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SWEET N' SOUR

By A. Dill

St. Valentine's Day arrives Tuesday next - carry your shillelagh when you open the mail box. Now that's a peculiar kettle of fish, isn't it? On a day dedicated to hearts and flowers and the gentler emotions, the new trend seems to be to take a verbal swat at someone. The old lace-paper and beribboned missives of love and affection have been replaced by misanthropic nightmares, so-called "referred to as contemporary valentines." However, if its any small token of comfort, they say that its an American tradition to speak the roughest to ones we like best. If you hear a person refer to another as a complete idiot, a dolt, or a goon - that's his best friend - it's when he uses terms of complete respect that you aren't we?

We had some lovely mail this week - the kind that makes you glad you are alive and hope you'll keep trying (in hopes of getting more letters someday). This one came from a dear friend - Jessie Powell of Abilene, who took time out in her busy world to say nice things that cheer and help you along the way. Jessie has always been that kind of person - one of the most completely unselfish people we've ever known, with time for family and friends and all the while making her own corner of the world a nicer place because she lives there.

Another sweet note came from Mrs. Virgil Jones - she's celebrating her 84th birthday Feb. 14th, and that makes her a real-for-sure Valentine. Mrs. Jones has a beautiful philosophy of life and cherishes her 84 years worth of memories, happy and sad, and never complains for she can always find more smiles than frowns, and maybe that's one reason we all love her.

February is a big month at the Bob Swinson home. On the 7th of this month, Bob reached the 50th milestone of his career as a barber here in Baird. If all the heads Mr. Swinson has shown in that half-century were counted, the total figure would be astronomical. Bob has served his community well and good, and we join the entire town in wishing him another 50 years (7 more) right here on Market Street where Swinsons Barber Shop is a landmark and a tradition.

As if a golden anniversary in the trade world wasn't enough to make the month special for the Swinsons, Feb. 16th will mark Mr. and Mrs. Swinson's 42nd wedding day celebration and the 12th will be the birthday of daughter Bobby Ruth Kelly. Two grandchildren celebrate February birthdays too, Clara Sue Kelly and the 17th and Sandra Jean Swinson on the 24th - congratulations and best wishes to the whole clan!

They're all smiles at Red and Leotis Meadows home - LeVone and Carroll Taylor have a brand new baby girl - Carolyn Janette - weighed in at 6 lbs, and was Feb. 1st. We'll all be awaiting a visit from the young lady.

Welcome to another bright new citizen - Dorothy and James Reynolds have a baby daughter - Ellen, born Jan. 30th. Now if she'll be as cute and sweet as that bouncing brother of hers, she'll "have it made." Ellen is Willie and Larmer Henry's newest grandbaby and they're proud as can be of the latest member of the tribe.

February is sort of big news all over Baird - Feb. 5th marked a special day for a special person - Homer Boatwright was 83 years old Sunday - our very best wishes to him. The Boatwrights, by the way, were kind enough to call this week to tell us of a note they had from Mrs. George G. (Katherine Boatwright) of San Diego, Calif., who reads the Star and likes it. We never tire of having news like that and Ed. Lynn Ault says its sweet music to him, too.

Feb. 9th was an extra special occasion for friends and family of Mrs. H. F. Foy - that dear one celebrated her 95th birthday. One of her friends told us - Mrs. Virgil Hill and we all join in wishing Mrs. Foy the "happiest day in all the world," and we want to remind her that its courage like she has that helps all of us. Best news possible dept. - Dr. Griggs is much improved and the gallant warrior is asking, no demanding, to come back home where his friends can visit him - and won't that be a real cause for celebrating when we can do just that?

Baird-Eula Basketball Friday Night at Eula

Baird's basketballers, both boys and girls, will meet Eula there Friday night for final District scheduled games.

Eula boys have already clinched the District crown, but if Baird girls can beat Eula, they will end in a tie, and a play-off will be held next week.

Coach Jefferies Grade School teams will be playing in the Cisco Tournament this week end, and will end their season here against Albany next Monday night, beginning at 6 p. m.

Jr. High Enrollment Climbs To 127

The Baird Junior High School enrollment is up to 127, which is higher than it has been for several years, according to Principal H. R. Jefferies.

For the third 6-weeks period, the Junior High had 98% daily attendance.

The following students made the honor roll for this period:
Sixth Grade: Hal Miller, Cathy Townsend, Ronald Coker, Tommy Bearden, Ricky Joy.

Seventh Grade: Sharon Young, Larry Towler, Dolores Batley and Patricia Fiedler.

Eighth Grade: Raymond O'Brian, Richie Crow, Sally Green, Sue Howard, Wally Harris, Suzee Foy, Sandra Cummings, Tommy Barton, Kelton Jones and Ilean McIntosh.

Tommy Sue Pruitt maintains that it wasn't exactly a fire at their home, but more of a "One-Cat alarm." Tommy gave a warm reception to a snow-bound kitten and the hot bricks she put in its bed brought on the fire which damaged the playhouse in the Pruitt yard - and anyway, the youngster was "being kind to animals," only next time she says she'll use asbestos which shows even a fire doesn't stop a real cat-lover, does it?

January brought special days to the Jaggers home - on the 28th Doug had a birthday, a 14th one - and on the 31st Ricky celebrated. Rick really "did it up brown" with a party for 16 of his playmates. Sixteen small boys can equal one tornado and three earthquakes and that's about what brother James figured when a covey 'n robbers game gave him a clobber on the top-knot and he came up with what might easily be the understatement of the year, "Mom, why don't we just say this party's over?"

Award of the week - Elsie Bowls has the cleanest fruit cake in town. Why? She laundered it, that's why! The cake, securely wrapped in its snowy cup-towel, went into the washer by mistake. The clothes in that laundry Mrs. Bowls will not vouch for, but the cake? It was immaculate!

Snowtime brought the February crop of snowmen into bloom and we saw a Jim dandy 'a' fella in Rea and Dana Corn's yard - a real work of art. The LaCour youngsters had a handsome one, too, and just across the street, Kay Gilbreath, the Coble children, and the Rosco Shelnuts had two very impressive Frodies. Wish we knew who built the nebish looking character that looked out from a yard on Highway 80 (Willy Lambert's old home), because he was a cracker-jack. Our own 'Mummy' tried her hand at snow sculpture and came up with a snow lady - and do you know, when Gladys Webster and Mate McClary complimented it, we all felt happy? Isn't it nice to live in a town where folks can call about things like snow men and all of us enjoy one another for the simple reason that we're friends?

Before we close, let's send a Valentine to a wonderful person - Miss Myrtle Gunn - despite a tragic accident that all but claimed her life - Miss Myrtle goes right on being the happiest person you'd ever care to know - loving people and being loved in return. One of our strongest memories of Miss Myrtle is the big, big Christmas tree at the Baptist church each year. She worked with fervor to make Christmas a happy time for children and any youngster who attended the tree, regardless of his own church affiliation, was never forgotten and he had a share in the gifts and festivities. To Miss Myrtle it's always been the person who counts and that we love one another not for what we are but just because we're all here and part of the "family." If that doesn't sum up Christianity, it comes close, doesn't it?

C. W. Sutphen Buys Interest In Premier Dealership Here

Curtis Sutphen, local insurance man, has purchased the interest of the late Medford Walker in the firm of Walker & Wristen, Premier dealers here. The new partnership will be known as Sutphen & Wristen.

YOUR Chamber of Commerce By DAVID NOBLE

Committees Snowbound
Committee meetings have been forced to be rescheduled because of the recent snowfall, but will soon resume where we left off. Some committee work has been done during this time even though regular meetings were not held.

Albany Chamber of Commerce Manager David Noble, Jon Hardwick and Charles Walker attended the Albany Chamber's annual banquet last week to hear former Texas Speaker of the House, Waggoner Carr. Chamber President Randall Jackson and Mrs. Jackson attended also, along with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McElroy. In his address, Carr urged full public participation in local, state and national government, reminding us of our responsibilities to the younger generations who must follow in our steps and reap what we sow. The address was good, as was the entire banquet.

We are looking forward to an even better banquet here in Baird on March 3rd. That is the date set by the Chamber directors for the Baird Chamber of Commerce's first annual banquet. The speaker, A. M. Ault, selected by the directors in special meeting last week, is a director of Western Natural Gas. Special committees are being organized for this occasion and will be published.

CORRECTION:
In the January 27th issue of The Star, a financial statement of the Putnam Common School District was printed, and one line in this statement was transposed. The statement read Total Disbursements, \$6,327.26, and should have read, Total Disbursements, \$43,119.77. The \$6,327.26 should have read Ending Balance Aug. 31, 1960.

We are very sorry for the error, and sincerely hope that it caused a minimum of confusion.

Groundwork Laid For New Study Club

The Organizational Committee of the Junior Wednesday Club met Thursday night, with a group of young women, to begin the groundwork of organizing a new club. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Ray Black, chairman of the Organizational Committee.

Seven potential members met and elected Mary Helen Jaggers as temporary president of the new club. Betty Hardwick was elected secretary.

Miss Jaggers appointed a committee, composed of Jean Smithson, Jo Ann Bryant, Jerry Andrews and Linda Lambert to compose Constitution and By-Laws.

First meeting of the new club will be held Monday night, Feb. 13, in the home of Linda Lambert, 316 Grand at 7:30 p. m. At this meeting a name will be selected for the club, constitution and by-laws adopted, and officers will be elected.

Bud Townsend To Announce Rodeo

Bud Townsend, who has announced several of the next Rodeos in Baird, has been contracted to be the announcer for the rodeo to be held in Baird on May 4, 5 & 6.

Mr. Townsend is now working on his Master's Degree at Baylor University, and we are most fortunate in being able to secure him during the school year.

SEN. CREIGHTON RECEIVES APPOINTMENTS

Sen. Tom Creighton of the 22nd Senatorial District, was appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections. He was also appointed to committees on Agriculture and Livestock, Claims, Constitutional Amendments, Insurance, Oil and Gas, Public Health, and State Affairs.

Mr. Sutphen is experienced in this line of business, having previously owned the same business, selling to Mr. Walker in 1945. For the past five and one-half years, Mr. Sutphen has been in the insurance business here, which he will continue to operate. Coming to Baird in 1922, he has been a continuous resident of this county, a booster for Baird, and active in many civic clubs and projects.

He is a member of the Lions Club, past president of the Lunch-Club, secretary of Baird School Board, a steward in the Methodist church, and a member of the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges in Baird.

He and his wife have three sons, two in school here, and one living in Monahan, where he is an engineer with Pan-American Oil Co.

1961 Football Schedule Complete

The Baird Bears football schedule for 1961 was announced this week by Coach Vernon Townsend.

The schedule shows 10 games, with an open date on Sept. 29. Ranger replaces Cooper for the Bears second game on Sept. 8th, and Rule replaces Robert Lee on Oct. 20.

The 1961 Schedule:
Sept. 1 - Cross Plains, there
Sept. 8 - Ranger, here
Sept. 15 - Trent, here
Sept. 23 - Clyde, there
Sept. 29 - Open
Oct. 6 - Merkel, there
Oct. 13 - Rising Star, here
Oct. 20 - Rule, here
Oct. 27 - May, there
Nov. 3 - Jim Ned, there
Nov. 10 - Gorman, here.

Mrs. Dolton Baker Honored at Tea

Mrs. Dolton Baker was honored with a bridal gift tea Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. W. A. Robbins. Mrs. Baker is the former Doris Strange.

Greeting guests at the door were Mrs. Robbins, the honoree, her mother, Mrs. C. D. Strange and Mrs. T. T. Baker, mother of the groom.

Beatrice Turner registered the guests. The table was laid with a white cloth, decorated with red hearts and centered with an arrangement of red and white flowers, flanked by red tapers. Appointments were of milk glass. Glenda Ricks and Dorthie McKinley presided at the table.

Other hostesses were Mmes. A. J. Pierson, Bob Jacobs, Hubert Ross, Don Smithson, Lynn Ault, Archie Nichols, Ota Johnson, Pete Neeb, Randall C. Jackson, Homer McIntosh, H. G. Hamrick, Frank Hodson, George Carille, Conley Pruitt, Bryan D. Brown, Fred DuPont and Misses Mary Helen Jaggers, Stella Ramirez, Peggy Payne and Ramona Lewis.

MYF CHILI SUPPER

The MYF of the Baird Methodist Church will sponsor a Chili Supper Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 6 to 8 p. m., at the church, and invite everyone to come and eat with them. Only 50c per bowl.

Putnam Wins 52-48 Over Bears Friday

James Isenhower racked up 20 points to pace the Putnam Panthers past the Baird Bears 52-48 at Putnam Friday night. In a District 18-B basketball game.

High for Baird was Tabor Bearden with 15.

Baird B girls took a 65-34 win over Putnam. Delores Bell made 24 for the visitors, and Carolyn White made 28 for Putnam.

David Neel To Wed Snyder Girl Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Rosen of Snyder are announcing the coming marriage of their daughter, Lynda Dianna, to David Lee Neel, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Neel of Baird.

Wedding vows will be exchanged Tuesday, February 14th, at 6:30 p. m. at the Union Methodist Chapel, Snyder.

Attending the National Beta Convention held in the Baker Hotel, Dallas, the past week end were Taber Bearden, president of the local Beta Chapter, Robert Martin, Tencil Scott, Glenda Ricks and Mrs. Blanton Freeland.

SNOW BLANKETS CALLAHAN COUNTY

City Makes Final Payment on Engine

In March, 1954, the City of Baird purchased a 1,400 horsepower General Motors Dual Fuel engine and a 1,000 KW generating unit, under a Refunding Revenue Bond program, bonds payable in 25 years.

In October, 1955, the City purchased a similar G. E. engine and generating unit, under a lease-purchase agreement, payable in 5 years, said payments were \$5,000.00 per month for three months, and \$1,800.00 per month for sixty months.

This month (February) the City will make the final payment on the lease-purchase engine and generating unit.

The electric load of the Municipal Power Plant has increased each year, and the City is considering purchasing another engine and generating unit in the near future, not only to maintain sufficient reserve power at all times, but to provide power for normal expansion in the future.

The Municipal Power Plant is the city's biggest asset, and has made it possible for the city to operate many years without increasing the tax rate. No tax bonds have been required since the plant started operation 20 years ago.

B Team Girls Win Baird Tournament

Baird girls were hosts for a basketball tournament here last week, featuring the B teams of this area, with Baird's B team copping the championship honors. Clyde girls won consolation honors, and Wylie took third place.

Play began Monday night with Anson meeting Clyde in the first game.

Monday night results:
Anson 30 - Clyde 25
Wylie 29 - Merkel 21
Baird B 56 - Eastland 38
Delores Bell of Baird scored 37 points in Monday's game.

Thursday night:
Eastland 33 - Merkel 32
Anson 41 - Baird C 27
Baird B 50 - Wylie 18
Miss Bell again scored 37 points.

Saturday night:
Clyde 59 - Eastland 34
Wylie 34 - Baird C 26
Baird B 48 - Anson 45
Delores Bell again led the scoring with 38 points, making her a total of 112 in three games.

Junior High Teams Defeat Cisco

The High School Cubs won the only game played last week, against Cisco. The boys won 34-27, while the girls edged Cisco 15-14.

The Cubs end their season next Monday night against Albany. This week end, both boys and girls teams are entered in the Cisco tournament and play their first games Friday night at 7:00 and 8:00 o'clock against the Cisco teams.

WILLINGHAM DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Willingham are announcing the birth of a daughter, Tuesday at 5:10 p. m. in Callahan County Hospital. She weighed 9 lbs. 2 1/2 ozs., and is named Sonia Kay.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Vines of Baird. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Welch of Abilene. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris of Baird, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Willingham of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ross of Marshall spent the week end with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ross.

Annual CC Banquet Set for March 3

Chamber of Commerce directors, in special meeting, selected the time, place and speaker for the first annual banquet of the Baird organization. The date is Friday March 3; the place is the school cafeteria and speaker is a prominent leader in Western Natural Gas, A. M. Ault.

This promises to be an exceptionally fine banquet. Committees have been selected, and further details will be published.

Bob Swinson Serves Friends 50 Years

On Feb. 7, 1911, a lad of 13 years, began working in a barber shop in Baird, owned by Jack Jones and Finis Watts. Today, fifty years later, the man is still at the same old stand, catering to the barbering wants of citizens of this area.

Bob Swinson, of Swinson's Barber Shop, celebrated his 50th year by doing what he has always done, cutting hair and shaving his friends. Bob says: "I'm either the oldest young barber, or the youngest old barber in Texas."

Mr. Swinson has been at the same location, except for a while at the May Hotel Barber Shop, just down the street. He says: "During the past 50 years, I've had only two 5-day vacations. I hope I can spend the next 50 years serving my friends in Baird and this area."

His many friends echo Mr. Swinson's wish. They appreciate his efforts to serve them, but they appreciate more his friendship with everyone who comes in, whether a customer or not.

SCOTT J. BAILEY RECEIVES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Representative Scott J. Bailey of Cisco, was named by Speaker James A. Turman as member of the following committees of the House of Representatives of the 57th Texas Legislature:

1. Agriculture; 2. Banks and Banking; 3. Education; 4. Game and Fisheries; 5. Municipal and Private Corporations.

Sneaker Turman said "Representative Bailey is a respected member of the House, and we expect him to work with energy and ability to do a good job for the people of Texas. I know he will conduct himself in such a way as to confirm the confidence I have in him as indicated by these responsible assignments."

Mr. Bailey is now serving his 1st term in the Legislature.

Linda Denny Wins Homemaking Award

Linda Sue Denny has been named the 1961 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Baird High School.

Having received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by graduating seniors, she becomes a candidate for the state Homemaker of Tomorrow award which will be announced in March.

Miss Denny will receive an award pin, manufactured by Jostens and representing the slogan "Home Is Where The Heart Is."

BAIRD WOMAN INDUCTED IN KAPPA DELTA PI

Mrs. Meba Jo Welch of Baird was one of 19 students inducted into membership of Kappa Delta Pi, at McMurry College recently. Ceremonies were held on January 31.

Mrs. Welch is the daughter of Mrs. Ellen Noonkester of Baird.

Snow, which began falling Sunday, following rain and sleet, blanketed Callahan County and all West Texas, from a depth of 4 inches to 9 and 10 inches. The south part of the county reported from 4 to 5 inches, Baird reported 6 1/2 and 7 inches and Clyde 8 to 9 inches. The Sweetwater-Colorado City area had 10 inches.

Much to the delight of the youngsters, all schools in the area were closed Monday and Tuesday, which gave them plenty of time for snowball fights, sled rides and snowmen.

Most motorists stopped traveling Monday and Tuesday as highways were covered with ice and snow. Highway 80 was kept open, but was very hazardous.

Tuesday's bright sun cleared most of the snow from the highways and streets, but the ground still had lots of snow.

Farmers and ranches say that the cold, even though no wind was blowing, was rough on stock, and rough on the men who had to feed. Pastures and fields are very wet, and according to them, we need sunshine and several days of it to let the small grain and grass grow.

Notice of Intention of The City of Baird, Texas, To Enter Into A Cooperation Agreement With The Housing Authority of The City of Baird, Texas.

Pursuant to a Resolution duly adopted on January 24, 1961, by the City Council of Baird, Texas.

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the City of Baird, Texas, to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Baird, Texas, and further:

Notice is hereby given that at the expiration of sixty (60) days from February 10, 1961, the City Council of the City of Baird, Texas, will consider the question of whether or not it will enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Baird, Texas. A copy of the proposed Cooperation Agreement is available for the inspection of the public at the office of the City Clerk during business hours.

This Notice is given and published pursuant to the Housing Cooperation Law of the State of Texas.

City Secretary,
James C. Asbury,
City of Baird,
Feb. 10 - 17

Contract Let For Road Construction

A contract for 14.7 miles of construction of F. M. Roads 830 & 1178 in Callahan County has been awarded to an Abilene firm, it was announced in Austin this week by the State Highway Commission.

J. H. Strain and Sons, Inc., submitted the low bid of \$239,986 on the project. Grading, structures, base & surfacing - F. M. 800 - from Putnam to 9.6 miles south, and F. M. 1178 - from 4.7 miles south of S. H. 36 to F. M. Road 604 is expected to take 140 working days, according to J. C. Roberts, District Highway Engineer at Abilene.

E. L. Harris, Resident Engineer at Abilene, will be in active charge of the project while it is under construction.

Ray Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lawrence, has enlisted in the Navy and left last week for the Naval Training Station in San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ringhoffer Jr. were in San Antonio Feb. 1st to attend a Texas Sales meeting. While the men were in meeting, the ladies were entertained by a tour of historic spots in that city. Chet Huntley and Bill Malone, of NBC's Huntley-Brinkley Texaco News, were featured on night program.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

This Bank will not be open for business

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1961

Lincoln's Birthday

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Clyde Wins Over Santa Anna

Johnny Paylor led the Clyde Bulldogs to their seventh District 10-A basketball victory at Santa Anna Friday night over the Mountaineers, 58-37.

Paylor scored 23 points for game honors while J. C. Bible tallied 13 for the Mountaineers.

Clyde is leading the district chase with a 7-0 record, while Santa Anna is 1-6.

Clyde won the B team game 23-16. Santa Anna's girls, with Judy Bryan scoring 45 points, beat the Clyde girls, 84-67. Linda Kemper scored 35 points for Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Crawford of Tulla spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hays.

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Jolly-Manning Vows Read in Midland

Frances Jolly and Jerry Manning were united in marriage last Thursday, Feb. 2, in Midland. Rev. Travis LaDuke, minister of the Wilshire Park Baptist church read the ceremony in his home in Midland.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jolly of Clyde, and the groom, the son of Mrs. Dell Manning of Midland.

For her wedding, the bride chose a white linen dress with pearl accessories. Her corsage was a white orchid and her bouquet, white carnations.

The bride attended Clyde High School. The groom is with the Medical Dept., U. S. Navy, stationed in Norfolk, Va., where the bride will join him later.

WAGGONER-HENSON RITES HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Emily Waggoner and Ray Henson were married last Friday night, Feb. 3rd, at the home of Otta Johnson, Church of Christ minister of Baird.

Mrs. Waggoner is the daughter of Mrs. Annie Batley and Gall Batley, and Mr. Henson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Henson, all of Clyde.

They will make their home in Baird where Mr. Henson is employed at Reeves Lumber Co.

City Election Tuesday, April 4

Mayor and two Councilmen will be elected in Clyde, on Tuesday, April 4th, 1961. Terms of Mayor R. L. Lunceford, Councilman Harold Holden and John Estes will expire at that time.

Holdover Councilmen are G. E. Eager, Bill Shelton and L. M. Green.

Deadline for signing candidacy blanks is 30 days before election, or March 4th, according to the State Election Laws.

Dr. John Stevens Is Club Speaker

Clyde Study Club was host for a Community Affairs Tea, held at Clyde Methodist Church last Thursday, Feb. 2nd.

Guest speaker was Dr. John Stevens, assistant to the president of Abilene Christian College. He spoke on Community Affairs, and stressed cooperation of each and everyone in assuming their part in creating a better community.

Mrs. Odum played the organ during the tea hour. About 35 members and guests were present.

Bridal Shower Honors Mrs. Buford Welch

Mrs. Buford Welch was honored with a bridal shower Thursday evening, Feb. 2nd, at the home of Mrs. Clifford Rhoden. Besides Mrs. Rhoden in the receiving line were Mrs. J. T. Welch, mother-in-law of the honoree, the honoree and her mother, Mrs. W. R. Darnell.

Mrs. Raymond Kemper presided at the register. Mrs. L. G. Nixon poured. Mrs. W. T. Nixon Jr. served cake. Mrs. George Lee and Mrs. Gene McKinney presented the gifts.

The Valentine motif was carried out in all decorations. The table was laid with white linen cloth, centered with a red satin heart, overlaid with white net and flanked with white candles and red and pink roses. The white cake was decorated with a red heart and red roses, and served with red punch. The honoree wore a red corsage, and the mothers wore white corsages.

Hostesses were Mmes. W. T. Swope Jr., L. G. Nixon, Raymond Kemper, Von Ray McClure, C. J. Lloyd, G. B. Broyles, John Smith, W. B. Splawn, A. H. Hagar, Clifford Rhoden, all of Clyde, and Mmes. George Lee and Gene McKinney of Abilene.

SON BORN SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Farmer are the proud parents of a son born Sunday at 6 p. m. They have named him Justin Edwin, and he weighed in at 9 pounds. The Farmers have three daughters.

Harry Halle of Monahans visited his sister, Mrs. Bill Caperton and Mr. Caperton last week before re-enlisting in the Army in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Caperton Jr. of Abilene visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Caperton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mayfield returned from Dublin Tuesday where they attended the funeral of her brother, B. F. Word, who died of a heart attack. Mr. Word was a long-time business man in Dublin.

Barbara Murry Weds Kenneth Faulkner

Barbara Lee Murry and Kenneth Ray Faulkner exchanged wedding vows at 7 o'clock Saturday evening in double ring rites read in the First Baptist Church of Clyde.

Rev. James Alexander of Abilene, retired Baptist minister, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murry. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Faulkner of Fort Worth.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal gown of white net and lace over taffeta with long lace sleeves and scalloped neckline. The bouffant skirt of tiers of net was overlaid with bridal lace.

Her fingertip veil of illusion was caught to a tiara of seed pearls. She wore a single strand of pearls and carried a bouquet of white gladioli atop a white Bible.

Honor attendants were Albert Abraham of Fort Worth and Mrs. Jerry Powers of Abilene. Linda Kemper was bridesmaid.

Jerry Poyers and Jerry Murry, both of Abilene, were ushers. Groomsman was Dwain Murry of Abilene, brother of the bride.

Candles were lighted by Wayne Patterson Day and Bruce Saunders of Comanche. Mrs. J. B. Paylor, organist, and Gall Webb, of Abilene, soloist, presented wedding music.

The bride's attendants wore identical street length dresses of pink polished cotton with three quarter length sleeves and square necklines. Headresses of pink flowers held their veils of pink net. They carried bouquets of white carnations.

Members of the houseparty at the reception held in the church fellowship hall were Joyce Presley, Judy Earls, Mrs. Gary Crane and Mrs. Jerry Carter, of Abilene, and Mrs. Billy Ray Cullen.

For traveling to Fort Worth where the couple will reside, the bride chose a blue knit suit. Her corsage was from her bridal bouquet.

The bride was graduated from Clyde High School in 1959 and from Scoggins Academy of Beauty in 1960. Her husband attended Pecos High School and is employed by Worth Food Mart in Fort Worth.

Dinner guests Sunday night of Mrs. Lillian Fewell were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Q. Evans of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkinson and Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilkinson and Paul, all of Abilene.

Mrs. O. J. Young and Mrs. Leslie Hays visited Mrs. R. M. Pyeatt, Mrs. Callie Marshall, Mrs. T. O. Dulaney and Mrs. John Robbins last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Reynolds of Abilene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Scarborough Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Havins and children, of San Angelo, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rhoden.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Caperton, Sr., visited his sister, Mrs. Ben Reeves and Mr. Reeves, and a brother Emmett Caperton and Mrs. Caperton at Bronte last week.

Mrs. J. D. Mauldin of Fort Worth, visited her brother, A. W. Hickey and Mrs. Hickey over the week end.

Winner Announced In Clyde Hobby Show

Mrs. Paul Shanks was reelected president of the Thursday Club of Clyde, when it met in the home of Mrs. Benton Pruet. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Benton Pruet, vice president; Mrs. Ferrell Newton, secretary; Mrs. Dan South, recording secretary; Mrs. Joe South, reporter; Mrs. Jewel Swanzy, treasurer; yearbook committee: Mmes. R. T. Walls, James Dennis and W. A. Cook.

The club voted to purchase folding chairs for the Lions Club Community Center.

The Hobby Show, sponsored by the Club, was held Feb. 1st, with 115 entries in 11 divisions. Winners were:

Dolls - Tie, Linda Campbell and Haroldine Trussell.

What-Nots - 1st, Marie Canada; 2nd, Linda Cloud

Unique - 1st, Tom Spears; 2nd, Geary Crutsinger.

Rocks - 1st, Roberta Scott; 2nd, Andy Koneczak.

Shells - 1st, Steven Kniffen; 2nd, Joe Ramos.

Coins - Ricky Nance; 2nd, Peggy and Sandy Antilley.

Antiques - 1st, Pat Barnes; 2nd, Stanley Canada.

Stamps - 1st, Casey Welch; 2nd, Starr Alexander.

General Division - 1st, Ginger Bailey; 2nd, Bruce Cordova.

Creative & Arts - 1st, Gall Vinson; 2nd, Lannie Spurgess.

Construction - 1st, Janet Vicars; 2nd, Robert Loper.

Parent-Teacher Club

Clyde Parent-Teacher Club met February 1st, with the president, Mrs. J. B. Easterling, presiding.

The Clyde Thursday Club sponsored the Hobby Show and Mrs. Paul Shanks, president, reported 11 divisions with 115 entries.

Room count was won by Mrs. Walls fourth grade and the Senior class.

Vehicle Licenses Now On Sale

February and March is the renewal period for motor vehicle license plates in Texas, announces State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer.

Texans will notice a newly designed license plate for 1961. A different style of letters and numerals have been used to make the plate more readable from a distance. Black letters and numerals on a white background is the color scheme for 1961.

A new numbering system will be used for some classifications such as trailers, truck tractors and buses. These classifications will have a one-letter prefix with from two to five digit numerals. For example: a trailer number could be A-10 or A-12345. The numbering system for other classifications will remain the same as 1960. The change in the system was brought about by the ever increasing number of registered vehicles in Texas.

The Texas Highway Department estimated that vehicle registration in Texas for 1960 will total 4,800,000. This places Texas third in the nation in registered vehicles following California and New York.

"Texans should reach the seven million mark by the end of this decade," Greer said. "There are more vehicles in Texas today than there were Texans in 1920 and the percent of increase in motor vehicles in Texas in the last four decades is twenty times the percent of increase in population. There are two Texans for every Texas registered motor vehicle."

Greer stressed the importance of registering all automobiles and trucks in the county of the vehicle owner's residence.

"Do not ask the County Tax Collector to violate the law. He is required to demand to see your certificate of title and 1960 license receipt before he can issue your 1961 plates."

The penalty for operating a vehicle without home-county license plates is the same as operating a vehicle with no plates at all. Court fines can be as much as \$220, plus being required to register in the home county with a 20 percent penalty of the annual fee. Refunds cannot be granted for the illegal plates. Owners registering illegally in 1961 can expect to face court charges.

"Don't risk an illegal registration," Greer urged. "Remember, too, that a portion of all registration fees stays in your home county to benefit your local community."

Mrs. Clarence Thornbrough and little daughter Kay, of Abilene, spent last Tuesday with her aunt, Mrs. Leslie Hays.

Johnny Poole and John Smith of Fort Worth, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Poole.

Oplin Observations

The official weather report for Oplin is the same song, and the second verse - more snow and more of it! To be exact, about 4 inches of snow fell Sunday, Monday and Monday night.

Mrs. Violet West, who is at present working at the cafeteria at McMurry College, was home last Friday and visited most of the day with friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Floyd and her father, W. S. Barrett of Lawn visited Ray's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Barnard last Friday night. Other visitors in the Barnard home were his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barnard of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Hill White of Abilene.

Two year old Carol Hudson of Abilene was visiting last Saturday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Swope Jr., and Mark, visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Swope of Austin over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Simmons returned home Sunday after a week's visit in Big Spring with friends and relatives.

MRS. LELA ROSE JOLLY DICK IN NATIONAL SOCIETY HONOR

Mrs. Lela Rose Jolly Dick, of Eula, was one of 19 students recently inducted into membership of Kappa Delta Pi at McMurry College. Ceremonies installing the students into the national honorary education society were held January 31.

A senior English major, Mrs. Dick is a member of Sigma Delta, English society. Her minor is German. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reo Jolly of Eula.

JOYCE KNIFFEN DISCHARGED FROM TRC AT GONZALES

Joyce Kniffen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kniffen, Rt. 1, Baird, was discharged Jan. 20th from The Texas Rehabilitation Center, Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Thompson
visited last week with their chil-
dren, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thomp-
son in Midland and Mr. and Mrs.
W. Tucker and children in
Lubbock.

Pfc. Le Coley, U. S. Marine
Corps, who recently spent a 20-
day leave here with his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coley, has
completed his advanced training
at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He re-
turned to San Diego where he
will begin a 9-month course in
the Electrical School.

I Give You Texas . . .

By **BOYCE HOUSE**
Tradition says that, at one
time, the largest town between
Fort Worth and El Paso was
Thurber.

Now a "ghost town," Thurber
in its heyday, was the center of
a district which gave employ-
ment to several thousand coal
miners. So important was the
Thurber mining industry that
Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candi-
date for president, spoke there;
and, on one occasion, a young
leader of the national miners'
union, John L. Lewis, conferred
with officials of the Texas Pacific
Coal Company, which owned the
Thurber mines.

The town began to decline
about the time that oil was dis-
covered at Ranger in the fall of
1917. This flush field, and other
oil fields, provided a cheaper fuel
for the T & P Railway, which had
been the chief customer for
Thurber's coal. A strike, too, at
about this time aggravated the
situation and mining came to a
halt, never to be resumed on a
scale of any importance.

In 1921, when this writer went
to Eastland to edit the Daily Oil
Belt News, Thurber (25 miles to
the east) was still a sizeable and
active place. The town continued
to be the headquarters of the
company, renamed Texas Pacific
Coal and Oil, and this concern
conducted extensive oil opera-
tions in Eastland, Stephens and
other counties. Also the company
was operating a large brick plant

at Thurber. The workers in this
plant and the large force in the
company's general office gave
Thurber a substantial popula-
tion.

The stores were company-own-
ed; in fact, the whole town was
owned by the company, includ-
ing the hotel, country club, base-
ball park, a lake, residences oc-
cupied by executives and cot-
tages tenanted by workers. The
business buildings were of brick,
giving the downtown a hand-
some appearance, and the stores
were well stocked. On Saturdays,
the business section was busy.
And there was plenty of activity
in Thurber on Saturday nights,
too.

At least a thousand persons
still lived in the town at that
time. The miners had come from
half a dozen countries, chiefly
in Southern Europe, and many
of them were residing in Thurber
in 1921, and even for some time
after that. They spoke the lan-
guages, they maintained the cus-
toms, sang the songs and danced
the dances of their native coun-
tries. Festivals were frequent
and colorful. And those Saturday
nights were gay occasions, too,
with the celebrants having fights
or a knifing or, even, now and
then a killing.

For, despite the fact that na-
tional prohibition then was the
law, they were able to obtain
wine and beer by the simple
process of making their own. The
wine was called "grappa" and
the brew was known as "choc"
beer. The products, especially the
beer, were sold to visitors from
Ranger, Eastland, Cisco and
other towns. That choc beer was
quite powerful -- so I was told.

The Thurber country club was
the scene of one of the leading

annual golf tournaments of West
Texas and the Thurber baseball
team was probably the best in all
its region. The team was compos-
ed of young college stars, who
were provided jobs by the com-
pany in order to maintain their
amateur status, and by older
players good enough for "pro"
ball. I used to attend the games.
They were played on Sunday af-
ternoon before a crowd of a
thousand or so and there was a
brass band that performed be-
fore and, sometimes, during the
game. One season, after Texas
League play was over, a team of
Texas League all stars invaded
Thurber to meet a nine compos-
ed of the best in the Oil Belt,
and the large stands were not
adequate for the throng.

The fatal blow to Thurber
came when the company moved
its headquarters to Fort Worth
and the brick plant went out of
existence. Houses were sold, to
be moved away, and what had
been blocks and blocks of homes
went back to grass, cactus and
mesquite. Today, a few residen-
ces and three or four brick build-
ings, one of them a filling sta-
tion, remain--as well as a grace-
ful, 100-foot smokestack made of
Thurber brick. These -- and the
half cut-away sides of two hills
from which the brick clay was
taken; and the piles of earth
and waste beside the forever-
sealed mines are the only re-
minders of the once-proud Thur-
ber, which claimed close to
10,000 inhabitants.

IT'S THE LAW In Texas . . .

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS
The law allows a business a
wide choice of ways to set itself
up, to finance and manage itself.
You may have sole ownerships,
partnerships, joint ventures, cor-
porations; and within these clas-
ses you have many different
forms.

To meet modern business con-
ditions, to get full tax advantage,
and to protect investors, for ex-
ample, the law provides many
ways for a company to finance
itself, and these, in turn, in-
fluence the kind of management
it can have, and the way it con-
ducts its affairs.

We sometimes speak of "stocks
and bonds," for example, as if

they were one and the same.

But when you buy a share of
stock in a company, you "own"
an "undivided" part of every-
thing it owns, but no particular
piece of its property.

But what do you have when you
buy a corporation's bond or de-
benture? You own nothing of the
company. Instead you are lending
money which it promises to pay
back with interest when your
bond "matures."

Unlike a stockholder, a bond-
holder as a rule has little to say
directly about who manages and
how he manages the company.
Remotely a bond buyer by with-
holding or lending money may
influence a company's ability to
expand. The bondholder gets only
his interest payments, which
come before the stockholder's
"dividends," since he takes less
of a risk than the stockholder.

Thus if the corporation quits
or goes bankrupt, it must pay the
bondholders off before the stock-
holders get anything.

Where does the "preferred
stock" come in? As a rule, pre-
ferred stockholders collect a five
dividend -- after the bondholders
are paid but before the "com-
mon" stockholders get anything.
There are many kinds of preferred
stock arrangements. But in re-
turn for their first chance at the
profits the preferred stockholders
often give up any voting rights
or ability to control the company
directly.

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It takes strength to rise out of back alleys. Perhaps more strength than a boy has alone. Perhaps a strength that can be found only in Faith.

Those who have Faith should share it. Working through your Church or Synagogue, you can help erase the trouble zones one by one. Goodness takes strength. Strength needs Faith. Faith grows through worship.

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Why Should We Want To Escape?

A visiting sociologist from Europe recently asked a colleague this question: "What are you Americans trying to do--entertain yourselves to death?" He was referring to a national phenomenon which has worried many Americans considerably--the mad desire to "live it up" as the saying goes, which blunts and almost obscures our serious national purpose.

The American answered: "No, it's not that--it's our passion for escape."

The European was shocked. "Escape!" he exclaimed. "What silliness is this? You have the richest, most bountiful civilization in history. You have the most satisfying way of life in the world. Yet, to hear you talk, all you want to do is escape."

That reaction may well be given serious thought. Just what are we up to in America, anyway?

The ancient Romans used to say: "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." This was the pagan philosophy in capsule form--and, on the morrow, Rome died.

We talk about escape reading--escape pleasures. What do most Americans think we have here, a Siberia?

It is not probable that--like softened civilizations before us--we have allowed ourselves to be tempted into a glut of pleasure simply because so much pleasure is made available to us? It is not possible that we have kept sopping up extraneous pleasures, while across the world another culture sternly sticks to its labors and devotes as little time as possible to pleasure-seeking while it works to topple us and the rest of the free world.

Things used to be different. This country made its reputation through the sweat of its brow. It became great through industry which, at the time of our most sensational progress, was contrasted with the pleasure-seeking courts of Europe. Now that we have gained the summit, we should heed the advice of John Ruskin: "The greatest efforts of the race have always been traceable to the love of praise; as its greatest catastrophes to the love of pleasure."

In the United States we have succeeded so well in our production of ease that we have overshot the mark. We have developed a breed of people who have become mired down emotionally in a bog of superfluous pleasure. We actually have to give some people occupational therapy, work medicine, to restore their mental and emotional health.

Dr. Samuel Johnson, two hundred years ago, said: "Labor, if it were not necessary to the existence, would be indispensable to the happiness of man."

This is true. Why, we do not know. It is something that Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, built into us. We see the need all around us--the jaded emptiness of people who get too much and give too little--the nightclub neurotic, the painful playboy, the worried wastrel.

God has built into each of us a personal evaluator just as He built into us a conscience. It counts up all the factors and decides accurately and objectively whether we have actually earned our pleasure. If the answer is yes, we enjoy pleasure wholeheartedly. If the answer is no, no matter how much money we spend, no matter how much we gorge and glut ourselves, we shall be unhappy. This is a verdict we pass upon ourselves.

At this moment we are engaged in a great world contest for the minds of men--the respect and confidence of the non-committed, who are grouped in the strategic areas of the world. Our success or failure will determine the eventual fate of the world. The victory--if it is to be won--will not be won by free-loading or by yielding to the national danger of seeking pleasure at any and all costs. The victory will have to be earned if it is to be won--and this is a time for each of us to examine our conscience to see if we are pulling our weight.

We may well be "living it up" so hard that it will be the death of our Nation and our freedom. Our Mistaken enemies are watching--and working.

It would be ironic indeed, if because we have so much in America, we should lose everything. It would be tragic if the quest for pleasure and widespread apathy toward freedom's plight should deny to our children the blessings of liberty bestowed upon us by the Founding Fathers. We must determine that this will not be allowed to happen in the America we love.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

TAYLORS INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. (Slim) Taylor and Mr. Taylor's sister, Mrs. Lottie Bonney, were involved in an automobile accident near Laurel, Mississippi, last Thursday.

Mrs. Bonney was fatally injured. Mrs. Taylor has both arms and one leg broken. She is in the Jones County-Community Hospital in Laurel, Miss. Mr. Taylor received minor cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Bonney had been visiting her brother, and they were taking her home when the accident occurred. Funeral for Mrs. Bonney was held Sunday at Laurel.

JOHN DEERE DAY

Shackelford Implement Store will observe John Deere Day Saturday. Coffee and doughnuts will be served throughout the day and a movie will be shown at the school auditorium Saturday night.

Everyone is urged to be present.

The Chili Supper, held in the lunch room last Tuesday evening for the March of Dimes, was highly successful. About \$725.00 was taken in.

A few containers left in the stores have to be picked up before we know the exact total.

PERSONALS

Dr. Royce Pruet and family of Abilene were Saturday afternoon visitors with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Pruet.

Vernon Donaway underwent surgery at the Veterans Hospital in Dallas Friday. He is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle are in Odessa visiting their daughters, Mrs. R. C. Coats and Mrs. H. E. Donaway and families.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Daniel of Rotan were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Harris.

Dr. Frank Sunderman of Sinton spent the week end with his father, E. E. Sunderman. Mrs. Frank Sunderman and son Mark, returned home with him, after spending a week with Mr. Sunderman.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Donaway and son, of Odessa, returned home Sunday after spending a week with his mother, Mrs. Vernon Donaway.

Craig and Jeri Pruet of Clyde spent Friday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pruet.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon of the Sabanno community were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brandon.

Mrs. Early Hurst left Friday by bus for Beaumont, where she will spend a month or more with her daughter, Mrs. Alma Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Subank were visitors in Baird Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Overton of Sweetwater were week end guests of Tom Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Everett and sons of Colorado City were week end visitors with their parents, the W. A. Everetts and the Fred Cooks. They started home Sunday, and due to the weather, were marooned in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl White and son, of Clyde, were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee White.

Putnam school closed Tuesday, due to bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Pruet went to Fort Worth Monday to a cattle sale.

Union Usuals and Unusuals

By Veda Yarbrough.

Hi neighbor! How do you like this weather. This is Sunday night and it rained, sleeted and snowed all last night and today and still snowing.

I did not go to Sunday School and church today, I thought it too bad. John came for me and I spent the day with them. It looks now that it will be a rough night on cattle.

I spent Thursday night, Friday and Saturday night with Fay and Emmitt Wood in Cisco. We went over to see Lula and Dock Isenhower, but they were not home.

Mark and Ollie Burnam went to Abilene Thursday to help Retha and Bill move into their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dean and Jeanie visited Friday night with Burette and Johnny May Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bynum of Moran visited one night last week with Burette and Johnny May Ramsey.

We are so sorry to hear of the accident Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had last Thursday night. It happened in Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were taking Mr. Taylor's sister home, and were in about 20 miles of their destination when they hit a slick spot in the road and wrecked. Mrs. Taylor had both arms and one leg broken, and Mr. Taylor's sister was killed. Mr. Taylor suffered some cuts and bruises and a bad state of shock. We hope the best for Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

I spent last Tuesday night with Mark and Ollie Burnam.

Sorry I wasn't home Wednesday noon when Holmes Wood and family came by to see me.

Burette, Johnny May and I visited a while last Wednesday evening with Mrs. Mary Ramsey after prayer meeting.

Good morning, this white Monday morning. Don't know how deep the snow is, but everything is covered. If I wasn't such a big coward, I would go down and have a snowball fight with Mark Burnam, but I know I would get the worst end of the fight, so guess I will just sew a little today. So be good and I'll be seeing you.

Rowden Round-Up

By Mrs. B. Crow

Monday evening, and its still snowing. We have about 6 inches on the ground, and the weather man says its to snow more tonight. Sure rough on the stock, also the ones that have to be out feeding and caring for them.

Mrs. Vonelle Gibbs spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds, who have a new baby girl, born Jan. 31st. She was named Ellen Anne. The Reynolds also have a little son Jimmie, who is one year old.

Mr. and Mrs. Vonelle Gibbs visited Walter Jones, Oscar Jones and Mrs. Walter Odell Monday of last week.

Sorry to hear of the death of Hubert Betcher, of Brownfield, formerly from Dudley. Our sympathy goes out to the families of the bereaved.

Tuesday morning -- my its good to see the sun shining. Lets hope it continues.

Atwell News

By Mrs. Roy Tatom

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster attended the Farm Bureau meeting at Rowden Monday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatom in Baird Tuesday night of last week.

Mrs. Merlin Hutchins and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom last Monday night and Tuesday.

The weather was so bad Sunday there were no church services here.

Mrs. Nathan Foster, Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom and Kim were in Abilene Thursday.

Robert Brasher, of Cross Plains was out at his farm Sunday morning and visited a while with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom.

Howard Pillans of Abilene, Roy Neil Tatom and Nathan Foster visited a while Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dean at Pioneer Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sessions and son, of Midland, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Sessions over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dewbre of Cross Plains visited Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hutchins Sunday.

Mrs. Dwight Black, Barbara and Loy Don were in Brownwood Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewes and Mrs. Vee Maher were in Abilene Saturday.

Buster Black, Jim Hewes, Mr. and Mrs. David Foster and Dwight Black went to the Eastland Auction Sale last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Tatom and boys, Mrs. Ethel Clark, of Cross Plains, visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom Sunday afternoon.

ADMIRAL NEWS

By Ann Smith

Bro. and Mrs. Ted Johnston and family were dinner guests in the Wendell Smith home last Sunday.

H. F. (Hop) Summers has been in the hospital, but is at home and doing better now. Gary Childers spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith.

We are sorry to hear about Mr. and Mrs. Taylor having a wreck. They were on their way to Laurel Miss., where they were to spend a week or more.

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Cottonwood News

By Hazel I. Respass

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Myrick spent Monday night of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Danny Myrick in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lemonds of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Fulton and Mrs. Mark Hogbin Sunday and Monday.

The Methodist pastor, Rev. Wayne Reid, entered the hospital in Abilene Friday. Rev. Church, a student at McMurry College, came to fill his place, but only two members present.

Mrs. Stella Davidson and Mrs. Reese Tye of Abilene, visited their father J. H. Coats last week. J. H. Coats entered Callahan County hospital in Baird Saturday night, for medical treatment.

Rev. Cox failed to make it down Sunday, due to bad roads and weather, from Abilene.

There will be a Training Union class at the Cross Plains church Feb. 13 through 17. Members of this church are scheduled to attend at the Baptist Church, as per Rev. Dale Cain.

All services at the three churches were cancelled Sunday night because of snow covered roads.

Highway Safety Rules A II Should Observe

The shame maddening lust for power and lack of concern for others leads to tragedy and enduring pain and suffering on the highway as it does in the search for personal peace and salvation, said J. O. Musick, General Manager of the Texas Safety Association.

Musick paid tribute to the growing interest in safety by religious leaders throughout the state. "This interest is quite understandable," he said. "It is the religious leaders who are constantly in touch with people who are involved in tragedy, sickness, death, mental distress, and personal anguish."

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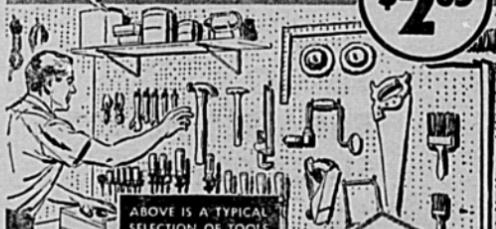
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