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Through the Editor's Specs

BY BAB

A fact sheet published by the Governor's Safety Council gives some appalling figures concerning the number of traffic accident deaths in Texas and in the nation at large. They are figures that should have the sobering attention of all who expect to be on the highways during the Christmas holiday season—or at any time, for that matter.

Last year traffic deaths in Texas set an all-time record with 611 people killed—more than twice as many people as now live in the community of Rising Star—while 111,000 were injured—more than now live in the city of Abilene—while \$300,000,000 in economic loss by reason of these accidents was suffered in the State.

That is a terrible harvest to pay for haste and carelessness. Some of it cannot be blamed upon human error, but rather upon mechanical failure and circumstances beyond human control. But by far the greater part of that loss could be prevented.

The greater part of these accidents is due to speed. Most of us have a great deal of trouble controlling the urge to let out the hundreds of powerful horses that respond to our touch under the hood of a modern car. When we get behind the wheel with all that smooth, effortless power under our command, the thrill of controlling it, or, rather, having it under our control, is often too much for our self-command and we just "let it out". The feel of speed, the thrill of travelling at rates only dreamed of a few years ago, the sense of having great power under our fingers gets into our blood to such a degree that we lose the discipline which is so important to safe driving. The car runs so easily, it obeys our directions so readily, that we lose sight of the fact that we have generated momentum which cannot be stopped within a short distance. A sudden emergency occurs requiring a quick stop and we are startled out of our wits some times to realize that the ton or two of fast-travelling metal under us simply cannot be stopped within several hundreds of feet, often hundreds of yards.

The danger of accident in a small community where the highway traffic is not heavy and the houses are more scattered, is even more serious than in a larger town where the press of people and crowded construction forces more caution. The highways through Rising Star are heavily travelled, and many of those who use them do not seem to realize the danger of a car, pedestrian or a small child appearing suddenly in the path of a fast-moving vehicle from some of these quieter streets is even a greater possibility than would be the case in a larger community where street traffic is more strictly controlled.

During this Christmas let's not be among those who wish their neighbors and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and then drive and act on the highways as if we didn't want those wishes to come true.

Sgt. and Mrs. Womack Back From Germany

Sgt. 1c and Mrs. Dean Womack, have just returned from Frankfurt, Germany, where he is serving with the Armed Forces. They came all the way by air and report a very pleasant trip, except from New York to Dallas, where they encountered plane trouble. They made a safe landing at Dallas and are happy to be at home for the holidays. Mrs. Womack is remembered here as Barbara Smith, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Walter Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shook went to Dallas Saturday and saw the 4-A semi-final football game between the Abilene Eagles and the Highland Park Scotties.

Peanut Crop Some Better Than Thought

A peanut harvest, delayed by late planting and bad weather, was beginning to pour through the peanut grading station in Rising Star this week with the prospect that the final total would reach about half a normal yield. The grade, reduced by poor growing conditions and by rains during the harvest period, was running from 10 to 11 points below the normal.

But even so, the yield and prices being received for the product were much better than expected, so far above last year's years' almost total loss, that growers seemed generally well satisfied with the results.

A. E. Cook, USDA grader who is established in the former Ingle service station across from the Elite Cafe, said that grades were running about 61 on the average with 3 per cent damage. Up to Monday one lot had graded 72 points and four had graded 70.

Up to Saturday of last week, J. R. Bucy, public weigher, reported 603,240 pounds but that was before the peak of the harvest had begun to come in Monday. Monday, one buyer, Jones Brothers, bought 121,000 pounds which was equal to all the peanuts the firm had purchased up to that time.

Raymond Gray, veteran Rising Star buyer, said that total buying in Rising Star to Wednesday would probably total 500 tons and he estimated that the 1957 crop marketed here would run about 1,000 tons, an estimate with which Monty Jones agreed. Mr. Jones said that the average price being paid was about \$190 per ton, considerably below normal cost because of damage. However, even at that figure, the income is much above what was expected.

Strong CJC Cage Team Includes May, Rising Star Girls

The Cisco Junior College girls basket ball team will host a junior college tournament at the Cisco school gym Friday and Saturday of this week.

The Wranglerettes have dropped only two games this season so far—both to the National AAU Champions of Wayland College at Plainview—and hold victories over strong college and service teams. Last week they defeated the Sheppard Air Force Base team at Wichita Falls in two consecutive games.

One of the mainstays of the Cisco team is Bobbie Erwin, a star guard on the Rising Star High School team of last year, and another is Jolene Richardson of May. Other members of the squad which was praised by the Wayland coach as being one of the best his team has encountered, are Pat Ramsey of Irving, Nelta Walton of Paint Creek, Jane Petrey of Miles, Joyce Foster of Waco (Midway School), Betty Lewis of Hawley, Sue Shaw of Paint Creek and Marjorie of Putnam.

The Cisco team will play the Howard County Junior College girls at 9 o'clock Thursday evening, Henderson County College and Weatherford College will open the tournament at 6:30 p.m. Consolation and championship games will be played at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively Friday.

Senior Class to Sponsor Show Thurs.

The Rising Star Senior class will sponsor the Putt Mossman show at the Rising Star High School gym at 12:45 p.m. Thursday. The show will include trick and fancy horse shoe pitching, shotgun, rifle and revolver shooting, juggling, motorcycle acrobatics, toy doggie act and so forth; Mossman earned world championship titles in motorcycle stunts, high kicking, horse-shoe pitching and is a former Hollywood stunt man. Admission charges will be 50 and 25 cents.

Humble Glee Club to Sing Carols



The 44-voice Humble Glee Club will sing traditional Christmas carols on Texas in Review the week of December 23. All Glee Club members are company employees with the exception of the director, John Nichols of Bellaire.

All Children of This Area Are Invited To Xmas Party Monday

Local FFA Members And Sweetheart Go To Area Banquet

Accompanied by their Advisor, H. L. Geve, and the Chapter Sweetheart, Miss Jaynell Edmiston, and by Miss Jane Ann Key, four members of the Rising Star FFA chapter went to the Cross Timbers Area FFA banquet at Stephenville Monday night, December 9, where the chapter received an award for having won the Greenhand FFA district quiz recently. Mrs. Wm. Key and Mrs. Jack Edmiston accompanied the girls.

Members attending were Delwin Caudle, the district reporter, Dinky Hill, Gary Jones and Billy Cook.

The dinner took place in the Stephenville recreation hall and Creath Davis, state vice president, presided. Mr. Creath also presented the chapter sweethearts during the program, a Stephenville girl winning the district contest.

Awards were presented to the various chapters and the Lone Star Farmers by W. W. Reed of Tarleton State College.

Dublin chapter provided the entertainment and the address was delivered by Royce Bodiford, national FFA president. The district officers, including Delwin Caudle, carried out the closing ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Married 60 Years Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day, December 25. They were married on that day in 1897.

Mr. Walker is a native of Paris, Texas, where he was born on January 4, 1868. He moved to Eastland County when he was 12 years of age. Mrs. Walker was born in the state of Indiana on October 23, 1880 and came to Eastland County with her parents when an infant.

Mr. Walker was a farmer until 1946 when he and Mrs. Walker moved to Rising Star to make their home. They now live at 401 East College Street.

As a child Mr. Walker suffered an attack of polio which forced him to use crutches.

The Walkers have five children, four sons and a daughter. They are Earl Walker of Cisco, Buford Walker of Olden, Jerry Walker of Goldthwaite, Lanham Walker (deceased), and Mrs. Nadine Sprayberry of Grand Prairie, Texas. They have six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The merchants of Rising Star through the Chamber of Commerce will play "Santa Claus" to all children of this area at the annual Christmas Party to be held in the City Market Building next Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Gifts of nuts, candy and fruit will be distributed to the children. Mrs. Louise Weber is chairman of the program. She is being assisted by members of the Saturday Club and girls of the Rising Star High School senior class and by volunteer workers from the Chamber of Commerce membership.

Santa Claus, suited and bearded in traditional Christmas fashion, will be present to direct the distribution of gifts. The patron saint of the season will begin his rounds of the business district Wednesday of this week with gifts of candy and chewing gum for the youngsters and will be seen on the streets and in the stores at intervals during the remainder of the week and through Christmas Eve.

"We will have plenty of gifts for the children," said Mrs. Weber. "Our group will get together Thursday evening of this week to prepare the sacks for distribution. We hope everyone who can help will be there to assist in getting the gifts ready."

The Chamber of Commerce emphasized that every child in the Rising Star trade area is invited to attend the annual party.

Fire Boys to Play Santa With Toys

The members of the Rising Star Fire Department will repair and recondition toys for distribution to underprivileged children. Fire Chief Harvey Chick called upon members of the department to meet at the Fire Hall Friday evening at 7 to begin work on the "Santa Claus" project. He also called for gifts of used toys which may be used in the program.

Bob Jenkins Ends Army Finance Course

FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, Ind.—Pvt. Robert H. (Bob) Jenkins, whose wife, Nancy, lives at Cameron, recently was graduated from the eight-week finance procedures course at the Army's finance school, Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Jenkins entered the Army last July and received basic training at Fort Carson, Colo.

The 22-year-old soldier is a 1953 graduate of Rising Star High School and a 1957 graduate of Texas Technological College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jenkins, Rising Star.

Mrs. Charlie Smith, accompanied by Mrs. M. S. Sellers, attended funeral services for Mrs. Smith's aunt, Mrs. W. A. Reeder, at Knox City Friday of last week. Mrs. Reeder died the preceding week.

Juniors Take 2nd Places in Cage Tourney at Cisco

The Rising Star Junior High girls basketball team took second place in the Cisco Junior High invitation tournament last week. The boys team also took second place in their division.

In the first round the Rising Star girls defeated Baird 38 to 12, with Sherry Aaron and Maria Geyer tying for high point with 16 each, while the boys defeated the Baird boys with a score of 41 to 14.

In the semifinals the girls defeated the Cisco girls 34 to 15 with Shirley Hageman registering 13 points for high score. In the final games the Rising Star girls lost to Clyde 29 to 16 while the boys were defeated 38 to 17 by the Cisco boys. The local teams received beautiful second place trophies. J. M. Crump coaches the boys and Miss Jay Childress the girls.

Wildcat Teams Drop Opener in CP Tournament

Both the Rising Star boys and girls teams fell before the strong Clyde entries in the Cross Plains Invitation tournament at Cross Plains Tuesday night. The boys lost to the powerful Clyde quint 61-33 with Gary Scott of Rising Star tying Gerald Breeding of Clyde for high with 12 points.

The girls game was a close, defensive affair with Clyde taking a five-point margin at 22 to 17. Martha Duggan of Rising Star was high with 12. Friday afternoon the Rising Star girls play Eula in the losers bracket at 5:45 and at 7 p.m. the Rising Star boys meet Cross Plains.

The Rising Star girls slipped a notch or so from their usual style of play and had to be content with the consolation championship in the May tournament last week. The girls dropped their opening game to the Blanket girls by a score of 26 to 23 Thursday afternoon. They defeated Cross Plains in the consolation bracket 26 to 20 to salvage a measure of satisfaction from the tournament.

The boys lost both their opening tournament game and consolation game and failed to place. The first loss was to Blanket and the second to Zephyr.

Jane Ann Key of the Rising Star girls team placed on the all-tournament team as a guard and Jerry Don Aaron of the boys won a sportsmanship award.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harris attended the Christmas party at the Stag Club Friday evening.

Oklahoma Firm Phone Bid Wins

Contract for the construction of approximately 271 miles of rural telephone lines, replacing and extending the present system of the Kizer Telephone Company in the Rising Star and Cross Plains areas, was let to the Brooks Construction Co. of Shawnee, Okla., Thursday. The Shawnee firm's bid of \$203,693.73 was lowest of six submitted, ranging to a high of \$239,432.58 submitted by Eugene Pablachek of San Angelo. One Abilene contractor, Alma B. Jackson, with a bid of \$216,952.16 was third low and the Lewis Construction Co. of Tahoka, was second low with a bid of \$212,053.07. Other bidders included Irby Construction Co. of Jackson, Miss., Wincott-Simmonds Co. of Memphis, Tenn., and Alpha Construction Co. of Tulsa, Okla.

The contract calls for completion of the rural construction in 180 working days and work is to begin 30 days after approval by the Rural Electrification Administration, the financing agency, in Washington. The bids were opened at 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon in the Green Room of the Elite Cafe here.

Other Work.

The contract for rural construction is in addition to recabling and re-enforcing the outside plants within the municipalities of Rising Star and Cross Plains which will be done by the Kizer Telephone Co. with its own crews and facilities at an estimated cost of \$50,000. An additional contract, let to the construction firm of Rutherford and Steel of Rising Star a week ago, provides for the remodeling of the headquarters building here and the exchange building in Cross Plains. This work is due to start after January 1. Still another contract is to be let for furnishing equipment for and enlarging the automatic dial plant of the company. Automatic dialing was installed about two years ago, replacing the old magneto-type equipment.

Officials of the Kizer Telephone Company are E. O. Kizer, President, and Ralph Kizer, Secretary-Treasurer. Engineers for the company are Wimer and Associates, of Dallas, which did the planning of the system. C. J. Wimer is head of the engineering firm. Carl Dahlgren of Lubbock is field engineer on the job for the REA.

5-Year Program.

Contracts now being let or to be let immediately cover the first phase in a five-year program of improvement for which planning is now being done, and which contemplates a system of 1,226 subscribers within 3 1/2 to five years. The system now numbers 820 subscribers, an increase from the 759 served at the time the program was undertaken. A large number of rural subscribers will be added by the extension of the plant into areas not now served as provided for in the contract let to the Brooks company. The initial construction phase of the program will be completed within 7 or 8 months, Mr. Wimer said.

"When completed," said Mr. Wimer, "Rising Star and Cross Plains and areas served will have a telephone service as efficient and modern as can be found anywhere. Both the com-

ATTEND GAME

Among those who went to Breckenridge Saturday to see the Class A semi-final football game between White Oak and Sundown were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. (Skeet) Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Elliott, all of whom were once residents of Sundown. They met many old friends and enjoyed a good ball game which ended in a tie, Sundown losing to White Oak on penetrations.

Bill Button and Cecil Courtwright went to Dallas Saturday to see the Abilene-Highland Park state semi-final football game at the Cotton Bowl.

Mrs. J. W. Murphy returned Saturday from Houston where she spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. Bobbie Murphy, and her husband.

pany and the REA with the contract lines. We feel the sound contract at E. O. Kizer explains current five-year planning under REA can be extended for additional five years if of the system justified enlargement and "It won't just stop at the end of the five-year plan but future needs can and will be taken care of under the REA program."

Total re-financing and construction program will involve upwards of half a million dollars in investment, Mr. Kizer said.

Under the contract let to Rutherford and Steel December 3, the Kizer building here will be modernized and remodelled to provide offices for administration and accounting, a service lobby, exchange and store rooms and operators lounge, work shops and dial equipment rooms. Central heating and air conditioning will be installed. A front of brick, tile, aluminum and glass will be built.

Burial Services For Mrs. Plumlee Here Saturday

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Vinnie May Plumlee at Higginbotham Funeral Home at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 14, following her death at Rising Star Hospital at 8 p.m. Friday, December 13. B. A. Hays, Church of Christ minister of Abilene, officiated and interment was in Rising Star cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home directing arrangements.

Mrs. Plumlee, an 82-year-old widow whose husband, J. C. Plumlee, died in 1924, was a native of Arkansas where she was born on November 21, 1875, and had lived here for 66 years. Her home was in the Pioneer community.

She is survived by two sons, J. A. Plumlee of McCamey and Ike Plumlee of Pioneer; three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Jones of Lubbock, Mrs. Irene McClain of Bellflower, Calif., and Mrs. B. H. Davis of Lakewood, California; two brothers, J. B. and A. C. Maddux of Fort Worth; one sister, Mrs. Daisy Millsap of Frederick, Okla.; 21 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Palbearers for the service were James Alexander, Doss Alexander, Mack Gray, L. V. Hughes, Jack White, B. C. Brown and E. L. Busbee.

Cisco Youth Dies Suddenly at Houston

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. (Bobby) Deen in the Cisco and Rising Star area were shocked by the sudden death of their son, Buddy. The boy, a 21-year-old student at the University of Houston suffered what doctors said was a cerebral hemorrhage while his father was visiting with him at his dormitory room, and died within a few hours at a Houston hospital.

Funeral services were held at Cisco First Methodist Church Wednesday of last week with burial in Oakwood cemetery at Cisco.

Buddy was nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Deen, formerly of Rising Star and now of Stamford.

Nephew of Rising Star Man Key Jaycee

A nephew of a local business man is one of the winners announced by the Junior Chamber.

1st Lt. Oliver C. Key, who is a new officer Headquarters, 1st Battalion, Infantry, Texas National Guard.

He is a graduate of A&M College and served in the 10th and 11th Infantry Divisions during a two-year active duty period. He is now in command of the company.

His mother, Mrs. Cora Jarvis, is County Treasurer of Brown County, and her husband is George S.

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A total of \$24.10 was raised at the annual 4-H Club Christmas party to be given through an organized charity to poor and needy families and children during the holiday season. Club members did this instead of exchanging gifts as they have done in the past. The county council made up of club members made this decision at their first meeting recently. Morris Keasler, Eastland, representative of the organization that makes the distribution, was present and accepted the money on behalf of his group.

Newly elected officers at the Cisco West Ward club include Jerry Graham, president; Ross Honea, vice president; Durward Dunlap, Sec-Treas.; Carl Stroebel, Jr., Reporter, and Richard Ford, council delegate.

Dan Mize of the Corinth Community has Rambouillet sheep as his club project. He goes to school at Eastland Junior High School.

Michael England, Eastland; Robert Mangum, Rt. 1, Carbon, and David Ray, Rt. 4, Cisco, were present for the annual county 4-H Christmas party held in Cisco recently.

New member of the Cisco East Ward Club is Johnny Dean Tennyson, 11. He has been a member of the Gerber, Okla., club for the past 12 years. Johnny hopes to have some sheep as his club project.

Ronnie Hastings was named Sec-Treas. of the Cisco Junior High 4-H Club recently. Rodney Harrelson was elected to the place of county council delegate from the club. Bill Lee and Chip White were present at the December meeting as new members of the club.

Roger Thomas, 12, Olden, who had a Jersey cow as his project last year plans to have some sheep this year. He expects to show one of his Rambouillet ewes at the county show next spring. "Bubba" Everett, also of the Olden club has a Rambouillet ewe.

"Bullfrog Charlie" Ayler, 53-year-old Drumwright, Okla., man imitated a frog, rooster, dog, a baby crying and other sounds for the amusement of 175 club boys, girls, their parents and

friends at the annual 4-H Christmas party at the Cisco Jr. High Gym, Dec. 9. He was well applauded for his efforts. "Bullfrog Charlie" is visiting relatives in the Nimrod community.

Park Paul Plambeck and his brother Victor, together with his parents from the Pleasant Hill Community attended the county 4-H Christmas party at Cisco recently. Park Paul recently underwent an operation for the removal of his appendix. He now seems completely recovered. Both boys have pigs as their projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rachel, Mrs. Jim Angel and Mrs. Beyrl Heath visited in the home of Mrs. Eva Mae Matlock in De Leon.

long way apart. Both have beef calves as their projects in club work. Both boys expect to show the animals at the county show next spring. Carl, Jr., attended the district 4-H Camp at Lake Brownwood last summer and was one of the youngest boys in attendance it was reported.

Amity Club Christmas Party December 20

The Amity Progress Club will have its annual Christmas party Friday night, December 20, at the community club house. The men of the community will bring gifts for men, the women for women and children for children, it was announced.

Stapling machines and staples The Record.

Gary Lynn Hames, Rt. 3, Ranger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hames goes to the Hodges Oak Park School in Ranger and is a member of the club in that school. He has two sheep for his club project.

Dr. Kenneth Morrison, who has a dental office in Merkel, accompanied his mother, Mrs. L. H. Morrison, to Rising Star where she underwent surgery in Rising Star hospital Tuesday of last week.

Carl Stroebel, Jr., and his cousin, Loren Stroebel both live on Rt. 2 out of Cisco though a

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Petzell and Sammy and Mrs. S. W. Fountain visited relatives in Cisco Sunday.

Christmas Music Program Sunday

The Sunday evening service at the First Methodist Church will be a musical program featuring Christmas music. There will be a devotional, but most of the service will be devoted to Christmas music.

The service will begin at 7 o'clock and the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Markham of Cisco were visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Scott visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pierce in Carbon Sunday.

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OUR BILL OF RIGHTS

With December 15 being observed as "Bill of Rights Day" throughout the land, many persons are (or should be) thinking about what this important "document" means to them. This column will attempt a brief explanation of its meaning.

The American "Bill of Rights", consisting of the first ten amendments to our federal constitution, all adopted at one time in 1791, specifies in some detail a number of basic civil rights of the individual citizen. Unaltered by subsequent amendments and jealously guarded by our courts, these privileges must still be respected by our governing bodies today.

Among the most familiar of our constitutional guarantees are those relating to freedom of religion, speech, and of the press. The same article protects the rights of peaceable assembly and the privilege of petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, and specifies that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, and unless supported by oath or affirmation.

The due process of law amendment encompasses not one but several guarantees. Every American is secured against being placed twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense; against being compelled to be a witness against himself in a criminal case; and against having his private property taken for public use without just compensation.

He is also secured against being held for trial for a capital (death penalty) or other infamous crime, unless upon a presentment or indictment of a grand jury. And, of course, no person may be deprived of life,

liberty or property without orderly court procedures, on due process of law.

The right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, in the locality where the crime was committed, the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and the rights to compel attendance of defense witnesses and to have the assistance of defense counsel in all criminal prosecutions are secured by another section of the "Bill of Rights."

Excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, are prohibited in Amendment VIII. Other articles insure the right to bear arms and ban quartering of soldiers in private homes during peace time.

Then, to make quite clear to our governing bodies the underlying intent of the preceding provisions, the Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

The Tenth Amendment further emphasizes this basic theory by providing: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Thus, that fundamental philosophy expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that men are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," has been carried forward into the highest law of our land.

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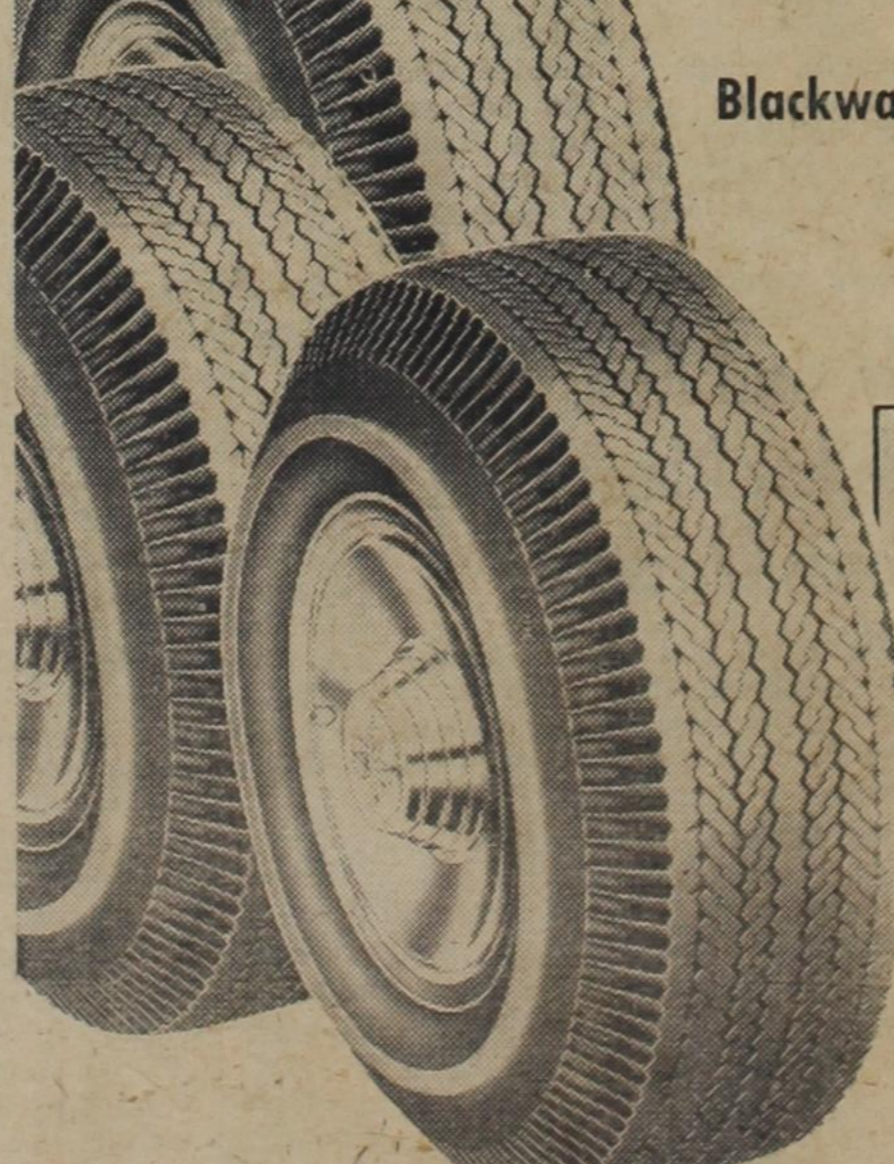
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 Ideals which all nations should live up to
 Soul who was given peace by His dying
 Tradition of giving for He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
 Magi, the Wise Men, who first came to see Him
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and "Summer Evening Serenade". In a lighter vein, we played several marches, Christmas carols, and popular tunes. With Jack Smith as our narrator, we took an imaginary trip around the world. We visited Scotland, Germany, Hawaii, Italy, and France, with songs typical of each country; also featured on the program were the Junior High Music students, who sang several Christmas carols.
 Reporter

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?
 It is a fact; Christmas is almost here. Turn on the television set and Santa Claus is trying to sell everything from bobbie pins to screw drivers! Look at the paper and there he is again with more Christmas cheer and things to sell.
 I'm not just picking on Santa Claus. This holds true with gnomes, reindeer, and elves, also. The point is, Christmas?
 Everywhere you look today, businesses are saying, "Santa says buy this," or "Santa uses so and so." People have forgotten that Christmas is a time to give, to spread cheer, and to be happy that you are alive. The way it is now, most people are happy to see it over and done with.

I ask you, "Is this the real Christmas?"
 "Of course not," you say.
 Then what is?
 I think that Christmas is the joy of giving, singing Christmas carols, reunions with old and new friends, and thankfulness to the One who is responsible for this time of joy and happiness.
 It is for you to decide. What kind of Christmas do you want? It will be the kind you make it.
 Merry Christmas!
 Bill Rutherford
 English IV

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE SENIORS!
 O boy! Tomorrow is the last day before our Christmas vacation begins. Just as first graders look forward to it, so do the Seniors.
 Here's a letter that was intercepted between the North Pole and Rising Star (the writer doesn't want to be known) that Santa Claus should know about:
 Dear Santa:
 Jerry Aaron—I am a little boy 18 years old. I've been a good little boy, too, mind you, and I want some candy, fender skirts (my jalopy just got a new blouse), and a never-miss rifle. Throw in one or two deer while you're at it.

Edward Burns—I need a new nickname; Suzie just doesn't fit.
 Jack Callaway—My name is Jack, and that's a fact, and I can't pick out my girl's gift and that's a real fact!
 Joe Crisp—My tangerine car is getting too many comments. Please send new paint spray.
 Donald Crisp—Please bring me a new Plane Geometry book; mine doesn't even give the answers.
 Martha Duggan—Please tell me what C. W. has for my Christmas. I can't stand this suspense much longer!
 Jaynel Edmiston—Please bring Jane Ann a mouton so we can be the Siamese twins.
 Lester Harris—Thanks for the coat; I'm glad you sent it early.
 Don Hicks—I wish you'd bring the football pictures and football jackets. I'll be very disappointed if you don't.
 Pat Howard—Santa, please bring Karen and me something to wear with our moutonless moutons. Huh, Karen?
 Jeanette Hubbard — I wish you'd please bring me some place to go. I'm getting bored to death with myself.
 Jane Ann Key—Santa Claus, please bring me a muffler, Miss Childress says, "I talk too much!"
 Anna Little—I'd appreciate it if you'd mount my crowns for me. You know, a Queen's head gets tired every once in a while.
 Nancy McKinnerney — Now, good ole' Saint Nick, just bring me a diploma in a hurry. I'm in such a flurry and no time to worry.
 Robert Needham—I need recovery but fast so I can dig my cleats on that track team.
 Mary Reed—Bring me a Christmas at home with Clarence and, of course, all the rest of the family.
 Billy Rucker—Let's see, my little red wagon is too short, and I just outgrew my size 15 loafers. I'd appreciate it very much if you'd send me a private phone so I could talk to my girls in peace. (Lady's man, Billy!)
 Charles Steel—Send me a hot rod deluxe and I'll make it over; also an electric train. I do have to take care of my little brother sometimes. (Are you sure it isn't for you?)
 Martha Walker—"Just to be with you" and Santa that does not mean you!
 June Jones—Oh, Santa, I'm one of the shy little girls but even I would love a string of pearls!
 Mack Elliott—What shall I get for Sandra? I know what, a red Cadillac. Uh, oh, I haven't the money! Santa, do you think you could swing that for me?
 Roland Earp—A merry Christmas for everybody!
 Jodie Wallace—I just want to see Texas University play football. That's my team, Santa!
 Carl Weathers—A new hair style; I'm getting tired of my ducks.
 Miss Childress—Weren't you

surprised Monday night? I came early, didn't he?
 And so as we finish our to Santa; we also say good to you until after Christmas wishing you a very merry Christmas.
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THE WISE PHILOSOPHER'S CORNER: "The Christmas W"

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BAND NEWS
 We hope that you were present at our Christmas concert last Tuesday evening because the band presented an exceptionally good program. Under the direction of Miss Peggy Tate we played, among other numbers, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", "Let Death Now Come",

A MESSAGE TO YOU—OUR READERS
 The "Wildcat Tales" Staff joins everyone here at Rising Star High School in wishing you and yours a BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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SENIOR LIFE
 The Senior in the spotlight this week is Robert Needham. Robert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Needham, was born September 3, 1940, in San Angelo, Texas.
 Robert's favorite color is brown. Barbecued venison is his favorite food; for his favorite subject, he has chosen girls. No, really his favorite is math.
 Robert has been active in school. He has played football and basketball since he was in grade school. Last year he, (Continued from Page 3.)

WILDCAT TALES—

Continued from page 3.) ... with others, went to the track meet. He was also Junior favorite. This year he is president of the student council. He was chosen the best all-around boy. ... plans to go to college after graduation this year. ... closes the door on the Senior life this week. See you next week?

JUNIOR CHATTER

The gossip in last week's news seemed to interest several people so this week we have some to share. You shouldn't embarrass when that way. You would be more if you were taking a subject. Those car were you riding Tuesday night? Alice, what's that about silhouettes on the shade? The seniors received a box from Norma Morgan of Essie, Kentucky. It consisted of holly, evergreen and mistletoe. We had sent Norma a box of clothes earlier in the year. We are all looking forward to our class party, which is scheduled for Thursday night, December 19. We are having it at Mrs. Shook's house at seven o'clock.

WF — THE SOPHS

The Sophomores all believe in Santa Claus and we know that if we put our wishes in the Wildcat Tales that Santa will see them there. Dear Santa, I, the Reporter for the Sophomore class, am acting as a spokesman for the group. We have all been good and here are our greatest Christmas wishes: Pat Agnew — This cowboy wants a pair of boots, a western jacket, and a camera to take pictures of his new outfit. Ronnie Alford — Please bring western shirts for him, and a B-B-action 22. Daneilia Darnell — To be entirely in style, a new wardrobe. Billy Rhine — (A Kat) A set of drums and a tape recorder. Carolyn Elliott — Something short and sweet to keep for a lifetime. Mae Bell Kendricks — A cuddly teddy bear, Santa, and you pick the color. John Bob Wilson — Please, a

pair of roller skates and a record player. La Veda Boggs — Santa, she is filling her house with animals. Please bring her a king-sized teddy bear. Gerald Green — A real sportsman would like to have some sport shirts and a basketball. Robert Morrow — This fellow would like new clothes. (To make him more handsome?) Carolyn Perry — A mouton, oh, they're so cuddly. Ruby Sagehorn — Santa, Ruby has what she wants? Tell us, Ruby! Gary Maynard — Santa, Gary wants only to have his leg and arm healed. AND QUICK!! Elmer McCary — Clothes, so he can be a well-dressed man? Jettie Dugagn — Her teddy bear was sent first-class Santa mail, (male).

Bonnie Tyler — An 84 yd. cancer? Oh, Bonnie — Virginia Townsend — This 16-year-old baby wants a teddy bear and a doll. Karen Steel — Her Christmas has already arrived, and she certainly does it justice. Kenneth Sevaldsen — Wishing to be seen — Kenneth wants a bright red motorcycle. Larry McCollum — A tube tester. Mary Lois White — A king-sized frame for a picture she hasn't received yet! Wesley Walker — A 303 Mossburg Rifle. (Don't shoot at Santa, Wick!) Douglas Walker — A set of seat covers that won't shed. Frank Weise — A 22 rifle. We have a lot of deadly marksmen in this class. George Cook — A portable radio. Judy Barry — A very nice girl; Judy has no preferences. I'm sure hers will be the same as mine. I hope everyone will join in a prayer for the safety of such a fast moving nation on such a dangerous holiday. Reporter

FISH TALK It won't be long until old Nick comes down that chimney. You had better be good if you want him to come to see you. Everybody around RSHS is really getting into the spirit of Christmas. Our General Science class has finally started working in the laboratory. We have conducted several different experiments. We have made hydrogen, oxy-

gen, and carbon dioxide. Mr. Chambers is very busy getting basketball games for the Freshman boys and girls. The boys have played May twice and the girls have been in several tournaments. We gave book reports this week in English. Mrs. Shook assigned parts in plays and we're still working on them. We had a test last week. The Home Economics girls are working steadily on the leather craft. If you come out to the cottage, you can't hear yourself think with all the hammering going on. Some of them are sewing on clowns and dolls. We really like this kind of work. Here's wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and may the true Christ-like Spirit be a part of you. Reporter

Pvt. Mary E. Perkins-W708720 Woman Marine Company Hdqtrs. Bn. M. C. B. Camp Pendleton, California December 2, 1957 Rising Star High School Rising Star, Texas Students and Teachers of RSHS: Although I am gone from Rising Star High, my memories are great and my school spirit is still just as high as it was when I was there. When I returned in September, I enjoyed visiting at the pep rallies and the football games. I saw only two games but I thoroughly enjoyed them. Now when someone asks me where I'm from, I'm proud to say, "A little town called Rising Star. It's in Texas." I am mail clerk at Base Adjutant Section which is Headquarters at Camp Pendleton. All I do is open the mail and log it in. The bookkeeping and typing that I learned in high school has certainly come in handy for such a job. Maybe some of you have wondered what Marine Corps life is like for women. I'll tell you if I can. The jobs held are really not much different from civilian jobs. The only exceptions are that we wear uniforms and everything is done in a military manner. Working hours are from 0730 (7:30 a.m.) until 1630 (4:30 p.m.) with one hour for noon chow. Liberty hours are from 1630 until 0530 (5:30 a.m.) During those hours we are allowed to go anywhere and do anything we please. We get week end liberty—Saturday and Sunday off.

There is a duty that is stood around the clock. Enlisted personnel stand, this duty. The watches are four hours and each Woman Marine has the watch once a week. The watch consists of answering the telephone and making a tour every hour to check against fire hazards. Every Thursday night is field night. On these nights we give the barracks and the grounds around them a thorough cleaning for the inspections which come every Friday morning. On Wednesday afternoon of each week we have drill. This is simply close order drill which is very much like marching in the high school band. Life in the Marines is really no different from that of college life. In college you live in a dormitory and here we live in a barracks. In both college and the Marine Corps lights go on at a certain time and off at a certain time. So really there is no difference. We do remember though that one is military and one is civilian. So much for Marines; now for California. If you've never been to California, you won't know what I'm talking about, but the seasons are turned around here. In the winter, the grass and trees are green and in the summer it's dead and brown. I received a letter from home last week and was told that San Angelo had two snow storms. That seems funny too because it's hot here. The sun shines down every day and it never rains. It's just like mid-summer around Rising Star. I'm keeping up with the Wildcats and the happenings around Rising Star, thanks to our home town paper. I look forward to it every week. That's about all we have to say this time so I'll close by saying that I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see you Christmas. I'm getting a ten day leave at Christmas. Best of luck to all of you. As ever, Mary E. Perkins Pvt. USMC

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Hames of Lipan visited in the home of Bernard Watkins Thursday of last week.

HOME MAKERS Views and News

Sandra Kirkland Home Dev. April Terry Washers Dist. Home Dev. April

Ever panic at the thought of all the children and relations home for Christmas dinner? Advance planning and preparation will set you free to enjoy your guests on Christmas Day, a detailed written plan, thought out carefully ahead of time, will allow time to visit and manage the constant interruptions while making final preparations for dinner. Begin with the menu. Check it for interesting color, appetite appeal, texture variety, harmonious flavor, ease of service, and possibility for advance preparation. Now think through the steps necessary for preparing the dinner. Write out a work plan or schedule as you plan. Include the grocery order, time for shopping, table decorations and arrangement, equipment needed for cooking and baking, and surface units and oven space needed for preparation. Consider refrigerator space needed. If there are several babies visiting, refrigeration for individual bottles may be necessary. Schedule time for working on foods which can be prepared ahead of time. List foods and details that must wait until the last minute. A good plan will keep last minute preparation to a minimum. It will help you "come out even" at mealtime. That is, all foods will have had the proper time to turn out in perfect condition at the right time. If it's a family affair, let your guests help with the final preparation and serving of the meal as well as with the dishes. They will feel more at home and a part of the celebration if they have contributed in some way.

Have you started making all those delicious Christmas candies? Extension specialists say candy thermometers are the best guides for testing a candy mixture.

Before you begin, make sure your thermometer is accurate. You can check it quickly by placing it in boiling water. To get a correct reading, make sure the thermometer does not touch any part of the pan, and that the bulb is completely covered with the candy mixture. Read the temperature at eye-level—not from above or below.

You can use the cold water test as a cross-check. Drop a small portion of the candy mixture into a bowl of cold water and note the kind of ball formed. Fondants, when done, should form a small soft ball which flattens out when held on the tip of the thumb. A firm ball—the test for caramels—will hold its shape when lifted on the finger. For divinity and popcorn balls the syrup should form a hard ball which can be manipulated with the fingers. The soft crack stage for butterscotch or taffy means that threads are hard but not brittle. Hard crack threads will snap when tapped against the side of the bowl. Use a fresh bowl of cold water each time you make a test. Sandra Kirkland

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Ray Henry, Patti and Ned, of Ozona have spent three days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Henry and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Henry, and other relatives. Miller Ray, who for some time was manager of Higginbotham's Lumber Co. is now with the Continental Oil Co. at Ozona. Miss Mary Reed will spend Sunday in the home of Clarence Ellis' parents in Houston.

Amity News

Mrs. O. J. Reynolds

(News of Week of December 8.) Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Robertson of Talpa spent a night recently with I. W. Robertson and Elizabeth.

Visitors in the O. J. Reynolds home Sunday, Dec. 8, were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cosper of Abilene, their little grandson, Roy Tomlinson, of Corpus Christi; Mrs. Willie Cosper of Rising Star; Jim Martin, Odessa, and Buck Dewbre, Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Henderson of De Leon, Tex., had his brother, Walter, and Mrs. Henderson, one night recently. Mr. and Mrs. John Alford had business in De Leon last Wednesday.

Mrs. Claude Griffin and Dwayne visited Mr. Griffin in a Temple hospital during the Thanksgiving holidays and report him to be improving slowly.

Robert Watkins and son David of Early visited in the O. J. Reynolds home Wednesday morning, Dec. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Stodgh were called to Haskell on Monday, Dec. 9, on account of the serious illness of Mr. Stodgh's sister, Mrs. Pauline Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hough of Fort Worth were here to spend the week end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Carter, and other relatives and friends.



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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clark were one of two couples honored at a dinner at Seminole recently upon the occasion of their retirement from employment with the Magnolia Petroleum Company. Mr. Clark, a brother of Mrs. J. T. Coursey of Rising Star and a relative of many other resi-

dents of this area, has the distinction of having worked for the Magnolia for a continuous 35 years without missing a day. Hosts for the dinner at the Seminole High School cafeteria, were employees of the Magnolia Petroleum Co., the Magnolia Production Co., and the Magnolia Pipe Line Co. The two couples received many nice gifts.

Read the Classifieds.

TO WTU XMAS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Button, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Winfrey and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Starks will attend the annual Cisco District West Texas Utilities Christmas party to be held at the Cisco Country Club Thursday evening. The party is an annual affair for the employees of the company, their wives, husbands and children.

SOCIETY, CLUB AND CHURCH

MRS. F. W. ROBERDS, Editor Telephone 5-4301

Former Rising Star Girl Betrothed to Boulder, Colo., Man

Mr. and Mrs. Dan E. Deen, 812 E. Wells, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carole Ann, to David Lee Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lisle T. Ware, 904 15th St., Boulder, Colorado. The wedding will take place February 22, 1958 at Merkel Methodist Church, Merkel, Texas, at 4 p.m. Miss Deen is a junior at Texas Tech and a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority. Ware is a junior at Colorado State, Greeley, Colo. The couple plan to continue their education at Colorado State. Miss Deen is a former student in Rising Star School where she won many honors as a school beauty and favorite. She also represented Rising Star in a number of queen and beauty contests while a student here. Her parents moved to Stamford about two years ago.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Barnes have returned from a harvesting trip in and around Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane Wells and daughter, Evelyn, drove to San Angelo Sunday to meet his cousin and wife, Hilbert Zellars, who live at Big Lake.

Miss Clarissa Hubbard of Fredonia visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harris, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Everette Harris visited friends in May Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Pittman and two sons of Snyder are here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pittman. Doyle is preparing himself for the ministry.

Mrs. Jim Angel left Monday to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of her daughter and her family, Mrs. A. C. Hanna in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dean of Rock Spring spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. (Skeet) Clark and children and also attended the semi-final Class A championship football game at Breckenridge Saturday between White Oak and Sundown teams.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Lyon and Jerry over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kent and two daughters, Kathi and Kary from Kermit and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harvey and daughters of Abilene. Kathi Kent remained for a short visit here with her grandmothers, Mrs. Lyon and Mrs. Emma Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Duggan and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harris had business in Eastland Wednesday.

Mrs. Faulkenberry WMU Study Leader

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church met Monday, Dec. 16th at 2 p.m. for Bible Study with Mrs. W. W. Faulkenberry as leader. Other members who attended were: Mrs. Ed M. Jackson, Mrs. Jimmie Fridge, Mrs. Lee Clark, Mrs. Lila White, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. J. R. Bucy, Mrs. Clark Crownover, Mrs. W. G. Reed, Mrs. M. F. Shaw, Mrs. C. M. Cox, Mrs. Raymond Turner, Mrs. W. H. Ware, Mrs. M. L. Morrow. The new yearbooks, which have recently been compiled, were distributed.

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Harmony Class Is Entertained in O. D. Carver Home

The Harmony Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church was entertained in the home of Mrs. O. D. Carver with Mrs. Beyrl Heath, Mrs. Jay Rachel, and Mrs. H. E. Sprayberry, acting as co-hostesses, Thursday, Dec. 12.

Other members of the class who were present at the social were: Mrs. Mabel Ellis, Mrs. M. S. Sellers, Mrs. Carl Martin, Mrs. Lee Henry, Mrs. Marvin West, Mrs. Mae Johnson, Mrs. W. C. Parsons and a visitor, Mrs. Bertie Angel.

The Carver home was beautifully decorated for Christmas and lighted with a colorful tree.

Each member took a gift to be exchanged. Instead of drawing numbers for gifts, each gift bore the name of some character pertaining to the birth of Christ, as Babe in the Manger, Mary, Christ Child, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels, and etc.

The same names were on the slips of paper which the members drew. They then matched the names. Games were enjoyed by all, and then refreshments consisting of coffee, tea, sandwiches, parched nuts and cake were served. Plate favors were cedar with red berries and tied with red satin ribbons. Each member expressed thanks to the hostesses for Christmas cheer, and good fellowship.

Mrs. Groce Hostess For WSCS Xmas Social December 16

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church met in the home of Mrs. Marshall Groce for a Christmas social on Monday, December 16. The home was beautifully decorated and gifts for each member were placed on the tree.

The devotional on the Birth of Christ was led by Mrs. O. D. Carver. "The Christmas Story" was very vividly told by Mrs. Mabel Ellis who is a very gifted story-teller.

There were 18 members and three visitors who shared alike in receiving the gifts.

Mrs. J. B. Mauldin and daughters were present for the social. This Christmas celebration is an annual affair for the W.S.C.S.

SINGS IN CHOIR

An Introduction to Christmas was presented by the choirs of the First Baptist Church of Brownwood, on Wednesday night, Dec. 11th, in which Miss Pauline Roberds sang in the alto group. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberds, accompanied by Mrs. Clark Crownover, attended the program. The choirs were directed by Jim Woodie, minister of music, who is well known here.

Clarence Ellis, a student at Howard Payne College, visited Miss Mary Reed Sunday.

North Star Club Enjoys Christmas Party Dec. 10th

The North Star HD Club Christmas party was held on the evening of December 10 at a supper and program on the Christmas theme. The club home and tables were beautifully decorated, and after a delicious supper, Christmas carols were sung with Clara Lee Burkhead at the piano.

Lillie Alford read the Scripture lesson from Matt. 2:1-12, and Mrs. Will Ware read a Christmas story. Beyrl Heath led in prayer.

The following shared the gifts which were given to:

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus K. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Harris, and grandson, Scott Harris, Mrs. Belle King, Mrs. L. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Alford, Larry, Judy, Mary and Annie, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burkhead, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Milner, Mr. and Mrs. Ware and grandson, Gary Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irbey, Ada Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Clark, and Mrs. Carlene Nichols and two children, Bill and Linda. —Reporter

Mrs. West Hostess To Amity Xmas Party

The Amity H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. E. R. West for their Christmas party. Mrs. Mabel Smith presided over the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Ed Stodgill. The club motto, pledge and prayer were given in unison. Christmas carols were sung. Mrs. West gave each member some bulletins on "Frozen Foods", "Freezing Combination Main Dishes", "Easy Steps in Cleaning House", and "Christmas Time at Home".

Mrs. Smith urged each member to be present for the first meeting in the new year, Jan. 7. Due to sickness and bad roads the club has missed a few meetings.

The house was decorated for the holiday season and gifts were exchanged.

After adjournment Mrs. West served delicious fruit cake, pear salad, with whipped cream and candied cherry topping, mints and spiced tea. Those present were, Mrs. O. J. Reynolds, Mrs. Mabel Smith, Ethel White, Carrie Caudle, and visitors, Mrs. Beyrl Heath and Elizabeth Fox. —Mrs. J. B. Caudle, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. White and Mrs. Easter Gray drove to Big Spring where they visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Zellars. They were met there by Mrs. Harold Walker and daughter and Mrs. Gray's son, B. H. Gray, with his wife and two children, all of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Maynard visited her sister, Mrs. G. R. Wilson, and family in Brownwood Sunday.

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WANTED — People who work in Abilene to ride with me and share car expense. Mrs. Thelma Clark. 12-19-1tp

Attend Student Council Meeting At Comanche

Three members of the Rising Star High School Student Council accompanied by their sponsors, Mrs. J. C. Claborn and Mrs. Billie Nowlin, attended the meeting of the Oil Belt District Convention of Student Councils at Comanche High School, Comanche, Saturday, December 14. They were Robert Needham, Daneilia Darnell and Ollie Winfrey. Charles Steel, president of the Rising Star council, was prevented from attending because of a regional band meeting in Abilene.

The highlight of the program was a speech by Dr. Guy Newman, president of Howard Payne College, on the subject, "Youth of Destiny." Dr. Newman pointed out to the 300 young who attended that each will have a part in the most significant age in the history of mankind.

"It is up to the youth of destiny to save civilization and in order to do so," he said, "three things are necessary: (1) Have a desire; (2) You must have discipline, and (3) Dedication of your life to God and this generation."

The group divided and attended discussions on the following topics: "Going Steady"; "Scholarship"; "Social Outcasts"; "Student Council Sponsored Activities" and "The Need for Future Scientists and Mathematicians".

The following towns in this district sent representatives: Ranger, Cisco, Baird, Eastland, Brownwood, Coleman, Hamlin, Gorman, Dublin, Stephenville, Novice, Winters, Goldthwaite, Rotan, Roby, Talpa, Ballinger, and Abilene.

Mrs. Hardin Greets New Granddaughter

Mrs. Minter Hardin has returned from an extended visit with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Don Hickman at Brenham. Mrs. Hardin welcomed her little granddaughter, Laura Lynn, while there.

Roy Don is teaching in Brenham High School. He is an honor graduate of Rising Star High School and of Texas A&M College. His wife, Lbis, is an honor graduate of our High School and also of Baylor University.

Howard Payne to Honor New Trustees

BROWNWOOD. — Fred Roberts, Rising Star banker, is one of the new trustees of Howard Payne College who will be honored with their wives at a reception here Tuesday.

The reception for trustees and members of the faculty and staff of the college and their families will be held at 5 p.m. in the Veda Hodge Dormitory on the Howard Payne campus, and will be followed with a dinner for the college trustees and their wives.

After the dinner, the trustees will hold a business meeting and there will be special entertainment for their wives. The new trustees and their wives will be in the receiving line, along with HPC administrators for the reception.

Roberts was appointed to a three-year term on the Howard Payne board of trustees at the November meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Star Theatre to Show Every Night

The Star Theatre opened this week under new management with a program of shows for every night in the week. H. L. Killion, formerly of Rising Star and for the past two years at Snyder, returned to Rising Star to assume the operation of the show.

"We will have a good show every night of the week, and our prices have been reduced so that all of the family may come and enjoy an evening of entertainment at modest cost. Our program was not completed in time for announcement in this issue of the Record, but our patrons can be sure of the best in the best form of entertainment—the home theater. We invite the people of the Rising Star area to come and enjoy a good show with us."

Mrs. Steve Williams and her mother, Mrs. Arthur Cannon, had as their guests, Mrs. Williams' daughter, Mrs. Aaron Wells and her three sons of Hamlin.

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