

March Of Dimes Campaign To Begin Saturday, Jan. 2

Mrs. Katherine Hinds, County Campaign Director for the March of Dimes, announced today that plans were complete for the drive, beginning Saturday, January 2. In charge of the fund drive in the various county communities are:

- Maurine Eubanks, Admiral
- Mrs. Bill Pope, Atwell
- Russell Warren, Baird
- H. E. Swofford, Clyde
- Mrs. Norman Coffey, Cottonwood
- Mrs. Fred Cutbirth, Cross Plains
- Mrs. E. E. Durham, Oplin
- Maurine McCollum, Pueblo
- Mrs. Fred Heyser, Putnam
- Mrs. Bernard Crow, Rowden
- Bill Ford, Eula
- Mrs. S. N. Dunlap, Belle Plain
- Mrs. Selan Canada, Midway
- Mrs. Fred Stacy, Dressey
- Mrs. Earl Spurrier, Lannam
- Mrs. Esker Crawford, Denton
- Mrs. Finley Coughran, Dudley
- Mrs. Henry Bailey, Hart

Last year Callahan County raised \$2,699.90 in the March of Dimes campaign. One half of this amount, \$1,349.95 was retained in Callahan County. Care and treatment of patients last year amounted to \$3,882.82, and the local chapter received \$3,600.00 from National Headquarters. According to officials, the local chapter now has \$1,300.00 in unpaid bills.

So before you give, look around and think of those who have been aided by your March of Dimes contributions. It will take more in '54.

Former Clyde Man's Rites Held

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Dec. 24, at Texas City for J. E. Conlee, 46, former resident of Clyde who died Tuesday night in a Texas City hospital.

Mr. Conlee was taken to the hospital last Wednesday after suffering a heart attack. He suffered a second heart attack at 9 p. m. Tuesday and died at 10:20 p. m.

Born in Callahan County, Mr. Conlee was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Conlee. He attended school in Clyde. About 15 years ago he moved to Texas City three years ago.

Mr. Conlee worked for Monsanto Chemical Company in Texas City. He was off duty from the plant at the time of the disastrous explosion in April, 1947.

He was a member of the Texas City Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Nella Jo, Sarah Kay and Delores Ann Conlee; one brother, Otis Conlee of Clyde; six sisters, Mrs. Jim Burleson of Del Rio, Mrs. Thomas Waggoner of LaMarque, Mrs. Homer Price and Mrs. Odessa Brown, both of Hobbs, N. M., Mrs. Della Waggoner of Baird, and Miss Myrtle Conlee of Abilene.

Clyde Boy Enters Steer At Houston

Winford Gardner of Clyde has entered a Hereford steer in the Junior division of the 1954 Houston Fat Stock Show, to be held February 3 through 14.

A bumper number of entries have been made in the fat steer classification, John Kuykendall, manager of the Livestock Department said.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norrell spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Amarillo.

Roy Denney and daughter, Linda Sue, visited his mother in Springtown on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robbins and son visited friends and relatives in Barnhart during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pruet of Putnam spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Benton Pruet and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimmell of Houston spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Walls enjoyed having their children and grandchildren with them for Christmas. They were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis and boys of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Walls of Falfurrias; Mr. and Mrs. James Walls of Hobbs, N. M.; George Walls of Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Bill H. Walls and children of Baird and Gayle also of Baird.

The Jackie Benson family of Hart visited relatives and friends here during Christmas.

Goodfellows Thankful For Cooperation

The Goodfellows wish to express their thanks for the fine cooperation they received during the 1953 Christmas Season. Nearly every Church, Lodge and Club in Baird cooperated in finding those in need, and in ascertaining their condition. From the Clubs, three were given special assignments.

The Lions Club was asked to raise all the funds needed. Their drive was well received, the people of Baird donating \$221.00. With the old balance, the Goodfellows had about \$280.00 to work with. The Lions also donated about \$15.00 worth of toys.

The Wednesday Club was assigned to do all the buying, and the Junior Wednesday Club to pack and distribute. Both Clubs responded and did their jobs well. Next year, it is planned to assign these jobs to other organizations in town.

Clyde Cub Pack Reorganized Dec. 14

Cub Pack 27 of Clyde was reorganized on Monday, December 14. The Clyde P-TA will be the sponsoring group, giving their formal approval at their Dec. meeting.

Adult leadership of the pack is as follows:

Institutional Representative - Ray A. Fox; Chairman of Committee - Frank Konczak; Committee members - Clint Brannon, W. A. Cook, Jr., V. R. McClure, Frank Markwood; Cubmaster - E. G. Walker. Walker was the cubmaster of the former pack and was glad the community had expressed the interest necessary to reactivate Cubbing.

Den Mothers - Mrs. K. C. McCasland, Mrs. H. A. Callaway, Mrs. W. A. Cook, Jr., Mrs. Ray A. Fox.

Boys that are Charter Members: Wayne Morrow, Alton Brannon, Bob Loyd, Kenneth Fox, Tommy Scott, Johnny Walker, Von Ray McClure, Rubbins Markwood, Tommy Cook, Gan Poole, Bart Brannon, Merton Fewell, Kenny McCasland, Morris Callaway and Andy Konczak.

The pack will meet regularly on the fourth Monday evening of each month in the Community Center.

R. L. Hurst, District Scout Executive, was present at the meeting to assist the group in its reorganization and stated that he believed the Pack to be in much better condition than in the past due to the increased interest of those parents present.

Callahan Area Due Wildcat

Johnson & Warren, Cisco, staked No. 1 S. E. Edwards as a 1,450-foot wildcat in Callahan County five miles south of Clyde.

Location is 150 feet from the north and 1,850 feet from the east lines of the southeast quarter of Section 18, BBB&C Survey.

H. A. Swan, et al, No. 2 Neal Heirs, G. W. Denton Survey 360, two miles southeast of Dudley, has been completed for a daily guage of 30 barrels of 39 gravity oil and 50 per cent water, pumping from 12 perforators at 1,751-53 feet. Casing was set at 1,775 feet, total depth.

A. T. Halbert, Stamford, staked three projects in the Three Aces Field.

No. 10 John F. Berry is to be 2,468 feet from the north and 824 feet from the east lines of Section 56, BBB&C Survey.

No. 12 Berry will be 3,128 feet from the north and E24 feet from the east lines of Section 56.

No. 13 Berry will be 3,570 feet from the north and 330 feet from the east lines of Section 56. All are scheduled for 1,950 feet.

Johnson & Warren No. 1 Charles W. Tearell, Subdivision 8, Victoria CSL Survey 336, wildcat two miles southwest of Baird, has been abandoned at 2,000 feet.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart were their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Garner, and children, Don, Lynn and Gwynel, of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hart of Midland, and Bill Hart of Lubbock.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Stubblefield and daughters, of Kensington, Md., are visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield.

Mrs. Bessie Pass who had major surgery at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene about two weeks ago, has been moved here during Christmas.

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

Callahan County Clarendon Established November 15, 1879

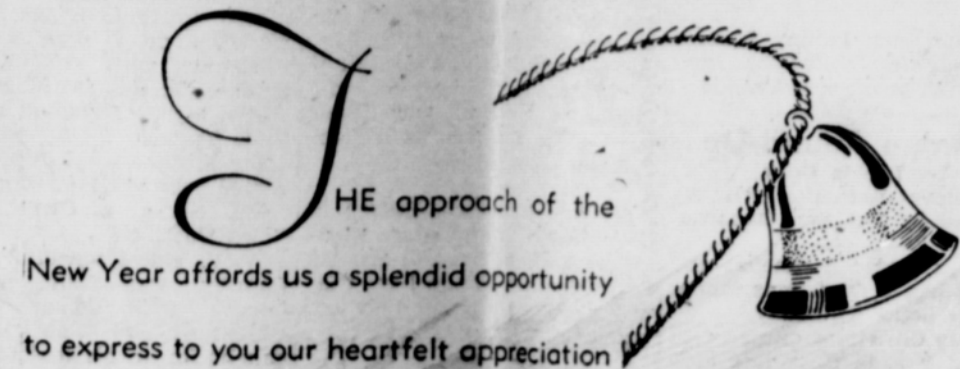
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to express to you our heartfelt appreciation for your fine friendships and consideration during the preceding twelve months. We hope that the coming year will prove to be one of your most happiest and that it will see the realization of your every fond wish. Opportunities are ahead of each of us and we trust that we will avail ourselves of the possibilities that are ours to enjoy.

WISHING YOU

A HAPPY NEW YEAR



THE BAIRD STAR

Baird Kin Killed In Japan

Mrs. Lenora Boatwright received word this week that her granddaughter's husband, Raymond Carroll had been killed, Dec. 23rd, in an accident in Japan.

Mrs. Carroll resides in Dallas and states that the body will be shipped home for burial, but plans are incomplete at this time.

Eula Sunshine Circle Meets

The Eula Sunshine Circle held their annual Christmas Luncheon and party in the home of Mrs. M. L. Logan recently. The house was decorated throughout in Christmas motifs and the gifts were placed under the lighted Christmas tree.

Mrs. R. H. Brock presented "Whose Birthday Do We Celebrate?" Mrs. Russell recalled various ways Christmas was celebrated for generations. She also gave Luke's account of Christ's birth. Mrs. Sebe Baulch read a poem. Christmas carols were sung by the group. A candle lighting service expressed the purpose of the organization and introduced the new officers: Mrs. M. L. Logan, President; Mrs. M. O. J. Witte, Secretary; Mrs. J. O. Hallmark, Treasurer and Mrs. N. A. Trotter, Purchasing Agent.

The group brought gifts for their third annual Christmas party for Ward III at Abilene State Hospital. Members present for the party were: Mmes. Ella Farrar, O. E. Battles, Cecil Harris, W. S. Barnes, Wilson Gray, P. B. Lovling, R. H. Brock, M. L. Meeks, J. C. Reynolds, Claude Tarrant, M. Russell, N. A. Trotter, Austin McClure, J. S. Baulch, O. J. Witte, E. E. Harrison, J. O. Hallmark, Tom Stokes, W. E. Millern, Miss Gertie Harris and Miss Mae Warren, a visitor from Hodges.

Mrs. Fabian Bearden visited relatives in Rising Star, during Christmas. Dan Neithercutt of New Mexico, visited relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Home Lee Hays Buried At Luling

Homer L. Hays of Prairie Lea, Texas, died in the Veterans hospital in Houston Friday, Dec. 18, and his body was sent to Luling for burial.

He was born in Marble Falls, Texas June 19, 1901. At an early age he joined the United States Navy and remained in service thirty years during which time he sailed the seven seas and visited every important country on the globe. He retired from service a few years ago and bought a home in Prairie Lea where he, his wife and daughter Barbara, lived. His wife died in 1948. Mr. Hays was married to Miss Margaret Frances Kearney in Boston, Mass., Jan. 1, 1930.

He is survived by his daughter, Barbara Hays; his father, J. W. Hays of Houston; three sisters, Mrs. Tom Clark, Corpus Christi, Mrs. Douglas Smartt, Houston and Mrs. R. L. Murphy, Cottonwood.

Funeral services were conducted at the St. John's Catholic Church, Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2 p. m. Internment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Relatives from out of town for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clark of Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Hamilton, Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Smartt, Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny T. Sparks and son, Jimmy Dean, of Midland, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McElroy, during the holidays. Their other daughter, Mrs. W. H. Todd and Mr. Todd and sons of Wichita Falls also visited them.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cash attended the family reunion of W. A. Foster in Pioneer last week.

Mrs. H. W. Plowman had major surgery last week at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierce attended the golden wedding anniversary open house of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Bush in Cross Plains last Sunday.

Lions Club Changes Meeting Dates

At their regular meeting on Monday night, Baird Lions Club voted to change their meeting dates from Monday to Tuesday nights. This change was necessary in order that the Club could keep their meeting place at the Presbyterian Church.

The ladies of the church have done an excellent job, under handicaps, to feed the Lions, and the Club is indeed pleased with arrangements and with the meals served.

So remember, next Lions meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 6:15 p. m.

4-H, FFA Day At Fort Worth Show

Thousands of boys and girls will throng the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show grounds on Saturday, Jan. 30, which has been designated in honor of Future Farmers, Future Homemakers and 4-H Club members.

Because of the educational value of the livestock exhibits and other features of the exposition, the annual pilgrimage is eagerly looked forward to and buses and cars bearing the classes and groups roll into Fort Worth from all sections of Texas and from other states.

Interest of the students of agriculture and livestock raising centers naturally in the junior show where steers, lambs, dairy calves and poultry compete for top honors.

The world's greatest indoor rodeo, the "Battle of Songs", the Midway shows and rides, free Western entertainment on the stage in the Exhibit Building, band concerts and scores of educational and commercial exhibits give the young visitors a full day.

Stock Show dates are Jan. 29 through Feb. 7.

Relatives visiting in the Charlie Young home during the Christmas holidays were: Mrs. Dorothy Lockhart and daughter Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Bernie H. Young and daughter Cecelia Ann and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gillit and children, Carolyn and Ronald, all of Abilene.

TB Association Expresses Thanks

The Callahan County Tuberculosis Association wishes to express gratitude to the residents of Callahan County for their support of the 1953 Christmas Seal Sale.

Proceeds from the Christmas Seal Sale, conducted from Nov. 16 to Dec. 25 to raise funds to support the Association's work of tuberculosis prevention and control, have reached a total of \$1059.17. Mrs. Siadous, Seal Sale Chairman expressed the belief that returns still coming in to Seal Sale Headquarters will bring the total up to \$1200.00, the amount needed to carry on projects planned for this year.

"The thanks of the association, indeed of the whole community are due to all those who so generously gave their support to the fight against tuberculosis by buying and using Christmas Seals," the chairman stated.

"Every purchase, large or small, was an important element in the success of the campaign, bringing us nearer to our goal, the ultimate defeat of tuberculosis, the No. 1 killer among infectious diseases.

"Special gratitude is due to the Girl Scouts who gave their time and energy to the 1953 Christmas Seal Sale, to the newspapers which devoted news and editorial space to publicizing the campaign, to the post office workers who handled the mail so efficiently, to the movie houses, to the teachers in the public schools who helped with programs, to the pastors who made announcements in the churches, to the stores and business firms who cooperated with the association throughout the Seal Sale."

New and Renewal Subscriptions

- B. F. Russell, Dallas
- Mrs. H. J. Gibbs, Baird
- H. M. Gibbs, San Diego, Calif.
- E. J. Hill, Baird
- J. R. Shirley, Putnam
- B. F. McCaw, Baird
- Mrs. Maria Leache, Baird
- C. M. Gunn, Baird
- F. E. Stanley, Carlsbad, N. M.
- C. J. Ault, Baird
- S. T. Abernathy, Baird
- D. C. Cox, Baird
- Chas. Allen, Clyde
- R. W. Morton, Baird
- R. C. Corn, Baird
- W. H. Boatwright, Baird
- J. T. Loper, Baird
- Mrs. Gilbert Hinds, Baird
- Mrs. Emmett Price, Cross Plains
- Andrew Johnson, Oplin
- C. L. Brandon, Putnam
- G. F. Eubanks, Baird
- D. C. Lambley, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- R. L. Clinton, Putnam
- Frank P. Spencer, Cross Plains
- Mrs. Mary Kehrer, Baird
- Miss Ora Clinton, Cisco
- Dee Young, Baird
- Tommy Harris, Baird

James Paul Shanks who is attending the University of Texas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shanks, of Clyde, during Christmas. He also visited friends in Baird.

Committee Gives Report On Offer

The Citizen's Committee, appointed by the City Council to investigate the recent offer by the West Texas Utilities Co. to purchase the electric properties, reported at the regular meeting of the Council, Monday night. The committee's report is as follows:

To The Mayor & City Council of Baird, Texas. Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned composing the committee heretofore appointed by you to investigate the assets, income and expenses of the Baird Light and Power Plant, report as follows:

We have made an investigation of the income, expenses and value of the assets and it is our opinion that if the plant should be for sale, the offer that has been made to you for \$314,000.00 is inadequate.

Respectfully, (Signed)

- Hugh W. Ross,
- C. W. Sutphen,
- Marris Bennett,
- L. L. Blackburn,
- Gilbert Hinds.

After studying the report of the committee the Council concurred with the committee's report and notified the West Texas Utilities Co. that their offer was respectfully declined.

At the Monday night meeting, the Council agreed to lease for grazing and farming purposes to J. L. Simmons, at \$100.00 per year, the land adjoining the City Dump Ground, and also agreed to lease the land, for grazing and farming purposes, known as the City Well Field, to Clyde Waggoner at \$75.00 per year. Contracts are being drawn and will be signed within the next few days.

The City Council has also leases in order to obtain as much revenue from these properties as possible.

Mrs. Moring Hostess For Class Reunion

Mrs. M. O. Moring of Austin was hostess on Christmas afternoon to members of the 1947 class of Baird High School in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ivey.

The tea table was laid with a cutwork cloth, centered with an arrangement of multi-colored balls in a blue bowl. Red candles in silver holders were used. Other decorations in the living room were of pine cones, evergreens, and red berries.

Guests agreed to meet again on Christmas Day, 1954. Those present were: Mrs. S. L. McElroy, class sponsor, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ground of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harrell and son, Tommy, of Seminole, Mrs. Reed Francisco of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goble, Virginia Stevenson, James Eubanks, and Hugh Shrader.

The Dwight Mayes of Lubbock spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ross and family.

THOSE MIGHTY DIMES OF OURS

An encouraging outgrowth of the fight against polio is the emergence of the American public as a decisive factor in the conquest of a disease. Never before have so many people played so active a part in matters of medical and scientific importance.

Public participation in the work of the National Foundation today extends far beyond the contribution of money to the March of Dimes. Members of 3100 National Foundation Chapters administer the mammoth program of patient aid that has brought self-sufficiency to thousands who might otherwise live as prisoners of crippling disabilities.

Volunteers work closely with hospital administrators, physicians and health officials to solve community patient care problems. Polio Emergency Volunteers carry out nontechnical hospital chores when epidemics strike. Through the National Foundation's home care program, parents of polio patients actively take part in treatment and rehabilitation.

But it is in the highly technical field of scientific research that the layman has made a dramatic contribution to the ultimate conquest of infantile paralysis. Recently 55,000 children participated in field tests of gamma globulin to test its effectiveness against polio paralysis. Entire cities entered wholeheartedly into the investigations, supported by every instrument of public action. Many volunteers served in the injection centers, weighing children, helping doctors, keeping records. As a result of the tests, it was possible to use this temporary preventive with good effect in 1953 epidemics.

In the year ahead direct public participation will reach new dimensions when hundreds of thousands of school children may take part in massive nationwide tests to establish the effectiveness of a trial polio vaccine developed through research supported by the March of Dimes. If an effective vaccine emerges from these studies, it will mean that polio has been conquered. The layman—who furnished the original impetus for this effort—will have been instrumental in dealing the disease its final blow. Already he has earned the stature of full partner to the scientist and physician in the quest for good health.

Basil O'Connor, President The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis

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RE-OPENING OF HOME LAUNDRY, 528 Spruce St. Beginning Jan. 4th I will do washing and finished work. Will pick up and deliver. Mrs. Pearl Jackson and son. 1-4-c

Dudley Dabble
Mary Ann Varner
Delectable Deeds Delineated
To Dazzle and Delight

Ross Betcher from Wellman, Texas is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Finley Coughran and Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Culpepper and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Culpepper and Diana visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Culpepper and Nelda Sunday.

Robert Armor from Mexico is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Armor and family.

Mr. Weldon Bryant and Mrs. Bryant visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Summerour Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Windham from California are visiting in the Dudley community.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Robertson and family from Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Robertson and children from Abilene, Willis Robertson from Abilene and Jane Blakely from Abilene had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Will Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chrane and Franklin, Mrs. Hattie Howe, and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph and children from Merkel had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Varner from Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Willingham, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Bates, Mrs. Bonnie Patterson, Mrs. Helen Blackwell from Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Boston and Donna from Pecos spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Varner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Young and Cecelia Ann from Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Charnel McWhorter from Clyde visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Summerour Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Reed from Big Spring and Mrs. Carter, Troy, and Richard Ray visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wilkerson Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Neal from Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Neal from Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Ott Neal Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Taylor and girls from Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Hawk Roberts Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Betcher and Ross from Wellman visited Mr. and Mrs. Finley Coughran and Betty Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Meyers and children from McCamey visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hayhurst and boys over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Chrane and children from Wylie, N.F. and Mrs. Buster Preston and children from Sulphur Springs and Mrs. Preston visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Chrane and Kathleen and Gary, Christmas.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Otto Betcher was their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Windham from California.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lilly and family had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woods and baby in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baggett and Mary from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Culpepper and girls from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Culpepper and Dianna, and Louise Stewart and girls from Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Culpepper and Nelda.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Wayne Williams from San Antonio visited Mrs. Williams and Wayne. Peggy and Leon Chrane visited Kathleen and Gary Chrane Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Armor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coughran and girls from Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Crawford and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Robbins and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore and Lyndon.

Rowden Round-Up
By Thelda Crow
Community Activities Reliably
Reported by The Star Reporter.

Mrs. Claude Stephens and Donald had a Christmas dinner at their house Thursday.

Having Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Crow and Richie and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gibbs all of Baird, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Lehw and children of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adair and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Adair and son had Christmas dinner with Mrs. John Adair's mother and family Friday.

Mrs. B. Crow went home with Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Lehw and children Friday and returned home Sunday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin and family Sunday were Lt. and Mrs. Carl Mauldin of Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Chief Horner and Pat, and Mrs. Wilma Jackson and daughter of Arizona.

School will be going on its way again Monday the 28th. It will sorta be a change, but everyone is ready for it again.

Mrs. Bernice Drake of Midland visited in the Pat Haley home during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hickman of Slaton visited Mrs. Stella Green and Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman and Betsy during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett, Jr. and Beverly Kay, spent the Christmas holidays in Baird, Tex.

The Benny McClesky family, Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vaughn and other relatives here during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Francisco and baby of Grand Prairie visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chatham and other relatives here during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell and children of Abilene visited relatives and friends during Christmas.

Miss Joyce Tyson, of Midland, visited relatives and friends here during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loper and sons of Lubbock spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hord and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Loper and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kline and daughter, Martha, of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Russell, of Dallas, visited Mrs. H. J. Gibbs and other relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Williams spent Christmas Day with her mother, Mrs. W. J. Richmond in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill enjoyed their children and grandchildren during the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis of Tulsa, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill, Jr., of Wichita, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Young and children of Abilene and Miss Earnestine Hill of Austin.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell and son, Rand, from Clovis, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Hampton, Jr., and children, Ronny and Beth of Longview, were here for the Christmas weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop of Bloomington, Indiana are visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield. While here they will also visit his mother and grandmother in Eastland.

Marilyn Gilliland attended the all regional band concert at McMurry College, Dec. 12th. She tried out for clarinet and won. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilliland.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Penn, of Mercury, visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbreath, Bid and Kay. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Smith of Placid and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goble and son also visited in the Gilbreath home on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McElroy had her two sister and their husbands here for Christmas. They were Mr. and Mrs. John L. Turpin of Denver, Colo. and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bobo, of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Scroggins had as their guests Christmas, two of his nieces, Miss Lizzie Thames of Dallas, Miss Ellie Thames of Brownwood, two friends, also of Brownwood, Mmes. Nora Adams and Curry, also a nephew, F. O. Scroggins of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett, Jr. and Beverly Kay, spent the Christmas holidays in Baird, Tex.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fay on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phillips of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jones, Elizabeth, and James of Miller, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jones of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Barr, Jr. and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farmer of E. A.

W. H. Lovvorn of Baird, Ben H. Lovvorn and son, Amar Lovvorn of Dallas spent part of the Christmas holidays in the home of their sister and aunt, Mrs. Mattie Allen and their mother and grandmother, Mrs. B. F. Lovvorn.

Mrs. Corrie Driskill returned home Monday after spending the holiday season in Dallas with her son, Sam Driskill and sister, Mrs. R. M. Harris. Mrs. Eula Walker of Corpus Christi also visited in Dallas with her two sisters and in Ft. Worth with her daughter and family.

Down Memory Lane

December 31, 1909

G. O. Crosswell, of Oplin, was in town on business Monday.

Misses Lula Cutbirth and Ella Alvord, who are attending school at Weatherford, are spending the holidays at home.

Misses Verna Miller and Lois McDermott, who are attending school at Denton, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wright returned to their home in Fort Worth, Sunday, after spending Christmas with Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mills.

Miss Myrtle Boydston went to Cisco Tuesday.

Joe McGowen, of Big Spring, visited relatives here Christmas.

Mr. Thaton, of Clyde, was in Baird Tuesday.

W. V., eldest son of Dr. H. H. Ramsey, was right painfully burned with roman candles Christmas Eve. The explosives caught fire in his coat pocket in some way and set his clothing on fire. The burns while painful are not thought to be dangerous.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Short, of Ovalo, visited relatives here during the holidays.

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Julian Harris of Dallas spent the past week with his cousin, Sam Driskill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McWhorter and son, Willie Oscar, and Oscar Lambert spent Christmas with relatives in Lubbock.

Buster Harris and family of Quanah, visited his father, R. J. Harris, at Admiral during the holidays.

Miss Josephine Hamlett left yesterday for Dangerfield where she will visit friends for a few weeks returning home via Dallas where she will buy her spring stock of millinery for The Bonnet Box.

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Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and little daughter, of Olney, spent Christmas with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson and baby spent a few days last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson of Big Spring. Miss Dora Warren, of Perico, Texas, visited her aunt, Mrs. Mary Warren and family, during the holidays.

Mrs. N. M. Connell, who underwent major surgery two weeks ago, was able to go to her home at Clyde last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Spence of Crane, spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Evelyn McQueen.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Williams returned Monday from Midland where they spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. V. M. Easter and Mr. Easter.



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J. E. Bullock of El Paso visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bullock during the Christmas holidays.

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Sprawls Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 27 at their home in Scranton.

Both are pioneers of Callahan County. Mrs. Sprawls, the former Miss Vera Ledbetter, came to this community with her parents from Paragould, Ark. in 1889. Mr. Sprawls came from Collin County with his parents in 1883.

The two families settled in the Scranton community and Mr. and Mrs. Sprawls were married by the Rev. G. W. Parks at his home.

All the children, three girls and three boys were present to wish their parents many happy returns of the day. Many lovely gifts were brought by their friends in and near Scranton. There were over one-hundred and twenty-five to call during the day.

Evelyn Ware - Charles Rutherford Vows Read

Miss Evelyn Joyce Ware of Groves, Texas and Mr. Charles S. Rutherford of Putnam, were united in marriage on December 12, 1953, at the Church of Christ in Groves.

Rev. Miller read the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Gloria Leigh was her only attendant. Wesley Rutherford, brother of the groom was best man.

The reception was in the beautifully decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ware, an uncle and aunt of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford left immediately from Groves to Putnam where they visited friends and relatives, until and during the Christmas holidays.

They returned to their home in Groves Dec. 27.

Relatives Enjoy Get-Together

Children and grandchildren

Mrs. Burette and Mrs. Mark Burnam and Mrs. Gayle and Ritha, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Everett and daughters, Alice and Dianne, Cisco Texas, Mrs. Jim Yarbrough, Mrs. Gerald Carter of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre of St. Louis, Missouri, James Gerald Carter of Lubbock, and Mrs. Eula Fore.

Those calling in the afternoon were: Mr. Jim Yarbrough, Mr. Gerald Carter, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Isenhower, Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francisco and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fetterly, Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hughes, Linda, Jan, and Mickey Hughes, of Rankin, Mrs. Will Hornsby and Mr. Alton Hornsby, of Rowden, Miss Patty Williams, of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Wood and Treva, of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wood, Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Francisco and son Jimmy of Grand Prairie, Mrs. S. M. Eubank, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gilbert and son, Darrell from San Antonio and Mrs. Will Everett.

Party Held For Young People

Miss Jo Veri Everett was hostess for a Christmas party given for the Putnam young people on December 22.

There were approximately twenty-five present. Many games were enjoyed and all report a wonderful time.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Donaway and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway and children and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sublett and boys. Visiting also during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Sport Speegle, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Speegle and children and Mrs. Nina King and sons, Jess and Slim.

Mr. and Mrs. Christal and children spent Christmas in Dallas. Mrs. Christal is the former Miss Mary Alice Brown.

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Veda Yarbrough

Hi neighbor! I hope everybody had a good Christmas.

We had a very nice Christmas. All the kiddoes were here, Mildred, Gerald, James, John and Roma and old Santa was good to all of us and all were well except a few tummy aches and some little headaches. All because we ate too much I suppose.

Mildred and Gerald left for home yesterday morning. Roma, John and James left for a visit in Abilene and Sweetwater. Will be back tonight, which is Monday night.

Tuesday James will leave for his home in Vernon. He and John have been going fox hunting at night trying to call them up with a fox caller but either there isn't any fox around here or the fox caller doesn't work. Any way they killed some fox at Oplin last Tuesday.

Haven't had time to keep up with the going ons out this way during Christmas but think everybody went some where and everybody had company.

Mildred and Roma went down to Burets and Johnny Ramseys Christmas night as Santa didn't get to their house till all the children and grandchildren were there. Kinda think might be better to wait and let Santa be late in coming to your house. They said they never saw so many gifts in their lives. Almost like walking into a department store and everyone was having a good time. Old Santa brought Burette and Johnny a new 1954 Chevrolet.

R. C. Yarbrough and family from Danna, Texas visited in the home of his parents, Dick and Annie Yarbrough. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Elland, Merwin and Page of Stanton, Texas were weekend visitors in the Yarbrough home. Mrs. Elland is a sister of Annie.

Jim and I visited in the Enoch McCollum home awhile last night and they had a nice Christmas. Maurine had a very beautiful tree too and Santa was really good to them too. Just wish I could have visited all the kiddies on Christmas Eve and all the pretty things they received.

Now Christmas has come and gone and a New Year is coming in. Let's all do our best to make it a good and prosperous New Year. But be careful and don't make any rash resolutions we can't keep.

This will be the last time I will write to you this year, but don't think you are rid of me for I will be seen' you come next year. So here is good bye for old 1953.

Robert Lowry Clinton of Snyder is spending the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton and Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lowry.

Mrs. Vena Shackelford and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reagen spent Christmas in Rogers.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Lowry's children and their families, were home for Christmas. They are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Clinton and children from Snyder, Dr. and Mrs. Hubert Brown, and son of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dale Lowry from College Station. Visiting Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shults of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Vental Flores and Mr. and Mrs. James Conger and son, Jimmy.

James Donahoo is visiting friends here in Putnam. He is in the Navy at San Diego.



TO THE NEW YEAR
MAYFIELD'S

Baptist Present Program

The Baptist presented a Christmas Pageant Dec. 23 which was called "O Night of Nights" and written by Mrs. J. D. Beville and adapted by Rev. De Witt Chandler.

All the youths from the Methodist, Church of Christ and Baptist took part in the program.

Mary, mother of Jesus was played by Madge Reed and Hubert Donaway was Joseph. Others in the cast were: Elizabeth - Beth Isenhower, Angel Gabriel - Jack Francisco, Three Shepherds - Dan Reed, John Isenhower and Pete Mendez, Three Wise Men - Ray Green, Hall Green and Jamie Fry.

The choir girls were Misses Margarette Mendez, Netty Donaway, Vernette Davis, Nancy Hutchison, Betty Jo Rutherford and Gayle Williams. Gayle also did a solo hymn. Mary Helen Isenhower was pianist.

The program was well presented as Rev. Chandler read.

Putnam Personals . . .

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If we can get ourselves out of the tensil and beautiful Christmas paper, we will report to you how the people here in Putnam spent the Christmas holidays. Almost everyone to whom we spoke said this Christmas was a most enjoyable one. Those who have loved ones doing overseas duty for Uncle Sam, did not have a complete happy Christmas. They tried, in part, to fill the empty spot for their children and loved ones here, knowing, however, that only the person himself could do this.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton had both sons, David of Jacksboro and Robert L., Jr., wife and children from Snyder for Christmas dinner. Also her father, E. L. Park and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Logan and son and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Park and S. E., Jr., of Knox City, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Park of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Park and daughter of Ft. Stockton, Mrs. Joe Lovelady of Cisco and Mrs. Euna Lovelady.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Shackelford and children, Pierce, Reagan and Eben, spent the Saturday after Christmas visiting in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Weed and son are visiting his parents and Mrs. Marvin Weed is in the Navy stationed in Calif. Also visiting in the Marvin Weed home Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Weed and family from Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weed and children of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle and Earnest and Bill Weed from Van Horn.

Ted and Beauford Allen were down from Merkel visiting Mrs. J. Moore and Eva.

All of Mrs. J. A. Heyser's children were here to wish her a Merry Christmas. Those visiting in her home were Mr. and Mrs. Shields Heyser and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Heyser and family of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heyser.

Mr. and Mrs. Littleton of San Angelo were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heyser this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Francisco and son Jimmy of Grand Prairie, spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francisco. After visiting in Baird with her parents they returned home Sunday.

Miss Judy Murray of Abilene visited her cousin, Nancy Hutchison over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ledbetter of the Scranton Community celebrated their Christmas on Sunday, a week before Christmas. Bill and his family and Red were present for the early holiday celebration. The Ledbetters visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Sprawls, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 27.

All but two of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet's children were home for Christmas. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mitchell and boys from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Pruet and Mike of Cross Plains, Mrs. Earlene Clark and Doris of Rule and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Isenhower and family. A grandson, Jerry was here but his brother Bill had the misfortune to take the chicken pox so the rest of his family stayed in Abilene. Mrs. Clark and Doris left for Rule, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brazil visited Saturday in the home of Mrs. Lula Dixon. Mrs. Dixon states this is the best Christmas she has ever spent in many years, for she celebrated it in her new home and with her friends here.

Dr. and Mrs. Royce Pruet and children Cynthia and Rodney of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Pruet were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francisco and Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gilbert and little Darrell, of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Williams, Marvin Lee and Hollis Dale of Wichita Falls spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank. They were visitors at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mac Jobe and Irene visited with her father, Mr. Grady Pruet, on Christmas Day. They also visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Overton spent part of their Christmas holidays here with her father, Mr. Tom Butler. Mr. Overton visited in Grandberry with his parents.

Rev. and Mrs. De Witt Chandler and daughter, Karen, drove to Iowa Park on Christmas Eve night to take Christmas with her grandmother, J. W. Dalrymple.

Mrs. Sherty and Mr. and Mrs. Bill had Christmas dinner at the home of George and Pearl Damon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lu Spang and Mrs. Donaway and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coats and their families.

Nettie Lu Donaway was a weekend visitor with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Donaway of Dothan.

Mrs. C. T. Hutchison of Abilene visited in the home of her son, Mr. Alton Hutchison and family over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sargent and daughter, Delores, visited Mrs. Sargent's mother, Mrs. B. E. Fulbright in Hamilton over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel Everett and family of Big Springs visited in the Loren Everett home last week.

Miss Aura Frances Waddell, who is teaching in Snyder, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Warren had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Stewart and children, Sheron and Craig of Cisco visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sargent last Friday.

Mrs. C. T. Hutchison of Abilene had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cook of Dallas visited her brother, Mr. Buddy Reed and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee White, and sons Royce and Carl visited Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Paregin, in Oklahoma, last week.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee White Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Varner and children of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle White, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cunningham and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alton White and children, Mrs. Lyndon White and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell White.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hutchison and daughter Nancy visited Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Murray in Abilene. Miss Delores Sargent visited Miss Neida Burris in Hamilton over the weekend.

Miss Gayle Williams visited her uncle, Mr. Nat Williams and family in Lubbock over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn and children visited relatives in Buffalo Gap on Christmas Day. Mr. Lynn is a teacher in the Putnam School.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor enjoyed the company of their Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Rutherford were happy to have all their children home for Christmas, except Cecil and his wife who are in Hawaii. The following were here: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rutherford, Earl and Edward, Clint Rutherford, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford, all of Groves, Texas, Wesley Rutherford of Abilene, Lee Rutherford of Houmer, Louisiana and La Vern and Betty Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanan visited with their daughter, Mrs. Naomi Brazil and her family in Sedwick for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harper of Abilene visited Sunday with his father, Mr. G. L. Harper.

Mrs. Chick of Cisco visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weeks this past week. Visiting Saturday with the Weeks were Mrs. Bill West, her daughter, Nancy and mother, Mrs. W. A. Buchanan. Mrs. Weeks received a letter from her daughter, Fay, saying her father-in-law is very ill. Mr. Weeks was ill, Sunday, but is feeling much better today.

Mrs. Hurst and son Lesley visited this past week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stewart in Electra. After returning home they left Sunday for Beaumont to visit another daughter, Mrs. Hubert Buchanan. Stanley Caldwell went with them to Beaumont.

Mrs. John Kellner made a business trip to Abilene and relatives. Her friends and relatives.

Mrs. George Brown returned to her home east of Putnam Wednesday from the Abilene hospital where she underwent surgery two weeks ago. Her daughter, Mary, who had been with her father since the operation left for her home in San Antonio, Wednesday. Mrs. Brown is doing fine at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benson and children of Hart, Texas, visited their daughter, Mrs. Graham Gunn and family over the weekend.

Mrs. Coy Shearer and son Richard of Mason visited with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sargent and Delores last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ramsey of Sudan, visited with Mr. Loren Everett and family over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Mabry Tatom, Lynn and Ray, Emmetine and son spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Tatom in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Lefty Rutherford visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cherry, Christmas. They also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rutherford during the holidays.

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Mr. R. G. Gilmore and brother Mr. E. Gilmore were business visitors in Putnam Monday. Roy Cherry is home from Alabama, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cherry, who are living on the Dock Isenhower place east of Putnam.

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A. The Southwest one quarter (S.W. 1/4) of Survey No. 92, B. B. & C. Railway Co. Lands, Abstract No. 1667, containing 160 acres of land, more or less.

AND WHEREAS, the City of Baird owns all of the mineral interest in and to the following described land, located and lying in Callahan County, Texas, to-wit:

B. The North 40 acres of the Northwest one quarter (N.W. 1/4) of Survey No. 90 of the B. B. & C. Railway Co. Lands, Abstract No. 754 in Callahan County, Texas; and

C. The South 30 acres of the South 60 acres of the Southwest one quarter (S.W. 1/4) of Survey No. 89 of the B. B. & C. Railway Co. Lands, Abstract No. 43, in Callahan County, Texas.

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

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

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

THE CITY OF BAIRD
BY T. Lawrence, Mayor

James C. Asbury
Dec. 25, 1953, Jan. 1, 8, 1954

Missionary Society With Mrs. Fulton

Mrs. E. C. Fulton entertained the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. with a Christmas party. After singing carols, Mrs. Virgil Hughes led the opening prayer. Mrs. James Asbury read the scripture and gave a Christmas story. Special gifts were presented to Mrs. H. N. Ebert and Mrs. Mary Kehrer for their faithful service as president and secretary-treasurer.

New officers are: President, Mrs. V. F. Jones, First Vice Pres., Mrs. Sallie Eastham; Second Vice Pres., Mrs. Ellen McGowen; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Arthur Johnson.

A social hour was enjoyed and gifts exchanged from a beautiful tree, after which all enjoyed a delicious refreshment plate. Mrs. Willie Barnhill led the closing prayer.

Those present were: Mmes. James Asbury, Willie Barnhill, Harry Berry, Grover Berry, T. D. Boyd, Sallie Eastham, H. N. Ebert, R. L. Elliott, Horace Elliott, Ernest Hill, Virgil Hughes, J. A. Jackson, V. F. Jones, Arthur Johnson, Mary Kehrer, Ellen McGowen, C. S. McGowen, S. E. Settle, Edna Yonge and Master Stanley McGowen.

Wednesday Club Christmas Party

The Wednesday Club met for the annual Christmas program in the home of Mrs. N. M. George with Mrs. Clyde White as co-hostess. Eighteen members answered roll call with "Christmas Customs of Foreign Lands." Mrs. Willard Green of Los Angeles and Mrs. Pat Sims were guests.

The following program was given:

- Prayer Mrs. George
- The Christmas Story From Luke Mrs. L. B. Lewis
- The Real Meaning of Christmas Mrs. Lee Ivey
- The Evolution of Santa Claus Mrs. J. R. Jackson
- Christmas Medley Mrs. George
- Song - Silent
- Night Club Members

Following the program, gifts were distributed by Santa Claus from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. The hostesses served a lovely refreshment plate from a tea table with decorations carrying out the holiday theme.

Baird Lunchroom

January 4-8, 1954

MONDAY - Jan. 4:
Baby Lima Beans
Sweet Pickle Relish
Onions Slice of Cheese
Tomatoes Corn Bread
Butter Fruit Cocktail
Milk and Chocolate Milk

TUESDAY - Jan. 5:
Cheese Stuffed Wieners
Boiled Potatoes Chili Beans
Bread Grape Jello
Milk and Chocolate Milk

WEDNESDAY - Jan. 6:
Beef Stew
Mashed Potatoes
String Beans Bread
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Milk and Chocolate Milk

THURSDAY - Jan. 7:
Hamburger Steak Gravy
Potato Salad Greens
Catsup Bread
Ginger Bread
Milk and Chocolate Milk

FRIDAY - Jan. 8:
Hamburgers
Lettuce - Tomatoes - Onions
Pickles Frittos
Eskimo Pies
Milk and Chocolate Milk

Those attending the big dinner Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Vines were his father, Henry Vines, sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Mart Poindexter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Price, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Price, nephews, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Poindexter and daughter, Vonda Sue, Tony Price, Gaylord Price and Teddy Poindexter. One niece and nephew, Pfc. and Mrs. Paul Dugan, who are in the Army stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., were unable to be here.

Relatives who visited the Gunn Sisters during the holiday season were: Arvin Melton of Odessa; Mrs. W. E. Melton and Zolon Melton of Coleman; Donald Melton of Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Boatwright and son of Amarillo and Mrs. C. T. Clay of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Miller and daughter, Wylene, of Taos, N. M., and Mrs. Marvin Miller, of Eula, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Rowland and daughter, Nancy, returned home Sunday after spending the holidays with relatives in Decatur, Chico and Vernon.

Callahan County Hospital News

Admissions
December 24-26
Mr. Emmett D. Baker, Cross Plains
Mr. J. J. Jones, Abilene
Mrs. Bob Stanley, Baird
Mrs. Georgia Sunega, Clyde
Mr. E. A. Hudson, Cross Plains
Mrs. Bonnie Abernathy, Putnam

Miss Mae Brooks, Clyde
Mr. M. M. Little, Putnam
Mrs. Georgia Kanady, Cisco
Mr. G. Wilcoxon, Cottonwood
Mrs. G. H. Corn, Baird
Buster Montgomery, Baird
Mrs. Della Farrar, Baird
Mr. Carl Hunn, Putnam
Troy Lee Smith, Jr., Baird
Mrs. Dale Glasson and baby daughter, Baird

December 20-26
Mr. R. H. Ray, Clyde
Mrs. Eugene Dawkins and baby girl, Rising Star
Mrs. Estelle Maltby, Baird
Mr. Homer Driskill, Baird
Scotty Ross, Clyde
Mrs. Bertie Weeks, Odessa
Henry Drennon, Kermit
Mrs. Elizabeth Drexler and baby boy, Baird
Mrs. Bessie Pass, Baird

December 27-29
Mrs. J. C. Brashear, Cisco
Mr. Jess Boland, Baird
Mrs. Bertie Weeks, Odessa
Mr. O. C. Montgomery, Cross Plains
Robert Strickland, Clyde
Mrs. J. T. Warren, Baird
Mr. S. Y. Morris, De Leon
Mrs. Sallie Crawford, Baird
Mr. Tom Reynolds, Abilene
Robert Lee Ringhoffer, Baird
All listed above had been dismissed except:

Mr. R. H. Ray, Clyde,
Mr. Lofton, Baird
Mrs. Ashabraner, Baird
Mr. S. Y. Morris
Mrs. J. T. Warren
Mrs. Bessie Pass, Baird
Mrs. Ina Brown
Mrs. Edith Young
Baby Robert Lee Ringhoffer
Mrs. Sallie Crawford
Mr. Jess Boland

Mrs. Montie Braumbough, who has been visiting relatives on the west coast, returned home. Her son, Ed, returned home. Her daughter, visit with old times.

Mrs. and Mrs. Arthur Frymire (Pete) and son, Kenneth of Jalisco, N. M., were home for Christmas visiting her parents.

Miss Charlene King of Harlingen, spent Christmas with her father, Charlie King.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Johnson and son, Larry, of Pees, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, and other relatives.

Capt. and Mrs. J. P. Henderson and his mother, Mrs. Ethel Henderson of Ft. Riley, Kansas are visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence.

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Old man winter missed us with a white Christmas but he did send us several cold days and nights. On Wednesday night the mercury dropped to 11°. By Christmas Day, the temperature had climbed and it was a beautiful warm day.

Close friends and neighbors gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miller last Monday night to extend a "welcome home" to Mrs. Ed Kirkendoll, who has returned from a months visit with her daughter and family in California. Time was spent listening to the "Cowboys Ball" over the radio and visiting. Meantime, Santa must have slipped a basket of gifts in with the instruction for the husband and wife to select a gift for each other. If your curiosity is aroused as to what the gifts were you might ask Mr. Miller or Mr. Kirkendoll as the joke was on them. Hot chocolate, coffee, cake and cheese niblets were served to the guests.

Having Christmas dinner with Ray and I were my parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barrett of Lawn, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Barrett of Lawn and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Barrett of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Windham and Paula, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Floyd and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Farmer accepted the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Windham and Frank, Jr., to be their supper guests Christmas Eve. Salad plates were served the guests. To Frank, Jr., the highlight of the evening was the opening of the gifts from beneath his tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Turner of Kingsville have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turner. Joining the family on Christmas Day were their other sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Adell Turner and daughter, Danna Jean, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Turner, all of Prement.

Belated congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Floyd who celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary Dec. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Zack McIntyre and Nancy spent the Christmas holidays at Brady visiting with their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ray McIntyre and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McIntyre and son, Buddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frymire (Pete) and son, Kenneth of Jalisco, N. M., were home for Christmas visiting her parents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett of Coleman were in Baird Christmas Day visiting relatives and friends.

W/O and Mrs. M. E. Cargal, of Wichita Falls, arrived in Baird Christmas Eve to spend the holidays with Mrs. Cargal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hughes. They returned to Wichita Falls Sunday, accompanied by Miss Louise Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Hill and sons, Don and Mark, of San Angelo, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes and son, Lloyd Ray, were in Abilene Sunday to attend the Christmas reunion in the home of Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith.

Visitors of Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crutchfield of Breckenridge and daughter Mary, a student of Baylor University, Waco, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jackson and daughter, Jo Ann, Midland, Dr. J. W. Crutchfield, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston had as their guests during the holiday season, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harper of Abilene.

Everett Alphin of El Paso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Alphin spent Christmas with them.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Thompson had as their guests during Christmas, Gene Thompson of Midland, Mrs. W. T. Pope and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jaymes and son, Tolbert of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Rae Gibson, Mary Kay and Johnny, of Seguin, and Mr. and Mrs. Granvel Pierce and Jan, of Abilene, spent the Christmas holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson.

The Robert Green family of Pueblo, Colo., visited Mrs. Stella Green and other relatives here during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle King and sons, David and Warren Lee, visited during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hayhurst and family at Beville.



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