

Texas, Oklahoma May See Worst Dust Storms in 1953

FORT WORTH—The soil conservation service said today the new year may see the worst Texas and Oklahoma dust and sand storms in two decades.

Regional SCS director Louis P. Merrill said lands in West Texas and Oklahoma subject to blowing "have entered the new wind erosion season in the most perilous condition since the end of the blow years of the 1930's."

The prolonged drought and bad farming practices have left 6,279,500 acres in the two states susceptible to blowing, he said. The land does not have sufficient vegetation or crop residue to prevent high winds from scooping the topsoil into the air.

The acres in danger of blowing top by almost two million the acreage similarly susceptible in any year since 1940, Merrill added.

The SCS chief blamed the increase in "blow land" on dry weather following wheat plantings, large acreage in cotton, failure of sorghum crops, and overuse of sorghum stubble and rangelands.

In the 12-county Lubbock district 1,680,000 acres are vulnerable. Much of this is cotton land which was mechanically tripped and sorghum land on which the crop was cut for bundle feed. In the 13-county district headquarters at Big Spring, 1,394,000 acres were counted in the "blow" column with some already damaged.

"Many farmers in the areas of Oklahoma and Texas threatened by wind erosion are awake to the danger and are doing their best to get ready," said Merrill. "They already are busy with emergency tillage operations on the exposed land."

"However, our goal in this fight against wind erosion is the kind of farming being done by soil conservation district cooperators R. J. Purcell of near Brownfield; Steve Brockman at Dimmitt; and O. M. McGuire of near Spur. These men are keeping their land protected and making it more productive at the same time. There will be no blowing on their farms this season and on thousands of other farms whose owners are using soil conservation district methods."

SWEET 'N SOUR

By A. DILL

That explosion you heard this week wasn't another atomic bomb test, but about one-hundred and twenty million New Year's resolutions being dropped. Were yours included in the first blast, or do they pop one by one as the year grows older? We know one fellow who goes around with a smug, superior, smile this time of year saying, "Haven't broken a resolution yet." Of course, he doesn't add that he hasn't made any. That would spoil the whole effect.

One nice thing about the holiday season is seeing old friends back in town—"Home for Christmas." Wish we could have seen ~~everyone~~ but we're happy that we saw the ones we did.

"Shine" and Joe Griffin of Snyder, were home—sometimes with "Shine's" folks, the Larmer Henry's, sometimes with the Griffins, at Midway.

Sterling Reynold's family was here from Fort Worth, too, and the children were enjoying a visit with their grandmother very much.

Jack Ray and his family were here for the holidays, or part of them, with his parents, Lonnie and Bess Ray.

Suzanne Sladous, accompanying her aunt, was home from school in Louisiana for a nice Christmas vacation.

Our folks from Dallas, Paul and Maurine Cook, and son, Don, were here to visit relatives—Mrs. Lena Irvin and Mrs. W. J. Cook, and all the rest of us.

The Bowlers' John, Ruth, and Johnny, had Christmas guests—Mr. and Mrs. Homer Simons and Mr. and Mrs. John Simons, of Abilene, and Edith Bowler.

Kate and Mack McCleary had a nice Christmas present—a visit from both children and their families—Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell and sons, Jimmy and Mike of Longview, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hart, and daughters, Sue and Anne, of Katy, Texas. The McCleary's also had a special holiday guest, "Mack's" brother, E. G. McCleary of Del Monte, California.

Mrs. Sally Eastham had a young visitor, small grandson, Jerry Eastham.

A pre-holiday visitor in town was Dickie Eastham, enroute to Fort Mount Davis in Phoenix, Arizona. Dick has been promoted from a Corporal rank to that of a Sergeant, in the Air Corps. Dickie stopped off in Baird to visit his grandparents, the R. F. Mayfields, and his grandmother, Mrs. Sally Eastham.

The Keefe Rowlands spent Christmas in Chico, Texas, with Mrs. Rowland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Mount. From there, they went to Norman, Oklahoma, for a holiday visit with Mrs. Rowland's cousin, Dr. Dick Huff, and family. The Rowlands and Louis Phippen, director of Band in the Baird Schools, made a New Year's visit to San Antonio, Texas, and also visited Austin on their return trip.

The Gardiner's, Frank, Maudine, and children, had visitors for New Years—Mrs. Gardiner's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Estes, of Raydon, Oklahoma, Mr. Gardiner's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gardner, and daughter, Phoebe Lue, of Weatherford, Oklahoma; also his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gardiner, of El Paso, Texas were guests.

Supt. of Baird Schools, Keefe Rowland, and County Superintendent L. C. Cash, with others, of Callahan County Schools, will spend this week in Austin, Tex., for the annual conference of School Superintendents.

If we have failed to mention your holiday guests, or visits, will you please let us know? What you do is important news to your Star.

Before signing off, we'll remind you of the entertainment line-up at the Plaza. Do you like Damon Runyon? Then you'll probably go for Sunday-Monday flicker. Did you like O. Henry's Full House last week? Then you won't be surprised to hear that it topped many a movie critic's "ten best films" list.

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BOOST BAIRD IN 1953

Second Meeting of Texas Library Association, District 3, at Abilene January 17

Librarians, library trustees, Friends of libraries, press and radio representatives will meet at McMurry College, Abilene, Saturday, January 17, 1953, to discuss in workshop fashion library development in Texas, and West Texas in particular, and media of communication between libraries and their public.

The featured speaker at 11 o'clock will be Fred Folmer, Associate Librarian at The University of Texas. Mr. Folmer is a member of the Library Development Committee, Texas Library Association. He will tell the Texas library story, pointing out the present status of plans for library development being made by the Texas Library Development Committee of Texas Library Association and the responsibilities of area librarians and citizens in a Texas library development program.

Dr. Pen G. Stensland, Director, Ford Foundation Adult Educational Program, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, will preside for the discussion forum following a luncheon on the McMurry campus. Dr. Stensland came from Sweden ten years ago, where he had worked in adult education in Stockholm. He came to America because he was interested in the great educational opportunities offered here and is at present working on an adult education project with headquarters in Lubbock. Discussion consultants will include Thomas J. Gibson, III, State Librarian; Lamar Wallis, President, TLA; Mrs. Lucille B. Wilson, Director of Extension, Texas State Library; Fred Folmer, Library Development Committee, TLA Executive Board; Mrs. Leddy Jones, President, Texas

Friends of the Library, Dallas. Exchange of ideas of local radio and press representatives, librarians, and citizens should be stimulating and informative to those interested in library development in this West Texas area. All persons interested in library development—school, college, and public—are invited to attend the meeting. Reservations for the luncheon should be made with Miss Perma Rich, Librarian, McMurry College.

Fort Worth Stock Show Will Hold Press Day, Feb. 2

"Press-Radi-TV Day" will be one of the highlights of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, which opens January 30 and runs through February 8. Newspapermen and representatives of radio and television will have Monday, February 2, as their day, officials of the Fort Worth exposition announce.

The guests of honor will have the opportunity of seeing one of the most important events of the entire exposition, the selection of the grand champion of the open steer show, and will attend the afternoon performance of the world's greatest indoor rodeo.

The Stock Show presented the first indoor rodeo in the world and the visitors will see the biggest grand entry of them all, 600 riders.

This year's rodeo may well prove to be the most outstanding in the show's history because the producers will be the new partnership of Beutler Bros. and Verne Elliott. The latter, known as "Mr. Rodeo", has produced all but two of the Fort Worth rodeos, beginning in 1924, as well as Cheyenne Frontier Days, Calgary Stampede and the Denver, Chicago and Kansas City rodeos for years. Last year, Beutler Bros. presented 23 rodeos. The merger brings together the two top strings of rodeo stock in the world.

Interspersed with the rodeo contests are horse show events and on the afternoon of February 2, two of the most colorful classes will be presented: the Palomino silver mounted stake in the cutting horse contest, with the horses carrying equipment valued at thousands of dollars, and the children's class of Shetland ponies, not exceeding 46 inches in height.

In fact, Press Day will be one of the fullest days of the entire exposition, with judging of Herefords, Palomino halter classes, open steers, open barrows, lambs, poultry, turkeys and sheep (Corriedale, Shropshire, Suffolk and Cheviot). In addition there will be the Southwest dairy judging and the general livestock judging for junior A & M and teachers' college students.

An all-time high, \$172,272 in premiums is offered at the '53 Show, and increase of almost \$10,000 over the previous year.

Active palbearers were Clarence V. Hammans, Ira Jones, Henry Jones, Reece Cosby, A. M. Ripps, and R. L. Holley.

Honorary palbearers were: William James Newton Hammans, William A. Hunt, Archibald V. Meigs and A. B. Dyer.

Fire Department Answers Call

The Baird Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the Hubert Ross residence at 341 West 2nd Street on Tuesday afternoon and quickly extinguished a blaze in a wash-house at the rear of the lot.

The fire, of undetermined origin, had little time to spread before the firemen arrived at the scene and little damage was done.

SOME NICE PHOTOGRAPHY
Eddie Bullock, Superintendent of the Premier Refinery here and sportsman deluxe, is proudly displaying in his office a photograph of the hunter and his kill.

Eddie is shown with cradled rifle and kneeling over a full-grown javelina boar, bagged on a recent hunting trip to the Pecos Valley.

The picture, in natural color, is enlarged to 18 by 24 inches and is a beautiful bit of photography (subject excluded). It is a gift to Bullock from two Pecos Valley friends who accompanied him on the recent hunt.

Ineda Montgomery, L. J. Peters Wed



MRS. L. J. PETERS

Mr. Madison Montgomery, of Baird, announces the marriage of his daughter, Ineda, of Urbana, Illinois to Mr. L. J. Peters, also of Urbana.

The ceremony was read by candle light, Friday evening, December 19, at The First Methodist Church in Urbana with the pastor officiating.

The bride is employed as a bookkeeper at The University of Illinois, and Mr. Peters is employed by a major service station.

Long-Time Baird Resident Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. James Harrison Hammans, wife of a retired business man of Baird, were conducted at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, January 3, at The First Baptist Church, the Rev. Riley Fugitt, pastor First Baptist Church, officiating. Minister Merle King, Church of Christ, assisting.

Burial was in Ross Cemetery, Baird.

Mrs. Hammans died Thursday, January 1, in Callahan County Hospital, following a severe attack of pneumonia. She had been in failing health for the past eight years.

Mrs. Hammans was born Lula Ida Jones, on November 25, 1876, at Montezuma, Iowa, the daughter of the late Wesley Newton Jones and Sarah Thorn Jones.

Mrs. Hammans married Mr. James Harrison Hammans in Spring Valley, Arkansas, January 10, 1895. They were married 57 years, 11 months and 21 days.

Mrs. Hammans came with her husband to Texas in 1896. They came to Baird on January 1, 1900, where Mr. Hammans established a mercantile business.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Archibald V. Meigs, Houston, and Mrs. William A. Hunt Baird, and two sons, William James Newton Hammans and Clarence V. Hammans, Houston; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, Conway Springs, Kansas, and Mrs. Myrtle Todtleben, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; six grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

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Local Bank Deposits Reflect Steady Growth Despite Drouth

A mixed trend in bank deposits was reflected in early reports of West Central Texas banks in response to the year-end bank call for statements of condition.

Of 18 banks reporting Friday, five have deposits greater than those of one year ago and five others had deposits slightly lower than one year ago, but ahead of June 30, 1952. Deposits in the other eight banks were down both from June and a year ago.

Loans and discounts, also gave a fluctuating picture, with the majority of banks reporting loans slightly or considerably

higher than at the end of 1951, and a few with lower loan figures than a year ago.

Area banks with deposits ahead of a year ago and their current deposits are First National, Albany, \$5,288,226; First National, Baird, \$4,038,725; and First National, Eastland, \$4,553,790.

Total deposits in Abilene's three banks gained nearly one million dollars during 1952. This week they totaled \$66,161,579 while last year they were \$65,241,613.

While The First National Bank of Baird showed deposits of \$4,038,725.32, its total resources were reported at \$4,304,666.13, a gain of some \$100,000 in each case over the statement of a year ago.

By comparison, the local bank showed total resources for the year 1954 of \$824,827.42.

Bob Norrell, president of The First National Bank of Baird stated this week that he is gratified with the steady increase in deposits over the years, and that it is the intention of the bank to continue to give courteous and efficient banking service.

Mr. Norrell added that his staff is ever on the alert to be more than equal for any change in conditions in this area.

The First National Bank of Baird celebrated its 68th birthday on January 2, when its officials received congratulatory messages from over a wide area and as far away as New York.

Five area banks with deposits lower than one year ago but still ahead of June 30, 1952, were Merkel Farmers & Merchants, Throckmorton First National, Tuscola First State, Winters State and Abilene F&M.

Other West Texas banks for which deposits have decreased during the last year are Anson First National, Aspermont First National, Knox City Citizens State, Loraine First State, Munday First National, Rising Star First State and Spur Security.

The 30-month drouth generally was credited with lowered deposits and in the instances of increases, a booming oil business and other industry was given credit.

Open House At Ray Motor Company

Ray Motor Company, 128 East Second Street, Baird, Texas, will hold "Open House" today, when they place in their show rooms, the "All New Chevrolet of 1953."

Mrs. W. J. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray, co-owners of Ray Motor Company, are extending a cordial invitation to all their friends in Baird and Callahan County to visit their show rooms today, Friday, January 9, 1953, and view the showing of the "All New Chevrolet of 1953."

Coffee will be served throughout the day, and there will be favors for everyone, including exquisite Stradivari perfume for the ladies.

IS IT "FLU"? AT ANY RATE IT'S ROUGH

Word reached The Baird Star office on Thursday that the school at Putnam had closed because of so many students being absent on account of sickness.

A report from Baird School indicated nearly one-half of its students were also out through illness.

Hughes Feed Store New Enterprise

Announcement is made this week by Hughes Feed Store of the opening of their new retail feed store on West 3rd Street, at the location formerly occupied by the Callahan County Farmers Co-Op, Inc.

M. C. Hughes will be delighted to greet his friends and neighbors of this area and invites everyone to "come up where prices are down" for all feed needs.

Hughes Feed Store is agent for Red Chain and Power feeds, and will buy your poultry.

Mr. Hughes states that stock will consist of range cubes and feeds, hog feeds, poultry laying mash and pellets and rabbit and dog foods.

You are invited to call 199 for information and free delivery.

Local Rabbit Fancier Heads Association

W. C. Edwards, Baird, was elected president of the Wes-Tex Rabbit Breeders Association at the regular monthly meeting of the association in Abilene on December 12.

Edwards and son, Bill are owners of the Premier Rabbitry of Baird and specialize in fancy and commercial breeds. They are the possessors of numerous blue ribbons, having shown prize rabbits at shows over the country.

Other officers elected at the year-end meeting include Tom Whiteaker, Abilene, vice president; Bob Kirkpatrick, Abilene, secretary; Paul Jones, Anson, treasurer.

Directors are Byron Wilson, F. W. Burford, Dudley Roach, all of Abilene; Earl Hord, Snyder; Buena Von Winkle, Gorman; J. B. Sprayberry, Stanford; and Jack Koonce, Sweetwater.

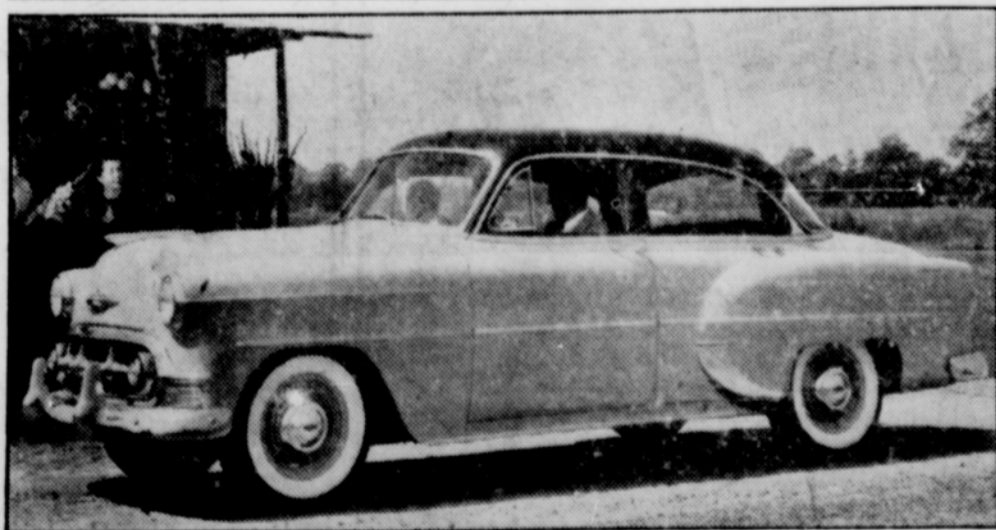
The Wes-Tex Rabbit Breeders Association meets at the clubhouse at Cobb Park, Abilene every second Friday night at 7 o'clock. Visitors are always welcome at the monthly meeting.

NOTICE

This is to notify our customers and friends, we have moved our business next door to White Auto. We would appreciate you calling on us at this new location.

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The low, sweeping lines of the 1953 Chevrolets are exemplified by this four-door sedan in the "Two-Ten" series, which this year offers increased performance, comfort and convenience in addition to a complete re-design. Apparent in

this view are the enlarged front and rear vision, new fender and hood contours and a fresh grille treatment that enhance the rugged beauty of the cars. Four-door sedans are also available in the "One-Fifty" and the new Bel Air series.



SIT-DOWN STRIKE . . . A sit-down strike in Tokyo by railroad employees is one of a series of outbreaks bringing labor unrest to the Japanese capital.

LONE STAR Agriculture

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Need a sure cure for future Texas droughts? Just buy water by the bottle from a man in New York state.

Want to grow watermelons in January? Simply erect gauze tents over the field and pipe warm water through the soil at a depth of 18 inches.

These hints and suggestions are just two of the many received each year by a Texas agency which celebrates its 46th anniversary this month.

The Texas Department of Agriculture was created by an act of the Legislature in January, 1907. Its original staff consisted of only four persons whose duties were "to organize farmers' institutes for the purpose of keeping alive agricultural interests in the state." Legislative action since that time has broadened the scope of activities considerably and today more than 140 employees are associated with the department.

But many people are confused about the Department of Agriculture's activities, just as was the gentleman from New York who offered to break the recent drought with his bottled water—at a neat profit for himself. The department isn't an agricultural purchasing agency—neither is it an experimental station as the Georgia gentleman surmised when he advocated winter watermelon growing.

In a nutshell, the present status of the department is that of an agricultural law enforcement agency. Its duty, primarily, is to administer and regulate laws passed by the Legislature for the advancement of Texas agriculture. A wide range of activities is included in this definition.

For convenience, efficiency and economy, the work is separated into divisions under the Commissioner of Agriculture. The largest division is the Horticulture and Quarantine, followed by Field Seed Certification, Seed Testing Laboratory, Weights & Measures Supervision, Warehouse Inspection and Ag-

ricultural Market News. A detailed explanation of the department's work would fill several good-sized books. It is enough to say that they protect the fruit and vegetable and other commodities from disease and insects; assure all Texans of a full measure of goods purchased on any weight or measuring device; conduct tests to provide a plentiful supply of high quality seeds for next year's crops, and provide up-to-the-minute price information on what the farmer can expect for his goods. There are countless other duties which arise every day—for agriculture is not a static proposition.

agricultural Market News.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is looking forward to another year of service to Texans. It is the hope of the Commissioner and staff members that 1953 will be a year of further advancement for the state's largest industry—Agriculture.

Audit Helpful For Physical Fitness

AUSTIN—If you have not had an audit made recently of your physical assets and liabilities, go to your doctor now and have it done, is the advice of Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, to grown-ups in Texas. It is quite as important to check up on your physical resources as it is to look into the state of your financial possessions. By regular care under your physician's directions, you can conserve your physical assets and avoid an accumulation of destructive liabilities.

Everyone starts with a certain amount of physical capital and as a personal business proposition it is worthwhile to preserve. In infancy and childhood our physical resources, as a rule, are safeguards for us. As we grow older, the responsibility for doing so rests upon the individual. The critical period for many comes in middle life with the sudden realization that the physical capital is yielding diminishing returns in the way of physical well being.

The records of health departments and of insurance companies show that from 10 to 15 years have been added to the average length of life. But the same records show that a majority of the deaths are due to the degenerative diseases of middle age.

Nearly all of these diseases have slow beginnings and their onset discovered through physical examinations before they have gained serious headway. Early detection, adjustment of physical expenditures and better budgeting of activities under a physician's direction will help shift the balance from the unfavorable to the favorable side of the ledger.

Health Essential To Happy New Year

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," sentiments first voiced by the Christmas angels, are renewed often during the holiday season and in wishes for the new year.

Peace and security are dangerous illusions when the majority of the people on this earth are sick and hungry, though, believes the Director-General of the World Health Organization. This agency of the United Nations represents seventy-nine national governments in the field of medicine. With headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, it has six regional offices. Each nation member's assessment toward the funds of the organization is determined by comparing national incomes and ability to pay, but no taxpayer must give more than one cent per year toward its support.

Isolationism in health, as in war, is almost a thing of the past. Since 1948 when WHO was founded, it has set off a movement for world wide health improvement. Great reductions in death rates in many countries have been surpassed by even greater reduction of sickness, and increased production of food and other goods already has resulted from these health improvements. The main health problem of the world is not death but chronic illness which causes millions of people to become dependent on their own government or even on other nations.

WHO helps nations with low living standards not only during disease emergencies but also seeks to set up permanent, long-range health programs. It sends teams of medical specialists to underdeveloped countries to train local doctors and to try to educate the people to better standards of living. These teams have been working chiefly in the fields of malaria, venereal disease, tuberculosis, and maternal and child welfare. For most contagious diseases, prevention lies in creating healthful surroundings. Air, water and food supplies must be supervised and any faults in them corrected and a program to control insects and other disease bearing animals must be continued.

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Oplin Observations

By Mrs. Daphne Floyd Odds and Ends Opportunity Offered in Open Order

Friends were sorry to hear that J. D. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turner, had received a serious burn. The degree of the burn was not fully learned, but his father reported a serious burn, leaving J. D. unable to work for several weeks. It seems as though the accident was caused by a paint brush igniting from the pilot light from a near by gas heater, severely burning one hand.

The community regretted losing Lucien Warren, who is now employed in Abilene, when the community was happy to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Ira Crawford and family are to occupy the Warren farm.

Mrs. Winnie Jordan was on the sick list a few days last week, having been admitted to the hospital on the verge of pneumonia.

The ladies of the Oplin community will host a New Years eve party in the recreation room of the Oplin school building on Wednesday night, December 31. The ladies are to furnish refreshments. There will be games and fun for all ages. Plan to see the old year out and the new year in.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hopkins of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hopkins of Fort Worth were a jump ahead of Santa last Sunday when they visited their mother, Mrs. Alice Hopkins. The visitors brought an electric blanket and a nice wool sweater to their mother for Christmas. Mrs. Hopkins resides with her daughter, Mrs. B. G. Poindexter.

Funeral services were held for Orville (Badge) Atwood at the Baptist church December 24. The deceased is a brother to Maurice Atwood of this community and to Vernon Atwood of Lawn. He was a former resident

of the highest possible level of health," the goal of WHO, is interpreted as meaning a state of complete physical, mental, and social well being not merely the absence of disease.

of Oplin but was living at Victoria at the time of his death. Friends knew he had been in ill health since an accident a few years back.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McWhorter the first of the week was their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mason and son, Sonny. Lucille and Sonny planned on remaining over for Christmas when she will be joined by her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd McWhorter and son, Hal, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Morse and daughter, Lurline, are spending Christmas in Glendale, California visiting with Mrs. Morse's mother, Mrs. Munson and also a sister, Mrs. Patty Looney. The Morses' plan on starting back home December 26.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Floyd the first of the week was her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Geisinger and daughters, Sandra and Sherri of Dobbin.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Floyd last week were Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Casey of Alpine. Dr. Casey is a brother to Mrs. Floyd. Mr. and Mrs. Adell Turner and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Turner of Prentiss have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turner. J. D. is recovering from severe burns which he received several weeks back. J. D. reported that he was cleaning a paint brush in gasoline and the solution ignited from the pilot light of a near by hot water heater. He received second and third degree burns on both hands. He has hopes of being able to return to work in a few days.

Doyle Johnson, son of Mr. and

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Mrs. Wallace Johnson of Clyde and former residents of Oplin, was in a slight mishap last Saturday night in Oplin. From observation, Doyle seemed to have lost control of his pickup on the sharp curve coming into Oplin from the west. Doyle received slight injuries and the pickup was damaged, but a correct estimate is not known.

John Jordan was taken to the hospital last Sunday seeking relief for his arthritis. Mr. Jordan has been a victim of arthritis for quite a while now.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kirkindoll were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Floyd.

Tommie Windham sold around two hundred head of mixed calves this week to an Aspermont buyer for 21½¢ and 23½¢.

A New Year's Eve party was held at the Oplin school house last Wednesday night, December 31. The older group enjoyed games of dominos and visiting, while the youngsters played ball and other games in the gym. Due to colds, flu, etc., in the com-

Mrs. W. A. Fetterly visited in Crane and Midland last week. She visited the J. M. Anderson family of Crane and W. A. Fetterly and wife of Midland.

Mrs. Roy Williams visited her daughter, Mrs. Murrle Easter and Mr. Easter in Midland last week.

Visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Varnar, at Cottonwood over the holidays were Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Varnar of East Lansing, Mich. They also visited here with his niece, Mrs. Russell Warren and Mr. Warren and Dr. Varnar's sister, Mrs. R. F. Arvin.

community the crowd was not as large as had been expected. Those attending reported a nice time.

Birthday greetings go out this week to young Eddy Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Johnson, who will be celebrating his second birthday Sunday, January 11.

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NEW RAIL SPLITTER



The Eisenhower Administration, all the signposts say, will be based on two patterns—that of the military and that of business. The military phase is found in the staff system which the president-elect has begun to establish as a functioning organism. He will be receptive to advice and discussion. Then, once a decision is reached, he will expect it to be carried out without dissent and with all good will on the part of the lieutenants concerned. It is extremely unlikely that the top men in his administration, especially those of Cabinet rank, will issue conflicting statements and advocate opposed policies—something that has happened time and time again during President Truman's tenure.

The business phase is found in his emphasis on getting full value for each dollar spent—whether it be in national defense, foreign aid, or anything else. His appointments reflect that attitude. Most of the men chosen have had to deal with budgets, payrolls and ever-mounting taxes. They have had to make their way in the intensely competitive world of industry. Eisenhower has shown no liking for theorists and academicians—the kind who pulled so much weight under Roosevelt. And he has shown none for the so-called "practical politicians" who have held the center of the stage under Truman.

It has been observed that Governor Dewey has been a potent force in shaping up the form and the face of the next Administration. Various reasons account for this. One is the extraordinary effective job done by Dewey and his assistants in swinging the Republican convention to Eisenhower. Another reason is that Dewey as Governor of New York has established one of the most business-like regimes in the history of politics. Political considerations are not forgotten—no one goes far or lasts long in national life who forgets those important matters. But the Dewey emphasis has been on honest, efficient and impersonal administration of New York's great affairs. This, it is clear, is what General Eisenhower intends to apply on the national scale.

Much has been made over the rift between Eisenhower and Taft because of the appointment of Durkin as Secretary of Labor. Some say that Taft lost his temper—he is a sensitive man and often quick to anger. Others say that Eisenhower unwittingly violated political protocol because of inexperience. Still others say that this was a planned move, to show Taft who is boss. However, the idea that the Eisenhower-Taft honeymoon is over and warfare has begun is not given much credence in informed quarters. The men hold very similar views on most issues. It is expected that they will work very closely together and that the relationship will generally be amicable.

The Eisenhower cabinet has come in for a great deal of editorial praise and comparatively little criticism. One observation is that it may be lacking in men with wide experience in government—only one member, McKay of Oregon, has held high elective office, and that was on the state and not the national level. A virtue in this is that the cabinet men come to their jobs without the usual political commitments and associations.

There will be a wholesale turnover in the upper government echelons starting January 20—to a man, the New Deal and Fair Deal appointees will go. That won't be true on the lower echelons, because of Civil Service. There the change will take place slowly. But on the policy level, the decks will be swept clean and a new start made.

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Clyde Teams Win Scranton Tournament

Both boys and girls basketball teams from Clyde High School won first place in the tournament held at Scranton January 1, 2 and 3.

In the boys finals Clyde defeated Scranton 46-39 and the Clyde girls also beat Scranton in the finals 49-41. Freddie Kniffen and Bill Pringle led the boys scoring with 14 and 12 points respectively, while Betty Rogers and Wilma Armor led the Clyde girls with 20 and 18 points each.

Marcello Aguero and Kniffen of Clyde were placed on the all-tournament team. Beth Connelguard, and Gwen Hagar, forward, were all-tournament selections from the Clyde girls team.

Both boys and girls teams will meet Robert Lee in the first round of the Blackwell tournament to be held January 8, 9, 10.—H. R. Rhoades.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ashlock and son, Jim, of Pecos visited Miss Beattie Mae Browning and other friends in Baird during the holidays.

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The Cottonwood and Turkey Creek News

Mrs. W. A. Burton

Mrs. Geo. Clifton of Big Spring and formerly of this community, remains in a very critical condition in a Big Spring hospital.

Mrs. Levi Bennett and children, who have been ill are slowly recovering. Mrs. Bennett remained in the Baird Hospital several days but is now at home. Frank Woody has been on the sick list the last several days.

Mrs. W. A. Gill is spending a few days with Mrs. Myrtle Wiseman in Cross Plains. Mrs. Wiseman was carried to an Abilene hospital last week but is at home now recuperating.

Eddie and Betty Susan Albrecht are on the sick list at this writing.

Visitors in the V. I. Spivey home last weekend were: Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bowman, W. C. Doreney, Paint Rock, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bowman and children of Paint Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bowman and baby of Ft. Benning, Ga., also Ben Bowman of Ft. Benning, Mrs. Kinman of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Meeks of Paint Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Meeks of Paint Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Spivey entertained their folks and a few friends with a musical at their home New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Green and Katherine, who have been at Seagraves for several weeks have returned. We were all happy to see Kat back in school Monday morning.

The Jim Wilson family have moved to their place here from Merkel.

The Earl Archers moved to the Jim Moore place during the holidays.

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Callahan County Chapter American Red Cross Expresses Thanks to Blood Donors

The Callahan County Chapter of the American Red Cross was delighted with the response county residents made at the appeal for blood when the Bloodmobile visited Baird just before the recent holidays.

Blood collected here was flown immediately to Fort Worth where it was transformed into plasma and is now enroute to Korea.

The county chapter officers wish to express their appreciation for such a fine response and for the blood donation from the following:

Roby Barnard, Mrs. Harry Steen, Hazel Reynolds, Garlon Sampson, Mrs. Glen Boyd, Aldron Sanford, Tom Ivey, T. T. Baker, Harold Ray, Roy Higgins, Cleo Ivy, Mrs. Ralph Brock, P. B. Johnston, J. V. McKelvey, Mrs. J. V. McKelvey, Cubelle Sorrells, C. E. Bradon, Quenna Lovan, James Walker, Charlotte Walker, Howard Johnson, Willie H. Windham, Harold Alexander, J. C. Reynolds.

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Denton Doings

Jo Farmer

Evon Scott visited Violet Allen and Josie Davis Friday night and Saturday.

Denton girls and boys will play at Putnam Friday night. Several are out of school with the flu.

Mrs. Margaret Keyes and son, Forrest, visited in Eula Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Crawford have a baby girl born the 31st. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Scott and boys of Albany visited relatives here.

Miss Maxine Scott of Abilene visited her father, L. Scott Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barton and Cathy of Baird visited the Hubert Farmers' Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Laminack of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Whitley Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Farmer visited Mrs. Eva Ryle of Abilene Sunday night. Josie Davis visited Anna Beth Davis Sunday.

Clyde Woman Found Dead at Home

CLYDE—Mrs. J. M. Reed, 72, whose husband died here December 13, 1952, was found dead at her home here at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Justice of the Peace R. L. Payne and Dr. R. W. Evans, who investigated, reported that she had been dead about 48 hours and that they believed she either suffered a cerebral hemorrhage or fell and struck her head on a chair. She was lying on the kitchen floor, dressed in a gown and housecoat. The floor was stained with blood.

Three neighbors found Mrs. Reed after deciding to investigate because they had not seen her in about two days and had noticed two daily newspapers in the front yard of her home.

Mrs. Reed, a resident of Clyde about six years, had lived alone since the death of her husband, a former justice of the peace, last month. She had been in ill health.

Mrs. Reed was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and had made 10 trips across the Atlantic Ocean, the first one being when she was three years old. At that time she came with her parents. Her father, a civil engineer, came to this country to work in Iowa. When his contract was completed the family moved to Nova Scotia. In 1886 when her father died, Mrs. Reed, the former Catherine Patrick, and her mother returned to Scotland where she received her education.

She was married first in Londonderry, where she lived 21 years, and after the death of her husband she came to America to live. Later she was married to Isaac Turner who died in New Jersey in 1934.

She and Mr. Reed were married in Abilene in November, 1946.

Funeral for Mrs. Reed was conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Clyde Church of Christ.

A. A. Berryman, Church of Christ minister, conducted final rites, assisted by the Rev. H. W. Gaston, Methodist pastor. Following the service her body was taken to Dallas for burial beside the grave of her husband, Bailey. Funeral Home was in charge of services here and took the body to Dallas.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Agnes Morgan, New Jersey, and six sons; five step daughters, Mrs. Gladys Herrington, Abilene; Mrs. C. D. Roselle and Mrs. LaRue Beasley, both of Weatherford; Mrs. W. D. Long, San Antonio, and Mrs. Jess Orr, Sulphur Springs, and one step son, M. C. Reed, Sonora.

Among Baird citizens who attended the Christmas pilgrimage at Albany, sponsored by the Albany Garden Club and Civic Club were Mrs. E. C. Fulton, Mrs. A. E. Dyer, Mrs. C. Z. Anderson, Mrs. Hubert L. Ross, Mrs. Sam Gilliland, Mrs. Lee Ivey and Mrs. Walter Francisco of Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Spence of Crane spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. C. H. McQueen and his mother, Mrs. Spence.

IT'S THE LAW IN TEXAS

Income Tax Payments Due This Month For Many

Some Texans who settle back comfortably and wait for March 15th to roll around before doing anything about their Federal income tax may be in for a rude surprise, lawyers say. For, although the instructions and forms recently mailed to each taxpayer do not mention the fact, for practical purposes January 15th, rather than the March deadline, is the last day of grace for many individuals.

This is due to the Federal laws requiring certain persons to file Declarations of Estimated Income Tax—or the pay-as-you-go plan. Under those laws several million people are required each year to estimate their total annual income in advance, making quarterly tax payments based upon such estimates. The final quarterly payment for 1952 is due on or before January 15th, 1953.

A declaration must be filed by every citizen or resident who receives annual wages (subject to withholding) in excess of \$4500, plus \$600 for each exemption claimed.

For example, a single person with no dependents who received wages in excess of \$5100 is required to file a declaration. If he has one additional exemption, he need not file unless his wages exceed \$5700 during 1952. This latter figure would also apply to a married couple without dependents filing a joint return.

In other words, the amount goes up \$600 for each exemption the taxpayer is entitled to claim, including any exemptions for age or blindness.

A Declaration of Estimated Income Tax must also be filed by any person with annual income from sources other than wages (subject to withholding) in excess of \$100. Of course, individuals whose incomes did not exceed \$600 during 1952 need not file, even though no tax has been withheld.

Those falling into the required category who have failed to file declarations at quarterly intervals during 1952 may make amends by filing either a final declaration or an income tax return by January 15th. At the same time they should pay any balance of tax owed the government on their entire 1952 income.

Now, if paying the entire balance of your tax prior to January 15th is going to be a difficult matter, due to a quirk in the tax laws you may be able to avoid penalties by paying at least 80% of your total tax at that time and the remaining balance by March 15th. This would involve filing both a declaration (by January 15) and a tax return (by March 15).

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Miss Dolores Hunter Is Wed To Harold Ferrell, Clyde, In Double-Ring Rites

Rachel Dolores Hunter, of Baird, became the bride of Harold Royce Ferrell, of Clyde, December 22, at 8 o'clock in the evening, at the Parsonage of the First Baptist Church in Clyde. The Rev. W. C. Deaver, pastor, read the double-ring ceremony. The bride wore a hand woven white wool, street length dress with a stole. Her accessories were of pink. She carried two camellias on a white Bible.

Matron of honor, Mrs. Dale Park of Baird, wore a navy iridescent street length dress with navy accessories. She carried a bouquet of white gladioli. Best man was Jack Bradshaw of Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of Baird High School and attended Draughon's Business College in San Antonio, and Abilene.

The groom is a graduate of Clyde High School. He served four years in the U. S. Navy.

The couple will live in Abilene, where Mr. Ferrell is employed by the General Electric Company.



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Luther Maners Feted On 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Maner were honored December 25th on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a holiday house party.

Friends and relatives crowded to the Maner home to extend best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Maner on this their Golden Anniversary.

A festive dinner of holiday foods, turkey, ham, and the extras, was served buffet style to the many guests. Golden carnations formed the table centerpiece and the golden color scheme was carried out in decorations throughout the house.

One of the highlights of the evening came when the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, lodges to which the Maners have held life-long membership, presented the couple with a beautiful 24-karat gold tea service.

Many lovely gifts from family and friends were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Maner are old-time residents of Baird, moving here in 1906. They were married December 24th, 1902, in Fannin County, near Leonard, Texas. Mrs. Maner was the former Marguerite B. Moses. There are six Maner children — Albert Maner of Fort Worth, Mrs. Bob Jacobs of Baird, Carl Maner of Clyde, Fred Maner of Graham, Mrs. T. L. Hopkins of Baird, and Lee Roy Maner of Los Angeles, California. There are fifteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. All of the families attended the Anniversary party.

Open House was held from three until six on the 25th and many friends attended.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Merket of Colorado City, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Doss Maner and children, Ray, Kay, and Glenda, of Littlefield, Texas; and Mrs. Eva Stanaford, of Cisco, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ayers of Albany were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Dickey and family Monday, January 5.

Eisenhower Urges Nation Support March of Dimes



President-elect Eisenhower meets 1953 March of Dimes Poster Girls Pamela (left) and Patricia O'Neil, of Raleigh, N. C.

NEW YORK CITY—President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower called on the American public to support the 1953 March of Dimes being conducted throughout the nation during all of January.

He joined in the annual appeal after meeting the two Raleigh, N.C., sisters who are pictured on the 1953 March of Dimes poster. They are Patricia, 6, and five-year-old Pamela O'Neil, both of whom were stricken with polio but now are recovered completely.

"It's hard to believe that these are the same little girls whose pictures are on the March of Dimes poster," he noted. "Now

they're completely recovered from polio, thanks to the generosity of the American people."

He urged all Americans "to help the others like them by joining the March of Dimes."

Later, he joined the poster girls in making a short film which is being shown by television stations throughout the nation.

This year's March of Dimes follows the all-time record polio epidemic of 1952 in which more than 55,000 were stricken. At the beginning of 1953, there were 58,000 polio victims of former years still undergoing treatment, with financial help from local March of Dimes chapters.

Masonic Rites For H. S. Blalock

CLYDE—Funeral services for Horace Smith Blalock, Clyde barber, were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church here with the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Deaver, officiating.

Assisting was the Rev. J. H. Littleton of Lueders, and A. A. Berryman, minister of the Clyde Church of Christ.

Pall bearers were from the Clyde Masonic Lodge, with Masonic rites held at the graveside. Mr. Blalock had been a member of the lodge since 1920.

Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery with the Bailey Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Blalock died at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene. He had been ill several months and was taken to the hospital Tuesday morning.

He resided in Callahan County 52 years and in Clyde since 1918. He owned and operated his own barbershop here.

COUNTY PIONEER IS HONORED BY FAMILY

John Meador of Cross Plains (better known as "Mr. Jack") was entertained at his home on Christmas Day with a turkey dinner by seven of his children: Mrs. Carl Champion, Mrs. Opal Gattis both of Cross Plains; Mrs. J. E. Dennis, Mrs. O. G. Ballard both of Baird; Mrs. Wayne L. Dennis of Jal, New Mexico, and Mrs. Pat Shirley and R. M. Meador of Pioneer.

The forty-two guests, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren made the day an unforgettable one for "Mr. Jack."

First Baptist Church Notes

Our pastor and family and Bro. David Whitaker attended the Evangelistic conference in San Antonio this week.

Study course to be held January 12-16. The following books will be taught: "Studies in Philippians," Bro. Fugitt, for adults and young people. "The Meaning of Church Membership," Bro. Whitaker, for intermediates. "The Jr. and His Church," Mrs. Fugitt, for Jrs. "Bible Stories No. 1," to be selected for beginners and primaries.

Bring Your Family. "Associational Youth Rally," January 17. Dale Moore, missionary appointee to Nigeria, speaker.

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Mrs. Bob Norrell and Mrs. Frank Gardiner Host Delphian Club

The Delphian Club met December 30, for a business meeting in the home of Mrs. Bob Norrell, with Mrs. Frank Gardiner as co-hostess.

Mrs. E. C. Fulton, President, called the meeting to order. Eleven members answered roll call. Reports from Club officers and committees were given, and the election of new officers was held.

The Club voted to endorse Mrs. S. L. McElroy as President for District Six. Mrs. T. Bauch was the story of Mary McCloud Bethune, a negro educator.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. T. W. Martin, T. Bauch, Clyde Latimer, M. C. McGowan, W. P. Brightwell, Frank Windham, M. D. Bell, E. C. Fulton, R. L. Alexander and a guest, Mrs. Charles Lutrick.

The next meeting will be January 27, in the home of Mrs. L. C. Cash.

Homemakers Club Meets at Clyde

The Enterprise Homemakers Club met Thursday, January 1, 1953 in the home of Mrs. E. M. Parks with Mrs. Lera Browning as co-hostess. The Roll Call was answered with, "A Gift I Got For Christmas."

E. M. Parks gave an interesting talk on "Brooding Chicks" and Mrs. Paul Shank talked on "Management of the Laying Flock."

In keeping of the holiday the hostesses served blackeyed peas on the refreshment plate of cake and coffee.

There were 15 members and five visitors present, including Mrs. Goldra Merrick, Mrs. D. A. Calfee, Mrs. Ray Young, Mrs. Gers, Mrs. W. L. Green, Mrs. J. A. Cifey, Mrs. Sam Sherrill, Mrs. J. C. Meadows, Mrs. Paul Shanks, Mrs. Will Young, Mrs. H. A. Versyp, Mrs. J. W. Patton, Mrs. R. E. Hansen, Mrs. C. B. Collins, Mrs. O. J. Witte, Mrs. John Berry, Mrs. J. F. Mansfield, Miss Cecile Collins, Mrs. Roy Young, Bobbie Collins.

IT'S A GIRL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hill, of Houston, a 6½ pound girl on December 27th. The baby has been named Elizabeth Ann.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin on New Years Day were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dotson and daughters, Bettie and Norita, of Birmingham, Alabama. They were en route to California.

Mrs. Kenneth Hart Honored at Coffee

Mrs. Kenneth L. Hart, the former Doris Foy, was complimented at a morning coffee, Saturday, January 3, at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr., 443 Callowhill Street. Co-hostesses were the bride's mother, Mrs. H. F. Foy, and her sisters, Mrs. Carl Springer, Mrs. Frank W. Austin, both of Abilene, Mrs. Edgar Switzer of San Angelo, and Mrs. Bessie Short of Baird.

Receiving guests were Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr., and Mrs. Fabain Bell.

The bride's table was laid with a Madeira cloth centered with a floral arrangement of white carnations and greenery. Appointments were of silver and crystal. Mrs. Harold Ray and Mrs. Lonnie Ray presided at the silver coffee service.

Piano and vocal selections were given throughout the morning by Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr., and the bride's nieces, Mrs. Robert Tiffany of Abilene, and Miss Elizabeth Ann Snyder of Baird.

Holiday visitors in the F. E. Mitchell home were Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rouse and daughter, Bonnie, of Fort Worth, who were en route to Roswell, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell accompanied their guests to Roswell where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bellamy and family.

Corinne Blackburn Club Has First Meet of New Year

Members of the Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club held their first meeting of the New Year, January 5, in the home of Mrs. Conley Pruitt. Mrs. C. S. McGowan was co-hostess.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. C. M. Peck, and Mrs. Roland Nichols gave the invocation. Thirteen members answered roll call.

After a brief business meeting, Mrs. McGowan introduced the two speakers for the evening, Mrs. Jack Gilliland, who gave a very interesting talk on the life of Richard E. Byrd, and Mrs. W. L. Dickey, who gave an impressive review of the life of Robert Edwin Peary, the study for the evening being explorers.

Mrs. Roland Nichols showed a film on Americanism, title of which was "The Story of the Star Spangled Banner." The film was in color and very inspiring.

Refreshments were served during the social hour to: Mmes. Margie Ray, Juanita Danielson, Charles Lutrick, C. M. Peck, A. A. Manlor, Pleas Scott, N. L. Dickey, Roland Nichols, Jack Gilliland, Terrell Williams, Conley Pruitt and Miss Edith Bowlin.

Mrs. S. L. McElroy spent Friday night and Saturday visiting relatives in Ballinger.

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Midway Musings

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

Oscar Williams of Kress, Tex., visited his sister, Mrs. Albro Wilson and friends in the community. Oscar was reared in the Midway community.

Edmund Webb had the misfortune of losing his barn and the contents to a fire last Friday. The barn contained several bales of peanut and grain sorghum hay that belonged to Dick Griffin. It was not insured.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin spent the day Sunday visiting Mr. Griffin's sister, Mrs. Jack Beeman and family in Abilene; also visiting Mrs. Beeman was her son, Virgil and family and her daughter, Mrs. Howe and family, all of Abilene.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Parisher last week were his daughter, Mrs. McDaniels and sons, and Mrs. Tom Parisher and daughter and a grandson, who is in the service, stationed in Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Parisher have both been sick with colds the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Sembritzki of Houston spent last week visiting his father, Bill Sembritzki and Mrs. Sembritzki.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Jones of Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. Parisher Sunday evening.

CARD OF THANKS

My children and I wish to thank all of our friends for their many acts of kindness during the illness and subsequent death of my wife, their mother, Lula Ida Jones Hammons. We also thank Dr. Robert L. Griggs and the nurses, and the Reverend Riley Fugitt and the Minister Merle King for their services.

To all for the beautiful floral offerings and courtesies we give our thanks.

James Harrison Hammons Mr. and Mrs. Archibald V. Meigs Mr. and Mrs. William J. N. Hammons

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence V. Hammons Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hunt

Holidays visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart were their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Garner, Don Lynn and Gwynel of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hart of Midland and Bill Hart of Lubbock. Christmas guests also included Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Graves of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Conner of Baird.

ON THE BAIRD CAMPUS

With Atrell

Curity Medical Company. Lee received his entry blanks from a Curity first aid booklet issued to the second grade through courtesy of the City Pharmacy.

In a "Grand Championship" spelling match held Friday in the second grade in which children were asked to spell words covering the past four months work there were three winners—Lee Abernathy on the boy's side and Janet Ross, Ann Barton and Linda Dill for the girls.

Mrs. Hubert Ross' third grade held their Christmas party and received food, bottled drinks, large pop corn balls, and peppermint candy canes. Third grade mothers who were the hostesses were Mrs. Shrader, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Jarrett, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Clappett, Mrs. Danieison, Mrs. McWilliams, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Bill H. Walls, Mrs. Hubert Ross, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Fugitt, Mrs. Lutrick, Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. Anderson.

Miss Grimes fourth grade planned their own Christmas party and did rather well by themselves. Each child received a generous Christmas sack of stick candy, nuts, apples, bubble gum, chocolates, candy Santa Claus and candy canes. Fourth grade mothers who were guests at the party were Mrs. T. Toler, Mrs. Frank Gardner, Mrs. Buster Hatchett, Mrs. L. S. Walker, and Mrs. Sargent.

Mrs. Lucille Hall's fifth grade room had a wonderful party. The children were given bags of fruit, candy, nuts and topped with a gay Santa Claus balloon. Fifth graders presented a Christmas program too, readings by LeVonne Meadows, Virginia Barnes, and Karon Gilmore. A Christmas skit built around Clement Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas" was given with Jesse England as Santa Claus, Roy Lee Beasley, and Alvin Sargent as helpers. The eight reindeer were Danny Smith, Don McBride, Larry Corn, Silas Floyd, Wayne Boyd, Joe Benton, Justin LeCour, and Dale Coley, with Bobby Ross as Rudolph. Fifth grade mothers, who were hostesses for the party were Mrs. Lowell Corn, Mrs. Glenn Curtiss, Mrs. Walter Tollett, Mrs. Lowell Boyd, Mrs. J. B. Lecouer, Mrs. Jack Flores, Mrs. Hubert Ross, Mrs. Leslie Bryant, Mrs. Gayle Gilmore and Mrs. McCarty. The entire room sang Christmas songs and also the birthday song for Wayne Boyd.

Mrs. Webster's sixth grade had a very fine Christmas party. Festivities were started with a lovely program of Christmas carols and talks on the symbols of Christmas. Following the program the children were served sack lunches of sandwiches, fruits, nuts, and candies. Hostess mothers were Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Duke McIntosh, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Mosley, Mrs. Roscoe Shelton, Mrs. A. V. Curtiss, Mrs. Lynn Ault, Mrs. B. B. McPherson, Mrs. S. N. Dunlap, and Mrs. Medford Walker.

Mrs. Ivey's seventh graders had a super deluxe party in their room. Chicken salad sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, chocolate brownie cakes, a choice of icy cold bottled drinks and each child received a large red and white peppermint cane. Students had a lovely Christmas program too. Christmas carols by the entire class, and a reading by Billye Ruth Walls. All of the mothers in the room contributed to make the Christmas party such a success and those present for the affair were Mrs. Dale Brown, Mrs. Preston Ault, Mrs. Morgan Stokes, Mrs. B. B. McPherson, Mrs. Bill H. Walls, Mrs. J. D. Barnes, Mrs. Walter

3 Texas 4-H'ers Win National Honors

HIGHEST HONORS were accorded 4-H Club members recently when they were named national winners in their respective programs. Pictured here are Texas' national winners in Farm and Home Safety, Food Preparation and Beautification of Home Grounds.



Donald Bayer, Irene Polasek, Elwyn Ellis

Donald Bayer, 17, Muenster, Texas, a national winner in the 4-H Farm and Home Safety program, completed five years of safety work under the leadership of his father, Martin Bayer. He made a safety survey of his town, posted crosses on hazards, checked his own farm and home and assisted fellow members in their surveys. During Farm Safety Week he gave two talks, made four posters for display, and distributed 600 farm safety sheets. He is chairman of the safety committee in his club and has presented 19 demonstrations on this subject before 1,596 people.

Irene Polasek, 19, Corpus Christi, Texas, a six-year member, prepared 4,165 meals and baked 181 dozen rolls, 205 dozen biscuits, 474 dozen cookies, 236 cakes and 272 pies, won national honors in the 4-H Food Preparation program. Since her mother's death two years ago she has planned and prepared the family meals. She is the junior leader of her club. Irene has given numerous demonstrations, and baked many cakes, pies, cookies and biscuits for church suppers, parties and picnics. Last year she was foods chairman for the 4-H All these programs are conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Elwyn Ellis, 15, Mainview, Texas, a regular clubster, enjoys "watching things grow", so enrolled in the 4-H Beautification of Home Grounds program, in which she has been named a national winner for 1952. He and his mother, a former 4-H'er, planned improvements long before their three rooms were remodeled into an eight room home. Elwyn helped plant a fruit orchard north of the house, which is a windbreak and screen for outbuildings. Plantings include pecan, walnut, catalpa, ash, a privet hedge, lilacs, forsythia, roses, and red leaf barberry. He is proud of his lawn, and he helped build concrete porches, walk, outdoor living room and chairs. His father is club leader.

Donald received a \$300 college scholarship from General Motors, Detroit, Michigan, and Miss Polasek received a \$300 college scholarship provided by Kelvator, Detroit, Michigan. A trip to Chicago Club Congress was given to Elwyn by Mrs. Charles Walgreen of Chicago, Illinois, under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

DIES IN FORT WORTH

Louis Williams of Fort Worth, passed away New Year's Eve, at a hospital in Fort Worth after a lengthy illness. Mr. Williams was a brother of Mrs. Ed Lambert of Baird. A telegram was received here Thursday morning by Mr. and Mrs. John Shrader, announcing the arrival of their son, Hugh Edgar Shrader, from Japan. Shrader wired he landed at San Francisco January 6 and was enroute to San Antonio. He is expected at home here this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Mayes and son, Gary, of Pampa visited here during the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ross, and with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Warren.

Tollett and Mrs. Medford Walker. Another visitor was Mr. Pendergrass of Lubbock, Texas. Several younger sisters and brothers came to the party and the children enjoyed the youngsters very much. Gwen, Katie, and David Walls, and Lula Mae Walker. A special visitor was Rosalyn Dunlap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Dunlap. Seventh graders always have a warm welcome for Rosalyn and her visits are always a pleasant part of any party.

Next week Mrs. Ivey and Mrs. Webster will take the sixth and seventh graders caroling. They will stop at as many homes as possible and will make a point of visiting friends who aren't well and there will be a special stop at the hospital.

Carolina Sister Duo Spurs Dimes Drive

For the first time in its 15-year history, the March of Dimes has two poster children instead of one. They symbolize the double funds needed to pay treatment costs of that year's record number of polio patients.

Two charming southern belles, six and five, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O'Neil of Raleigh, N. C., were stricken with polio just three days apart in mid-July, 1948. This was North Carolina's worst epidemic year and Pat and Pam were only two of some 2,500 polio patients in the state that fateful summer.

At the very time that Pat was being placed in an iron lung, Pam—her spine stiff and painful, her right arm weak—was carried into the hospital.

Eventually both girls were released from the treatment center—Pam to her home and playmates, Pat to the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation for further treatment. Although her breathing difficulties had been overcome, both Pat's legs were severely paralyzed.

It was almost a year later that Pat was discharged from Warm Springs on crutches and wearing long leg braces and an orthopedic corset. One by one, under skilled care, she has been able to discard all these aids.

The picture of Pam and Pat on March of Dimes billboards, posters and coin collectors, now familiar to millions of Americans in all parts of the nation, was taken while Pat still wore a leg brace. She no longer is burdened with that cumbersome appliance. The March of Dimes which gave it to her, also helped her get rid of it.

Late in 1952, Pam and Pat made another trip to the Warm Springs Foundation. Pam was fine, the doctors there said. Pat still has some muscular weakness in her right shoulder but this can be strengthened by physical therapy. Her own father took some lessons in physical therapy so he could continue Pat's treatment at home.

The co-stars of the 1953 March of Dimes are now healthy, happy American youngsters, double evidence of the wonders worked by contributors to the March of Dimes.

Guests in the home of Mrs. John McGowen during the Christmas and New Year holidays were Mrs. H. C. McGowen and her granddaughter, Sandra Leon of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thaxton of Littlefield; Dr. and Mrs. J. Henry McGowen and son, John, of Abilene; Dr. and Mrs. M. Thaxton McGowen, David and Jean of Fort Worth.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Purvis of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Purvis and daughter, Sherry of Chicago, Ill.

Oplln Resident Dies Tuesday

Lun Dickson, 76, a retired farmer and longtime resident of Oplln, died in the Callahan County Hospital here at 11:10 p.m. Tuesday. Ill since January, 1952, he had been in the hospital one week.

Funeral services were held at the Oplln Church of Christ at 2:30 p.m. Thursday with Minister Merl King, pastor of the Baird Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in the Oplln Cemetery under the direction of Wylie Funeral Home.

Mr. Dickson was born February 23, 1876 in Denton County, Arkansas. He was married to the former Ethel Dick in Arkansas in 1902.

He had lived in Tuscola for the past year. Before that he had lived in the Oplln community for 46 years.

Surviving are his wife of Tuscola, two sons, Hugh of Baird, Marvin of Lubbock; two daughters, Mrs. Raymond Breeding of Oplln and Mrs. Charles W. Lawrence of Baird; one sister, Mrs. Mary Davis of Arkansas; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were: Sebe Monroe, Earl Turner, S. S. Harville, Lucian Pierce, John Poindexter and Rob Roberson.

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The First Methodist Church
Rev. Charles E. Lutrick, Minister
SUNDAY:
Sunday School—9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship—10:55 a. m.
M. Y. F.—6:15 p. m.
Evening Worship—7:00 p. m.
M. Y. F. Fellowship—8:00 p. m.

Church of Christ
Merle King, Minister
Phone 370
SUNDAY:
Bible School—10 a. m.
Worship—10:45 a. m.
Young People's Bible Class—6 p. m.
Worship—7 p. m.

First Baptist Church
Rev. Riley Fugitt, Pastor
Rev. David Whitaker
Associate Pastor
Bonnie Thompson, S.S. Supt.
SUNDAY:
Sunday School—10 a. m.
Morning Service—11 a. m.
T. U.—6:30 p. m.
(Depts. for all ages)
H. B. Terry, Director
Evening Service—7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study—7 p. m.

MONDAY:
W. M. S.—3:15 p. m.
Mrs. J. T. Warren, Pres.
Sunbeams—3:15 p. m.
Mary Walker, Leader
Junior G. A.'s—4:15 p. m.
Mrs. Riley Fugitt, Counselor.
Int. G. A.'s—4:15 p. m.
Mrs. Reese, Counselor
R. A.'s—4:15 p. m.
Rev. Riley Fugitt, Counselor

WEDNESDAY:
Sunday School, officers and teacher's meeting—6:45 p. m.
Rev. Fugitt, teacher.
Prayer Meeting—7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice—8:30 p. m.

Rowden Round-Up

Marjorie Mauldin
Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs, W. B. and Dean, spent the holidays with their son in Hobbs, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gibbs and Benny.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cutbirth in Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Smedley and Sherran of Abilene and Mrs. Jim Crafford of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smedley and Pearl Tuesday and Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Gibbs and Judy visited Grandmother Tabor in Clyde Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jug Garrett of Austin, Jo Bess Miller of Midland had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Anny Miller and Raye Boen.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauer visited their daughter, Miss Christine Bauer in Abilene Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Odom and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley and Pearl Wednesday night.
Mrs. Barney Gibbs, Mrs. C. E. Stephens and Mrs. Gene Mauldin visited Mrs. B. Crow Monday night.

Gene Mauldin, Irene, Don and Carl visited Mr. and Mrs. Brian Odom and family Friday.
A group of young people accompanied by C. E. Stephens and Gene Mauldin went Christmas caroling Monday night.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Gibbs and Judy Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price.
Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Tollett visited Mr. and Mrs. Brian Odom Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin and children and R. L. Smedley had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley and Pearl. Visiting the Smedleys in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs and Dean.
Mrs. Gerald Stephens and Edward of Denton Valley spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stephens.

Rev. W. J. Farley, Rev. Bill Sullivant, Bud Peterson and Charlie Ewing had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Myers.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow, Theida and Velda had Sunday dinner with their son in Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Crow and Richie.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stephens had as their guest for Christmas dinner, Weldon, who is back home after spending 17 months in Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens and Lynn, of Abilene, Mrs. Ray Cline, Max, Olive and Gary, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tyler, Linda and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McGowen, Garnet, David and Danny, all of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rollins and Dorothy of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce of Clyde. In the afternoon Lt. Carl Mauldin and Chief Horner and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones of Abilene also visited the Stephens family.

Weldin Stephens attended the wedding of a friend in Abilene Friday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Miller and family of Abilene visited Grandmother Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Claudell Joy of Cottonwood visited Mr. and Mrs. Oran Bains, Sonny and Eue Friday night.
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tatom of Cross Plains visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Odom and family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stephens and Weldon visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rollins in Snyder Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Watler Odell and family of Tye visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jones Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hornsley and Tommy spent last weekend in Lubbock.
Mr. and Mrs. George Odell of Guilan visited in Rowden Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Smedley and Sherran of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smedley and Pearl Thursday.
Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oran Bains, Sue, and Sonny Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James Mullins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster of California visited her sister, Mrs. C. E. Stephens, Monday.
Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Farley and family had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs, W. B. and Dean. In the evening they visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowen and Mrs. Walter Jones.

Mrs. H. A. Warren was admitted to the Hendrick Hospital in Abilene on Monday. She has been ill for some time at her home here.

Revenue To Texas Highway Department Presented In This Article

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New Men Named To Farm Credit Board

Mr. Sterling C. Evans, General Agent of the Tenth Farm Credit District, Houston, Texas, announces that Governor I. W. Duggan has re-appointed Mr. E. J. Kyle, of Bryan, Texas as director-at-large on the Farm Credit Board of Houston. He also states that Mr. Walter W. Cardwell of Luling, Texas, has again been named a director of this same board.

Both men are appointed for a term of three years. They serve as directors for the Federal Land Bank of Houston, the Production Credit Corporation of Houston, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, and the Houston Bank for Cooperatives.

\$20,949,528 in the year ended August 31, 1951. Federal funds allotted for Texas construction in 1951 totaled \$29,681,979. The Federal government collects this money in the form of a tax of two cents per gallon of gasoline. Federal aid money must be matched by state money.

The Briscoe-Colson bill provides for the diversion of \$1,250,000 per month from the state general fund for this type of roads. Farm-to-Market road funds come primarily from two sources. They are \$1,250,000 per month from the state general fund and \$7,300,000 per year from the bond assumption fund.

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Mr. and Mrs. Linton Hughes and son, Jerry, of Magnolia, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Hughes of Pecos, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hughes. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Hughes also visited Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Warren.

Sgt. Raymond C. Henisa of Mineral Wells and recently returned from Korea, visited in Clyde this week in the home of his sister, Mrs. Ruth Brown and son, Jerry.

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- the first automatic electric blanket
- the first large steam turbine for electric power
- the first jet plane engine in U.S.
- the first disposer for kitchen food waste
- the first high-voltage x-ray

We don't ordinarily trot out the past like this. But 1953 marks a birthday. For it was in 1878 that Thomas Edison organized the first of the companies which, in 1892, became the General Electric Company. And, like anyone on his birthday, we do look back over our shoulder.

This is just the beginning, really. Research and engineering are bringing out new things faster than ever—new "babies" to lighten labor and brighten everybody's life.

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Ray Motor Company Will Exhibit New Chevrolet Models Today

Expanded to include a third series of cars, and boasting more significant advances than ever incorporated in a model in the low-price field, the widely discussed new Chevrolets make their first public appearance at Ray Motor Co. showrooms today (January 9).

For the 1953 market bodies have been completely re-designed. All cars have increased power, with special emphasis on a new power train that includes a new engine and improved automatic transmission. In performance, in economy, in driving and riding qualities, exterior and interior appointments, the latest Chevrolet models contribute importantly to automotive progress.

Features of the new cars range throughout the bodies and chassis. Of major interest:

- 1—The entirely new series, to be known as the Bel Air and credited with being the most

luxurious models in Chevrolet history. To be produced as two- and four-door sedans, a convertible and sport coupe, the Bel Airs are included in the choice of 16 Fisher body types. Other passenger car series are designated as the "Two-Ten" and "One-Fifty."

- 2—A new 115-horsepower "Blue Flame" engine and a refined Powerglide automatic transmission re-engineered for greater operating economy and faster pickup. The so-called "standard" engine also moves up to 108 horsepower, a gain of 17.4 per cent over 1952.

- 3—Two Chevrolet "firsts" in the low-price automotive bracket are registered in optional equipment available on all cars. Power steering, which reduces manual effort yet maintains traditional steering safety, makes its debut. The second innovation is the Autronic Eye, an electronic mechanism automatically lowers headlamp beams for passing.

- 4—Roomier and stronger bodies with greatly expanded visibility. All have curved, one-piece windshields from which the center divider has been eliminated. Other body construction highspots include front swing-out door hinges to provide easier entrance; fold-away front seat backs in two-doors; and wrap-around rear windows.

- 5—Operating advances cover

the automatic choke on all cars, softer, smoother brake action, easier steering, even more reliable starting in damp weather, static-free ignition, softer front and rear springs for improved ride, and higher capacity generator.

- 6—Unusual developments in the station wagon field. Three station wagons, one known as the Townsman (eight-passenger in the "Two-Ten" series) and two as the Handyman (six-passenger in the "Two-Ten" and "One-Fifty" series). The latter contain three-passenger rear seats that can be folded into the floor.

- 7—An array of convenience items including key-turn starting, crank-type front door ventipane controls and almost one-fourth more luggage space. Trunk lid openings have been enlarged and deepened. The sill is now at virtually trunk floor level as an aid to luggage loading.

- 8—A lavish choice of colors marked by brilliant new greens and blues are offered in 13 solids and 10 two-tone combinations. Two-tone interiors harmonize with the selection of exterior colors in many of the cars.

In appearance the latest Chevrolets combine the smooth flow of the streamline with utilitarian design. Over-all, the cars are lower, but with an increase in headroom and legroom. The top of the bodies has been broadened to provide additional width while hood and trunk lines are more pronounced. Fender shapes, both front and rear, make the cars appear longer although over-all they are actually two inches shorter than last year largely due to repositioning of the bumper. The new length is a concession to parking ease with the more compact bumper

design reducing the "overhang" from axles. Wheelbase remains the same.

A fresh grille treatment enhances the effect of ruggedness in the new models. Three vertical "prop bars" decorate the center element while the outer rim of the grille encircles smart parking lamps. Headlamps are embedded in the front fenders with the crown being extended into a speedline along the side of the body. Rear fenders are longer, higher and narrower at the rear. Along the trailing edge are mounted lenses for turning, braking and tail lights.

For 1953 Chevrolet will offer 16 passenger car bodies in its three distinct series. The Bel Air series includes two- and four-door sedans sport coupes and convertibles. The "Two-Ten" comes in two- and four-door sedans, club and sport coupes, convertible and Townsman and Handyman station wagons. Available in the "One-Fifty" series are two- and four-door sedans, business and sport coupes and the Handyman station wagon.

Series are differentiated by styling, both inside and out; by ornamentation, appointments for motoring convenience and the luxury of cushioning and trim. Designed to conform to a varied price range, the three series might be classified as "Standard" (One-Fifty), "D Luxe" (Two-Ten) and "Super De Luxe" (Bel Air). The Two-Ten and Bel Air series offer a choice of two-tone interiors, wrap-around rear windows on closed bodies, and appointments such as clocks, glove compartment lights, two sun visors and cigarette lighters. The entirely new Bel Air series has several added distinctions. In exteriors, the bright metal body moulding has been broadened over the rear fender as a base for the series name. Rear wheel panels and wheel discs are standard equipment. Three additional luxury fabrics in passenger compartments, plus full floor carpets, are other evidences of richness in the Bel Airs. The generous variety in choice is further exemplified by four convertible top colors, each harmonizing with a different exterior color.

The new Chevrolet high compression engine that will be installed in all Powerglide equipped models has a displacement of 235 cubic inches. In addition to an impressive increase in horsepower over any previous Chevrolet engine, the new power plant is more economical. The combustion chamber has been revised for higher compression. Full pressure lubrication has been adopted and pistons are of aluminum. Hydraulic valve lifters are continued.

The principal difference in the improved Powerglide is the inclusion of a new automatic operation that will add appreciably to economy and acceleration. With the new version the car starts in the former low range, then moves automatically into the cruising range. To take advantage of the low range for passing in traffic, the driver merely depresses the accelerator pedal. The return to the cruising range is subsequently automatic. The torque converter itself is bigger and more efficient.

More power, increased acceleration and greater economy as well as present in the standard engine that powers all 1953 Chevrolets other than Power-

Health For All

"DON'T CATCH COLD"

This is the season for colds. True enough, but colds strike almost as often in spring, summer, and fall as they do in winter. No respecter of persons, they are pretty casual about the time of year as well.

The common cold is the most common, in fact, of all illnesses in this country. It has been estimated that Americans suffer between three and four hundred million colds a year—an average of two to three colds per person. Insurance companies have estimated the loss to American industry due to colds at more than a billion dollars a year.

No specific preventive or cure has yet been found. Most of the scientific work with vaccines and drugs for preventing and treating colds is still in the experimental stage.

There are, however, sound precautions that all of us take to reduce the number and severity of colds.

The cold is highly contagious. The virus which causes it is spread from person to person, often through coughs and sneezes.

We can help to guard against colds:

By dressing for the weather. By keeping in good physical condition. Infection frequently occurs when body resistance is low. Plenty of sleep, exercise, and a nourishing diet are good insurance.

By avoiding close contact with those who do have colds.

If, in spite of precautions, we do "catch a cold," it is best:

To get as much sleep and rest as possible.

To eat lightly and drink plenty of fluids.

To cover our own coughs and sneezes and do our best to keep from spreading the virus to others. Colds are most contagious in the early stages. If fever accompanies a cold, call a doctor. It may be a sign of influenza, pneumonia, or some other serious condition. Whatever the trouble is, prompt diagnosis and treatment offer the best chance for rapid recovery.

glodes. A revised ignition system contains a new distributor, new spark plugs, and spark plug caps that are moisture-resistant. Capacity of the generator has been stepped up to provide added reserve for accessories. An automatic-choke assures correct fuel mixture for temperature changes without manual adjustment. Neither engine requires premium gasoline.

Driving ease has been additionally improved by larger, more comfortable steering wheel and the substitution of needle bearings for bronze bushings on the Pitman shaft. Women drivers particularly will appreciate the reduction in required brake pedal pressure. Brake and clutch pedal pads have been redesigned for comfort. The parking brake lever has a "T" handle. Better ventilation in the driver's compartment results from enlarged air ducts. Instruments are directly in front of the driver. The speedometer is enclosed in a circular section with other dials grouped in an oblong base. Another feature is the in-built plastic arrows on the panel to show the use of the turn indicator.

'Shark' Problem Of Concern To All, Says Bar Leader

AUSTIN — Eliminating the loan shark evil in Texas through proper legislation should be a matter of concern to everyone, declares President Tom Reavley of the Texas Junior Bar Association, which has made the solution of this problem its No. 1 project for 1953.

Reavley said that recently a friend remarked, "Granted that the loan shark situation in Texas is very bad, why should I concern myself about people who are so foolish as to let themselves get involved?"

Commenting that this attitude is typical of the position of many others, Reavley stated, "Under such reasoning as this, we would have no laws to protect persons who, lacking financial experience, could be swindled of their life savings by unscrupulous promoters nor would we have laws to prevent the peddling of marihuana and other habit-forming drugs. But we are our brother's keeper' to that extent. And so, similarly, it is our duty to urge laws to protect our citizens against loan sharks, who prey upon human need and desperation."

"It should be possible for a man, who must borrow \$25 or \$50 or \$100 and lacks the collateral a bank requires, to be able to go to a lending company which would not charge 150 or 200 per cent interest. If a man needs money badly enough, he will sign anything; he is in no position to bargain and so the law should protect him."

"When you have seen (as I have, while an assistant district attorney in a large city), the tragic toll of the sharks: borrowers trying, out of modest wages, to pay such heavy interest that they are unable to sleep, unable to do their work, their families lacking adequate food and clothing, you would agree it is time that every good citizen became interested in having Texas deal with this problem as 30 other states have successfully done."

A small loan law, fair alike to lender and borrower, is the solution which the State Junior Bar is urging the legislature, which convenes in January, to adopt.

Funeral Rites For Moran Woman Last Week

MORAN—Funeral services for Mrs. Eugene Green, 64, of Route 2, Moran were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Moran Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. W. R. Karbalis, officiating.

Burial was in the Dennis Cemetery, south of Moran, under the direction of the Wylie Funeral Home.

Mrs. Green died at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday at the home of a son, LaFord Green at Moran. In ill health for several weeks, she died of a heart attack.

She was born in Bosque County in 1888 and had lived in Moran County for about 55 years.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, LaFord of Moran, Howard L. Green of 1002 South 12th St., Abilene and H. H. Green of Alameda, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Troy Medlock of Fort Worth, Mrs. Audrey Gieger of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Willie Davis of Hale Center; four brothers, Cleveland Allen of Abilene, Oliver Allen of Moran, Buford Allen of Merkel, and Chester Allen of Moran; six sisters, Mrs. Lon Dennis of Abilene, Mrs. J. R. Gunn of Putnam, Mrs. Hobson Hayward and Mrs. Ima Berry of Big Spring, Mrs. Lige Burnam of Cisco, and Mrs. W. T. Welsh of Borger; and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kimmell of Houston visited here during the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander.

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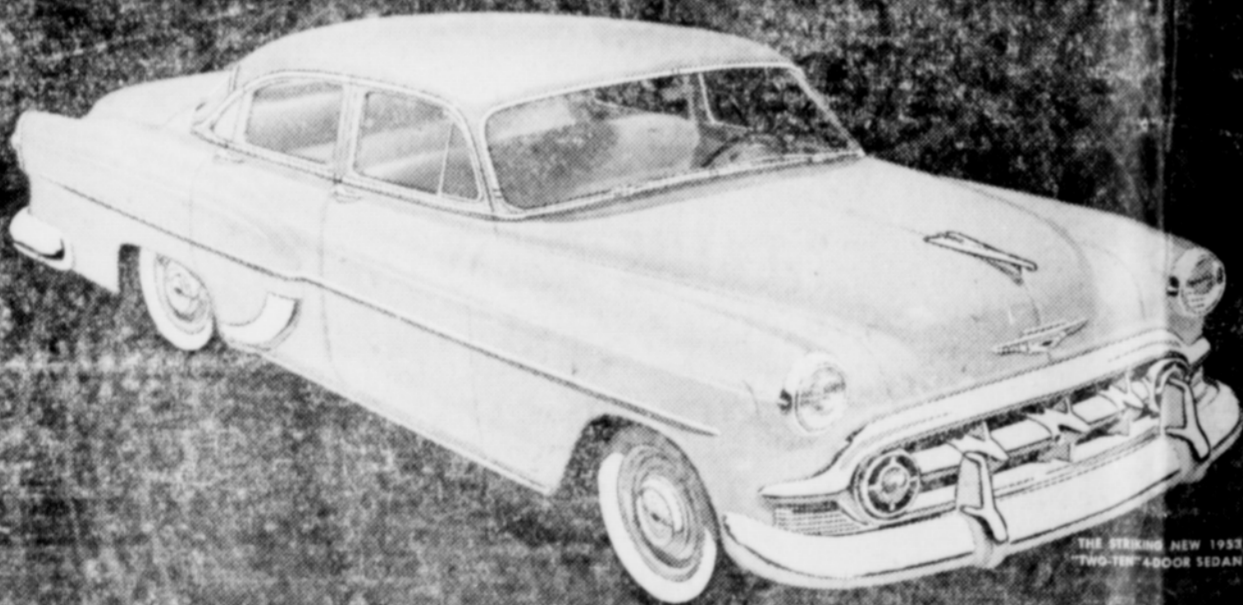
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Private Enterprise Turning Point

WASHINGTON — There's an exciting story breaking in the Ohio valley region right now. Exciting because it proves something. And because it makes one of the stock arguments around Washington look pretty silly.

Not long ago the Governors of Indiana and Ohio climbed up on steam shovels, pushed a couple of levers and started operations on a \$400,000,000 electric power system.

Specifically, construction has begun on two steam-electric generating plants that will supply the largest block of power ever delivered to one spot—1,800,000 kilowatts with another 400,000 in reserve. The power will drive electric pumps in Uncle Sam's newest atomic weapons plant—the one to be built near Portsmouth, Ohio.

One of the steam-electric generators is being built near Madison, Indiana. The other near Gallipolis, Ohio.

But the big point of the story is that private utility firms, fifteen altogether, are building this new power system, and not the government. And the argument it destroys is the bureaucratic argument that this kind of project is too big for private enterprise. It has to be handled by government.

As a matter of fact, the utility men were told by the Atomic Energy Commission that unless they could produce the power, quickly and cheaply, the job would be turned over to government. And so the Ohio valley project was a challenge. And it has been met.

Result—years saved on a major national security project as well as millions of tax dollars. For the 15 electric corporations have financed the \$400,000,000 operation from private resources. And they will pay taxes on every nickel they earn. All that Uncle Sam will pay is the cost of the power actually consumed.

But a bit of background is needed before anyone can grasp the real importance, the real meaning of this story. It all began at a secret meet-

ing last January 23 at the Atomic Energy Commission's office here. A small group of electric power executives, all with security clearance, were called in to conference. They may have had an inkling of what was in the wind. But only an inkling. Then the commission dropped a kind of A-bomb.

They broke the news about 1,800,000 kilowatts for the new uranium separation plant to be built near Portsmouth. That was a pretty big shock in itself, to make a bad pun. But the real one-two punch was the speed and economy the commission demanded. When you're buying that much juice, every mill—the tenth part of a cent—per kilowatt hour adds \$15,000,000 to the national tax bill. So the power had to be cheap.

Further, the atom plant would be built in two years, while the steam-electric generators needed would take four years. Interim power for the uranium plant would have to come from the private electric systems already in existence. But the faster the big generators were built, the better.

And in the background was that alternative. Another government power plant. Another federal finger thrust into private business.

The utility men, after they regained their breath, agreed to do the job. They didn't know quite how right then, but they reasoned they could find out.

Within less than eight months they had the problem licked. They organized the 15 utility corporations into the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation. They went to banks and insurance companies for financing. They signed up five major coal companies to supply 7,500,000 tons per year for the steam-electric generators. And they came back with a proposition the Atomic Energy Commission could buy. Result—a twenty-five year contract for the biggest one-shot block of power in history.

That contract is a major event because it could be, in the opinion of some utility experts, a turning point in the long, long drift toward federal power in this country. It could scotch

the old argument that if the job is big, government should do it. An argument which has echoed up and down the Tennessee Valley, at Boulder and Grand Coulee and Bonneville dams; at Niagara and in Hell's Canyon, Idaho.

Major Chas. McDonald of Fort Bliss, Texas visited Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell last weekend while en route to Cisco.

Misses Thelma Andrews and Marguerite Anderson of Abilene, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McElroy Monday night. C. H. Pittman of Route 4, Cisco, is temporarily employed at Wagley's Garage in Putnam as mechanic.

Tod Newton and Harold Brunson of Corpus Christi, visited

Mrs. Tod Newton and other relatives and friends during New Years.

Mrs. Paul Thomas and son, Melvin, and family, and grandson Bobby, of Marble Falls, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. T. F. McCarty, and other relatives here during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hart, J. R. Hart and Garland Bennett of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart last week and attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. J. W. Turner, here.

Mrs. C. T. Clay and sons, Charles and Robert of Big Spring visited Homer Boatwright and Roland Nichols and the Gunn sisters, Lorena, Lenora and Myrtle here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bullock were hosts to the Premier Refinery annual Christmas party at their home on Eugenia Street during the recent holidays when more than sixty company employees, their families and guests attended. Among those present were employees and their families from the Novice plant.

Visiting in the G. A. Gwin home Sunday, January 4, was their daughter, Mrs. Dee Peevy, their son, Ernest Gwin and daughter, Sylvia, all of Abilene, their son, Euclid Gwin of Coleman, and Lucien Warren of Oplin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Vittitoe of Rotan, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Warren of Pomona, Calif., visited here last week with his brother, H. A. Warren and Mrs. Warren.

J. R. Breeding of the Oplin community paid the Star office a visit and renewed his subscription to the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulen Hughes and son, Don, of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes over the weekend.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Sr., during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Jr., and sons, Bobby and Dickey of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Powell of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. David Hull of Abilene, Miss Charleese Powell of Arlington, and Mr. and Mrs. James Asbury of Baird.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Armstrong and daughter, Kay, of Jal. N. M. visited this weekend here in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Rosa Ryan. Visiting also in the Ryan home was Mrs. Ryan's father and Mrs. Armstrong's grandfather, A. W. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spencer and daughters, Margaret and Evelyn, of Dallas visited during the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Grimes, and sister, Miss Isadore Grimes.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor

Beef 'n Green Bean Dinner
Broadcast: January 10, 1953

1 lb. ground lean beef
1/2 cup Pet Milk
1 cup soft bread crumbs
1/4 cup finely cut onion
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

2 Tablespoons hot fat
1 can tomato soup
2 teaspoons vinegar
1/2 cup water
2 cups hot, cooked rice
No. 303 can green beans, heated and drained

Mix beef, milk, crumbs, 2 tablesp. onion, 1 tablesp. salt and 1/2 tablesp. pepper. With wet hands, shape into 12 flat patties. Brown slowly in fat. Add 2 tablesp. onion and cook slowly 5 minutes. Pour around patties a mixture of soup, vinegar, 1/4 tablesp. salt, 1/4 tablesp. pepper and water. Cover and cook over low heat 20 minutes, turning patties once while cooking. Lift patties to center of a warm platter. Put rice around patties; arrange beans around rice. Serve hot with the sauce. Makes 4 servings.

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