

The Baird Star

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

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BOOST BAIRD IN 1955

SWEET N' SOUR

By A. DILL

Tradition gives us twelve days of Christmas. Its not absolutely imperative that you send your love calling birds, French hens, and patridges in pear trees, as the old ballad suggests, but if it helps keep the good will glowing like a two hundred watt bulb in the old ticker, then by all means do it. That Christmas spirit is becoming garb, you know, to all of us.

No quips now about New Years resolutions. Unless you've reached that stage of perfection that only a yogi in good standing claims to have gained, there's plenty of things you could resolve to do and not to do. Our personal list reaches from here to yonder and this year we're really gonna' work at it.

One of the nice things about the Christmas season is hearing from friends near and far away. We had an extra special card all the way from Germany. It was from James Paul Shanks with some mighty encouraging words about reading the Star. We appreciated the young man taking time out from a very busy schedule to send greetings back home.

There was a particularly pretty card from Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield with a tiny angel from the Italian Alps — a real collector's item and we love it.

We also had cards from other friends of yours — Miss Jostie Hamlett in Ft. Worth and one from Irene and Don Carter in Pasadena.

Christmas holidays brought many home towners back to the fold and that's another reason why Christmas time is best of all times. We saw Madge Loper Pierson, looking sweet and pretty, as always. The Piersons live at Beeville now. Billy Bob and Ruth Kelly and family were in Baird visiting friends and relatives during the holidays. The Wayne Northcuts were also here for a Yuletide visit and we enjoyed talking over "old times" with all of them.

One of the high points of Home Town Christmas this year was the Carolers visit. A group of young men, who had worked on this "Operation Christmas Carol" for months, made trips about town Christmas Eve making hearts brighter with some of the loveliest harmonizing you'll hear anywhere. They arrived at our home shortly before midnight and their voices on the frosty night air were crystal clear and beautiful. Maybe they came to your house too and maybe you'd like to know that they were Jon Hardwick, Bill Johnson, (with guitars) Red Poe, Darrell Young, Billy Fred Hart and Tommy Ivey. We think they were slightly terrific and

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Have you heard who has been named as having the "Yard of the Month?" The Garden Club award has been given to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes and we congratulate the Hughes family for the honor won and the Club for a wonderful choice.

We couldn't close without saying how much we have enjoyed our neighbor's beautifully decorated home this season. The W. T. Paynes' framed their picture window with multicolored lights and centered it with a twinkling tree that fairly beamed season's greetings each time we saw it.

So until next year when we'll be back with more news about our favorite town and favorite people, we'll say this for all of us here at the Star — Happy Holidays and the best New Year ever.

Cottonwood Youth Enlists in Navy

Ted Don Archer enlisted in the U. S. Navy last week. He was sent to San Diego, California, for nine weeks recruit training. After his training, he will be granted 14 days leave to visit his parents who live at Cottonwood.

ROWDEN WELL TRYING FOR SHALLOWER PAY

Plugged at 1,003 feet was O. P. Haschke, trustee, No. 1 J. A. Sikes, wildcat 12 miles northwest of Cross Plains in E. Mather Survey 226. The location is one mile south of Rowden store.

New Law Cuts Candidate Crop

1956 is election year in Callahan County, however, as a result of statutes enacted by the legislature, there will be fewer officials to choose than ever before.

The new law extending county offices for tenures of four years, instead of two as heretofore, will cause only a part of Callahan County's official family to stand for re-election.

To be elected this year are: a sheriff, county commissioners from precincts one and three, and county attorney. Holding over for another two years and slated to come up for election in 1958 are the places of: county clerk, county treasurer, county superintendent of public instruction, county judge, county commissioners from precincts two and four, and district clerk.

The Star has not yet learned how the law will apply to incumbents of precinct offices such as justice of the peace and constables, nor that of district attorney.

Rites Monday For Putnam Druggist

Charley C. Cunningham, 45, well known Putnam druggist, died at his home there Christmas eve day. Funeral services were conducted from the Putnam Methodist Church Monday morning at 10:30 with Rev. Joe Black, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Alvis Loiry, Baptist pastor. Burial was in the family plot of the Putnam cemetery.

Mr. Cunningham had been in the drug business at Putnam for more than 30 years. He began working for the late Y. A. Orr when only a boy and continued with the firm until Mr. Orr's death, later purchasing the business himself. During World War II he served with the Army Medical Corps.

Survivors include five brothers: J. C. of Midland, Frank of Baird, W. R. of Jal, New Mexico, R. M. of Nucla, Colorado, and R. B. of Putnam; four sisters, Mrs. Ida Harper, Grove, Oklahoma; Mrs. C. L. Reynolds, Tulsa; Mrs. Carlie Keller, Medina, Ohio; Mrs. Shirley Lamb of Fort Worth, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

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This is the Eida Adron Starr family of Levelland, all of whom were killed Friday in a blazing car-train crash south of Abilene. The children are, left to right, Roberta, 8, Chloe Ann, 4, and Everett Lynn, 7. The Starrs were enroute to Baird to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Corn.

Homer Price To Ask 2nd Term

Sheriff Homer Price this week makes official announcement of his candidacy for re-election to a second term, subject to action of the Democratic primaries. His statement to the people of this county appears hereunder:

To the people of Callahan County: In announcing my candidacy for re-election to a second term as sheriff of Callahan County, I do so with a feeling of deep appreciation for the confidence manifested in me in the past and for the splendid cooperation accorded by everyone during my first term. I shall ever be grateful for the consideration given me both as a candidate and as an officer.

Experience gained during the past two years with a view to equipping me to serve you more efficiently, and I assure that the desire to do so is every bit as strong as when I first came to you as a candidate.

Two years in the office of Sheriff has taught me many administrative functions and has created a stronger bond of liaison with other law enforcing agencies which will enable my department to not only serve you more capably and completely, but more economically as well.

Again, permit me to humbly thank every citizen of the county for the favors received at their hands and to assure that if given a second term I will do my dead, level best to merit the confidence and support given me.

Respectfully yours,
HOMER PRICE.

3,000 Foot Test For Cottonwood Area Announced

A wildcat oil venture which will be viewed with interest, has been announced for the Cottonwood area of Callahan County. It is the T. V. Gorman, of Wichita Falls, number one C. W. Coats.

Slated for 3,000 feet with rotary, the project is two miles southwest of Cottonwood, 2,950 feet from the east and 1,320 feet from the north lines of Mary Anthony Survey 767.

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New and Renewal Star Subscriptions

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Clyde Pioneer Dies Monday

Funeral was held at three p. m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Clyde for Mrs. E. G. Schmidt, 76, pioneer Clyde community resident, who was found dead of natural causes in bed at six a. m. Saturday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. E. L. James of LaMarque.

Rev. Sidney Cox of Abilene, former pastor, officiated. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery beside the grave of her husband.

Palbearers were Otis Conlee, Jack James, F. E. Ross, Alfred Brown, Herman Lindie, W. J. Gardner and Eddie W. Gardner. Mrs. Schmidt was born Lena Bilger May 12, 1879, in Alsace-Lorraine. She came to the United States with her family at the age of 10 and settled 1 1/2 miles south of Clyde.

She was married Dec. 17, 1896 at Clyde to Ed Schmidt. They lived in the Clyde area until his death in 1950. She had lived with her daughter since.

Surviving are five sons, Albert Schmidt of Clyde, Sam Schmidt of Dallas, Carl Schmidt of Seagrave, Ernest Schmidt of Sherman and Tom Schmidt of Pasadena, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Lorena Mercer of Stillwater, Okla., Mrs. Ella Mae James of LaMarque and Mrs. Laura Conlee of Clyde; three brothers, Will Bilger of Abilene, Charley Bilger of Sherman and August Bilger of Crockett; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Schwarz of Sweetwater, Mrs. Caroline Miller of Dallas and Mrs. Minnie Riggs of Sherman; 20 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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Family Of 5 Enroute To Baird Killed In Car-Train Accident

A family of five enroute to Baird for a Christmas visit, was killed in a fiery auto-train collision at View, seven miles southwest of Abilene, Friday shortly before noon.

Killed were Mr. and Mrs. Eida Adron Starr of Levelland and their three children, Roberta, eight years old, Everett Lynn, seven, and Chloe Ann, five. The family was well known here, Mr. Starr having formerly lived in Baird where his parents oper-

ated the May Hotel. He was a brother of Mrs. R. C. Corn of this city.

The tragedy was first learned in Baird about one o'clock Friday afternoon and cast a pall over the community which had been in a festive, holiday spirit a few minutes before.

Eye witnesses to the accident say that the driver of the Starr automobile apparently did not see the fast northbound Santa Fe freight, and that the locomotive hit the 1955 Oldsmobile sedan almost in the middle. The train carried the car body about three quarters of a mile down the track before it stopped.

Body of the man was thrown out of the car and over some telephone lines, two witnesses said. Starr's body and that of his son were found about 100 yards from scene of the impact. Parts of Mrs. Starr's body and bodies of the two daughters were strewn along the tracks and in the wreckage of the car. Parts of the son's body were also in the car some three-quarters of a mile from the grade crossing with U. S. Highway 277.

Bodies of two of the children were burned beyond recognition, and the mother and son were also badly burned.

After visiting a while in the Corn home in Baird, the Starrs had planned to continue on to spend Christmas with Mrs. Starr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Koone in Jacksboro.

Funeral for Mr. and Mrs. Starr and the three children was held Monday afternoon at the Church of Christ in Jacksboro. Murl King, minister of the church and formerly of Baird, officiated. Burial was in Laurelwood Cemetery at Fort Worth.

Mr. Starr was born June 10, 1919, in Comanche, Okla. He was a veteran of World War II and was in business in Levelland as a water well driller.

Mrs. Starr was born June 5, 1923, in Cleveland, Ark.

Roberta was born May 21, 1947 and Everett Lynn was born April 11, 1948.

The youngest child, Chloe Ann was born May 14, 1950 in Levelland.

Mr. Starr's survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Starr Sr., of Fort Worth; five sisters, Mrs. T. J. ...

D. Barnett, both of Fort Worth, Mrs. F. G. ... of San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. R. C. Corn of Baird and Mrs. W. R. Clyburn of Tulsa, Okla.; five brothers, C. E. Starr, Jr., of Fort Worth, Ray and Harold Starr of San Angelo, C. S. Starr of Gilmer and E. H. Starr of Levelland.

Hold Tax Sales Here January 3

Twenty parcels of real estate are to be sold under the hammer at the courthouse in Baird, on Tuesday, January 3. The outcry will be at the courthouse door, after 10 a. m. in compliance with state laws regulating the sales.

Suits were originally brought to settle delinquent taxes. Fourteen of the suits were brought by the Cross Plains Independent School District, the City of Cross Plains, Callahan County and the State of Texas. Two were brought by the City of Putnam, Callahan County and the State of Texas. Another two were brought by the Cross Plains school district, the county and state. One was by the City of Clyde, county and state.

Notices announcing the sales have been posted in the courthouse corridor here for the prescribed period.

Property purchased at the sale may be redeemed by the original owners within a two year period by paying interest in accordance with Texas statutes.

The tax gathering agencies have specified a minimum price for each parcel to be sold. In the event one does not bring the minimum stipend, Sheriff Homer Price will be required by law to bid that amount in the name of the state. Tracts bid-in by the state are to be held two years and then re-advertised and sold for whatever they will bring, with no minimum price tag affixed.

29 Traffic Fines Paid In 12 Hour Period In Baird

The fact that the greatest number of people in history were killed on Texas highways during the past yuletide is evidence enough that safer, slower traffic is necessary if the slaughter is to be averted.

Highway patrolmen and Baird law enforcement officers were doing their bit to reduce the death toll, and consequently fewer than the average number of wrecks are believed to have occurred in this immediate area during Christmas.

During a 11 and one-half hour period from 2:30 Saturday afternoon until two the next morning Justice Lawrence Bowls collected 29 fines, the minimum of which was \$16.50. This takes into no account the number of warnings issued by the patrolmen, or those who have 10 days from date of the infraction to report.

Rummage Sale Set Here January 9th

A rummage sale will be held in Baird January ninth, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Hours of the sale will be from two in the afternoon until 10 at night. Location of the sale will be the Sam Gilliland building on North Market Street, formerly occupied by Caldwell's Furniture.

Persons having anything of value which they wish to contribute to this cause may do so by contacting Mrs. Randall C. Jackson, Mrs. J. T. Loper or Mrs. Terrell Williams.

In addition to merchandise, the Auxiliary will have sandwiches, drinks and confections.

"We wish to thank Mr. Gilliland for permitting us to use his building without charge and the help everyone is giving in making the rummage sale what we hope will be a genuine success," said Mrs. Jackson to the Star yesterday.

Mrs. Margie Ray and son, Billy, of Lubbock, spent the holidays in Jal, N. M., with Mrs. Ray's daughter, Mrs. Paul Max Varner and family.

Visitors in the J. T. Lawrence home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buckingham, Ann and Glen, of Gainesville; P. W. Henderson and sons, Porter and Joe, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Melton, Yvonne and Sharon of Breckenridge.

Baird Couple Off To Rose Bowl To Join Others Of Family

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arvin enroute here Sunday for Pasadena, California, where they are to attend the Rose Bowl football game January second between the University of Michigan and U.C.L.A.

In California they will be met by her brother, Dr. Durward Varner, vice-president of the University of Michigan, and his family. Dr. Varner is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Varner, well known Cottonwood couple. Dr. Leo Varner and Mrs. Flora Nordyke, brother and sister of Mrs. Arvin, and both of whom live on the west coast will also join the group at Pasadena.

Dr. Durward Varner is the first man to hold the position of vice-president of Michigan University. He recently went before the state legislature at Lansing and secured the new name for the school which was formerly known as Michigan State College.

Local people will remember the Michigan educator as an outstanding athlete at Cottonwood and later at Cross Plains. He was graduated from Texas A & M with the class of 1940 and served with General George Patton's army in North Africa and Europe, attaining the rank of major.

5 EAT CHRISTMAS MEAL IN COUNTY JAIL HERE

Five prisoners took their Christmas dinner in the county jail at Baird. The menu consisted of baked hen and dressing and seasonal delicacies.

Mrs. W. B. Jones spent Monday in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones and Mrs. John Guitler.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rouse and Cleo Ivy, of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tatum and children of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mitchell of Cottonwood, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Russell of Dallas visited Mrs. Felix Mitchell and other relatives during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Mitchell visited Mrs. Gibbs at Rowden on Christmas day.

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

Edith Bowlus spent the Christmas holidays in Big Spring with her sister, Mrs. Errol Haley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ringhoffer and family spent Christmas day with relatives and friends in Cross Plains.

J. W. Smith, of Big Spring, brother of Mrs. Tee Baulch, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Box and baby of San Angelo, visited in the Tee Baulch home during the holidays.

Christmas Dinner At Swinson Home

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swinson were hosts to their children and several relatives on Christmas Day with a turkey dinner being served, and gifts exchanged from a beautiful tree.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Billie Kelley and children of Ajo, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Pinto of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Black and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Swinson, Sue, Mari and Lyn, all of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swinson and Sammy Lou, of Hamilton.

From Baird were: Mrs. O. B. Jarrett, Mrs. Bobbie Voights, Bobby, Barbara and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Swinson and Sherrie.

Gwin Family Holds Reunion Dec. 18th

The G. A. Gwins had all of their five children home on Dec. 18th for an early Christmas dinner.

The Gwins have 17 grandchildren, but only 13 were present, 3 great grandchildren were also present.

All enjoyed a bountiful meal at the noon hour.

The Bates Baulch family of Coleman and the Rex Baulch family of Gainesville spent Christmas with the Willis Baulch family and also visited other relatives.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Berry Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Jody Crutchfield of Breckenridge, and daughter, Mary, of Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Ground, Bobby and Norman, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Knox Waggoner and Butch of Abilene.

THAT'S A FACT

TURKEY VS. EAGLE

IF BEN FRANKLIN HAD HIS WAY, OUR NATIONAL SYMBOL WOULD HAVE BEEN THE TURKEY RATHER THAN THE EAGLE! BEN SAID: "THE TURKEY IS A MUCH MORE RESPECTABLE BIRD AND WITHAL A TRUE ORIGINAL NATIVE OF AMERICA!"

BIRD IN THE HAND

BETTER THAN EVER U.S. SAVINGS BONDS PROVIDE THE SURE, CERTAIN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: "HOW CAN I SECURE MY FUTURE INVESTMENT AND REAP THE BENEFITS AT A LATER DATE?"

STRANGE IMPORT

WHEN A ZOO IN AFRICA WANTED A LION—THEY IMPORTED THE BEST FROM A DUBLIN IRELAND ZOO! THE REASON? THE DUBLIN LIONS HAD BEEN REARED IN CAPTIVITY AND WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO STAND ZOO LIFE THAN THE NATIVE AFRICAN WILD!

FROM DUBLIN ZOO

IT'S EASY AS PIE...

TO ENROLL IN THE PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN WHERE YOU ARE EMPLOYED, GET THE FACTS NOW AND START YOUR U.S. SAVINGS BOND PROGRAM WITHOUT DELAY. YOU'LL NEVER MAKE A HAPPIER DECISION!

Ralph Gibson, of Baylor University, Waco, was visiting in Baird Monday morning. Ralph was formerly educational and choir director of Baird's First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lawrence Bowlus spent last week in Midland visiting Dub and Raye Jean. She was accompanied home Friday night by Dub and Raye Jean, who spent Christmas in Baird and Abilene with their parents.

Dr. Ben Lewis Russell and family of Clovis, N. M., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Hampton and children, of Fort Worth, daughter of the Russells, also visited in the Russell home.

In Baird for the holidays with their mother, Mrs. S. E. Settle, were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis of Henrietta, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fulcher, Jr., Alice and Nancy, of Del Rio; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Settle, Linda, Harville, Larry and Carl, of Big Lake.

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ATTENTION: MAN WANTED for Raleigh Business in Callahan Co. Sell to 1500 families. See A. W. Hennessee, 708 W. Patterson, Eastland, Texas, or write today Raleigh's Dept., TXL-1010-SS, Memphis, Tenn.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dale Haven, of Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Price during the holidays.

Mrs. Rosa Ryan spent the holidays in Big Spring with her son, Joe Ryan and wife.

Mrs. Myrtle Berry is visiting this week in San Angelo with her daughter and family, the Aubrey Grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Coppinger and John, of Abilene, visited her mother, Mrs. Sam I. Smith during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Turpin, of Denver, Colo., spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. S. L. McElroy and Mr. McElroy.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbreath and daughters spent Christmas with Mrs. Ernest Penn and other relatives in Mercury.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Daniel and baby, of Abilene, spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Byrd, of Clairmont, and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Merryman and children, of Cross Plains, spent the holidays in the J. O. Warren home.

J. H. McClendon, of Wichita Falls, Mrs. John McClendon and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andrews spent Christmas with the Bates Baulch family in Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nutt and children, of Post, and Mrs. Buddy Tankersley spent the holidays in Lampasas with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Nutt.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sparks and son, Jimmie, of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McElroy spent the holidays in Wichita Falls with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Todd and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Evans, of Clovis, N. M., visited friends and relatives here during the holidays. He formerly served as Tax Collector of Callahan County for about 20 years. Mrs. Evans is the former Miss Erma Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Freeland spent the holidays in Odessa with their son Blanton Freeland and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland and baby, of Lubbock, were also present for the holidays in Odessa.

Until 1847, the person receiving mail paid the postage, not the sender.

Elections must be dangerous business mortality percentages often run over 50 percent.

When a boy gets old enough to realize how much he owes his parents, some gal comes along and gets the interest.

Lease bids by oil companies on 23,679 acres of school lands last week enriched the permanent school fund \$1,552,284.

Governor Shivers has appointed H. M. Hood of Borger as judge of the new domestic relations court in Hutchinson County. Also he named W. D. Noel of Odessa to the State Liquor Control Board.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spencer, Margaret Ann and Evelyn, of Dallas, visited Mrs. J. H. Grimes and Miss Isadore Grimes during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Gillit and daughter, Donna, spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gillit, and with other relatives here and in Putnam.



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Parents who think of their child's future start a savings program while the youngster is still in the toddler stage! As he grows up, your savings will keep pace and build a strong future for him. Open an insured savings account here for your child today!

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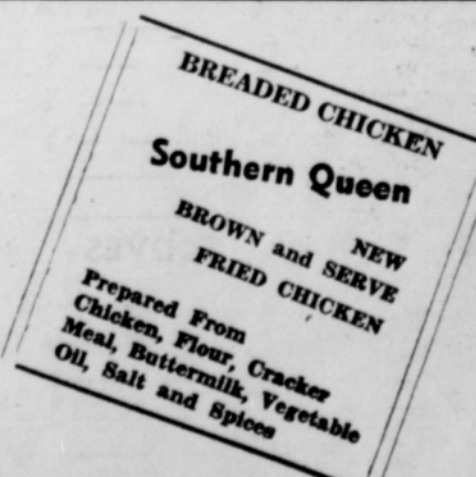
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PANSY PLANTS — 60c dozen. Also Snapdragons. Mrs. Kelton's Flower Shop. 50-tf-c 50-tf-c

FOR SALE — 1956-1957 Texas Almanac. The Baird Star.

NOTICE
New prices on Helpy-Self Laundry beginning Jan. 3, 1956, will be 75c per hour. Pick up service on Helpy-Self customers will be 15c round trip or 10c one way. Bryant Laundry. 51-3-c

GARAGE FOR RENT — 12x15 storage room, 422 Walnut, \$5.00 a month or you can use either one of them for yard work. Madison Montgomery, No. 12 & Walnut, Abilene. 49-tf-c

FOR SALE — Vanity, high-boy and platform rocker. Mrs. W. B. Jones, Baird. 49-tf-c

POSTED — All land owned by Frank Windham is posted. 40-tf-c

You can now buy the Maytag range on the Round-Up Plan. Also the automatic washers, liberal trade-in. Phone 231. J. T. Loper. 42-tf-c

MOVING?—Then call 4-4113 for a complete, safe and reasonable service.—Red Ball Transfer & Storage, Abilene, Texas. S. R. Ogle R. V. Carey 14-tf-c

FOR SALE —Complete set of dry good store fixtures, including fluorescent light fixtures. Mrs. W. R. Jones Baird

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Interest High In Eula Stock Show

Plans are nearing completion for the Eula F. F. A. Chapter's Community Stock Show to be held February fourth.

Claude Rock, F.F.A. chapter advisor and vocational agriculture instructor at Eula, told the Star Tuesday afternoon that competition will be keen in all five divisions and much interest is being focused on the exhibition.

All entries at Eula will be brought to the county show to be held in Baird the following week end.

"We're particularly proud of the offerings to be seen in our swine show," Rock declared. "Every animal displayed will be registered and from the Duroc strain."

The calf show will consist of dry lot entries only, there having been no wet lot enthusiasts at Eula this year.

In the sheep show, there will be at least eight fat lambs and seven or eight breeding ewes.

The poultry division will consist of breeding roosters, production hens and broilers.

The rabbit show is to offer both breeding bucks and does, and fryer rabbits.

The swine show at Eula is expected to be particularly outstanding this year. There will be boars, sows and gilts, as well as fat barrows.

Ribbons are to be awarded the first three place winners in all divisions, however, a prize which is attracting much interest is that being offered by the Callahan County Farmers Cooperative, Inc. It is to go to the boy or girl displaying the greatest showmanship, and every participant at Eula will be eligible.

Clyde Girl And Eula Man Will Marry On January 7th

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Nita Fave Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dixon of Clyde, and Billy Jesse Tarrant, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tarrant of Eula.

The nuptials are to be solemnized at the First Baptist Church in Clyde on the evening of January seventh, at 7:30.

Mrs. Bell Knox of Hamlin, spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Mae Varner.

Mrs. Eunice Brock visited relatives in Louisiana during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryant are visiting their son, Bernie and family in Fort Worth.

Jimmy Childs, of Austin, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Childs spent Christmas in Eden with their daughter, Mrs. Carl Pfleger and family.

Mrs. Guy Nutt and daughter, Ann, of Post, who spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Buddy Tankersley, visited in Abilene Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yarbrough.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the American Legion Hall in the City of Baird in Callahan County, Texas, on the 10th day of January, 1956, for the purpose of electing two Directors of Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1. The officers of said election are: Election Judge, B. H. Freeland; Clerks: Mrs. Eva Lee, Mrs. F. E. Mitchell and Mrs. Alice Crutchfield.

All persons who are qualified voters and who pay taxes in the said District shall be entitled to vote in said election.

Gilbert Hinds, President, Callahan County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1. Dec. 23-30, Jan. 6

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, Texas, will receive bids until 10 o'clock, A. M., on the 9th day of Jan. 1956, at the courthouse in Baird, Texas, for the purchase of the following described road machinery; two 1 1/2 ton chassis trucks and cabs with short wheelbase, two-speed rear axle and 4-ten ply 8.25x20 rear tires.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County; however, the County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. J. Lester Farmer, County Judge, Callahan County.



H. C. Cottons Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Saturday With Open House

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cotton observed their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house held in their home, Saturday afternoon, December 24th.

The open house was hosted by their five children, who were all at home for the occasion. The children are Herman, Valmeyer, Illinois; J. Connard, Pecos, Mrs. Lynn Ault, Baird; Mrs. Neva Gonsalves, Asmara, Eritrea, Africa; and Edwin F., Aspermont.

Three grandchildren were unable to attend. They are Pfc. James T. Cotton, serving in the U. S. Army in Japan; Donald Cotton and Mrs. Ralph Frank, Jr., Valmeyer, Illinois. The other seven grandchildren were present.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Lynn Ault and registered by Miss Bobbie Cotton, a granddaughter. Mrs. Herman Cotton directed the guests to the gift display.

Presiding at the refreshment table were Mrs. J. Connard Cotton, Mrs. Gonsalves, Mrs. Robert Bassetti, Abilene, a niece of Mrs. Cotton, and Miss Carolyn McClenny, Hamlin.

The table was laid with a hand made linen cut work cloth, with a gold cloth underneath, and centered with an arrangement of gold pom-pom mums. The four-tiered wedding cake was baked by Mrs. Martha Walton, Rifle, Colorado. The cake was iced white and decorated with gold and pink flowers and topped with an ornament of gold leaves and the numerals "50."

Coffee was served from a silver service. Napkins were white with gold bells and "The Cottons" printed in gold.

Receptions rooms were filled with flowers of gold mums and gladioli, all gifts from friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton were married at Dunn, Texas, in 1905, and moved to Clyde in 1922. Mrs. Cotton was the former Mabel Richardson. They are members of the Church of Christ.

The program was a very informative and interesting panel discussion on Safety for Texans. Driver Education, Safety in The Home, Fire Prevention by Mmes. M. L. Stubblefield, B. L. Russell, Jr., and I. E. Warren.

After the program, refreshments were served to the following members: Mmes. M. D. Bell, L. L. Blackburn, W. P. Brightwell, A. E. Dyer, W. A. Fetterly, Sam Gilliland, Ace Hickman, V. E. Hill, Lee Ivey, J. R. Jackson, B. L. Russell, Jr., D. F. Short, M. L. Stubblefield, I. E. Warren, the hostess Isadore Grimes and a guest, Mrs. J. H. Grimes.

The C. T. Clay family, of Big Spring, visited relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Mrs. W. E. Melton, of Coleman, visited the Gunn girls during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith spent the holidays in Ft. Worth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Purvis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kimmell, of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ledbetter, of Abilene, visited in the Joe Alexander home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Caldwell spent the holidays in Garland with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown, Jr., and son, and Mrs. A. Schultz, of Junction City, Oregon, have returned home after spending ten days here with relatives.

Visitors in the C. B. Snyder home during the holidays were: Raymond Poy of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin, Mrs. Carl Springer, Mrs. Sam Hammer and son, Gene, Gaines Short and family and Jerry and Jana Cockrell, all of Abilene; Mrs. Ed Switzer, San Angelo; Mrs. Harold C. Foy, Nancy and Jimmy of Brownwood; Mrs. John Howle and daughter of El Paso; Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Sr., and Miss Laura Snyder, of Moran. Some of these visitors visited with Mrs. H. F. Poy, Mrs. D. E. Short and with

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Employees of Lone Star Gas Company's Abilene district of distribution have attained a perfect safety record exceeding six years and representing 1,570,645 hours of work without a loss-of-time accident.

District Manager W. M. (Bill) Braymer of Abilene was advised of the accomplishment in accident prevention by A. W. Bree-land of Dallas, assistant personnel director in charge of safety for Lone Star.

During the six-year period through November the Abilene district averaged 94 employees who worked 2,216 consecutive accident-free days. The district consists of Abilene, the headquarters; Buffalo Gap, Hawley, Tye, Baird, Clyde and Putnam. R. W. McKennon is subdistrict

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Blakley of Abilene were Christmas visitors in the Spike Blakley home.

Peek, Sig Blakley, Adella Rokey, Alma Stephenson, Bessie Pass and Lillie Settle.

Edward A. Compton, Ft. Worth attorney, was a business visitor in Baird last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Harris, Bill Harris and Dorothy Schaffrina visited friends in Cross Plains during the holidays.

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First Presbyterian Church

Great indignation is aroused throughout the nation because of the horrible death toll during the Christmas season and, of course, rightly so. Little interest, however, is manifest over the countless thousands who are going into an endless eternity without Christ. Every remedy imaginable has been put forth to stop the wanton killing on our highways but apparently to no avail as the slaughter continues. However, there is a remedy for those who face death a Christless soul. This remedy has been in operation since the Christ came into the world. He gave the world God's remedy for the soul's salvation when He said, "Ye Must Be Born Again". The new birth guarantees absolute safety for every living soul and has never failed.

The New Year is about on us, Sunday being the first day. Here in this church the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning hour of worship. The pastor will speak on the subject "A Creed For The New Year." Sunday school convenes at 10 o'clock. There is room here for you. Our Men's Bible Class is growing in both interest and attendance. There is a warm welcome for you here at the "Little Red Brick Church on the Corner," where you are as a stranger for the first time only.

Friends and relatives visiting in the A. W. Gibson home during Christmas were: Wayne Northcutt, Abilene; Billie Bob Kelly, Ajo, Ariz.; Mrs. Wanda Sammons, Patsy and Vicki, Baird; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson and Janice of Denton Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson attended the Christmas reunion of the Cook family out at the farm home Monday afternoon, where gifts were exchanged from the lovely Christmas tree. About 44 were present to enjoy the occasion. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings had been served at the noon hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Ray Gibson, Mary Kay and Johnny of Seguin, Mr. and Mrs. Granvel Pierce and Jan, of Abilene, spent the week end with their parents, and Mrs. A. W. Gibson. Lynn Ray and family left Baird Monday for Austin where they were to visit with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Free and other relatives.

Mrs. Lillie Swafford had five of her children home for the holidays: 3/e Leon Swafford and wife of Orange, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Burleson and daughter of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gibbs, Benny and Claudia of Crane, Pete Swafford of Talpa and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Curtis and family of Baird, Leon Swafford will receive his discharge from the Navy on January 31, after serving 4 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Will D. Boydston and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harper, of Abilene, left Saturday for Corpus Christi where they met Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson of Brownsville, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Boydston Stokes, where they had breakfast Sunday morning. After attending Sunday School, they returned to the Sam Stokes home for dinner where 19 adults and 3 great grandchildren were present. They were honored by Mrs. Sam B. Stokes grandmother, Mema Bell, 92 years old and looking like about 60 as a guest.

CARD OF THANKS

Words are inadequate to express our deep appreciation for the expressions of sympathy, the cards and beautiful floral offerings of our many friends in our hour of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

The family of Mrs. Temple Poe

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LOCAL MAN PAYS UP STAR SUBSCRIPTION 44TH STRAIGHT YEAR

Who is the longest continuous subscriber to the Star? That is a question those who print and publish the paper are unable to accurately answer, however, some kind of distinction belongs to Luther Maner, long time Baird resident, who dropped by the newspaper office Tuesday noon and paid his subscription for the forty-fourth consecutive time.

BOB HUNTINGTON DIES WEDNESDAY NOON AT CROSS PLAINS HOME

B. B. (Bob) Huntington, Cross Plains water superintendent and long time resident of that city, dropped dead at his home there Wednesday noon. Death resulted from a heart attack.

Funeral services were held from the First Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains Thursday afternoon.

MRS. FRED CUTBIRTH IN BROWNWOOD HOSPITAL

Her many friends all over Callahan County will regret to learn that Mrs. Fred Cutbirth is ill in the Memorial Hospital at Brownwood. She entered the hospital Tuesday.

Dr. Joe McFarlane, the attending physician, does not regard her condition as serious and she is expected to be able to return to her home in a short time.

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL FOR LOCAL KIDDOS TUESDAY

It will be back to classes for more than 400 Baird school students Tuesday morning of next week. Recitations are to be resumed after a two weeks Christmas recess.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ramsey and daughters, Carolyn, Ann and Martha Sue, of Ft. Worth, are visiting Mrs. D. F. Harp.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Swafford of El Paso, spent the week end before Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Lillie Swafford. They were enroute to their new home in Searcy, Arkansas.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McElroy were: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Peek, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr., Mrs. John McGowan, Miss Curley Seale and Miss Billie Seale, all of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Turpin of Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crutchfield of Breckenridge, Miss Mary Crutchfield of Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jackson and daughter of Midland, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Crutchfield, Patty and Cathy of Abilene, Mrs. Myrtle Berry of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Allman of Albany were guests in the home of Mrs. George Crutchfield Christmas.

IN THE 42ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

On this the 12 day of December, A. D. 1955, in accordance with Article 2326 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by the 53rd Legislature, notice is given that the salary of the Official Shorthand Reporter of the 42nd Judicial District of Texas, will be increased from the present salary of \$450.00 to \$500.00 per month, effective January 1, 1956.

J. R. BLACK, Judge, 42nd Judicial District of Texas

Notice To Creditors Of The Estate of James L. Chatham, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of James L. Chatham, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 19th day of October, 1955, by the County Court of Callahan County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post-office address is Baird, Callahan County, Texas.

V. L. CHATHAM, Administrator of the Estate of James L. Chatham, Deceased. 12-23, 30



PROMOTED - Sgt. William C. Waggoner of Clyde, who was recently promoted to that rank. He is serving with the First Marine Aircraft Wing at Atsugi, Japan. He is a graduate of Clyde high school and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Waggoner.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McElroy visited relatives in Ballinger on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hart, of Midland, and Bill Hart, of San Angelo, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart.

Lucien Warren, of Oplin, returned home last Friday from visiting his sister, Mrs. Ida Bradshaw in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warren visited their son, Chester Warren and family in Austin during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hensley and grandson, Jimmy Hensley, of Ft. Worth, visited in the H. W. Martin home during the holidays.

Norris Baulch and wife, of Wichita Falls, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Dickey and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Baulch.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brown and Mary spent Christmas in Cisco with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown spent Christmas in Ft. Worth with their son, J. R. Brown, who is critically ill.

Mrs. Jerry Culwell and Mrs. Floyd Arrant, of Abilene, spent Wednesday with Mrs. S. L. McElroy.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrle Easter and son, Bob, of Midland, were Christmas visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, Yvonne and Sonny, spent Christmas in Graham with Mrs. Caldwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McCoy.

Mrs. Chas. L. Robinson and her sister, Miss Dolly Wilson of Fort Worth, spent Christmas in Holtville, Calif., with their sister, Mrs. J. W. Maddox and Mr. Maddox.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller and children of Dallas, Judson Russell and family of Abilene, and O. J. Russell, of Cisco, were visitors with Mrs. B. L. Russell, Sr., during the holidays.

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Down Memory Lane

December 30, 1910

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell were in from the Bayou Tuesday. J. U. Johnson, of Ovalo, spent a few days in town this week.

T. C. (Cal) Whatley, formerly of this county, now living in New Mexico, came in Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones are visiting relatives in Ft. Worth during the holidays.

Hugo Foy, of Taylor, came in last week to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Foy.

T. L. Conway and family left Tuesday night for Oklahoma to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Day, of Stamford, visited Mrs. Day's brother, J. C. Estes and family the first of the week.

W. J. Leverett, living northwest of town, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Frenche Emmons, who is attending school at Stamford, is at home for the holidays.

Orin and Miss Dana Moon are at home for the holidays from Britton Training School, Cisco.

Miss Isabel Brock, who is teaching school in Haskell county, is spending the holidays with her parents at Belle Plain.

December 27, 1935

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hamm and little daughter and son, Wren and Si Jr., spent Christmas with relatives in Merkel.

Judge and Mrs. Otis Bowyer has as their guests during the holidays their daughters and son, Mrs. J. H. Leache and children, Beverly and Armstead, Misses Aurelia and Mary Bowyer of Ft. Worth and Otis Bowyer, Jr., of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Adams and little daughter, Elese, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Adams' sister, Mrs. Sylvester Dawson and other relatives in Longview.

Tom Harris, of Panhandle, is spending the holidays with his sister and brothers, Miss Jennie Harris and Buster Harris at Admiral and John Harris of Clyde.

H. Ross and sons, Hugh Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Ross spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. J. J. Bookhout and family in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McElroy and daughters, Frances and Nita Ruth, spent Christmas day with relatives in Comanche.

W. M. Coffman is spending the holidays with his children in Dallas, Ranger and Cisco.

IT'S THE LAW IN TEXAS

GIFTS - HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Since thoughts of gifts come quite naturally to mind during the Christmas season, the subject of gift taxes may be a timely one. Although it may surprise some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another.

However the government has no desire to tax ordinary birthday and Christmas gifts. The law therefore excludes from taxable gifts the first \$3,000 given to each individual in each calendar year.

The law also excludes from taxable gifts, gifts to the church, community chest, and similar charitable organization, and allows each giver an exemption of \$30,000 - before the tax applies.

The tax applies whether the gift is of money or of property. If it is of property, the tax is computed on the fair market value of the property at the date of the gift.

The purpose of many gifts is to remove the property from the taxable estate of the giver at the time of his death. This may or may not be accomplished. The federal law provides that transfers made within three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death and shall be taxable in the estate of the one who dies.

It may be advisable to "look a gift horse in the mouth" for the gift may cost the one who receives the gift in income taxes as well as the giver in gift taxes.

For income tax purposes the cost basis of property received by gift is the cost to the giver regardless of the fact that the giver may have paid a gift tax on the gift. The other rule is that in case of property received by inheritance, the cost basis is the fair market value at the date of the decedent's death.

An example will show the application of the rules. Suppose a farmer acquired his land in the early days at a cost of \$10,000. This property is now worth \$50,000. The farmer wishes to retire and to escape estate taxes, so he gives the farm to his daughter.

Although he may pay federal gift taxes totaling several thousand dollars, when the daughter decides to sell the farm for its \$50,000 value, she still has to pay income tax on \$40,000 profit (difference between the sales price and her father's cost of \$10,000.)

On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter, but had left it to her under his will, he would have saved the gift tax. The daughter would have taken the property at a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon the sale she would not have had to pay any income tax.

Of course there would have been some estate taxes and administration expenses in the father's estate, but that would have been much less than the taxes which resulted from the gift. However, depending upon individual and particular circumstances, there may be occasion when a gift is advisable. Your lawyer can advise you on this matter.

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

the application of the law.)

Dallas-Ft. Worth toll road will total \$13,524,321 after awards are made this week for six bridges. Low bid submitted to the Texas Turnpike Authority was by Harry Newton, Inc., of Graham, for \$2,196,273.

Lack of moisture, recurrent freezes and strong dusty winds are slowly strangling wheat prospects in the Plains County, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

Six Texas hospital construction projects have been qualified to receive more than \$1,000,000 in federal aid. Approved by the State Board of Health were: Donley County Hospital at Clarendon, Texarkana Hospital, Llano County Hospital at Llano, Joint City-County Public Health Center at Ft. Worth and Wichita General Hospital at Wichita Falls.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety, predicts violent death for 204 Texans during the Christmas-New Year's holiday. He estimated 112 traffic deaths, 39 murders and suicides and 53 other accidental deaths. Last year's traffic prediction and final count was 108.

Bright factors in the Texas Employment Commission's annual report to the governor: (1) Unemployment hit a new low in August. (2) Workers covered by unemployment compensation increased 5.1 per cent. (3) Earnings of production workers increased to average \$75.42 weekly.

Infestation of pink bollworms is worse this year than last, says

State Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. He warns farmers to plow up field of cotton stalks. A person who is too busy to take care of his health is like a carpenter who is too busy to take care of his tools.

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TO MY

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OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

Having COMPLETED my FIRST full-year as your ELECTED Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 1 of Callahan County, I submit for your Information and Consideration, the following CONDENSED REPORT showing the activities through said office for the year of 1955.

Criminal Cases Completed	Total Fines Collected	Court Costs Collected	Recovered For Plaintiffs	Jail Sentences Served	Total Collected For County
625 T.H.P.	\$2456.15	\$7720.75		3	\$10,176.90
25 P.C.	\$143.50	\$338.50	\$339.23	1	\$482.00
17 S.D.	\$52.00	\$192.00		7	\$244.00
Totals	667	\$2651.65	\$8251.25	\$339.23	\$10,802.90

In CIVIL MATTERS, we effected COMPLETION of 25 cases recovering for Plaintiffs the sum of \$787.69; Entering Judgments for Plaintiffs for the sum of \$965.63; Court Costs COLLECTED on these cases being \$95.95.

Also during 1955, we processed 64 Birth Certificates and 31 Death Certificates.

Calling your Attention to the above 625 T.H.P. Cases Completed; these are Cases FILED by the TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL, and fully 98% of these cases were NON COUNTY RESIDENTS, who violated some of the State Laws Relating to the Highways.

The 25 P.C. Cases mentioned above, are cases filed by PRIVATE-CITIZENS; FOUR of these Cases being for Disturbance - the others being for SWINDLING with worthless checks.

The other item of 17 S.D. being Complaints filed by the Sheriff's Department for various infractions of the laws.

In my efforts to show you my appreciation for your kindness in electing me to this office, I have put forth my best efforts to be FAIR and IMPARTIAL in all matters coming before me, and wish to assure you at this time that I shall continue to conduct the affairs of this office in such a manner, that you will have no cause to regret having placed your confidence in me.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. BOWLUS.

The Employees of Home Telephone & Electric Co. take this means of expressing their appreciation of the many gifts and cards they received from patrons of the Company.

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