jr.	\$5.00
L. L. Blackburn	\$5.00
C. B. Snyder, Jr.	\$10.00
Sutphen Motor Co.	\$10.00
Brice Jones	\$2.00
Lowell Boyd	\$2.00
Brashear's Grocery	\$2.00
West Texas Utilities	\$5.00
McElroy Dry Goods	\$5.00
Thompson Variety Store	\$2.00
Work's Dry Goods	\$1.00
Evelyn Blakely	50c
Mrs. Myrtle Berry	50c
Hazel Reynolds	\$1.00
Wes Patton	\$1.00
H. A. Warren	\$1.00
Joe Pierce	\$1.00
Hope Glover	\$1.00
Roy Gilbreath	\$10.00
P. E. Dungan	\$5.00
Dr. M. C. McGowen	\$10.00
Dr. M. L. Stubblefield	\$15.00
Robbie Vaught	\$1.00
Robbie Linceum	\$1.00
Charlie Robinson	\$1.00
W. L. Cooke	\$2.50
Jackson & Jackson Att.	\$5.00
Tankersley & Swinson	\$1.00
N. Waldrop	\$1.00
Ed Crawford	\$1.00
Modern Tailor Shop	\$2.00
J. A. Trowbridge	\$2.00
A&P Food Store	\$5.00
G. E. Davis	\$1.00
A. R. Kelton	\$5.00
Fred Hart	\$2.00
Mrs. L. L. Blackburn	\$5.00
Edith Bowlus	\$1.00
D. C. Cox	\$2.00
Morgan Stokes	\$2.00
West Beauty Shop	\$1.00
Mrs. J. R. McFarland	\$1.00
W. P. Brightwell	\$2.00
Mrs. R. D. Meeks	\$2.00
Dr. R. L. Griggs	\$1.00
Jerry Loper	\$1.00
Ashlock Ins. Agency	\$1.00
C. Z. Anderson	\$1.00
Lee Loper	\$1.00
C. H. Sladous	\$5.00
D. W. Binkley	\$2.50
Hughes Service Station	\$2.00
Buster Gary	\$1.00
Chatham Grocery	\$1.00
J. M. McWilliams	\$1.00
E. C. Fulton	\$1.00
Mrs. S. L. McElroy	\$5.00
Bob Vaught	\$5.00
A. J. Pierson	\$1.00
J. W. Lucour	50c
Callahan County Club	\$25.00
Delphian Club	\$10.00
Corinne Blackburn Club	\$5.00
Wednesday Club	\$5.00

Pleasant Associations

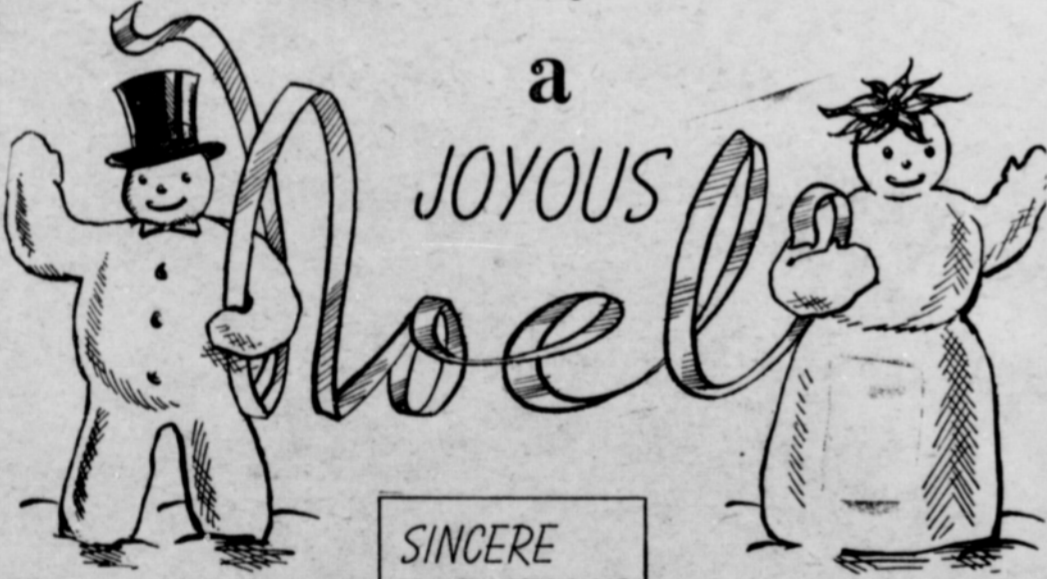
AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas re-awakens our appreciation of pleasant associations with those we serve. While enjoying this Holiday Season we remember your loyal co-operation and good will that has made the past year a memorable one with us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CITY PHARMACY

Wishing Each of Our Friends



SINCERE CHRISTMAS WISHES

As we approach another Christmastime, we wish to send a word of GREETING to each of you. To which we add our pledge of continued unceasing efforts to increase our friendships during every day of the New Year.



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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Star will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the management.

SOME TIPS ON HOLIDAY DRIVING

Holiday driving calls for everyday thinking!

"So, take a tip from the country's safest drivers, the professional truck drivers, and drive more carefully the next three weeks," Fred Gillette, President of the Texas Motor Transportation Association, said today.

"The average over-the-road and even some city truck drivers cover more than three times as

many miles as the average passenger car driver so they are in good position to offer some holiday driving advice," he said.

Professional truck drivers realize that winter driving calls for everyday thinking plus experience to cope with the special problems of winter. For example, they know that it takes from three to twelve times as long to stop on slick, wet pavement, as it does on dry surfaces. For safe holiday driving, certain driving precautions should be taken.

Among other things, for safe holiday driving, your car should be in top mechanical condition. The professional truck driver is required to see that his truck is in perfect mechanical condition all year 'round, and such things as heater, brakes, windshield wipers, and defroster are given special attention during the winter months. The windshield wiper is especially important in light for the fact that statistics prove that one out of every 5 fatal vehicle accidents are caused by the driver's vision being obscured. And, about two-fifths of these accidents are caused by rain, sleet, or snow on the windshield and rear window.

An additional hazard of holiday driving is the tipsy pedestrian or motorist, therefore, the careful motorist like the professional truck driver, should be constantly on the alert for them during the coming holiday season, Mr. Gillette concluded.

ELECTED TO ALPHA CHI

ABILENE — Wilma Rose Farmer, daughter of Mrs. Cynthia Farmer, Route 1, Clyde, has been elected to Alpha Chi, national scholarship society at Abilene Christian College.

Miss Farmer, junior secondary education major, has been chosen for junior membership. Students are chosen on the basis of leadership, character, and scholarship.

THANKS TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS!

Through your loyalty to our city and your patronage that meant financial benefits to the Municipal Light Plant in 1949, we received our Christmas bonus. In this way our Christmas is made happier — so we want to return to you our sincere and individual wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

The New Year will find us working harder to render continued good service in all departments of the city's operations.

Mrs. S. E. Settle
Fabian Bell
Lowell Corn
Bruce Brown
E. B. Brown
Conley Pruitt

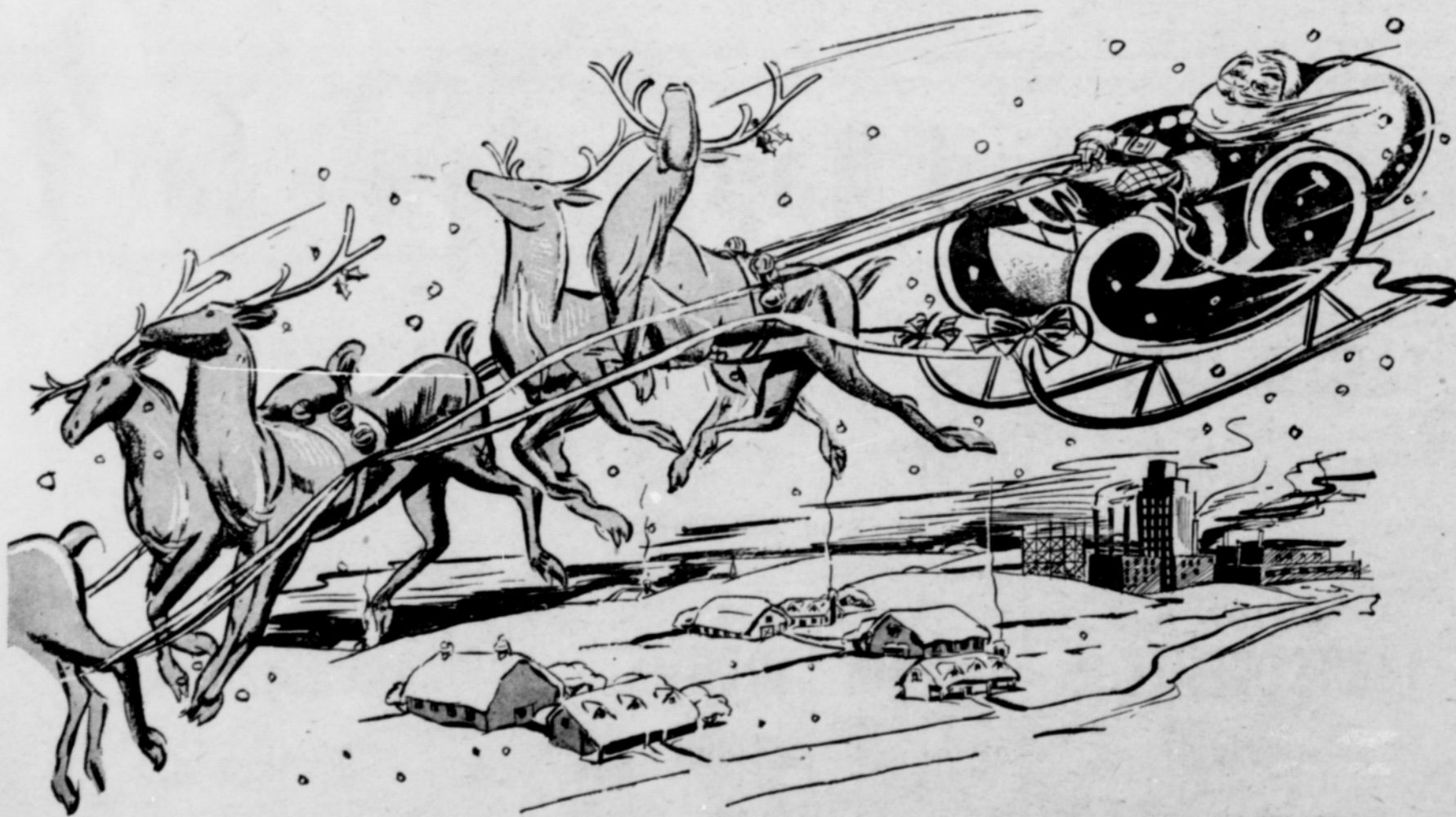
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MEN CLASSIFIED AND REGISTERED FOR DRAFT

A total of 13,177 men of draft age were classified and 4,848 18-year-olds were registered by the state's 137 draft boards during November, consolidation of their monthly reports revealed here today.

Reports are consolidated by state Selective Service headquarters here and forwarded to Washington. There reports indicated that the state has a pool of 1,357 who could be inducted on 10-days notice if a call should be received from the Department of Defense.

Colonel Paul L. Wakefield, state director of Selective Service, pointed out that local board reports showed that Texas has a pool of nearly 45,000 men classified as fit for military service. "This group of men could be sent for armed forces physical and mental examinations as fast as the armed forces could handle them," Colonel Wakefield said.

The armed forces have examined no men and have made no calls for induction since January. Colonel Wakefield said his headquarters had received no official indication that examinations or inductions would be resumed.

The state director reminded all males that the law requires them to register within five days after their 18th birthday. The draft act forbids the classification or induction of men until they are 19.

By the end of November Texas had registered 519,442 men under provisions of the Selective Service Act of 1943. Registration under the act began in August, 1948. During this time local boards had classified 349,338 men.

Callahan-Taylor counties Local Board No. 115, located at 301 Post Office Building, Abilene, had registered 4,641 of which 3,789 have been classified.

SUNSHINE CIRCLE WITH MRS. PETE WALLICK

Christmas greens, candles and berries were used in profusion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wallick when she entertained the Sunshine Circle with a Christmas luncheon.

Barber pole candles tied with red and white satin ribbons made candle holders for the table centerpiece. An arrangement of fruits, nuts and evergreen leaves, flanked by tall red tapers, carried out the decorative theme on the buffet.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Newt Trotter and Mrs. Austin McClure, who also introduced the special guests, Mrs. Jim Boswell, Mrs. Bill Scarbrough, Mrs. Vina Wallick, Mrs. Hubert Bone, Mrs. A. A. Lepp and Grace Wallick, all of Abilene.

Mrs. Tom Stoker, Mrs. George Crook and Mrs. R. T. Smith presented the devotional. Mrs. Ralph Brock led the group in singing several Christmas carols.

Mrs. J. S. Baulch, Mrs. Cecil Harris, Mrs. O. J. Witte, Mrs. J. V. McKelvey, and Mrs. R. G. Edwards took part in the installation of the officers for the new year. Officers installed were Mrs. Tom Stoker, president; Mrs. J. O. Hallmark, vice-president; Mrs. R. T. Smith, secretary; Mrs. W. E. Millhorn, treasurer; Mrs. Robbie Farmer, reporter; and Miss Gertie Harris, purchasing agent.

Present were: Mrs. Ross Farmer, Mrs. Cecil Harris, Mrs. Tom Stoker, Mrs. Hilton Edwards, Mrs. J. O. Hallmark, Mrs. N. A. Trotter, Mrs. J. W. Baulch, Mrs. Nellie Harrison, Mrs. Ralph Brock, Mrs. M. Russell, Mrs. J. V. McKelvey, Mrs. George Crook, Mrs. O. J. Witte, Mrs. R. T. Smith and daughter, Marsha, Mrs. Austin McClure, Mrs. Dean Howe and daughter, Joy Dene, Mrs. Claude Tarrant, Mrs. J. W. Gray, Mrs. Ella Farrar of Baird, Mrs. Joe Bentley and daughter, Iliene, Miss Gertie Harris, Mrs. M. L. Logan, Mrs. Aaron McKee and son, Joe, Mrs. W. E. Millhorn, Bettye Mae Millhorn, Mary Edwards, Nancy and Donnie Scarbrough, Mary Beth Boswell.

The next meeting will be on January 11th, in the home of Mrs. Hilton Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nunn, of Kent, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Farris Bennett this week. The Bennetts make hunting trips annually on the Nunn ranch, and were happy to have these good friends visit them.

Little Alice Fay Alexander returned to her home in Corpus Christi Sunday, after an extended visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander.

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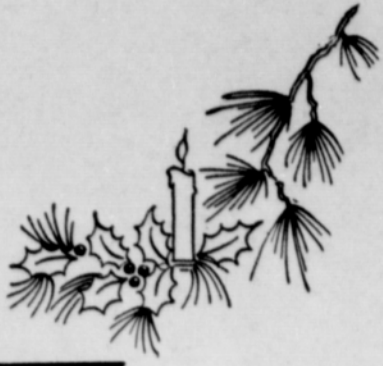
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2,000,000 CHEST X-RAYS FOR TEXAS SINCE 1946

Take a deep breath — hold it. Early in November this familiar chant was heard in Texas for the two millionth time as another Texan stepped up for a chest X-ray. "It has become as familiar a phrase as 'Say a-a-ah,'" said Dr. Z. T. Scott, treasurer of the Texas Tuberculosis Association, commenting on the two million mark reached since 1946 by X-raying activities of the Texas State Department of Health, the Texas Tuberculosis Association and local tuberculosis associations operating X-ray equipment. "Over and above this total is the number of chest x-rays made by private physicians," Dr. Scott pointed out.

"The 2 millionth X-ray coincides with the 40th Christmas Seal Sale which makes possible the tuberculosis control program of the Texas Tuberculosis Association and the affiliated county associations, according to the Association's treasurer.

"When Texans buy Christmas Seals they make it possible for everyone to have a free chest X-ray. And X-ray is only one of the ways in which we fight tuberculosis," continued the physician. "Information about tuberculosis can do more to reduce 2,500 yearly death from tuberculosis in Texas than any other single factor." Calling the annual Christmas Seal Sale itself "an instrument for education," Dr. Scott said that this yearly mail sale has been the means of bringing to people the vital information that tuberculosis is a communicable disease, not an inherited one; that it can be cured promptly when found early, and that it can be prevented.

HEALTH FACTS

AUSTIN — By this time you're aware that heater weather has definitely hit Texas.

State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox, commenting on the above-mentioned fact, said Thursday there is no doubt that carbon monoxide — associated with gas heaters — is one of the most lethal and least publicized of all the poisonous gases.

Carbon monoxide, the doctor explained, is formed when there is not enough oxygen mixed with burning gas, or when the design or operation of gas burning equipment is faulty.

"With a toxicity comparable to the gases used in warfare, not enough attention is paid to the deadly effect of prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide," the veteran health officer said. He indicated that carbon monoxide claims more than its fair share of accidental deaths in Texas, but for some inexplicable reason it is not held in the same perspective as other accidents.

Dr. Cox believes this "killer" is due an explanation, and makes the following recommendations for users of gas heaters:

- (1) Make sure the heater is properly adjusted, by a gas serviceman if possible.
- (2) Use metal tubing for connecting the stove to the gas line, and check for leaks before the stove is used.
- (3) Always ventilate a room where a heater is burning. Even if no carbon monoxide is being formed, oxygen is being consumed.
- (4) Never operate a stove at its highest burning rate.
- (5) Do not use propane or butane gas in a heater designed for natural gas.
- (6) Never let the stove burn all night. When other people using the same fuel line turn their stoves off, the line pressure will increase, and the flame of the burning stove will increase to the point where carbon monoxide may be produced.

Carbon monoxide expelled by an automobile exhaust is a big health hazard in winter, too, Cox warned. He said many motorists have wrecked their cars and been listed as a highway death, when carbon monoxide was really the killing agent.

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The things you have wished for, and which are deservedly yours, may they come to you in abundance.

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AN ENJOYABLE VISIT WITH TEXAS EDITORS

The editor-publisher of the Baird Star had a most enjoyable visit with the editors of the state when we attended the two-day convention of the Texas Editorial Association in Fort Worth December 9-10. Headquarters were at Hotel Texas, where all the business sessions took place and where all the editors were registered.

Friday at noon, luncheon was given for the editors at the Vultee Aircraft plant, after which the crowd was shown through the plant and then to Carswell Air Base for a chance to see inside a big B-36. This is the giant plane designed to carry an A-bomb, and we can say we feel much safer knowing that Uncle Sam is building these huge ships for the nation's protection.

On the speaking program, we heard C. W. Hudson, director of Employee Relations, Dallas Railway and Terminal Company,

talk on "Where Are We Going." Mr. Hudson is a dynamic speaker and presented facts and figures on communistic efforts in this country that made us seriously wonder where we are going. It is difficult to realize how fast we are being socialized in America until we hear a man like Hudson give out the bare truths.

Lynn Landrum, editorial writer for the Dallas Morning News, talked for a solid 45 minutes and it seemed like a short fifteen. The facts he presented were somewhat like Hudson's speech. He didn't tell anything new, for we all know how things are going in Washington. While he talked we thought how it's gotten to where these god-darned politicians are so firmly entrenched in Washington with beaurocracy that they have lost all perspective of the balance of the country, and are trying to run the whole country from Washington. Some of our congressmen who have been up there for so long are finally getting themselves in jail for their crimes, but when election time comes along we just go vote and re-elect the same gang over and over. We like Democrats like our congressman, Omar Burleson, from this district. He tries to carry out the wishes of the people of this district, and believe me, he is being heard in governmental fields. But few members of congress, especially those who have been in the bureaus so long, don't consult or check with their constituents, but introduce and vote for bills as they darn please. From the nationwide view, we are sacr-

ficing our freedom for security — and we are doing it by default — doing nothing about it. When Mr. Landrum sat down after making his fact-filled talk, we felt like the light from the torch of Liberty was flickering, and if we don't guard it more closely, a sudden gust of wind might blow it out.

All of the program was not pertaining to affairs of the nation, and we were able to enjoy seeing and meeting some of our old friends. G. A. (Pop) Mabry and Jack Shannon of the Humble Company, Houston, were on the spot to help make merry and helped everyone have a good time by their presence. Arthur Lefevre, permanent manager of the editor's association, was going strong and looking fine. Mr. Lefevre, editor of Texaco Topics, Houston, helped to organize the association and has arranged the programs, etc., for all 33 years. The Friday evening Fort Worth Star-Telegram carried a picture of Mr. Lefevre and the Star editor on the front page, calling attention to the oldest and the youngest members. That issue of the Star-Telegram does not come to Baird, we get only the morning edition out here, so you wouldn't know what the home town editor was doing if we didn't tell you.

Among the pleasantest part of the entertainment was the singing by the Texas & Pacific male quartet composed of Jack Cox, Gus Hellig, Gleen Gooch and Mack Campbell, with Louis Brummer at the piano. We have heard this quartet sing before

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at the formal opening of the club rooms at the local depot, and enjoyed them as much then.

Our friend, Frank Grimes, of the Abilene Reporter-News, was at the convention, and Wendell Bedichek, former managing editor of the Reporter-News, was there for a while. We visited with Wayne Sellers, who is the son of Editor M. S. Sellers of Rising Star, now on the editorial staff of the Star-Telegram. Franz W. Zeiske, editor of the Bellville Times, was there and told us interesting things about his recent trip to Germany to observe the work of newspapers in that country.

Joe A. Clarke, formerly of Albany and now vice-president of the Fort Worth National Bank and Treasurer of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, was toastmaster at the luncheon on Saturday. John A. Pride, of Littlefield, retired as president of the association, and was succeeded by Jack Estes, circulation manager for the Dallas Morning News. Mr. Estes consulted with the executive committee in regard to holding next year's convention in Old Mexico as guests of the Mexican government. If this plan works out, the Star office will probably be closed for a week so the whole force can take a trip to Mexico.

It was a real pleasure to attend the editorial convention. When we attended our first meeting down in the Rio Grande Valley in 1934, we said we'd never miss a meeting if at all possible to attend, and we haven't missed one yet.

PLEGDED TO SEMPER IDEM

STEPHENVILLE — George Day, of Baird, is one of 58 students to accept a bid to a social club recently at Tarleton State College in Stephenville. George, who is majoring in education, is pledged to the Semper Idem social club. He is one of four men pledged to this club.

FAMILY AFFAIRS OF T & P EMPLOYES

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Retd. Car Inspn. H. N. Ebert, Retd. Loco. Fireman J. A. Allphin and Retd. Strhipr. Joe Allphin went to New Orleans with 40-year Vets. Wtr. Serv. Pmpr. W. A. Johnson has retired after 50 years at Baird. Sympathy to Dispr. C. A. Boyd, former opr. here, on death of wife, and to H. F. Jarrett, cashier at Big Spring, on death of father. W. P. Haley vacationed in East Texas and visited dtr. in St. Martinsville, La. Mrs. J. A. Steele and children, Nita Jo and Jimmy, Fort Worth, former residents, were visitors. J. B. Easterling, Jr. had as guest his brother, Sgt. Baxter Easterling trnsfd, to Ft. Bliss and guided missile branch of Army. Mrs. Frank Kuns, Panhandle, Texas,

visited her mother, Mrs. J. W. Couch, widow of condr. Mrs. M. D. Bell, wife of agt. visited son in Baton Rouge, La. Gen. Frmn. W. A. Fetterly was called to Palacios, Texas, on death of aunt. Retd. Wtr. Serv. Frmn. and Mrs. R. T. McQueary, Sweetwater, visited their dtr., Mrs. C. M. Gunn and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bristow visited Fort Worth while Opr. Hensley, Cisco, worked relief. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stanley visited his parents in Carlsbad, N. M.

From T & P Topics.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris of Putnam and Carl Coots of Lebanon, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hansen at Clyde Friday evening.

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Since enactment of the new 75-cents-an-hour minimum wage and other amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal wage and hour law), employers generally in North Texas are showing increasing interest in that section of the law under which apprentices, learners, handicapped workers and messengers may be employed at less than the minimum wage. All amendments become effective January 25, 1950.

Lawson A. Wood, Room 225, 1114 Commerce Street, who represents the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor, in North Texas, today pointed out that the Act permits the Administrator to issue special certificates authorizing the employment of these types of workers at sub-minimum wages. Such certificates, he cautioned, may be issued only to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of employment opportunities, and the procedure for obtaining the certificates varies with respect to the four types of employees involved.

"Applications for such certificates are obtainable from the regional office of the Divisions at 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas 2, Texas," the Wage-Hour official said. "Handicapped workers' certificates will be issued by the regional office, but the other certificates will be issued only by the national office at Washington.

"Handicapped workers' certificates are issued to employers only upon presentation of satisfactory evidence that a particular worker is handicapped as the result of age, physical or mental deficiency or disability and is, therefore, unable to earn the legal minimum wage.

"The certificate will not be granted if the evidence indicates that the worker's inability to earn the minimum wage results not from such disability, but because of the fact that the basis of payment is arbitrarily too low, or the price-rate wage scale by which he is paid is so low that even non-handicapped workers in the same occupations cannot earn the prescribed minimum.

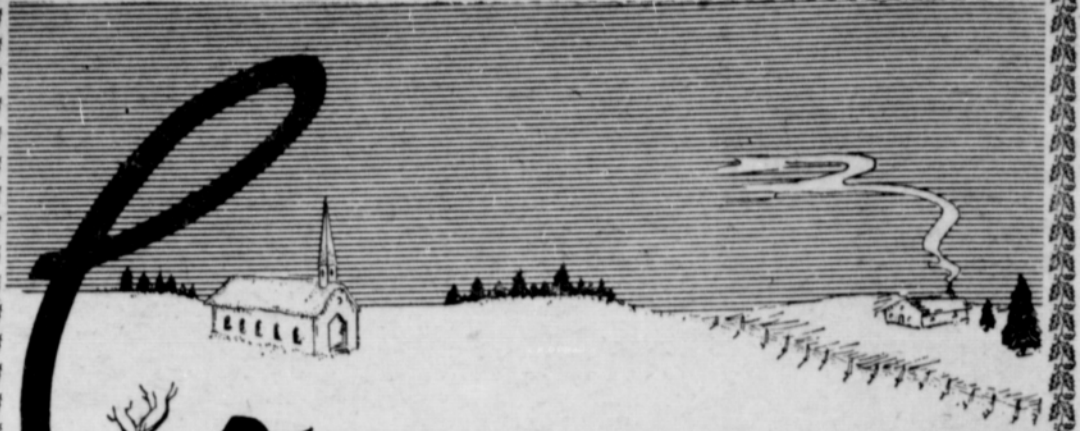
"Learners' certificates are issued upon the employer's showing that the occupations in which it is proposed to employ learners are sufficiently skilled to require a substantial learning period; that experienced workers are not available and that curtailment of opportunities for employment will result if the application is denied.

"Student-learner certificates may be issued upon evidence that the student-learner is receiving instruction in an accredited school and is employed on a part-time basis in accordance with a bona fide training program under the supervision of a State Board of Vocational Education or other recognized educational body.

"Regulations for issuance of certificates for messengers and apprentices are now being revised in Washington and will be ready soon. Messenger certificates are for persons primarily engaged in delivering letters and messages. On apprentices, the Administrator has issued a formal order, effective January 15, which allows apprenticeship agreements that have been approved and registered prior to January 25, 1950 to remain in full force and effect and to be deemed to be a certificate authorizing the wage rates specified therein, unless and until revoked, rescinded or modified. Thus, continued employment under many such agreements is assured.

"All employers subject to the Federal wage and hour law should bear in mind that until such times as applications for certificates for handicapped workers, learners, apprentices or messengers have been acted upon favorably and the certificates granted, their covered employees must be paid at least the full legal minimum wage.

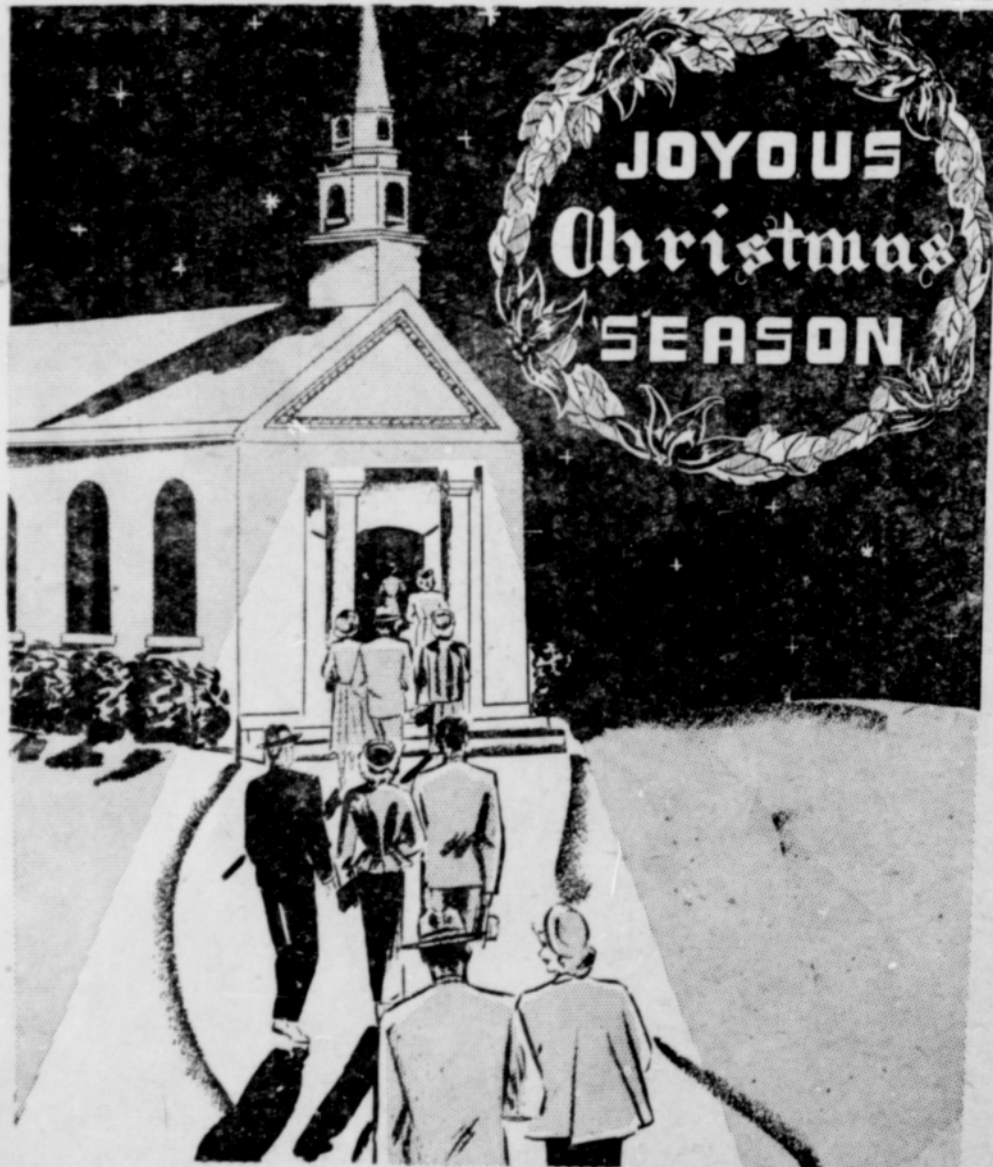
"Employers and employees who desire further information on these exemptions, or wish to make application for certificates should direct their inquiries to the regional office of the Divisions at 1114 Commerce, Dallas 2, Texas.



Christmas GREETINGS

May the sentiment we express today
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Christmas is a day of cheery thoughts and messages; a time
when we express good wishes and appreciation
for favors shown. So ... here's our Christmas
Greetings, offered to you with genuine sincerity and
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Shrouded in somber light,
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There will be no Sunday night service at the Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend Sunday morning services, beginning at 10 a. m.

The gym was running over

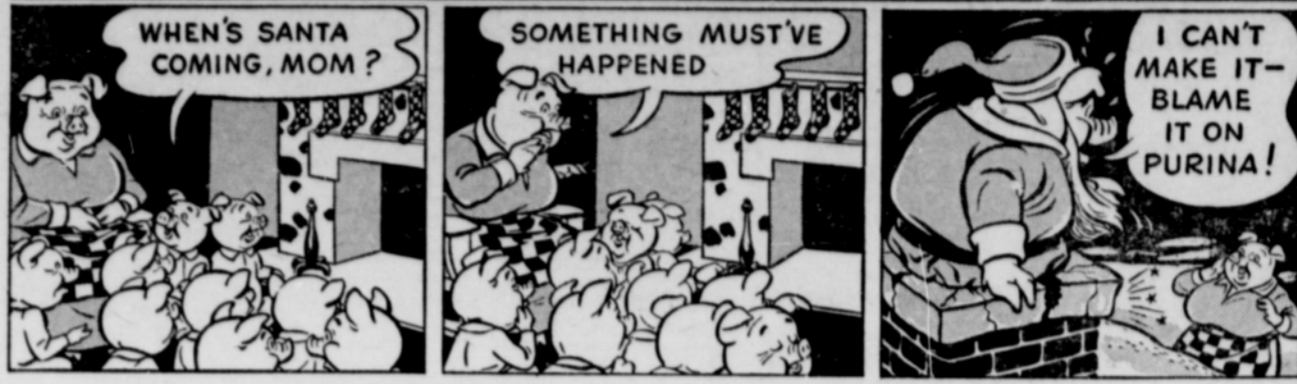
Saturday night at the finals of the basketball tournament. The boys won first place but the girls lost to Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Arender will spend Christmas in the home of her parents at Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Atwood are expecting all of their children, except Arnold and family of California, home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Pool, of Imperial, Calif., are honeymooning in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Pool. They were married in California last Monday.

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"MISS GRANT TAKES RICHMOND" IS LAUGH HIT

Containing at least five laughs a minute, Columbia Pictures' "Miss Grant Takes Richmond" will take the audience of the Plaza Theatre Sunday and Monday, December 25 & 26 in a hall of gags and forced unconditional surrender to its captivating comedy.

Producer S. Sylvan Simon, whose reputation as a creator of comic masterpieces was never more handily displayed than in Red Skelton's explosively funny "The Fuller Brush Man," has put together another robust comedy. Equipped with beautiful comedienne Lucille Ball and handsome William Holden, who exhibited such a neat comic touch in "Dear Ruth" and "Dear Wife," Simon has come up with another exuberant romp that exudes a light-hearted touch and undoubtedly will be acclaimed as the most hilarious girl-takes-boy escape of the year!

This time, Simon has explored the comic implications of a bookie operating behind the screen of a real estate office.

When Holden, the bookie, hires luscious Miss Ball to be his secretary, wham! the comic explosions begin. Miss Ball, rather dense in the upper regions, has a heart as big as a whale, and he pets the reluctant Holden to embark on a gradiose housing project which takes most of his ready cash.

When Holden is saddled with a losing bet, Miss Carter, a gambler with a liking for Holden, presses him for a payment, hinting that she will forget the whole matter if he joins forces with her. Meanwhile, the housing project doesn't exactly prosper under Lucille's hare-brained direction; in fact it goes completely hay-wire but not before, in a series of hilarious sequences, Lucille attempts to set things right. As might be expected, Holden, by this time is aware that he's in love with the added Miss Ball, and they wind up literally in each other's arms, but by that time you'll probably be too weak (from laughter) to care!

With the volatile Miss Ball giving one of her best comedy performances to date, and Holden, superb as the exasperated bookie who finds himself in the real estate business, "Miss Grant Takes Richmond," emerges as

one of the funniest movies of the year. James Gleason and Frank McHugh add to the merriment as Holden's lieutenants, while Miss Carter is good as the beautiful menace, and Gloria Henry delivers a forthright performance as a girl who needs to be housed.

Lloyd Bacon has directed flawlessly by milking every laugh from a laugh-studded script by Nat Perrin, Dewey Freeman and Frank Tashlin.

W.S.C.S. CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ROSS HOME

The W.S.C.S. met December 19th and held their annual Christmas program in the home of Mrs. Hugh Ross. Mrs. W. A. Fetterly and Mrs. C. M. Mills were co-hostesses. Poinsettias, candles and cedar boughs were used throughout the reception rooms.

Mrs. Sidney Foy presented her Nursery School pupils in a program. Participating were Freddie and Sidney Sue Foy, Scottie Mitchell, Donnie Macdonald, Arnold Colcleasure, Carlton Jones, Jud Gilliland, Karen Bearden, Judy Morgan, Carol Lynn McGowen, Cheryl Sue Sims.

This was enjoyed by a large crowd of members and guests.

Mrs. O. T. Cooper, mother of Mrs. Ross, of Corpus Christi; Mrs. Dan Clark, mother of Mrs. M. C. McGowen; Mmes. Lea Macdonald, Curtis Jones and Frank Bearden.

Mrs. Ross, assisted by several children, acted as Santa Claus. Guests were invited into the dining room where Mrs. David Binkley presided at the tea service. The table was attractively

arranged with a centerpiece of pyramid balls, flanked by silver candelabra holding red candles. Punch and fruit cake were served to fifty-six guests.

W. B. Varner came 'n from his Cottonwood home Monday to transact business in Baird. While in town he was a pleasant visitor at the Star office.

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Merry Christmas!

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That part of Christmas so frequently minimized is its religious significance. This is the birthday of Him who taught

Faith, Hope and Charity.

Let us not forget to find time to be thankful, to sing praises to Him for the blessings received. As we celebrate Christmas day with rejoicing, let us celebrate it with a deep thankfulness in our hearts and a prayer that we may enjoy this significant occasion for many, many more years to come.

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