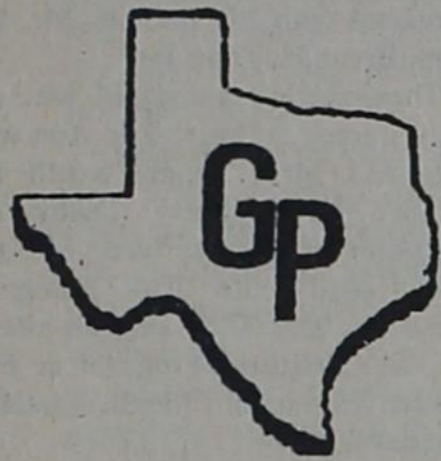


The Gorman Progress

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NUMBER FORTY-SIX Gorman, Eastland County, Texas 76454 DECEMBER 19, 1985



Press Points
Joe Bennett, Publisher

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas seems to be the statement most heard around here these days. And it sure won't be long until Christmas as the days just keep rolling by. We anticipate printing the Christmas edition on Monday so that it will be in the mail on Monday afternoon and will be out on the routes Tuesday morning, December 24th so that most everyone will have it in their hands by Christmas Day. We will appreciate your cooperation on this by getting your news and ad copy in as early as possible as we will have to get to the printers on Monday at noon to get it printed in time. Folks are always great to us by cooperating when this sort of thing happens on publication day.

Well it looks like President Reagan came through with the needed support to get the tax reform bill to a vote. After the crushing blow he received the other day with the lack of support of his Republican members it looked doubtful for awhile for the President to rally the support to get the tax bill in. But strange things happen in politics, especially when it comes time for the politicians to get out and go home for Christmas, and it looks as though that's what happened this time. Anyway, the sweeping tax change bill will be considered now and maybe none of us will have to pay any taxes from here on out. I wonder what all of us are going to do with all that money we will save on our taxes. All I can say is don't blow all of it in the same place.

The children sure did enjoy seeing and talking to Santa on Saturday in Gorman. Everything went off great and the children wish to thank all of those who made the gala event possible.

Don't forget to send in your thoughts on the Community Center Project to the Chamber of Commerce as we are seeking to find out if the folks of the community wish to have a community center badly enough to support a fund-raising campaign that would be necessary to have a nice place for all of the citizens of the community to use for banquets, meetings, showers, parties, etc. It is anticipated that the building would be built on the property adjacent to the swimming pool. This would give plenty of room for parking and it would make it handy for folks to use the swimming pool for reunions, etc. when the season is open. Also there are some playground equipment available and I am sure that more could be added. The Chamber needs your thoughts on this and will surely appreciate your cooperation on expressing your views on the project. Mail your thoughts to the Chamber at Box 266, Gorman, or contact a member of the Chamber Board.

Also the Chamber is seeking to increase their membership so that more folks will get involved in the community so that we can make Gorman a better place in which to live. Any citizen of the surrounding area can join the chamber on an individual basis and the dues are only \$12 dollars a year. It's not the \$12 we are seeking, it's the people and their involvement in community affairs and the good things that can come from that involvement.

Have noticed several folks have decorated their homes for the holidays. So drive around town in the evenings and see the decorations.

And remember to smile - because God Loves You!

Baze - Foster Exchange Marriage Vows

The children of Velda Foster and Graydon Baze are happy to announce the marriage of their parents. Velda and Graydon were married November 30, 1985 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Underwood in Eastland. The double ring ceremony was performed by Curtis Maness of Gorman. Joe Ed Baze lit the candles. Brent Foster sang "LADY" and Daryl, Greg, and Lyndall Underwood sang "IF". The reception was immediately following the ceremony. Martha Rainey and Julia Morris served at the bride's table.

Mr. and Mrs. Baze are at home in Gorman following a trip touring in southwest Texas.

Children of the couple are Dolores Underwood of Eastland, Joe Ed Baze of Eula, and Mike Foster, Bill Baze, Brent Foster, and Paulette Black all of Gorman.

Guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Watson of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neal Baze of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Rainey of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Morris of Desdemona, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Maness of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Baze, Melissa, Jared and Allison of Eula, Greg Underwood of Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Lydall Underwood, Jady and Jody of Eastland, Daryl Underwood of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Black and D'Ann of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baze, Eric and Amanda of Gorman, Mike Foster of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Foster, Jason and Cody of Gorman, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Underwood of Eastland.

Visiting with Pauline Dennis last week were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Currie from Stephenville, Texas and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop from Eastland, Texas.

Superintendents And Tax Offices In New Building

The Gorman School Superintendent Office and Tax Office will be moving into the new Elementary Building on Friday afternoon Dec. 20th. Enter the East door and go to the first office on the left.

The Tax office will be closed Dec. 23rd, 24th, and 25th, for Christmas Holidays.

The new phone number is 734-3171.

NEWS

There was a large crowd downtown Saturday afternoon to give Santa Claus a "Texas" welcome.

After Santa arrived on the fire truck, he led the way into Movies Galore and more, where he sat for over 2 hours listening to what all the "good" little boys and girls wanted for Christmas and handing out candy Refreshments of Homemade cookies, lunch and coffee were served to over 130 people.

We want to thank everyone who helped make Santa's visit a success.

Thanks to the Gorman Chamber of Commerce for getting Santa to come to Gorman, to Gene Foster and Lupe Torrez for picking Santa up and giving him a ride into town on the Fire truck, to the Gorman volunteer Fire Dept. for the use of the fire truck.

To those who donated decorations and/or helped decorate, Karen Gutery, Brent Hirst, Shirley and Cari Daniel, and Phil and Angie Golob.

To Bob's Gro. for all the cups, to our mothers, Bonnie Scitern and

Phil and Angie Golob would like to thank Richard Watson and the New Hope Baptist Church carolers for the beautiful X-Mas carols they sang and sharing Love and Joy to all.

Merry X-Mas.
Angie & Phil Golob

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman School Tax Office and Superintendent Office now located in new Elementary Bldg. New phone number is 734-3171.

There will be a **Gorman PTO Junior High Basketball Tournament** on January 9th, 10th and 11th, 1986.

The Senior Class will hold a bake sale in front of the Post Office, Friday morning, December 20th, starting at 7:30 a.m.

Everybody come by City Hall, December 19th during office hours for OPEN HOUSE. Refreshments will be served.

TURKEY SHOOT Sunday, December 22nd, 1:00 p.m. till. Gorman Baseball Field. Refreshments stand with coffee and drinks. Turkeys to First Place Winners. No age Limit. Kids 13 and under will be supervised by an adult. Categories: Handguns - 3 events for Shotguns - 22 rifle - 22 scoped rifle - non scoped large rifle - 2 events for scoped large rifle.

X-MAS PAPER WILL BE PRINTED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD. ALL CORRESPONDENTS, NEWS AND ADVERTISING NEEDS TO BE IN BY NOON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST.

Need A Ride? First Baptist Church Van runs at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School and 5:45 p.m. for Sunday Evening Services. Call the Church at 734-2420. Everyone Welcome.

South Eastland County Hospital District Tax Office at Blackwell Hospital is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. til noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

South Eastland County Hospital Board of Directors will have its Regular Monthly Meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Blackwell Hospital.

Gorman City Commissioners will meet the First and Third Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall.

Gorman Housing Authority Board will meet the Second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of High Rise Apartments.

Crimestoppers will meet the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

A Musical will be held the Second Friday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Gorman Lodge 716 AF&AM stated meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Gorman Chapter 443 O.E.S. meets First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SEEKING CITIZENS INPUT ON COMMUNITY CENTER

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce is undertaking the task of securing the thoughts of local citizens on the possibility of building a Community Center for the citizens of Gorman to be used for banquets, meetings, reunions, showers, parties, etc.

The chambers wanting to find out if the people of Gorman would support a project such as this with fund-raising events, etc., to help with the cost of the project. The building would be about 40x80 or 40x100 and would be large enough to have the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet each year.

It would have restrooms and kitchen facilities with appliances, etc.

It is believed that the center would be used by folks for many different types of events and gatherings and would take the burden off the churches and school for places to meet, etc.

The Chamber of Commerce is ready to get things underway to raise funds toward the project but they need to know if folks will support it. All citizens are urged to drop the Chamber of Commerce a note on how they feel about the project to P. O. Box 266, Gorman, Texas 76454 or contact a member of the Chamber board, Gene Foster, Tommy Clark, Fred Rogers, Tommy Harrison, Kay Henry, Brent Lasater, Joe Bennett or Secretary Brenda Hirst and give them your feelings on the project. It is hoped that everyone will express their thoughts on this project so the Chamber will know how the majority of the citizens feel about the undertaking.

LOOK WHO'S NEW!!

Ricky and Virginia Files are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Andrea Michelle. She was born at 9:13 a.m., December 10, 1985 at the Brownwood Regional Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Maternal Grandparents are Ron and Nina Skiles.

Paternal Grandparents are George and Linda Simmons of Gorman. Nathan and Sandy Files of DeLeon.

She was also welcomed home by numerous Great-Grandparents, uncles, and cousins.

Merle Lasater for the cookies and to Sav-on-Foods for the candy.

And a big Thank you to the Jr. High Cheerleaders for serving the refreshments, those serving were Julie Casey, Jodi Gibbs, Tiffany Stephens and Krisin Ervin.

And our last thank you is to each one who came out to make Santa's visit a success. Thanks!

Gerald & Ina Scitern

NEWS

Remember to come by the City Hall for Open House, Thursday, December 19 for refreshments.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Games At A Glance

By Glenn Burgess and Graciela Landa

PANTHERS

Gorman vs. Hico

The Panthers lost their first game to Hico, 43 to 49. Scott Gressett had 14 points with David Gibbs 8, Luceo Pacheco 6, Rhett Harrison 5, Toby Snider 4, and Scott Campbell, Miguel Pacheco and Ronson Childers had 2 points each. David Gibbs fouled out.

Gorman vs. Eastland

Sam Brinegar was the high point in the Panthers 53 to 49 victory over Eastland. He scored 14 points with Scott Gressett and David Gibbs scoring 9, Rhett Harrison 8, Toby Snider and Don Rodgers 5, and Ronson Childers with 3.

Gorman vs. Huckabay

Once again Huckabay came out the victor over Gorman with the score 45 to 33. Scoring for the Panthers was Lucio Pacheco with 10 points, Scott Gressett 8, David Gibbs 6, and Sam Brinegar with 4. Ronson Childers had 3 and Don Rodgers had 2.

PRIDDY TOURNAMENT

Gorman vs. Hico

Gorman met Hico in the first game of thm Priddy Tourney with a loss of 52 to 46. Rhett Harrison, David Gibbs and Scott Campbell were the high scorers of the game with 8 points each. Other scorers for the Panthers were Ronson Childers with 6 points, Toby Snider and Scott Gressett with 5, Shannon Caraway with 3, and Don Rodgers with 1.

Gorman vs. Priddy

In the second game at the Priddy Tourney, the Panthers were defeated, 43 to 44. This was their second loss of the tourney, thus putting them out. David Gibbs was the high scorer of the game with 9 points. Other scorers for the Panthers were Rhett Harrison with 8, Sam Brinegar and Toby Snider with 7, Scott Gressett with 6, and Miguel Pacheco and Don Rodgers with 3 points each.

ZEPHYR TOURNAMENT

Gorman vs. Blanket

In the first game of the Zephyr Tournament, the Panthers defeated Blanket, with a score of 51 to 30. David Gibbs was the high scorer of the game with 16 points. Other scorers for the Panthers were Sam Brinegar and Rhett Harrison with 10, Scott Gressett with 6, Lucio Pacheco and Shannon Caraway with 4, and Ronson Childers with 1.

Gorman vs. Mullin

The Panthers outscored Mullin 46 to 35, in the second game of the Zephyr Tourney. David Gibbs once again was the high scorer of the game with 18 points. Other scorers of the game was Rhett Harrison with 10, Scott Gressett with 9, Lucio Pacheco with 5, and Don Rodgers with 4.

PANTHERETTES

Gorman vs. Hico

The Pantherettes opened their 1985 season playing Hico. They were defeated 30 to 72. The girls that put the points on the board were Kathy Dixon with 6 points, Julie Brown with 6, Stacey Slampa with 6, Traci Burns with 5, Tammy Campbell with 5, and Rachel Watson with 2.

PRIDDY TOURNAMENT

Gorman vs. Hico

The Pantherettes met Hico again for the first game at the Priddy Tournament. Hico came out winning again 30 to 73. Kathy Dixon scored 6 pts., Julie Brown 6, Stacey Slampa 4, Sue Ann Osborne 7, Traci Burns 3, Graciela Landa 2, and Kristy Cordell with 1.

The second game in the tourney for the Pantherettes was Dublin. Dublin won 43-41. Tamy Campbell scored 10 points, Sue Ann Osborne 6, Julie Brown 4, Traci Burns 4, Stacey Slampa 5, Molly Vaughn 4, Kristy Cordell 4, and Graciela Landa with 1 point.

Gorman vs. Eastland

The Pantherettes lost 32 to 64 when they played Eastland. Sue Ann Osborne was high scorer with 9 points, Tammy Campbell 8, Graciela Landa 6, Julie Brown 3, Jacque Horne 3, and Stacey Slampa with 3 points.

Gorman vs. Huckabay

In the Pantherettes 46 to 54 loss to Huckabay, Jacque Horne was high scorer with 11 points, Traci Burns 8, Tammy Campbell 6, Sue Ann Osborne 5, Anne Silva 3, Kathy Dixon 2, and Cuca Landa with 1 point.

ZEPHYR TOURNAMENT

Gorman vs. Blanket

The girls met Blanket for the first game of the Zephyr Tournament. The outcome was Gorman's loss 45 to 47. Kathy Dixon was high scorer with 10 points, Stacey Slampa 9, Sue Ann Osborne 8, Traci Burns 5, Jacque Horne 5, Tammy Campbell 4, Julie Brown 2, and Anne Silva with 2 points.

Gorman vs. Mullin

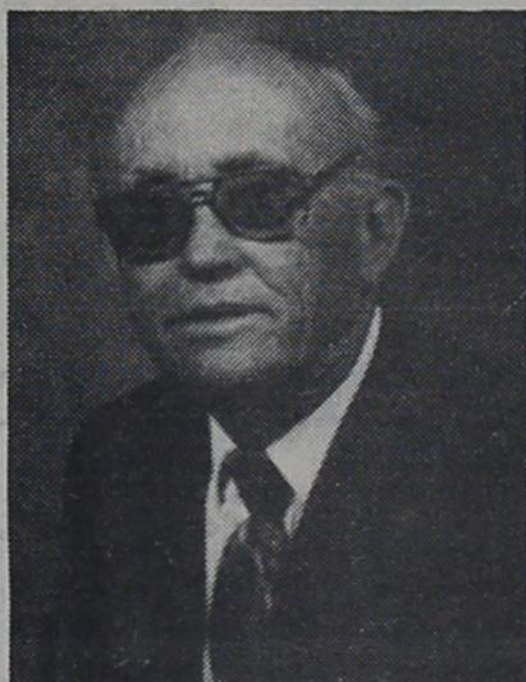
In the second game, the Pantherettes won over Mullin 68 to 36. Jacque Horne was high scorer with 14 points, Tammy Campbell 13, Sue Ann Osborne 12, Anne Silva 8, Cuca Landa 6, Molly Vaughn 5, Kathy Dixon 4, Julie Brown 3, and Rachel Watson with 3 points.

Gorman vs. Gustine

The Pantherettes won Consolation at the tournament taking a win over Gustine, 60 to 35. Kathy Dixon was high scorer with 15 points, Stacey Slampa 13, Sue Ann Osborne 13, Molly Vaughn 7, Anne Silva 6, Tammy Campbell with 6 points.

Gorman vs. Huckabay

When Huckabay came to Gorman, they won 49 to 45. Tammy Campbell was high scorer with 12 points, Sue Ann Osborne 7, Traci Burns 6, Kathy Dixon 6, Cuca Landa 6, Anne Silva 4, and Julie Brown with 2 points.



Rev. Preston Frasier Services Held Saturday

Rev. Preston Frasier, 73, died at his home early Friday morning, December 13, when he was suddenly stricken. He resided at 308 W. Avenue N in Lovington, New Mexico. He had been in ill health for a long period of time.

Frasier was born November 21, 1912 in Comanche County and was united in marriage to Elsie Pierce there on April 14, 1935. He was graduated from Howard Payne University in 1948.

He was pastor at Imperial, Texas until 1962, when the family moved to Lovington where he was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. He served in this capacity for seven years until ill health forced his retirement. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie, of the home; two sons, Preston Eugene Frasier of Slaton, Texas and Garland Lee Frasier of Midland, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Annette Malone of Lovington, New Mexico; four half-brothers, Shelby, Richard, and Lonnie Frasier, all of Gorman, Texas and Alvin Fraiser of Loop, Texas; and by five grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, December 14, at Trinity Baptist Church in Lovington, New Mexico with Rev. Ben Talby officiating. The obituary was read by Dale Howard of Cloves, New Mexico. Burial was in Weaver Cemetery in Gorman with Rev. Marion Dennis conducting the graveside service.

Phil and Angie Golob would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the best New Year.

We would like to tell everyone who would like to stop and take pictures and bring the kids, feel free to enjoy yourself.

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Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club Goes To Meeting

The Eastland County Extension Homemakers Club had its Annual Christmas luncheon and Program December 4, 1985 at the Womans Club in Eastland.

Special music was given by Susan Webster, Elizabeth Webb and Claudie Waites of Cisco.

Kathryn Cowley, Lone Star Gas Consumers Specialist of Abilene gave the program, "Christmas from our House to yours."

Mrs. Janet Thomas County Homemakers Extension Club agent made recognitions and presented gift awards as following:

"Outstanding Club Woman," Edith Wilson of Morton Valley "Club with Most New Members," Kokomo "Club with best attendance; Kokomo "Club with best publicity"; Kokomo

The Kokomo Club had a short business meeting and made plans to cater the Eastland Rotary Club banquet on Dec. 17 at the Kokomo Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

Kokomo E.H.C. Members present were Wynell Brown, Ava Rodgers, Naoma Morrow, Berneice Rodgers, Nancy Hendricks, Mary Frances, Bishop, Lucille Fair, Anna Laura Clearman, Johnny B. Griffith and four guests, Billie Stacey, Genoise Allison, Jamie Smith and Berneice

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CARBON NEWS
Phone 639 2517 By Mrs. Velma Hastings

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Burns Comanche. last weekend were her brother Jere Tickle of Nashville and her son and family Mr. and Mrs. Timmy Wooley, Misty and Brian of Burleson.

Arnold Krusmark of Dallas spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Euell Allison attended the Graduation of Shane Lowrey's class at A&M on Friday.

Thanksgiving visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Obie Duncan were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cates and family, of Navasota; Mr. and Mrs. Thom Winninger of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Don Duncan and family of Gainesville; Ms. Beth Martin and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Duncan and family of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moore, Olden; Chief Bender of Cisco.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sherl Taylor were Mr. and Mrs. Monty Neeb and family Stephenville, Mrs. Theola Neeb, Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Taylor of

England. Hostess were chairman Mary Rose, Edith Wilson, Ardy the Caldwell and Naomi Morrow.

A Note From Cody And Pauline Love

Sorry we have missed visiting with you for a couple of years but because of my inability to write in a readable hand due to complications from my diabetes I just wasn't able to bring greetings from us. Our daughter-in-law is playing secretary this year so I can get in touch with each of you.

We just celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving - time sure seems to fly.

1985 was a rather tough year health-wise. Cody had surgery in the summer but has recovered beautifully and I have had a four month's round with Bell's Palsy, a nerve disorder but am nearly back to normal.

Our children are fine, Bob and

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We do hope all is well with you and yours. Wish we could visit about a week but since we can't we hope this will let you know that we are still around and we cherish our friendships of the years gone by. - God Bless each of you.
Love,
Cody & Pauline

2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll

Third

A
Melissa Clark
Diana Glover
Rachel Reeves

Linda Swanner
A-B
Jennifer Eaves
Kirk Ervin
Rachel Harper
Missy Jobe
Don Mauney
Jeremy Sanders
Charlie Torrez
Blaine Turner

Fourth

A
Shane Caraway
John Mart Stephens
A-B
Joni Graham
Freddie Huff
Noah Landa
Annette Love
Gloria adera
Les Lunceford

Fifth

A
Angela Treadway
A-B
Stephanie Bryant
Neely Carter
Jonray Childers
Cheri Eaves
Jerry Gibbs
Jill Rainey
William Rainey
Kris Scitern
Edith Torres
Jade Warren
Kathy White

Sixth

A
Eli Evans
Steve Taylor
Leah Watson
A-B
Shawnda Burgess
Cesar Escalante
Sylvia Rameriz

Seventh

A
Kim Broom
A-B
Leslie Bryant
Sharla Clark
Kristin Ervin
Julie Grice
Kevin Hirst
Matt Jones
Chago Landa
Israel Ripley
Stephen Scitern
Tona Warren

Eighth

A
Gary Browning
April Daniels
Joe Foster

Public Utility Commission of Texas



Consumer Update

Christmastime is here again, and a festive atmosphere has taken the state by storm. Almost overnight, the Texas landscape has been transformed into a wonderland of tinsel-topped trees and multi-colored lighting displays, with a kindly Santa in every chimney.

After a brief absence during the energy crisis, bright lights and fancy decorations are once again an important part of our annual Yuletide celebration.

However, carelessness sometimes can cause these decorations to turn a family's happy holiday into a fiery nightmare. Last Christmas dozens of fires causing numerous injuries and thousands of dollars in property damage were reported in our state.

Most of these accidents are preventable, and the Public Utility Commission urges everyone to take special care when using Christmas decorations. Here are several ways you can make this holiday season safe and enjoyable:

- Do not use lights for outdoor decorations unless the lights are labeled for outdoor use. It is unsafe to use indoor electrical equipment outdoors.

- Check last year's lights closely for worn insulation, broken plugs, and strings of bulbs that no longer work. Replace any worn-out or broken equipment.

- Always unplug lights

you are using for decorative purposes whenever you leave your home or go to sleep.

- If you choose a live tree, select a tree that is firm and fresh, cut about two inches from the bottom of the tree, and place it in a sturdy, non-tip stand containing water. Check the tree daily to make sure it is not becoming too dry. Keep the tree away from heaters, stoves, fireplaces and other heat sources which may dry it out, and use only non-combustible or flame-retardant decorations. Remove and dispose of the tree as soon after the holidays as possible.

- If you have an artificial tree, use only non-combustible or flame-retardant decorations, and do not use lighted wax candles as decorations. Also, do not put electric lights on a metal tree. Metallic trees can become charged with electricity from faulty lights. This can cause shock or electrocution to anyone touching the energized tree.

Remember, Christmas decorations can be dangerous if used improperly. Taking special care when using these decorations will help you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

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Social Security Administration to Issue Paper Check

Social Security checks will have a new look on December 3, Glyn Hammons, manager of the Abilene Social Security office said today.

The familiar green punched-card checks that Social Security beneficiaries have been receiving since 1940 will be replaced with a new, more counterfeit-resistant cost-effective paper check.

The U.S. Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service the government's financial manager, began planning the paper check conversion project in the late 1970's because of new technology and the need to conform to generally accepted banking practices. Taxpayers will save \$6 million per year in costs of paper stock and storage space.

The new check is also more difficult to alter or counterfeit. More than a dozen security features--three times more than the old check--are contained in the design, the ink and the paper.

The design features a full-length reproduction of the Statue of Liberty on the left and a muted close-up of the Statue's head and torch on the right over a multicolored background ranging from light blue to pale peach. The letter "USA" create a

Seniors

A
Randy Anderson
Traci Burns
Tammy Campbell
A-B
Julie Brown
Shannon Caraway
Janie Flores
Rhett Harrison
Jacque Horne
James Torrez

Freshman

A
A-B
Susan Carmack
Craig Gryder
Tresa Hutson
Kevin Love
Jay McCormick
Dara Miears
Ronnie Wilcoxon
Joni Williams

Sophomores

A
Scott Gressett
A-B
Scott Campbell
Tommy Curb
Mickey Derryberry
Kathy Dixon
Christian Henry
Ruth Hudgins
Trina Keesee
Wayne Murray
Cathy Silva
Jerry Simmons
John Starr
Molly Vaughn
Rachel Watson

Juniors

A
A-B
Graciela Landa
Anne Silva
Jennifer Simmons
Sacey Slampa
Bobbie Wilcoxon

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CANTERBURY VILLA OF GORMAN NEWS

On Sunday at 2:30 p.m. the Kokomo Baptist Church come and had Church services. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Clearance Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning Miss Tammy Rodgers and Mmes. Berneice Rodgers, Nancy Hendricks, Hope Joiner, Lavelle Rodgers, Anna Laura Clearman and Naoma Morrow.

At 4:00 p.m. the Church of Christ brought Church services. Those attending were Bro. and Mrs. Curis Maness, Bro. T.A. Grice, Dora Faye Brewer, Merle Pruitt, Georgie Stacey, Myrtice Rodgers, Allie Mae George, Zina Simpson, Lorene Foster, Cula Palmer, Fred Rogers, Floydson Gilbert, Dee Smithey, Virgie Brown and Perna Faye Smith.

Mrs. Alice Burleson states that she just loves to be a resident of Canterbury Villa and finds the service just wonderful. She states her recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burleson of Stephenville, Geneva Howell of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris, Kokomo, Mr. and Mrs. Dink Davis and T.J. of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burleson, Ben Brook, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pack, Lacy and Carey of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burleson, Justin and Nick, Desdemona and Nora Carter.

Mrs. Dorothy Reynolds of Cross Plains came Wednesday and sang for the residents. We are happy to announce we have a new L.V.N., Mr. Alan Wayne Hall who is a student Tarleton studying to be a Registered Nurse. He came from Veterans Administration, Marlin, Texas.

The residents continue to enjoy the bingo games. On Monday Jessie Lemley won game 1, Emma Gregg won game 2, Garnet Adams game 3. Iola Johnson had the black out card. M.L. Skiles and Irene West helped.

On Wednesday Hazle Smith and Gladys Chambless braved the cold and came to help. Alonzo Coffman won game 1 and 2. Grace Skiles won game 3 and had the black out card.

Friday afternoon M.L. Skiles and Wanda Tedwell called the numbers, Jess Roberts won game 1, Charlotte O'Neal won game 2 and 3. Two had blacked out the cards, they were Iola Johnson and Lonzo Coffman.

The December birthday party for

KOKOMO NEWS

Phone 639-2289

By Mrs. Zelda Jordan

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all who read the Kokomo News. We can all be happy amid any circumstances as we praise God for sending his son, Jesus, so we might have eternal life through Him.

Our congratulations to the members of the Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club. They received three of the five awards given at the annual E.H. Christmas luncheon and program held recently in Eastland at the Woman's Club. The awards were for the Club with the Most New Members; Attendance Award and

residents having December birthday will be Thursday Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Friends and relatives may come and share in this enjoyable affair.

We are sorry to report Lola Hill is in the Blackwell Hospital and Crawford Thurman in the DeLeon Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Joe Poteet has been real busy getting the ladies ready for Christmas. He has given pendants to Alice Burleson, Vena Hale, Emma Boyd, Mary Emerson, Grace Skiles, Lena Smith and Annie Hale.

Due to the bad weather the Thursday night singing was canceled. On Friday Mrs. Dorothy Reynolds of Cross Plains came and led singing for about 20 residents and four guests.

Publicity Award. Members attending the luncheon and program were Mmes. Wynelle Brown, Anna Laura Clearman, Frances Bishop, Ima Lee Fair, Berneice Rodgers, Naoma Morrow, Nancy Hendricks, Ava Rodgers and Johnnie B. Griffith and visitors Mrs. England, Jenoise Allison, Billie Stacey and Jamie Smith.

The Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club members were also in Eastland for the annual Pecan Show and Bake Show. Ava Rodgers, Naoma Morrow, Wynelle Brown, Berneice Rodgers, Frances Bishop and Anna Laura Clearman worked in the concession stand sponsored by the E.H. Council and Mrs. Berneice Rodgers won first place in the snack division and second place in the Nut Bread Division and Mrs. Ava Rodgers won third place in the cookie division. Our congratulations to these ladies and all the winners.

Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Eaves visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graham and family at McAlester, Okla. Mark Eaves of De Soto, Deliah Eaves of Ennis and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Graham of Monahans joined them in McAlester for the family get together.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers spent the weekend in Midlothian with Gene and Jimmy Rodgers and their families and attended the grand opening of the First National Bank building.

FEDERAL TAX CALENDAR

Closing the books on the 1985 tax year involves important dates for taxpayers, particularly employers, financial institutions, and those who pay estimated taxes. The following dates should be noted, the IRS advises.

JANUARY 15 - Final 1985 estimated tax payment due.

JANUARY 31 - Employers and financial institutions issue W-2 and 1099 statements.

JANUARY 31 - Tax return filing date for those electing not to make a separate final 1985 estimated tax payment.

MARCH 3 - Tax return filing date for farmers and commercial fishermen electing not to make a final 1985 estimated tax payment.

APRIL 15 - Tax return filing deadline.

The IRS advises the deadline is extended to the next business day and whenever any filing date falls on a weekend or federal holiday.



Hope you have a cheer-filled holiday!

Mr. Danny Snider, Justin and Belinda and Mrs. Hazel Snider spent Sunday with Mrs. Danny Snider and Sandra at the Ft. Worth's Children Hospital. We hope that Sandra is much improved and will soon be home.



GHS Paper Clips

DECEMBER STAFF:
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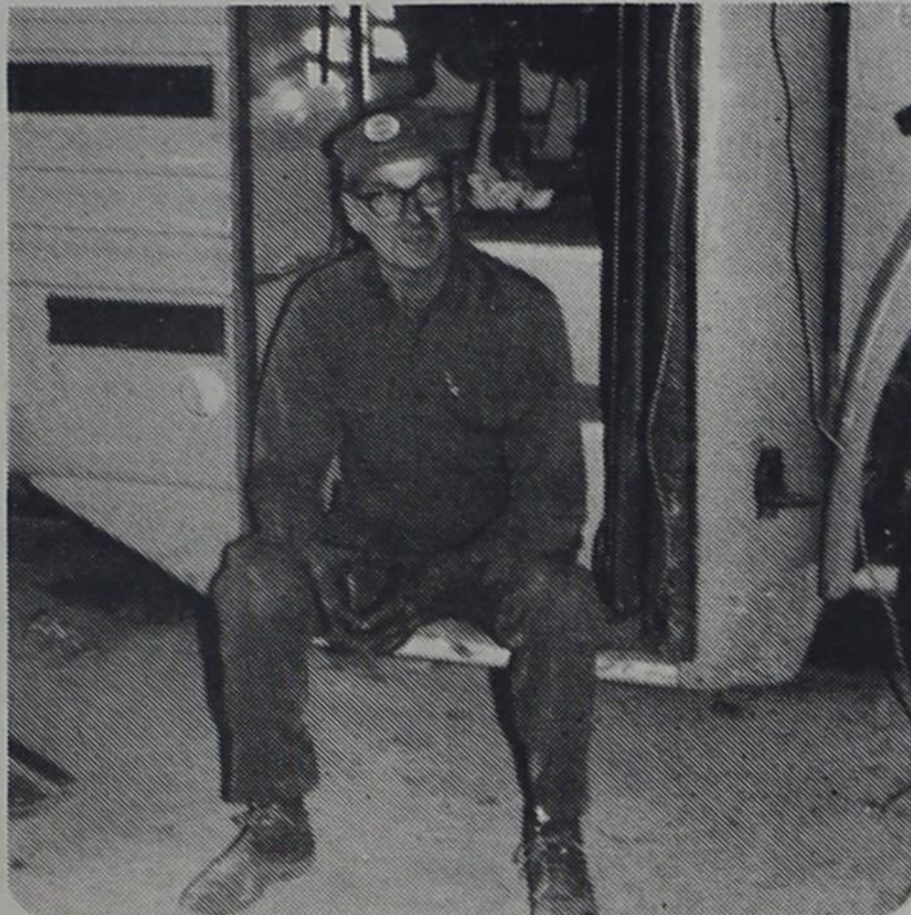
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CHRISTMAS

- Christmas is a time of caring
- Helping one another
- Raising each others spirits and
- Involving them in community fellowship
- Sharing your thoughts and feelings
- Thinking of future plans
- Making our lives more complete
- Allowing our lives to be touched by others
- Showing your family and friends how much we care

by D. '85

MEET THE PEOPLE AT GHS



By Stacey Slampa and Mike Snider

Every month the Junio Class will be doing a feature story on someone who is involved in our school. For this month we have chosen Mr. Jack Harrison, who has helped keep the school going for 32 years.

Mr. Harrison went to school at Gorman until he was drafted into the service in 1943. He was then sent to Germany for 18 months until the war ended. From there, he was scheduled to be sent to Japan but before he could be transferred, Japan surrendered so he returned to Gorman. Before coming to work at the school, he worked for Smith Brothers Chevrolet.

When asked what his duties were, he replied, "Everything but teaching."

Since Mr. Harrison has been here, there have been many changes in the school itself. In the early 60's, the grade school was replumbed. In '77, they tried to re-do the football field. Jack said this was the most miserable time he had. The latest change, of course, was the renovation that occurred over the summer, and the new grade school building that is almost completed.

Mr. Harrison said the low point of his job is that it's too cold. The high point? "Getting to put up with all these kid!"

Mr. Harrison says he plans to work here until the doctor makes him quit.

What's Happin'

By Jennifer

Lisa Foster, a 1985 graduate of Gorman High School is attending college at Abilene Christian University. Lisa thinks that the most difficult adjustments for her are to be away from her family and friends, and learning to accept responsibility for herself.

To her the most interesting things about college are people who have totally different backgrounds. She says that it's like starting over again with new friends and new surroundings.

She enjoys the dorm life the best. She says that it's like one big slumber party every night.

Lisa's major is still undecided. But she's planning on finishing school at A.C.U., probably in business, and then go to work.

Lisa adds that she thinks everyone should go to college at least for one year. She says it helps you to grow up and learn to take responsibilities.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- Shirley Good - 2nd
- Dorian Hensley - 3rd
- J. R. Jones - 4th
- Sam Brinegar - 11th
- Eric Jenkins - 14th
- Bryan Wood - 25th

by Jennifer Simmons

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

by Bobbie Wilcoxon

The Senior Class will be having a Turkey Shoot December 21. The Shoot will be held at the Gorman Baseball Park, starting at 1:00 p.m. There will be several events including ladies and youths categories.

BAND NEWS

Christmas time is here again and the Christmas spirit seems to have fallen on Gorman High School.

Starting Friday morning, the twentieth of December, at 8:00, the band will be having a Christmas party. There will be food, drinks, and music. The drum majors would like to tell band members to be looking for a special guest at the party.

Afterwards at 1:30 p.m., the band will be performing in a Christmas concert and following the concert, the high school will be having a Christmas party. The buses will then run at 2:30 p.m.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BY BILL BLACK

In last weeks article, I discussed the 2 part Medicare System and who was eligible. This article will concentrate on the Part A Hospitalization benefits.

Anyone can get Hospitalization benefits if you are 65 or older and are eligible for any type of monthly social security or railroad retirement benefit. You qualify if you have sufficient covered employment to be eligible for monthly retirement benefits even if you do not receive them because you are still working. Also eligible are age-65-or-over spouses of persons who are insured. Age-65-or-over widows or widowers of deceased retirees or of deceased insured workers are also eligible if the worker was covered long enough at time of death to have met certain eligibility requirements.

You should apply for your Medicare card at your local Social Security office about 3 months before you become 65. Even though you cannot draw retirement benefits because you are still working, you should apply for Hospital Insurance. If you don't and are hospitalized, you can still receive benefits if you apply within one year, but payment may take some time.

If you did not contribute during your employment years to the Social Security fund you may elect to purchase Hospital Insurance coverage by paying a substantial premium. The premium changes every year but for 1986 it will be \$214.00 per month if you enroll at the earliest possible time.

In addition to the basic benefits for inpatient Hospital care, Hospital insurance provides benefits for skilled nursing facility care, home health services, and hospice care. You must pay part of the costs if you receive covered services. Many people carry additional private insurance-Medicare supplement policies-to cover some or all of the costs Medicare doesn't cover.

The amount you have to pay changes from year to year, depending on increases in the average cost of a day of hospitalization. The following description is based on 1986 amounts, which will increase in 1987. In no event will you have to pay more than the actual charges.

When you are admitted to a hospital you will have to pay an

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Mrs. Vonnie Guthery
Phone 758-2665

Myrt Reid former resident of Desdemona, now living with her daughter, Iris June Townsend in Baton Rouge, Louisiana called this reporter Sunday morning — she said to tell all her friends and neighbors a big "Hello" and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Her address is 563 Burgin Ave, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 and she would enjoy hearing from you.

Melvin Denson spent several days recently in the M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. "Our best wishes" goes out to Melvin and Clarene - they are a wonderful couple and much loved by everyone.

Bernard and Ann Keith of Odessa spent last week-end with Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

Mutt Wilcoxson and Bob Banta of Odessa spent several days with Randall and Cheryl Wilcoxson.

This poem was written by Mrs. Bernard Keith of Odessa and would like to share it with you.

initial deductible of \$492.00 (an increase from 400.00 for 1985). After that, for the next 60 days you will pay nothing more (except for "luxury" items such as private rooms, TV's and other things not essential to good care). If you are admitted again within 60 days after being discharged from the hospital or skilled nursing facility, this represents a single benefit period, and you do not have to pay another initial deductible. However the hospital days in both periods count toward the 60 day maximum.

After 60 days of hospital care in a benefit period, you can get an additional 30 days of care, but you must pay \$123.00 a day. After 90 days of hospital care, you may draw on your "lifetime reserve" of 60 days. For each day used, you must pay \$246.00 a day. It is up to you whether you want to use these reserve days or save them. Once used, the reserve days are not replenished.

Next article I will go into the Part A benefits of Skilled Nursing facilities, Home Health Services and Hospice Care.

THE GIFT

I walked through life in a merry daze
At the Yule Season of the year,
Buying gifts; giving smiles;
Holding "wordly things" dear.
Then in my wanderings on my way
Something did not seem right,
I'd given gifts and smiles to all
But had failed to keep in sight
The one who came to die for all
Who was born in a Manger of hay.
The one whose birth we celebrate
Upon this Christmas Day.
To Him I'd given not a thing
Or even gave a thought.
And now I realized with shame
That love can not be bought.
For here was one of lowly birth,
The Christ Child, A King was He,
Leaving Heaven bright and fair
To come to earth for me.

That I might have eternal life
Something men have sought,
A gift so wonderful and free,
For love can not be bought
This was a gift from God above
A gift beyond compare.
He came to earth by His own Will
To show how He did care.

Remember the sick and shut-ins at the Holiday season with your cards and prayers.

A very Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors from Pug and Koone Guthery.

1985 Crop Year Insurance Period Ends December 31

December 31 ends the 1985 crop year insurance period for peanuts grown in Eastland, Texas and insured by the federal crop insurance corporation (FCIC), or by a private company reinsured by FCIC, according to Ardell Kalmbach, a representative for the federal crop insurance corporation.

"Any notice of loss must be given no later than 30 days after total destruction of the unit, completion of Harvest, or December 31, whichever occurs earlier," according to Kalmbach.

The producer who anticipates a claim should notify his or her crop insurance agent immediately.

"Under the terms of the policy, any acreage on which harvest will not be completed must be left intact until an inspection is made. Any claim for indemnity may be rejected if these loss reporting requirements are not met," Kalmbach stated.

ENJOY MORE OF THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

SHOP

Christmas Dollars Spent Locally Help Build A Brighter Community

Every dollar you spend shopping in your town during this holiday season is, in effect, a present for you and everyone else in the community! This money redistributes itself in the form of business improvements and expansions, creating more modern facilities for your buying enjoyment!

Local businesses want and need your patronage during their busiest time of the year and they're willing to go out of their way to serve you better. To them, the customer is always tops on their list...holiday time and all through the year! Remember...there is no need to roam anywhere else. The best shopping is right in your own backyard...at home!

AT HOME

ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1985

10:00 A.M.

Hwy. 80 West of Eastland, Texas
This is the Estate of Home and Jackie Williams

SALE ITEMS

Seth Thomas Mantel Clock (Very Nice)
Atmos Clock
Royal China Set
R. S. Hester Porcelain (5 pieces)
Vestera (American Pottery)
25 Stems and Other Pieces
M. Z. Austria Precision
Stirling Silver Flatware (Crown Princess)
18 Piece Setting
Silver Plate Flatware
(Eternally Yours Pattern)
Four China Collector Plates
Lamoges China Collector Plates (Nica)
Cappie-Monte Type Tea Set (Exciting)
MILLS. Saw White (Made 1938) - Dopey Puppet
(Ideal Company) - One - Shirley Temple Type Doll
Scarlett O'Hara Doll
Duncan Playe Dining Room Set
Table/cupboard and 5 chairs, China Cabinet
and Buffet
Marble Top Oval Antique Table
Antique Victorian Love Seat (Excellent)
Converted Oil Lamp
Marble Top Table, Lestlake Type
Couch
Recliner
Occasional Chairs
Double Bed - New Kingzize Bedroom Suite
Stereo
25" RCA XL100 TV
Fireplace Tools, Screen, Bellows, Etc.

Child's Saddle, Hand Made Foster
Regular Saddle, Hand Made Leddy
Tack, Bridles, Blankets, etc.

Gas, Elec. Refrigerator
Maytag Washer
Frigidaire Dryer
Frigidaire Custom Imperial
Cook Stove
Duetto Set (4 Chairs)
Luggage
Quilts
Lenses
Towels and Washcloths
Stainless Cookware
Flatware
Custom Jewelry
Samsone Card Table (4 Chairs)
Hohner Accordion (Like New)
Full Length Mirror on Brass Stand
Kingsize and Regular Elec. Blankets
Dishes
Lamps
Lawn Tools
Golf Clubs

SALE ITEMS

Glass and Brass Serving Table
Bedside Tables
Small Appliances
Lawn Lounger
Water Hoses
Lawn Chairs
Metal Beds
Water Shuts
Step Stool
Saw Horses
Step Ladder
Large Lassel and Art Supplies
Records (some old)
Fishing Equipment
4 - 2'x6"x16" Boards
2 - 4"x4" Timbers
2 sacks cement
Wooden Boat
Pressure Tank (Approx. 50 gal.)
Stock Trailer (12ft. Tandem)

AUCTIONEER NOTES: (1) This is an excellent sale with many fine antiques and other nice items. (2) Sale will be conducted regardless of weather conditions. (3) No Reserves on any item. (4) Concessions will be available.

TUCKER AUCTION SERVICE

Route 1, Box 90 - Eastland, Texas 76448
Phone 817-629-1956
Auctioneers: Fred Tucker TXS 085-1152 - - Kenn Norris TXS 104-1096

LICENSED AND BONDED

Dwaine Clower of Carbon Named Initial Member of LAAC

The Lay Academy Advisory Council of the Logsdon School of Theology, Hardin-Simmons University, has held its first meeting since organizing.

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide feedback, suggestions, and support for the Lay Academy Program of HSU.

This program provides short term instruction in Bible, theology, Christian history and other aspects of the Christian faith to interested lay people in the churches of the Big Country area.

The initial members of the Council, which will be enlarged as the

Services Pending For Kate Ramsey

EASTLAND -- Kate A. Ramsey, 73, of Eastland died Tuesday at Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Kate is a former longtime resident of Gorman.

Services are pending at Baker Funeral Home of Eastland.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to the First Baptist Church Beginners Sunday School Class, Acteens, G.A. Girls - grades 1 - 3, G.A. Girls, grades 4-6, R.A. Boys and Older R.A. Boys for decorating the doors at the Senior Citizens Hotel.

It was so very thoughtful for these youth to take time from their busy schedule to help our Senior Citizens.

It brightened their day.
Karen Guthery

Regional Pecan Show Winners Named

Eastland County pecan growers won 17 ribbons at the Central Texas Regional Pecan Show last week. All first place entries in the Eastland County Pecan Show were sent to Stephenville where entries from one third of the state were processed and judged. Pecans were then taken to Temple where they have been on display in a shopping mall. There were a total of 490 entries in the regional show.

First place ribbons were won by Dan Childress in the Barton class; Gilbert Williams in the Stuart class; Charles Walker in the Wichita class; Acres of Joy in the Chickasaw class; Lin Boch in the Western class; and Mrs. W.L. Wright in the Smallest pecan class.

Second place ribbons were won by

program expands, are Sharon White, Bettye Tyler, Mike Myers, Robby Barrett, Kenn Coates and Dillon Lang, all of Abilene, and Dwaine Clower of Carbon, Tex.

The first meeting involved a time of fellowship and getting acquainted as well as some evaluation of the program as it has operated since the fall of 1984.

Plans call for a meeting in the Spring semester of 1986 in which officers will be elected.

Ten Eastland County Delegates Represent County At Convention

Ten voting delegates representing Eastland County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 52nd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention Dec. 1-4 in Fort Worth.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frank McCollum of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. John Kidd of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Desdemona, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shults of Rising Star and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walton of Ranger.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 217 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held Jan. 12-16

Law Enforcement Elects New 1986 Officers

The Eastland County Law Enforcement Association elected its 1986 officers this week.

Gorman Police Chief Cecil Fund-erburgh was elected president, Eastland County Deputy Sheriff H.T. Fillingim will be the first vice president and Cisco Police officer Frank Thumsuden will serve as second vice president.

Also elected was Ginny Matthews, secretary to District Attorney Emory Walton, who will serve as the association's secretary-treasurer.

Holiday Greetings

May Santa find your home the most joyous of all on this Christmas holiday!

Acres of Joy in the Delmas class and Grabohl class; T.E. Robertson in the Shawnee class and the John Garner class; Gilbert Williams in the Texas Prolific class; and Lin Boch in the Known Hybrid class.

Third place ribbons were won by Dan Childress in the Apache class, Sioux class and Native class; Charles Walker in the Cherokee class; and Lin Boch in the Mahan class.

in Atlanta.

Speakers featured at the convention included Navy Capt. Gerald Coffee, a former American POW in Vietnam; S.M. True of Plainview, TFB president; and Warren Newberry of Waco, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, S.M. True.

County leaders also attended several special conferences on federal farm programs, agricultural financing, taxes and education, unemployment compensation and farm labor and toxic waste disposal. Commodity conferences were also held.



Voting delegates representing Eastland County farm Bureau at the 52nd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Fort Worth Dec. 1-4 included front row (left to right):

Joe Frank McCollum, John Kidd, Roy Johnson, Robert Shults, & Bill Walton. Seated, left to right Barbara McCollum, Betty Kidd, Charlotte Johnson, Lela Mary Shults and Anita Walton.

NOTICE

To Gorman Cable TV Subscribers

Effective on January 1st, there will be a 5% Rate Increase in Basic Cable Charge

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Gorman Cable TV

We've Moved

Skaggs and Burnett, CPA's have moved to our new location at 502 Fannin in De Leon. Our new mailing address is P. O. Box 136. Phone 893-6248 or 893-6060.

You are cordially invited to stop by for an Open House between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 20th, 1985.

We appreciate your support during the past year. Seasons Greetings to all our friends and clients.

We are thinking of you today
Because it's Christmas
And we wish you joy,
And tomorrow
Because it's the day after Christmas
We shall wish you joy.
Perhaps we can't tell you about it
From day to day
For you may be far away
Or we may be entangled
With the things of life
But it makes no difference.
Our thoughts and our wishes
Will be with you.
Whatever joy or success comes to you,
We shall be glad clear through the year.

Without pretense
We wish you the spirit of Christmas.

 **OLNEY SAVINGS**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year