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Additional Gift Subscriptions Listed

Several subscriptions have been designated as Christmas gifts since the list was published last week.

Leland Johnson has sent the NR to his son, the Tommy Johnsons and to his daughters, Mrs. James Dowdy of Arlington and Mrs. J. B. Rumph of Stephenville.

Richard A. Linch of Tucson, Arizona will receive the news of local happenings from his father, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Linch.

As is his yearly custom Billy D. Blakley of Conroe is sending the Hico paper to his brothers and sisters, the J. M. Blakleys of Birmingham, Ala., the C. E. Blakleys of Hamilton, Mrs. Z. L. Bankston of Temple and Mrs. J. R. Oglesby of Angleton.

Mrs. Willie Baldwin is again including the News Review among the Christmas gifts to her son, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baldwin and family of Grand Prairie.

As is her custom, Mrs. Lucille Brummett is sending A. B. Naul the NR as a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Jordan of Hico, Route 1, will receive the local paper as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan Jr. of Carlton.

FUNERAL SERVICES PENDING FOR TOM L. BETTS

Funeral services are pending for Tom Betts, who passed away Tuesday afternoon. A complete obituary will be carried in next week's paper.

School Trustees Set Policy On Energy Crisis, Set Hours

The School Board met Thursday night in called session, and adopted the following policies which are to be implemented with Texas Education Agency approval during the emergency period in accordance with Gov. Briscoe's requests.

The local policy reads: "On days of extreme cold and hazardous driving conditions, the schools may be closed for the entire day at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools after consulting with the head of the transportation department as to safely operating the district's vehicles. If it is determined that conditions are unsafe or expected to become unsafe during the school day, the school would be closed according to Texas Education Agency recommendations for not to exceed 5 school days with no loss of foundation program benefits nor requirements to make up days lost. Any additional days would be made up.

Absentee Balloting Underway

Absentee balloting for the January 12th special election on the proposition of combining the County Clerk and District Clerk offices got underway this week.

Balloting will end January 8th. Persons who desire to vote in the election, but who anticipate being out of the county on that date may cast their ballot at the County Clerk's office.

The special election was called two weeks ago by the Commissioners Court. The law states that in those counties where the population falls below 8,000 in the last Federal Census, the offices of County and District Clerk will be combined unless the qualified voters of said county vote to keep the offices separate.

Final Rites Held Monday Morning For Mrs. Mary Bain

Mrs. Mary Frances Bain, 86, longtime resident of the Carlton community, passed away Sunday, Dec. 23 at her home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bain were held at 11:00 o'clock Monday morning in the Carlton Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Doyle Henderson. Burial was in the Carlton Cemetery.

Mrs. Bain was born January 20, 1887 in Ellis County, daughter of the late Clem and Myrtle Foster Stockham. She had lived in the Carlton community for 76 years and was a member of the Carlton Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Bailey Sharp of Carlton; one granddaughter, Mrs. Don Thompson of Waco; two great-grandchildren, Angela Thompson and Todd Thompson of Waco, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Virgil Battershell, Sam Sharp, Clayton Bissett, Dan Kunkel, Royal Huckabee and H. C. Thompson.

Miss Suzanne Patterson, a teacher in the Klein Schools near Houston, is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Patterson.

"In the event Daylight Savings Time becomes standard, the district will operate on a schedule with classes beginning at 9:30 and being dismissed at 4:42 p.m. If shortening the school day becomes necessary, dismissal time under Daylight Savings Time will be 3:30 p.m. The administration feels that an earlier beginning time would force a hardship on students who ride the buses, requiring them to wait in the dark for the arrival of the buses, and also that beginning school earlier would not result in any fuel saving by the district."

Other Board Action.

The board received a report on an increase in entitlement in funding for the Title One Program. Approval was given for staffing positions for remedial reading instruction and extending the program to include an additional 56 students in Elementary and High School.

Notification of the retirement of Mrs. Syble Jernigan was given. Mrs. Jernigan has been a continuous staff member since 1945 and has rendered outstanding service to the community. Mrs. John Rainwater substituted until mid-term, and Mrs. Linda Koonman, who has just completed her student teaching in the Kindergarten and First Grade, has been appointed to complete the 1973-74 school year with the Fourth Grade.

Other reports included the building program, lunchroom, football, adult education, N.Y.C., and Manpower programs.

This Certificate for Distinguished Service was presented to Mrs. Carl King by A. B. Naul, Superintendent of the Hamilton-Coryell Soil and Water Conservation Service in recognition of her husband's leadership in the field of Soil and Water Conservation. The Hamilton-Coryell SWCD Board made the resolution a part of

the permanent minutes. The citation reads: In grateful appreciation of the distinguished services rendered by O. C. (Carl) King to the Hamilton-Coryell Soil and Water Conservation District and in recognition of his unwavering devotion and of his capable, loyal, unselfish and effective leadership we present this Certificate of Distinguished Service. Be it

resolved: that a copy of this expression of appreciation and affection be placed in the minutes of the District in the hope that it may serve as a reminder of our high esteem and warm regard for him. Be it further resolved: That a copy be presented to Mrs. Elizabeth King, widow of the deceased, with signatures of board members affixed.

Supt. Ralph Bradley Retires at Iredell

Ralph Bradley, Superintendent of Iredell Schools for the past 12 years, is retiring after a 36-year teaching career.

Bradley, a native of Tolar, attended Tolar High School and received his Bachelor's Degree from A & M University in 1937. He taught school eight years before coming to the Iredell Schools

as Vocational Agriculture teacher. His first school was at Antioch, Hood County, a two-teacher rural school, then at Oak Dale and Bluff Dale in Erath County where he was Principal for two years. He also taught at Richland in Baylor County.

In 1937, Mr. Bradley was looking for a school. Iredell was recommended to him by Mr. Rupert Phillips, who was in the graduating class with him. Upon placing his application with Mr. Jerry Phillips, the Superintendent, and meeting with the Board of Trustees, he was elected agriculture teacher, which was vacated by Rupert Phillips.

He and his family moved to Iredell July 1, 1937 where he taught 19 years as agriculture teacher, six years as coordinator of Vocational School for Veterans, and now 12 years as Superintendent.

Mr. Bradley was an active member and supporter of the Vocational Teachers Association and served as a member of the Board of Directors of that organization.

He also served on state-wide committees for the improvement of the program.

Under his supervision the Iredell FFA Chapter members exhibited

projects in shows throughout the state and won several championships. For his outstanding leadership, the Texas Association honored him with the Lone Star Farmer Degree.

This career of teaching began the hard way as he had to work at other jobs while attending school. Some of them were working in a dairy, a hardware store, the bank at Tolar, and on the Dallas Police Force for one day.

Mr. Bradley and family became members of the Methodist Church when they moved, and he has been active in all phases of the church, along with all community affairs.

Retirement Parties. Retirement parties for Mr. Bradley began Dec. 7 when the Iredell High School honored him with a surprise gathering. Kent Chaffin, president of the senior class, presented Mr. Bradley with an engraved gold pocket watch and chain from the student body.

On Dec. 18, the Iredell School Christmas Program was devoted almost in its entirety to the dedicated schoolman.

C. H. Mims, Principal, served as master of ceremonies for the program.

Elementary School Money Trees were presented by students from each grade. A Pecan Tree was presented by the High School Faculty.

Among those having parts on the program were Mr. Spence, Bosque County TSTA; Dr. W. C. Perry, Baylor University; Mr. Walter Parks, Meridian Superintendent; Mr. Tom Heartsill, County Superintendent; Mr. Joe Sartor, past Iredell superintendent; Mr. Andy Nutt, former superintendent now with TSTA, who brought messages from Dale Carmichael, President of the Small Schools Project and M. L. Brockett of the Austin school system.

Also Bro. Wood and Bro. Beck, Church of Christ ministers; Bro. Mortensen, Iredell Baptist Church pastor; Elliott Ensminger, School Board member; W. E. Boyd, President of ICIC; Mrs. Juanita Fair, President of C.T.A.; Mrs. Charlotte Myers, Housing Project Manager; Mrs. Vinita Blakley, history; Mr. Lester Smith, agriculture teacher, Meridian; and Bro. Dale Yant, Mayor's speech and closing prayer.

FIREMEN ANSWER TWO CALLS LAST THURSDAY

Hico Volunteer Firemen were kept busy for awhile last Thursday afternoon when they answered two fire calls.

The firemen answered a call soon after lunch when grass in the right-of-way on the FM Road to Fairy caught fire near the Square Top Ranch House. It was minor and quickly extinguished.

Firemen were called later to the Steve Parks Ranch when a hog farrowing house caught fire. The building was about half burned before being extinguished. No hogs were in the house at the time.

Visiting Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pal Drake were Beatrice Hindman of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Drake and children of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Preston O'Bannon of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Drake and family. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hicks and children also visited in the afternoon.

Stephenville Rites For Charles Britton Held Last Thursday

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 in Stephenville for Charles Wesley Britton, 72, who passed away Dec. 18 at his home in Stephenville.

Rev. Warren Oiliff officiated with interment in the Duffau Cemetery. Born Nov. 11, 1901 in Erath County, he was a lifelong county resident, and a retired plumber. He married Nellie Frances Winberly in Cranfills Gap on July 11, 1930.

Survivors include the widow; a son, Billy Britton of Marshall; a daughter, Mrs. Wanda Nell McBee of Cheyenne, Wyo.; a brother, John Britton of Hico; three half brothers, G. W. Britton of South Dakota, Herbert Britton of Hooks, and Franklin Dee Britton of Oregon; two half sisters, Mrs. Josephine Steele and Mrs. Catherine Sowell, both of Coppell; and one grandchild.



RALPH BRADLEY
36-Year Teaching Career.

Final Give-Away Held Saturday

Merry Christmases for more people as a result of Hico Bonus Days program, drawing held Saturday. A \$115.00 in cash, a new bicycle and \$15.00 worth of fireworks were distributed at the final drawing.

Mary Smith was the big winner, her name being drawn for the \$115.00 award on a ticket issued by Jackson's Superette.

E. Holladay, a perennial winner in the drawings, received the second place award with a ticket from Toegen Feed Mill, and Betty Loyd won the \$30.00 award with a ticket from H & B Store.

\$10.00 by not being present, and winners of the two awards were Charlie Addison, with a ticket from Salmon Ross, and C. A. Oxley with a ticket from Blair's Hardware. Mr. Oxley was a two-time winner this year, having won \$20.00 in the Dec. 15 drawing.

Winner of the new bicycle was Red Bussell. An added feature was \$15 in fireworks given by Western Auto. Cathey Faubion became the second winner in her family as her name was drawn, her mother previously winning the \$50.00.

Those in charge of the program said it was just as successful as in past years, and thanked everyone for their cooperation.

Former Resident Receives Doctorate

Stephenville (Spl.) — James C. Leeth, Acting Head of the Department of Industrial Education and Technology at Tarleton State University, received his Ph. D. degree in Educational Curriculum and Instruction from Texas A&M University on December 15.

Dr. Leeth is a native of Hico, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Leeth. He finished Tarleton in 1951. He received a B.S. degree from North Texas State University in Industrial Arts in 1953 and an M.S. degree from North Texas in 1958.

Prior to entering the service in 1954, he was employed as a tool and die maker at General Dynamics. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1956 and holds

the rank of 1st lieutenant.

Dr. Leeth came to Tarleton in 1964 as Assistant Professor of Industrial Arts after teaching in the Fort Worth School District eight years.

When the Department of Industrial Education and Technology was established in the fall of 1973, he was made acting head of the department.

Dr. Leeth is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa, American Industrial Arts Association, Texas Association of Industrial Arts Association, and West Central Texas Industrial Arts Association.

He and his wife, Ora Lee, have two children, David and Cynthia Ann.



THE OTHER SIDE — While Hamilton County landowners have enjoyed much success in the hunting lease program the past few years, there have been some pitfalls. Ben Zwald, who lives on

the old Dry Fork road, was one of the unfortunate landowners last week as this 500-pound calf fell victim to a hunter's bullet. The calf had been shot twice.

Mr. Zwald does not lease his land and this was apparently a case where the hunter was pursuing his game at night, saw two eyes shining in the dark, and fired.

Clairette Community News

by MRS. LUCILE MATFIELD

BUSY BEE CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Busy Bee Club members and husbands and friends met Dec. 18 for their annual Christmas party and supper at the Ogle farm.

A festive atmosphere prevailed throughout the home, which was beautifully decorated with holiday arrangements and a pretty tree all laden with gifts.

Each member carried an extra gift of fruit, candy and cookies and everyone signed a Christmas card to be presented to the Club Mother, Mrs. Bunnie Alexander, a resident of Village Nursing Home, who is a charter member of the club.

The evening meal, consisting of turkey and dressing and all trimmings was served from a table laid with a pretty cloth, centered with a Christmas decoration. A gift exchange followed, and each took a gift from the grab bag.

All club members were present and the following guests, Mrs. Tull Havens of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ogle of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Sherrard.

Members present were Mrs. Dona Wolfe, Mrs. Velma Alexander, Mrs. Jennie Hoffpauir, Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, Mrs. Jossie Alexander, Misses Eunice and Nola Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Head, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ownby, Mr. and Mrs. Les Dowdy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield, and the hostesses.

The Home Demonstration Club had their Christmas party Thurs-

day night at the Community Center.

There wasn't too many at the singing Saturday night. The Jake Brown Quartet of Fort Worth was here, also Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander of Stephenville.

Mr. Ray Boone, who underwent surgery a few days ago, is at home doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny King Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Carter had their Christmas dinner Sunday. Present were Don Carter and family of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tom Johnson, Tommy and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamilton and George of Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. Les Dowdy and Frank Johnson.

Those present for a Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wolfe were Mr. and Mrs. Lelon Wolfe and sons of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Koonsman, Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Koonsman, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Wolfe and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gilliland and baby, Dana Roberson, Sharon Hill of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Cavalla of Fresno, Calif.

Mrs. Velma Alexander had her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carlson and baby of Burleson and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Huff of Lerdsburg, N.M. home for Christmas.

Mrs. Jossie Alexander had a Christmas supper for her children and grandchildren, and she visited Christmas Day in Stephenville with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Martin went to Lubbock for Christmas.

Sunday visitors with Herman Roberson were Buster Roberson of Hico, Franklin Roberson of Fort Worth, Mr. Melvin Chandler, and Kenneth Adkison of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Bess Anderson and Judy of Chula Vista, Calif., daughter of L. W. Hoffpauir, and Bryan McAnally of San Angelo are visiting Mrs. L. W. Hoffpauir. Miss Vieta McAnally of Odessa spent Christmas Day with her.

Mrs. Henry Mayfield visited Mrs. Ethel Self at the Hico Hospital Saturday afternoon. Also visited a while with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Phillips.

Those visiting through the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ownby were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and family of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Ownby and Julia of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown Jr. and family of Stephenville and Mrs. M. L. Etheridge.

Mrs. Myrtle Thompson is expecting her son, T. L. and family of Irving for the holidays.

Happy New Year to all.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all of the nurses, hospital staff at the Hico Hospital, and especially to Dr. Tolon and Dr. Dayton for the many kind considerations while I was a patient there following surgery. Also I wish to thank my friends for the flowers, cards, visits, and all other acts of kindness shown me.

Ray Boone. 37-1tp.

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

In Counties having a population of less than eight thousand (8,000) according to the last preceding Federal Census, there shall be elected a single clerk who shall perform the duties of the District Clerk and County Clerk, unless a majority of the qualified voters of the County who participate in a special election called by the Commissioners Court for that purpose, vote to keep the offices of the County Clerk and District Clerk separate.

In compliance to the option in Art. 1903 of Vernon's Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, annotated, it is the order of the Commissioners Court, sitting in regular session December 11, 1973 that a Special Election, to be held in each election precinct in the County of Hamilton, be held on Saturday, January 12, 1974 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. for the voting public to determine the question of whether the offices of District Clerk and County Clerk will be separate or joint.

Respectfully submitted,
H. W. Standifer,
Presiding Officer of the Commissioners Court. 38-3tc.



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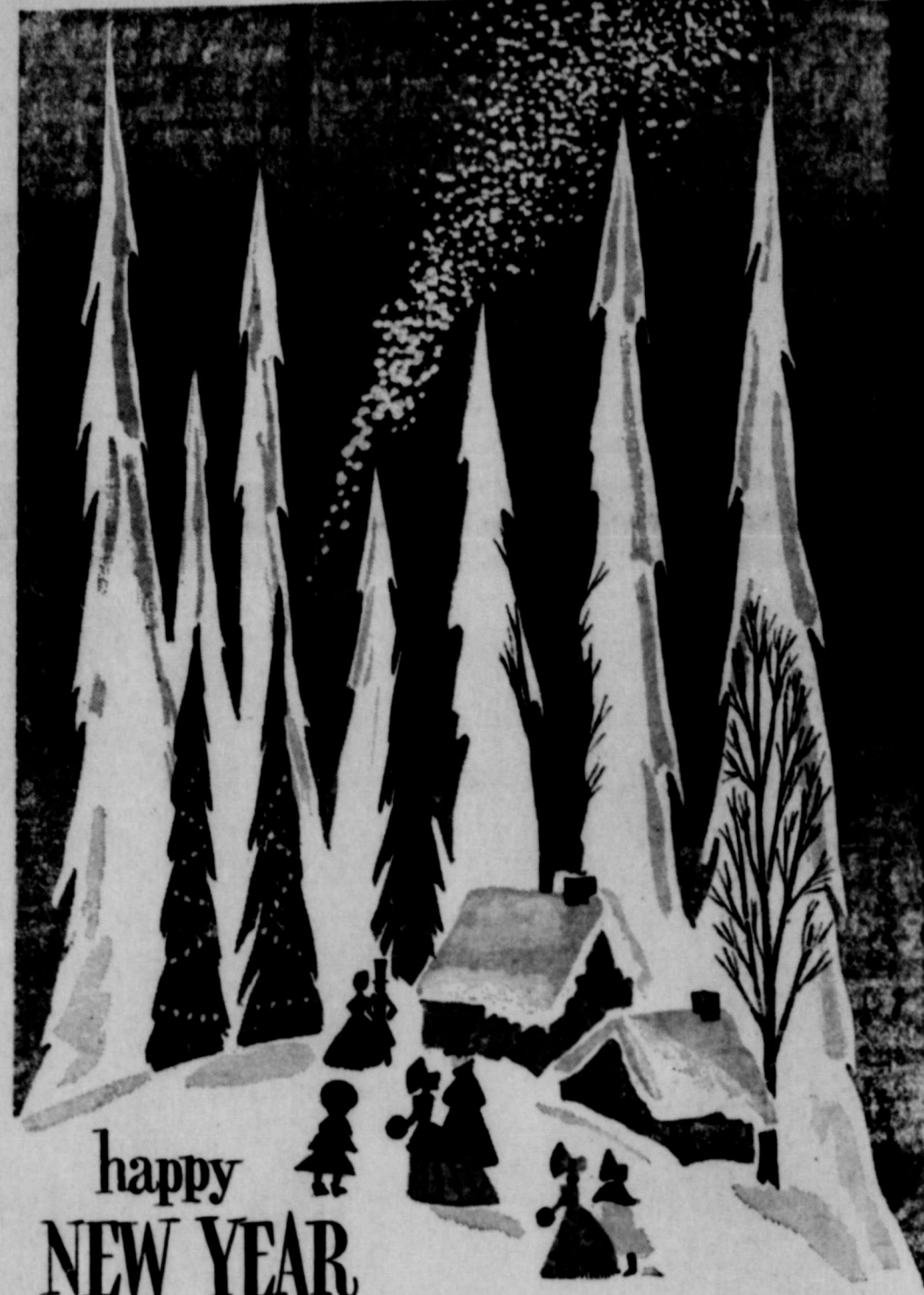
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18 Oz Peter Pan Peanut Butter	69¢	1 Lb Food King Oleo	3/\$1.00
15 Oz Ranch Style Blackeyes	19¢	HALF GALLON A. F. Buttermilk	59¢
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Fairy Community News

By THE STAFF

I'll try and write a story for this week so old folks won't be blank. We went home Sunday morning after the Hamilton Hospital after our last trip to the doctor. When we returned Thursday we had to enter the hospital because of complications of all kinds and we just couldn't get out.

We went to go with our daughter, Mrs. Ray Sellers, to the home of our granddaughter and family, Mrs. Wayne Pittman, Kay near Stephenville. Sun- dayers present were her par- ents and Mrs. D. E. Allison, Mrs. D. E. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Dar- ling, Dax and baby daugh- ter, the Sellers' children, Mrs. Jimmie Don Sellers, and Jayson and Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Keith and Kimberly of Hico. All enjoyed a bountiful dinner and ham dinner, after which we enjoyed the beautiful Christ- mas lights and snow. After an exchange of picture-taking, each de- parted for their homes. The Jim- mies and Ray Turners came to their parent's home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. W. E. Goyme have daughters and families, Mr. Gene Overton and Rob- ert Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Dowdy and children of Hico with them for the holi- days. Also Mr. and Mrs. John Bow- man of San Antonio.

Mrs. Archie Duncan of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Murry of Cleburne, daughter, Mary and John and Mr. and Mrs. Lusk, Hons Pope and Bo- b of Dallas visited during the holidays at the home of Mrs. Olga Duncan. Mrs. H. O. Richardson had her Christmas gathering Sun- day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson at Hico.

Luckie of Hico and her son visited here Sunday at the home of Christ. Visitors are al- ways welcome.

Mrs. L. V. Houser spent the holidays at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred- eric Little at Aledo. Mrs. Kettle had recently and her parents, Mrs. Merton Jameson of Hico met her parents, the Housers there. Hope Mrs. Kettle is doing nicely.

Had to cut our Christmas card short and please excuse, when we can't get the job done may know something is wrong. I carried a few to the hospital but didn't get to send out. So may- be you'll hear later.

Sam Thompson of Hamilton had gall bladder surgery this morning at the Hamilton Hospital. We left the hospital be- fore a report was given. She is the wife of Mrs. Mignon Anderson. Thanks to all you dear friends and relatives who remembered us with Christmas cards and letters. We surely appreciated them. If you next year we hope to be well able to carry on our Christ- mas correspondence.

Called in to the H. O. Rich- ardson after the freeze to see if we could get someone to check the water pipes at the Willeford home as we know they were un- der. E. M. Hoover checked and all were alright. He said he had a time convincing Charlie, our dog to let him go back to check. We learned of some- one who had just feature water running everywhere and our pump running all night.

We hope the weather stays pret- ty after Christmas. However we need the rain. We were sorry to hear of tragedies at the time of year. We learned while the Pittmans that one of Mrs.

Sell, Trade, through News Classified. Costs so little.

Archie Allison's nephews, a 16- year old boy had been killed in a car wreck near Hillsboro. As we close our newsletter

we received word that Clarence Trantham of Big Spring had passed away. Funeral services were held Sunday at Big Spring. He was the son of the late Bert Trantham, and Mrs. Bert Trantham, now of Fort Worth. I hope to give more regarding the funeral next week. He had suffered a stroke several years ago.

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As we look back over the past year, we will find that our hap- piest moments and memories come from the little acts of kindness and service rendered to our family and fellowmen. What better guide for our future behavior to assure for ourselves and others a

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CLUB and SOCIETY PAGE

CLUBS — SOCIETY — PARTIES — PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Fitzgerald Weds Neil Wade in Recent Fort Worth Ceremony

Lela Mae Fitzgerald and Calvin Neil Wade were united in marriage Dec. 8 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the Woodland Heights Baptist Church of Fort Worth, with Rev. Tommy Merritt officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris R. Fitzgerald of Fort Worth. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge Wade of Hico.

Miss Nita Cleveland sang the special music to the accompaniment of organist Jim Varnell.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal white lace gown over satin that fell to a chapel train. She carried a bouquet of red sweetheart roses and white carnations.

Miss Cathy Bell was maid of honor, and Misses Charlotte Bell, Robyn Logsdon and Vickie Reese, all of Fort Worth, were bridesmaids. Marcia Cleveland of Fort Worth was flower girl and Michael Turner of Arlington was ring bearer.

The bridal attendants wore floor-length dresses of pink crepe trimmed with lace, and each carried a long-stemmed red rose.

Dalton Dyer of Fort Worth served as best man, and groomsmen were Tony, Don and Dwayne Smith, all of Fort Worth. Ushers were Mike Reeves and Dalton Dyer, Jr., both of Fort Worth.

Following the wedding, parents of the bride were hosts for a reception in the fellowship hall of the church.

The bride attended Brantley-Draughon Business College in Fort Worth and is now employed with the Department of Internal Revenue in Dallas. The groom is a graduate of Hico High School, and has attended the University of Texas at Arlington and Tarrant County Junior College, and is now employed with Texas Electric Service Co. as an associate Electrical Engineer.

Following a short wedding trip to South Texas the couple are at home in Fort Worth.

ATTEND DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson were in Gatesville Thursday night of last week to attend a Christmas dinner party honoring employees of radio station KCLW held at the Dyer Restaurant.

GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD DECEMBER 14th IN C. J. FARRAR HOME

The Hico Garden Club met for its annual Christmas party and gift exchange Friday, Dec. 14, in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. C. J. Farrar.

Members exclaimed, as they arrived, over the small native cedar Christmas tree so colorfully decorated on the front porch. In the living room was another larger tree, even more gay and beautiful where the gifts were left. A smell of cedar and burning scented candles prevailed the house.

Mrs. John Golightly presided, giving a warm welcome to the members and guest. Mrs. Alvin Casey led the Club Prayer, after which roll call was answered by each one naming a Christmas symbol.

Mrs. Francis O'Reilly had charge of the program. She called on each member to read a favorite Christmas poem. Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, instead of reading a poem, told about visiting the Holy places on her trip to the Holy Land.

After the program Mrs. Farrar, acting as Santa Claus, gave out the brightly wrapped packages stacked under the Christmas tree.

Mrs. Farrar and co-hostess, Mrs. Elvis Vinson, served hot cranberry punch, coffee, tasty cheese sandwiches and Christmas sugar cookies from a table with a lovely Christmas centerpiece, to Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Golightly, Mrs. W. E. Goynne, Mrs. V. H. Jenkins, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. O'Reilly, Miss Lorraine Segrest, Mrs. Savell Sharp, Mrs. Jake Trantham, and a guest, Miss Debe Sharp.

After a tour of the house noting the Christmas decorations and the

RICKY HAILS ANNOUNCE ARRIVAL OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hail of Stephenville have announced the arrival of a new little daughter, born Sunday night, Dec. 16 in the Dublin Hospital. The young lady weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces, and has been named Celinda Renee. She is greeted by a sister, Rhonda, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luskie Randals of Hico, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hail of Stephenville. Also great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Noland of Selden and Mrs. Jessie Hail of Chalk Mountain.

beautiful antique pieces of furniture in each room handed down by Mr. and Mrs. Farrar's families, the members gathered in the living room for the benediction—a Christmas prayer written by Marvin David Winsett, Texas Poet Lowreate (1962), read by Miss Segrest:

Let Us Pray—O Lord—
We humbly bow before our secret place
And thank Thee for the bounty of Thy grace.
Teach us to value most eternal things—
To find happiness that giving brings;
To know the peace of misty, distant hills;
To know the joy that giving self fulfills;
To realize anew this Christmas Day.

The things we keep are those we give away.—Amen.
The Club adjourned to meet Friday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Community Center for election of officers and a trip to Wolfe's Nursery in Stephenville. Reporter.

Methodist Youth Enjoy Christmas Party and Dinner

Friday night of last week, youth from Hico First United Methodist Church and their guests enjoyed a progressive dinner and Christmas party.

The young people and their pastor, Rev. Doyle Henderson, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Meador where appetizers were served. The salad course was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bob McCormick, and the main course was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ross. For the dessert course the group assembled at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Dayton where games were also enjoyed.

Attending were Debbie Barnett, Michelle and Monti McCormick, Sylvia and James Dayton, Buddy Mayfield, Denny Adams, Lynn Murray, Dori and Micki Ross, Cathy Faubion, Rita Loudermilk, Dwayne Johnson, D'Ann Meador, and Rev. Henderson.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES ENJOY DINNER DEC. 18

The county employees of Precinct 3 and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Patterson met at the Koffee Kup Cafe Tuesday night of last week for a holiday dinner.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Artie Oxley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Akard, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sowell. Another employee, Eugene Smith, was ill, and he and his wife were unable to be present.

First National Bank Honors Employees With Christmas Dinner

The First National Bank held its annual Christmas party Tuesday night, Dec. 18, at Bluebonnet Country Club.

A delicious Mexican dinner was served to bank employees, officers, directors and their guests.

The guests were welcomed by W. C. Howard, Chairman of the Board. He extended sincere appreciation to the employees for a job well done in the past year, and expressed the sentiment that the management felt that 1974 would be an even greater year. The invocation was given by Beverly Clifton.

Out of town guests included Dr. and Mrs. Lamar Johanson of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Brownlee of Brownwood, Miss Jimmie Lou Bishop of Hamlin, and Mr. Bobby Lyons of Virginia.

A Christmas motif was carried out in the table decorations, enhanced by a roaring fire in the fireplace, and background Christmas music.

Mrs. Alvin Casey Hosts Open House

A trimmed Christmas tree and lovely holiday arrangements were featured in the candle-light home of Mrs. Alvin Casey when she was hostess for an open house Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 19.

Mrs. Robert Scott presided at the refreshment table where guests were served colorful Christmas dainties of assorted candies, orange coconut balls, candy strawberries, stuffed apricots, stuffed prunes, olives and party-decorated crackers, with spiced punch or coffee.

Adding to the beauty of the table, which was laid with a white felt Christmas cloth, highlighted with sequined decorations and miniature lights, were an arrangement of red sweetheart roses and a candleabra holding red lighted tapers. Crystal, gold and silver appointments completed the lovely table setting.

Thirty-five guests called between the appointed hours of 3 to 4:30.

Hospital Party Held at Community Center

The hospital staff, nurses and personnel and their guests enjoyed their annual Christmas party Saturday evening at the Community Center.

A turkey dinner was served buffet style and a gift exchange was held from a trimmed tree, with Shan Hartzell acting as Santa.

Approximately 55 were present for the party.

Christmas Day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Patterson were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Patterson and Jody of Springtown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duncan, Kenneth and Paul of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Koonsman and children and Mr. and Mrs. George Cozby.

Visiting Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Linch were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie C. Linch and son, Dean, of Smithfield.

Jack Allens Host Party For Employees

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen were hosts Monday night for a Christmas party at the Koffee Kup Cafe honoring their employees and their guests.

A gift exchange was enjoyed during the evening and refreshments were served.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moring, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones and granddaughter, Gina Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lane and Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holcomb and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sherrod, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lowrance.

Also Mrs. Della Jones, Gladys Richardson, Sharon Shipman, Clifton Parks, Mrs. Buster Roberson and James, Allene Patterson, Lisa Bell, Vickie Cornett, Rhonda Keller, Tommy Harris, Ronnie East, Harold Gill, Mike Sherrod and Mrs. Minnie Connolly.

Dinner Honors Seniors At Community Center

The Seniors of Hico High School, their dates, sponsors and room mothers, attended a dinner party Saturday night at the Community Center.

The guests began arriving shortly after seven o'clock and were served appetizers of cheese roll slices, crackers, and hot spiced tea.

The dinner menu consisted of baked ham, corn casserole, French style green beans and congealed salad, with pie for dessert.

Following the dinner the group enjoyed participating in games. Contributed.

EARLY CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Tyrus King have been enjoying some early Christmas visiting. They met her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Woodruff of Duncan, Okla. last Friday in Jacksboro where they enjoyed having a nice visit and lunch together. Sunday they were luncheon guests in Valley Mills in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Dunklin. Others present were the Dunklin's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sadler.

Holiday Open House In Valley Mills by Dr. and Mrs. Tolon

The lovely holiday decorated home of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Tolon Jr. of Valley Mills was the setting for a Christmas open house Friday night, Dec. 21, honoring the personnel of the Hico City Hospital.

The hosts served refreshments of punch and hors d'oeuvres from a festive decorated table.

Attending were Mrs. Van Evans of Stephenville, Mrs. Eugene Hicks, Mrs. James Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Jenkins, Miss Stephanie Walker, Linda Sue Flowers, Mrs. Tullus Carpenter, Mrs. Pat Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Fouts, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Flowers and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell.

Also Mrs. Sarah Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cavitt, Charles Scott, Wayne Noblett, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tolliver, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Simons, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Chew, Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. James Cryer, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ogle, and Dr. Tolon's office nurse in Valley Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Morrison.

Walkers Fete Board Members With Dinner

Mrs. Harold Walker held a reception for wives of members of the board of trustees at her home Thursday night of last week while the trustees and Supt. Walker were at a board meeting held at the school.

Following the meeting the trustees and their wives were hosted to a dinner by the Walkers.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Slaughter and Mr. and Mrs. Derel Fillingim.

Austin Emery and sons, Tim and Mark visited last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is hospitalized in Arlington Memorial Hospital, where he underwent surgery last Tuesday.

Chat-N-Curl Empl Have Christmas P

Mrs. Leona Cox entertained a Christmas party Wednesday night, Dec. 19 in her home for employees of the Chat-N-Curl Shop.

A gift exchange was enjoyed during the evening and an assortment of Christmas goodies were from a lovely holiday table.

Present were Mrs. Sue F. Miss Marilyn Behrens, Miss Gene Mercer, Mrs. LaVada Vock and her daughter, Dana a guest, Mrs. Mamie Case.

Faculty Dinner Held Tuesday Evening in Community Center

The faculty of Hico High held their annual Christmas Tuesday night of last week Community Center.

A buffet dinner was served a holiday decorated table, ed by games of forty-two bridge.

The group also enjoyed exchange and engaged in Christmas carols during the evening.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. id Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Braune, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne ledge, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Miss Dollie Collins and Larry ham, Mr. and Mrs. Don son, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ca.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Bru Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson and Mrs. Bob Boone, Mr. and Ronnie Partain, Mr. and Mrs. mie Ramage, Mr. and Mrs. Huggins, Ed Schneider, and and Mrs. Harold Walker.

FROM NEBRASKA

Tim Emery, son of Mr. and Austin Emery, is home for holidays from York College in braska, where he has completed a semester of study. He will return for the Spring session. A guest in the Emery home is Myrtle Harrison of San An



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Ruth Mendzorf and Clyde
were married Friday aft-
noon, Dec. 14, by Justice of the
Peace, Paul Verduzco. The wedding

was in the Verduzco home. Mr.
and Mrs. McElroy are living at the
McElroy home place near Duffau.
Wayne Ross of Dallas spent
Christmas Day in the home of his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ross.

**Wesleyan Guild
Meets Dec. 18th**

The lovely holiday decorated
home of Mrs. Leona Cox was the
setting Tuesday night of last week
for a meeting of the Wesleyan
Guild.

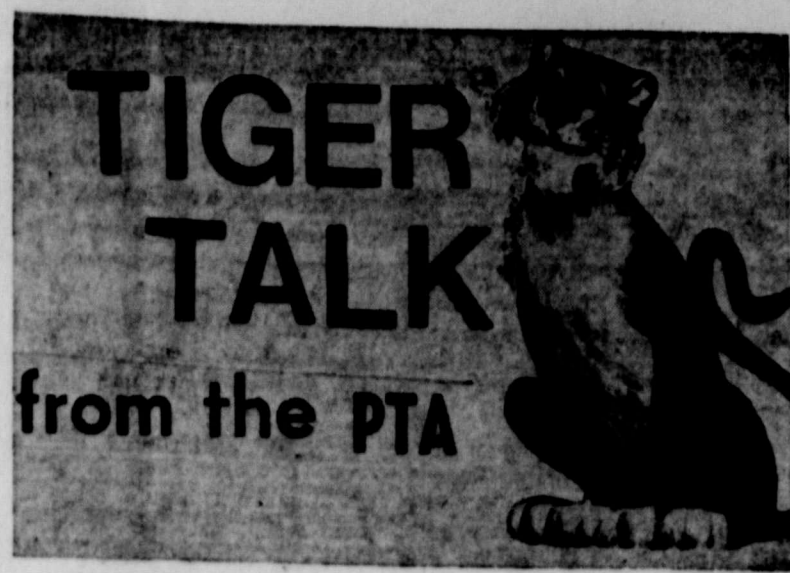
Vice president, Mrs. Cox, pre-
sided during the business session
when members voted to observe the
World Day of Prayer with Christ-
ian Service Circle members at
First United Methodist Church Jan.
28. Mrs. S. W. Everett gave the
secretary report, and the treasurer's
report was given by Mrs. E. V.
Meador.

Mrs. Alvin Casey presented the
seasonal candlelight program, "Why
the World Needs Christmas." Mrs.
Casey traced the origin of the
present day holiday celebrations
from ancient pagan rituals, and
told how many of the current holi-
day customs evolved from early
day festivities and stressed that
the true meaning of Christmas was
not entirely lost in the commer-
cialized holiday.

The hostess served refreshments
from a lovely table laid with a felt
holiday cloth, to eight members
and one guest, Mrs. J. D. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Clark Sr. of
Fairy enjoyed having all their chil-
dren home for the Christmas week-
end, including Mr. and Mrs. O. J.
Clark Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Mil-
ton Clark and family of Fort Worth
and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Barnett
and family of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seal spent the
Christmas weekend in Tomball with
their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Seal
and family, and in Humble in the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Samp-
son.



**TIGER
TALK**
from the PTA

By BECKY FARRAR
1st Vice President

Christmas in Central Texas is
like Christmas no where else in
the world.

A Central Texas December must
have been an exact duplicate of the
Galilean hills that ancient night
when the angels sang the first
"gloria."

Old Orion and his two faithful
dogs stood guard on the eastern
steps of the heavens while today
those same diamond sharp pin-
points of light pierce the skies

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jackson and
children of Milton, Fla. and Miss
Minnie Jackson of Midland are
spending the Christmas holidays in
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Jackson.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and
Mrs. H. L. McKenzie during the
Christmas weekend were Mr. and
Mrs. Billy McKenzie and Mr. and
Mrs. Barry McClain and baby of
Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Ron-
ald McKenzie and family of Kings-
ville.

above the rolling hills in the dark
of a mid-December moon.

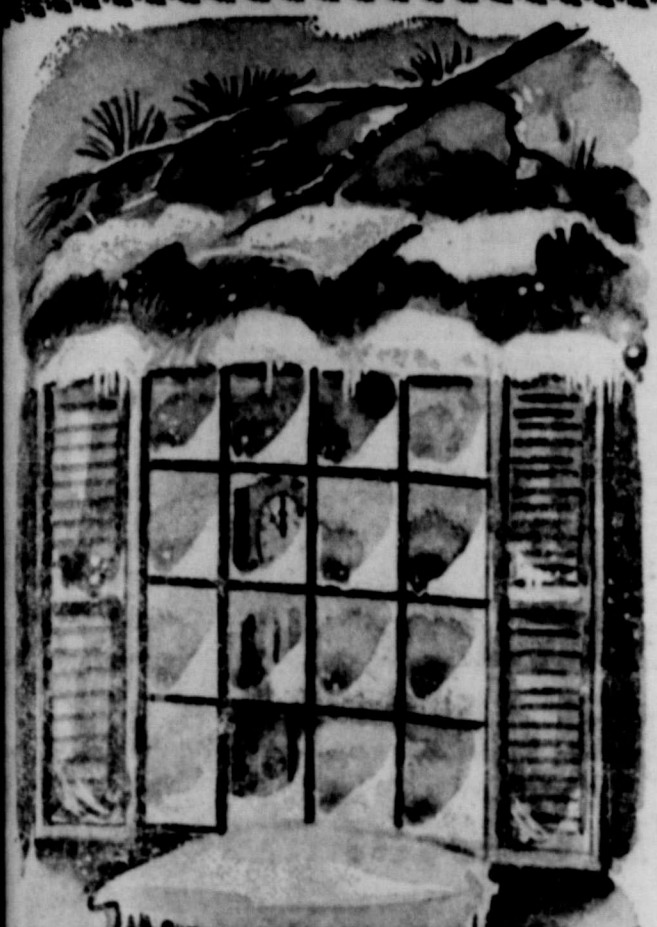
As the celestial belt of sun and
planets proscribed their farthest
southern journey, the Message
came. In Central Texas, the an-
gels would have said, "Ya'll
come." And they went, like cow-
boys riding out to roundup in the
early hours of the morning.

And at the inn—it could have
been a stone hotel with a porch
on the front—their quest ended.
The barn and corral were a Spe-
cial Place, and they knelt in dusty
jeans, took off sweat-rimmed hats,
and paid homage as only a cow-
boy—or a shepherd—knew how to
do.

It must have happened something
like that. Then rosy-fingered dawn,
drawn by dust of a thousand cam-
el—or was it buffalo—tracks, lift-
ed the curtain of a new day, a new
way of life, a new hope. And shep-
herds—and cowboys—were never
the same again.

It happens every December in
Central Texas. Go to the crest of
a liveoak-dotted hill along the Bos-
que River. Stand quietly under a

thin crescent moon and listen. God in the Highest . . . and on
Sirius shines ever so brightly—even Earth, Peace, Good Will to Men."
as long ago—and the music of a (Paraphrased from an editorial
coyote chorus echoes faintly an an- by Ed Eakin in the Quanah Tribune
cient angelic choir . . . "Glory to Chief.)



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fry pan, Mrs. Mitchell Bales; third
prize, electric clock, Mrs. Velma
Alexander; fourth prize, electric
toaster, Mrs. Derwood Polk.

The next ten names drawn won
a basket of groceries. Those win-
ners were Mrs. Doris Lane, Mrs.
Bertha Horton, Mrs. R. T. Simpson,
T. E. Carpenter, Mrs. Hazel Moore,
Mrs. Betty Loyd, Mrs. Beth Ander-
son, Mrs. Sandy Barnett, Mrs. E.
H. Guinn and Charlotte Mayfield.



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Items of Interest From Iredell . . .

By MRS. VINITA BLAKLEY
CIVIC CLUB SOCIAL

Mrs. Savell Sharp entertained the Iredell Civic Club with a Christmas social Friday afternoon. Her home depicted the Christmas spirit in the lovely decorations and Christmas tree with its twinkling lights. After the social hour, when gifts had been exchanged, refreshments of punch, cookies and nuts were served by Mrs. Sharp and Debby. Guests were Mrs. Alice White and Mrs. B. M. Keith Jr. of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Freeman of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Evans of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Evans of Marlin were Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. W. E. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Tidwell of Joshua and Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Litch of Burleson were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Culp.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Meador were Sunday night visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kruger at

Clifton for the annual Meador Christmas party.

Mrs. R. L. Adkison received word Saturday that her brother, Elmer Cavitt of Weatherford had died after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held Monday at Weatherford.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adkison were Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Gray of Sanderson and Mrs. Johnny Umphres of Stephenville.

Lt. and Mrs. Kenneth Gombart of Colorado Springs, Colo. were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Savell Sharp, Debby and Gregg.

Miss Debby Sharp visited in McGregor Saturday in the home of Mrs. Keltner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bradley attended the Christmas party at the Granbury Nursing Home Friday evening.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Kate Chaffin were Mr. Buddy Chaffin of Devine, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Loader of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Masters of Comanche, Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Chaffin of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Planary Jr. and children, Mrs. Linda Oliveira and Kenneth of Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Chaffin, Kent and Karen.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Phillips and children were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Claunch and Gary, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Claunch of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Saturday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dunlap were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunlap, Linda and Kim of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dunlap, Austin Ray and Jack of Dallas and Mark Dunlap of Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Culp were Monday visitors in Desdemona in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tidwell and Cory.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Blakley and Brian of Houston were weekend visitors in the home of Vinita Blakley, who returned home with them for a visit.

Mrs. Alice M. Dieter of San Antonio was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Savell Sharp, Debby and Gregg. She returned

home with Mrs. Sharp and Debby, who had visited in San Antonio. Due to the holiday falling on Tuesday, I do not have all the Christmas news. I will try to get it later. Please call in your news. Thanks.

NEW CARLTON RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harbour, Dennis and Melinda, who have made their home in Millsap for the past five years, have moved back to Carlton. Mrs. Harbour plans to open a beauty shop in Carlton soon, and her husband hasn't made definite plans.

Teen Devotional Held At Mack Hicks Home Sunday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hicks were hosts to youth of the Hico Church of Christ for the Dec. 23 Teen Time. The time was spent playing a group game. Refreshments were served to conclude the activities.

The hosts were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Austin Emery, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson of Abilene, and youth present included Tim Emery, Jim Turner, Dena Loyd, Mark Emery, Deanne Bolstad, Dale Walker,

Allison Campbell, Glenn Bolstad and Dean Walker. Announcement was made of plans for Year's Eve activity Dec.

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Our Community News

By MRS. C. H. KING

When this reaches you, Christmas will be past and we will be making plans for the New Year and wondering just what is going to happen.

We wish each will have a happy 1974.

Mrs. M. O. Hansen is in Fort Worth with her mother, who is ill. Mr. Hansen is very busy. He molds pottery which he is giving away. Miss Estelle Crawford of Austin visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Haile and son of Gainesville, Fla. are spending the holidays with relatives here and Hamilton.

Rev. Clay Day of Fort Worth held services at the Baptist Church Sunday, after which he dined with Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Trammell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ables and family of Everman spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables. They visited the Clarks in Stephenville also.

Mrs. Dorothy Knudson of Houston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gray and Cynthia.

Miss Janice Adams of Hico spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waddell and Dannie of San Angelo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Waddell. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Waddell and children of Hico and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Krout of Texas.

HARRY STANSBURY HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Harry Stansbury returned home last Friday following an extended stay in the VA Hospital in Dallas where he had face surgery. He will return to the Dallas hospital Dec. 26 for further treatment. Mr. Stansbury wished to send greetings to his friends here.

Miss Carol Ross of Pearsall is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morse Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lively of Irving spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Higginbotham.

CARD OF THANKS

To all who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our mother, we are truly grateful. Your thoughtfulness for the food and flowers, and sitting with us at the hospital will always be remembered. God bless you all.

The Children and Family of Mrs. Mary E. Keller
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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The News Review will accept announcements for district and county offices in the order they are received, each to be carried through the first and second primaries, unless otherwise eliminated.

Rates for the various offices are:
District Office \$27.50
County Office \$27.50
Commissioners \$27.50
Justice Office \$27.50

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Visitors Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weeks and his mother were Mrs. Buddie Fournery, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Fournery, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Suddeth, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Arndt, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Fournery, all of Chilton, Miss Sharon Weeks of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Bob O. Weeks and sons of Greenville, Louis Marek of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Watts and Mrs. Margie Watts and

Gregg Dorcett of White Settlement. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Merritt visited in Hico Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright. Mrs. Henry Smith of Cleburne came Sunday for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Garland Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Burnett left Sunday for Oklahoma for a visit with their children. Mrs. Bud Burnett and Mrs. Garland Parker were in Temple on business Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Redden and daughter of Iredell visited Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Waddell. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kenney and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kenney and

boys of Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kenney Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Busby of

Baytown spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Busby and family.

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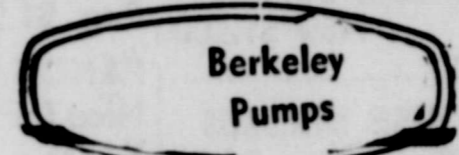
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Bomer Harris Retires After 31 Years as Conservationist

Bomer B. Harris, District Conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service at Hamilton for the past 13 years, will retire December 31 after a total of 31 years of federal service.

Harris, a farm boy, graduated from Harrold High School in 1935, and four years later graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. Degree in Agronomy. He did graduate work in plant science.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1940, he was married to Emma Frances Seay at Harrold, and they have three married daughters. They also have three grandchildren.

On Feb. 1, 1943 Harris began his SCS career at Stamford. At Stamford he received considerable training in farm and ranch planning, biology, ranch management, and laying out terrace lines. He said, "We constructed four to five hundred miles of terraces each year." After a two-year tour of duty with the Army on Okinawa, Korea, and Japan, Harris returned to the States and started his career again with the SCS at Quanah, where he served as Work Unit Conservationist for 14 years.

During his Quanah tour of duty, Harris assisted the Lower Pease River SCD with the technical program of soil, water, plant, and wildlife conservation. The District won many local and state conservation awards. At one time, the District won a \$500 National Soil Conservation District newsletter award.

After many years at Quanah working with 4-H and FFA students, Harris was awarded the Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree with a gold emblem for outstanding service to Vocational Agriculture and the Future Farmers. He stated that "this was one of the high-

lights of my career.

During his career in Hamilton, Harris twice received a certificate of merit and cash award as a special recognition for the outstanding manner in which he performed his duties and significantly exceeded his individual production goals. H. N. Smith, former State Conservationist with SCS at Temple, wrote that Harris had provided competent training to new employees assigned to the field office that is designated as a training location.

More recently, Harris entered a photograph contest that depicted the clean-up of a junk heap on the H. R. Kennedy farm near Carleton. This series of photographs won first place in Texas, and second place in the Soil Conservation Society of America national contest. These photographs were displayed at the SCS National Convention in



BOMER B. HARRIS

Columbus, Ohio. Harris is a member of the Heart of Texas Conservation Society of America, National Association of Soil Conservation Districts. He is a member of the Hamilton First Church, and Lions Club.

Harris said he and his wife live in Hamilton, work on the Hamilton City Lake Outdoor Center, Pecan Creek Wildlife Area, and "hunt coons with Seth

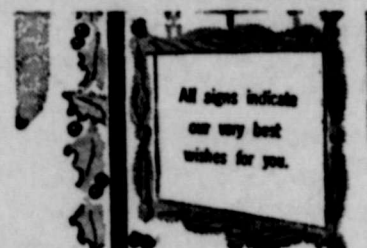
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Park turned last Sunday from a ant hunting trip to Nebraska. They stayed for a week. They accompanied Mr. Parks' Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Parks der.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon and family were hosts for a Christmas dinner Sunday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy and family of Robinson, Dallas, and Mrs. Joyce Flores children of Farmers Branch and Mrs. Buddy Ables and children of Otton and Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson.

NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to express thanks to the Hico Volunteer Dept. for the quick response to our call for help in extinguishing the fire of a hog farrowing at our place last Thursday afternoon. Also a special thanks to O. Chew for discovering the fire and turning in the alarm. Quick and efficient work by the firemen stopped the fire that have done far greater damage.

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