

The Baird Star

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CALLAHAN COUNTY BUSINESS FIRMS EXTEND GREETINGS TO YOU

Greetings From County Firms

This is the Christmas Greeting issue of The Baird Star and its pages contain season's greetings from business firms and individuals throughout Callahan County wishing for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

During the holiday season, when you find an easy chair and all is quiet, turn through The Baird Star and read all of the Christmas messages contained therein and we venture to say that you then will have a better meaning of Christmas — peace on earth and good will toward men.

Each one of the advertisements in this issue carries a special message for you, just as personal as though the merchant wrote it in long hand and sent it to you. As this greeting issue comes to you it is the sincere wish of everyone included in these pages that this will be a joyful season, that you are healthy and happy and that the coming year will bring you prosperity.

With the black clouds of war looming in the east, this might be a Christmas to remember. It is encouraging to note that the war machinery in all lands is slowing down to take time out for Christmas. May this consideration for peace have its influence throughout the world, and peace-loving people everywhere may be free. This Christmas families will gather in love and devotion for each other. Instead of frivolous celebration this Christmas, people all over our county will observe Christmas more in keeping with the real meaning of the season — exchanging gifts and extending the season's greetings.

LYON-STOVER WEDDING HELD AT ABILENE

Miss Mary Elizabeth Lyon, daughter of Mrs. W. E. Lyon and the late Rev. Lyon, of Abilene, and James Allie Stover of Baird were married at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of the bride's mother in Abilene. Rev. E. D. Landreth, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church of Abilene, read the single ring ceremony.

The bride is secretary with the engineering department of West Texas Utilities Co., and Mr. Stover is employed by the Texas & Pacific Railway Co.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, Fort Worth and Dallas, the couple will live in Abilene.

SCHOOLS DISMISS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Supt. K. H. Rowland stated today that Baird schools dismissed yesterday at 2:30 p. m. for the Christmas holidays. The holidays being December 22 through January 1, both dates inclusive.

BOY HAS BRIGHTER OUTLOOK FOR XMAS

The diabetic boy mentioned in last week's Baird Star by the Goodfellows will not be needing a bicycle for Christmas because his parents believe they will soon be able to get him one. The family is not asking for donations from the Goodfellows this Christmas, and they extend their thanks to those who so kindly offered their assistance.

FORMER BAIRD RESIDENT DIES AT FT. WORTH

Word has been received here that Mrs. W. R. Ray, wife of a former deputy sheriff of Callahan county was buried at Muldoon near Flatonia Tuesday, December 19. Mrs. Ray died in Ft. Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Ray moved from Baird some ten years ago.

JOHNNY SWINSON ENTERS ARMY AIR CORP

Johnny Swinson of Abilene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swinson, is entering the Army Air Corp and will report to San Antonio December 28. Swinson, re-entering the Air Corp as a sergeant, will be assistant band director at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo.

Christmas---1950

We again extend greetings and best wishes to all readers of The Baird Star everywhere, with the old familiar tiding of "peace on earth." While we say these words we realize full well that for peace to reign on the earth in 1950 is more a hope for things not attained than in faith for works achieved. In many parts of the world there is no peace. Mankind's selfishness has the better of him and differences of opinion are being translated into bloody conflict.

The wish for peace comes with a particularly touching hope to many families in this country, whose sons are either in the service or are awaiting their call to arms. To the families with sons, husbands, or sweethearts in Korea this Christmas will be a sad one — especially sad if the loved ones are languishing in an Army hospital or suffering the hardships of the battle fronts.

The President's message last Friday night has helped to bring the realization of world conditions to our minds more forcefully than we could heretofore know. Christmas 1950, with its many perils the world over, should focus attention anew on the message of the Babe of Bethlehem — a message which carries hope for all mankind. There can be no better wish today for all of us than that we work together to attain that state whereby we can truly say as it was proclaimed 20 centuries ago that there is peace on earth and good will toward all men.

Christmas, New Years Holidays In Baird

The Baird business firms will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th, and on New Year's Day, January 1st, according to an agreement made several months ago with the Callahan County Club. These holidays will come on Mandays, and many local people will take advantage of the long weekends to take trips. The business houses being closed, people of this area should attend to their shopping needs before the holidays arrive and not suffer any inconveniences.

Other holidays observed are Thanksgiving Day, July Fourth, and Armistice. When the Callahan County Club appoints a committee to establish holidays, the majority of the merchants prefer for 1951, this list will be subject to change. This job is usually done year after the first of the year as a service to the merchants and their customers through the year.

Students Expected Home Christmas

Abilene Christian College — Coleman Nichols, Billy Fred Hart, Dwight Mayes.

Hardin-Simmons University — James Paul Shanks, Clovie Womack, Dub Bowlius, Betty Jean Dungan.

McMurry College — Billy Joe Brashear, Winifred Burks, Tom Ivey, Virginia White, Jackie Gilliland, Betty Dalton.

Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos — Hugh Shrader, Jack Freeland, Jim Hatchett.

Sul Ross State College, Alpine — Gayle Dyer, James Dyer, Gaylord Price.

Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville — Jack Hunter.

Texas Tech, Lubbock — E. J. Hill.

University of Texas, Austin — Ernestine Hill.

Hendrick Hospital Nurses' School, Abilene — Etta Fay Shelton.

West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon — John Poindexter, Jon Hardwick.

North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Bill Jones.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swinson will be Mr. and Mrs. Gene Swinson and Sherry, Mr. and Mrs. George Voights and children, Bobby and Barbara, of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Swinson and daughter, Sue Ann, of Abilene.

Mrs. O. B. Jarrett and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swinson of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Black of Fort Worth will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Finto at Ranger.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Young were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lockhart and daughter, Mary, of Abilene.

William Leon Smoot Funeral Wednesday

Funeral for William Leon Smoot, of Anson, was held at Wylie Funeral Chapel Wednesday afternoon. Leslie Rickerson, minister of the Church of Christ, officiated. Burial was in Scranton Cemetery.

Mr. Smoot died Tuesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Smoot, Route 3, Anson, after a long illness.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, Aubrey Smoot, and one sister, Miss Jimmie Faye Smoot, both of Abilene.

CLYDE RITES WEDNESDAY FOR C. L. WALKER

Funeral for Christopher L. Walker, 58, who died Tuesday afternoon in Callahan County Hospital, was held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church at Clyde.

Rev. W. C. Dever, pastor, officiated and burial was in Clyde Cemetery.

Mr. Walker had been hospitalized since suffering a stroke, in November.

Native of Comanche county, he was born Jan. 18, 1892. He was an oil rig contractor and built rigs at Ranger and Borger for 27 years before coming to a Clyde farm in 1942.

His first wife was the former Rosa Lee Russell, who died in Borger in 1939. He was married again Nov. 28, 1948 to Mrs. Annie Newsom of Clyde. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his widow; three sons, C. L. Jr., of Winter, Robert and Russell of Big Spring; three daughters, Mrs. C. B. Hutchison and Oleta Walker, both of Borger, and Rose Lee Walker of Clyde; three stepchildren, Kenneth Earl Newsom of Midland, Norma Glyn and Clorita Newsom, both of Clyde; one sister, Myra Walker and his step-mother, Mrs. Steve Walker, Kaufman. One brother, Steve Walker, was killed in the tornado which struck Clyde last April 28.

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Kids Invited To Plaza Party

The Plaza Theatre, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardiner, is giving a big Christmas party for the children of this community Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, and every girl and boy around here is invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner are showing their appreciation in this way for the loyal patronage, and they say, "We want to see all of you here."

Children of this community look forward each year to the Christmas party at the Plaza. Usually it is the business firms of Baird who sponsor the party with the Plaza coming in for its share as host, but this season the Gardiner family is giving the party as a personal Christmas gift to the children. Remember the time: Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and be sure you don't miss it.

RITES AT PUTNAM FOR W. A. BUCHANAN

Funeral for W. A. Buchanan, retired Putnam stockman, was held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Putnam Baptist Church.

Rev. Casey, Primitive Baptist pastor from Cisco, officiated assisted by Rev. Baldree, minister of the Putnam Baptist Church. Burial was at Cisco, directed by Wylie Funeral Home.

Mr. Buchanan, 74, died Sunday at his home in Putnam of a heart attack.

He had lived in and near Putnam for 64 years.

Survivors include his wife; sons, H. A. and George; and four daughters.

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Baird Dam Holding Lake Water Well

While Baird's new lake was in the construction stage, some were of the opinion that the dam would not hold water or the lake bottom would allow the water to escape through the gravel and faults in the ground. Soon after the big rains last summer L. H. Hayes marked the water level at the base of a tree growing beside the lake. The other day he returned to that site and found that the water line had lowered to a point only 18 inches below the high water mark. During all this dry weather, high winds, and in face of the fact that the brand new lake bottom and dam soaked up some of the water, the lake's ability to hold water has been given a good test. The lake has proved to be a success. Now if we can get some good rains before spring, the people of this city will be able to use all the water from the new lake they desire for home, garden, business or otherwise without any restrictions.

Work is progressing nicely on construction of the new water filter plant which is being located adjacent to the Municipal Light Plant. This has been the part of the lake work to take so much time. The contractor is pushing the job as fast as possible to completion. The 8-inch cast iron pipe for the pipeline connecting the filter plant with the lake is now in the process of being cleaned by city employees. Every effort is being made to have the lake connected and the water turned on by early spring. Other than the filtration plant, the pipeline, power line, road, and other items must be constructed, so there is time to lose if the job is to be ready for spring use.

LOCAL POSTOFFICE RUSH NEW RECORD

New cancellation records were made at the Baird post office this week. The cancelling machine registered 8550 on Monday and 9020 on Tuesday. These figures compare to a previous high record in 1949 of 6700 and 6300 on the same dates. In addition, of course, several hundred pieces of mail were hand cancelled. Records were also set in stamp receipts this year.

January-February Draft Call To Be Increased Eighty Per Cent

AUSTIN — State Selective Service headquarters has been notified officially by national headquarters that the Texas combined January-February draft call has been increased by 80 per cent.

Brigadier General Paul L. Wakefield, state Selective Service director, said today that a telegram was received from Washington late yesterday showing the new adjusted January-February call as 8,279.

The original combined call for the two months was 4,596, an increase of 3,683. The adjusted calls to Texas followed Department of Defense action increasing national call for the two months from 90,000 to 160,000.

State Selective Service headquarters is now preparing adjusted call to local draft boards for January, the state director said. Calls to the local boards for February will not be sent out until January.

"Texas is in a good position to fill these adjusted calls without running short of examined and acceptable men," General Wakefield said. "We had a lot of men examined in August, September and October."

The state draft director indicated that the state "must step up physical examinations for the months ahead" and said that "our headquarters already has been in conference with Army examining officials to get the job done."

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When Santa and his reindeer came to Baird last Friday he was greeted by the largest crowd that has gathered on our streets in many years. Some local people say they never saw so many people gathered in town before. The above photo shows only a segment of the large crowd on the street to witness the Santa Claus feature. The large attendance was mainly due to the invitation presented to people of this area through The Baird Star by local business firms, and is proof that this newspaper is a forceful medium of advertising.

Miss Cauthen To Wed On Christmas Eve

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cauthen are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Emily Cauthen, to J. M. Harrell of Seminole which will be solemnized at 12 o'clock noon on December 24th. The wedding will be held at the Cauthen home in the Admiral community with Rev. T. D. Whitehorn officiating.

Miss Cauthen is a 1947 graduate of Baird High School and attended Sul Ross College in Alpine. She has been employed at the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas. The bridegroom-to-be is a graduate of Sanderson High School and Sul Ross College. He is now assistant coach at Seminole.

MRS. W. O. SPENCER BURIED HERE

Funeral services for Mrs. W. O. Spencer, 76, of Cross Plains, were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the First Methodist Church in Cross Plains, and interment was made in Ross Cemetery, Baird. Rev. Walker officiated.

Mrs. Spencer died in a Dallas hospital December 19 after a six weeks illness.

Born November 13, 1874, Mrs. Spencer was two years old when she came to Callahan county with her parents, who settled in the Bayou community.

Survivors include four children, Vernon Spencer and Frank Spencer of Cross Plains, Mrs. Tom Deere of Kilgore, and Haynie Spencer of Dallas; one brother, W. P. Brightwell of Baird; one sister, Mrs. George Baum of Cross Plains; and five grandchildren.

DIX FUNERAL TO BE HELD AT CLYDE FRIDAY

T. H. Dix, 69, Clyde carpenter-contractor, died at his home in Clyde about 3:30 a. m. Thursday. He had been in ill health for two years.

Funeral will be held at 3 p. m. Friday at the First Methodist Church of which he had been a steward and Sunday School superintendent for many years.

Rev. Howard Marcom, Clyde pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Clyde Cemetery.

Mr. Dix was born Sept. 8, 1881, in Comanche county. He was married to Tarlie Ann Rye in Comanche county in February, 1901. He farmed in the Dudley community before moving to Abilene about 1920. He lived in Abilene nine years before moving to Clyde 21 years ago.

Surviving him are his widow; three children, John Dix of Coleman, Mrs. Paul Gordon of Abilene, and Mrs. Howard Crawford, wife of the district superintendent for the Stamford Methodist District. Seven grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers will be Harry Steen, P. L. Poole, Clark Tabor, John Bailey, A. C. Forester and Jim Prew. Men of the Bowman Sunday School Class, of which Mr. Dix was a member, will be honorary pallbearers.

Sidney Jack West of Midland visited his aunt, Mrs. Sidney Foy and family the first of the week.

Winners Announced In Clyde Lighting Contest

Ninety-six Clyde homes displayed Christmas decorations which were visible from the street when judges looked the town over and selected four winners this week. It was announced yesterday that Harry Steen won the \$5 first prize, W. A. (Dub) Cook took the \$3 second prize, Clark Tabor was awarded \$2 for third place and the \$1 fourth prize went to A. B. Foster. After a thorough inspection of all the homes and then undertook the selection of three winners, as the sponsoring Lions Club directed, it was so difficult to decide on three without including a fourth that the judges put up the fourth prize themselves to help them arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. The judges did not know the names of the home owners and judged from numbers only. When they turned the winning numbers over to the Lions Club, only then did they know who the winners were. All judges were from out-of-town and they had no coaching.

The Christmas lighting contest was sponsored by the Clyde Lions Club and from the number of contestants it was a pronounced success.

CROSS PLAINS BANK HAS TWO MILLION DEPOSITS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tunnell entertained the directors, their wives, employees and their wives or husbands, at a dinner on Dec. 8th in the basement of the Cross Plains Methodist Church. The dinner is an annual affair but the outstanding feature of this year's event was the fact that the bank has reached the 2-million dollar deposit mark.

The dinner table was decorated with beautiful Christmas arrangements and turkey with all the accompanying dishes was served. Mr. Tunnell presented gifts from the bank to the employees, and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell told about her trip to South America as an entertaining feature.

BUS, CAR COLLIDE; INJURIES SLIGHT

A heavily loaded Greyhound bus and an automobile collided at the East Third and Chestnut Street intersection about 5 p. m. Wednesday.

No one was seriously injured. Driver of the car, G. W. Hunt, 63, of Route 1, Baird, was examined for a possible back injury, but discharged by a physician.

Highway Patrolman Ed Powell said the bus was driven by J. T. Appleby, 40, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harper have been visiting the Doc Dickson family for the past week. They left yesterday for their home in Hutchinson, Kansas, where Mr. Harper is employed by a railway company. He was taking his three-weeks vacation and came to spend part of it with his sister, Mrs. Dickson. While here he visited The Star office and we enjoyed talking with him.

March Of Dimes Fund Covers All Gonzales Foundation Treatment

AUSTIN — The cost of polio patient care at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation is borne by Texas chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Ed S. Stewart of Abilene, chairman of the 1951 Texas March of Dimes, pointed out today.

NFIP chapters in Texas have spent \$187,000 in March of Dimes revenue at the Texas Warm Springs institution through September of this year, Stewart said.

Gonzales Foundation officials reported to Stewart that the total of NFIP patient days as listed by months was as follows: January, 2,895; February, 2,349; March, 2,028; April, 1,805; May, 1,937; June, 1,664; July, 1,927; August, 2,206; and September, 1,976.

The per diem rate paid by National Foundation chapters for treatment at Gonzales is \$10, exclusive of payments for braces.

"Gonzales is one of the leading Texas facilities for the treatment of polio convalescents," said Stewart. "The cost of this care at Gonzales, as at other hospitals, is met by county chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis through funds received from the March of Dimes."

"The average monthly bill as Gonzales for National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis patients has been \$20,874 for the first nine months of 1950."

"Under an agreement between the Gonzales Foundation and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the former does

not raise money to pay the per diem cost of treating polio patients at Gonzales, since the March of Dimes organization, through its Texas chapters, assumes responsibility for the cost of whatever care is needed by the polio patient.

"The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis works with Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation as well as with other hospital facilities to extend treatment to Texas polio patients, and NFIP compensates Gonzales and other agencies for such care."

"Exhaustion of March of Dimes funds raised by Texas Chapters has meant that all hospitals are extending credit to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis until after the 1951 March of Dimes, January 15-31."

Mr. and Mrs. W. Clyde White went to Dallas Saturday, where Mrs. White purchased books for the Baird High School Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodfin Ray and children, of San Antonio, are expected to arrive here Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. Ray's mother, Mrs. W. J. Ray, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen's, accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owens, and little granddaughter, Brenda, will spend the Christmas holidays in Marfa with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jack Paschick and family. They will also visit the Big Bend National Park and make a trip into Old Mexico.

TURKEY * KING OF THE FEAST

By Marie Gifford



Turkey is the nation's number one meat for holiday feasts. Smart homemakers will select a Table Dressed Quick Frozen Bird to grace the Thanksgiving table for it comes all ready for the oven—drawn, cleaned, and wrapped in moisture proof paper with cooking directions included.

Planned around the kingly bird, here's a menu which will let you have as much fun as your guests. In the living room serve cranberry juice cocktails with cheese straws. The trimmings for the roast turkey stuffed with a sausage dressing could be parsley rice potatoes, giblet gravy, baked tomatoes with corn stuffing, relish, hot rolls, pumpkin pecan pie, coffee and mints.

Here's our favorite stuffing recipe for the holiday bird.

SAUSAGE STUFFING

- 1 pound Pork Sausage
- 3 quarts toasted bread cubes
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1-1 1/2 cups hot water

Break sausage into small pieces, brown slowly over low heat until crisp. Pour sausage and all drippings over bread cubes, salt, celery, onion, parsley, and seasoning. Mix thoroughly. Add hot water to moisten. Sufficient stuffing for a 10-16 pound turkey.

Before stuffing, rub 1/4 teaspoon of salt per pound on inside of neck and body cavity. When bird is stuffed, estimate the weight of bird by adding 25 percent to the dressed weight so that total cooking time may be determined. Lay, breast side down, in a shallow baking pan, in a V-shaped rack. Bake uncovered at 325° F. half the estimated baking time, then breast up until the cooking is completed. Brush the skin lightly with unsalted fat such as lard, to prevent blistering. If desired, cover with a cheesecloth, lightly moistened with fat, to prevent drying out. Remove the cloth during the last half of the roasting period if the bird is not evenly browned. Roast a 10-16 pound bird 18-20 minutes per pound.

Regular Physical Examinations Will Help You Prolong Life And Maintain Good Health, Says State Health Officer

AUSTIN — "Health examinations won't prevent old age, but many tens of thousands of persons, whose records of these examinations have been studied, have not only been helped to live longer, but also be sturdier and healthier, and enjoy more comfort and happiness by following the advice of the physicians who have made such examinations," declared Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Once the individual leaves school, he assumes the responsibility not only for his choice of work and method of living, but also for his continued good

health. But he often fails to apply the available methods of preventing disease and prolonging life. Hardly a day passes in which our attention is not called to the untimely death of some prominent person or acquaintance, which may be attributed to a preventable disease. So something should be done in the way of educating the adult group of the population, so they will voluntarily carry out those measures which prolong life and maintain good health.

It is our firm belief that if the diseases of gastrointestinal tract, which includes the lips,

tongue, teeth, mouth stomach and bowels, are recognized in their early stage, their progress may be curtailed, adequate treatment advised, and many deaths might be prevented.

Today the medical profession realizes that many childhood diseases are now under control and that our present problem must center about the adult, encouraging periodic check-ups. Is semiannual consultation with your physician too great a premium to pay for many years of additional life, freedom from suffering and consequently short periods of hospitalization?

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By Curtis Sutphen



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Another Giant Oak Heard From

Before W. H. Dawkins' recent death, he reported that he probably had the largest oak tree in the country and The Star published his story to see if there were any giant oaks larger than his Callahan county tree. A number of our readers reported stories about other big trees, all claiming their particular tree to be larger than the one Mr. Dawkins told about. Now we receive data from our friend, C. M. Isenhower, who owns a fine farm in Bosque county, pertaining to a great oak growing down there. If Mr. Dawkins were alive today we know he would have a lot of fun reading the accounts of these big trees — the chain reaction he started that has developed into many words being written as a challenge to his first statement. Mr. Isenhower writes that "there are several oaks on our place of the size of the Dawkins tree. Two larger. Across the Bosque river from me is a good one, right on the highway for all to see and authenticate. It is in Pool Park and is the tree under which Bosque county was organized in 1854. It does not branch at the ground into two trees as does that Callahan county tree. It is one single trunk and doesn't begin to branch until 8 feet above the ground. Six feet above the ground level it measures 21 feet 9 inches. It would be larger at the 2-foot level. It spreads 112 feet from outside to outside. At one time the tree had a wider spread, but age has caused the limbs to bow down to the ground at the outer branches. Until I found this one, the largest I had seen was in Goose Island State Park, which you probably remember, also."



Holiday Greetings

It gives us a special pleasure to extend greetings to our friends this Christmas. We have had our share of troubles and illness during this past year, and the kindnesses our friends bestowed upon us, surely helped make things more bearable. We thank you from the depths of our hearts, and wish each one of you God's richest blessings at this Christmas Season and all through the New Year.

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- JOE PIERCE, Sheriff
- M. H. (Bob) JOY, Tax Assessor-Collector
- B. C. CHRISMAN, County Superintendent
- MRS. CORRIE NEITHERCUTT, District Clerk
- G. H. CORN, Justice of the Peace
- F. E. MITCHELL, County Attorney
- H. A. WARREN, Commissioner, Prec. 1
- CLYDE T. FLOYD, Commissioner, Prec. 2
- I. G. MOBLEY, Commissioner, Prec. 3
- CLAUDE FOSTER, Commissioner, Prec. 4

STUDY CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY AT GEORGE HOME

"Religion in the Home" was the theme of the Wednesday Club when it met with Mrs. N. M. George for another of the programs in the study, "The American Home."

The spacious ranch house presented a Christmas picture with decorations of fragrant cedar boughs and colors of crimson and silver that gleamed richly in the glow from the fireplace of a blazing, crackling wood fire. A delicately branched silver Christmas tree almost hid one

side of the grand piano. Tall lighted candles were flanked by arrangements of evergreens on the mantle. The lace covered buffet table was centered with a winter landscape on a large reflector.

Mrs. George and Mrs. Kenneth George greeted guests. Mrs. V. E. Hill played a medley of Christmas carols as guests arrived and were seated. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. V. E. Hill, who poured punch. Plate favors were tiny "Holy Bible" folders with nativity scene markers and the inscription

"Wednesday Club, Dec. 13, 1950."

Miss Isadore Grimes, Club president, called the meeting to order and gave the welcome. Miss Janet Edmondson gave the invocation. Mrs. George introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Chester O'Brien, teacher and mission worker of long experience in the city of Abilene. She brought with her four negro girls from a children's Bible Study Class which she sponsors. They sang three hymns accompanied at the piano by one of their number.

Mrs. O'Brien gave as the subject of her talk, "Religion in the Home," as of first importance. She brought out the need of all children for the security of home where care, love and restraint are their protection and training. "Education of mind without education of morals results in mental giants and moral pigmys," she quoted in speaking of purposeful educational facilities. As we improve the one we must also improve the other.

Miss Grimes, on behalf of the Club, expressed appreciation for Mrs. O'Brien's talk.

Other guests were Miss Janet Edmondson, also of Abilene, and members of the federated clubs of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere of Cottonwood visited Mr. and Mrs. Buford Tyson last Friday.

FORT WORTH WOMAN FEATURED IN FILM

"Blossoms in the Dust," the first picture to co-star the box-office winning team of Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon, will be brought to the Plaza screen by popular demand on Tuesday.

Not only is this stirring love story the first of the famous Garson-Pidgeon romances, but it is also the first film to feature the arresting Miss Garson in Technicolor hues. Her only subsequent appearance in Technicolor was in the recent "That Forsyte Woman."

"Blossoms in the Dust," was inspired by the life of Mrs. Edna Gladney of Fort Worth, Texas, founder of the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society, and sometimes called the "woman who fell in love with 2,000 babies." In it, Miss Garson and Pidgeon, as Edna and Sam Gladney, have an opportunity to depict one of the screen's tenderest romances. The story traces the life of a vibrant girl from the time of her meeting with an impetuous Texan to their marriage and the exciting years that follow.

Featured with the stars in "Blossoms in the Dust," are Felix Bressart, Marsha Hunt, Fay Holden and Samuel S. Hinds, together with a large group of supporting players.

Mrs. Felix Mitchell is suffering from bruises sustained in a fall Tuesday afternoon. It is reported that she is confined to her bed, but we are glad to hear that no bones were broken.

R. C. Thompson of Cross Plains visited his granddaughter, Mrs. Buford Tyson, and Mr. Tyson during the weekend.

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Merry Christmas

and may the coming year be filled with every happiness. May God's blessings rest upon each of you, our friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Levi and sons



KITCHEN MEMO BY JEAN CLARKE

Many a good homemaker hesitates to cook fish. Yet it can be cooked so many different ways and is a welcome change for a main course. Fish Casserole uses either fresh or frozen filets. Wash 2 lbs. filets. Wipe with cloth. Break into large chunks and place in greased casserole. Cover with 1 pt. sour cream, 1/4 lb. grated cheddar cheese, all minced onion, 1/2 cup white rice, 1/2 cup milk, 1 tsp. paprika, 1 tsp. salt. Bake in moderate oven (350) for about 30 minutes. Serve on hot plates—2 cups per plate. Boiled in salted water for about 8 minutes. Serves 4.

A new aluminum foil that saves cleaning time can be put on the bottom of your broiler to catch grease from cooking foods. Use once and throw away.

There are only three uses for cold water in the average home but there are 140 different uses for hot water. An automatic gas water heater ensures a reliable supply of hot water whenever it is needed.

Take eggs out of the refrigerator ahead of time when you plan to beat them. They whip up faster and better at room temperature.

Simmering is an excellent cooking method used by good cooks to retain food values. Turn the gas low to simmer position to keep soups, stews, vegetables and fruits gently cooking.

Evaporated milk can be soured by stirring in well 2 tbsp. lemon juice to one cup milk.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

And A Happy, Prosperous

NEW YEAR

This has been a very busy year for most Callahan County people. And now that it is about over, we turn our eyes toward the New Year. No one knows what the New Year holds for people of this county, but we sincerely wish that it brings an abundance of happiness and prosperity to every one. May we take this opportunity to extend to you a hearty wish for every success to be yours through the New Year and for many years to come.



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POSTED - My pasture is posted. No fishing will be allowed. Frank Windham.

WALDROP HOUSE FOR SALE 5 Rooms - Bath - Garage \$5,600.00

The N. A. Waldrop house located just next door to the new Ross Acres Addition...

This place is partly financed at the present time, and the loan can be transferred. All taxes are paid. Good title.

FOR SALE - Daters. 60c; Pencil Sharpeners. \$2.00. The Baird Star.

Buttons and Buckles covered. Make belts, bradded eyelets, also-buttonholes.

NOW you can get Construction Paper for school use at the Baird Star office for 1c per sheet.

Get your Texas Almanac at the Baird Star, 672 pages, only \$1.00.

FOR SALE - Piano, good condition. Mrs. J. D. Dallas, Cross Plains, Tex.

Weaver fountain pens, \$1. Weaver pencils, 25c. For Sale at The Baird Star.

FOR SALE - 5-room house, bath, front and back porches, corner lot, 100x140, 2 blocks to all churches, postoffice, \$3650.

FOR SALE - Philco Radio, valued at \$289.95, won by the F. F. A. boys in the recent Baird Star Subscription contest.

PLAZA BAIRD logo and show information.

Frank Gardner, Owner TWO SHOWS NIGHTLY Show Opens 6:30 P. M.

Friday - Saturday GEORGE MONTGOMERY BRENDA MARSHALL "Iroquios Trail"

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TOURIST PROPERTY FOR SALE - Here is the ideal location for your tourist motel or drive-in. Four big lots on new highway 80 at the west edge of Baird and a new five-room house will sell for \$7,350.00.

FOR SALE - Five room house, garage, modern, nice shrubbery, two blocks from main part of town, just off new Highway 80, paved sidewalk.

FOR RENT - Nice 2-room house, 221 Pine St. Couple only.

Beginning December 15th, we will be open until 9 p. m. until after Christmas. Holmes Drug Store.

FOR SALE - Nice little farm midway between Baird and Clyde; 6 1/2 acres. Fruit orchard, apples, peaches, pears, grapes; two good shallow wells; four room house. Fine for a chicken ranch. A bargain at \$2,500, part cash. Inquire at the Star office.

WANTED - Reliable hustler to supply consumers with 200 household necessities. State age, occupation, references. Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL - 1010 - Y, Memphis, Tenn.

NOTICE - Neeb's Laundry will be closed Saturday, Dec. 23.

FOR SALE - 1946 Chrysler Windsor 4 door sedan. Perfect condition. Gaylord Price. Phone 319.

One acre, six room concrete duplex, well water, butane gas, city water and gas available, lawn, trees, garden, fruit trees. For sale or trade for farm in Callahan county. See place and owner, B. A. Sturdivant, 1100 S. Johnson St., Midland, Tex. 1tp.

FOR RENT - 3 room apartment. Furnished and very modern. See Eddie Konzak tfn.

Have registered Duroc boar for service. 1st place winner at county show, 2nd place at Abilene District 4-H show. Service fee \$5. O. J. and Leroy English, 1 1/2 miles south of Rowden. 12, 8, 15, tfn.

Mrs. Mickey Shelton of San Antonio; Mrs. Jim Steakley of Seminole will spend Christmas holidays with Mrs. R. N. Whitehorn at Cross Plains, and relatives at Baird.

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CARD OF THANKS We are sincerely grateful to our friends for their thoughtful deeds of kindness and expressions of sympathy at the death of our loved one. We are thankful to the ladies who served the dinner, for Dr. R. L. Griggs and the nurses, and for the neighbors and friends who were so faithful to her. We thank the Pythian Sisters Temple No. 64 of Abilene who conducted such a beautiful service at the grave and for those who brought floral offerings and extended words of sympathy and comfort. The family of Mrs. Lee Estes

DANIEL M. ELDER BURIED AT POTOSI Funeral for Daniel M. Elder, 88, retired Potosi farmer, was held at 2 p. m. last Friday in the Potosi Baptist Church with Rev. Mack Richardson, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Potosi.

Mr. Elder died Wednesday Dec. 13, at his Potosi home, after a two-year illness. At the time of his death, Mr. Elder was making his home with a grandson, S. B. Kirkendall. He had moved back there nine months ago from Gladewater. He moved there in 1940 from Potosi.

Survivors include one sister, five daughters, Mrs. Ethel Wyatt of Gordon, N. M.; Mrs. Maude Kirkendall, Potosi; Mrs. Abbie Ethridge of California; Mrs. Annie Nichols, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Mammie Cutbirth, of Midland; 29 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hughes will have as guests, their daughter, Mrs. H. M. Buchanan, Mr. Buchanan and children of Oklahoma City and their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Hughes and daughter of Pecos, Mr. and Mrs. Linton Hughes and son of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Womack and daughter, Pat, of Ozona, will spend Christmas holidays with Mrs. Womack's mother, Mrs. Tom Wylie.

Tom Robinson is reported not doing so well the past few days. Mr. Robinson, who has been suffering from injuries sustained in a fall over a year ago, has been confined to his bed for two weeks.

Basil Johnson is expected to arrive here Saturday from Walters, Okla., and he and his mother, Mrs. Bess Johnson will go to Monahans to spend Christmas with Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Mrs. R. W. Nelson and Mr. Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Worsham of Lubbock and Dickie Eastham, who is in the Air Corp stationed at Cheyenne, Wyoming, will arrive Friday to visit Mrs. Sallie Eastham. They are all expecting to go to Ft. Worth Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Eastham.

J. A. Ault, Miss Sarah Ault and Mrs. G. K. Chalker of Abilene; Mrs. H. C. Cotton of Clyde were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ault and family Friday night.

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L. S. Harris, a new resident of Baird, paid the Star office a visit Tuesday and we enjoyed meeting him very much. Mr. Harris used to live down in East Texas at Crockett and we know some of the same people. We welcome him to Baird and we know that he will make many good friends among Baird people.

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GREER GARSON WALTER PIDGEON in the picture that brought them together for the first time!... BLOSSOMS IN THE DUST A MERVYN LeROY PRODUCTION with FELIX BRESSART - MARSHA HUNT FAY HOLDEN - SAMUEL S. HINDS

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Hospital Notes Mrs. La Veta Cargal was admitted as a medical patient. M. A. Cling who was admitted the 17th, is feeling some better. Mrs. E. H. Livingston, Eastland, is improving after several days medical treatment.

Ralph Brock, Clyde Rt., a surgical patient was getting along nicely when dismissed the 19th. Mrs. W. J. Ray is feeling better the past few days. Mrs. Alice Powell was admitted the 17th for medical treatment.

Mrs. C. O. Elliott, who underwent surgery the 20th is reported getting along nicely. Millard Smith, Terre Haute, Ind., was admitted the 17th as a medical patient.

Mrs. C. T. Davis, Putnam, who underwent major surgery recently and has been seriously ill, is reported some better at this writing. W. L. Parks, Putnam, was admitted Wednesday for medical treatment.

Mrs. H. L. Rice, Cisco Rt., is a medical patient. B. W. Lofton has not been quite so well this week. Roy McIntosh, Clyde, was admitted the 20th.

Mrs. H. Bailey was admitted the 17th. Among recent discharges: Mmes. Chas Hageman and infant daughter, Moran; J. D. Coulon, Abilene; E. R. Smith, Cross Plains; T. V. Trout, Clyde Rt.

RECORD ATTENDANCE SEEN FOR PONTIAC SCHOOLS Pontiac Motor Division's New Model schools are underway across the country with nearly 13,000 dealer service men scheduled for up-to-the-minute training.

About 660 separate sessions are planned for the 33 factory-trained specialist service instructors scattered throughout the 25 Pontiac field sales zones. All 1951 model changes will be covered, with special emphasis on increased generator output, new gasoline tank gauge, longer and improved rear springs, improved accessory fuse block, body wiring, new convertible top hydraulic systems, new six-cylinder carburetor, improved distributor, starter, battery, and all new accessories.

Also covered will be improvements in the Hydra-Matic transmission which permits "rocking" the car to get out of mud, snow or sand. The Pontiac service instruction program, considered one of the most advanced and comprehensive in the industry, changes dealerships continually through the year, thus insuring better, more economical car performance, maintaining high used car trade-in value and greater customer satisfaction, states General Service Manager Hugh J. Hales.

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little girls, 5 and 2 years of age. We have been pretty good. We are sure you will bring us quite a few things, but we especially want you to bring us cowboy chaps, spurs, gloves and hats. Thats all for now.

Remember all the other little boys and girls. Thank you, Love Tommye Sue and Linda Kay Pruitt

Dear Santa: I am a little boy seven years old and in the first grade at school. I have tried to be a good boy, so please bring me a "Roy Rogers" cowboy suit, some toys, fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget the other little boys and girls, and please be nice to my teacher.

I love you, Norman McWilliams

Dear Santa: I love you and all the toys you've sent. This Christmas I want you to bring me a B. B. Gun and I'll see you soon, and I have two little sisters and my big sister wants a doll that looks like a real baby and my little sister wants a doll too.

Dale Coley

Dear Santa: I want a pair of boots, size 12, and a doll that can walk and talk. I wish you a happy Christmas. Virginia Gary, 440 E. 3rd St. Baird, Texas.

Dearest Santa: You should remember me since I've already talked to you four times lately, but once you said I hadn't written you, so I didn't want to leave anything undone. If you aren't too busy to read this, I'll let you in on what I'm expecting you to leave under my tree. I'd like a doll with curls, a washing machine and a blackboard, and, too, this year, I've got a baby sister, Diane, who will be wanting my toys so please Santa leave her some things, too.

There are also many little kids who won't be so fortunate since they've had to give up their daddys already, but I bet if you'd leave them some toys, they'd be able to smile, too. Bye for now and until next year. Your good little friend, Belinda Gail Crutchfield.

OPEN HOUSE AT PEEK HOME Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Peek will hold Open House Sunday, December 24, from 3 to 6 p. m. Glen Rockey, Mrs. W. O. Wylie, and Mrs. Vida Hill will play organ selections during the afternoon.

A well-lighted Christmas tree will feature the decorations in the living room, with flower arrangements of red and green throughout the house. Refreshments will be served from a table that will look like a big Christmas package, with red ribbon on white cloth, red candles and greenery completing the color scheme. Mrs. Glen Rockey, Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr., Mrs. Tee Baulch and Mrs. M. D. Bell will preside at the table.

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MRS. OLIVER HONORED WITH GIFT PARTY Mrs. Albert Oliver was honored with a pink and blue shower at the home of Mrs. Bonnie Thompson, Friday evening, Dec. 8th. Other hostesses were Mrs. Lowell Corn, Mrs. Buford Tyson, Mrs. Gib Ballard, Mrs. H. E. Dennis, Mrs. Bill Shelton, Mrs. Medford Walker, Mrs. Ethel Tabor and Mrs. W. L. Cooke.

After many lovely gifts were presented the honoree, refreshments of punch and cookies were served.

MANY FRIENDS ATTEND JONES OPEN HOUSE Several hundred friends called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones Wednesday night to attend their Christmas open house party. Upon arrival the guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Jones and other members of the house party, which consisted of Mrs. R. A. Webster, Mrs. Hugh Ross, Mrs. Johnny Johnson, Mrs. Irvin Corn, Mrs. Homer Driskill, Mrs. Howard Farmer, Mrs. Harold Ray, Mrs. Everett Hughes, Mrs. C. L. McCleary and Mrs. E. G. Hart, of Houston.

Each room of the house was beautifully decorated with flowers. A lighted Christmas tree stood in the living room and poinsettias were in appointed places. A painting by Mrs. Jones hung over the fireplace mantle which received much comment and praise from the guests.

Guests were invited into the dining room where they were served hot punch, coffee, wafers, nuts and cookies. Mrs. Driskill and Mrs. Hughes presided at the silver services while Mrs. Webster served the other tasty refreshments.

Among out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Conner, Miss Othel Merle, Mr. and Mrs. John Guffar, Jr., Mrs. Madge Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cutbirth, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harville, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Ramsey, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heiser of Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell of Clyde.

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MISS EDITH BOWLUS CLUB HOSTESS Miss Edith Bowlus was hostess to the Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club when the annual Christmas Party was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 20. A full course Christmas dinner was served by candlelight to 17 members, 3 guests and one honorary member.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme and a large Christmas tree was loaded with gifts. Each member gave a toy to be presented to the Goodfellows of Baird to be distributed to the needy boys and girls.

Mrs. Lee Alexander was guest speaker for the evening. She spoke on "Nameless Women of the Bible."

Members of the Club enjoying the occasion were Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, Mrs. N. L. Dickey, Mrs. M. L. Gilliland, Mrs. C. M. Gunn, Mrs. Buster Hatchett, Mrs. C. M. Peek, Mrs. Roland Nichols, Mrs. Conley Pruitt, Mrs. Glen Rockey, Mrs. J. V. Thompson, Mrs. Terrell Williams, Mrs. J. L. Ault, Mrs. Margie Ray, Misses Burma Warren, Jewel Sims, Helen Settle, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, honorary member, Miss Katie Lou Walker and Miss Maurine Lloyd, guests, and the hostess Miss Bowlus.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE M. C. MCGOWEN HOME Dr. and Mrs. M. C. McGowen held open house Sunday night, honoring Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats and those taking part in the Cantata presented at the Methodist Church Sunday evening.

Dr. McGowen and Mrs. C. M. Peek, choir director, greeted the guests. Assisting in serving were Miss Betsy Hickman, Mrs. C. H. Siadous, Mrs. H. W. Ross, Mrs. A. N. Johnson and Mrs. Frank Gardner.

A beautifully lighted Christmas tree, cedar and poinsettias decorated the party rooms. A lighted mantle scene carried out the Christmas story.

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PLAZA THEATRE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardiner, Larry, Nancy and Jane Ann

EARLY ACTION NEEDED IN CASES OF DEFERMENT

AUSTIN — Emphasizing the need for early action in cases of deferment for essential civilian workers, Brig. Gen. Paul L. Wakefield, state Selective Service director, advised today that employers take inventory of employees who are liable for induction under the Selective Service law. The state director pointed out that employers should submit any information regarding their employees to the local board "before they are classified, and in any event as early as possible."

"The law prevents our doing anything about such eleventh hour requests," the state director continued, "as Selective Service regulations provide that, once a man has received an order to report for induction, his case cannot be re-opened by the local board except for a change in status over which he has no control."

General Wakefield made it plain that his headquarters would do nothing about such cases, even though it had authority, without first obtaining an opinion from local boards involved.

"We're not issuing orders here in Austin to the people in Texas cities, towns and communities who are doing the real job to build up our armed forces. Our sole reason for existence at headquarters is to co-ordinate information the board send us, to offer the counsel and help of our staff, to help interpret the law, and to see that no one, either the government or any citizen, gets outside the law in the discharge of our duties," the state director declared.

The state draft director placed emphasis on the fact that, under Selective Service regulations, there is no blanket deferment for groups and types of employees.

"Every case has to be considered individually on its own merits, just as the cases of other registrants are considered," Gen. Wakefield said.

"The activity of the employee must be found to be necessary to the maintenance of the national health, safety, or interest," the state director continued. "The man can be employed in industry, or other occupation or employment, occupy an office, be engaged in study, research, medi-

cal, scientific, or in most any endeavor. The local board decides, subject to appeal, whether his activity is deemed to be necessary to national interest."

General Wakefield observed that "this still doesn't give the complete picture" and added that a registrant to be eligible for deferment, must meet the requirements in the section of draft regulations defining necessary employment.

He quoted as follows: "A registrant's employment in industry or other occupation, service in office, or activity in study, research, or medical, scientific, or other endeavors shall be considered to be necessary to the maintenance of the national health, safety, or interest only when all of the following conditions exist:

(1) The registrant is, or but for a seasonal or temporary interruption would be, engaged in such activity; (2) the registrant cannot be replaced because of a shortage of persons with his qualifications or skill in such activity; and (3) the removal of the registrant would cause a material loss of effectiveness in such activity."

"General Wakefield stressed that deferments based on civilian occupations are not permanent.

"They are issued for one year or less," he said, "and local boards have instructions to classify a registrant as available for service whenever the cause for his deferment ceases to exist."

Classification for civilian occupation other than agricultural is II-A.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Tyson and children, James Rylee and Melba; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vaught and daughter, Robbie June; Euel Tyson will spend Christmas with Misses Mary Mae and Bonnie Cluskey and Joyce Tyson at Midland.

Office ruled forms. The Star.

BIRTHS RECORDED

Births recorded at the clerk's office, Callahan County court house recently:

David Garcia, born Nov. 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Abelino Garcia, of Baird; Margie Kay, born Oct. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Viola Fleming Sugg, of Abilene; Shirley Lois, born Nov. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cawley of Baird; Berry Nolan,

born Nov. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Griggs, Jr., of Baird; Dayrel Edward, born Nov. 15, to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sullivan; Vernon Elliott, born Oct. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sublett of Cisco; Nettie Leona, born Nov. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Huff, of Rising Star; Kathy Vondell, born Dec. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sar-

born Oct. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cunningham, of Putnam; Bonnie Mae, born Nov. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Nettles, of Putnam; Thomas Clifton, born Oct. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Loper, of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swinson and baby daughter, Sammie Lou, of Hamlin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swinson the past weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. ASHBY WHITE

Our Representative at Baird, upon qualifying as Company Volume Leader during November

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A Message To You From SAM H. GILLILAND To Wish You A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year



AS we express best wishes to our host of friends in this community we are fully conscious of our obligations to merit your confidence. Our efforts to serve you will continue to be our very best. We extend to you heartiest good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

To Our Multitude of Friends And Patrons We Send A Multitude Of GREETINGS. IT IS OUR WISH that new joys not known before may come to you and abide with you all through the coming year. It is because of your fine loyalty that we send this word of Christmas cheer. We thank you sincerely for your friendships and patronage and we seek the opportunity of continuing in this association in the future. May the Holiday Season, with its fine sentiment, remain with you throughout the days of the New Year.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's time for Christmas Carols, time for wreaths and holly, and time especially for us to wish that your Christmas this year be a jolly success.

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Kill The Umpire - Dangerous Logic

Quite often one newspaper takes issue with another over some bit of editorial policy or philosophy. Seldom, however, if at all, has a newspaper taken issue with a bit of editorializing in a Company magazine or "house organ." By far and large, these publications reflect the essence of American free enterprise, and even condemn openly, government interference and regulation of private business, a bit of crusading which more companies ought to do. But, for the first time in our memory, we have stumbled across an editorial in the publication of a large pump manufacturing concern which shows too well how some people think, perhaps, without thinking seriously. We're certain that it does not reflect the true thoughts of this firm's management, its stockholders, nor its vast majority of employees. Entitled: "Kill The Umpire," the editorial in effect says that it's a wonderful thing for Americans to shout during summer-time ball games, that we don't consider if our team hits a little better, did cleaner fielding, it could win, umpire or no umpire.

"We need a fall guy," says the editorial. "That's why one wrestler is a hero, the other a big bad villain. That's probably one reason we have a weatherman — whenever we can't or won't change a situation we don't like, our frustrated hopes demand a fall guy."

That's good logic so far, but let's continue. "Right now, we have a dandy — a real sitting duck — called the government! And it spends our hard-earned dollars like water. Why, if it weren't for government prodigality, we'd all be rolling."

And we're sure most everyone agrees up to this point. The editorial continues, pointing out that's what a great many advertisements, political speeches, and special-interest writing and talkin, says, And that's right. It even tells of one manufacturer so worried about these menaces he called his employees attention to the fact that one of every eight working people is employed by government, which means that each employee in his firm and six fellow-employees are supporting a government employee — and his family, too, of course; and the manufacturer says we must stop the tremendous waste in our government.

"O.K. — let's not be chicken about it," says the editorial. "Let's really save money and fire the mall. Only don't expect to sell nearly as many cars or television sets or bottles of milk or new homes, Mr. Manufacturer. You see, just one of the holes in this "economy" talk is that every job (federal or private) means wages; wages mean that a family can eat and dress; if the wages are high enough, the family can even buy some of the things that the manufacturer has to sell. Employ the government workers in private industry? All right Mr. Wage Earner, the government worker you and six of your fellow-workers have been supporting can come in to replace one of you and support himself.

"Well, then, we won't fire them all. Just some of them. Where'll we start? The postal employees? The Patent Office staff which protects private ingenuity. The

Uncle Sam Says



Here's your answer on what to do for Christmas — Give the Present with a Future, U. S. Savings Bonds. Bond buying is the easiest shopping you can imagine, they're available at any bank, post office, or where you work. So, this Christmas, make your gift mean more than ever before. GIVE U. S. SAVINGS BONDS FOR CHRISTMAS! U. S. Treasury Department

FBI? The Department of National Defense? The engineers who will build the new dam your district needs? See anything you want to get rid of yet? Almost every activity of the government either provides wage-earning jobs or creates wage-earning jobs. And wage-earners are your market—remember, Mr. Manufacturer?

"It comes right back to this "kill the umpire" deal. Suppose it were open season on umpires, would we kill 'em? Why, we wouldn't even fire them. The federal government, actually, is an umpire—to call "fouls," to keep the game clean and the play fair. It isn't something that landed from Mars. It's people from among us, attempting to carry out our wishes."

"It is the last paragraph above that becomes dangerous logic. Sure, we all agree that that's why we wouldn't fire the umpire, because he keeps the game clean and calls the fouls. And that's what the federal government was originally established to do when the several states granted it certain powers, and granted them with considerable misgivings, too. But the federal government has strayed too far away from just being the umpire—it not only tries to umpire the game, but it's trying to do all the throwing, hitting, and running. And that's when people from among us are not carrying out the wishes of our founding fathers nor those of their true descendants of today.

And we heartily agree with the statement: "It isn't something that landed from Mars," because we doubt if the Martians have as yet enslaved themselves with the thousands of alphabetical bureaus that now encrust this section of the earth. Anyhow, our limited knowledge of men from Mars tells us that they have no more than two heads—not three-headed monsters that call the fouls, hit, and run, too. You just can't keep a game "clean" with that kind of umpiring!

S-o-o-o, even though there are times in a ball game when our tempers prompt us to be literally in favor of "killing the umpire," we're still in favor of lopping off a couple of heads from the three headed "umps" that infest our economic structure today. And we're highly in favor of lopping off the two heads on the "left" side!

ADVICE FROM THE ARABIAN

"My son," said Hakeem the Wise to a young man of Bagdad centuries ago, "the Priceless Ingredient of every product in the market place is the honor and integrity of him who makes it. Consider his name before you buy."



GREETINGS

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WEEMS TO PREACH AT OPLIN CHURCH

J. Eddie Weems, who has held many Gospel meetings for the Church of Christ at Oplin, will preach for the meeting there again this summer with the meeting beginning on the second Sunday in August. Brother Weems gained fame as a track coach at Abilene Christian College and on the West Coast. He

coached Pepperdine College runners since 1937. Brother Weems recently resigned his position with Pepperdine and is moving back where he has a ranch near Temple. He plans to do evangelistic work as well as ranching. His many friends throughout this county will welcome this news and will be looking forward to his preaching at Oplin in August.

Putnam People Are Planning On Having A Very Enjoyable Christmas Holiday

When the Star editor visited on Putnam streets the other day we found folks there planning on various Christmas festivities. Mrs. F. P. Shackelford was expecting to enjoy Christmas with her partner-son and family. Mrs. Shackelford and her son operate the farm implement business there that was founded by Mrs. Shackelford and her late husband more than thirty years ago. Their customers are spread over four counties with Putnam located just about at the central point from all of them.

We dropped in at Fred Cook's garage and enjoyed chatting with several of the Putnam folks that gathered around the fire there. Mr. Cook made the remark that whenever the Star editor has some sort of a problem to figure out he should just come down there and sit around the fire and some of the folks would find the answer to our problem. He says they fight wars,

elect presidents, and delve into the mysteries of the universe with unbelievable success at times. We didn't have any problems to solve when we were there, but we surely did enjoy our visit.

We met our correspondent, Mrs. W. D. Fleming, and C. C. Cunningham at the drug store. They were speaking well of the great success of the recent Baird Star subscription contest as it was carried on in that community. We are indeed proud of the fine list of readers the Star now has in the Putnam area, and hope the paper gives complete satisfaction. Mrs. Fleming is doing a good job of reporting the Putnam news and items turned in to her for publication will be appreciated.

G. A. White was busy waiting on customers when we stepped in at his modern grocery store. Mr. White is a progressive young businessman that Putnam can be justly proud to have. In the store we learned that our good friend J. S. Yeager, who has been seriously ill for several months, plans to be at home for Christmas. Mr. Yeager, former mayor of Putnam and who published the Putnam News for many years, has always been a booster for that town. His many friends will be glad to see him if he gets to come home during the holidays. John D. Isenhower, present mayor of Putnam, passed by, but we didn't get to talk with him. We also got a fleeting glimpse of Commissioner I. G. Mobley who was seemingly headed for an urgent repair job on one of that precinct's roads. We did not have a chance to see everyone in Putnam we wanted to see, but we did enjoy our trip and are looking forward to another drive over that super highway soon to visit with more Putnam people.

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CLYDE BAIRD

Rowden Round-Up

Irene Mauldin
Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Rose and Bruce of Abilene spent the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose and Grandmother Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stephens, Gerald and Weldon, Harlene Davis and Ruth Connell had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens and Harold Lynn, in Abilene Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Gibbs and Judy visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hazel Thursday night.

Cecil Jones visited Horace Bains, who is in an Abilene hospital, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McGowen and children of Cross Plains visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stephens Thursday night.

Rose Jennings of Cottonwood and Katy Bryson, of Cross Plains visited Pearl Smedley Thursday and Friday.

Oscar Jones, of Abilene spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jones.

Don Mauldin visited Mike Odum Sunday.

Mr. Gene Mauldin visited his son, Carl, in Lamesa Saturday. Carl and Allen Rollins returned home with him for a short visit.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose and Grandmother Miller Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Rose and Bruce of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Dell and children.

Rev. Charlie Myrick had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Voncille Gibbs and Mrs. Leila Gibbs.

Marjorie Mauldin visited Cordella Bains Sunday.

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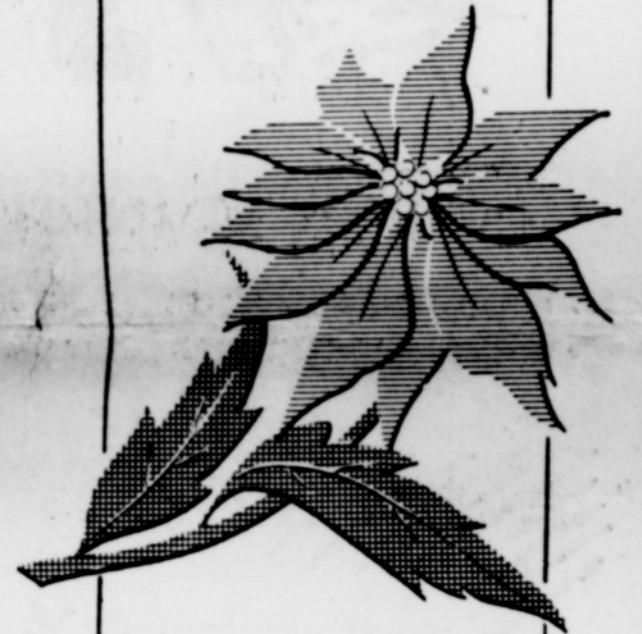
This little message has a pleasant task—to convey our good wishes for unlimited Christmas joys to each of you.

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PONTIAC REPORTS "BEST" RECEPTION FOR '51 MODELS

Despite adverse weather conditions in some sections, the 1951 Silver Anniversary Pontiacs were greeted by thousands when they made their debut December 11, according to L. W. Ward, general salesmanager of Pontiac Motor Division.

"Enthusiastic telegrams from our dealers and reports from our field staff tell us that this probably is the finest reception Pontiac has ever had," Mr. Ward said. "We were also informed that the showroom crowds were in a buying mood and that many orders were written."

Rev. and Mrs. John Allen and sons, Johnny and Sammy, of Hondo will spend Christmas with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilliland.

Renew your subscription today!

Eula Episodes

Mrs. R. G. Edwards Elevating Elucidations for the Enjoyable Enlightenment of Everybody Everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Stanczyk and children of Loop City, Nebraska, are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Morris.

Ralph Brock returned to his home Tuesday afternoon, after being hospitalized in the Baird hospital several days.

Mrs. Tom Edwards has been ill the past week, but is reported to be better at this time.

Billye Farmer is back in St. Ann Hospital. May the Lord's blessing be upon her and her family at this hour.

Mrs. O. C. Clifton is visiting a few days this week in the homes of her sons Floyd and Leidon Clifton, of Rotan.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Trotter, of Oceanside,

California has had spinal meningitis. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Trotter. Mrs. Trotter reports that he is better though and as yet, no ill effects have shown up.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron McKee and son Joe, spent one day last week in the home of her father, E. F. Rutledge, of Rising Star. He is a former resident of this county, and has been seriously ill. He had a stroke several days ago, but Mrs. McKee reports that he seems to be on the road to recovery.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends and neighbors who so generously expressed their friendship and sympathy during the recent passing of our dear husband and father we send this message of appreciation and thanks. To those of you who spoke words of kindness that gave us strength in our darkest hour of sorrow and to those of you who expressed yourselves and your sincerity in other ways we shall always be grateful. God bless and keep you always.

Mrs. W. A. Buchanan and family

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Webster, Jr., of Lufkin, David Webster of Alice, and Jimmy Webster of Cleburne will spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. R. A. Webster.

Mrs. O. T. Cooper of Corpus Christi is spending Christmas holidays with her daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ross at Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Daniel at Abilene.

Mrs. Goley Kimmel, of Big Spring, is spending Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Johnson.

Mrs. L. A. Shackelford left Thursday afternoon for Dallas, after visiting her niece, Mrs. Marvin Hunter and family.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardiner will be Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Estes and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Estes of Reydton, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Estes, Durham, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Estes of Stillwater, Okla.

CHERYL SUE SIMS HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Cheryl Sue Sims, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Sims, was honored with a birthday party Friday morning, Dec. 15, at Mrs. Sidney Foy's Nursery School.

Mrs. Larmer Henry assisted Mrs. Sims in serving ice cream and the birthday cake, decorated with Santa Clauses and bells, to members of the Nursery School and several invited guests. Santa Claus suckers were given as favors.

MRS. JOHN MCGOWEN HONORS COUSIN

Mrs. John McGowen had a tea introducing her cousin, Mrs. Owen Battles, who has moved here from Hico, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. McGowen greeted guests and presented them to Mrs. Battles, and her mother, Aunt Sippie Warren.

Cedar, red and green candles, and poinsettias decorated the reception rooms. Mrs. M. C. McGowen presided at the silver service and Mrs. Frank Gardiner, assisted by Mrs. Ella Farrar and Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr., served crabapples, stuffed olives and cake to fifty guests.

30 REGISTRANTS TO BE CALLED ON DECEMBER 29

The Taylor-Callahan County Draft Board has announced that 30 registrants will be called for pre-induction physicals on Dec. 29.

Miss Georgia Singletary, clerk of the local draft board, said the call will be filled by 20-year-old registrants who are classified 1-A.

She said her office would have to mail notices to the men during the first of next week to give sufficient notice.

The new call, issued by Selective Service Headquarters in Austin, will bring to a total of 396 the number of men who have received pre-induction notices from the local draft board since reactivation of the draft.

It is the first pre-induction call since October 27, when 21 men were ordered to report. The call October 27, and one on Sept. 14, were the only ones smaller than the present call for 30.

Miss Singletary said the call was received just before draft board closing time Wednesday afternoon.

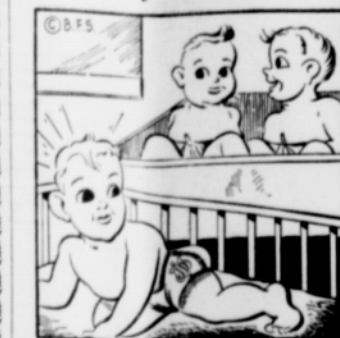
Mr. and Mrs. John Owens of Abilene, visited Mrs. Owen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wristen Thursday night.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray will be their children and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray, children of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Eathery and children of Houston; and Mrs. Ray's sister, Mrs. Jack Drake of Midland.

Mrs. E. C. Fulton returned home Wednesday from a Dallas hospital where she had been for ten days. Mrs. Fulton recently had eye surgery there and had to go back for further treatment. Her daughter, Mrs. Fred Thompson, and Mrs. Vance Stevenson went after Mrs. Fulton yesterday. Mrs. Fulton's many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Clark Elder of Barcelona, Venezuela and Misses Syble Ann Elder and Beckye Griggs are coming by plane from Lubbock to spend Christmas with Mrs. Cora Work, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Griggs and other relatives. Mrs. Bruce Bell and son, Bruce O'Brien came Dec. 14 from Pecos. Billie Beth Bell will come by train when school is dismissed at Pecos and Bruce Bell will arrive during the weekend.

SPOT TOPICS
By PEEK



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Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Windham and Elaine, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coffman visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Coffman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coughran of Abilene and Wilma Armor visited Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Coughran and Betty Lou.

Bobby Crawford visited John Armor Tuesday night.

Gary Chrane visited Franklin Chrane Monday night.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Culpepper and Nelda were two nieces of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson and Janice of Denton Valley visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Culpepper and Dianna.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston are expecting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson of Brownsville and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harper of McAllister, Okla., home for Christmas. They are hoping that their other daughter, Mrs. S. L. Stokes and family of Corpus Christi will surprise them and also come for Christmas.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor

Deviled Cheese Snacks

1 1/2 cups shredded dried beef (4 1/2 oz.)
1 tablespoon fat
4 teaspoons flour
1/2 cup Pet Milk

1 teaspoon bottled mustard
8 slices bread
16 thin strips American cheese (3 1/2 x 1/2 in.)

Cook and stir beef in hot fat over low heat until edges curl. Sprinkle flour over beef; stir in milk slowly. Boil and stir 1 min. Remove from heat; stir in mustard. Cover and let stand. Turn on oven; set at moderately hot (400°). Remove crusts from bread; toast on one side only. Cut each slice in half to form strips. Spread beef mixture on untoasted side of bread. Put a strip of cheese on each. Put on baking sheet. Bake on center rack of oven 5 min., or until cheese is slightly melted. Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.

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Don't forget that, if you wish to vote during 1951, your poll tax must be paid before February 1st. You will not want to be disfranchised for the need of a poll tax receipt, so attend to this detail at once. Poll taxes may be paid at the office of—

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Silent Night Holy Night

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

What a blessing is Christmas! In the headlong flight of a world in despair it gives momentary pause . . . for laughter, for the selfless joy of doing for others, for all expressions of kindness and thoughtfulness we neglect during the rest of the year.

Yes, Christmas is a blessed event. In the humbleness and piety it represents there is a strength that has out-lived the mightiest of monarchs, yet a gentleness that has made Christmas a day for children.

It's impossible to put a measuring rule on Christmas and determine exactly the tremendous significance behind it. For Christmas is completely a feeling of the heart that is reborn anew every year at this time.

We can only be thankful and rejoice in the thought that as long as there is Christmas there will always be peace-loving men who will gather to celebrate the Birth of Salvation. And only when the Spirit of Christmas ends will life on this earth cease to have significance.

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"For There Is Born To You This Day In The City Of David A Saviour"

"And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased." (Luke 2:8-14)

Here in this story of the nativity as given by Luke lies a message too great, too sublime, too blessed, for the probing of man. The birth of Jesus is a story to thrill the heart of all people who believe in the Christ; for, saith the scripture: "Ye shall call His name Jesus; for it is He that shall save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21) In the life of Jesus, His childhood etc., lies another great story. A story that should catch the attention of all parents that they may guide the lives of their children by Jesus' example, Jesus was God's perfect, complete and well-rounded individual. He is, then, God's example of what a child should strive to be, of how a child should develop. The boy Jesus grew in body and Spirit. He was obedient to His parents. He be-

came strong in Spirit and stature. He increased steadily in wisdom, was filled with wisdom. He drank at the very source of success—the grace of God. It naturally followed that He was a winning, attractive youth in favor with God and man. Here indeed, is the crowning example not only for manhood and old age but for childhood and youth. Yes, the birth of Jesus is a great story; but, I will tell you a greater: "And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun was risen. And they were saying among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb? and looking up, they see that the stone is rolled back: for it was exceeding great. And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, arrayed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he saith unto them, Be not amazed: Ye seek

Jesus the Nazarene, who hath been crucified: He is RISEN; He is not here; Behold the place where they laid him." (Mark 16:2-6) Here in this story of the resurrected Christ lies the hope of mankind. For His victory over death gives unto all them that obey Him assurance that they too shall rise victorious over death. When He died He took away the Old Law (Col. 2:14; Heb. 10:9; Gal. 3:4), and He gave us the gospel—a new and better covenant—that we might have salvation, (Heb. 8:6-12.) It is rather foolish for people to say they believe in the Christ and at the same time live in ignorance of what He would have us do to properly serve Him. Here in this world on the verge of disaster, let us turn to the Christ and come to a full understanding as to what we must do to avail ourselves of the hope that is in the Lord Jesus Christ. If you believe in Christ will you ask yourself if Christ's Word endorses what you are religiously; or the life you live? "And He is the stone which was set at nought of you the builders, which was made the head of the corner. And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other

name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved." (Acts 4:11-12)

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May the Holiday Season and the year ahead bring you much happiness



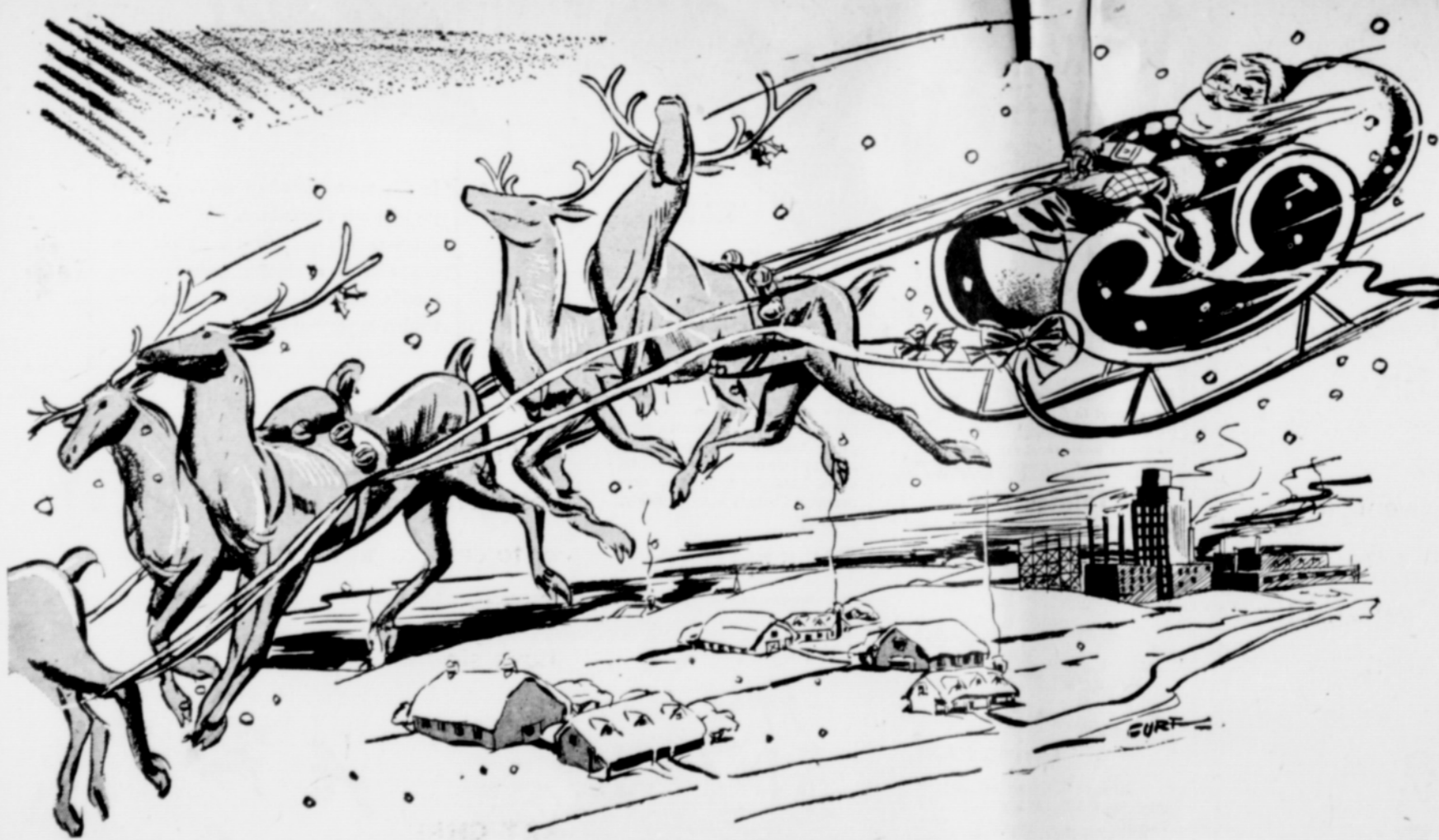
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with all good wishes for a glorious Holiday Season

Callahan County Hospital



GREETINGS at Christmastime

with best wishes to our friends and customers for your happiness now and in the **NEW YEAR**

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JOYFUL CHRISTMAS and a very Happy New Year

It is with all the earnestness within our hearts that we express our cordial Christmas Greetings to all those whom we have had the pleasure of serving during the past twelve months. Our good wishes go with each of you as you enter

into the spirit of this occasion with your loved ones and friends.

We appreciate your patronage and pledge anew to improve our service in every way possible to merit its continuance.

The First National Bank of Baird



MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



And may we add our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses that you have shown us in the past.

Because of your consideration the past year has been an enjoyable experience, one in which we have had the confidence and esteem of the people whom we serve. We only hope that we may continue to merit your good will and patronage, so that our policy of friendly, helpful service to all may be maintained.

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HEALTH FACTS

AUSTIN — Most fathers and mothers want their boys and girls to go to school regularly. They send them in the morning willingly—sometimes thankfully. The fact that there is a law which compels parents to send their children to school seldom or never occurs to them, says Dr. Geor. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Various studies in the United States and Canada show that sickness is the cause of the great majority of lawful school absences. Certainly it would be impossible to wipe absences because of illness and accidental injury entirely off the record. But they can be reduced in number and shortened in length if parents, teachers, and the doctors, nurses, and guidance personnel serving the school work closely together.

The boy or girl in the beginning stages of a cold or sore throat or some other catching illness is a focus of infection from which new cases easily spread outward in ever-widening circles. Often the parents can help to keep infectious diseases from spreading in school by keeping children at home when they are not in their usual health. Teachers can help by having an evenly heated and well ventilated room and by teaching children to stay home when ill.

Excuses for absences are important to the school both for the record and for the information they give the teacher, the nurse, and the doctor in their health guidance of the child. If the child was under medical care the excuse should indicate that the doctor approves a return to school. Any special recommendations made by the doctor will help the teacher to make any adjustments needed in the child's school program.

Office ruled forms. The Star.

Baird Churches

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

The First Methodist Church

E. L. Yeatman, Minister
SUNDAY: Church School 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.
MONDAY: Woman's Society of Christian Service, 3:00 P. M.
THURSDAY: Choir rehearsal 7:00 P. M.

Church of Christ

Leslie Rickerson, Minister
EVERY LORD'S DAY: Bible Study—10:00 A. M. Worship Service—10:45 A. M. 7:00 p. m.
TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study—9:30 A. M.
WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service—7:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

First Baptist Church

A. A. Davis, Pastor
Geo. D. Jones - Training Union Director

SUNDAY: Sunday School—10 a. m. Preaching Service—11 a. m. 7:00 p. m. Training Unions—6 p. m.
MONDAY: W. M. S.—3:30 p. m. Brotherhood—2nd and 4th Monday Nights—7:00 p. m.
WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Bible Study—7:00 p. m. Junior Choir—4:30 p. m.
FRIDAY: Junior G. A.'s—4:00 p. m.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. C. H. Akins, pastor
Sunday School, 10 a. m. Morning Worship, 11 a. m. Evening Worship, 7:00 p. m.
MONDAY: Woman's Meeting at 3 p. m.

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Merry Christmas

AND A VERY

Happy New Year

Rudy Owen Jewelry Store



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

WE CAN think of no finer Yuletide sentiment than the old familiar "MERRY CHRISTMAS." We never grow tired of saying it to our friends nor do we grow tired of hearing it from others. It is the one universal greeting that carries with it the thought of others and the appreciation of fine friendships and associations. It is this sentiment that forms the background of our thinking of you at this glad time of the year. We want you to know that when we say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS," we include our thankfulness for all past favors. The best of everything to each of you.

Ashlock Insurance Agency

FOLKS

In Our Home Town
By Atrelle Dill

Yuletide greetings! Happy holiday! Joyous Noel! Noche Bueno! And every other way possible to say it — Merry Christmas!

Holiday spirit has been higher, gayer, and happier here in town this year than I have ever seen it. And this is as it should be. Christmas should be, must be, kept in your heart and in your home always.

Last week we told of some of the pretty homes in Baird where lighted doorways, yards, and windows send out greetings to

friends and neighbors. Here are a few more — Fabian and Mary Bell have an exquisite door — a huge painted tree decked with myriads of tiny twinkling balls proves to be both colorful and effective; the Johnsons, Bess and Wade, have gone all out for the Christmas spirit and have decorated their home beautifully. Their spacious windows are trimmed in Christmas greens, while their holly-decked door gives holiday greetings to passer-by. Fleeta and "Rabbit" Johnson have done a beautiful job of decorating too — a brilliant green door centered with a jolly portrait of St. Nicholas, proclaims cheerful wishes from the family. Sam and Stella Gilliland have "Santa Claus Door" too, that is clever as can be, and makes their home a pleasure to see. Leona and Allen Johnson, Jimmy 'n Nancy, have a bright door that fairly shouts "Merry Christmas" to their friends. The W. T. Payne's and Leonard have their home beautifully lighted and the Franke children have a very pretty tree in their window. The LeCour family has a friendly, twinkling tree in their window, and the Berrys — Harry and Ruby — have a well-lighted tree. The Roy Williams family has lovely Christmas lights, and the Grady Davis' have beautiful outdoor trees. Johnny Bowlius has lighted trees, indoor and out, and the brilliant colors are a merry way of saying "Happy Holiday" from the Bowlius family. Grace and Harold Ray's new home on Ross Drive is beautifully decorated with a door-way framed in pine and centered with a huge "candy cane." The Lee Lopers' home is decorated from ground to roof-top. They have a lovely Christmas greeting door, a lighter tree in the window, and the garage door has been converted into a huge Christmas package with red ribbon. The McClung's have an elaborate holiday decoration — Santa Claus and his reindeer fly over their rooftop and you can all but hear "the prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof." Carlisle Sue Hunter has a Christmas

tree which she will proudly tell you couldn't be nicer, and there's a tree in the Ault home, too, for some happy youngsters who are watching for Santa Claus. The Avery home has "winking trees" that convey their Yuletide message. There are many, many more trees in town, and if yours hasn't "made the paper" as yet, it surely will later.

Here's some good news for talented Bairdites who aspire to careers in the entertainment world. The Baird American Legion and Auxiliary are sponsoring a Hollywood Amateur show here December 29th. Three top-place winners will receive silver cups as trophies of their wins, and the number one contestant will be given an opportunity to compete in a State-wide contest. The winner of the State contest will receive an expense-paid trip to Hollywood, a tour of the points of interest there, or the equivalent in cash. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mildred Stiffler or Burl Varner.

And now to wish you a Merry Christmas from all of us here is a thought from Benjamin Franklin that's nice to remember — "Let no pleasure tempt thee, no profit allure thee, no ambition corrupt thee, to do anything which thou knowest to be evil; so shall thou always live jollily; for a good conscience is a continual Christmas."

Midway Musings

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

Mrs. R. W. Cook is at home again after spending 5 weeks in Ranger visiting her brother, Mr. Reidy.

Bob Griffin, who has been working at Gallup, N. M. came home Friday to visit his family a few days before going into the Army. He will leave Wednesday for training in the Air Corps.

Gene Faircloth of Odessa spent the weekend visiting friends and relatives here.

Carl Cook of Hamilton spent Monday night with the Horace Cooks and Mrs. R. W. Cook.

Mrs. I. R. Adams and children of College Station are spending a week with her family, the Joel Griffins.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were hosts Sunday for the South family reunion. About 50 members of the family were present for a day of visiting and a scrumptious dinner which was served buffet style. The weather was ideal and it was a very nice day for all who attended.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses was issued at county clerk's office, on Dec. 12th, to Wesley Turner Richardson and Mrs. Eula Joyce Richardson.

Ens. and Mrs. Bill Yarbrough and sons, Bill and David, of Norfolk, Va., are spending Christmas with Mrs. Yarbrough's mother, Mrs. Gus Hall.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McElroy will be their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Todd, Mr. Todd and sons, Bill and Davy, of Anson. The John T. Sparks of Baird will also be dinner guests Christmas Day.

Miss Myrtle Conlee returned home Sunday from Hobbs, N. M., where she visited her sister, Mrs. Homer Price.



To each of you whom we serve
and those we hope to serve
in the future!

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HUMBLE STATION



Sincere good wishes
to each of you
on this, the happiest
occasion
of all the year.

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You'll own the only car that offers you your choice of the finest, time-proved no-shift driving* or standard driving, at lowest cost.

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LOADS OF GOOD WISHES

May the Holiday Season
bring to you all the pleasant
moments so necessary for a
Joyful Christmas



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Many good wishes for gladness and cheer, a bright Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things you so richly deserve.

With these thoughts we desire to also add our appreciation for the thoughtfulness of our friends and customers, who, by their friendships and patronage, have made possible our success in the past year.



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CLYDE, TEXAS

The SEASON'S GREETINGS

"Thank You"

is the most sincere expression we know of to convey our appreciation for the friendships which have been so important to our mutual benefit during the past twelve months.

May we extend to you and yours our best wishes for a joyous Christmas Season.

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BOX 88 CLYDE, TEXAS

Clyde Study Club Has Dinner

Members of the Clyde Study Club held their annual Christmas dinner in the garden room of Hotel Windsor in Abilene Thursday of last week. Mrs. Clark Tabor introduced Mrs. L. E. Dudley of Abilene, who received "Home For Christmas" by Lloyd Douglas. Mrs. E. G. Hampton and Mrs. Mollie Clemmer assisted Mrs. Tabor as hostesses.

Christmas corsages marked places for the guests. The table was centered with a large red candle in a silver pitcher and Christmas balls. Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree.

Guests were Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. G. C. Fitzhough of Abilene, Mrs. S. L. McElroy of Baird, Mrs. Roy Powell, Mrs. W. C. Deavers, Miss Ruby Corley, Miss Cecile Hampton, of Clyde.

Members present were Mrs. T. O. Dulaney, president, Mmes. Homer Kennard, John T. Bailey, Frank Bailey, R. W. Evans, R. M. Pyeatt, J. M. Pyeatt, W. B. Barton, J. B. Paylor, Clark Tabor, E. J. Barton, E. N. Burdette, John Kennard, Sam McIntosh, E. G. Hampton, Mollie Clemmer, F. A. Bouchett, Ed Craig, Harry Steen, Miss Ann Bell Tabor.

JERRY CALLOWAY AWARDED EAGLE SCOUT BADGE

Jerry Calloway was awarded the Eagle Scout Badge when the Clyde Boy Scouts held Court of Honor Monday night at the schoolhouse. Harley Sadler Legislator from Abilene, was main speaker. Pictures taken this summer at the National Jamboree at Valley Forge were shown. H. A. Calloway, father of Jerry, is scout master.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shanks of Clyde are expecting their son, James Paul Shanks, student at Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Shanks and family of Stanton to spend Christmas holidays with them.

Mrs. Walter E. Hodges has returned to her home at Route 2, Clyde after undergoing surgery in an Abilene hospital December 4. She is reported to be recovering nicely. Mrs. G. Hodges and son, Mac, of Hope visited her at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Yantis moved to Clyde from Stephenville recently. They have leased the W. A. Hammon place, one-half mile west of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Baker of Clyde will spend Christmas holidays with Mr. Baker's mother, Mrs. W. S. Baker, at Blackwell, Oklahoma.

BON BON TARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Marguerite Mickelsen
When the Christmas bird or roast has been "done justice" and the table cleared for dessert, these Bon Bon Tarts with Egg Nog filling, served on your prettiest dessert plates or plain plates with small lace paper doilies, will add a finishing touch, both in taste and appeal, to your holiday meal.

Bon Bon Tarts
1 package semi-sweet chocolate; 2 tablespoons shortening.
Place semi-sweet chocolate morsels and shortening in a pint measuring cup, place in water in a saucepan, or in the top of double boiler. Melt over hot, not boiling water, to prevent steam from condensing inside cup and prevent chocolate from thickening. Stir occasionally until melted. Place eight 2-inch paper baking cups in muffin pan. Divide equal amounts of chocolate among baking cups. Swirl completely around sides and bottom of cups with back of teaspoon. Store in refrigerator for several hours or in the freezing compartment for 30 minutes. To remove paper, pull around sides from left to right, and then from bottom. Yield: 8 Bon Bon Tarts.

1 envelope unflavored gelatine
¼ cup cold water
3 eggs separated
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1½ cups scalded milk
2 teaspoons your favorite flavoring or ½ teaspoon each vanilla and almond.

Soften gelatine in cold water. Beat egg yolks slightly in top of double boiler; add ¼ cup of the sugar and salt. Gradually stir in scalded milk. Cook, stirring constantly, over very hot water until mixture coats a metal spoon. Add softened gelatine and flavoring and stir until dissolved. Chill until the mixture is slightly thicker than the consistency of an unbeaten egg white. Beat egg whites until stiff, gradually beat in remaining ¼ cup sugar. Fold into custard. Spoon into chocolate tart shells. Decorate with a cherry, chocolate morsel, some grated chocolate or your own idea for a holiday motif.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the sentiment we express today remain with you throughout the Holiday Season

... and all the days following.

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

appreciation. May you have a full measure of joy

and happiness.

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Christmas

just wouldn't seem like Christmas if we didn't take advantage of the opportunity to thank you for your excellent patronage the past year. A perfect Christmas to you and yours.

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Wishing You Every Happiness
For Christmas

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Season's Greetings

To all of you
whom we have faithfully
endeavored to serve for
many years, we say

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Merry Christmas

CLYDE LOCKER PLANT

MR. AND MRS. E. C. APPLETON AND EMPLOYEES
CLYDE, TEXAS

ANYTHING WE CAN DO?

Is there something we can do to
add to your Christmas happiness?
If so, please call on us.
Meantime,
here's our greetings to you

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CONLEE LAUNDRY
CLYDE, TEXAS

how to make
Santa Claus
happy

We want to make old Santa happy and the best way we know of is to wish everyone of you a most happy and glorious Christmas season.

P. C. STEEN COMPANY
PHONE 53 — CLYDE, TEXAS

SEASON'S GREETINGS



Expressing our appreciation for
your courtesies of the past and
extending compliments of the Season.

KONCZAK'S
CLYDE, TEXAS

Clyde Lions To Sponsor Party

At 1:30 Saturday afternoon, December 23, all the children in the Clyde community have been invited to attend a party at the Rio Theatre in Clyde. The Christmas party is being sponsored by the Clyde Lions Club and there will be plenty of fine entertainment for all. For two hours the children will be entertained at the theatre. There will be Christmas packages for all, and if he can make it, Ol' Santa might appear on the scene. However, he is pretty busy right now, and he might not be able to get there.

Eula Episodes
Mrs. R. G. Edwards
Elevating Elucidations of the
Enjoyable Enlightenment of
Everybody Everywhere.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for all who voted for me in the recent subscription contest put on by The Baird Star. I appreciated every vote and consideration. It is good to know one has so many friends, known and unknown. I received quite a few more votes than I solicited, for I had so little time to devote to the work. I just want all my friends to know that their efforts in my behalf are appreciated and I will do my best to continue to merit their friendship.

Supt. R. T. Smith announces that eighteen teams will participate in the Invitation Tournament, which will be held at the school gymnasium on Thursday Friday and Saturday nights of this week. Everyone is invited to come and yell for your favorite team.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Millorn report that their son, Joe Ross, is now stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado. He has been there for about three weeks, and he reports that it has been very cold there most of the time.

Sgt. Wagley Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Owens, is stationed in Germany. He is also a new subscriber to The Baird Star, thanks to his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barr and family visited Sunday in the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bill White, of Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and daughter, of Hamlin, visited Sunday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edwards.

R. H. Brock was admitted to Callahan County Hospital Tuesday night for major surgery. We send him our cherriest get-well greeting.

Christmas is just around the corner and everyone is busy as cranberry merchants trying to get everything done. Every minute is already obligated in most every home. Several parties are in the line-up, Wednesday, Dec. 13th, Mrs. Earl Millorn will be hostess to the annual Sunshine Circle Christmas Party.

Last Wednesday Mrs. Porter Loving was hostess to the Home Demonstration Christmas Party. Mrs. Alvin Barnes had planned to be hostess, but she was ill, and at the nth hour Mrs. Loving took over. She had less than two hours to get ready, but she said she enjoyed having it as much as if she had planned for it days ahead. There was a good attendance and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time.

The Baptist Church will have their annual party and program Wednesday night, Dec. 20th. Everyone is invited to come and bring their children. There will be treats for all.

Thursday night, Dec. 21st, is the time set for the grammar school program, and on Friday night, Dec. 22, the high school will be entertained by their class mothers and sponsors with a Christmas social in the school auditorium.

School will be dismissed Thursday evening, Dec. 21st, for the holidays, and will resume their studies again on New Year's Day.

Mrs. W. J. Hodges of Clyde returned home Thursday of last week from Plainview, where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Webb Johnson, and family for a week. Mrs. Hodges returned home by Matador and Roaring Springs, where she visited relatives.

L. H. Alexander has recently been discharged from the Army and began working at Callahan County Farmers' Co-op in Clyde Thursday of last week. Alexander was employed by the Co-op before he was called back into active duty a few months ago.

Mrs. Jack Hoover and children, Mark and Janice, arrived in Clyde Tuesday from San Antonio to be with Mrs. Hoover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Yantis, while her husband, Lt. Hoover is serving in the Air Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Baker and Joel Holmes represented Clyde at the Abilene Lions Club Ladies Night Thursday of last week.

REMODELING AT CLYDE CO-OP STORE

Approximately \$3,500 will be spent on remodeling and enlarging the Callahan County Farmers' Coop store at Clyde in the near future. A. G. Black, secretary, said that an addition will be built at the rear of the

present building to house a new feed grinding machine and a new feed mixer. The Co-op stores, located at Baird and Clyde, render a great service to the farmers and ranchers of this county.

Office ruled forms. The Star.



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CLYDE, TEXAS



to ALL OF YOU
Merry Christmas

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- BEST CHILE IN TOWN
- HOT DOGS

We Feature Chicken Dinner
Every Sunday

Give Us A Try
Bud and Lucille West

J. H. McClendon of Wichita Falls, is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. John McClendon. The Bates Baulches of Brownwood will spend from Saturday until Monday with Mrs. McClendon.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sparks and little son, Jimmy Dean, will visit Mr. Sparks' mother, Mrs. Cora Sparks, at Eastland, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moring of Seagraves, will spend Christmas holidays with Mrs. Moring's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ivey.

J. H. McClendon, of Wichita Falls, with Mrs. John McClendon and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Andrews of this place, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bates Baulch, and girls at Brownwood Sunday.

CHECKERBOARD CHUCKLES • From Your Purina Dealer



Merry Christmas

from
Your Purina Dealer
Callahan County Farmers Co-op, Inc.
Clyde, Texas — Baird, Texas

Peace

on earth...
good will
toward men

"Peace on earth... good will toward men."
... is again repeated in every story and song of all Christendom. Once more it will be our privilege to tell the beautiful story of the Nativity, and now more than ever, we need to weigh the implications of the Christmas message.

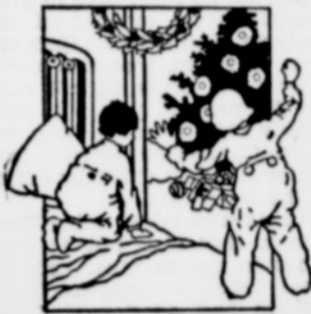
WHITE AUTO STORE



FAMILY AFFAIRS OF T&P EMPLOYEES

J. B. Easterling

Our sincere sympathy to family of Rtd. Car Inspctr. Fred Hollingshead who died during Oct. He was car inspector in Baird for many years prior to his retirement several years ago, due to ill health. His death was preceded by many months of serious illness. Opr. and Mrs. J. B. Pitzer were recent visitors in



JOYOUS NOEL

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude and appreciation for all the good things that have come to all of us, that we say, "May this be a very Merry Christmas for you and yours."

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

Sweetwater, where they visited his mother, Mrs. R. L. Pitzer, whose husband was T&P opr. & agent for 40 years. Wife of Baird Agent M. D. Bell has returned from visit with son in Baton Rouge, La. Yd. Ck. & Mrs. F. C. Crow and son, Richie, moving into new home and really busy buying new furniture. Clara Jester, yd. clk. spent her days off recently visiting her brother and sister and families in Weatherford. She returned home driving beautiful new Mercury. Work on Baird's new filter plant to purify water to be taken from the new city lake is progressing nicely and will be completed soon. Another project in Baird that is coming along is construction of several new class room buildings at Baird Public School. These two construction jobs have added to revenue business of T&P quite a bit here in Baird.

MRS. MILLIORN HOSTESS TO SUNSHINE CIRCLE PARTY

The Eula Sunshine Circle met in the home of Mrs. W. E. Millorn Wednesday, Dec. 13 for a covered dish luncheon and a Christmas party.

After eating a bountiful dinner, the guests assembled in the living room and sang Christmas Carols, answered Roll Call with Bible selections and heard a devotional by Mrs. J. S. Baulch.

The six new officers were initiated and gifts were distributed to twenty-three members, two visitors and five children.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Pete Wallick, Jan. 10, 1951.

Mrs. S. S. Nichols of Abilene and Mrs. D. S. Kisner of Cisco were visitors.

MESQUITE MENACE TARGET OF NEW CHEMICAL KILLER

Bad news for mesquite trees which hamper Southwestern rangeland operations comes from the Du Pont Company, which announces the availability of a new brush killer, designed specifically to control this pest.

The material is a low-volatility formulation to be known as 2, 4, 5-T Ester Brush Killer and has been developed as a result of a number of years of testing various herbicides for the control of mesquite, both at the Spur, Texas, experiment station and in large-scale field tests during the past season on ranches throughout the Southwest. Applications by airplane of the low-volatility esters of 2, 4, 5-T-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid have proved by far the most effective treatments for killing this brush.

Economically, the mesquite tree is blamed for costing Southwestern cattlemen millions of dollars annually. Its spread throughout the rangelands has crowded out grass and other plants that provide feed for cattle. Equally important, its dense growth has obscured the cross-country vision of riders, resulting in the missing of thousands of head of cattle at round-up time.

For best results, it is suggested that the mesquite killing chemical be applied in the Spring, from two to three months after appearance of the first mesquite leaves. Recommended airplane sprays should contain one and a half pints of the brush killer in solution with three gallons of water and a gallon of oil, such as clear diesel oil, per acre sprayed. The material is available in one-gallon cans, or in five-gallon, or 50-gallon drums.

Denton Doings

Jerry Whitley

The Christmas tree at the Denton Methodist Church will be December 24, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Coffman Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Windham and Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. George Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hodges, Carolyn and Larry.

A wedding shower was given for Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Seals (formerly Fay Scott) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitley Monday night. Several people attended and she got a nice shower.

The Denton Valley basket ball girls won first place in the Eula tournament last weekend. Jo Farmer won the individual award from the girls and Thurman Atchley for the boys.

SAME OLD WISH



Always
NEW

MERRY CHRISTMAS

STAR HATCHERY

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shanks

Merry
CHRISTMAS



IT'S good to know that Christmas holds the same old warmth, the same note of good cheer and good fellowship, that makes this season the most glorious of them all.

Following a custom of long standing, we offer this message of good will in the same old friendliness that comes only from associations of long standing.

We have enjoyed serving you in the past and solicit your continued patronage.

BOYDSTUN HARDWARE



Come in and see the
New Silver Anniversary

Pontiac



Double Proof

that Dollar for Dollar
you can't beat a Pontiac!

① A look at the Car proves its Quality

② A look at the Price proves its Value!

In the short time since it was presented, thousands of people have flocked to see the great new Silver Anniversary Pontiac—few cars have ever had a reception to equal this. Most people came to admire, which is natural enough. But a great many people do more than admire, they start figuring—they begin to compare this wonderfully beautiful and desirable car with the modest price tag it bears. No car, at any price, offers more for every new car dollar you invest than a great new Pontiac! Drop in any time and look at the car—then look at the price—you'll be doubly sure that dollar for dollar, you can't beat a Pontiac!

Baird Motor Company

C. S. McClellan

Phone 298



The Season's Cheer to Everybody

Because we are proud to number you among our friends we send you these Christmas Greetings. May this Christmas bring added pleasures of true health and happiness to every one of you.

May the coming New Year bring you every happiness, and the fullness of success reward your efforts in all your undertakings.

MAYFIELD'S

PONTIAC REVEALS ITS '51 MODELS

With vibrant new styling, the 1951 Silver Anniversary Pontiacs purred into public view today at Baird Motor Company. They feature twenty-seven styling innovations and sixteen mechanical improvements.

Presenting the 1951 line—marking Pontiac's twenty-fifth year as a stellar performer on the automotive stage—C. S. McClellan, owner of Baird Motor Company and Pontiac dealer in Baird said:

Our Silver Anniversary models are strikingly beautiful symbols of a quarter century of quality manufacture. We believe the 1951 Pontiac is the most attractive, best performing Pontiac we have ever produced. Public acceptance of Pontiac last year broke every existing record. It is likely that the 1951 models will match that popularity or surpass it."

With fifteen models, Pontiac offers its customers an extremely wide choice. Chieftain and Streamliner styling are available in either standard or deluxe treatment, with six or eight cylinder engines and with Hydramatic or synchromesh transmission.

From bumper to massive bumper the 1951 Pontiacs sparkle with well-conceived, tasteful styling advances which enhance the motorcar's individuality. It still remains the nation's best recognized car. Bold brilliance marks the Silver Anniversary models with new, striking grille conception, and the famed Silver Streak appearing in an artistic treatment involving new spacing of the bright chrome bars and new contours. The Indian head hood ornament is presented in a newly styled study.

Profile-wise, the 1951 Pontiac conveys the impression of forward surge even at curb-side. Body belt mouldings and new rub mouldings have gleaming prominence, fashionable and utilitarian. Completely new styling note is the addition of an Indian head medallion on the trailing edge of the rear fender panels. Wheel covers and rear fender gravel guards are freshly restyled in polished stainless steel.

Going away, the 1951 Pontiac reveals tail lights of increased diameter to further the Bold Look. Rear license lamps now are concealed in the bumper apron. The Silver Streak on the deck door matches that of the hood. A longer leak door handle emphasizes width of the graceful rear pattern.

Meekly, the horsepower rating of the Pontiac eight cylinder engine is 116 and of the six cylinder engine is 93 horsepower. Compression ratios are 6.5:1 for both engines to allow completely efficient and economical operation with regular gasoline and resultant saving in operating cost.

Other mechanical improvements include new timing chain bumper on the six cylinder engine; a revised water outlet thermostat facilitating engine warm-up; improved rear bearing oil seals; improved distributor; insulation improvement on the starter motor; a new carburetor for the six cylinder engine; increased capacity generator and regulator.

Improved Ride: Because longer springs mean smoother riding qualities on broken surface roads the 1951 Pontiac has 58-inch rear springs, six inches longer than in the 1950 model. Thickness of the spring leaves also has been increased for better cushioning of accelerating power and braking force.

Cooling system pressure has been increased on both six and eight, raising the normal boiling temperature of the coolant approximately 20 degrees. There is an improved accessory fuse block and cover; improved body wiring harness; improved fuel tank gauge; and an improved convertible top-raising assembly.

Hydra-Matic: The famed, time tested Hydra-Matic transmission continues as optional equipment and has still greater efficiency and operating simplicity. A quick reverse response is permitted, allowing the car to be rocked in snow, mud or sand. A reverse inhibitor prevents reverse shifts at speeds above 10 miles per hour.

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Once A Year..



HERE COMES AT LEAST one time during the year when we pause to consider the past events and courtesies for which we are thankful.

To us, that time is Christmas. And those things for which we give thanks are the many opportunities we have had to serve the fine people of this area.

These associations have meant a warmer and friendlier season—they have made possible a most successful year and we trust that these fine associations will be influential in making possible the continued increase of friends and the further growth of our business.

In our own way, let us say, "Thank you" and wish you a sincere Greeting. May the blessings of the Christmas Season be yours and may the New Year bring you ever so much happiness and prosperity.

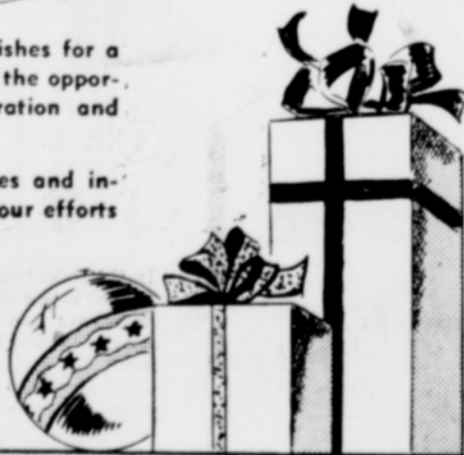
MODERN TAILORS



We sincerely offer you our cordial good wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and at this time take the opportunity of thanking you for your consideration and patronage and friendship.

During the oncoming year all our resources and ingenuity and efforts will be incorporated in our efforts to serve you better and more efficiently.

Best Wishes



CITY PHARMACY

to wish

YOU

a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year

From a firm that has enjoyed serving you in the past, and which is desirous of continuing the pleasant associations of our friends in the future.

Callahan Abstract Co.



Wishing You a
Joyous Holiday...

May your share of happiness at this glad Christmastime be brightened by the knowledge of our appreciation of your fine and valued friendships.

May you enjoy the associations of those dear to you, and may their companionship continue through the years to come.

Happy Christmas to all!



TOM BARTON, Agent
Serving Farm and Industry

ELECTRIC CO-OP MEETING HELD IN MERKEL DEC. 7

MERKEL — The Board of directors of Mid-Tex Electric Generating and Transmission Cooperative, at a meeting here today, took action requesting the Rural Electrification Administration authorities to withhold final consideration on its loan application for power plant and transmission lines to serve cooperatives of the territory with their own power requirements. This action was taken after full consideration of the material needs of the National Rearmament Program. The engines, generators, and wire needed to construct such plant would also be items vitally required for national defense.

Board of directors felt that the farmers, ranchers, and rural business men affected would not want to compete with the military needs of the nation for these materials. The Generation and Transmission Board unanimously voted to continue the organization, but to withdraw the application for loan funds until a time when there would be no conflict with the national security program.

The Generating and Transmission Cooperative is composed of the Stamford Electric Cooperative, Midwest Electric Cooperative at Roby, Coleman County Electric Cooperative and Taylor Electric Cooperative. The cooperatives serve approximately 14,000 farms, ranches, and rural businesses in a 20 county area of West Texas.

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visitors welcome.
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"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

We take pride in saying to you for the 60th year

MERRY CHRISTMAS

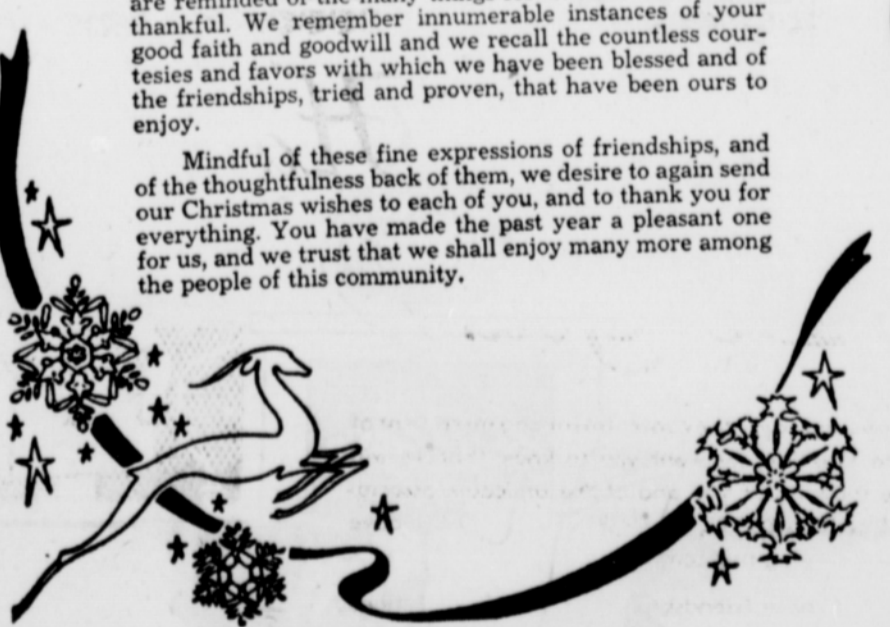
and a Happy New Year

W. D. BOYDSTUN DRY GOODS

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Each year as we observe the Christmas Season, we are reminded of the many things for which we should be thankful. We remember innumerable instances of your good faith and goodwill and we recall the countless courtesies and favors with which we have been blessed and of the friendships, tried and proven, that have been ours to enjoy.

Mindful of these fine expressions of friendships, and of the thoughtfulness back of them, we desire to again send our Christmas wishes to each of you, and to thank you for everything. You have made the past year a pleasant one for us, and we trust that we shall enjoy many more among the people of this community.



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CHRISTMAS AND FRIENDS GO HAND IN HAND..

All too often we take our friends for granted. We are aware of the fact that every day sees some evidence of the friendships of the people whom we strive to serve and too frequently we neglect acknowledging these kindnesses.

But at Christmas, when we pause in the busy whirl of everyday routine things, we become conscious of our shortcomings, and wish to convey in this message our heartfelt thanks for the good things that have come our way.

To you, our friends, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a New Year of Health and Prosperity.

CALLAHAN COUNTY FARMER'S COOP.
Baird :: Clyde



It's time for Christmas Carols, it's time for wreaths and holly, and time especially for us to wish that your Christmas this year be a jolly success!

RUSSELL-SURLES ABSTRACT CO.

County Agent's Column Oliver F. Werst

Cattle Feeding Studies A summary of the cattle feeding studies at the Spur Experiment Station during the 1949-50 winter feeding season has just been issued. There are a few points in this report that cattlemen in this area might be interested in.

The report shows that steers fed hydraulic-processed cottonseed meal made slightly more gain and had a slight advantage in cost of gain and net return over steers fed solvent-processed cottonseed meal. Both of these meals contained about the same amount of protein which was 41%. The main difference between the meals was the higher fat content of the hydraulic meal

which had a fat content of 6%. The solvent meal had a fat content of less than 2%. It might pay the feeder of steers and also of breeding cattle to see that the tag on his meal says it is hydraulic processed.

The report showed that Angus-Hereford crossbred steers made slightly more gain, cheaper gain and a higher net return than Hereford Steers fed the same ration.

Steers fed 125 days made a much greater profit than "warm-up" steers fed 56 days, due largely to the higher selling price of the better finished steers.

The feed consumption of three steers fed 1/2 pound of salt per head daily was normal for 108 days. This salt took the place of part of the meal in the steers ration. After the 108 days, there was a decline in both appetite and feed consumption. There were no apparent ill effects from the high salt intake and daily gain were normal.

When cotton seed is plentiful and the price is low, it may be used to replace some of the cottonseed meal and grain in a ration for fattening steers.

These statements are only a summary of the cattle feeding studies carried on at Spur. Anyone desiring to see the complete report can contact the county agent.

Don't Feed Lice

The livestock and dairy men should be on the lookout for lice all winter. Lousy cattle don't put on weight as fast as clean cattle and they have an unthrifty appearance. Lousy cattle scratch a lot and some times lose hair in spots. They don't give as much milk if they are lousy dairy cattle. Lousy cattle are closely related with cattle with anemia. Animals that have anemia do not do well because of the shortage of blood.

Both rotenone and DDT are effective for lice control. If rotenone is used, two treatments at 14-day intervals must be given for control. Animals can be dipped or sprayed with one pound of five percent rotenone, 10 pounds of wettable sulphur per 100 gallons of water, or with eight

pounds of 50 percent wettable DDT per 100 pounds of water. A single treatment thoroughly applied with DDT will control the lice.

If your animals are bothered with mange or having spots of hair to fall out or if they have ticks you can add 4 pounds of 6% wettable BHC or 1 pound of 25% lindane to the DDT and water mixture above and get the mange, ticks, and lice with one spraying.

DDT is not recommended on Dairy cattle, so it is better to use 8 pounds of 50% methoxy-chlor and 1 pound of 25% lindane per 100 gallons of water on the dairy cows.

Warfarin For Rats

Last month a story was written on the use of warfarin for rat control. This is a reminder that this is still available at all times through the County Agent. Over 500 pounds of this rat poison has been sold since the first of November and some good reports on it are coming in.

Selam Canada reported to the County Agent that he counted seven dead rats that he got with only one pound of the Warfarin. He did not know how many more he got, but he came back in after a much larger amount of the Warfarin. If he just killed the seven he found, that was a cost of only 3 1/2 cents to kill each rat. At present prices it cost roughly \$4.00 a year to keep one rat. So Canada has already saved himself about \$27.72 by killing off the seven rats.

The advantages of using Warfarin is that it is not as dangerous to use as other conventional types of poisons. It is tasteless and odorless and the rodents haven't got an aversion to it yet. This warfarin will be available at all times.

Miss Sarah Hoggatt will leave Sunday for Fort Worth to spend Christmas with her father, Fred Hoggatt, and her sister, Mrs. Ray Altman and Mr. Aaltman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ramsey and children, of Abilene, visited Mrs. M. L. Ramsey Saturday.

Sgt. Jack Sims of Fort Sam Houston, is expected to arrive home this weekend to spend Christmas with his family.

Mrs. A. M. Waggoner returned home Sunday from Texas City, where she visited her son, James Waggoner, for the past month.

A Very Merry Christmas

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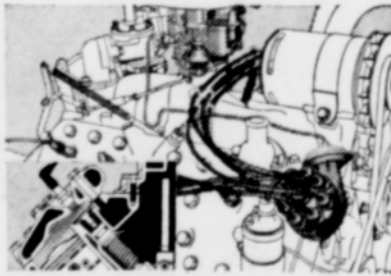


You can pay more... but you buy better!

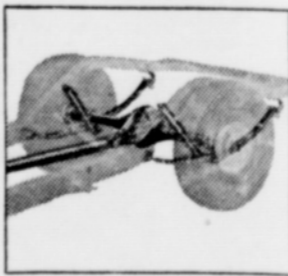
Buy the '51 FORD!

[WITH 43 "LOOK AHEAD" FEATURES]

"LOOK AHEAD" features galore have been built into this '51 Ford to give it lasting comfort, beauty and economy. In addition to the features pictured Ford offers you new Double-Seal King-Size Brakes for greater safety... a new More Rugged Chassis Frame... and a new Waterproof Ignition System.



Ford's Automatic Mileage Maker is a three-way combustion, ignition, and carburetion system that gives you high compression performance with even regular grades of gas.



Ford's Automatic Ride Control makes rough roads easy on you, easy on the car itself. It automatically rises, automatically.



Ford's Automatic Posture Control. Pulled forward, the seat automatically rises. Pushed back, it automatically lowers.

It's built for the years ahead!

This '51 Ford is years ahead in style, too! You'll see beautiful new "Fashion Car" styling... with a future-styled "Dual Spinner" Grille, New Rear Window styling.

And the new, long-wearing "Color-Keyed" Fordcraft Fabrics... the new "Safety-Glow" Control Panel in Ford's "Luxury Lounge" Interior match exterior colors! *Optional at extra cost.

Come in for the "LOOK AHEAD" facts on the '51 FORD!

Rockey Motor Company Baird, Texas



Christmas is that time of year when you are willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you. We are truly grateful to our customers for their patronage and take this means to say so. Merry Christmas!

LAWRENCE LAUNDRY



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS....

To each of you whom we serve and those we hope to serve in the future!

THOMPSON VARIETY STORE



To Our Loyal Customers

May your every wish come true - in this coming year and those following.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



McBRIDE

Laundry

May All Happiness Be Yours

As you enjoy the contentment and merriment of the Yuletide, we want you to know that we will be thinking of you and of the amicable associations that have been ours during the time we have been serving this community.

It is these friendships that bind our ambitions, to be of the utmost service to all.



MR. and MRS. W. V. WALLS LAUNDRY

THIS has been a good year for us all and for our part, we don't think it would be Christmas if we didn't in some measure share with you the feeling of satisfaction we experience when we review the accomplishments that loyalty and conscientious effort have made possible.



RED & WHITE GROCERY

MR. AND MRS. MERLE HOWELL
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

One Hundred Five Persons To Be Killed During Christmas Holiday Season

With the world in its present state of turmoil and conflict, many people in Texas are hoping to make this Christmas one which will be treasured and well remembered by their loved ones. Most of us realize that conditions could be very different in the years to come, and therefore are trying to make this Christmas an extremely joyous one.

Your Texas Safety Association wishes to remind you of these facts:

Thousands of Texas citizens will take to the highways during the Christmas holidays, and will journey to meet with other members of their families for this yearly celebration. Many of these happy people do not know that, according to the predictions of the Texas Department of Public Safety, 105 of the people traveling on the streets and highways of the State during the Christmas holiday season between Dec. 23rd. and Jan. 1st. will not reach their destination. These 105 persons will meet their death in motor vehicle accidents in all parts of the State of Texas. During the last minute rush on Christmas Eve, 19 of those 105 persons will be killed. With Christmas Day only a few hours away, those 19 smiling, happy, thankful people will lose their lives because of a second's carelessness on the part of themselves, or some other highway traveler.

In addition to this toll, hundreds of others will be injured in automobile accidents—many of them seriously—and many of them permanently. Because of a split second of carelessness, the joys of Christmas will be lost for these unfortunate persons.

In an effort to prevent these accidents, and to insure the safety of yourself and your loved ones, the Texas Safety Association asks that you follow these few simple rules: drive slowly at all times; use extra care when driving during bad weather; make sure that your automobile is in the proper mechanical condition; when driving at night, do not fail to dim your headlights when approaching oncoming traffic; obey all road signs, signals and markings; and do not attempt to drive your automobile if you have been

drinking, regardless of how small or how mild the drink might have been.

If a driver will obey these few simple rules, he will materially aid his chances of reaching his destination safely. The highway users of Texas should remove the thought from their minds that accidents are something which will always happen to the other fellow. They can happen to you. It is entirely probable that those people who will be killed in motor vehicle accidents during the Christmas holidays are thinking at this time, "I pity those unfortunate people, but I am a safe and careful driver, and this cannot happen to me." Such an attitude, coupled with a careless moment has cost the lives of many Texas citizens. We must take precautions if we expect to use the streets and highways during this crowded holiday season and to reach our destination safely.

In order that you may have a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year, your Texas Safety Association urges you to drive carefully and courteously—because **THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN.**

Denton Doings
Jerry Whitley

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Caldwell and daughter, Jennifer, and Mrs. H. W. Caldwell moved from the Denton community to Abilene the first of December. Mrs. H. W. Caldwell is a native of the Denton community. Their many friends at Denton miss them but wish them much happiness in their new home.

Sidney Johnston of Lamesa has recently taken charge of the Denton community store. Mr. Johnston was reared in the Denton community and is well known and liked by the people there. Mr. Johnston is assisted in the store by his sister, Mrs. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kendrick and daughter, Lynda Roy, of Denton Valley, and Miss Ouida Kendrick, of California are expecting to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hunt at Austin.

Renew your subscription today!



BRYAN SERVICE STATION

MOBILGAS — MOBILLOIL
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS



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

O'Shields Service Station

OPLIN, TEXAS



That you enjoy every moment of the festive season of Yule and that each moment be packed with health and happiness for all.

DEE PEEVY

OPLIN, TEXAS

ALL too often we forget to speak our thoughts of the fine people of this community whom it is our privilege to serve. Our good wishes are many, however, and we deeply appreciate your friendships and associations.



Merry Christmas

A. L. McGinnis Grocery

OPLIN, TEXAS



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with sincere appreciation for your continued patronage.

CITIZENS STATE BANK

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS



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



REESE MILLER GROCERY

Eula, Texas

A FRIENDLY GREETING



As you eagerly await the occasion of an enjoyable Season with your friends and family . . . we trust you will pause just long enough to accept these few words of Christmas cheer from the personnel of this firm.

To have served you in the past has been a decided privilege, prompting us to express a Christmas Greeting that carries with it our best wishes for the coming year. The friendships formed these past twelve months, combined with those other friendships of long standing, lead us to again renew our pledge of service.



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