

23 Study Club party held in Miller home

"The Christmas Story in Art", a slide presentation of paintings of several of the master artists, depicting events around the birth of Christ, was shown by Mrs. Earl Watson as one of the outstanding features of the 23 Study Club's Christmas party and program Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Glen Miller. Mrs. Earle Denny was the co-hostess. The canvases from the

National Gallery of Art were introduced with a painting of "The Madonna and Child" by Fra Angelico. Elaborate symbolism characterized many of the pictures which gave a journey through two centuries of Renaissance art.

Miss Ethyle Kidwell was coordinator for the religious program. Mrs. Sam Hill gave an impressive devotion on "Making Christmas More

Christlike." Mrs. Joe Singer, vocalist, and Mrs. W.G. Steele, pianist, led the group in singing "How Great Thou Art" (Stuart K. Hine).

Mrs. Steele presented an organ solo which was "A Christmas Medley" consisting of "O Holy Night" (Adams), "Ave Maria" (Bach-Gounod) and "Angel's Serenade" (Braga).

The Miller home was tastefully decorated in the Yuletide theme. Gifts were exchanged from a tall green spruce tree colorful with traditional symbols and watched over by a large standing Santa and one of his reindeer.

The refreshment table

was laid with a red felt Christmas cloth and centered with a black wrought-iron epergne holding red votive candles, a large white candle, holly, seasonal foliage and symbols.

Active and associate members present in addition to those previously mentioned were Mmes. Rollins Woodall, C.E. Birk, Fred Widmoyer, L.E. Brooks, Chauncey Weiler, T.M. Clark, T.M. Thaxton, C.A. Hicks, E.F. Soell, D.O. James, Travis Smith, O.E. Lochridge, James A. Sewell, C.L. Metz, Homer Blalock, Carroll Duke, N.E. McKinney, M.L. Hines and Miss Titia Belle Blanks.

NBW supper held Monday

The home of Mrs. Roy B. Smith was artistically decorated in traditional red and green Christmas symbols Monday when the Night

Baptist Women of First Baptist Church met there for a salad supper and program.

The tables where the meal was served were laid with crisp white linen cloths and dinner napkins embroidered with the letter S and appointed with sparkling china, crystal and silver. The centerpieces were fashioned of green cedar accented with red and green candy balls.

Following the meal, Mrs. J. Louis Quick taught the third chapter of the mission book "Sick and Ye Visited Me" by Franklin Fowler. The title of the chapter was "The Roads Ahead" and she discussed seven new roads that were being explored on foreign mission fields to help men and women to obtain a total health program and to bring about a confrontation with Christ.

Mrs. C.L. McKinnon directed prayer for missionaries on the birthday calendar for the day. She called attention to the new program, Theological Education by Extension at the Malaysia-Singapore Baptist Seminary.

Others in attendance were Miss Helen Reed, Mmes. Wm. Nunn, J.T. Patterson, Carroll Duke, Omega Harris, Lee Smith, J.V. Roby, V.I. Woodfin, S.B. Reaves, D.O. James and Homer Blalock.

Shower fetes Miss Balsley

A "Roaring 20s" miscellaneous shower was given at Hurst Sunday afternoon for Miss Bramley Balsley and her fiancé, Randy Black in the home of his parents. The invitation list included the Black and Pulliam relatives and the affair was planned so that the two families could become better acquainted.

Hostesses were Misses Sherry, Vickie and Cindy Black, sisters of the groom-elect. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Balsley and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Black, parents of the engaged couple, Mrs. J.T. Pulliam Sr. and Mrs. Opal Black, grandmothers of the future groom.

Burgundy and ivory were the colors featured in the decorations and refreshments. The table held an arrangement of burgundy and ivory roses.

Three friends of Miss Balsley honored her recently at a bridal shower given in the Delegate Apartments at Dallas. The trio was composed of Misses Linda Clark, Susan Wrinkle and Karen Stropp.

The table where refreshments were served was laid

with ivory lace over burgundy. A center of interest was the white cake decorated with burgundy roses and lettered with "Congratulations - Bramley and Randy."

The couple will be married January 3 at Faith Baptist Church.

Mrs. Garrels hosts sorority

Alpha Epsilon Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a salad supper at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Garrels Monday evening for the Christmas meeting.

For the program, each member told what Christmas meant to her through prose, poetry and stories.

During the business, members chose a family to play Santa Claus to by providing gifts and food for them.

Mrs. Clifford Klinkerman and Betty Tanner led the rituals.

Others present were Mmes. Richard Scott, Bill Veal, Clark Lane Jr., Jimmy Cates, Ron Fullerton, Bobby Attwood, Roger Krueger and Robert Firster.



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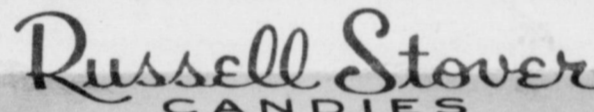
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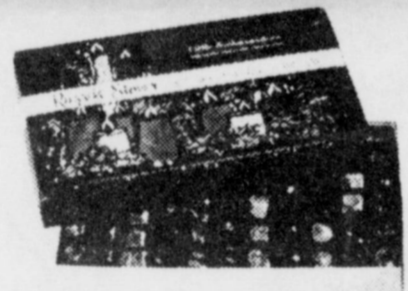


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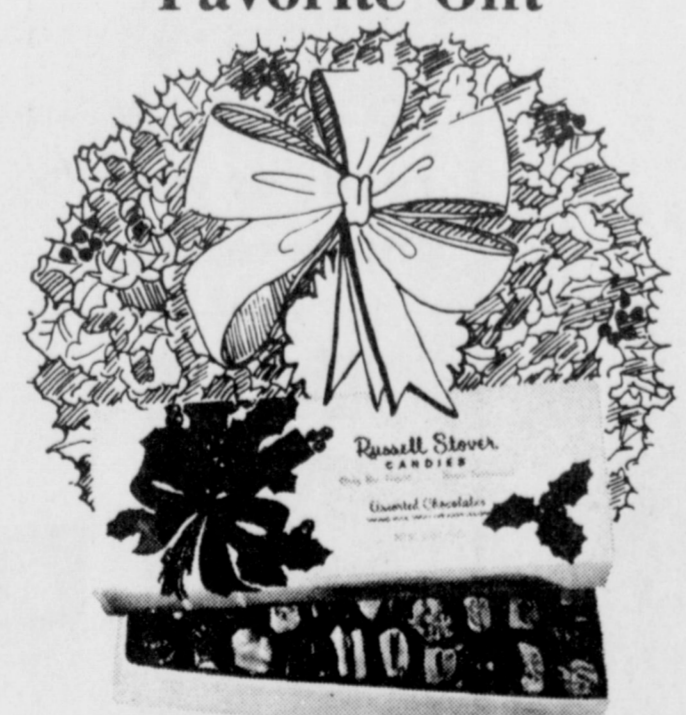
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Sorority annual party held in Williamson home

The home of Mrs. Stanley Williamson, an inactive member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, was the scene of the sorority Christmas party Tuesday evening. Sharing hostess duties were Mes. Donald Schram, another inactive member, Roy Johnson, Chester Morrison and D.W. Mercer.

The program for the evening was provided by Mrs. Homer Blalock, a sorority sponsor, who told a Christmas story, "The Angel Who Refused to Sing" by J. Chapman Bradley.

A highlight of the social our was the revealing of

secret pals and the exchange of gifts.

Mrs. Greg Clary, president, presided at the silver coffee service on the refreshment table centered with a large white ceramic

swan filled with white ice roses and foliage glittered with gold and assorted gold fruits.

A complementary appointment in the dining area were the tall gold scales

from Old Mexico balanced with unusual Christmas trees fashioned of different kinds of fruits, nuts and leaves.

Others attending were Mes. Tom Compton, Char-

les Dudley, James Dyer, R.B. Faulkner, Grady Graves, Bobby Johnson, Tom Venhaus, R.A. Tanner, Don Flowers, Leon Biddy, Vern Horsky; and Alice Turner.

Capacity crowd hears high school concert

Before a capacity crowd Monday evening at the high school auditorium, students of the music department presented a Christmas concert.

The organizations were under the direction of David Mooney and Greg Miller, for

bands, and Darrell Dick, of choral groups.

Organizations and numbers presented were: Stage Band - Cute, Lady Sings the Blues and Ironside Theme.

Beginner Band - Santa's Holiday and Salute to America.

Hawk Band - Jingle Bells Fantasy, Winter Wonderland, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Christmas Spirit, The Toy Shop, Lennon and McCartney Solid Gold, Carol for Another Christmas, and Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Girls Choir - Carol of the Bells, and Floria.

Tempos - He is Born, Frosty the Snowman, and Jingle Bell Rock.

A Cappella Choir - Today There is Ringing, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, Silent Night, Tiny King, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Jingle Bells, The Christmas Song, Do You Hear What I Hear, White Christmas and Lamb of God.

Miss Kidwell tells story

The outstanding feature of the Modern Music Study Club's program Thursday evening was the Christmas story, "The Little Mixer" by Lillian Nicholson Shearon, told by Miss Ethyle Kidwell.

The story, in book form, first appeared in 1922 and became so popular with youths and adults alike that it has gone through fourteen large printings. It holds surprise, suspense, humor, pathos, truth and purpose and has something for all peoples - Jew or Gentile - and something for all Christian faiths.

Mrs. Bertha McDonald was program leader and Mrs. Keith Aulds told the story of the hymn of the month, Mrs. James A. Sewell was accompanist for a group of Christmas carols sung by the members.

The meeting took place in the home of Mrs. Vern Horsky and Mrs. Aulds was co-hostess.

Others present were Mes. Johnny Bernstein, Georgia Flanagan, Kenneth Flowers, Otis Gay, E.L. Gallop, Katherine Jacquart, Pat Kagy, Gene Owens, John Rentscher, China B. Smith and Delbert Todd.

Dear Santa,

How are you. I am fine. I am going to leave you some candy at my house. For Christmas I want a race set, football, bicycle, model car, building set, and a Soccerball.

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Dear Santa,

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Love Danny Forman

Dear Santa,

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Garden Club has Christmas party

Six guests and 22 members of the Iowa Park Garden Club attended a luncheon at the Wichita Club followed by a program and exchange of Christmas gifts Friday.

Miss Ethyle Kidwell gave the invocation.

Mrs. China B. Smith gave a dramatic reading "Nobody Calls At This Hour Just to Say Hello" by Irene Kempen.

Mrs. Roy Johnson won the door prize.

Guests were Mes. Chauncey Weiler, Wm. Ryan, D.W. Mercer, J.O. McCullough, Bobby Knecht and Donald Hill.

Other members attending were Mes. James A. Sewell, Arch Hughes, Raymond Phillips, Deryl James, D.O. James, W.A. George, K.P. Caldwell, Frank Harlin, Luther Shaw, Charlie Lee, Jimmy Short, Vern Mikkelsen, Johnny Bernstein, Myrl Cabe, R.B. Faulkner, Allen Gilstrap, Kennie Jones and Marion Wilkins.

OEA members given party

The home of Mrs. O.N. Newman was tastefully decorated in the Yule motif for the OEA Christmas covered-dish dinner Thursday evening.

Mrs. Harrel Sullivan gave the program speaking to the group on job interviews.

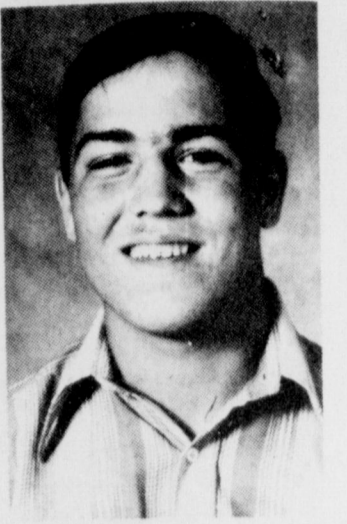
Twenty-five members and guests were present.

Donnie Dowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Dowell, was recognized as the Honorary Rotarian of the Month at a recent meeting of the Iowa Park Rotary Club.

A senior at Iowa Park High School, he is vice-president of the National Honor Society, on the annual staff and school newspaper and is one of the senior representatives on the Student Council.

He represented the high school at the Fifteenth Texas Nuclear Science Symposium for High Schools at the University of Texas in Austin. He was captain of the Hawk football team this

year and named to the first team All-District this year and to the second team when he was a junior.



DONNIE DOWELL

ABOUT TOWN

A get-acquainted social at which members of the Iowa Park police department, members of the city council, and county and state peace officers living in Iowa Park, with their wives, will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in the firemen's hall.

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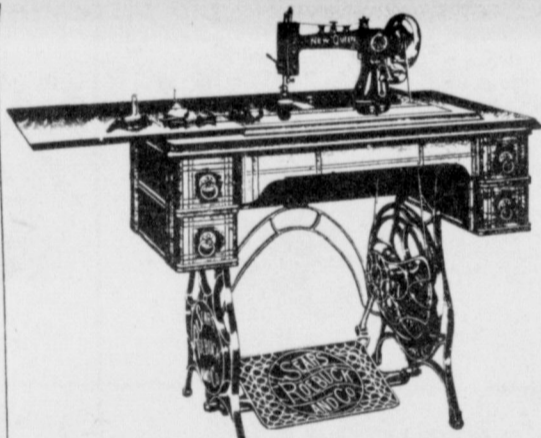
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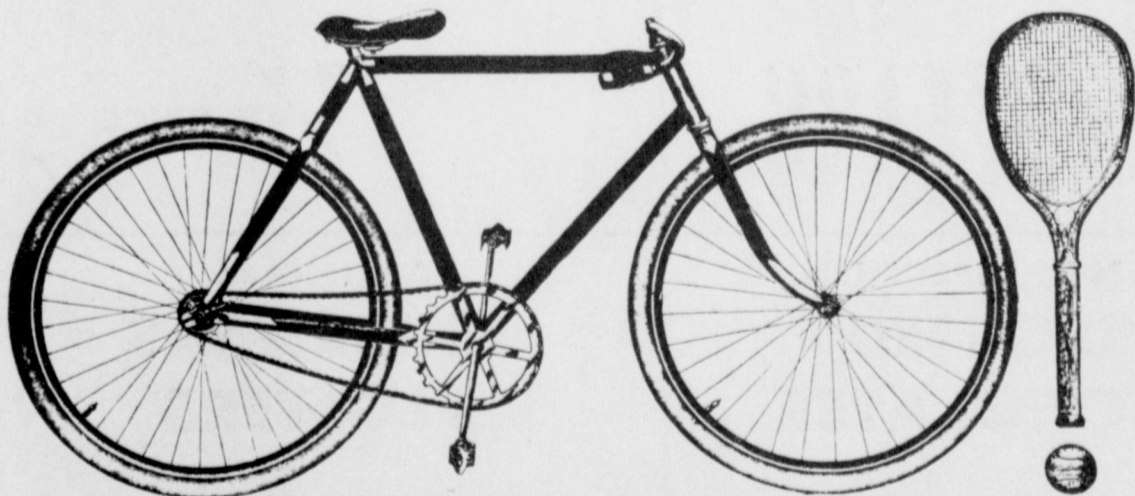
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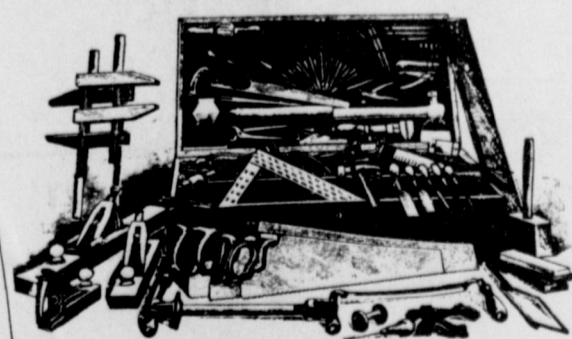
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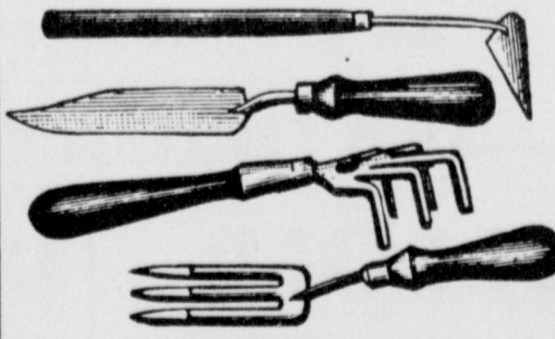
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By RUB,

Most of us never complete our Christmas shopping; we start in July and wind up with 60 seconds to spare and find there are still things we would like to give.

So to Doug, Scott, Connie and Cindy, and all others who are still young enough to enjoy the wonders of Christmas; here are some gifts we would ask for you. Like a trust fund that draws compound interest, these gifts will be more valuable the longer you hold them.

First we ask for the gift of a sense of humor. As long as you can laugh at yourself and with others, you will find the sound of it often drives away the boogey men of fear and uncertainty. Hand in hand with humor is enthusiasm. The word is from the Greek, meaning God within, so if God be for us, who can be against us?

Another gift we would give is that of self-confidence, which is closely related to the others. God never wasted His time making a nobody, but His Divine plan calls for a place for everyone and those who trust in Him, know of their royal heritage. The lively trait of curiosity is

another gift useful life. accomplished with confidence; with learn, we would caves and eating o. The gift of hope is. Whether we hope for ourselves, a better hereafter, our lives here, attribute, needed more ever. Hope is a part of can be destroyed in an atmosphere and gloom. It is strong belief in a Supreme Being, is the bravest gift of all, sustains both the individual and who look to him for help.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Hamilton:
On behalf of the Soil Conservation Service and the Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District, I would like to thank you for the public-spirited cooperation you have given us in 1975.

Our efforts to bring the modern problems and goals of soil and water conservation to the attention of the public would not be possible without the helpfulness that characterizes you and your staff. We value the many favorable comments we have

received from farmers and others who have read the conservation news articles you have printed in your newspaper.

In recalling the fine assistance you have extended us in the past, we also look forward to working together in 1976.

We wish for you and your staff a good year. Please call on us when we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
David G. Springer
District Conservationist

As I See It....

by BOB HAMILTON



There's more to the slogan you're seeing all over town "Try Iowa Park First," when you stop to think about it.

I don't know how many businessmen I've had to tell me about some customer coming in, finding what they wanted, and making mention they couldn't find it anywhere else in the area.

That means Iowa Park wasn't tried first.

And you know what? Just about as often, the comment is made that the price here was less than found at other places, even if the product was available.

We've got some really good businesses in Iowa Park, offering about everything you could want, or need.

But we've got something else: friendly service.

That cold, let's-get-it-over-quick attitude one receives in the busy, bustling businesses in the neighboring city will turn you off, quick, if you are used to Iowa Park service!

Not only do merchants here stock up with what they think you want, at a price they believe you want it, but they are your neighbors and fellow taxpayers.

The Iowa Park merchant is the one who buys the advertisement in the school annual, sponsors the kids baseball team, donates to funds of all sorts, and not only pays taxes on what he has but also collects the sales tax for the city, to boot!

The "Try Iowa Park First" slogan isn't a demand for your business. It's not even a request to do your shopping here.

It just asks you to shop here first. Then, if you can't find what you want, at a price you want, go your merry way and better luck to you.

But when you go, you face the traffic jams, loaded parking lots, possible and probable frustrating experience of not finding what you want at a price you want it, and coming up with a substitute you could have beaten here in the first place!

And that doesn't include the time and travel you've lost enroute.

It's often been said, "If everybody in Iowa Park bought in Iowa Park, we'd have to double the number of businesses in the city, just to handle them."

Wouldn't that be terrible? If we had more businesses, we'd have more decisions to make from a wider selection. And with all those businesses serving you, the sales taxes be increased enough to hold down your taxes.
Can't understand why anyone would want that.

REMEMBERING...

By BILL D. BROOKS

Heading Maize

When most of the feed was mature it was time for heading. The last maize that was harvested this way at our place was when I was about five years old. Dad harnessed up old Smokey, our work horse, making him ready to pull the slide. The slide was a sort of box, about six feet long and three feet wide. It had flat boards on the bottom to serve as runners and tapered sides made of slats of wood. It was always left at the field, a mile or so from the house. I sometimes got to go to the field when heading was being done and, when I did, I got to ride old Smokey on the way.

I pretended I was a knight atop a black steed going off to battle. Sometimes I was a cowboy, bustin' a wild bronc, maybe a jockey racing a thoroughbred toward the finish line. Smokey, of course, was never aware of the battles, clanking armor, or thundering races. He just knew he had a hard day's work ahead of him and was anxious to be about it. Once we got to the field I had to get off. I wasn't allowed to ride the horse while he was working. I usually rode in the

slide or played nearby.

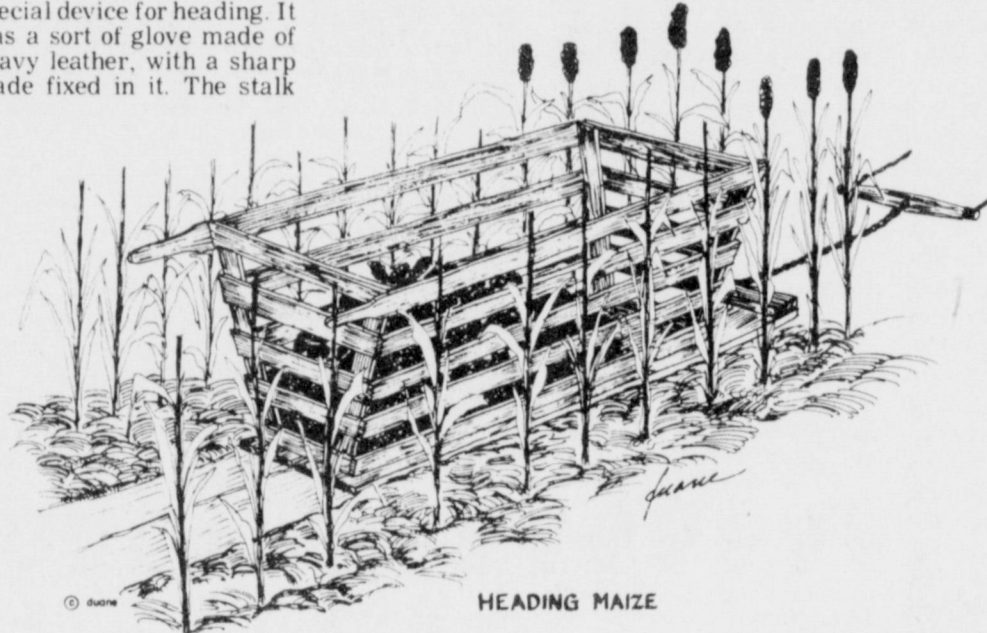
The horse pulled the slide between two rows of maize. One worker would be on each side, cutting off the maize heads, tossing them into the slide. A curved blade knife that folded up was the most common type used for heading maize but other things like regular pocket knives and even butcher knives were sometimes used. There was even a special device for heading. It was a sort of glove made of heavy leather, with a sharp blade fixed in it. The stalk

could be grasped and cut off at the same time.

When the slide was full, the maize was dumped out at certain places in the field where it was left for a few days to cure out properly and allow the greener heads to mature. The slide was dumped by simply manhandling it over on its side and shaking it a little. Its tapered sides made the heads of grain come out easier. After the heads had cured and matured properly they were picked up in a wagon and hauled to the barn where they were stored in large bins or rooms. If the

barn was too full they were sometimes stored outside where they were covered over with bundles of feed to keep rain off.

The heads were fed whole to the hogs and chickens but they were sometimes ground in the feed mill and mixed with other things for horse and cattle feed. Some grain was threshed from the heads to be used in planting the next year's crop. The feed stalks were left in the field after the heads had been harvested. Cattle were turned into the field and could graze several weeks on the remaining fodder.



HEADING MAIZE

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My wife and I went out for lunch in Wichita. We locked the car doors, but left the keys in the car. I walked about three blocks to the Texas Lock & Key Co. They took me back to my car and unlocked and opened the door in less than one half minute. It took him longer to make out the bill than

to do the job. But he was plenty long on the price \$10.50. I had to ask my wife for the money, she thought I was kidding at first at that price. We have never payed a higher price for as small a job in all of our fifty four years married life. The man couldn't have been away from his place over ten minutes.

C.C. "Shorty" Burnett

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Iowa Park's newest citizens are immigrants from England

By OLIVE BLALOCK
Unlike most immigrant groups, there have never been large mass migration of Englishmen to Texas. Still, from the earliest times, hardy explorers, professional and business people have played, and continue to play, significant roles in shaping Texas.

"Wanderlust" - the adventurous urge to see far places brought three English sailors to Texas in 1568 when they were marooned on the coast after a disastrous battle with the Spanish fleet. Eventually, they made their way to Nova Scotia and caught a boat back to England. One of them, David Ingram, had an account of the amazing trek across part of what is now Texas published, and this was the first English report on Texas.

He described the coastal plains, over which most of

their wanderings took place, as "great plains, as large and fayre in many places as may be seene, being plaine as a board". In the early 1880s another Englishman, Arthur Ikin, wrote and published in England one of the first books promoting Texas as a land of promise for immigrants. Through the intervening years the English have continued to come for a myriad of reasons, one of the main ones being the unlimited opportunities that the state affords.

In recent years many have come to Texas and to Iowa Park as war brides, and others have come because they felt that it would be the fulfillment of their dreams for the ideal place to live. The latter reason, coupled with the desire to be near their daughter and sister, Mrs. Frank Guyette, is the reason for Iowa Park's newest English immigrants. They are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Curtis, parents of Mrs. Guyette, and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Weed and children, Andrew and Lisa, all former residents of Peterborough, England. Mrs. Weed and Mrs. Guyette are sisters.

When the sextet visited here last August, Mrs. Weed was delighted beyond measure with everything in the town (except the flying insects) and declared resolutely almost from the time she arrived that she was coming back to live. When the time came for the group to return to their native land, she did not experience too many feelings of sadness during the good-bys because she was confident that she was going back home for only one reason, and that was to extirpate roots and start preparing for migration to Texas.

She certainly could never be accused of not being quite sure of what she wanted to do nor of procrastinating because within three days she had started immigration papers. During the next three months of waiting there must have been many days of frustration, but the joys they experienced when they got their visas Oct. 28th compensated for all the frustrations. They arrived in Iowa Park December 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis are very happy to be in Iowa

Park but they miss their son, John and their five grandchildren who live in London, and other relatives. They were both born and reared in Peterborough and naturally, their roots were a little deeper and their ties a little stronger. Mr. Curtis, a retired diesel engine worker, started working part time at Wood Convalescent Center last weekend. He pedals his bicycle to work from the couple's comfortable trailer house on E. Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Weed and their children are living in the Woodbriar Apartments and he has gone to work for Spruiell Oil Co. In England, he, too, was a diesel engine worker.

The new residents are very complimentary about the courtesy the people in Iowa Park have shown them. They said that the clerks in the stores seem to go out of their way to serve and to accommodate them. In comparing wages and prices, they said that wages were higher and food cheaper, especially meat, here. "One cannot afford to buy the best steak in England unless he is well off financially because it sells for \$2.50 per pound now," Mrs. Weed stated. Some of the other prices they mentioned were: gasoline \$1.50 per gallon, cigarettes 20 for \$1, three-lb. chicken \$2.50, turkeys \$1 per pound.

In Peterborough, people have to pay \$36 per year for a television license, \$120 to have a telephone installed, \$16 every three months and



ENGLISH IMMIGRANTS - Iowa Park's newest citizens are from England and the relatives of Mrs. Frank Guyette. From left, standing, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Weed, Mrs. Frederick Curtis and Mr. Curtis. In front, Andrew and

Lisa Weed. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis are Mrs. Guyette's parents and Mrs. Weed is her sister. They moved here from Peterborough where they were native residents.

extra pay for every telephone call. There are no drive-in movies; people do not have outside lights at Christmas but they do decorate the houses on the inside; wood is so high that practically all of the houses are brick; most of the people live in duplex-style houses and those who live in single

or wood houses are lucky and wealthy for the most part.

Candy, fruit and vegetables are cheaper in England than they are in Texas, according to Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Weed. Mrs. Curtis has learned to eat and like turnip greens since she came - "everybody throws

them away in England", she said. One thing the women miss is the window cleaners who go around to the houses about once a month and clean their windows for pay, of course. Some of the houses now have central heat but it is quite expensive, so most of them are heated by coal fires.

During the morning when the English immigrants were being interviewed, Mrs. Loyd Bell and Mrs. G.B. Young came to welcome them to Iowa Park and to present them with gifts. They received them graciously and talked again of friendliness of the people here.



Dear Santa,
I want a doll with long hare and a new bike and a reer plaer and a play orgen
Lana

Dear Santa,
I want a mine bike. And a game of lite. And a ary tack. And a ary truck. And a tack batl.
Andy

Dear Santa,
I want a now bike I like bike's get me one pelas
Love Tammi

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep and a wallet and some candy.
Kenneth

Dear Santa,
I wot a babye boll. I wot a rabeoo. and I wot sum clos.
Love Kayla

Dear Santa,
I wont to have a BB gun an b BB and flin fred
Love Kirk

Dear Santa,
I want some stp racer for christmas
love Joe Slack

Dear Santa,
I want a pellt gun. And a ten speda bike. And a set of cars. And thats all I want.
Love Donald o'Brien

Dear Santa,
I waut a baby alive, for christmas. And a race car trak. And a muise book of piano. Some peple do not beleve in you. But I do. becase I have saw you. Merry christmas. Be good are you waut get no more toys.
Love Cathy Downes

Dear Santa
I would like a Big Jim I have Been good.
Love David Hanes

Dear Santa,
I Would like a Steve Austin I have been good.
Love Tim Bookout

Dear San,
I Would like a Baby that Away Walkietalke been good
Cheryl Fritz

Dear Santa,
I Would like a cowboy suit have been good.
Love Luke Miller

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that can walk and that can talk and as long hair and can Hold things and I want a big Wheele
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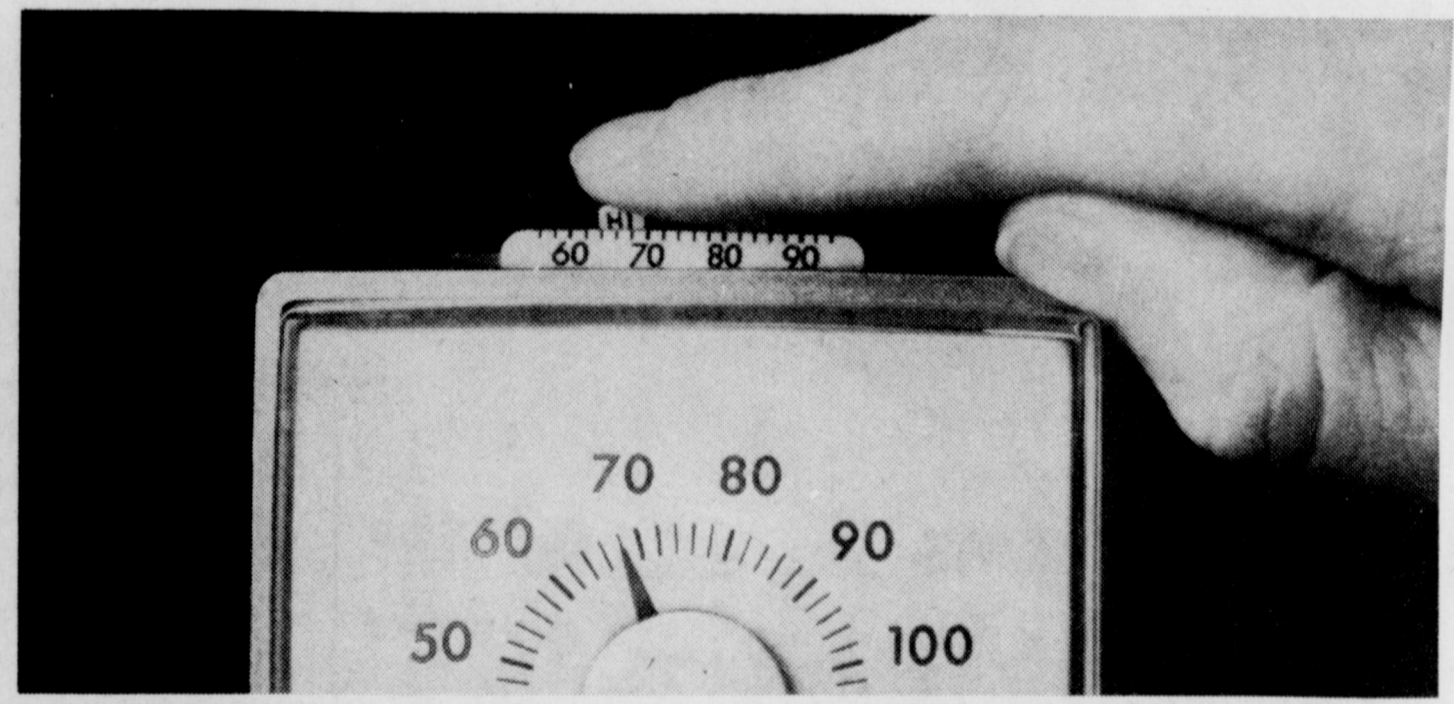
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