

## Bank Deposits Soar To Record High As Good Peanut Crop Harvested

### F. B. Joyce Home Is Damaged By Fire Monday

Considerable damage was done to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Joyce by a fire which was discovered about 3:30 p.m. Monday and extinguished by the Rising Star Fire Department. Mr. and Mrs. Joyce were away at the time, visiting a brother of Mr. Joyce and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Joyce. No estimate of the damage was made. The residence is located on North Anderson Street. The fire was discovered by Jack Bibby.

No determination of how the fire started was made Tuesday, although firemen were of the opinion that it originated around the heating and cooling plant. There was considerable smoke and water damage to the den area and to contents.

### RADIO TO BE GIVEN AWAY

The Rising Star Parent-Teachers Association will give away a table radio in a drawing during intermission between the boys and girls championship bracket games of the Rising Star basketball tournament Saturday, December 19, it was announced this week. Tickets will be sold at 25c each. Proceeds will be used for school purposes.

## Six Wildcats Draw Berths On 18-B All District Football Team

Six members of the Rising Star 1970 football team received berths on the first team, all 18-B district selections announced by the coaches of the district this week.

They are Dickie Clarke, 160 pound senior and quarterback of the Wildcats; Tommy Bibb, 180 pound senior running back; Mike Childers, 170 pound senior center; and Larry Alford, 165 pound senior end, who were named on the offensive team, and Brad Carroll, 170 pound senior end, and David Middleton, 155 pound defensive back, who were named on the defensive squad along with Bibb, who was a two-way selection.

Larry Alford received honorable mention as a defensive player also.

The selections were:  
**Offensive Team**  
Quarterback: Dick Clarke, Sr., Rising Star; Running Back: Tommy Bibb, Sr., Rising Star; James Gibson, Jr., Richland Springs; Burr Agnew, Sr., Eden; Rocky Dean, Soph., Santa Anna; Center: Mike Childers, Sr., Rising Star; Guards: Charles Graham, Soph., Eden; Randy Long, Soph., Santa Anna; Tackles: Mark Wixey, Jr., Santa Anna; Mike Maxey, Jr., Richland Springs; Ends: Larry Alford, Sr., Rising Star; Nelson Smith, Jr., Richland Springs;  
**Defensive Team**  
Ends: Brad Carroll, Sr., Rising Star; Doug Gibson, Jr., Richland Springs; Interior Linemen: Freddie Hernandez, Sr., Eden; Phillip Wright, Soph., Blanket; Joe Johnson, Sr., Richland Springs; Line Backers: Tommy Bibb, Sr., Rising Star; Grant Godfrey, Jr., Blanket; James Gibson, Jr., Richland Springs; Charles Hernandez, Jr., Eden; Rocky Dean, Jr., Santa Anna; Rodney Dean, Sr., Santa Anna;  
**Defensive Backs:** David Middleton, Sr., Rising Star; Tommy Teal, Jr., Richland Springs; Keith Taliaferro, Sr., Eden.

A little thing called faith.

## Seminar On Irrigation To Be Held Here

A seminar on irrigation will be offered here Monday night, December 14, under the auspices of the agriculture department of the Rising Star High School.

H. L. Geyer, high school agriculture teacher, said that Homer Hutto, Jr., executive vice-president of Irrigation Age, magazine devoted to the subject, will conduct the seminar beginning at 7 p.m. at the high school ag building across North Main from the high school building.

All interested farmers, businessmen and students are invited.

With slippery walks and crowded stores, public liability and theft insurance are a necessity for the storekeeper and landlord.

## Only Fifteen Sets Of Street Numerals Are Yet Unsold

Only 15 sets of street markers remain to be sold in the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce street marking project, according to project chairman James Haney. A total of 74 sets have been sold, he said. Each set includes two metal double-faced signs with bold white letters against a luminescent blue background plus the necessary mounting hardware. When the project is completed, a total of 89 intersections will be marked in the city.

Among those recently purchasing intersection markers or contributing toward the purchase of one are the following:

- Lions Club, \$3.00
- C. E. Stovall, \$5.00
- Victor Childers, \$15.75
- Harry S. Sone, \$15.75
- E. E. Winfrey, Horace Calloway, Don Calloway and Douglas Walker, \$15.75
- The Star Lighters \$78.05 (approximately 5)
- C. N. Huddlestone, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. May Hull and Mr. E. L. Amis, \$15.75.

## RS Girls Take Second Place In CP Tournament

Rising Star High School girls lost to Eula girls in the finals of the Cross Plains tournament last Saturday after defeating, in succession, Bangs and Santa Anna girls. Eula was on the long end of a 45 to 32 score.

The Rising Star boys clobbered Bangs, 37-29 but fell to Cross Plains 42-33 in the first of the championship bracket round. The Cats kept the lead for most of the game but slumped in the final six minutes.

Pat White for the Rising Star girls and Dick Clarke for the boys were named all-tournament.

## Twilite Acre Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 13

Members of the staff of the Twilite Acre Nursing Home have invited the public to attend the annual Christmas Party for residents of the home to be held Sunday, December 13, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Friends and relatives of the residents were urged especially to attend.

Gifts for those living at the home will be distributed and refreshments will be served. "Please mark this date on your calendar and join us in making this a happy occasion," said Mr. and Mrs. Bob Newton.

## 4-H Club Has Christmas Party

The Rising Star 4-H Club was entertained with a Christmas Party Monday night in the agriculture building. 33-members exchanged gifts and played games led by Cynthia Hounsel and Billie White. Refreshments were furnished by Pam and Laurie Hill, Jerrilynn and Gwen Winfrey, Denise Chambers, Kaycee and Kalan Maynard, Billie White and Theresa Scott.

Leaders present were Mrs. R. C. Housnel, Mrs. Pat Williams, Mrs. T. F. Guthrie, Mrs. Payton Scott, John Schmittler and Mrs. Judy Cardwell, Assistant County Home Agent.

## Open House For Cottons Dec. 16

Open House will be observed in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Cotton on South Miller Street, Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friends of the Cottons are hosting the affair. Friends and relatives are invited.

## Rising Star Band Concert Set Thursday

The Rising Star High School Band will hold its annual Christmas Concert in the High School gym, Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The Band members have worked hard and plan to present a first class concert. Everyone is urged to attend and support the Band.

Admission for adults will be 50c and for children 25c.

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## \$1,814,000 In Receipts Is Handled Here

The First State Bank of Rising Star registered the highest amount of deposits in its history this week as proceeds from the 1970 peanut crop flowed into the vault of the Rising Star institution.

Total deposits as of Monday, December 7, were approximately \$5,400,000, some \$250,000 more than the highest figure recorded previously in December of last year.

President James Rutherford said that the 1970 figure is expected to rise to around \$5,500,000 as the remainder of the harvest — now about 90 per cent complete — is brought in.

In money income to the farmers of the area the 1970 crop has turned out to be one of the best in history, if not the best, Rutherford suggested. Fine harvest weather improved the grade of the peanuts and the yield, despite some infestation of root worms, has been more than anticipated. The high average grade of the crop seems to have more than offset the somewhat lower yield per acre, it was pointed out.

## Construction To Replace Burned Church

Construction was begun last week on a \$120,000 brick modern design to replace the Rising Star First Baptist church destroyed by fire early in October.

The new plant, to consist of a sanctuary and educational building and to contain 10,956 square feet of floor space, is designed in the form of a massive "T" with the stem containing the auditorium and facing North Main street, as did the burned building.

A panel of stone incised with a large cross of colored glass, illuminated from the interior, will be presented to the street.

The worship area containing the pulpit, baptistry, choir loft and railing will occupy the west, or street end of the sanctuary. Entrance to the auditorium will be through a vestibule dividing the sanctuary from the educational building, with access from either side. The auditorium, to contain 3,956 square ft. will seat 260 with overflow seating for 48 additional worshippers behind folding doors at the rear.

## Both the sanctuary and the educational departments will be carpeted wall to wall. Carpet used in the educational department — which also will contain a large fellowship hall, kitchen, pastor's study, office space for the church staff, library and storage facilities — will be of the all-weather variety.

## The educational area will be bisected by a hall from north to south with entrances from the outside at both extremities. A covered walkway will lead from the south entrance to the nursery building, which was the only part of the original plant to escape the fire. There will also

## be an entrance place in the extreme rear of the educational building.

## For greater convenience during weddings, funerals and special programs, doors will be located on either side of the sanctuary just in front of the rail dividing the pulpit space from the congregation seats.

## The contractor, who also furnished the design approved by the congregation, is

## Paden Co., Inc., of Fort Worth, specialists in church architecture and construction.

## Cost of the new building will be approximately \$120,000 exclusive of the furniture for the educational department and classrooms.

## A construction time of five months has been allotted.

## Fortunately the church organ and auditorium grand piano were saved from the fire.



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY—L. J. Collins, chairman of the First Baptist Church building committee; Franklin Cox and Rev. Vic Allen pose in acts symbolic of the beginning of construction on the new First Baptist Church which will replace one lost by fire last October. The picture was taken during a special service at the site Sunday at 2 p.m. attended by a large number of the congregation.

## New Church Rising from Ashes . . . Baptists Start Work On New \$120,000 Sanctuary

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## Santa Claus Coming To Rising Star Dec. 21st

Old Santa Claus will come to Rising Star to host a Christmas party for all the children of the area beginning at 7 o'clock on the evening of Monday, December 21.

The visit was planned at the regular meeting of the chamber of commerce at the Elite Cafe Tuesday noon.

President Bill Medley emphasized that the chamber of commerce is eager for all young children of the area to attend the party, receive gifts of candy, fruit and nuts and meet Old Santa.

Other business at the meeting Tuesday noon included the appointment of a committee on nominations to report to the first meeting of the group in January, with a recommended slate of officers.

## Services Here Sunday For Mrs. Ada Williams

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada B. Williams, 95, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Rising Star First United Methodist Church.

Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery under the direction of Wilkins Funeral Home of Goldthwaite.

Mrs. Williams died at 9:20 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 in a Goldthwaite nursing home where she had been a resident for ten years.

Born March 14, 1875, in Alabama, she moved to Texas as a teenager and began teaching school in 1895. After moving to Rising Star in 1908 she maintained a home here while teaching in schools throughout Texas. She returned here in 1927 and remained until 1959. She was a sister of the late Dr. T. B. Busbee of Rising Star.

Survivors include three nieces, Mrs. Lorena Bell Busbee of McCamey; Geraldine Busbee, Rising Star and Mrs. Tom McArthur of Goldthwaite; four nephews, B. G. Busbee, Texas City; A. A. McKinney of San Antonio; Thomas Busbee, Big Lake; and Bobby Busbee, Rising Star; two great-nephews, Clyde D. Woods, Jr. Brownwood, and Jack Bell Woods of Maryland; one great-niece, Mrs. Frances Evans, Mrs. Wood.

## Cynthia Hounsel Heads 4-H Club

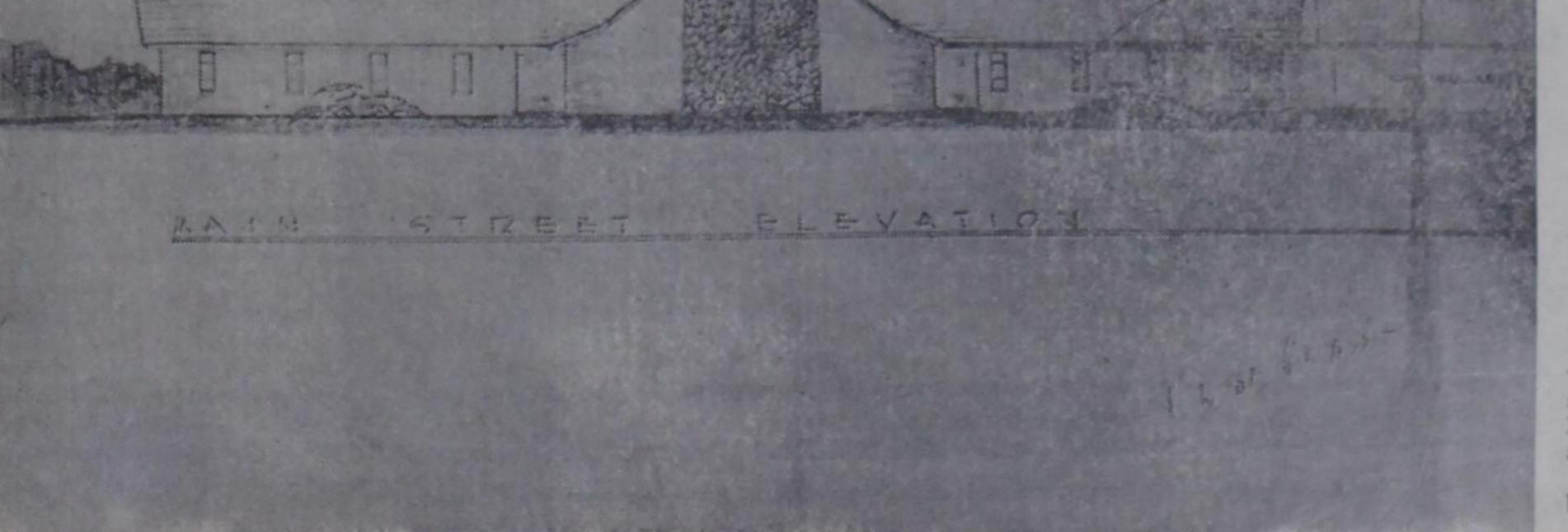
New officers for 1971 were elected at a recent Rising Star 4-H Club meeting.

Cynthia Hounsel, a six year member was elected president; Taronna Chambers, secretary; Jeanne Hounsel, treasurer; Theresa Scott, reporter; Jerrilynn Winfrey, Council delegate; and Billie White parliamentarian.

Girls and boys interested in cooking are invited to enroll in the foods project which will begin in January and end with a county foods show in late February. Those who may want to join 4-H in time to enjoy this group project may contact Mrs. Pauline Umphrey or Mrs. Johnnie Scott.

## REVIVAL

Revival services will be held at the Old Time Gospel Mission in Cross Plains on Thursday, Dec. 10, through Sunday, Dec. 13. The Rev. E. J. Hierhelver is the evangelist. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.



FRONT ELEVATION—This photo of an architect's drawing gives an impression of how the new First Baptist Church will look from North Main Street.

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## Few Peanut

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Questionnaires

Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, John C. White, announces that a few peanut farmers will receive a questionnaire in the mail asking for information about peanut yields, rates of planting, insecticides used, and other items. Commissioner White explains that this information will be used as a part of a research project to help farmers grow better crops.

The questionnaire should be filled out by the farmer giving the information requested and returned to the Texas Department of Agriculture Laboratory, 301 West Navarro, De Leon, Texas 76444. After all the questionnaires are in, the information will be summarized and will be published in the form of a survey. Commissioner White added that no individual farms or names will be used.

Those farmers who have already received the questionnaire and have harvested their crops should complete and return the questionnaire as soon as possible. Where harvest has not been completed, the questionnaire should be filled out and returned as soon as peanuts are harvested.

## INJURED IN FALL

E. M. (Ed) Kennedy is a patient in West Texas Medical Center at Abilene following a fall from a pecan tree at his farm south of town last Tuesday. He suffered multiple bruises, five fractured ribs and a broken collar bone. His condition was reported satisfactory.

James W. Armstrong is a patient in the Eastland Memorial Hospital this week.

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## Nathan's Has Been Leading Brownwood Jewelry Establishment For More Than Thirty Years

Nathan's, Brownwood's Finest Jewelers, is on a first name basis with a lot of customers. It has been so for more than 30 years, or since it was established at 309 Center Avenue as the second store of a firm organized 40 years ago in San Angelo and still going strong.

The firm name "Nathan's" is the first name of its founder, and present owner Nathan Donsky, who still operates the San Angelo store.

In Brownwood, however, Nathan's is more likely to suggest Jake Fair, who came to the management of the Brownwood store from Dallas 31 years ago when it was established and who has been in that capacity ever since with the exception of a 3½ year term of service with the U. S. Marines during World War II.

It will also suggest a number of long time employees who have helped Mr. Fair operate the store over the years — employes such as Al Staudt, veteran watch and jewelry repairman who has been with the store for 29 years; of James Moreland, watchmaker and in charge of the camera department for 13 years, or Mrs. Freda Litton, for ten years a saleslady with the

firm. There are other employees, of course, some eight or nine in all, and including Mrs. Kay Fair, who for 2½ years has supervised the credit department — a very important area of the company's business. Nathan's incidentally, offers credit with no interest or carrying charges with a full year to pay, if desired.

During the holiday seasons, such as now, the store's employe force will rise to 14 or 15 to take care of the business.

As indicated, the store specializes in jewelry and watch repair service in addition to its other departments. It does all of the customary repair services at Brownwood, but the firm maintains a diamond setting department with expert artisans at its San Angelo store.

Diamonds are featured jew-

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And of course there are gems of all other character, too, along with silver plate, sterling, fine china and watches, and all the other treasures which make a good jewelry store such a gratifying place for gift and personal shopping.

In watches the store carries Rivera, Bulova, Bulova Accutron, Caravels and Midos.

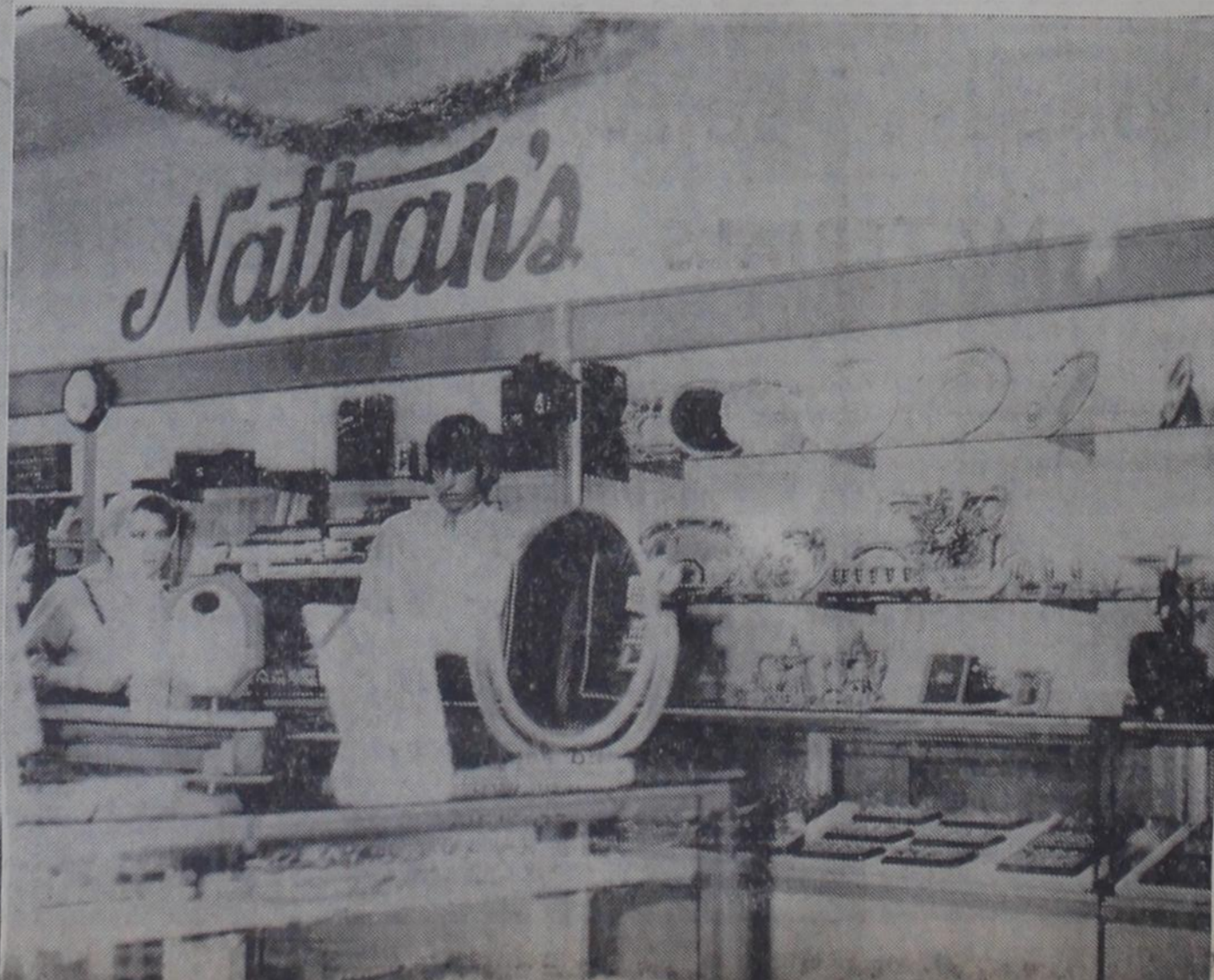
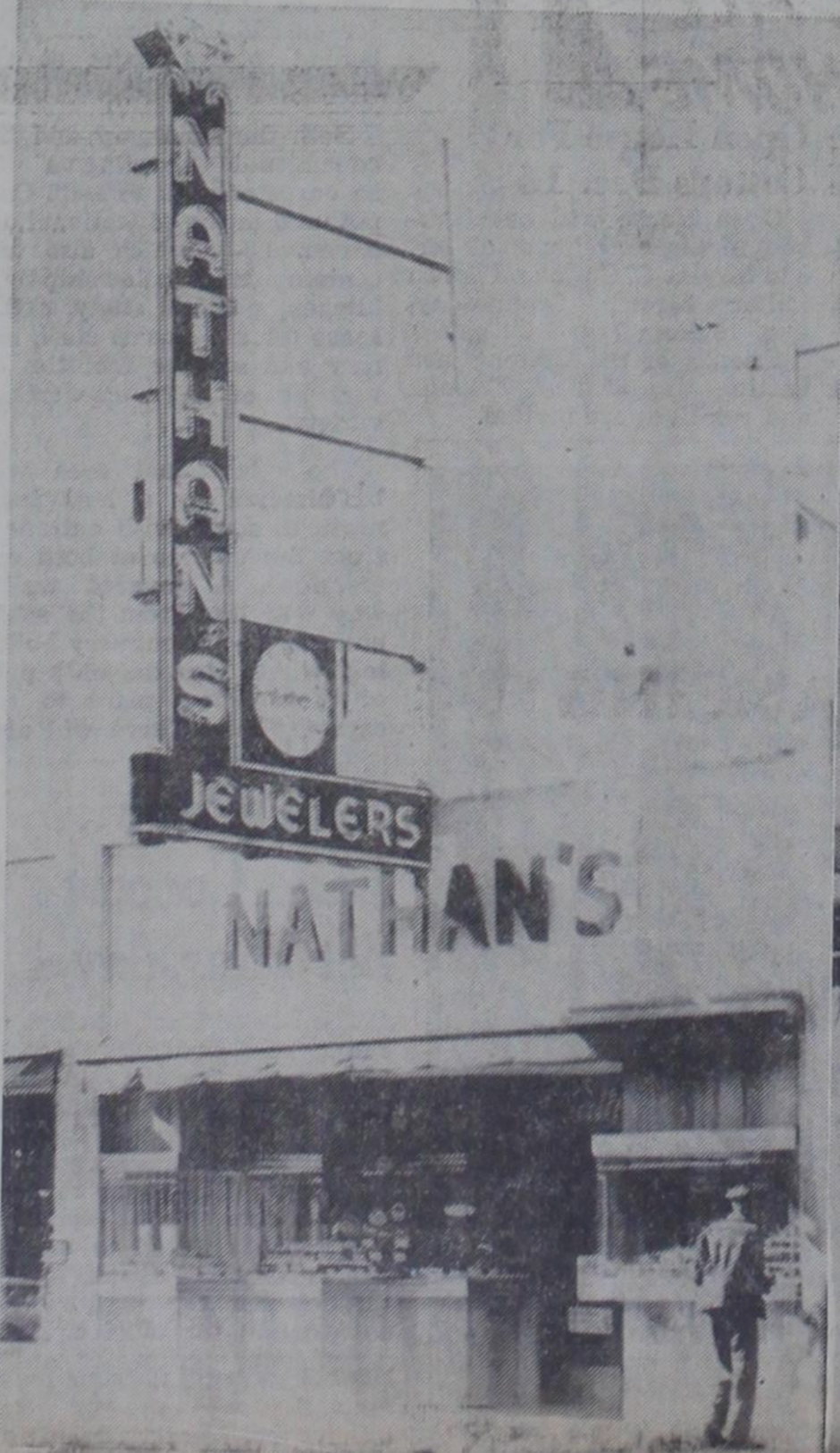
The store's shelves and counters offer Panasonic TV's tape recorders, radios and record players; Samsonite and American Tourister luggage, cookware, Remington and Norelco electric razors, small appliances, and typewriters.

In sterling customers have a choice of patterns in Reed and Barton, Wallace, International, Gorham and others.

And lastly, but by no means least, Nathan's offers one of the best stocked and finest camera department in this section. A large and selective stock of still and movie cameras and camera accessories is maintained, including Bell and Howell movie cameras, the Yashika line of reflex stills, and Polaroids and Instamatics. And Nathan's the place to get projectors, for movies or color stills, chemicals and paper for photo printing.

And at Christmas time it is, as usual, exceptionally well stocked in anticipation of your visits.

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SIGN OF FINE JEWELRY—This picture shows the front of Nathan's, Brownwood's finest jewelry store, which has been serving customers in the Brownwood area for more than 30 years. Below, interior view of store.



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**THERE'S ROOM AT THE TOP**

The holidays are over and everyone is back to studying. We are now looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

In Algebra II we are trying to solve problems with two variables and two unknowns. In Chemistry we are studying the boiling and freezing point of water when there are different solutions in it. In English authors and their works and the reading of modern plays. Bookkeeping has become very interesting since we have started on special types of journals. In Civics we are learning all about the civil service and how our government workers are selected.

These have been some very interesting things happening in high school lately. Are V. S., M. H., and B. K. turning into mountain goats? If you see someone eating pizza at twelve o'clock at night in a park, don't be surprised. It is only L. A. doing his thing!  
PAT

**Not Finished— Just Begun**

Everyone came back from the Thanksgiving holidays a little reluctantly, but by now everything is back to normal.

In World History we are studying the explorers. In Homemaking II we are learning to fill out job applications. In English II we are reading a novelette, "Master and Man." In Algebra I we are learning multiplication of polynomials. In Biology we are learning how to distinguish between different kinds of protozoans.

I hope everyone went to the Christmas concert on Wednesday, because Mr. Carr really worked hard with the band.

The girls and boys had a basketball tournament at Cross Plains last week. Be sure to come to our tournament, which begins the seventeenth and goes through the nineteenth.

All you Sophs. study hard because it will be time for mid-term tests before we know it.  
Debbie

**WILLING TO LEARN**

Hi! There are only twelve days left until we get out for Christmas holidays. Can you believe it? It seems like yesterday that we started to school.

The English III class is studying the works of Henry David Thoreau. In Algebra II we are studying fractional equations. In Typing, we are learning to type themes and book reports and we are learning the correct form for poems. The American History class is with the chapter, "North and South, Two Ways of Life."

December 10, there will be a basketball game here with Cross Plains.

That's all for this week, Mary Jane

**IN THE FISH BOWL**

Hi. This week was something else! By now, we fish are doing great; we can even get to lunch on time! The Freshman class would like to welcome Clifford, who was ill at least a month.

We need to get to work; this is the last six weeks before this semester ends. Book reports, poetry, and notebooks are due in English I. The girls in Home Ec. I have recipe files due; notebooks are due in Biology.

Last week the freshman officers met with our room mothers. The officers discussed our room mothers different ways of making money and freshman projects.  
"Til next week  
Mary Lee

**"Agriculturally speaking..."**

If you ordered fruit from the FFA, it should be delivered the latter part of this week or early next week. We really appreciated everyone's being so cooperative and placing orders with us.

The Ag. I boys are in the shop working in the welding booths. In Ag. II, Future Farmers are also in the shop

except they are on wood projects; Ag. II students are just beginning their shop work.

Next week will be Mr. Prater's last week of student teaching in the R.S.H.S. Ag. II department. We all enjoyed having Mr. Prater with us, and we hope that he has benefited as much as we have.

The Cross Timbers District Banquet was held last Monday night in Stephenville. There was a delegation from Rising Star Attending the banquet and sweetheart contest. Rising Star was well-represented by Carol Stroebel in the contest.

That's it for now...  
JAMES

**TOWARD NEW HORIZONS**

Hello, People! Did you all not miss my last report?

Now for some news. First the bad news, the "White Rats" have left us; farewell to them. Now for the good news; Hm. E. I classes are finishing meals; they will make one big meal so every one could taste each other's cooking.

The Hm. E. II classes are studying about jobs—how to apply for a job, how to do your best, and what to expect.

The Hm. Ex. III classes

will go to the Rehabilitation Center in Abilene and take dolls which they have made. They will leave Wednesday, Dec. 9, and stay most of the day.

Here is just a short reminder! Please pay Debbie Chambers your dues; she would appreciate it and so would President Judy Benson.

Until I write again,  
SHEILA

**DO-RE-MI**

Hi! The Christmas concert is rapidly approaching and the band is busily brushing, brushing up on selections for the affair. Outside of the band period, we have been trying to get the pecan log rolls sold and the money collected.

We want to ask everyone to come if it is possible. We have worked hard and we sound very good.

Bill C. it is good to know that you have learned what a podium is; always good for a laugh.

You can hear a lot of improvisation during the band period—especially in the sax and clarinet sections! Those sophs should be exiled.

Again, we have a lot of new and interesting music  
(Continued on Page Four)

**VOTER REGISTRATION URGED**

LESS THAN 60 DAYS LEFT TO QUALIFY FOR VOTING IN 1971!

Voter registration time is half over, and in the interest of as near a complete sign-up of all eligible voters in Eastland County, this office urges all citizens to register.

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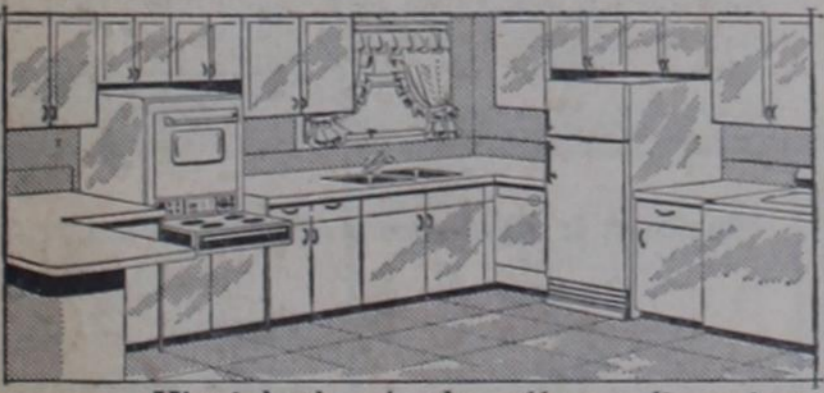
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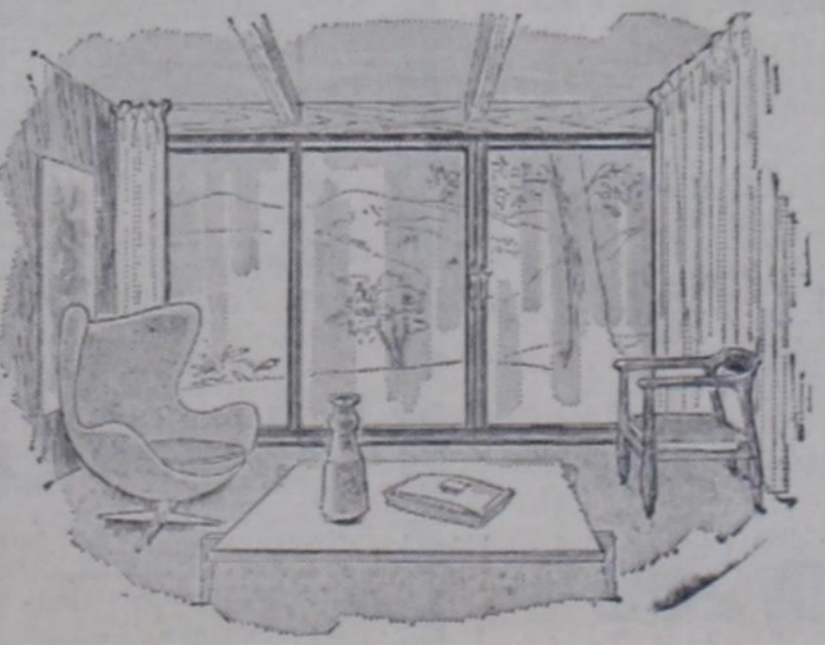
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# 18th Annual Pecan Show to Offer Many Features

Choice pecans and pecan bake goods will be on display in the Eastland County court house Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12. The event will be the eighteenth annual Eastland County Pecan Show, sponsored by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce and the Eastland County Pecan Growers Association.

De Gordon, county Agent, says the pecan show is the oldest county pecan show in the nation and had more entries than any other county show in Texas last year. The champion in-shell pecans of Eastland County was later named the champion in-shell pecans of the state last July in Dallas. They were an entry of Choctaw pecans owned by Mrs. C. E. Smith of Rising Star. One new feature of this year's show will be a class for the smallest pecans.

Anton White, president of the Pecan Growers Association, announced that visitors will be able to purchase choice pecans as well as baked goods at the show Dec. 11 and 12. The Home Demonstration members will operate a concession where coffee and pecan food will be sold.

White estimates that about 200 entries of top quality pecans representing over 40 different varieties will be on display. Each entry consist of at least 40 pecans. They must have been grown in 1970 by the person entering the pecans in the show. All entries of pecans must be entered by noon on Friday. Ribbons will be given to the top three placings of each variety. Plaques

will be awarded to the exhibitor of the champion shelling pecan, the champion in-shell pecan, the champion native pecan and the overall Grand Champion pecan entry of the show.

Top place entries in all varieties will be entered in the regional pecan show at Temple December 16-18.

The bake show and centerpiece arrangement division will be supervised by the Home Demonstration Council. These entries are due on Friday, Dec. 11, at 11 a. m. in the court house lobby.

The divisions in the bake show are pies, cakes, nut bread, and cookies. All of which must feature pecans as a part of the ingredients. The top three places will be awarded ribbons and prize money. Any adult or youth of Eastland County is eligible to enter.

The centerpiece arrangements must be composed with some part of the pecan tree such as leaves, wood, or nuts. Prize money and ribbons are awarded to the top three places in this division.

Judging for the pecan show will be done Friday afternoon by Dr. B. J. Storey, Horticulture professor from Texas A&M University and Dr. Artie Powell, Extension Horticulturist from Texas A&M.

The best time to see the exhibits, according to the officials, is Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

The 1971 pecan queen, to be selected Thursday night at the Eastland Civic Theater, will be the hostess for the pe-

## Tarleton Senior Does Student Teaching Here

Danny Prater, a senior graduate student from Tarleton State College, is presently doing his student teaching under H. L. Geyer at Rising Star High School.

Before entering Tarleton State College, Mr. Prater attended Ranger Junior College after his graduation from Dublin High School.

While at Ranger he was active in football and track and served as class officer for one year and was vice-president of the Rodeo Club.

Mr. Prater will end his student teaching at Rising Star, December 16 and graduate from Tarleton State, Dec. 20.

After graduation Mr. Prater hopes to find a teaching job in or near Dublin.

Attend Methodist District Meeting

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Coker, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bobeen, Mrs. John Stock and Mrs. Vada Arnold attended the Cisco United Methodist District Conference at Mineral Wells, Sunday afternoon.

The conference was held in Central United Methodist Church. Speakers for the afternoon included representatives from the Methodist Children's Home at Waco, Wesleyan Home for the Elderly at Georgetown, and Methodist Mission Home, San Antonio. Reports were given and Bishop Kenneth W. Pope preached at 5 p.m.

The conference was well attended, special music and congregational singing was inspirational.

Wildcat Tales - (Continued from page 2)

for the concert, Dec. tenth at seven thirty; it should last about an hour.

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## Permissiveness, Violence In Media Indicted By DA

The constant barrage of violence by all media, particularly the movies, and permissiveness are cited as the two main reasons for the prevalence of so much crime right here at home, District Attorney Emory Walton said this week.

He made his remarks at a meeting of the Eastland Lions Club last Tuesday.

"The purpose of criminal laws are to protect us, our property and our society," he said. Citing examples, he said that about a month ago that of 40 cases called in county court, 30 were liquor law violations. "If you drink at home, that's your business," he warned, "but if you're going to drink while driving or provide liquor for a minor, then it becomes my business."

"Ten of 25 indictments returned by the past grand jury were for marijuana violations," he said, "so we've got a dope problem right here now." Why do children resort to dope?

Pointing the two recent bank robberies, in Rising Star and in Gorman, he called the Gorman job, highly professional, and said that the FBI agents think they know who pulled it. "The robbers had really cased that bank, but in spite of their prepara-

### Mrs. Winfrey North Star Club Hostess

Mrs. E. E. Winfrey was hostess to the North Star Club, last week, in her home. The group sang "The More We Get Together" and Mrs. Winfrey read the 34th Psalm. The club prayer was said in unison.

A cheese plate, cookies and Hawaiian punch were served. A tour of the Winfrey home revealed many articles of beauty, including a grandfather clock made by Mr. Winfrey, lamps and needlework by Mrs. Winfrey and numbers of antiques and heirlooms.

Seven pairs of eye glasses from Mrs. Woody Hall of Fort Worth were on display. The club received a certificate from the Carl Farley Boys Ranch at Amarillo, recognizing a gift of \$10 from the club.

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(Editor's Note. The following text is a translation of a letter to the President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in Hanoi. It is being copied and mailed to Hanoi by innumerable people concerned for the treatment received by our military men who are prisoners of war in the hands of the North Vietnamese. Those of Cisco who send the letter should sign their names and put "Cisco, Texas, U. S. A." beneath the signature.)

President Ton Duc Thang; Democratic Republic of Vietnam; Hanoi, North Vietnam. To the Honorable Ton Duc Thang:

We do not come as ministers, diplomats or heads of state to plead for the lives of Americans you hold or whose fate you know. We are the wives, their children, their parents, their brothers and sisters, their friends, their neighbors and their countrymen.

We remember them. We remember them as children; as young men who played and worked and lived and loved among us. We remember other young men who we know have died in Vietnam.

And we remember you. We

remember that it is within your power to tell us whether these men are alive or dead. We remember that you have but to say the word and all those alive may write their families. We remember that you have the power to free the sick and wounded. We remember that you are the president of a nation which promises this and more by signing the Geneva Convention.

We are the people pleading and remembering. We are the people who chose new leaders from time to time, while we remain—with our memories.

We are "doves" and we are "hawks" and we are undecided about the issue of the war, but we are united in believing that wives should know if they are widows and mothers should know if they still have sons.

We are united in believing it is less than humane to use the lives of these men and the agony of their families as a bargaining point at the conference table.

We, the American people, whose goodwill will not be undesirable when the war is ended, ask you to release these men who can be no good to you and who are precious to us.

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Preaching Service 10:45 a.m.

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Preaching Service 11 a.m.

Training Union 5:15 p.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.

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Sunday Bible School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Young People's Meeting 5:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

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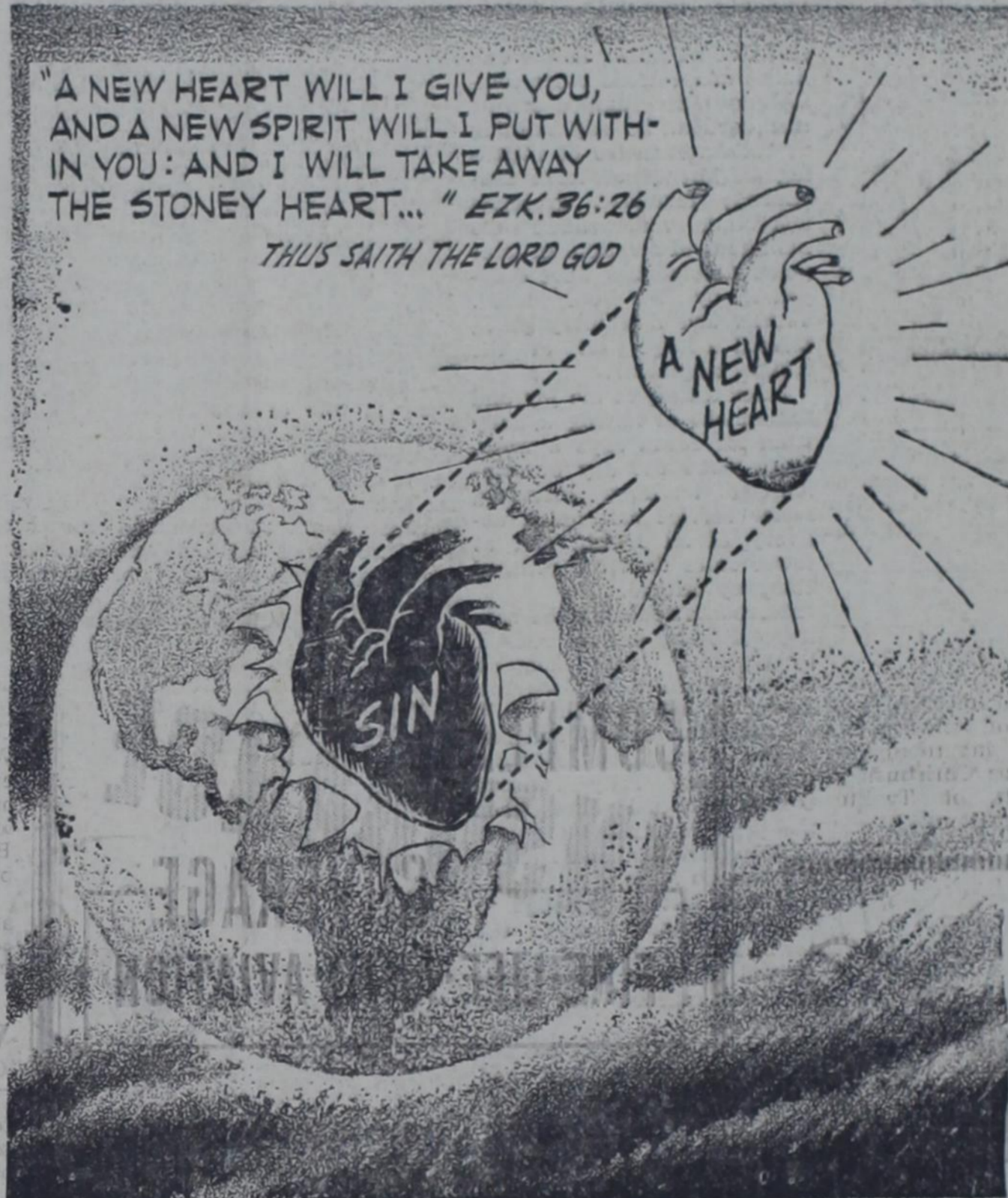
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Evening Preaching 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Worship Hour 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 7 p.m.

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## Post Office Urges Christmas Messages and Parcels Mailed Now

William L. Crawford, director Dallas Postal Region, today urged immediate mailing of Christmas cards, parcels and other holiday mail as a safeguard in the event of a national railroad strike. Mr. Crawford, who directs the management operations of 2,133 post offices in Texas and Louisiana, said he had been advised today by Postmaster General Winton M. Blount to step up Christmas mailing.

"Early mailing of Christmas cards, letters and parcels," Mr. Crawford said, "will give customers added assurance of delivery in time for the holidays."

The nationwide announcement to accelerate Christmas mailing came from the Postmaster General in view of a pending nationwide rail strike tentatively scheduled to begin shortly after midnight, Wednesday, December 10.

"During that period holiday mail customarily begins climbing to its peak," Mr. Crawford advised, "and we want to help our customers get ahead of this situation if it

should develop.

"We will utilize every alternative mode of transportation available," he said, "to move as much mail as possible. However, we would be remiss if we did not strongly urge postal customers to dispose of out-of-town Christmas cards and packages immediately to insure that the rail strike — if one occurs — does not prevent delivery by Christmas Day."

### Mrs. Coker Leads Saturday Club

Mrs. Hubert Jones gave the devotional when the Saturday Club met in the Club House Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Fourteen members answered to roll call with a favorite Bible verse or some quotation pertaining to the Bible.

Mrs. Loyd Coker had charge of the program. She led the group in singing "Count Your Blessings," then gave an inspirational talk on "Does God Really Matter?"

Mrs. J. Fred Cook was hostess for the day and served refreshments to Misses Robert Butler, C. M. Carroll, Lee Clark, Fred Cook, Hubert Jones, Cecil Joyce, Floyd Joyce, Louis Mayfield, Roy Noah, Sam Polk, Elizabeth Robertson, George Steel, Fred Tunnell and Loyd Coker. Mrs. Robert Butler, Reporter.

Mrs. Nora Harris and Miss Florence Scott accompanied by Mrs. Wm. Key visited Joe Scott in a Dallas hospital, last week.

## IT HAS BEEN

By Vada Arnold

Ox carts and wagons — horseback riding, hacks, surreys and buggies furnished transportation for citizens of Rising Star and area before the advent of automobiles and train travel. On Nov. 23, 1910, the M.K.&T., Texas Central railroad company ran its first train over tracks built from DeLeon through Rising Star to Cross Plains.

That date marked one of the most important events of this area. No doubt more people gathered at the small depot and filled all vacant lots adjoining the railroad property on East Mills Street than has ever congregated before or after that eventful day in 1910.

For more than 30 years that railroad served its purpose and was a blessing to this entire countryside, by carrying passengers and freight to De Leon to catch other trains to the outside world.

Tons of freight, including building materials, cotton, peanuts, cattle hogs, poultry, fruits of all kinds, horses and mules and various other commodities were shipped out of this section. To say nothing of the convenience of incoming shipments of farm machinery, furniture, groceries and other merchandise too numerous to mention. In later years automobiles were shipped in by the car loads. Trucks and machinery parts, formed a large part of the freight shipments.

After a time of the joy and excitement of having a daily train for seven days a week, there came the day of commercial trucking, insuring faster service and quick delivery of all freight and at lower rates than the railroad company offered.

Merchants realizing the saving and better service offered by trucking firms adopted truck service to replace the slower service by train.

Trains carried less and less freight. During the 1930s the little rickety Katy railroad branch that had, once, been the pride and faithful object of transportation and freighting was no more. It had lost its prestige to trucking routes through the town. Daily runs of the train proved to be a losing game and the railroad was abandoned.

To some the loss of the only railroad Rising Star had ever claimed was a time of sadness. Many events in the history of the railroad were recalled. A very special excursion was to Cross Plains, carrying loads of local citizens and school students to "The Cross Plains Picnic." Round trip tickets were only fifty cents. Many chicken roasts were diminished by the sale of fowls to raise money enough to take a trip on the train all the eight miles to our neighboring town for a picnic.

People rode the train to De Leon. "changed cars" to Waco for the eventful Cotton Palace, held each year in the fall. Others made trips to Galveston for summer vacations. Others to the Dallas Fair and some few rode to De Leon changed trains and went to the World's Fair.

Newlyweds began their honeymoon trips on the "Peanut Special." Children loved

their first ride on the train and many other people who had never seen a train in all of their lives enjoyed the fast travel offered by the "Katy." Although 'tis true some were most reluctant to make their first trip to Cross Plains or De Leon fearing for their safety.

Don Sorrell, a conductor on the MK&T branch line in 1915 during the peak of railroad popularity, commented, "There was never forty-two miles of railroad that created more work, more friends, and more laughs-not even the Tonnerville Trolley- than that railroad."

The train ran seven days a week, consisting of a passenger car, combination mail and baggage car and all the freight cars that could be hauled.

The conductor, a very religious man, conducted a Bible class for passengers each Sunday from Rising Star into Sipe Springs. This class had all the solemnity of a church service.

There were oil developments at Cross Plains and Sipe Springs after World War I and the railroad experienced a real boom and had to put on two trains to handle the increase in business. Passengers from all over the United States rode the branchline trains to reach the new oil fields.

Three miles west of Sipe Springs the train stopped at a water tank for water. The story is told of a nice lake just north of the railroad water tank, where fishing was extra good. It took some time for the train to water and during this wait trainmen kept trot lines set out and would run them on each trip. Train crews bagged plenty of ducks while the train took water too.

At ten o'clock every morn-

## Two to Receive Tarleton Degrees

Two area young men are candidates for degrees from Tarleton State College in graduation exercises to be held at the Stephenville school Sunday, December 20.

They are Dale Arthur Taylor of Zephyr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Taylor of Rt. 1, Rising Star, who will receive a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education, and

Bobby L. Burns of Rising Star, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Burns of Star Route, Carbon, who will be awarded a bachelor of science degree in general agriculture.

### Attend Funeral In Oklahoma Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Harris attended funeral services for Mrs. H. J. (Ethel) West in Bokcheto, Okla., Sunday, Dec. 6.

Services were held in the Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. and burial was in the Bokcheto Cemetery. She was the wife of Rev. H. J. West.

Mrs. West and her husband were well known in Rising Star and the Amity community, having once lived here. Rev. West is a cousin of Mrs. Harris.

ing as the train stopped at Sipe Springs and trainmen worked the train, a local preacher came onto the train and preached a short sermon to passengers. He closed with a prayer and bowed off of the train.

In this day of modern fast means of travel it is hard to believe that a short branch of the MK&T railroad could afford so much pleasure, service and amusement to so many people but it was truly true.

### Food Dates

Food distribution dates for December have been announced by Administrator Leo Clinton as follows:

Monday, Dec. 14: Eastland, Olden and Ranger.

Tuesday, Dec. 15: Pioneer, Rising Star, Gorman, Carbon, Okra and Desdemona.

Wednesday, Dec. 16: Cisco, Scranton and Nimrod.

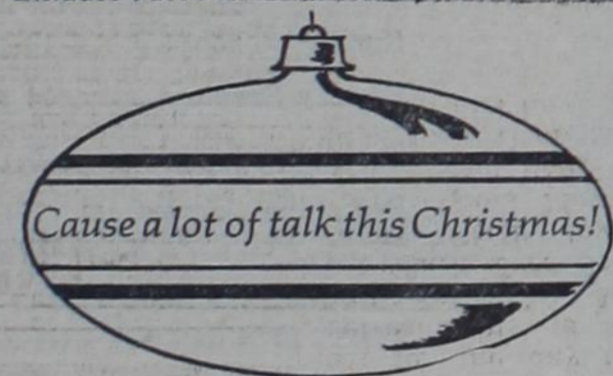
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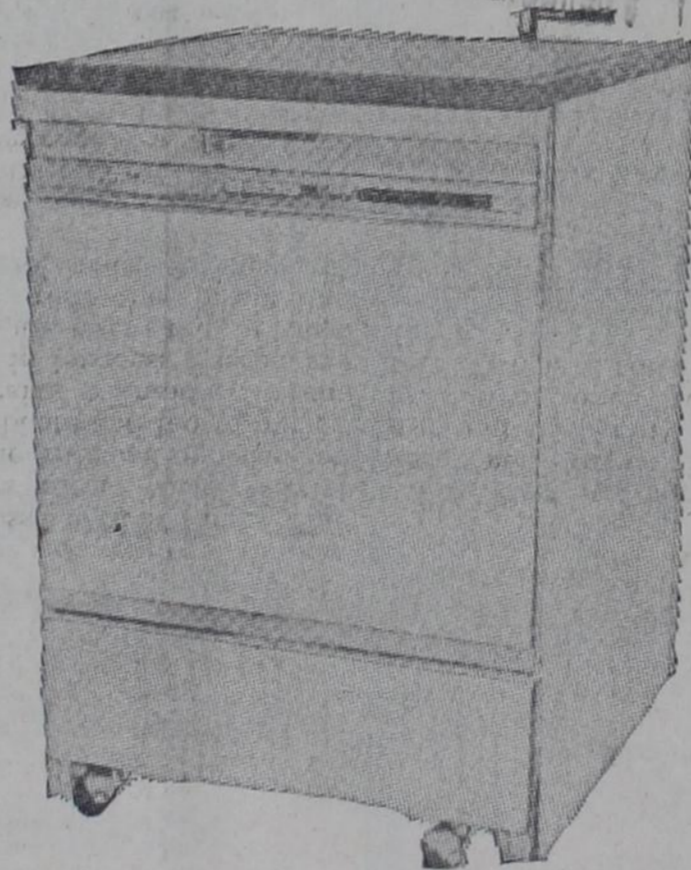


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| PEAS Del Monte                | No. 303 25c               |
| SUGAR Powdered or Brown       | 2/39c                     |
| HERSHEYS DAINTIES             | 6-oz. 25c                 |
| PINEAPPLE Del Monte Crushed   | flat can 19c              |
| DEL MONTE PEACHES             | No. 2 1/2 size cans 3/\$1 |
| REYNOLDS FOIL                 | Reg. 29c                  |
| JOY DISH SOAP                 | 22-oz. 49c                |
| MELLORINE 1/2-gal. ctn.       | 3 for \$1                 |
| TOMATO JUICE Del Monte        | 46-oz. 39c                |
| Gooch Blue Ribbon Bacon       | lb. 57c                   |
| Pork Roast                    | lb. 39c                   |
| Round Steak                   | lb. 99c                   |
| Franks                        | 12-oz. 39c                |

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| BANANAS Fancy Quality          | lb. 10c         |
| CANDY BARS Hershey's           | 10c 6/49c       |
| FINEST QUALITY                 |                 |
| DELICIOUS APPLES               | lb. 29c         |
| LETTUCE                        | lg. head 19c    |
| KEEBLER'S OATMEAL AND SUGAR    |                 |
| COOKIES                        | 3 pkgs. \$1     |
| COCONUT 14-oz. Angel Flake     | 59c             |
| HAIR SPRAY Aquanet             | 49c             |
| COKE in cans                   | 10/\$1          |
| 10-oz. Pkg. CHOCOLATE CHERRIES | pkg. 49c        |
| MIRACLE WHIP                   |                 |
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