

EGYPT ITEMS

(By Mrs. C. R. Foulk)

Mrs. H. B. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williamson of Corsicana and Mrs. Al Michna and two small daughters of Liberty were guests of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. P. J. Yackel, during the holidays.

J. F. Wood of Quitman visited with his aunt, Mrs. J. C. Malone, and Mr. Malone over the Christmas week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sanders are receiving congratulations since the arrival of a son at the Caney Valley Hospital this past week. Willis Blackwell and Mrs. C. E. Sanders of Waco are the baby's grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Huat of Houston spent Sunday with Mrs. Huat's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Mentor Northington.

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Goats' Twins Have Party On 5th Birthday Thursday

Misses Sandra Kay and Wanda Faye Goats, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Goats celebrated their fifth birthday with a party at their home Thursday afternoon.

Approximately 20 members of the young set were present to enjoy an afternoon of indoor party games. Favors of miniature umbrellas with tulle tops were presented to each guest as a party memento.

The birthday cake was a delectable pink, blue and white confection, with tulle trimmings, and the crowning touch, the cake was made and presented to the honorees by their grandmother, Mrs. Ira Goats. Generous portions of cranberry sauce, peas, and the cake as refreshments.

Those new refrigerators are mighty handy for keeping milk and leftovers until they can be thrown out next week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Corley, Capt. Albert Earl, and Joe Bass of San Antonio were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Northington III at the Northington lodge on the lake.

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Mrs. George Butler

Receives Surprise Visit On 87th Birthday Thurs.

Mrs. George Butler was 87 years old last Thursday, December 30th, and on that day she received a surprise birthday visit from several close friends and neighbors who presented her with a lovely gift.

Calling at Mrs. Butler's home were Mrs. Winn Poole, Mrs. Arthur Bohring, Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. H. R. Mott.

Mrs. Butler is the mother of Mrs. Helen Collins and grandson, that of Mrs. H. L. Parker of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Morse of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Aubrey of Houston and Robert Aubrey, also of Houston, were Wednesday and Thursday visitors at the home of Mrs. E. J. Morse.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY GUESTS

Mrs. Ed Wearden and daughter, Mrs. Zula Zeller of Wharton were New Year's Day guests at the home of Mrs. Annie Taylor, the home of Mrs. Annie Taylor.

NEW YEAR VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Taylor and children of Kingsville visited were New Year's Day guests at the home of Mrs. Annie Taylor through the New Year holidays.

HOLIDAY HOUSE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hudson of Barry, Ill. were holiday house guests at the home of Mrs. O. J. Wintermann.

This is about YOU and your telephone service

PLEASEING you is the big job of the 35,000 telephone men and women in Texas.

How well did we do that job in 1954? We hope you liked the speed and courtesy of your telephone service. As one busy year ends and another begins, this is a good time to pause and take stock.

1954 was a busy year. The year 1954 was a busy one for the people who furnish your telephone service. To give you some idea of some of the accomplishments of 1954, we've arranged the highlights in the form of a box score below.

We tried especially hard all year to be friendly, cooperative, and pleasant to deal with. We worked out new ways to handle your calls faster and better.

To serve Texas farm families better, we added 3,000 telephones in the rural areas last year. This brought to 20,000 the number of telephones in service on the farms and ranches in Texas at the end of the year.

As rapidly as our finances permit, we are replacing crank-down telephones with lift-the-receiver and dial telephones. A healthy farm economy is essential to the progress of Texas, and we want to do our part by seeing that Texas farmers and ranchers have good, dependable telephone service.

The financial side of the story. It's not easy to keep earnings up when expenses are rising rapidly and when you have to keep investing additional huge sums of money to keep pace with the growing needs of Texas. But, we're glad to report, the telephone company's earnings showed some improvement in 1954.

As we put more money into new telephone facilities, at present day prices, our expenses increase also, because it takes more money to operate the larger telephone system. Operating expenses last year were highest in the company's history and we must expect further increases in 1955.

The problem is to make it "good business" to continue investing additional huge sums of money for more telephone facilities in Texas.

More expansion in 1955. You can look forward to more telephone progress in Texas in 1955. During the year we plan to add 50,000 more telephones in Texas for new families, new business concerns. We will enlarge telephone buildings and erect new buildings where needed... and make more storm-proof the long distance lines throughout the state.

At the start of this new year, Texas telephone people dedicate themselves to the big job that lies ahead... to furnish you the kind of service you want, when and where you want it.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fielding Golden Wedding

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