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LAWRENCE E. GILBERT, Pastor

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 (Corner Hamilton and Seventh)
 Sunday: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school
 11:00 a. m., morning worship
 6:30 p. m., training union
 7:30 p. m., evening worship
 Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., evening worship

8:00 p. m., prayer meeting
 9:00 p. m., choir practice

Monday:
 Brotherhood and W.M.U. each
 first and third Monday
CORDELL BALES, Pastor

Foursquare Gospel Church
 Sunday: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school
 11:00 a. m., morning worship
 6:45 p. m., Junior Crusaders,
 Mary Lou Tindle, captain
 7:30 p. m., evangelistic service,
 pastor in charge

Tuesday:
 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting

Thursday:
 7:30 p. m., Senior Crusaders,
 Bible study, Clifton Wright,
 captain
C. R. DUNAWAY, Pastor

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 (Corner Ninth and Harris)
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 10:50 a. m., morning worship
 6:15 p. m., young people's meet-
 ing
 7:00 p. m., evening service
 Monday: 3:00 p. m., ladie's Bible class
 Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting

First Christian Church
 (Corner Broadway and Murrell)

Sunday:
 9:30 a. m., pre-prayer service
 for teachers
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school
 10:40 a. m., general assembly
 10:50 a. m., morning worship
 7:00 p. m., evening service

Monday:
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 7:30 p. m., evening worship
 6:30 p. m., Baptist Training
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 Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., teachers' meeting

7:30 p. m., prayer meeting
 8:30 p. m., choir rehearsal
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J. H. SHELL, Pastor
 Phone 134

First Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
 (501 Eighth Street)
 9:45 a. m., Church School
 11:00 a. m., morning worship
 7:00 p. m., evening worship
 6:00 p. m., Session meets each
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Monday:
 3:00 p. m. Woman's Auxiliary.

Wednesday:
 7:00 p. m., devotion and choir
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Saturday:
 2:00 p. m., junior and junior
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ALVIN O. RUE, Minister

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 Lord's Day services, 10:00 a. m.
 and 7:00 p. m. Wednesday services
 at 7:00 p. m.
BUSTER MULLIN, Minister

Full Gospel Church
 (Hamilton and Fifteenth)
 Sunday: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school
 11:00 a. m., morning worship
 6:30 p. m., young people's ser-
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 7:30 p. m., evening service
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George Raft, Virginia Mayo Co-Stars Of Vivid Dramatic Film, 'Red Light'

When his brother is murdered, Raft's brother, the latter dies in George Raft seeks out the ruthless killer in the United Artists production, "Red Light," due at the Texas Theatre next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 10 through 12.

Virginia Mayo co-stars with Raft in what promises to be one of the most vivid dramas of the year. Gene Lockhart, Henry Morgan, Raymond Burr and Barton MacLane head the supporting players.

Burr embezzles funds from the trucking company owner, Raft, and is sent to prison. Seeking revenge, he hires Morgan to kill

Disney's 'Ichabod and Mr. Toad' Gives Bing Crosby Singing Role

J. Taddeus Toad, brought to public attention by Kenneth Grahame in his droll fantasy, "Wind in the Willows," is introduced to movie-goers in Walt Disney's all-cartoon comedy, "The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad," booked at the Runnels Theatre Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, January 8, 9, 10.

The famous owner of manorial Toad Hall is pictured in his zest for adventure and excitement. Speed-made J. Taddeus, has long suffering staunch friends—Mole, MacBadger and Water Rat. They get him out of jail, help him get back the great castle he had traded for a gaudy red auto, and restore his good name after one of the wildest adventures ever screened, only to have him backslide into his old habits with an early model airplane.

Disney combines "Mr. Toad" with the hilarious escapade of "Ichabod Crane," Washington Irving's legendary school teacher who encounters "The Headless Horseman," sung and narrated by Bing Crosby, while Basil Rathbone speaks for "Mr. Toad." The entire feature film is in Technicolor.

Joan Davis, popular comedienne of screen and radio, stars in "Kansas City Kitty," Columbia comedy, to be shown at the Runnels tomorrow and Saturday, January 6 and 7.

Miss Davis, who can always be depended on to deliver hilarious screen entertainment, is adequately backed up by the warm-throated warbling of Jane Frazee and the pleasing baritone of Bob Crosby. The cast also includes Tim Ryan, Erik Roif, Robert Emmett Keane and the Williams Brothers.

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"Holiday Affair." to be presented at the Texas Theatre Sunday and Monday, stars Robert Mitchum and Janet Leigh, with Wendell Corey and little Gordon Gebert feature.

Robert Mitchum, Janet Leigh Top Names in 'Holiday Affair'

Plainly sentimental and romantic, yet with copious draughts of action and dramatic highlights, "Holiday Affair," to be presented at the Texas Theatre Sunday and Monday, January 8 and 9, co-stars Robert Mitchum and Janet Leigh, with the top supporting role in the capable hands of Wendell Corey.

The story is a simple one, while expertly embellished to please both big and small town audiences and sufficiently adult to appeal to all age groups. Preview critics say it's the kind of picture that will see handkerchiefs in some spots and loud laughter in others. The picture moves smoothly, taking advantage of all the strong situations provided in the script fashioned by Isabel Lennart and John D. Weaver.

Mitchum discharges his acting duties with customary skill and nonchalance; Janet Leigh is very pretty to look at; Wendell Corey does well in a difficult part; and little Gordon Gebert runs away with a lot of scenes. Other roles are essayed by Griff Barnett, Esther Dale, Henry O'Neill, Henry Morgan, Larry J. Blake and Helen Brown.

The new Gene Autry starrer, Columbia's "Riders of the Sky,"

Angus steer division. Show officials expect a total of 10,000 entries before the closing date on January 15.

It was stated that 19 performances of the Houston rodeo would be given in connection with the fat stock show.

The sale of livestock will be held on February 2 and 3 and poultry will be sold on February 4.

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Jaycees Buy Blinker Light for Broadway, Avenue Intersection

The Ballinger Junior Chamber of Commerce in its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a blinker caution light to be installed at the junction of the Coleman and Abilene highways on Broadway.

The blinker light has been ordered from the W. S. Darley Co. of Chicago, and is expected here within the next two weeks. The Jaycees will have the light installed as soon as it arrives, after which they will turn the light over to the city. Installation will be made by the West Texas Utilities Co., who has offered its services at very low cost.

The Jaycees had considered various types of caution devices for the intersection of Broadway and Park Avenue and decided on the blinker light since state highway department regulations do not permit a stop-and-go traffic signal. The blinker light has the approval of the highway department.

Gene Keel, president of the junior chamber, presided at the meeting Tuesday night and good attendance was present.

Plans are being made for the annual banquet of the organization and the date and program will be announced next week. At the luncheon Wednesday noon for directors of the organization nominations for 1950 officers were made and will be submitted to the

\$7,000 Quota Set For Polio Fund To Start Shortly

Dalton Crockett, county fund chairman for the 1950 March of Dimes, has ordered all necessary supplies for the campaign which is to start January 15.

Every effort will be placed on raising the largest amount of money in the history of these campaigns to take care of the urgent need at this time. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has asked for 35 cents per capita all over the United States. This ration means a goal of approximately \$7,000 for Runnels county.

O. L. Huddleston, treasurer of the Runnels county chapter, said yesterday that there was \$2,327 in the local treasury and unpaid bills are approved for about \$6,000. The national foundation for the second time in six months has been asked for assistance in assuming obligations of the Runnels county chapter.

All the ways of collecting funds for the 1950 March of Dimes have not been decided. A number of the previous practices will be followed but officials of the local chapter believe it will take more effort than by money containers and free will contributions to raise the \$7,000.

Committee meetings will be held this week-end and a more definite announcement of the county



NOVICES VOLUNTEER... Two novices at the Maryknoll convent at Ossining, N. Y., report to the medical clinic for anabist tablets in a scientifically controlled "cold study." Tests were made on volunteers at the convent and the Maryknoll seminary. The drug to eliminate the common cold is one of the anabist... substances used to combat hay fever and other allergic reaction. It is known medically as acetabramine.

organization for the campaign to be published next week.

Basketball Practice Started by Bearcats; Eighteen Men Report

The Ballinger Bearcat basketball squad began workouts Tuesday and will rush practice as fast as possible to be ready for their first games this week-end. Coach Wayman Wilson stated Tuesday that the late start on practice here would make it difficult for the team to be ready for conference games which begin January 10.

This week-end the squad will be taken to Coleman where it will play in an invitation tournament, meeting the Santa Anna quintet in the first game tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Next Tuesday the Bearcats must meet the strong Brady Bulldogs in their first conference game of the double-round robin schedule set up for the district.

In addition to the conference games, Coach Wilson will sandwich in a number of other games during the season and also plans to enter several West Texas tournaments.

This week eighteen boys were out for the team and coaches expressed the belief that the Bearcats would develop into a fast team before the end of the season. Lack of practice will go hard with them this week-end and next week, however.

The conference schedule is as follows:

- January 10, Brady there
- January 13, open
- January 17, Lake View here
- January 20, Winters there
- January 24, Coleman here
- January 27, Brady here
- January 31, open
- February 3, Lake View there

February 8, Winters here
February 10, Coleman there

BASKETBALL LEAGUE POSTS GOOD GAMES

The First Baptist Church has the only team in the local basketball league with a perfect record. The Baptists survived the past week-end by beating the National Guardsmen 48 to 15. The other week-end contest saw Rubin's trample the Seventh Street Baptists by the count of 20 to 14.

The Texas Office Supply Co. has taken over the First Christian-Methodist team.

The following games are scheduled:

Tonight
7 p. m., First Baptists vs. Texas Office Supply
8 p. m., Heidenheimer's vs. First Methodists

January 9
7 p. m., National Guard vs. First Methodists

8 p. m., First Baptists vs. Rubin's
Mrs. Blaise Vetterlein returned Monday to Abilene, where she is a teacher in the city schools.

Misses Barto Wade and Elverie Sorrels went to Vernon to spend the New Year's holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Drury. They all went to Dallas Monday to witness the Cotton Bowl football game.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients dismissed from the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital the past week included:
Mrs. Neil Stewart and son, Norton, Saturday
Mrs. Alma Bryan, surgical, Sun-

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF	
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BALLINGER, TEXAS	
AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1949	
ASSETS	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 241,475.17
Banking House	7,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00
Other Real Estate Owned	3.00
CASH AND QUICK ASSETS	
U. S. Govt. Bonds and Other Securities	\$ 941,395.80
Bills of Exchange	37,352.09
C. C. Cotton and Grain Loans	222,695.34
Cash in Bank and Due from Banks	1,132,386.98
Total	\$2,582,809.38
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	36,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	98,270.20
Total Capital Account	\$ 234,270.20
Deposits	\$2,348,539.18
Total	\$2,582,809.38

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Tax payments at the three collecting offices here have not been too good so far. Property owners only have the remainder of this month in which to settle their 1949 tax accounts before they become delinquent. Payments of state and county taxes have been slightly better than for school district and city levies because of the discounts offered in October, November and December. City officials estimated that a third of the current tax rolls had been paid through December and the other two-thirds will have to be received during January. Most of the tax payments at the county office were large sums and poll tax payments were very light during the first three months. As 1950 is an election year there should be a heavy issue of poll tax receipts before the last day of this month. Employees in the three collecting offices will appreciate payments as early as possible to eliminate the last minute rush.

For several years January has produced the real winter weather. Last year on January 11 and 12 ice broke down many telephone, telegraph and current lines in this part of the state and caused very heavy property damage. It required several weeks to repair the lines for resumption of normal service and for a few days

some towns were without electricity and telephones. On January 26, 1948, wintry weather reached its peak for the year when ice again covered West Texas, halting highway traffic and causing much damage. However, the ice and snow marked the end of a protracted drouth and the underground "season" netted one of the best crop years in the history of Runnels county.

A new group of civic leaders is preparing to start the new year for Ballinger as directors and officers of the chamber of commerce. These men are pledged to give their time in planning and putting over things which will make Ballinger a better town, and to do this they need the support of all citizens. It is impossible for twenty-two men to do it all, but with everyone joining hands worthwhile things can be accomplished. The chamber needs a bigger budget with which to do what is wanted. Oil development in this county makes it necessary that several projects be undertaken at once. One would be some pavement to connect the heavy producing areas in the northwestern part of the county with highway 109 leading to Ballinger. This will require only a few miles of grading and surfacing and would be worth much to business here. This area has already developed into a major field and 1950 will see much more drilling.

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Misery of
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LIQUID OR TABLETS—SAME FAST RELIEF



WEST TEXAS NOTES

Mayor H. W. Bigler pointed out last week that Miles had experienced a good growth in population from 814 in 1940 to an estimated 1,200 this year. The city government is in good financial condition with only \$18,500 due in paying bonds and numerous other improvements underway in the city on a cash basis. New water wells have been drilled, half the pipe purchased to bring water to the reservoir, a pump purchased and paid for and the remainder of the pipe will be bought early in 1950. The main project of the city in the new year will be to provide soft water from the hard water wells now in use.

Vehle's package store near Menard was robbed on December 22

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY?

Ledger subscribers are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their address promptly. Under the new postal laws newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due for notices of any change in address furnished by the postoffice. Besides, there always is the probability that your paper will be delayed or fail to reach you altogether if you do not give immediate notification when you move. The best plan for all concerned is to send the change of address in advance.

and some 21 to 25 cases of the best blended whiskey stolen. The loss was estimated at about \$1,200. The robbery is believed to have taken place about 1 a. m., the front door being broken and a padlock pryed loose. The store is located on the Eden highway just across the San Saba River from Menard.

The Brady Standard will sponsor a banquet for the 1949 Brady football team on the night of January 18. The affair will be held in the dining room of the First Christian Church. Ducats are available for 300 including the football players and coaches. McAdoo Keaton, line coach at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, will be the guest speaker and following his talk will show motion pictures of the S. M. U.-Notre Dame football game played in the Cotton Bowl on December 3.

The head office of the Clay Building Material Co. at Stephenville spread Christmas bonuses amounting to \$11,000 for 35 employees of the company in seven West Texas towns. Claud W. Bryant, of the Stephenville office, stated that some bonus money went to every employee from the top to the bottom in each of the stores. The bonus was one of the most liberal in the history of the firm and supplements a cash bonus paid employees in July.

Oil news continued to be good in the Bronte section last week

the comfort of self-delusion

THE BEST ADVICE is often more than we can bear. It takes courage to face the impact of truth, and firm resolution to form new habits to fit the facts. Your doctor is sometimes confronted with the stern necessity of advising restrictions in your usual routine. Your favorite dessert or that comforting cigar may be denied you. There is a strong temptation to treat such advice lightly, to feel you know your needs better than your doctor. Such self-delusion may be comforting, but it defeats the very ends you seek. Carefully follow your doctor's advice. Your prescriptions have prompt, expert attention at our store.

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with new producers reported and several new locations made. Latest completion was the O. R. McQueen place. The well was tested last week and apparently is one of the largest producers in the

Bronte field. Gas came to the surface in one and a half minutes and the well started flowing shortly thereafter. No official gauge was made but observers believe it is bigger than the Mc-

Queen No. 1, largest producer in the field.

An explosion followed by fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Low at Wilmett last week. The couple had just gone to the breakfast table when the explosion occurred in the front part of the house. All windows were blown out and flames sprang quickly to completely destroy the house. Hero of the fire was the Low's dog who hung to a neighbor's trouser leg to keep him from entering the burning building just before the roof caved in.

The 1950 March of Dimes will get underway in Comanche county on January 16. Organization of workers has been completed and two full weeks will be devoted to raising funds. Those in charge of the 1950 campaign will attempt to raise the largest amount in several years to be ready to take care of cases in the county in 1950. The 1949 program exhausted the chapter's treasury. Elzo Brinson is chairman for the drive.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Jim) House, who live near Rising Star, observed their 60th wedding anniversary on Christmas day when they were joined by all their children for the happy occasion. The couple was married in Arkansas on Christmas eve, 1889, and came to Texas in 1892 when he was imported as a pitcher for the then famous Sipe Springs baseball team.

Fire of undetermined origin early Christmas day destroyed the First Baptist Church at Blanket causing a financial loss of \$35,000. Rev. Guy Self, pastor, attempted to enter a side door and salvage some of the furnishings but was driven back by heat and smoke. Fire fighting equipment from Brownwood and Comanche rushed to the scene but arrived too late to do any good.

Property owners at Coleman have let contracts for the laying of concrete curbs and gutters on North Neches Street, making ready for the highway department's curb-to-curb paving. The curbs and gutters will be completed in time for the 50-foot paving project to start January 10. Ten blocks will be paved, extending from the Santa Fe underpass north. At present only a two-way strip is paved down the center of the street and heavy traffic over several highways into Coleman makes the wider pavement necessary.

James Henley, of Brownwood, has been appointed census enumerator for Brown county and also district supervisor. He will have charge of the territory in the eastern part of the 21st congressional district. He is attending a three-day school at Dallas and will start organizing his work soon for the enumerations April 1.

Milk production can be increased by as much as 10 per cent during the winter and on less feed if the dairy cows are kept free of lice, grubs, stomach worms and other parasites.

No wonder they're calling them
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**They're greater in power—higher in compression—
a standout in styling—dreams to drive—and now there's
a Buick beauty for 1950 to fit practically any budget**

No, we just couldn't hold back the whole big Buick line for 1950.

They're too good-looking—too much fun to drive—too jam-packed with stepped-up, higher-compression, ready-to-ramble power—to be kept under cover.

So maybe you've already seen some 1950 Buicks on the highway.

Maybe you've noticed the extra "git up and travel" they have—glimpsed the wide, curving windshields (one piece in most models)—noted, approvingly, that the typical Buick taper is now found in all Buick fenders.

Maybe you've even heard some things...

That there are more than a dozen-and-a-half models to choose from. That there are three power plants in the Buick line—all of higher compression, all stepped up in power.

That all models are big and roomy inside—some rear seats are better than a foot wider than before!—yet in every instance, shorter over-all, so easier to handle, park and garage.

Above all, maybe you've heard of exciting news on price...

That Dynaflo Drive, for instance—

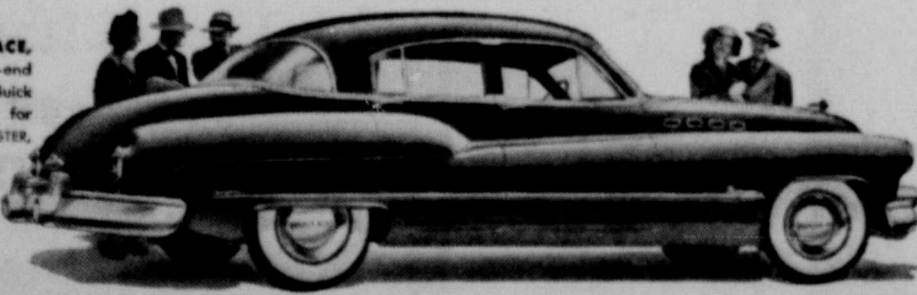
standard on ROADMASTER models, optional on all others—now costs 20% less than on 1949 models.

That in the full line—SPECIAL, SUPER and ROADMASTER series—there is a Buick to fit practically every budget above the very lowest!

Pictured above is the 1950 SUPER 4-door Sedan, one of the new Buick body types for 1950. At your Buick dealer's are more actual models, the whole story on others.

Hadn't you better see him—right now—and see if you, too, don't find Buick "top choice for 1950"?

LOTS OF LUGGAGE SPACE, plus a high-fashion rear-end treatment, graces the Buick fourback Sedan models for 1950. This is the ROADMASTER, and above is the SUPER version of this much-wanted 4-door, 6-passenger Sedan.



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CREWS

Young people home for the Christmas holidays included Charles Berry, Alfred Collum, Patricia Petrie, D. S. Olburn, Christine Hambricht and Dwayne Morton.

Mrs. N. A. Hambricht visited her children, all of the Crews community.

Lee Roy Thornton, of San Marcos; and Mr. and Mrs. James Thornton and children, of Winters, were dinner guests in the J. O. Wood home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Fuller and children, of Portales, New Mexico, were visitors in our community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Brookhiser were dinner guests Sunday in the C. E. Coats home in the Token community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Allcorn had

a reunion in their home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller and children, of San Angelo; Leslie, Arthur and Arnold Allcorn and families were present.

Visitors in the Orval Pierce home during the holidays were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bridwell, and Bobbie, of Dumas; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bridwell, Wayne and Billie, of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Redwine and David, of Silver City, New Mexico; and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bridwell.

Mrs. W. C. Mathis received a telegram stating her brother, Everett Woods, passed away on December 29 at his home in Oshoto, Wyoming.

Miss Eva Jo Payne, of Ballinger, visited relatives and friends here this week-end.

We are glad to report Mrs. A. T. Lucas has returned home after several days stay in the Winters hospital. We hope she will soon

be fully recovered. Friends have been assisting M. W. Bales in caring for his aged father, who has been a patient in the Winters hospital for the last week. He is reported to be in a very serious condition.

An announcement has been received of the birth of a son to Rev. and Mrs. Joe H. Wilbanks, of Morton. The young fellow arrived December 21 and has been named James Hardy.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hallford, Baker and Richey, of Levelland, visited friends here Tuesday afternoon and night.

W. H. Schwartz and Misses Joyce and Phyllis visited Emmett Schwartz and family at Meadow, Texas, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Dietz were in Abilene Monday to be with her uncle, Louis Martin, who underwent surgery in a hospital there. They report him to be in good



CORN CHAMPIONS . . . Charles N. Fischer and his 13-year-old son, Leonard, of Shelbyville, Ind., were crowned King and Prince Corn at the recent International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. Their recipe for championship corn is "plenty of elbow grease, plus good seed, good fertilizer and good soil management." It was the third father and son victory in show history. The Chicago exposition attracted the best examples of rural achievement from all parts of the nation and set goals toward which farmers will advance during the coming year. Farmers came to display what they had learned and to learn more.

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DOWN GO OUR PRICES!

—For Your Comparison—
Just a Few of Our Everyday
LOW PRICES

Carrots
Fresh Crisp
2 bunches **15c**

Oranges Juicy Texas	8 lb. bag	49c	Crisco	3 lb. can	77c
Oats 3-MINUTE	Small pkg.	15c	Dreft or Vel	Large Size Box	25c
Catsup 14 oz. Bottles	2 bottles	25c	Fillers Loose Leaf	1 doz. 10c size pkgs.	85c
Pineapple FANCY	can	29c	Picnic Hams	lb.	39c
Peaches HUNT'S	No. 2 1/2 can	25c	Roast Pork	lb.	35c
Toilet Tissue White Fur or Charmin	4 rolls	35c	Pork Sausage	lb.	35c
Toilet Tissue FASHION	2 rolls	25c	Bacon, sliced	lb.	45c

McAULAY'S GROCERY & MARKET

condition and a speedy recovery is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. McDaniel and Elda Fay accompanied Mr.

and Mrs. Cecil McDaniel, of Garden City, to California for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. R. E. Burrus received an announcement of the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, December 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Porter, of Waco. Mrs. Porter will be remembered here as Beatrice Burrus.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathis and Marguerite visited Elvin Mathis and family at Water Valley and Mr. and Mrs. John Walraven at Sterling City last Thursday.

OFFICIALS ARE ELECTED BY LUTHERAN CHURCH

At a meeting in the library building here Sunday afternoon H. L. Brown, Will Goetz and Henry Wolf were named to constitute the first board of elders of the newly organized Bethel Lutheran Church of Ballinger. Other officers elected at the meeting are Carl F. Beckhusen, chairman of the congregation; John Wellbrock, secretary; Carl Meyer, treasurer; and John Wellbrock, Sunday school superintendent.

The membership passed on a constitution and adopted a 1950 budget of \$1,100 which includes a \$500 building fund goal.

No church or Sunday school will be held this week but the regular schedule of services is to be resumed on January 15.



RELEASED BY REDS . . . William N. Stokes, U.S. vice consul at Mukden, was released after detention by Chinese Reds who accused him of spying. He is second U.S. consular official held by Communists in China.



PANAMA PREXY . . . It's uncertain how long he will be able to hold on to his hat (Panama, that is), but Dr. Arnulfo Arias is (or was) the latest president down there, the third within a few days.

BIRTHS
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dayle Brown, of Ozona, December 30, in the Cooper Hospital at McCamey. Royce Dayle is the name given the young man, who weighed 9 1/2 pounds upon arrival. Mrs. Brown will be remembered as Miss Peggy Chapman. Mr. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Brown, of Ballinger.

Special note to hunters: Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot. Every gun should be treated with the respect due a loaded gun.

Wedding announcements, wedding invitations. Ballinger Printing Co.

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you hear a lot of talk about the advantages of making our government socialistic. Don't be fooled. Freedom—and that's the American Way—pays off, and here's proof: Americans are only 1/16 of the world's population. Yet this handful of people produces almost 1/3 of the world's goods—mostly for its own enjoyment. What other system beats that?

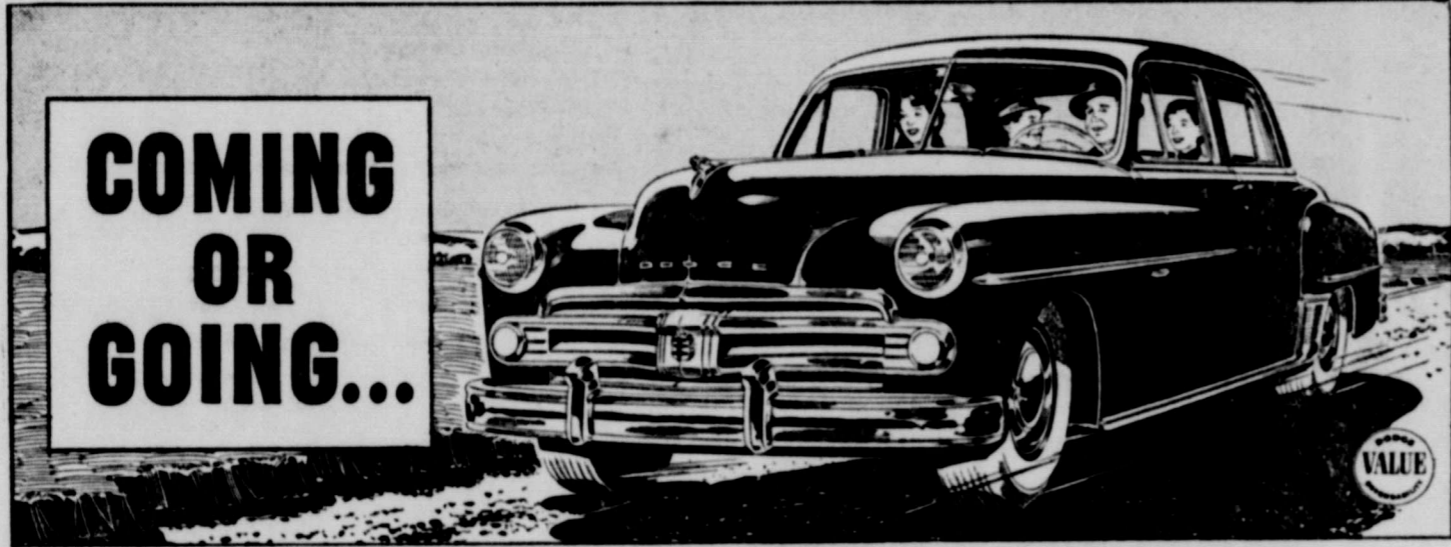
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MORE AND BETTER FOOD		MORE AND BETTER CLOTHING	
MORE FREE SPEAKING NEWSPAPERS		MORE PLACES OF AMUSEMENT	
MORE COMFORTABLE HOMES		MORE ELECTRICITY	

AMERICANS HAVE MORE OF EVERYTHING THAN ANYBODY ELSE!

Remember that, when you hear tales of the marvels of a socialistic government . . . when people urge that our government get that way by taking over the electric industry, steel, railroads, medicine, and so on and on. Look at the record. AMERICANS HAVE MORE OF EVERYTHING THAN ANYBODY ELSE. Freedom did it, and never forget that. It makes a lot of difference to you—and to your family.

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AGAIN THIS YEAR THE BIG VALUE IS DODGE!

You could pay a thousand dollars more and still not get all the new beauty . . . extra room . . . famous ruggedness of this great new Dodge

Here's BIGGER VALUE in smart new styling . . . in ease of handling . . . in comfort . . . in sound engineering. And in actual dollars and cents, too, because the big new Dodge costs just a few dollars more than the lowest-priced cars.

Despite its smart, low, graceful lines OUTSIDE, Dodge is higher, wider, longer on the INSIDE to give you the roominess that spells solid comfort . . . that means extra room for your head, your legs. Less overhang front and rear makes parking and garaging simpler, easier.

See this great new Dodge. Sample the flashing performance of the powerful high-compression "Get-away" Engine . . . the smoothness of Dodge Fluid Drive. Come in today.

NEW BIGGER VALUE DODGE

Just a few dollars more than the lowest-priced cars!

NEW VALUE! You'll thrill to the smoothness of Dodge Fluid Drive. Gyro-Matic, to free you from shifting, optional on Coronet models at moderate extra cost.

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Ladies' Slips

FINE QUALITY
Colors: Tea Rose and White
Sizes 32 to 42
Values \$2.50 to \$2.95
Clearance

\$1.95

STORE-WIDE

Clearance SALE

Corduroy SHIRTS

FOR MEN
Sizes: Small, Medium and Large
Colors: Green and Wine
\$7.95 Values
Clearance

\$4.75

Ladies' House Coats

\$4.95 Values
Assorted Patterns—All Sizes
Clearance

\$3.95

We are closing out all Fall and Winter merchandise to make room for shipments of new Spring stock which will arrive shortly. To open the New Year we are offering many bargains which will save our customers much money. Our entire stock of Fall and Winter garments are

included and we invite you to shop here this week-end.

We want to thank the people of this section for the wonderful business given us in 1949 and invite you to our store during 1950 where you will find quality first styles and lowest values.

Men's Jackets

100% Wool
By Buck-Skein Joe
\$9.95 Values

\$7.45

Casual Shoes

ONE TABLE
For Ladies
Blacks, Reds and Browns
Most All Sizes
Values to \$6.95

\$1.95

Ladies' Dresses

NEW ARRIVALS
By Marcy Lee and Smarty Togs
All New!

\$9.95 to \$14.95

Ladies' Dress Shoes

VALENTINE AND GRACE WALKER
All Sizes and Colors
Values to \$10.95
Clearance

\$5.95

Fur Felt Hats

ASSORTMENT MEN'S
Values to \$10.00
All Must Go—Clearance

\$2.95

Men's Suits

NEW FALL FASHIONS
By Warren Sewell—\$45.00 Values
Famous Make Suits in All Wanted Fabrics
Priced for Quick Sale

\$34.95

BLANKETS

DOUBLE—COTTON
Colors: Rose, Green, Blue
\$3.95 Values—Clearance

\$2.95 each

Raincoats

PLASTIC
LADIES' AND MISSES'
All Colors, Values to \$6.50
Clearance

\$1.79

Bath Mats

ALL COLORS
\$2.45 Values
Clearance

\$1.89

CORDUROY

FINE PIN WALE
All Colors
Values to \$1.95—Clearance

\$1.49 yard

Miscellaneous Values Included in This Sale

\$1.98 Values TABLE CLOTHS, All Colors,
Each.....\$1.69
49c QUADRIGA PRINTS, yard.....38c
\$3.95 Values WOOLENS, yard.....\$1.95
\$3.49 WOOL HERRINGBONE, 58-Inch
Yard.....\$1.59
39c STRIPED OUTING, Heavy, Yard.....25c
35c Fast Color PRINTS, 36-Inch, yard.....24c
39c DARK OUTING, 36-Inch, yard.....33c

One Lot LADIES' DRESS SHOES, Values
\$6.95.....\$2.95
79c PLAID GINGHAM, 36-Inch, yard.....49c
Values to \$1.50 MEN'S BELTS.....89c
35c Values RAYON ANKLETS, pair.....25c
\$8.95 and \$7.95 BOYS' JACKETS, All Wool \$5.95
\$1.50 to \$1.95 MEN'S TIES, Clearance.....\$1.19
\$1.00 MEN'S TIES, Clearance.....79c
\$2.50 to \$4.45 DRESS SHIRTS, Clearance \$2.45

Ladies' Coats

100% WOOL COVERTS
Fine Linings—Most All Colors and Sizes
Values to \$29.50

\$17.95

Men's Suits

ONE LOT
ALL WOOL
Values to \$37.50—Clearance

\$19.95

Gabardine Shirts

FOR MEN
Colors: Wine, Green, Tan, Gray
Most All Sizes
\$5.95 Values—Clearance

\$3.95

Men's Belts

ASSORTED
Values to \$1.50
Genuine Leather
Clearance

89c

Work Shoes

Storm Welts
Composition Soles
\$4.95 Values
Clearance

\$2.88

Men's Top Coats

100% WOOL COVERTS
Grays, Tans and Browns
\$29.50 Values—Clearance

\$21.45

BALLINGER DRY GOODS CO. Quality First

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Penn, of Corpus Christi, were holiday guests of Mr. Penn's mother, Mrs. Ona Penn, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Hartman.

Preserve the fresh flavor of nuts a long time by shelling them, sealing in an air-tight container and storing in the freezer locker box or the home freezer.

Miss Mary Neill, of Midland, was a house guest recently of Miss Charlene Olsak and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olsak.

SOUTH BALLINGER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Mrs. Jewel Jones was hostess to nineteen members and two visitors when the South Ballinger home demonstration club met last week. Roll call was answered with "something I want to do to my living room this year."

Mrs. T. A. Crockett was in charge of the meeting and Miss Ollie Chenoweth gave a demonstration on commentator by use of colored pictures which she showed. Mrs. R. A. Smith was admitted to the club as a new member.

The hostess served a refreshment plate consisting of cookies, coffee and hot chocolate.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Joe Thomas on the third Tuesday in January.

Mrs. E. J. O'Kelly and Hammond O'Kelly are at home after spending Christmas week at Sweetwater, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly. Rothal O'Kelly, Jr., has returned to the College of Mines, El Paso, after a visit here with his grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davis spent the past week-end at Dallas.

Mimeograph paper, stencils and ink. Ballinger Printing Co. New boxed stationery at Ledger office.

Inventory Time

Nearly every business takes inventory at the first of the year. It is important to know what assets are on hand, so the course may be more wisely determined for the future.

It is well for everyone to take an annual inventory. What has been accomplished during the past 12 months? What is the best way to make the most of the year ahead? Progress comes from careful planning.

Working in close co-operation with a strong local bank is a help to any business firm or to any individual who wants to get ahead. We shall welcome an early opportunity to serve you.

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Capital and Surplus \$100,000.00
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PLEADS INNOCENT TO TREASON CHARGE . . . Former American Sergeant John David Frowe, 28, is led from federal court in New York after pleading innocent today to a 12-count treason indictment. He was ordered held for mental examination. The defendant indicated he may plead insanity to the charges of being a "Jap" for the Japs.

HOW TO OUTSMART



AN ANT

Since ancient times, the ant has been a symbol of hard work. But did you ever see an ant looking relaxed? With *your* labor you can buy leisure. Outsmart the ant by *saving*. Start an account today.

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IN SOCIETY

Christmas Reunion Dinner Held in Dodson Home

On Monday, December 26, the descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Lett met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dodson, on Seventh Street, to hold a family reunion dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lett settled in the Hatchel community many years ago where all their ten children were born and reared. Mr. Lett died in 1943 and Mrs. Lett in 1945.

Eight of the ten children and their families were present for the Christmas reunion dinner. Others besides Mrs. Joe Dodson, who is the youngest child, were: Mrs. Elzie Cox, Eden; Mrs. S. L. Ferguson, Mrs. Roy Forbus, Mrs. Jodie Williams, all of Ballinger; Mrs. Helen Payne, of Michigan City, Indiana; Mrs. Genie Baker, Robert Lee; and Jessie Lee Lett, of Abilene. Children not present were Mr. and Mrs. Foster Lett and family, of Boise City, Oklahoma; and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Johnson and family, of Denver.

Others present were: Messrs. Elzie Cox, S. L. Ferguson, Roy Forbus, Jodie Williams, Genie Baker, Mrs. Jessie Lett, and their families; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boykin and son, of Ballinger; and Gale Payne, of Michigan City, Indiana. There were 28 in attendance at the dinner.

Retrothal of Miss Anne Egan to Henry Hermann Told

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Egan, of Ballinger, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Anne, to Henry Hermann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Hermann, of Abilene.

The wedding will take place at 9:30 o'clock on the morning of February 18 at St. Joseph's Cath-

olic Church in Rowena. The Rev. W. F. Bosen will officiate at the ceremony and as celebrant of the nuptial high mass.

Miss Egan is serving as assistant home demonstration agent of Taylor county with headquarters at Abilene. She is a graduate of Ballinger High School and of Incarnate Word College, San Antonio.

Mr. Hermann is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. The couple will be at home in Abilene, where Mr. Hermann is employed.

Young Matrons' Club Entertained in Legg Home

Mrs. Panel Legg, Jr., was hostess to members of the Young Matrons' Sewing Club Friday afternoon, entertaining in her home on Murrell Avenue.

Handwork was diversion for several hours. The hostess served a sandwich plate with coca colas. Others present were: Mmes. Pat Underwood, Andy Riddle, Kelly Chapman and Dalton Crockett.

Miss Frenzel and Paul Schraer Wed in Rowena Church

St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Rowena was a setting in poinsettias and gladioli for the wedding Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock of Miss Regina Frenzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frenzel, of Rowena, and Paul Schraer, of Miles.

The Rev. W. F. Bosen, church pastor, read the double ring ceremony and officiated at the nuptial high mass. The church choir furnished the mass music and the wedding marches.

The bride wore a wedding gown of white slipper satin. The fitted bodice was emphasized with a yoke of marquisette which was

outlined with Chantilly lace. Long sleeves extended into points over the wrist. The full skirt extended into a chapel length train. Her fingertip veil of illusion fell from a halo of seed pearls and pearlized orange blossoms. She carried an arm bouquet of white carnations showered with ribbons and lilies-of-the-valley.

Mrs. Herbert Wilde, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Mrs. Wilde's gown was of orchid marquisette and lace, and she carried a colonial bouquet of yellow carnations. Miss Margaret Schraer, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. She wore a blue marquisette and lace gown, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Bennie Frenzel, brother of the bride, attended as best man. Avel Klitten was groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents which included relatives and close friends.

After a wedding trip the couple will be at home on their farm near Miles.

For traveling Mrs. Schraer wore a gray sharkskin suit with black accessories and a white carnation corsage.

Know Your Neighbors Include Husbands at Dinner Party

Know Your Neighbors Club members included their husbands when they entertained with a turkey dinner at the home of Mrs. Jewel Cooper on Broadway Thursday evening of last week.

The New Year's theme was featured in table decorations, and for party rooms at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan on Sixth Street, where the group played 42 following the dinner.

Mrs. Morgan served assorted candies during the game period. Present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Dee Saylor, LeRoy McAulay, Her-

man Roundtree, Jack Nixon, Bill Clark, Joe Flynn, John Castor, Curtis Bryan, Flay Brevard, John Barton, Cal Adair and Malcolm Morgan.

Hubert Frerich Gives Details Of Trip to Chicago Convention

Hubert Frerich, Rannels county 4-H club boy who won a national award for uses of electricity on the farm and who made a trip to the national 4-H club congress, Chicago, tells below of his trip and of the fine entertainment given the boys.

Hubert left Ballinger on Thanksgiving day and met a group of club boys and girls at Fort Worth, where with their state leader, Floyd Lynch, they were tendered their first banquet at the Worth Hotel. That afternoon they took a Santa Fe train for Chicago, arriving there Saturday morning.

The first day the boys were allowed to do anything they pleased until 4 p. m. They visited a number of buildings and in the evening were guests at the barn dance broadcast from the Stevens Hotel. Frerich tells the rest of the story:

"The following morning being Sunday I arose at 6:15 and attended mass at old St. Mary's. At 9 a. m. we went to the exhibition hall for registration. Later we returned to the grand ballroom for a general assembly.

From 4 to 7 p. m. I was honored as the state better methods electric winner, at a reception held in the west ballroom as guest of the Westinghouse Foundation. Also I was interviewed by newspaper reporters and photographers. From 7:30 to 9 we were guests of the Sunday Evening Club. After that we met in the exhibition hall to receive orders for the next day.

Three Texas delegates were given assignments to prepare for radio talks.

"On Monday, November 28 at 7 a. m. all the delegates went to the grand ballroom in the Stevens Hotel as guests of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. At 9:15 we marched to the subway which took us to the museum of science and industry. We saw some of the oldest and newest model radios, new and old generators, a steam engine about 50 feet high, a mine

shaft and the equipment used to lower and raise it, some of the earlier models of airplanes and gliders.

"We were winner guests of the International Harvester Co. For souvenirs each received a small notebook and a flashlight. After the banquet we had a general assembly and discussion on the exchange of youths with other foreign countries. After the assembly I had the pleasure of speaking to a youth interested in 4-H work from Switzerland. He had been in this country just a few months but had learned to speak English very well. At 6:15 p. m. we were tendered a banquet at the grand ballroom as guests of Thomas E. Wilson & Co. For souvenirs we were given record books.

"The morning of November 29 at 7 a few other 4-H club members and I went to the Breakfast Club.

"At 10:30 I gave a talk on the radio about some of the things I had done since my arrival at Chicago. At 12:15 the boys were invited to the Terrace Casino, Morrison Hotel, for a banquet sponsored by the Art Institute.

"Six of us national winners of the better methods electric contest were interviewed at 4 p. m. Following the press conference we were taken to the north ballroom as special guests at a banquet given by the Westinghouse Co. for better methods electric contest winners.

"Each state winner was given an automatic electric iron and in addition six of us national winners were presented \$300 scholarships. At 7:30 we went to the Trianon ballroom for square dancing and games and returned at 11:15 to the Stevens Hotel.

"Wednesday morning, November 30, we were guests of Sears, Roebuck Co. At 9:15 we assembled in the Eighth Street Theater to see some special shows presented by the New Idea Farm Equipment Co.

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At 11:30 we were invited to a dinner given by the Dearborn Motor Corp. As a souvenir each guest received a note folder and a small plastic tractor. At 11:30 we went to the International Livestock Exposition. We attended the matinee horse show, and later in the afternoon the exhibits of field crops, calves, hogs and sheep. The grand champion steer calf from Pecos, and the reserve champion calf from Big Spring were also on exhibit. The thirty-two Texas delegates and the four leaders marched with the Texas flag into the arena and were presented over television.

"Thursday, December 1, at 9 a. m. I began to prepare for a radio speech which was to be taken on a record by WJR Broadcasting Co. I was given an individual broadcast at 11:45 during which I spoke about my 4-H club projects and how I won my trip. At 12:00 my master of ceremonies took me to the Palmer House, where we attended a banquet sponsored by General Motors. Small GMC trucks were given as souvenirs. Then we marched in battalions to the Eighth Street Theater. We had another general assembly, discussed finals, and attended the dress review. The School Equipment Co. showed a moving picture about the different contests.

"After the show all the national winners assembled in the north ballroom in the Stevens in order to march together into the grand ballroom for the annual 4-H dinner. There the presentation of national winners of the 28th national 4-H club congress was held.

"On Friday morning, December 2, the Texas delegates met in the lower level of the Stevens Hotel. After breakfast Mr. Lynch (state 4-H club leader), and Mr. Lewter (county agent of Big Spring), were presented gifts by the boys for their leadership. Home Demonstrator Miss Sturges and Miss Wines (state girls' leader), were presented gifts by the girls.

"At 9:00 we left from the train station and boarded a streamliner back to Texas. Coming home everyone seemed a bit tired but when the sun went down all became jolly. We sang songs, told stories, and played games. The next morning we arrived at Fort Worth at 6:50 and I took the 8:00 bus and arrived here at 2:30. That is the end of my trip to the national 4-H club congress, but one trip I will never forget."

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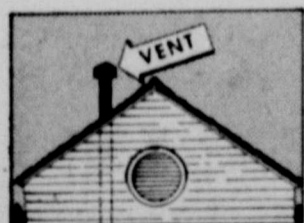
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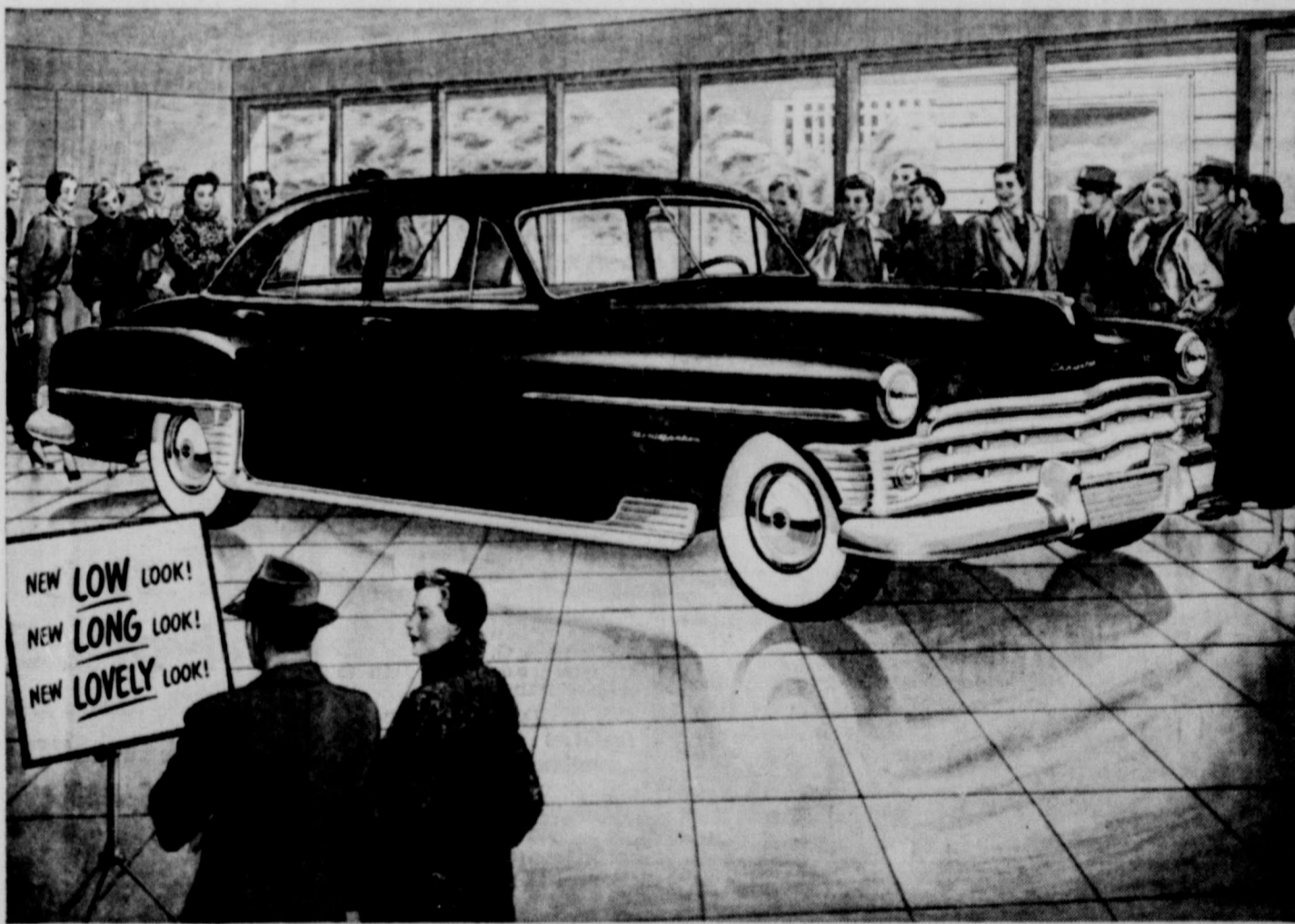
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