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WITH POLLY

Mrs. Jewell Lewis and I met last week, in the most impromptu manner. She started like this: "I came into the office carrying a letter addressed to me and I read it to me." "You read it, I want to know what it says." "I couldn't hold back a hearty laugh at her request, and said, 'Maybe you had better read it to me.' 'Then,' to which she said, 'I'll give you first chance at it.' After many laughs together she asked me that the reasons she wanted to read it was to see if it was the same news she was told to tell me about. "It was. A friend of her had already addressed the letter to me, and I asked Mrs. Lewis to deliver it."

—nosin'—
Helma McCarty remarked that Santa Claus is coming to see him this year, to bring him a set of teeth. I wish Santa would just fill a tooth for me. It would be so much nicer to have him do it, than to make a trip to the dentist.

—nosin'—
Mrs. T. S. Alair exclaimed this morning to be a real Christmas person for her this year, as she had already received a Christmas gift this year. A new watch (the one she has ever had.) Her husband was the donor of the gift.

—nosin'—
Essa Sharha, was never so hard on Art McFatter to spell as he was Tuesday morning, but after several attempts he finally spelled it. (Which goes to prove that the things folk's say about new people's being nervous and excited are true.) And Art, with all his efforts to be calm, was certainly an exception to the rule.

—nosin'—
By Glasscock and Homer Starkey were deer hunting last week. As you know, they couldn't claim one deer, so here's a way Homer figured it out. He was asked who got the deer, he said, "We did."

—nosin'—
Pvt. Hinson was stationed in San Antonio.

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Pvt. Kenneth Hinson arrived Saturday night at San Antonio, where he will be stationed at Ft. Worth for at least eight weeks of medical training.

—nosin'—
The local Boy Scout Troop 114 met Tuesday night at the City Club where they were served drinks.

—nosin'—
Those present were Scoutmaster Skeeter McAlpine, Keith Leonard, Pete Jacques, Jo Neal Elmer, Noel Gilmore, Tom Messer, and Randy Jacques.

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The McCleskeys have moved to Earth.

—nosin'—
The Glen McCleskey family moved to Earth this week from Springlake. They have bought the former Fred Ussery home.

—nosin'—
The McCleskeys have two daughters in Springlake high school, Shirley and Virginia.

—nosin'—
NEW DAUGHTER
Mr. and Mrs. Art McFatter are the parents of a daughter, born Monday night 10:10 p.m. in the Littlefield Clinic. Treissa Sharha weighed 6 lb., 8 oz., and is the couple's first child.

—nosin'—
Thirteen year old Mike Burgess, who received a broken arm and collarbone in a junior high game last month, is home again after having his arm reset in a Lubbock hospital.

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FOUR CARPENTERS employed by S. R. Duncan, Lubbock contractor, were at work at Springlake school building a tool house for the construction program. A week earlier employees of the contractor had surveyed and staked the foundation lines and they planned to start digging the foundations next Monday. Meanwhile everyone was expecting some sort of legal papers to be served on school officials to stop, temporarily at least, the work on the buildings. But so far as reporters could learn at press time Thursday, no such papers had been served. (News Photo)

Local School Misses Second Teacher By Only Six Pupils

Springlake schools missed qualifying for another teacher by only six pupils per day. An average of slightly over 100 students per day were absent during the first three months of this school year. Had average absences been 94 or less the school would have qualified for state aid for two more teachers instead of only one more.

The local school's average enrollment for the first three months was 840.13. Its average daily attendance was 739.3. To qualify for two additional teachers it was necessary to have an ADA of 745.17. At the beginning of the school

Services Held Thursday For T. H. Patterson

Funeral services for T. H. Patterson, 74, were held at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Church of Christ in Dimmitt. Patterson died at 9 a.m. Wednesday in his home in Earth.

New Printing Plant Is Now In Operation

Earth's printing plant got into production last week when several thousand large handbills were printed on the newspaper press and folded on the newspaper folder. It was the first time this equipment had run since the Lamb County Leader started publishing in the same plant with the County Wide News over a year ago. The plant was recently purchased from the owners of the Leader and moved to Earth.

Second Meet Of PV '42' Tourney Held Saturday

The second meeting in the Pleasant Valley '42' tournament was held Saturday night at the Pleasant Valley Community Center.

Football Banquet At School Tonite

The Pep Squad and the Band will fete the football squad to night at the traditional football banquet, invited are all members of this year's squad, plus faculty and school board members and their spouses.

Santa Will Read Letters Printed In The Earth News

It's the time of year when youngsters like to write Santa Claus. And, of course, Santa is quite interested in knowing what they would like to have.

Earth Men Lease Sudan Beacon

Preston Hawkes, founder and publisher of the Sudan Beacon, announced this week that he has leased the newspaper and its printing plant to Roy Neal and Leonard Stephens, publishers of the Earth Sun. The lease became effective December 1.

Bids Are Low On Water and Sewer Work

Bids on Earth's water and sewer work were opened at 6 p.m. Tuesday morning and after carefully comparing them the city commissioners awarded the contracts on the following day.

Earth Merchants Will Stage Christmas Coloring Contest

Hadaway And Taylor Named On All-District Elevens

Gospel Meeting Begins Dec. 5 At Church Of Christ

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Entry Blanks Are In This Issue Prizes Will Be Awarded December 18

The merchants of Earth are staging a Christmas coloring contest for the small fry in these parts. In this issue of The News are two pages of pictures to be colored, one by 8 year olds and under, and the other by those 9 to 12.

Each picture is sponsored by a different store. Each of them is offering a prize for the youngster who colors that store's particular panel best. And the News is offering prizes for the best job of coloring the entire page.

ROAR of the LION

Lion Secretary W. H. Bruden reported that the club did have 100 percent attendance last week after all because Leonard Stephens made up by meeting with the Muleshoe club. Several were absent this week.

More planning was done on Santa's visit, although no definite date will be determined until next Tuesday. Boss Lion McCarthy commented that all he wants for Christmas is a few front teeth.

The club welcomed Marvin Ellis, owner of City Jewelry and Floral, as a new member.

The secretary reported that he has the money ready to pay off the balance of the \$200 note made a couple of years ago to partition off a part of the community building for a doctor's office and equip it.

After considerable discussion it was decided that Ladies Nite could be changed to next Thursday instead of Tuesday as originally planned. It will be a dinner meeting at 7:30. A special film has been ordered for the occasion.

Plans for decorations were not completed but arrangements were made for two centerpieces from City Floral.

Lion Meadowes delivered a brief address in which he discussed "True Values."

Mike Burgess Released From Lubbock Hospital

Mike Burgess was released Monday from the Methodist hospital in Lubbock, where he had received treatment from a bone specialist. He will be required to wear his arm in a sling for about three weeks.

Mackey McCarty Requests Mail From Friends

Mackey McCarty has written his parents that he would like to receive lots of letters from his friends.

Attend Services For Will Stove

Will Stove, 80, brother of Mrs. Bob O'Hair of Earth and C. O. Stone of Springlake died Nov. 27 at his home in Pharr after being seriously ill for more than a year.

MEET TUESDAY

The Firemen's wives' meeting will be held Tuesday night, December 7 at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Carlis Bills.

JOIN THE FUN!



Christmas Home Lighting Contest

Notify LaRue Ormand at Earth or Mrs. James Busby at Springlake that you are entering.

THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE

News of Women

Gregory-Wisian Vows To Be Read Dec. 19



MISS GREGORY

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gregory are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Betty Lou, to Hilbert Lee Wisian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Wisian of Springlake. In a public ceremony, the couple are to be united at the Earth Methodist church, Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.

Girls Auxiliary Studies Missions

The Junior Girls' Auxiliary met Tuesday afternoon for "Week of Prayer" for foreign missions. Margaret Meadows presided over a business session. The program theme was "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him." They sang "The First Noel." Mary La Miller had charge of the program, which had to do with the Baptist school and hospitals in foreign lands. Twenty-two members attended.

George Albin of Sayre, Okla., arrived last Wednesday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rutherford and family. Albin is Mrs. Rutherford's uncle.

Piano Club Meet Features Donna And Vicki Talbert

Misses Donna Kay and Vicki Lynn Talbert were featured in a meeting of the High Low Piano club in the Fellowship Hall at Muleshoe Tuesday evening, Nov. 23.

The meeting opened with the group singing the birthday song for those who celebrated birthdays in November. They were accompanied by Joyce Adams and Barbara Simmons.

Mrs. Denton Talbert was leader of the story hour and told a story of Mozart's childhood. Donna Kaye Talbert presented three piano solos, "In a Goldfish Bowl" by Aaron "Guitar Serenade" by Gaynor, and "Tune Twisters" by Elkstein.

Vicki Lynn Patterson played "Giel of China" by Aaron, "Song of Sunshine" by Aaron, and "Marching Fingers" by Joyner. Others featured were: Tonyne Welch, Jane Sanders, Sherry Allison, Charles King, Linda and Sandra Scott, Veta Allison, Janet Franz, Darla Robertson, Gary Smith, Susan Birdsong, Mary Sanders, Ann McReynolds and Bennie McDaniels.

The group sang the club song, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," accompanied by Kathy Moore and Tonyne Welch.

During the refreshment hour background music was furnished by Carolyn Hinkson, Naomi Watson, Jane Sanders and Tonyne Welch. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Gerald Allison, Mrs. Buford Batts, Mrs. W.F. Birdson and Mrs. Raymond Birdson and Mrs. Raymond Franz.

Mrs. Sam McKinstry of Muleshoe is music instructor for the group.

Brazilian Lunch Completes WMU Mission Study

The ladies of the Baptist WMU met at 10 a.m. Tuesday for an all day meeting to finish their Mission Study on Brazil.

A covered dish lunch consisting of Brazilian foods was prepared by the WMU and served in the parsonage. After the luncheon, Mrs. Dale Scott, president, was in charge of a short business session.

Ladies present were Mrs. Travis Scott, Mrs. Paul Wood, Mrs. Marvin Sanders, Mrs. Raemon Cole, Mrs. D. E. McCarty, Mrs. Cecil Meadows, Mrs. Geo. Weurlein, Mrs. T. S. Alair, Mrs. Ray Taylor and Mrs. Earl Miller.

Class Of '47 Has Reunion

Members of the Springlake high class of 1947 held class reunion Saturday night, Nov. 20, at the Community building. The class members and their family spent the evening reminiscing and playing games.

Refreshments of sandwiches and cold drinks were served. Class members were Mrs. Tommy Taylor (Dannie D. Nix), Mrs. Thomas Alair (Louise Elsea), Mrs. R. L. Beorn of Stinnett (Marie Alair), Eldon Hestand, Mrs. Harold Fox of San Jon, N.M., (Carletta Seymour), Kenneth B. Parish, Waymon Lewis of Littlefield, L. H. "Tuffy" Dent, Jerry Kelley, Melvin Boek, Thurman Lewis, Mrs. Skeeter McAlpine (Betty J. Wages), Mrs. Edwin O'Hair (Jeanette Doughty), Mrs. Guy Kelley (Jane Gooch), Mrs. Clyde R. Davis (Billie Gwynne Smith), Mrs. Jimmy Banks (Bobby Padan), and Dale Winders.

Only 12 members of the 1947 class were unable to attend.

Square-Flag 4-H Meets In Home Of Mary Behrends

BIG SQUARE-The Square-Flag 4-H girls club met with Mary Behrends Nov. 26. Mrs. Stringer gave the demonstration on baking Coconut Dream bars. She distributed new year books. Karen Dutton presided over the business meeting. Members present were Mary Behrends, Karen Dutton, Janet Buckley, Kap Carpenter, Julia Guance, Elizabeth Cole, Leta Mundel, Irvaleen Ott, and visitors, Tommie Allen and Keitha Davis. Mothers present were Mrs. Dutton, Chance Carpenter, Cole and Steinger. Mrs. A. L. Behrends was the hostess.

BRIDAL SHOWER "Come and Go" bridal shower honoring Miss Betty Lou Gregory, bride-elect of Hilbert Wisian will be held Sunday, December 6th from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Methodist church parlour.

Bills Family Has Reunion At Wichita Falls

Mr. and Mrs. Carlis Bills, Floyd Bills, Clifford Doyle and Hilda, and Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Bills and sons attended the Bills family reunion in Wichita Falls over the Thanksgiving holidays.

The reunion was held at the Wichita Falls Country Club. All eight brothers and sister of Floyd and R. V. Bills were present. They are Mrs. Joe Moore, Mrs. I. S. Moore, Mrs. Welborn Kurfman, Mrs. Houston Bunch and Hollis Bills, all of Wichita Falls, Leslie Bills and Mrs. Lena Love of Dallas and Mrs. Jim Hargrove of Rowlett.

R. V. Bills is a Springlake resident and Floyd Bills resides in Earth.

Party Line...

Little Quinlan Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Martin was burned last Saturday when her dress caught fire as she passed the living room heater. She was burned last Saturday when her hair on her back, not seriously, but very painful.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley and David left Wednesday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Jane Doughty at Martha, Okla. They returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Glasscock and Linda and David Glasscock went to Morton Sunday. They plan to move there about Jan. 1 where they will be engaged in farming.

Mrs. Hattie Fuller and Joe and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neal Cox and Jerry of Hale Center left Thursday to visit friends and relatives in Sherman, McKinney, Bonham and Leonard. They returned Sunday night.

Mrs. Henry Randolph, Patsy and Janie visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Price Stephenson and Ramona in Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wyatt, Judy, Jimmy of Eldorado, over the holidays.

Mrs. Fay Glasscock and Mrs. Homer Starky were shopping in Lubbock last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller, Beverly and Janice, visited his grandparents in Erie, Okla., Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Duvall of Bryson arrived Thursday morning and had Thanksgiving dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Williams. They spent the week in the William's home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Martin and family spent Thanksgiving at Dimmitt with her aunt.

Mrs. H. B. Weaver left Wednesday week for Henrietta to be

at the bedside of her brother, who is very ill. She remained there for several days.

J. B. Owenby of Hobbs, N.M., visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owenby last week. J. B. is the brother of Sam Owenby and also of Mrs. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Free and daughter, Glenyth, visited relatives in Big Spring over the holiday.

ATTEND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Haberer and boys and Mrs. Bonnie Haberer left Tuesday morning for Vancouver, Washington, to attend the wedding of a niece, Marilee Dieter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Dieter. They are former residents of this area. Mrs. Dieter is a sister of Mrs. Bonnie Haberer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bradshaw and family of Farwell spent the Thanksgiving holiday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor and A. M. Taylor of Hollis, Okla., visited the C. O. George and Marjorie Taylor families the early part of last week and all the families went to Lovington, N.M. and spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Taylor. A. M. Taylor is the father of Carl, C. O. George, Marjorie and Glen Taylor.

Mrs. C. O. LaRue, Jean and Jo Keith visited in the A. D. Kelley home in Amarillo over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Albin and their daughter, Mrs. Iris Montgomery and son, Mickey, have moved to second and Kelley street.

Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Anderson and her father, C. L. Gilmore, and two of her grand children, Johnny Anderson and Billy Robnett, visited in the F. L. Ferguson home in Roaring Springs Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lightfoot spent a few days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hestand of Colorado City, this past week.

J. W. Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hawkins spent the holidays in the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. S. Thompson of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete O'Hair and boys and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Habbinga in New Deal Sunday. Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Habbinga are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pierce of Canyon visited in the home of his brother, J. W. Pierce Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bartlett of Meadow had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sanders. That afternoon the two couples attended the football game at Bovina. Mrs. Bartlett is Mrs. Sander's sister.

Surprise Birthday Dinner Honors Mrs. Jewell Lewis

Mrs. Jewell Lewis was honored with a surprise birthday dinner Sunday, Nov. 28. All four of her sons and their families were present.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wilson and daughter of Coahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson and family of Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson and family of Denver City, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Green and family of Denver City, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Roberts of Denver City, Miss Paula Smith of Denver City, Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett and sons of Sudan, Mr. and Mrs. William Blackman and family of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Blackman and family of Arch, N.M., Mrs. Wortham of Portales, N.M., Mrs. Francis Blair and son of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Lewis and Sethan of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lewis and sons of Earth, A. C. and Leslie Lewis, and the honoree, Mrs. Lewis.

Sunbeams Study Brazil

The Sunbeams met Tuesday evening at the church with their leaders, to hear the third chapter of "Little Missionary" given by Mrs. Gerald Inglis.

The story concerned the boys and girls who go to church in Brazil and their ride on a street car. A discussion on Brazil, led by the counselor, Mrs. Earl Parish, preceded the story. After the story pictures to illustrate the story.

Mrs. Kirby's group had the worship period with the "Watchword" led by Joan Sanderson. Louise Payne led the group in the Rally Cry. The Sunbeams sang the "Sunbeam's Song" led by Alice Jaques. Linda Ardis gave the closing prayer.

Leaders present were Mrs. Forest Fimmoms, Mrs. Donald Kelley, Mrs. Eldon Schaeferns, Frances Cole, Wayne Mae Rutherford, and LaRue Glasscock.

Mrs. O'Hair Has Birthday Supper

Mrs. Bob O'Hair celebrated her 79th birthday last Friday with a birthday supper at her home. Attending were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stout, and her granddaughter, Gay Northcott.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob O'Hair had Thanksgiving dinner Thursday with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Hair, Jr., and family.

Steve Hendricks Is Honoree At Birthday Party

Steve Hendrick was honored on his sixth birthday Tuesday with a party. Candy, cake and punch were served to ten pre-school aged children.

Those attending were Cynthia and Stephen Busby, Joan and Barbara Dawson, Beverley and Barbara Burrow, Larry Beavers, Arlie Tenison, David Goodrum and Steve Hendrick.

Bible Class Reviews Book Of Romans

The Ladies Bible Class of the local Church of Christ met Tuesday morning to review the book of Romans.

There were 28 ladies present. The group will not meet Tuesday because of the morning services being held each day next week in connection with their revival.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Woodson, Janie, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Suddereth of Farwell spent last Sunday with Mrs. Woodson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob O'Hair of Earth. Mrs. Suddereth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodson.

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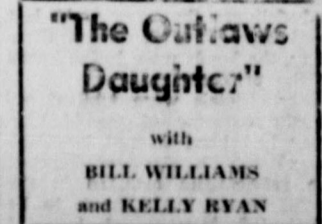
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News from— Sunnyside Community

M. Sweeney suffered a heart attack Friday night and was carried to the Amherst hospital, but was improved some and returned to his home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ferguson, visited F. M. Sweeney and Mrs. Anne Sipe in the Amherst hospital Sunday afternoon.

Raymond Lilley and Irving King went to Amarillo Sunday afternoon to bring Mrs. Harvey Loomis to be with her father, F. M. Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Looney and girls came down Sunday night from Amarillo and remained here to help care for their grandfather, F. M. Sweeney.

Mrs. George Abbott returned to her home Saturday after a two week visit with relatives and friends at Weatherford and Cloburne. Her brother, Orville Milburn, drove her car home for her.

Tom Taylor, arrived home from the Navy with his discharge Monday after 4 years of service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bridges left Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends in Atlanta and Pendergrass, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fowlkes and grandmother Nash of Dimmitt spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. E. R. Sadles and family.

Mrs. S. M. Taylor was in Lubbock Monday to meet her son, Tom and bring him home after his discharge. Her little granddaughter, Susan Bridges, came home with her for a few days visit also.

Little Tommy Lewis underwent surgery in the Castro county hospital Monday. He is the little

grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley.

Mrs. Raymond Haydon, went to McCarney Saturday to spend a few days. Her daughter, Mrs. Frank Ottmers and children are to return home with her Tuesday.

Mrs. Sipes, mother of Mrs. Buford Haydon, has been in the Amherst hospital with cold and asthma last week. She is better at this time.

Mrs. T. J. Bridges and her son Howard Bridges were in Lubbock several days last week receiving medical care.

Mrs. M. H. Fowlkes and Mrs. R. A. Ferguson and Mrs. E. R. Sadler recently.

Mrs. Phillip Jones, was given a pink and blue shower at the community building last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bid Oler and little grandson, Walter Oler, spent Monday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Billie King.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ott, and family enjoyed a family dinner Sunday in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Milburn Haydon's birthday in the Milton Ott home.

Mrs. Leslie Louder and girls spent Sunday afternoon in the Clarence Baggett home near Oton.

Mrs. T. J. Bridges visited in the F. M. Sweeney home Friday.

The Thanksgiving supper at the community building Thursday night was a success. Some 200 plates were served. The menu consisted of chicken, dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, creamed potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffed celery, fruit salad, hot rolls, butter, coffee and pecan pie. There were a number of Dimmitt people out for the supper.

J. H. Christian of Shep is here helping E. R. Sadler gather his cotton crop.

Eddie Ray Curtsinger, leaves Thursday after a month furlough for overseas duty again.

Lonnie Ravis, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Davis, was sick several days last week with a virus infection. He was able to be out for church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Jones and Charlie visited her mother, Mrs. Hall, in the home of her sister, Mrs. Jacques, Tuesday night.

Those of the community on the sick list at this time are Earl Pheasant, Mulburn Rogers, Jr., Mrs. S. M. Taylor and D. C. Lindley, Jr.

Granddad F. M. Sweeney is reported as about the same but gradually weakening.

Rev. and Mrs. Murle Rogers and Murle, Jr., were called to Wichita Falls Wednesday night due to the illness of his father. He was suffering with pneumonia but was

recovering and they returned home Saturday.

Houston Carson, has spent several nights the last week in the Lubbock Memorial hospital at the bedside of his father who is seriously ill there.

Mrs. John Arledge received word Monday afternoon that her brother-in-law, Mr. Tommy Patterson of Earth had suffered a heart attack and was in serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schultz and Mrs. J. H. Christian of Abilene spent the week end in the E. R. Sadler home. Mrs. Christian remained for awhile as her husband is here helping gather cotton.

M. H. Fowlkes of Dimmitt and C. J. Fowlkes of Lubbock and Mrs. E. F. Sadler of Plainview ate Thanksgiving dinner with the E. R. Sadlers.

Gale Sadler and Ray Joe Riley spent the holidays at home. Both are students of Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Peeples of Lubbock spent Thanksgiving with her parents, the T. R. Hogan's, Jr. Mrs. Cooper, mother of Mrs. Hogan, spent several days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Celo Widner and children of Clovis spent Thanksgiving in the Ezell Sadler home.

Rev. and Mrs. Morris Fuller, Devona and Sue, of Waxahachie, spent Thursday night in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gilbreath and Zay have moved to their new home in Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Haydon and Eddie, Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Haydon and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ottmers, Lindy and Bryan, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. George Abbott.

Rev. and Mrs. Dale West and children of Hart visited Mr. and Mrs. Rogers awhile after church Sunday night.

The Ott family enjoyed Thanksgiving supper in the Bob Ott home north of Dimmitt Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Louder, Nancy and Paula left Friday afternoon for Cisco on business and to visit her parents, Sandra Kay is staying with her grandmother and Granddad Louder while they are away.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bowden and Alton, Louder left Saturday afternoon for south Texas deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Waggoner of Plains visited in Sunnyside store Monday afternoon. They had also visited with Mr. Patterson in Earth, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges called home Sunday. They had arrived safely in Georgia last Wednesday at 11 a.m. They reported rain in Georgia but enjoyed their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis King, Mike, Pat and Dianne of San Jon, N. M., spent from Friday until Sunday in the Irving and Billie King and F. M. Sweeney homes.

Mrs. Swipes of Amherst hospital spent from Wednesday until Friday afternoon in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Buford Haydon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lilley spent from Wednesday afternoon until Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lilley at Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Carson were in Plainview on business Monday.

Buford Haydon was in Weatherford on business last week. He drove a new Cadillac home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hardy of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ferguson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hardy and Mr. Ferguson are cousins.

Sunday school attendance was 79 last Sunday.

in the Lester Hammon's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morris and children and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hodge and children visited in the home of Mrs. Ruby Hodge in Hale Center, Thanksgiving.

Mrs. C. W. Terry and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Green and son, Terry have returned from a pleasure trip to Monterrey, Old Mexico. They returned by way of Brownsville, Port Isabel, Padre Island and San Antonio. It was an 1800 mile trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hammons and family spent Thanksgiving in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Flowers of Hereford.

Mrs. John Welch visited in Littlefield Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Borum and Bobby spent Thanksgiving day in Lubbock visiting their son, Billy, and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley and David visited her mother, Mrs. James Doughty, in Martha, Okla., over the holidays.

Edd Blair and Mrs. Pete Drake were in Lubbock Wednesday.

the Dimmitt Plant, spent Monday Tuesday and Wednesday in Jalisco, N. M., attending a foreman's meeting. Jalisco is the main office of the Permian Basin Division of El Paso Natural Gas Company.

J. W. Mason of Amarillo ate Thanksgiving dinner with his mother, Mrs. Jake Beavers.

Those visiting in the Bill Tenison home Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. Art Clay of Shamrock, Mrs. Dennis Server and children of Hereford and Mrs. Doris Wright of Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rainwater of Hobbs, N. M., spent the week end in the Glenn McGath home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Dyer of Gallup, N. M., visited her parents, the Earl Jones over the holiday week end.

Glenda Hall accompanied her husband, John to Amarillo Tuesday to catch a plane for Paris, France where he will be stationed with the army. Glenda will be at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McGath, until John's tour of duty is completed.

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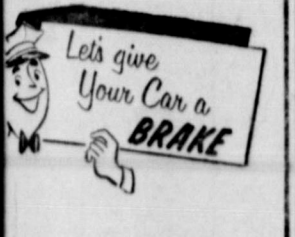
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This Page is For Children 9 thru 12 years old

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A pack-full of exciting prizes is waiting for the children who win this coloring contest. Just color these pictures in paint, pencil or crayon and mail to Coloring Contest Editor, care Earth News, or leave at any of the stores whose names are listed on this page. Each child is permitted one entry only. It will be judged for each panel separately and then on the page as a whole. It may be turned in at any of the participating stores and will be judged for all of them.

1. Contest is for boys and girls through 12 years of age.
2. All entries must be received on or before Dec. 13, 5 p. m.
3. Prizes are awarded on basis of neatness and accuracy.
4. The decision of the judges will be final.
5. In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.
6. Families of newspaper employees not eligible.
7. Fill out entry blank on back of either page.

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News from— Big Square Community

Irvalee Ott went by train from Littlefield to Winters to spend



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the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Raper. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., spent most of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zahn. Rev. and Mrs. Grady Lanning of Littlefield visited the Zahns several days also. Little Terrell Ott spent several days in the Dimmitt hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Carter spent the first part of the week with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Duke Baker at Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zahn, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Zahn and Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Dunn of Lubbock spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kooztz of Portales.

Mrs. Irvin Ott visited Mrs. C. B. Howard in Muleshoe Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Carter spent Tuesday with the Irvin Otts.

Texas Tech students home for the Thanksgiving holidays were Bob Anthony, David Behrends and Claude Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Story of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Behrends spent Thanksgiving in the A. L. Behrends home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howard spent the week end in Lubbock with relatives.

Some of the families attending the Dimmitt-McLean football game in Canyon on Thanksgiving were the Dent Bradleys, Wes Anthonys, the J. O. Carpenters and the Lon Booths.

Those spending the Thanksgiving holidays in the Eugene Mor-

ton home were their son and daughter, Clifford and Mary, of Baylor University. Mr. and Mrs. Champ Maddux and Nita of Cheyenne, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis and family of Fresno, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dixon of Amarillo spent the week end in the Lon Boothe home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barber of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Markham of Amarillo called on the Lon Booths, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Maggie Boren has been in the Big Square community this past week taking the farm census.

A Mexican's house on the Lon Boothe farm caught fire Thursday morning. A clothes closet and considerable clothing was burned. A small dog was painfully burned about the legs.

David Behrends visited his parents, the A. L. Behrends, over the week end. Kenneth Howard and his wife were in Lubbock Sunday visiting.

Ben Mosely, Nig Billingslee and a friend of Hobbs, N. M., ate breakfast with the A. L. Behrends on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown and daughter called in the M. L. Howard home Wednesday night.

Bob Anthony attended the football game at Dimmitt Friday night and spent the night with his parents, the Wes Anthonys. He returned to Lubbock Saturday morning.

Dorothy Kisinger and Mrs. George Kisinger, Yvonne Loudon, Irvalee Ott and Mrs. Irvin Ott were shopping in Lubbock Saturday.

Mrs. Andy Behrends, Mrs. Irvin Ott, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haberer and Mrs. Truman Lowe attended the funeral of Bob Knight's father at Muleshoe Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ott and tess to a birthday dinner Sunday honoring their daughter Janelle. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Loudder and family, Harry Mitchell and family, Bob Ott, Peggy and Don, Bill Ott and children, Irvin Ott and family and the honoree and husband, Milburn, and the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ott and family were supper guest of Bill Ott Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cowley and children and H. B. Doughty visited Mrs. Janie Doughty in Martha, Okla., over Thanksgiving. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Cowley and family visited relatives in Willow and Hester, Okla., over the holidays.

Party Line ...

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Parish and children and Mrs. W. D. Bulls visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Bulls of Wichita Falls, Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis and grandfather, Leslie Haberer, left this past Wednesday to visit relatives in parts of Oklahoma. They went by way of Canyon, where they were joined by their son, Grady Lynn, who is a student at West Texas State College. They returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Prather and girls visited his sister, Mrs. Frank Floyd of Floydada, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Byrd of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Britt and Sue of Tatum, Mrs. Wix Price and Larry and Mr. and Mrs. Lucille Price of Earth had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hodge.

Mrs. Earl Parish and a group of her Sunbeams visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob O'Hair last Tuesday and gave their program. After O'Hair treated the children to apples and oranges. About 20 Sunbeams were present. Two other workers were present.

Rev. and Mrs. Trent Davidson of Salina, Kans., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Penley, several days last week. Thanksgiving dinner guests, besides the daughter, were Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Pyburn of Lovington, N. Mex., Garvin Hill and Dick Kimbell of Earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller and girls spent the week end in Erick and Mayfield, Okla., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Foster and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Adrain of near Hereford over the week end.

H. A. Hyde of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Llum Doolin of Lubbock visited with the Alairs Thanksgiving day. Hyde is a brother of Mrs. Alair and Doolin is her cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Borum of Stinnett spent this week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Alair. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Alair of Springlake.

While attending the Bills family reunion in Wichita Falls during

the Thanksgiving holidays Loretta Cole visited in the home of her great aunt, Mrs. Bird Athington.

Mrs. L. H. Marshall of Olton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Marshall and family, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Marshall of Earth Sunday.

Miss La Rue Ormand and the parents of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ormand of Sudan were in Dallas over the holidays visiting and shopping at the Jewelry market.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burrow and Mr. and Mrs. James Sanderson were visiting in Aramirrol this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jaquess of Lawton, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Brandon and Eve and Donnie Jaquess of Littlefield visited in the Travis and L. W. Jaquess homes Thursday.

The Bill Burrow family and the James Sanderson family visited relatives in Tulla over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Grace Hodge of Amarillo visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hodge, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Dodson and family of Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boaz of Fredrick, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Parish, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Glascock and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Higgins and Eugene visited in the Oran Parish home Friday of last week.

Jerry Patton of Plainview and Jimmy Upchurch of Abernathy came Wednesday night and stayed till Sunday in the E. A. Upchurch home.

Mrs. R. W. Kimbell and boys visited her mother, Mrs. M. W. Aldredge of Hobart, Okla., during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kasinger

were visitors in Lubbock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lee and family of Booker, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crill Bulls. They also visited other relatives while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone and daughter, Glenda Ruth, of Seminole spent Wednesday night in the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. A. Upchurch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Taylor were Lubbock visitors Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Lightfoot visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Conway of Childress this past Thursday. They were joined by the Conway's in a trip to Roscoe to visit relatives over the Thanksgiving holiday week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ussery and Mr. and Mrs. Ester Bomar of Springlake attended funeral services for Wylis Stafford of Cleburne, who died Thanksgiving day. Stafford was the father of Mrs. Bob Ussery and Mrs. Bomar.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Inglis and his sister, Mollye, were Amarillo visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Goodwin visited in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ogletree of Muleshoe, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Barton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Barton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat McCord and Mrs. Ed Haley had Thanksgiving dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kisinger in Muleshoe last Thursday. The visited the L. E. Martin family Martins returned home with them for Thanksgiving dinner. Edward Bell of Littlefield was also a guest of the Kisingers.

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INCOME TAX time adding machines will be hard to find. See the very light ten key portable at the Earth News now.

Wesleyan Service Guild Completes Bible Study Series

The Wesleyan Service Guild met Tuesday night, Nov. 23, at the Methodist church. Mrs. J. J. Coker, president, presided at a short meeting after which Mrs. C. P. Parish presented the last of a series of Bible studies, about "Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women."

Mrs. J. J. Coker gave the closing prayer.

Surprise refreshments of sandwiches, punch and cookies were served to the members present.

Attending were Mrs. Oliver Tunnel, Mrs. Jack Angley, Jim Gregory, Mrs. J. B. Williams, Miss Kenneth Cowley, Mrs. C. P. Parish, and Mrs. J. J. Coker.

WMU To Observe Lottie Moon Week Of Prayer

The Women's Missionary Union of the local First Baptist church will meet each day next week to observe the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer.

Dewayne Ardis Is Two Years Old

A combination Thanksgiving dinner and birthday celebration for two year old Dewayne Ardis was held last Thursday at the home of Dewayne's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Ardis of Ropesville.



TWO HUNDRED loaded cotton trailers covered the parking area at Earth Co-op Gin when this picture was snapped late in the afternoon a few days ago. Similar scenes occurred at the other gins in the area as the greatest per acre yield in our history is being harvested in the Earth-Springleake trade territory. Grades are higher, too, and come on top of the largest grain harvest ever. Good weather has speeded cotton pulling, which is expected to be virtually complete within two weeks. (News Photo)

Party Line... Grace Kelly—Quiet Lady From Hollywood

Mrs. Floyd Bills, Doyle, Hilda, Clifford and Loretta Cole were shopping in Lubbock Saturday.

Mrs. Orbie Armstrong, and daughter, Minnie Belle, and Mrs. H. S. Hickman were in Lubbock Monday.

Joyce Starkey was in Monday and was taken to Plainview, where she was given a shot of penicillin and returned home. She is much improved now.

Mrs. Faye Starkey and Mrs. Ray Ylasscock, were in Lubbock last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerral Haberer and boys spent Thanksgiving in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Goodwin of Cotton Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kelley returned home Sunday after spending the holidays in Denton and Dallas.

City officials were advised this week that L. H. Galloway has acquired from Fred Essery the trash collecting business in Earth. The city collects the fees for this service and turns them over to the hauler. The users have sold their home here.

Taxes On Texas Farms Continue To Show Increase

Taxes on Texas farm and ranch lands were 3.3 per cent higher in 1953, the last year for which records are available, than in 1952.

This was the seventh year of consecutive land tax increases, according to a continuing tax study being conducted by L. P. Gabbard, agricultural economist of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The average tax per acre in 1945 was 17.3 cents and in 1953 it was 27.9.

The absolute tax per acre is important to farmers and ranchmen, but is not as significant as the burden of the tax. The burden of farm and ranch taxes is shown by a ratio of farm taxes to farm prices.

The absolute average tax per acre increased only 3.3 per cent in 1953 over 1952, but relatively the tax increased 26.7 per cent. This was due to a slight increase in the tax per acre and to a substantial decline in farm prices.

The index of farm prices of 332 in 1952 dropped to 273 in 1953. The ratio of burden of real estate taxes relative to farm prices increased from 90 in 1952 to 1.14 in 1953, or 26.7 per cent. With an absolute increase in the tax per acre, however, there may be an appreciable decline in the tax burden. For example, in 1951, the tax per acre was half a cent higher than in 1950, but farm prices were sufficiently high in 1951 to actually lower the tax burden relative to farm prices 16.5 per cent.

There were no significant changes in the proportion of farm taxes levied in 1953 by the various types of governmental units over 1952.

Texas Schools To Get Share Of Milk Fund

Texas school children will be drinking more milk at cheaper prices if the recently inaugurated Texas Education Agency—U. S. Department of Agriculture special school milk program is successful.

Established under the provisions of the Agricultural Act of 1954, signed by President Eisenhower, Aug. 28, the program provides \$50,000,000 annually of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to be used to increase the consumption of fluid milk by children in non-profit schools of high school grade and under.

Texas schools will share \$2,888,500 of the special milk fund, provided that the eligible schools want the program.

Members of Dairy Products Institute of Texas have pledged their full support and cooperation in the program, not only in providing high quality milk but in the changing of delivery schedules to fit the school programs so that all milk will be properly chilled at the time offered to children.

J. W. Edgar, state Commissioner of Education, has announced plans whereby schools can determine their entitlement to the USDA funds. The funds will be used to reimburse participating schools a part of the cost of each additional milk serving over and above a "base" milk consumption figure established by the schools to represent normal milk consumption during the 1953-54 school year.

Schools which served no milk last year will be reimbursed at a rate of three cents per half pint for all milk served in the milk program this year. Schools which served milk last year will receive four cents per half pint for all milk served over their base consumption rate.

Participating schools must agree to operate their milk and food service on a non-profit basis, and to serve fluid whole milk which meets local and state standards for butterfat and sanitation.

Farm Tips

Cattle and sheep grazing in the same pasture have made consistently higher gains than when grazed separately during the past five years at the Sonora Agricultural Experiment Station. Average gain was 62.4 pounds more when cattle grazed in combination with sheep and goats.

Lamb county 4-H club boy, Dooyce Turner won first place in the 1954 Texas Hybrid Corn Production program and at the same time set a new state record. Irrigation, Texas Hybrid 30 and 200 pounds of 16-200 per acre was the combination that produced a whopping 294.3 bushels to the acre. The state average is roughly 17 bushels.

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Milk served under the program will be bought by schools directly from local dairies and distributors. Dr. Edgar said.

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Tech Adding New Cultural Event In Dec.

LUBBOCK — A new cultural event will be added to the Texas Tech activities calendar next month, the college's first annual Fine Arts festival.

Six departments at Tech—music, speech, applied arts, allied arts, women's physical education and the Tech Artists course—will merge forces for a five-day series of programs between Dec. 9-13.

The festival will have the finest talent and program offerings of the six cooperating departments, according to Mrs. Mary Helen McCarty, music department instructor and festival chairman of publicity.

Highlights of the finest annual festival will be a piano concert a band clinic, exhibits by the two art departments, modern dance a play, a movie and several musical programs featuring both instrumental and vocal music.

Preparations for the festival are being made by the following Tech faculty committee: Mrs. McCarty, music; Richard K. Tracy, allied arts; Mrs. Elbe Jane Bettler, applied arts; Dr. Cecilia Thompson, speech; and Mrs. Dorothy Boyle, women's physical education.

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EDITORIAL

Further Discredit

Last week's letter from the state fire commissioner did nothing to restore faith in the men who are supposed to set up fair insurance rates for Texans. It completely ignored most of the erroneous items in the recent key rate analysis for Earth and tried to blame the insurance commission's own miscarriage of justice onto the fine young men who at considerable personal sacrifice protect us and the insurance companies from fire losses.

Our firemen are loyal to the important obligations they have voluntarily assumed. They get nothing for their trouble except possible pneumonia and the satisfaction of having serving their fellow citizens. On the other hand, we pay a considerable crew of men full time wages and expenses to inspect towns like Earth, presumably to find out what the real fire risks are. Two of this crew made a trip to Earth last summer and, according to the analysis which followed, they roofs. They did not measure our streets. They apparently not see our water works. They did not learn that we had a fire department. They did not count our fire resistant learned absolutely nothing while here. They apparently did not do any of the things they were sent here to do. Or if they did, the men who made up the new key rate analysis ignored them and just copied the 1935 analysis.

The attempt to pass the buck for what must have been either a conspiracy or gross incompetence reflects further discredit on the men who are hired to protect us.

Texans In Washington

By TEX EASLEY

WASHINGTON, (AP)—There's been almost a quorum of the Texas congressional delegation on hand here lately, notwithstanding the fact that the House has been adjourned for many weeks.

Senators Lyndon Johnson and price Daniel have been here, of course, for the special Senate session on the censure charges against McCarthy (R-Wisc.).

Bonham's congressman Sam Rayburn was here for only a few days, but his office had a rash of visitors in that time. The veteran legislator, "Dean of the House," came to town at a White House invitation for a meeting of President Eisenhower with congressional leaders. He and Lyndon Johnson attended as top Democrats of House and Senate.

Lay Pains

Waiting for Rayburn in his office continually were various

people wanting to see him privately. Some were other congressional leaders there to lay plans for the new session starting Jan. 5, when Democrats take over and Rayburn again becomes Speaker. Some were congressmen or representatives-elect, wanting to tell Rayburn what they would like to get in the way of committee assignments. Such assignment are formally made by the Democrats in caucus, acting on recommendation of the House Ways and Means Committee, but the support and backing of the Speaker is all important in this chain of procedure. Others waiting to see Rayburn included newsmen and mag-

azine correspondents.

Lookin' For Quarters

Among those coming and going here at the same time, were three of Texas' five new representatives-elect. All were interested in finding housing for their families when they come here for the 44th Congress. The three were Dallas Republican Bruce Alger, Jim Wright of Weatherford, and Joe Kilgore of McAllen.

Their visit here brought Alger and Wright together for the first time. Wright's district includes

Fort Worth, so the two men were each well acquainted with the other's election races. They chanced to pass each other in a corridor of the old House Office building, accompanied by mutual friends, and so were introduced.

"Well," said Alger, "I'm glad to meet you. I watched your race with great interest. You had a hot one over there, didn't you?"

Wright, who had won the Democratic nomination over incumbent Congressman Wingate Lucas, grinned and replied that he could say

the same for Alger. The latter won a surprise victory over Democrat Wallace Savage in the Nov. 2 general election.

Committee Hearings

Committee hearing on varied subjects brought several members back to town, among them Reps. J. Frank Ikard of Wichita Falls, Olin Teague of Bryan and Wright Patman of Texarkana. Rep. Omar Burleson was in town, busy drafting oil legislation he plans to introduce early next session. He wants the Natural Gas Act am-

ended so as to exempt independent producers from Power Commission jurisdiction, and all imports curtailed. Reps. Walter Rogers of Amarillo and Albert Thomas both have been busy contacting various federal agencies on matters affecting constituents.

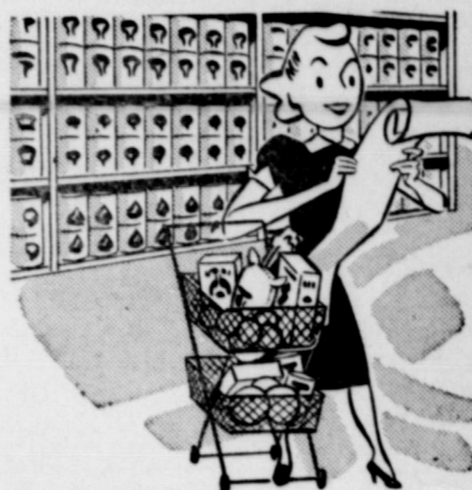
Dr. and Mrs. Barney Graf and children, Ann and Jerry, of Midland and Mrs. Fred Nix and daughter, Billye of Lubbock visited in the home of their mother, Mrs. Lura Kelley, over the holidays.

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**PAUL'S
RECIPE OF THE WEEK**
By Mary Lee Taylor

Nut Caramels

1 cup Fat
Evaporated Milk
1/4 cup Butter or
margarine
1 cup sugar
1 cup corn syrup

1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup coarsely
broken, unsalted
nuts

Heat milk and butter until butter melts. Mix sugar, syrup and salt in a 2-qt. saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Then cook to firm ball stage (see note) stirring often. Stir in milk mixture gradually so that sugar mixture does not stop boiling. Cook and stir until candy reaches firm ball stage again. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and nuts. Pour into a well-greased 8-inch square pan. When firm, turn out on cutting board or waxed paper and cut into inch squares. Makes 5 dozen, or 1 1/2 lbs.

NOTE: Drop a tiny bit of the hot mixture into a bowl of cold (not ice) water. If the candy forms a firm ball and remains firm and round when you lift it out of the water with your finger, then the candy has cooked long enough. Be sure to take the pan off the heat while testing the candy.

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