



By Kernel Gene, aPe

A Merry Christmas - in case you do not receive a Gorman Progress next week it will be due to the Progress force taking a week off - machinery being overhauled - and the Kernel sitting in his easy chair, feet on desk, taking a nap.

Having passed over the threshold from the Forceful Forties into the Frightening Fifties, I now enjoy reminiscing on the Twinkling Twenties and Thirsty Thirties. Don't know what I will do in the Sensible Sixties. However, I do feel optimistic about the future. Maybe its the showers that are falling today (Tuesday).

It is, too! On account of I saw the certificate which said so. This sounds silly - but then most rumors are silly. It seems somebody claims E. E. Todd isn't an authorized Philco TV Dealer. He is, Ray Rankins, Philco representative for this area, has presented Earney with his certificate.

The big "P" is drawing attention. Peanuts, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Persimmons, Potatoes, Poultry, Pigs, Pheasants, Turkeys, Cattle, Sheep, Goats. A number of feed crops, one of which I do not believe has been planted much in this area - Sunflowers. I understand this has become a good money crop in Kansas. Can you think of any other crops that might be produced in this area?

Sports

By Jerry Clark

The basketball season in Gorman is well underway. Our teams have been playing pre-district warmup games for about three weeks. Our boys and girls teams will be in District 23-B for basketball this season. District 23-B will include Carbon, Desdemona, Olden, Strawn, and Gorman. District games will be played in double round robin, which means that each team in the district will play each of the other teams twice. District play will not start until January. The Olden boys team is favored in the boys division, and the Carbon girls team is figured to be a top contender for the girls district title. Our girls team is favored to battle the Carbon girls to the wire for the district championship.

Our girls team, coached by David Goodwin, has one of the best records in this area for this season. They have lost only one game, while winning 8 games. And all of these games have been with Class AA schools that are two and three times larger than Gorman. The girls have beaten Dublin in 3 games, Cisco, 1, De Leon, 2, Comanche, 1, and Stephenville, 1 game. All of these are Class AA schools. The one loss was to De Leon two weeks ago by the close score of 36-31. One trophy has already been won, first place at the De Leon tournament last week.

Coach Goodwin has 9 girls returning who have earned letters. There are two girls, Nelda Robertson and Janey Thompson, with 3 letters; four girls, Annye Kate Blair, Sandra West, Linda Cloninger, and Julia Beth Skaggs have 2 letters; and three girls, Charlotte Hilley, Kay Lynn Ramsey, and Mary Kay Cloninger, have 1 letter. There are seven newcomers on the squad. They are Beth Hart, Patsy Rawls, Karen Wright, Mary Robertson, Lorene Lewis, Emma Jane Skaggs, and Ava Askew.

Only two girls, Pat Robertson and Jeanette Bunting, graduated from last year's team. They both earned 4 letters.

Coach Roy Byrd's boys team does not have the wealth of experience that our girls team has. There are only five boys on the team who have earned letters, and just eleven boys on the entire team. There are no 3-year-lettermen. Two boys, Johnny Rodgers and Freddy Rodgers, have 2

JUDGES ANNOUNCE CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

RAIN!!

A Christmas present beneficial to everyone in this area was received this week as rains measuring around 3 inches fell slowly on the thirsty ground. Farmers said that the rain was most helpful to their winter cover crops and small grain crops.

The rain fell slowly so that there was little run-off. Most of the rain soaked into the ground and was evenly distributed.

The rains will help in the seasoning of the ground, and will add to the underground reserve of water for crops next year.

Mrs. Sunny Kellogg Hosts Progressive Study Club Meeting

Mrs. Sunny Kellogg was hostess to members of the Progressive Study Club at the Fire Hall on Thursday, December 6th for a Christmas party entitled, "Music in a Universal Language".

Misses Sylvia Hendricks and Patricia Harrison favored the club with Christmas Carols. They were accompanied by Mrs. Billy Simpson.

A short business session was held. The members voted to send gifts to children at the Mexia home. Names were exchanged for a later Christmas party.

Mrs. Billy Simpson was welcomed as a new member.

A very lovely centerpiece centered the table where delicious salad plates were served to the following: Mesdames Floyd Eison, Albert Hendricks, James Jobe, Thurman Jay, E. E. Todd, Burnett Eison, T. J. Hallmark, Tina Cooper, Shorty Lawrence, Albert Rand, David Goodwin, J. Q. Eakin, and Billy Earl Simpson.

Mrs. Kellogg presented the girls who sang with gifts.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

I think I have been a good boy this year.

Please bring me a little gun, jeep and a sidewalk bicycle.

Love
Gary Dale Burgess

letters; and three boys, Delbert Smith, Eddie Gregg, and Jerry Warren, have 1-letter. Three of the boys, Eddie Browning, David Revels, and Bobby Standridge, were on the "B" team last season, while three are newcomers. The newcomers are James Whitlock, Benny Frasier, and Thomas Snider.

Three lettermen, Max Pierce, Jerry Dupuy, and Jackie Don Wheeler, were lost by graduation. Pierce and Dupuy had 3 letters, and Wheeler had 2.

There are only two boys, John Rodgers and Delbert Smith, on the team this season who are over six feet tall, and these two boys are just one or two inches over six feet. The other boys on the team are below the six-foot mark, and average about 5' 7" or 5' 8" in height. Height is not always important in basketball, but it helps a lot.

The record of the boys team to date is five losses and no wins. But all of these games have been with Class AA teams, and yet the games have been close in score. The games have been with Cisco, De Leon (twice), and Dublin (twice).

The Panthers have not played any teams in their division, Class B, as yet. So I am predicting that when the Panthers get to district play, they will find easier going. They have lost each game by only a few points, and the boys seem to be improving. With the good coaching of Coach Byrd and the enthusiasm of the boys, the Panthers will be winning some basketball games before long.

One consolation the Panthers can have for their two fifty-point losses during the past football season is that the two teams, Eastland and Rochester, that ran up 50-point scores on the Panthers both reached high positions in their divisions.

Rochester, who defeated Gorman in the bi-district game, went on to win the Regional title. Eastland, who beat us 53 to 0 early in the season, went to the State semi-finals in Class A before being defeated by Stinnett, who is favored for the State champion ship.

Winners in the recent Coloring Contest sponsored by Frossard's Dept. Store, Higginbotham's, Shelley's Variety Store, Todd's Variety Store, Thompson Hardware, Mehaffey Drug, and Empire Southern Gas Co. are as follows:
First Prize - Billy Taylor, 7. His scene was the Christmas tree in front of a church with a spotlight shining on it.

Second Prize - Joyce Warren, 13. Her picture was the nativity scene with the young man holding a kodak.

Third Prize - Joy Love, 9. Her scene was Santa Claus and his reindeers flying through the sky.

Consolation Prize winners were Richard Watson, 10; Johnny Davis, 13; Carolyn Cowan, 10; Linda Whitlock, 11; Kay Lynn Barnett, 8; Carole Eison, 9; and Shirley Rasco, 12.

The judges, who prefer to remain anonymous, said they had a difficult time picking the winners from the two hundred odd drawings.

Illness In Gorman

The following patients were registered at the Blackwell Hospital on Wednesday morning:

- 201 - Paul Ausmus, Gorman
- 202 - Mrs. Katie May, Desdemona
- 203 - Mrs. Jack Braswell, Abilene
- 205 - Mrs. Joe Merrill, Desdemona
- 210 - Baby Andrews, De Leon
- 211 - Mrs. D. L. Varner, Benbrook
- 401 - Wesley Eads, De Leon (No Visitors)
- 402 - Johnny Turner, Rising Star
- 403 - Mrs. Hattie Davis, Dublin
- 404 - Mrs. J. H. Gilman, Comanche
- 405 - C. H. Barber, Memphis, Tenn
- 406 - Mrs. Ory Smith, Comanche
- 407 - Mrs. Floyd Jay, Gorman
- 410 - Mrs. S. J. Foster, Wingate
- 411 - Mrs. J. C. Lagrone, Comanche
- 412 - Billy Taylor, Gorman
- 419 - C. H. Stacy, Gorman

BIRTHS AT BLACKWELLS

Lyndon Don Lasater born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Lasater of Rt. 1, Carbon on December 13 weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces.

VOL. 56 - 5c per copy

GORMAN PROGRESS, Eastland Co., TEXAS, December 20, 1956

Number Thirty-Nine

Gorman Girls Win First Place In De Leon Tourney

The Gorman High School Girls basketball team won first place in the De Leon tournament last week end by defeating Dublin, Stephenville, and De Leon.

The girls defeated Dublin 46 to 32, Stephenville 59-48, and De Leon 41 to 39 in the finals.

Annye Kate Blair was chosen outstanding girl in the tournament and Nelda Robertson and Janey Thompson made the all-tournament team.

Other outstanding performances were turned in by forward Linda Cloninger and guards Charlotte Hilley, Sandra West and Kay Lynn Ramsey.

This team will play their next game during the Gorman tournament against Scranton.

Dorcas Class Holds Christmas Party

The Dorcas Class of the Baptist Sunday School had their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Geo. Blackwell on December 7.

After each member told of their most exciting or embarrassing moment, the guests were invited into the appropriately decorated dining room for refreshments of sandwiches, home made candy, nuts and hot punch.

Fifteen members were present.

G. A. NEWS

The G. A.'s met Monday afternoon at the First Baptist Church.

There was a large number present. We sang Christmas Carols, then exchanged gifts.

We invite more girls to meet with us each Monday afternoon.

Joyce Burgess, Reporter

Indian Trail Basketball Tournament To Get Underway Here Wednesday

WEDNESDAY -

- 1:30 P.M. - Comanche vs. Carlton (Girls)
- 2:45 P.M. - Clifton vs. Lipan (Boys)
- 4:00 P.M. - Desdemona vs. Carlton (Boys)

- 6:30 P.M. - Millsap vs. Brownwood "B" (Boys)
- 7:45 P.M. - Scranton vs. Gorman (Girls)
- 9:00 P.M. - Scranton vs. De Leon (Boys)

THURSDAY -

- 1:30 P.M. - Dublin vs. Priddy (Girls)
- 2:45 P.M. - Dublin vs. Priddy (Boys)
- 4:00 P.M. - Loser (Millsap-Brownwood "B" vs. Loser (Clifton-Lipan) (Boys)

- 6:30 P.M. - De Leon vs. Clifton (Girls)
- 7:45 P.M. - Loser (Scranton-De Leon) vs. Loser (Desdemona-Carlton) (Boys)
- 9:00 P.M. - Breckenridge vs. Gorman (Boys)

FRIDAY -

- 8:30 A.M. - Lower Consolation Semi-finals (Boys)
- 9:45 A.M. - Upper Consolation Semi-finals (Girls)
- 11:00 A.M. - Lower Consolation Semi-finals (Girls)

- 1:30 P.M. - Upper Consolation Semi-finals (Boys)
- 2:45 P.M. - Lipan vs. Winner (Dublin-Priddy) (Girls)
- 4:00 P.M. - Ranger vs. Winner (Dublin-Priddy) (Boys)

- 6:30 P.M. - ACHS vs. Winner (Bk ridge-Gorman) (Boys)
- 7:45 P.M. - Winner (Millsap-Brownwood "B" vs. Winner (Clifton-Lipan) (Boys)
- 9:00 P.M. - Winner (Scranton-De Leon) vs. Winner (Desdemona-Carlton) (Boys)

SATURDAY -

- 9:30 A.M. - Upper Championship Semi-finals (Girls)
- 10:45 A.M. - Lower Championship Semi-finals (Girls)

- 1:30 P.M. - Upper Championship Semi-finals (Boys)
- 2:45 P.M. - Lower Championship Semi-finals (Boys)

- 5:30 P.M. - Consolation Finals (Girls)
- 6:45 P.M. - Consolation Finals (Boys)
- 8:00 P.M. - Championship Finals (Girls)
- 9:15 P.M. - Championship Finals (Boys)

One of the largest and best basketball tournaments in this area of the state begins next Wednesday afternoon at Gorman when the annual Indian Trail Tournament gets underway. 23 of the best girls and boys basketball teams of this area will play in the big tournament which will run Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, and all-day Friday and Saturday of next week. 14 boys teams and 9 girls teams are entered.

Entries in the boys division are Abilene Christian High, Breckenridge, Brownwood "B", Ranger, De Leon, Dublin, Clifton, Carlton, Lipan, Millsap, Scranton, Desdemona, Priddy, and Gorman. Abilene Christian High is a high school operated by the Abilene Christian College.

Entries in the girls division are Comanche, De Leon, Dublin, Clifton, Carlton, Scranton, Priddy, Lipan, and Gorman.

Miss Joyce Tucker To Become Bride Of S/Sgt. Billy Joe Dennis

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Tucker of Beall Hurst Ranch, Eastland, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joyce Tucker, to Staff Sergeant Billy Joe Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Dennis, Route 3, Gorman.

Miss Tucker is a graduate of Eastland High School, Ranger Jr. College, and West Liberty State College of West Virginia.

S/Sgt. Dennis is a graduate of Gorman High School, Ranger Jr. and has attended McMurry College in Abilene. He is at present with the U. S. Air Force.

The wedding will be solemnized on December 22 at Beall Hurst the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Russell, in Eastland.

KING THEATRE

Thursday & Friday
Dana Andrews - Rhonda Fleming
in
WHILE THE CITY SLEEPS

Also
Color Cartoon

Saturday
Randolph Scott - Lex Barker
in
THUNDER OVER THE PLAINS

Also
Three Stooges Comedy

Sunday & Monday
Robert Ryan - Anita Ekberg
in
BACK FROM ETERNITY

Also
Color Cartoon

Tuesday & Wednesday
Doris Day - James Cagney
in
LOVE ME OR LEAVE ME

Also
Cinemascope

Also
Color Cartoon

Thursday & Friday
Nancy Kelly - Patty McCormack
in
THE BAD SEED

Also
Color Cartoon

Saturday, Dec. 29th
Richard Eagan - Dorothy Malone
in
TENSION AT TABLE ROCK

Also Color Cartoon

Sunday & Monday, Dec. 30-31
Perez Prado & His Orchestra
in
CHA-CHA-CHA BOOM

Also Color Cartoon

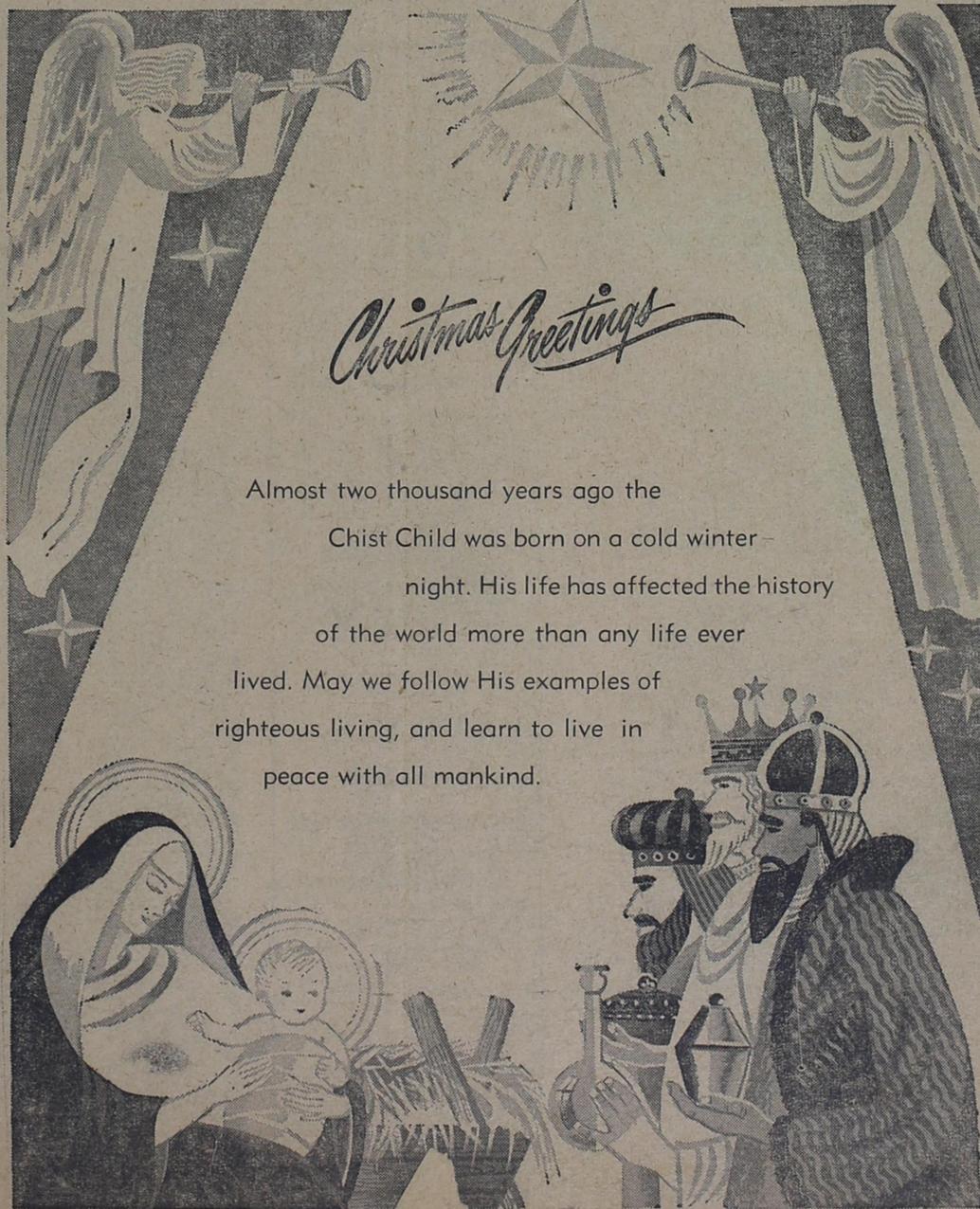
Tuesday & Wednesday, Jan. 1-2
James Cagney - Barb Stanwyck
in
THESE WILDER YEARS

Also Color Cartoon

Thursday & Friday, Jan. 3-4
Bill Haley And His Comets
in
DON'T KNOCK THE ROCK

Also Color Cartoon

RUMBLE ON THE DOCKS
Also Color Cartoon



Indian Mountain HD Club Holds Christmas Luncheon

The Indian Mountain Home Demonstration Club met on Tuesday afternoon, December 11 at the club rooms for their Christmas Party an 2 o'clock luncheon. Mrs. Lee Anglin, President, presided over a short business session after prayer led by Mrs. Bill Tucker. Mrs. Henry Iley, Recreation leader, read an appropriate Christmas Scripture, followed by the singing of Christmas Carols. Mrs. Ira Frasier directed a game - each person carrying out something to do from drawn slips of paper, which added much to the merriment of the program.

A festive Christmas Tree was the central theme, with gifts numbered for exchange, which were Mesdames Lee Anglin, J. H. Barbee, Ira Frasier, Bud Lay, Will Haynes, Bill Tucker, E. L. Lasater, Henry

of candy beans and gumdrops, in a pottery bowl. The table was covered with a pink cloth, and the windows were festooned with bells and tinselled ornaments. Special attention was called to the wall panel, depicting the Wise Men on camels, following the Star to the city of Bethlehem, made by teenager Jerry Iley, to illustrate his mother's Scripture reading. The picture was made from colored construction paper, and very realistic and appropriate.

Motto adopted for the club year is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Blue and White were the colors chosen, and "Evening Prayer" will be the club song. Our new member was enrolled, Mrs. Will Haynes.

Other members attending and enjoying the luncheon and exchange of gifts were Mesdames Lee Anglin, J. H. Barbee, Ira Frasier, Bud Lay, Will Haynes, Bill Tucker, E. L. Lasater, Henry

Income Tax Items

Your attention is directed to these two recent Federal Income Tax rulings made by the Treasury Department as applied to farmers:

1. COMMODITY CREDIT LOANS - A taxpayer who receives a loan from Commodity Credit Corporation may, by his own choice, include the amount of such loan in his gross income for the taxable year in which it is received. He is NOT required to receive permission from the Internal Revenue Service. All he need do is attach a statement to his return indicating that he has chosen to do it with the details of the loan. He CANNOT make it retroactive. Once this policy is adopted, the taxpayer cannot change the method without first obtaining permission from the IRS.

2. WHEN TO REPORT CROP RENTALS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS - A farmer,

who rents all or a part of his crop land on a crop share basis, under a bona fide rental agreement, and who receives crop shares as rent, shall report such crop shares as rental income ONLY as of the year in which they are reduced to money or the equivalent of money.

Where a farmer reduces his crop shares, received as rent, to money or its equivalent by their sale or exchange for other commodities, the cash and/or value of the commodities received represents rental income and, if he has attained the age of 65 before the close of the taxable year, such rental income also represents retirement income. However, where a farmer feeds his crop shares received as rent to

his livestock, the value of the crop shares DOES NOT represent rental income either for the purpose of computing retirement income credit, or other federal income tax purposes, or for the purpose of computing net earnings from self-employment for Social Security payments, irrespective of the purpose for which the livestock is held, since his crop shares are not considered as having been reduced to money or its equivalent at the time fed to the animals or at the time the animals are sold.

GET ALL THE BREAKS DUE YOU ON TAXES

1. Don't forget that you can

now deduct conservation expenses.

2. Be sure, if you are married, to make out a joint return with your wife, whether or not she has any income - - you pay less income tax by doing it this way, because the law provides benefits for family men.

3. You are entitled to depreciation of business assets such as machinery and buildings. Cost of these items can be written off - - so much each year - - over useful lifetime.

4. Get a copy of the Farmers Tax Guide from your county agent for help on tax problems.

NATIONAL PEANUT WEEK

National Peanut Week, the annual merchandising and publicity highlight of the peanut industry, will be held the first week of March, running from Sunday, March 3 to Saturday, March 9.

National Peanut Week is sponsored by National Peanut Council, Washington, D. C. NPW is becoming better established each year and more potent in its influence on the sale of peanut and peanut products.



Joy to Your Whole Family

H. R. Mason Insurance Agent



GREETINGS

Peace and contentment be yours this Christmas.

STACY'S HUMBLE STATION



Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Hails?", or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinatitas, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe; wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries; angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we re-create in our homes.

Iley, E. L. Curb, and Nannie Haggood.

The next club meeting will be the second Tuesday afternoon, January 8, 1957 at which time Mrs. Mary Jo Blackwell, county HD Agent will bring a demonstration on planning a garden.



"I don't know that I can answer your question, son, but I'll try. The Christmas spirit . . . well, it's something you can't touch as you can the tree or feel as you do the cold and the wind and snow. It's greater than the distance to a star or the silence of the night, more wonderful even than Santa Claus . . ."

"Oh, yes, Christmas trees and snow, presents and things, they're all part of the Christmas spirit. But these are things that we could have the whole year round without the Christmas spirit. It's only at Christmastime that they . . ."

"Why? Well, it's because the Christmas spirit sort of changes the way we look at things and the way we feel. Little, everyday things, usually so important, go off somewhere and are lost among the Christmas tree lights or the evergreen arches along Main Street. We completely forget about ourselves as we gather presents for all our friends. Our troubles just seem to melt away. We buy gifts the year round for birthdays and anniversaries, it's true, but it's not the same. When the Christmas spirit moves us, we feel happy. We just want everyone in the whole world . . ."

"Is it being happy?" Not just being happy as such. It's being happy, and kind, and generous, full of peace, and, most important of all, being reverent, all at once.

"Sure, like when we are in church. Outside the snow is deep and the midnight wind whistles through the trees. But inside there's warmth and comfort and a quiet peacefulness that you don't find anywhere else. Though just outside, the world, with its wind and snow and trees and stars and sky seems far removed. The flickering altar candles seem to be repeating a humble prayer in a language of their own. Your heart swells inside you and suddenly you are warm to the very tip of your toes. It's then that you know . . . that you feel it . . . the true Christmas spirit. With every breath you know that you are nearer and closer to Him . . . you know."

God? Surely God. You knew it all the time. The Christmas spirit doesn't come from Santa, nor does it come to any man as a present. It comes only when each of us, though we may have been careless or forgetful, reaffirm our faith in His presence and goodness and so strengthen our hopes to be with Him forever and forever. Then we have the Christmas Spirit, the most wonderful feeling in the world.



To all our many friends a Merry Christmas.

PRESTON FLORIST Phone 20 Gorman



MERRY CHRISTMAS
May the star of Christmas light your path this holiday season



May the spirit of the season light your way through the coming year



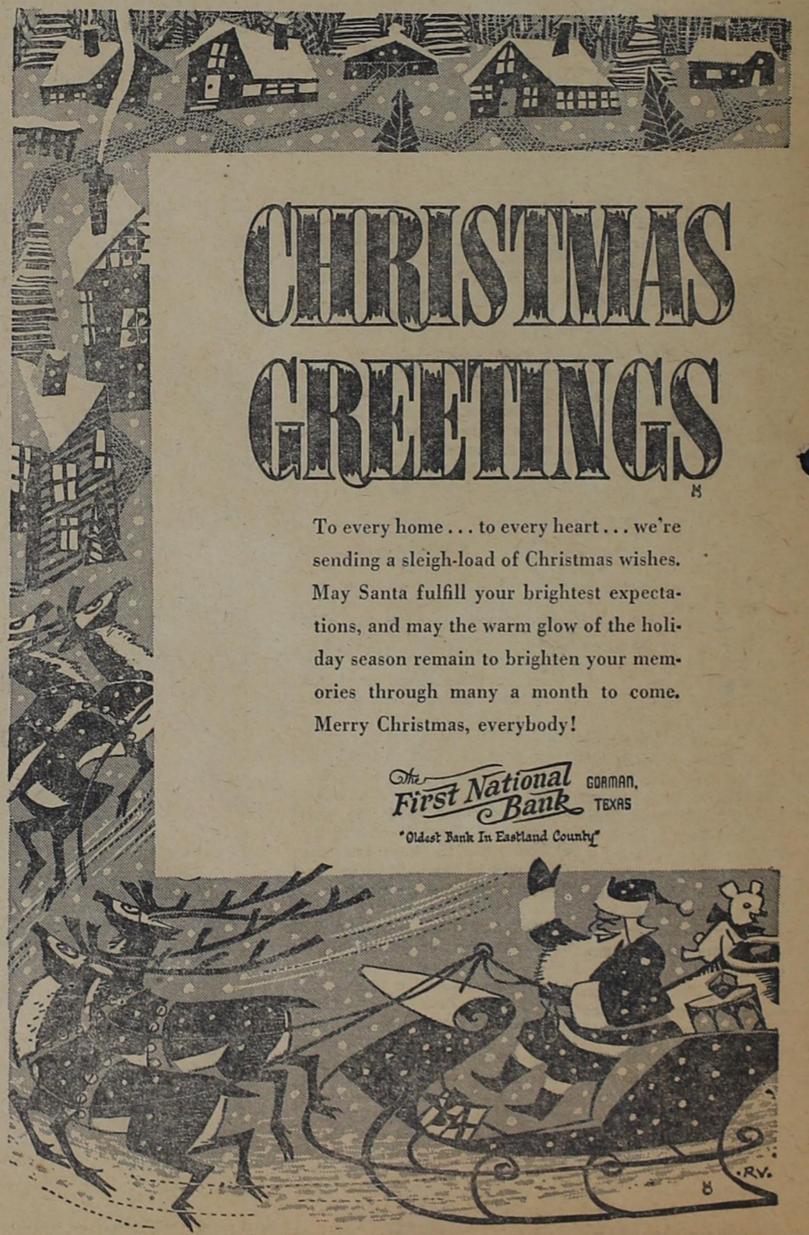
EAKER'S TEXACO STATION

The Gorman Progress Entered as Second Class Mail at the Postoffice in Gorman, Texas, under the Act of March 3, 1879. Published on Thursday at Gorman Eastland County, Texas

EUGENE (Gene) BAKER Owner-Publisher
JOE BENNETT, Shop Foreman
ERRY CLARK, Advertising Manager
DELMER SHUGART, Apprentice



WEEKLY NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVES, INC. NEW YORK • CHICAGO • ETC.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To every home . . . to every heart . . . we're sending a sleigh-load of Christmas wishes. May Santa fulfill your brightest expectations, and may the warm glow of the holiday season remain to brighten your memories through many a month to come. Merry Christmas, everybody!

The First National Bank GORMAN, TEXAS
"Oldest Bank in Eastland County"

EMPIRE GAS SOUTHERN CO. RAYFORD BURGESS, District Manager

COUNTY HD COUNCIL HOLD ANNUAL PROGRAM AND TEA

The annual County Home Demonstration Council Christmas Party was held Monday afternoon, Dec. 10 in the District Court Room in Comanche at 2 o'clock with five of the seven clubs represented.

All business was set aside for the annual festivities except the installation of the incoming officers for 1957.

The District Court room was festively decorated with Christmas arrangements of candle and gay Santas and a brightly appointed Christmas Tree with the gifts piled beneath. Newberg club was responsible for the decorations. Sidney club sponsored the games, with Mrs. Bill Tucker winning the gay lapel corsage prize.

Saint Joe club played records

of carols throughout the afternoon program and Amity and Indian Mountain clubs gave appropriate readings.

Delicious hot spiced punch and fruit cake slices were served to all members and visitors attending.

**HIGGINBOTHAM'S
AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Night Phone 24J Day 1

Peanut Treats For The Christmas Holiday Festivities

PEANUT CHEESE SALAD

- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup salted peanuts, coarsely chopped
- 1 teaspoon minced onion
- Salt
- Pepper
- Mayonnaise

Thoroughly mix ingredients. Add enough mayonnaise to moisten. Shape into balls and serve on lettuce leaf or use to stuff tomatoes. May also be used as a sandwich filling or cracker spread

LEMON NUT REFRIGERATOR COOKIES

- 1 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon rind
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1/4 teaspoon soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup finely chopped peanuts

Cream shortening and sugar; beat in other ingredients; form roll about 2 inches in diameter in waxed paper; chill; cut in 1/4 inch slices and bake in preheated oven 400 degrees F. 10 to 12 minutes.

PEANUT BUTTER BREAD

- 2/3 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup milk

Cream peanut butter and sugar; add well beaten egg and beat smooth. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk. Beat well and turn into a greased loaf pan. Bake in moderate gas oven (350 degrees F.) for 50 minutes.

PEANUT BUTTER CUP CAKES

- 1-2 cup butter or other fat
- 1-2 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1-2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups sifted soft wheat flour

Cream together with the fat, peanut butter, and sugar and add to the beaten eggs. The sifted dry ingredients are mixed alternately with the milk and vanilla. Bake in greased muffin tins in a preheated oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 20 or 30 minutes.

PEANUT BRITTLE

- 3 cups white sugar
- 1 cup white Karo
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 cups of raw Spanish peanuts
- 3 teaspoons butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons soda

Boil sugar, Karo and water until thread spins. Add peanuts and stir continuously after peanuts are added. Cook until it turns a brownish gold. Take from fire, add butter, salt and soda. Pour onto buttered board to cool.

PEANUT CHEESE LOAF

- 2-3 cup cooked oatmeal, wheat cereal or rice
- 1-4 cup chopped golden pepper
- 3 tbsps. minced onion
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 cup chopped salted peanuts
- 2-3 cup fine crumbs
- 1-4 lb. cheese (grated) about 1 cup
- 1-3 cup milk

Combine all ingredients. Put mixture in greased loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit (moderate oven) for 1 hour. Serve hot with mushroom or tomato sauce. Serves 4.

PEANUT COOKIES

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup peanut butter

FRENCH FRIED PEANUTS

Heat your deep fryer to 375 degrees and put your peanuts in hot oil. In 4 minutes take peanuts out of boiling oil and drain them on paper toweling. Spread peanuts on a platter and sprinkle with salt.

TOASTED PEANUTS

Put a small amount of oil into shallow pan, pour in the peanuts and stir them until they are well coated. There should not be any excess oil in pan, just enough to give an oily surface to each nut. Set the pan in oven and stir often until they become light brown. Drain the mon paper toweling, spread on a platter and sprinkle with salt.

PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH MIX

1/2 cup peanut butter blended with 1/2 cup chili sauce, whole wheat bread.

1/2 cup chopped celery, 1-4 cup diced canned pimento, 1/2 cup peanut butter, bread, butter or margarine.

1/2 cup peanut butter, 1 cup grated raw carrot, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, bread, butter or margarine. 1/2 cup peanut butter, 1/2 cup jelly bread and butter.

Peanut butter, mayonnaise, chopped crisp bacon, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, bread.

1-4 cup deviled ham, 1-4 cup peanut butter, 1-4 cup chopped sweet pickle, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, bread, butter.

Medieval Dinner Once Was Popular Custom For Coeds

Eating peas with a knife is contrary to Emily Post and doesn't seem to have much qualification for observance as a Christmas tradition, but for more than 25 years coeds at Pennsylvania State University partook of a fork-less meal each Yule season.

The traditional medieval dinner, complete with everything from costumed lords and ladies to the legendary boar's head, dated back to 1919, finally had to be cancelled when coed ranks swelled to almost 1,000.

The affair, sponsored by the Women's Student Government Association, began with a formal procession through the dining hall. Lord and Lady McAllister—the dinner was held in McAllister Hall—led the throng, which included noble lords and ladies, heralds, a poet, a cardinal, pages, and two jesters bearing the boar's head.

All these girls were appropriately costumed and sat upon a raised dais in the center of the holly-bedecked room, which was illuminated by candlelight.

A choir furnished Christmas music, and the poet entertained the guests by reading Old English poetry from a scroll. In accordance with medieval custom, no forks or napkins were allowed, although guests sometimes secreted them in their pockets. The menu consisted of roast pork, mashed potatoes, peas, and a very rich plum pudding.

Today's students eat a special Christmas dinner before going home for vacation—but it's served "sissy" style. They're allowed a full complement of table utensils.

The tallest Christmas tree on record was a 212 foot Douglas fir set up in 1950 in Northgate, a suburb of Seattle, Washington. It displayed 3,500 colored lights.



FLORIDA STYLE . . . Sure, it's Christmas in Florida, too. But white sand must substitute for snow, a sea-grape for an evergreen, but what's the difference when two such expert and lovely decorators are on the scene.

Outdoor Decorations Began in Small Towns

Today nearly every community in the land has some kind of outdoor Christmas decorations and in nearly every big city you can find two or three spectacular displays. It was a small town that first came up with the idea of lighting up the outdoors at Christmas time, but no one is quite sure which town gets credit for the idea.

Four communities are believed to have thought of it about the same time, as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, are in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a Sitka spruce and Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The little metal trumpets decorating Christmas trees date from early Danish custom of blowing in the Yule with four hymns representing the four corners of the world.

WHEN SANTA LEAVES

While American children always find their Christmas presents in the stockings or under the tree, children of other nations must search for theirs. Norwegian children seek them out in hiding places which may be anywhere in the house. In Italy, they seek them in "Urns of Fate" and in France children usually find them in wooden shoes.



On a Silent Night

It was December 23, 1818 in a tiny mountain village in Austria. The night was cold and clear and a heavenly canopy of stars stretched over a peaceful earth as far as the eye could see.

Father Joseph Mohr, a young parish priest, had just administered the last rites to a dying woman. Walking thoughtfully homeward, he looked down at the twinkling lights of the village and the bright stars above. A soul was about to depart from this world, to sleep forever in heavenly peace. Tomorrow at midnight the village and the Christian world would reverently observe the greatest birth—the Nativity that took place that holy night so long ago.

How sad, the young priest thought, that the church organ was broken and the musical program for the holiday services had been cancelled. Franz Gruber the organist, had suggested they find a simple melody that could be sung to the accompaniment of a guitar. Give him the words, he'd said, and he would compose the music. Give him the words . . . and there would be music.

As he thought of birth and life and death and looked down upon the sleepy, starlit village below, Father Mohr found these words. They sing the praises of the Holy Infant born to the world, and we wonder if they do not also ask for the departed soul "rest in peace." Thus came the famous "Silent Night, Holy Night." Franz Gruber, true to his word, put Father Mohr's words to music that will endure till the end of time.



Gorman Insurance Agency
PHILIP J. GORMAN
GORMAN THE FIDELITY GUARANTEE CENTER OF THE WORLD TRADES

Merry Christmas

TO ONE AND ALL. MAY WE SAY THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE AND FRIENDSHIP.

We Will Serve Our Holiday Dinner on December 24th.
We Will Close All Day Tuesday, December 25th.

Emerson's Cafe
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Emerson

Season's Greetings

25

And all the joys of Christmas be yours this day

Mehaffey Drug
"Where Friends Meet"
Phone 55 Gorman

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOURS?

CHRISTMAS SEALS fight TB

Christmas Greetings

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
These prices good until Christmas

BUY NOW!

MOBIL TIRES
6.70x15 Rayon Cord
List price \$26.30
NOW ONLY \$18
You save \$8.30

6.70x15 Nylon Cord
List price \$31.45
NOW ONLY \$21
You save \$10.45

Discounts up to 30% on truck and bus tires

Elbert Bennett's Magnolia Station
Phone 76 for the best in Washing and Greasing

GIVE SHELLLED SPANISH PEANUTS THIS CHRISTMAS

Let us mail five pound boxes of these highest quality nuts for you. We mail prepaid anywhere in U. S. Prize winning recipes for peanut brittle, roasted peants, etc., enclosed.

Tell us name, address and date to send. Enclose \$2.25 for each box.

GORMAN PEANUT COMPANY
P. O. Box 698 Gorman, Texas



WANT ADS
MARKET-PLACE OF MILLIONS...

NOTICE - We do first class renovating on mattresses. We make new cotton and innerspring mattresses. Pritchard Mattress Factory, Phone 3841, De Leon, Texas We pick up and deliver. fn

● **DEAD ANIMAL SERVICE** ●
— Hamilton Rendering Co. —
Free and Sure — Call Collect
Phone 303, Hamilton, Texas fn

Mattresses Rebuilt — Have your old mattress made like a new beautiful innerspring mattress. Prices are reasonable, work guaranteed. Eppler Furniture Store of Gorman, Representing Summers and Son Mattress Company of Stephenville. fn

"Do It Yourself" Tools for rent
Cutters, Dies, Sanders, Drills,
Waxer - Saws - etc.
Keys made while you wait.
Thompson Hardware, Ph. 157...fn

For Butane and Propane Systems,
Tractor Changeovers, Phone collect 3571, De Leon, Thomas Butane Co., or A. C. Nelson, Phone 42-D, Carbon (collect) 3-8fnc

If you are sick see your doctor.
If your watch is sick see Elbert Denton. fn

BUDDIES APPLIANCE REPAIR
Refrigerators & Deep Freezers
- Electric Motors, Stoves, Washers
Fans, etc. Prompt and efficient
service. Phone 9, Gorman. 3-1fn

FINISH HIGH SCHOOL
or grade school at home, spare
time. Books furnished. Diploma
awarded. Start where you left
school. Write Columbia School,
Box 2105, Abilene, Texas.

REFRIGERATOR TROUBLE? —
Call us for repairs or service on
all types refrigerators or deep
freeze units, large or small. Call
Chambers Frozen Food Lockers,
Phone. 125, night 214-J. 3-8fnc

WATER WELL DRILLING - see
Roy Parker, N. Kent St., Box 223
Gorman, Texas 5-3fnc

BULLDOZER WORK -- See
Bobby Schuman, De Leon, Texas,
Phone 3683 or 2353. Subsoil plow
ing, brush plowing, any type
of brush or earth moving work.
5-10fnc

WANTED — To buy your old
Reed Organ. Bourland Music
Company, Ranger. Night Phone
423. 12-27c

Bourland Music Company. Pianos
- New and used - Tuning and
Repairing. All work guaranteed.

See your Fuller Brush Dealer for
a complete line of cosmetics,
household items and the famous
Fuller Brushes. W. E. Evans, Rt.
2, May, Texas. 12-27p

FOR SALE or RENT - 4 room
house, modern conveniences. U.
E. Westmoreland, 914 E. 17, Odes-
sa, Texas or see Mrs. Laura West
moreland, Gorman. 9-6fnc

DON'T Buy a TV Set til you
see the new 1957 PHILCO. New
Decatron picture circuit gives
brightest, clearest picture in tele-
vision. Robert F. Kay, Radio and
TV, Ph. 4905, De Leon. 9-13fn

FOR SALE — Our home. See
A. D. Eakers in person. 10-25fn

FOR SALE — 3 acres land, 4
room house, 2 chicken houses.
All modern conveniences. Sale
price \$800. Phone 215W. 12-27p

FOR SALE — A good farm with
good pastures, good roads, four
producing oil wells. \$63 per acre.
Don Rodgers, Gorman. 12-20fn

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS — Get
your Christmas Turkey from
Travis Smith. Beltsville White
turkey hens. Dressed weight 7½
to 10 lbs. 1p

Fruit Trees, Pecan Trees, Roses
and Evergreens. Landscape Ser-
vice. Womack's Nursery on Hwy.
near Rucker, De Leon. 12-20fn

FOR SALE — A quantity of 31
by 44 inch cardboard. 5c per
sheet. Gorman Progress.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

We got our test papers back
yesterday in Algebra and I think
that we did all right. Everyone
is studying hard for our three
weeks test in World History.

About half the class have finish-
ed the oral book reports in Litera-
ture this last two weeks.

In Agriculture we are going to
the shop now and have been mak-
ing coffee tables and lamps for
Christmas presents.

The Homemaking Girls are
making Christmas candies and
cookies and decorating the cot-

age for the holidays.

We want to congratulate the
basketball teams on the fine job
done in the De Leon tournament.
We surely are proud of both of
them.

Our band concert is Thursday,
December 20th. It is planned to
be a big program, so we would
like to see everyone out.

JUNIOR NEWS

At the last class meeting of the
Junior Class we discussed a party
for New Years. We had a report
on the treasure and discussed our
Christmas plans.

The week we come back to
school will be six weeks and that
means we'll have to keep inform-
ed over the holidays.

In History we had a debate
Tuesday that proved interesting
to all of us, many points were
brought out that we will be ex-
pected to remember.

In Literature we are finishing
oral reports.

This week in Plane Geometry
we are figuring the degrees of
angles in regular figures.

The basketball teams are doing
very well. The girls won 1st place
in the De Leon tournament.

SENIOR NEWS

Yes, it's nearly time for Santa
Claus and everyone is busy. We
have our school tree Friday after-
noon and everyone is busy wrap-
ping gifts.

In American History we have
had a discussion on whether or
not the West helped form the
character of early pioneers. In
Literature we are finishing up
our English reports and about to

finish our textbook. All of our
other subjects are coming along
with full speed.

Friday the Seniors have a sur-
prise under the tree for everyone.
We are looking forward to it.

The Band is giving their Christ-
mas concert Thursday night and
everyone should try to attend.

Saturday our girls' basketball
team won the De Leon tourna-
ment and three of our girls won

individual medals. Annye Kate
Blair was all tournament girl and
Nelda and Janey also won medals.

Let's all keep up with everything
during the holidays and we will
see you when we come back.



**Ed Brown's
Feed Store**

A Special
Greeting
From Us
to You



S. BITTNA

**MIRACLE LABORATORIES
PEST CONTROL**
We fight disease through Insect
and Rodent Control.
Write for information
BRUCE CLEVELAND
Brownwood, Texas
Phone 2-9575 Box 115
Home Office, Abilene, Texas

**DEAD
ANIMALS**
Un-Skinned
REMOVED free

CALL COLLECT
**Brownwood
Rendering Co.**
Gorman 300 - or
Brownwood 9494

SAVE 30 To 60 Percent
CLOSEOUTS - IRREGULARS - CANCELLATIONS
Famous Brands That You'll Know For
MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN'S
Shoes and Clothing
Lum's Factory Outlet Store
254 S. BELKNAP STEPHENVILLE



**Z. O. Mehaffey
Magnolia Agent**



Bring your Gift List here



JACKETS



HOSIERY



NECKWEAR



LINGERIE



SHIRTS



BELTS



LUGGAGE



GLOVES



ROBES



HOUSE SLIPPERS



PAJAMAS



HANKIES

For every name in Santa's book, we've gifts
galore, each sure to score on Christmas morn-
ing! So -- if choosing gifts is up to you, put
all your problems up to us. Whether you're
playing Santa Claus to a tiny tot --- or a
gracious grandmother --- we have all the
answers!

FROSSARD'S
DEPARTMENT STORE
Gorman, Texas

Season's Greetings

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



We're singing out with a hearty wish for your Christmas pleasure. Here's hoping the Yuletide brings a full measure of happiness and good cheer to you and your dear ones.

The E. C. Bramletts



The spirit of Christmas is age-old yet ever new. Fresh with meaning, too, is this tried-and-true greeting—"Our very best wishes to you and yours."

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Horton



May the light of the Christmas spirit shine brightly in your home, and may its happiness abide with you through the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bennett and children



To one and all, we send greetings of the season, and wishes for a holiday rich in friendship and bright with happiness—a Christmas to remember.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk, Jr



Bright and cheery Christmas greetings to all of you. May your holiday be a merry one, and may the New Year bring you happiness.

The Frank Rhymes and Beth



We sincerely hope Santa makes of all your fondest dreams for a memorably happy holiday come true.

The Q. D. Fullers



May your home be warm and bright with the holiday spirit, at Christmas and all through the New Year.

The Davis Smiths



May peace of mind, good health and lasting friendships shine among the brightest of your Christmas ornaments.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Brogdon Nan and Martin



Once again, the joyous spirit of the Christmas season spreads across the land. May the peace and good cheer of this happy holiday time abide with you and yours.

The Gus Frossards and Vicki



We're all a-glow with warm wishes for you and yours for a Christmas season abounding in happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker



Our warmest wishes to you and your family for a Yuletide season chock full of good will and good cheer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kirk and family



We extend holiday wishes to all for a Yuletide filled with the best things of life: a good health, good fellowship and high happiness. The E. E. Todds and Earnestine



A joyous Christmas is our sincere wish for our friends and neighbors. May good will and good fellowship be yours throughout the coming New Year.

The Tom Hallmarks



May this joyous season of Peace and Good Will brighten your life with its many blessings of good cheer, good fellowship and deeply abiding faith.

The W. J. Ormsbys and Mike Stacy



Christmas is here once more to gladden our hearts with its inspiring message of love and hope. We extend best wishes of the season to you and yours.

The Ed Browns and Corky



Here's hoping Santa brings you and your family a wealth of Christmas blessings and a bright, prosperous New Year.

The Jim Underwoods



Here's hoping this Christmas brims over with good cheer for you and yours, leaving you with many happy memories to brighten the New Year.

The Marvin Nixs



Just a friendly greeting to tell you that we hope you're snowed under with all the joys and delights of this happiest of all happy holiday seasons.

The Z. O. Mehaffey's



May the Christmas spirit of Peace on Earth, Good Will towards Men inspire us to make this heartening message a happy reality in the coming New Year.

The T. O. Shelley



May the joyous tidings of the first Christmas re-echo in your heart today. May its peace abide evermore with you.

W. G. Baker



Just a cheery greeting to all our good friends to wish them a very happy holiday and a successful New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collins and Girls



May this joyous season of Peace and Good Will brighten your life with its many blessings of good cheer, good fellowship and deeply abiding faith.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Acrea and Anita

Duster News

Mrs. Lorene Johnson, Reporter

Let's put Christ back into Christmas. Back where He belongs. Let's celebrate this Christmas with prayer and sacred songs. Let's read again the story of the Savior's holy birth, and then remain ourselves anew just why He came to earth.

Church of Christ and Duster Baptist had regular attendance Sunday. Bro. Tonn, accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church.

All members of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church are meeting at the Sand Hill Church for worship till the new church is finished at the cross road on Ross corner. Had good attendance Sunday with several visitors. Sunday School at 10, preaching service at 11 o'clock, night service at 7. Bible Study and prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30. Rev. Killough is the pastor. You are welcome at these places of worship at all times.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dukes over the week



Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Carter of Gorman celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 9th. Many of their friends and relatives called to pay their respects.

end were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joiner and children of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dukes and children of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McNeely of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McNeely of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Frasier and children, Captain Callerman and Lt. Burdette of San Antonio, pilot and co-pilot of the helicopter that landed at the Dukes farm for the weather observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Scott and son of Monument, N. M. were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson of Gorman visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleburn Dawkins and son and Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Morris visited relatives in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hammers of De Leon visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barnes and boys Sunday.



Pittman Equipment Co.

A Ready Answer (1 Pet. 3:15)

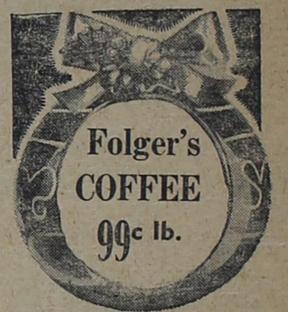
DOES THE BIBLE TELL US THE BIRTH DATE OF JESUS? Answer: No, the Bible does not tell us the month or day of Jesus' birth. Men have tried to determine the date but all efforts have been in vain. If God had wanted his birth date celebrated he could have easily had it recorded. The birth of Christ is indeed important to the human race. Christianity would not be possible without it. But Christianity depends equally upon the death of Jesus and His Resurrection. The world need not so much to celebrate the date of Christ's birth but it needs to rejoice always that he was born, that he died for our sin, and arose to give us hope after death. This hope can be turned into reality at the end of a faithful life.

Come, worship with us Sunday.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, Gorman, Texas
Listen, 9:00 A. M. Sunday to Station KERC, Eastland, 1590



Merry Christmas



PRICES GOOD Dec. 21 - 22 and Monday, Dec. 24

Cranberries	1 lb. Box	19c	Kleenex	400 Count	27c
Napkins	Charmin 2 Boxes 80 Count	25c	FLOUR	PILLSBURY 10 lb BAG	89c
PEAS	Del Monte Early Garden No. 303 CAN	19c	OLEO	Mrs. Pickford's Pound	19c
CORN	Yellow Cream 2 303 cans	29c	Bacon	TALL KORN	43c LB.
Crackers	SUPREME 11b box.	25c	SUGAR	10 LB. Imperial	99c

NUTS :: FRUITS :: CANDIES

JAY'S GROCERY and MARKET
Phone 40 We Deliver Gorman

Making Your Own Holiday Decorations Adds To Pleasure

Make your holiday decorations and you will not only save money, you'll have fun.

A kissing ring for a doorway can be made by covering two embroidery hoops with ribbon or tinsel. Place them at right angles to each other and add a bell, ball ornament or sprig of mistletoe inside. Attach a bow at the bottom if you wish. Instead of embroidery hoops, you may use can rings painted with gilt or tempera paints.

Evergreen branches can be used in many ways. Have you ever tried covering the wood moulding about a door with them? Or bending a wire coat hanger into a circle and attaching greens to it to form a wreath? You can add ball ornaments or bright cranberries to brighten it a bit.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist in your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?

Christmas Tree That Will Last

If your Christmas tree shed needles all over the living room last year, chances are you weren't careful enough in buying a "fresh" tree.

Touch-typing will help you pick a choicy tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are better able to withstand the hot siege indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are it will look like a hatrack before Christmas day.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt of the tree sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you if the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor, but an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is hardly a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing Balsam fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors.

Observance Grew With Christianity

The observance of Christmas as we know it today is one of joy and peace, making it difficult for us to realize that the holiday has not always been universally recognized and observed.

When Pope Gregory sent out missionaries in 601 A. D., he told them to let pagan converts weave the harmless features of their festivals into the spiritual fabric of Christmas observance.

The popularity of the Christmas observance grew with the progress of Christianity, but there were setbacks. Abuses of Christmas reached such a pitch in feudal England that the Puritan Parliament outlawed the holiday in 1644. The observance declined until the middle of the 19th century when Charles Dickens published his heart-warming "Christmas Carol."

TRUE CHRISTMAS CAROL

Charles Wesley, a Methodist minister England wrote "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" on a Christmas morning. The brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was inspired by the pealing of church bells when he penned the famous carol.



GUESS WHO . . . Everybody is impersonating Santa or Mrs. Santa these days. Here Hilda Estavez gives her impersonation of Mrs. Santa Claus—and while it may not resemble a reasonable facsimile, the gift-laden pack on Hilda's back may give a vague clue.

Thousands Send Cards To First Family

Last year some 15,000 Americans sent Christmas cards to President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

This number was almost twice the total received by the Eisenhowers the year before.

About 75 per cent of the senders wrote personal messages on their cards last year and most of them said they were praying for the First Family.



TELL ME, TELL ME . . . This lovely lady has succeeded in bringing Old Santa into view by gazing into her crystal ball, yet it seems that the vision isn't clear enough to foretell the gifts that he is bearing. Oh, well, Christmas is only a short time away.

Grandfather Frost Is Russian Santa

Christmas in Russia? Behind the Iron Curtain it's Grandfather Frost who delights the children.

Grandfather Frost (really an actor from the Moscow stage) was revived by the Russians two years ago. Through most of the month of January thousands of Russian children dance around a fir tree in St. George's Hall and may shake hands with Grandfather Frost, the Russian Santa Claus.

Grandfather Frost entertains the children with the aid of singers, dancers and variety artists from the theaters. Last year, for the first time, American correspondents were admitted to the Kremlin to see one of the gatherings.

Christmas Tree Industry Aids Forestry Programs

That beautiful Christmas tree you've purchased for your living room this Christmas needn't cause any qualms of conscience if you're the type who worries about the effect of the Christmas tree business on our forests.

The fact that yours is one of 31 million trees used for holiday decorations this year makes it seem that our forests are in great peril, but such is not the case. In fact, at least half of these trees are coming from sources that did not harm or actually improved the forest land they occupied when cut.

Foresters who grow saw-log trees generally divide cut-over land into four classes and Christmas-tree land is the lowest classification. It won't grow good forests, but is ideal for Christmas trees since it barely supports tree life. The tree, in its struggle to exist, throws out quick and frequent branches.

On such land are the Christmas-tree farms, such as one operated at Tacoma, Washington, by Paul Kirk, the "Christmas-tree king." Kirk distributes 4 to 5 million trees a year and keeps several times that number growing.

The last two or three weeks before Christmas are about the busiest of the year for Paul Kirk, for his carefully grown trees must arrive at their destinations on time. It isn't unusual for him to tour dozens of cities checking on shipments before he gets home at the last moment to gather with his family around the Kirks' huge white-sprayed tree.

Santa says it with beautiful bouquets, lasting plants, queenly corsages . . . lovely holiday greetings, all!

Poinsettia plant for holiday good cheer.

Place your order now for delivery on the day of your choice. We wire flowers

Preston Florist
Phone 20 Gorman

And our sincere best wishes.

SHELLEY'S VARIETY STORE
EVERYTHING IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES
T. O. SHELLEY, Owner

Christmas

May the spirit of peace and good will of this joyous Christmas season abide with you and yours now and always.

GORMAN PEANUT COMPANY
MELVIN SHELL WILBUR SHELL

How often at Christmas time have you experienced that panicky feeling that comes when you discover you've forgotten someone? It happens nearly every year.

You can, however, save yourself a good deal of embarrassment by having gifts wrapped and on hand in case someone drops by with a gift for you—someone accidentally omitted from your gift list.

A safe bet and a gift that will be appreciated is something that you, yourself, have made—perhaps seasonal cookies and candies, nuts, and stuffed fruits. These are gifts with a particularly personal touch. And that, after all, is what the spirit of Christmas giving should be—giving a little of yourself to others.

You can pack your handiwork in wooden or earthenware bowls, a flower pot, small basket, or inexpensive cake or loaf pan. Other handy and inexpensive packaging items are oatmeal boxes, coffee cans, or paper plates covered with gay paper.

A gaily wrapped package makes even the smallest gift look good. Use odd ends of wallpaper, brightly colored magazine covers, shell paper or scraps of material.

If you have a favorite candy, cookie or fruit or nut bread recipe, use it, by all means. And for an additional touch, tuck a copy of your pet recipe into your gift.

HIGGINBOTHAM'S
AMBULANCE SERVICE
Night Ph. 24J Day Ph. 11

GORMAN PROGRESS, Eastland Co., TEXAS, December 20, 1956

PHILCO
A New Kind Of Television
Here For 1957 - -



21-INCH OVERALL DIAGONAL
262 Sq. In. VIEWABLE SCREEN
ALUMINIZED PICTURE TUBE

All 1957 PHILCO big screen television models are equipped with Aluminized Picture Tube, that insures full contrast of blacks and whites. Plus optically-tinted filter glass, designed for freedom from glare and reflections.



GUESS WHAT?
Earney and Hattie are going to present each purchaser of a New Philco - Model 4602 Television - - A beautiful Doll - See It!

TODD'S
VARIETY STORE
Philco Sales & Service
Authorized Philco TV Dealer

PHONE 4

GORMAN

Oliver Springs NEWS

Mrs. Florence Richardson

Bro. Harris and wife were with us Sunday and Sunday night. We had our Christmas program. Had a large crowd and gifts were exchanged. The Christmas spirit was everywhere as the group sang Christmas Carols and Bro. Harris read the Birth of our Lord. The children were very happy. We should be thankful that we still have freedom in our land and country that we may have gatherings like these.

We want to thank Miss Barba Parks for helping us out on our program by singing a beautiful Christmas Carol.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Lee Henderson spent the week end with his mother and father.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hirst spent Sunday in Eastland with the Hardy Parkers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Setzler visited the D. L. Bonds Sunday afternoon taking them a turkey for Christmas.

Miss Barbara Kinser spent Sunday with Miss Linda Setzler.

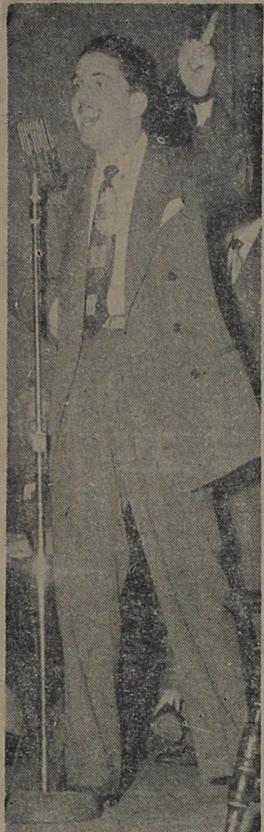
DESDEMONA STUDY CLUB MEET FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Desdemona Study Club met Saturday evening, December 15, 1956. Christmas program be-

Mrs. Melvin Daniel and Mrs. Bill Lee visited in Dublin Thursday night with their sister and new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Atchison visited in Goldthwaite Sunday with his mother and sister, Mrs. Irby Mauney.

Don't forget our New Year's Singing at Oliver Springs. Coffee and cake for all. The public is cordially invited. Come be with us.



Hovie Lister, Manager of the STATESMAN QUARTET invites all of their friends to tune in KCNC, 870 on your dial every Sunday, 7 to 7:30 a. m. for their Gospel Quartet program, "Sunday Meeting Time."

ing the order of the evening, each member arriving was seen entering with a gaily wrapped package which was placed upon a table whereon a small Christmas tree was placed.

A short business session and roll call followed, each member answering with description of interesting or unusually wrapped gift.

Mrs. Bursleson presented a cardboard "Little Theatre" arrangement of a short operetta - "Amahl and The Night Visitors," manipulating the small cardboard characters as she read the play. It was quite good and as the Babe in the Manger scene was the closing part of the play, left an interesting arrangement for all figures were gathered about.

An abridged version by Carlo Menotti, this playlet has been quite popular since 1951 being one of the best loved and newest of modern opera. Singing of Christmas Carols followed.

Refreshments of Jello salad plate, applesauce cake, tea and coffee were served to those present.

Mrs. H. R. Hall, Reporter

Desdemona News

Anell McMaster, Reporter

A wedding shower for Miss Shirley Hogan, bride-to-be of Mr. Leroy Nabers, son of Mrs. Doris Nabers, was held Monday night.

Mr. Charles Lindley of Ft Sill, Okla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lindley, visited here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Moore of Ft Worth visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Hyson Echols, over the week end.

Lt. James Cooper was in Desdemona Monday. He is home on 22-day leave from Virginia where he is stationed with the Marines.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abel of Oil Center, N. M. left Tuesday morning after spending the week end here with their parents, the Abels and Joiners.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Allen of Kermit and Mr. Roy Allen of Eastland visited Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and Lunell during the week end.

Mrs. Roberts is spending awhile in Ranger with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fonville.

Ethel Keith spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. N. S. Partain. The children gathered at her home for a birthday dinner on her 77th birthday.

Kenny Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lee, who was stationed in El Paso, has been here for a few days.

Released By U.S. Crop Summary Agriculture Dept.

The acreage of peanuts to be picked and threshed this year is estimated at 1,509,000 acres, about 11 per cent below the 1,591,000 acres harvested last year, and 37 per cent below the 1945-54 average acreage picked & threshed, it has been announced by the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture.

Compared with last year, a four per cent increase is indicated for Virginia-Carolina area, a decrease of about five per cent for the Southeast area, and a decrease of 28 per cent for the Southwest peanut area.

Growers in the Virginia-Carolina area benefited this year from an increase in allotments for types of peanuts in short supply. In the Southeast, growers are expected to harvest and acreage fairly close to their allotments. In the Southwest area, prolonged drouth in most of Texas and Southeastern Oklahoma is expected to drastically reduce the acreage of peanuts picked and threshed. In Texas, it is estimated that 35 per cent less acreage will be harvested for nuts than last year,

and in Oklahoma 8 per cent less. Production of peanuts is forecast at 1,479 million pounds, about 5 per cent below the production of 1,565 million pounds last year. In the Virginia-Carolina area production is indicated to be 33 per cent greater than last year, while in the Southeastern area the indicated production of 793 million pounds is only slightly below last year. In the drouth-plagued Southwestern area, production for 1956 is forecast at only 170 million pounds, 55 per cent below last year's production of 376 million pounds.

Growing conditions in the Virginia-Carolina and Southeastern areas have been very favorable for peanuts this year and above average yields are in prospect for Virginia-Carolina area and record-equaling yields for Georgia, Florida and Alabama in the Southeast. However, in the Southwest, drouth has drastically curtailed the development and growth of peanuts and the yield in Texas, where the lowest condition since 1934 was reported.

FOR SUPER VITALITY Use SPANISH PEANUTS



May tidings of great joy be yours.

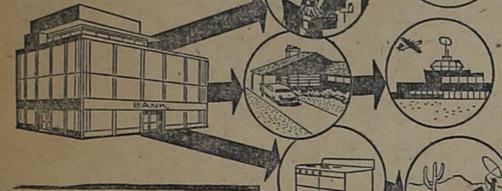
Wright Bros. Implement Co.

FOSTER APPLIANCE

BANK NOTES By Malcolm

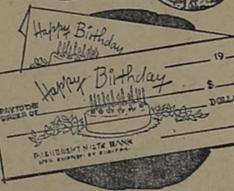
DID YOU KNOW?

BANKS LEND MONEY FOR DENTAL BRIDGES AND DRAW BRIDGES, CARPORTS AND AIRPORTS, KITCHEN RANGES AND CATTLE RANGES.



PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

IF YOU'RE BUYING OR SELLING REAL ESTATE, A BANK WILL HOLD IN ESCROW THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND PROTECT ALL PARTIES UNTIL THE MONEY IS PAID.



SPECIAL OCCASION CHECK MANY BANKS NOW PROVIDE SPECIALLY DESIGNED PERSONAL CHECKS IN WATCHING ENVELOPES FOR BIRTHDAYS, WEDDINGS, GRADUATIONS, MOTHERS DAY, CHRISTMAS AND MANY OTHER OCCASIONS.

Give the Gifts that Keep on Giving...

ELECTRICAL GIFTS for better living



There's a special thrill in Christmas giving when the gifts are electrical because you know they'll bring pleasure, comfort and convenience year after year. So whether you're shopping for the family or for friends, consider these suggestions -

- ELECTRIC BLANKET
- AUTOMATIC COFFEEMAKER
- ELECTRIC FOOD MIXER
- BLENDER
- ELECTRIC ROASTER-OVEN
- ELECTRIC CLOCK
- ELECTRIC TOASTER
- WAFFLE MAKER-GRILL
- ELECTRIC SHEET
- ELECTRIC SKILLET
- ELECTRIC SHOP TOOLS
- ELECTRIC SHAVER
- ELECTRIC LAWN EDGER
- READING LAMP
- FREEZER-REFRIGERATOR
- REFRIGERATED AIR CONDITIONER
- ELECTRIC TRAIN
- ELECTRIC CORN POPPER
- ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER
- TELEVISION SET
- CLOCK RADIO
- RECORD PLAYER
- ELECTRIC RANGE
- ELECTRIC WASHER-DRYER

See your Favorite Electric Appliance Dealer

TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY

L. D. STEWART, Manager

Phone 121

NEED SOMETHING? SEE THE WANT ADS



Accept our sincere best wishes for this Holiday Season.

Lo's Beauty Shop

Phone 201 GORMAN, TEXAS

SEASON'S GREETINGS



May the guardians of the Christmas Season attend you.

Epplers Furniture Store

Dr. Fehrman H. Lund Optometrist

Eye Examinations - Prescribing of Lenses - Visual Rehabilitation
Phone 30 405-6 Exchange Bg. EASTLAND, TEXAS

666

FIGHTS ALL COLDS SYMPTOMS AT ONE TIME... IN LESS TIME! IT'S THE PROVEN COLDS MEDICINE



To all our friends both old and new.

TODD'S VARIETY STORE
Philco Sales & Service

Merry Christmas

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BRING YOU HAPPINESS, CONTENTMENT AND PEACE

Blackwell Hospital

Gorman, Texas

Keeping Up With Our Friends

GORMAN FOLKS ATTEND RELATIVE'S FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fairbetter and Milton Jr. left Thursday for San Antonio where they attended the funeral of Park K. Scott, who is a brother-in-law to Mrs. Fairbetter.

Mr. Scott, veteran of World War One died Wednesday night in the Fort Sam Houston Base Hospital where he had spent most of the time since last March.

CARBON F.H.A. "GOOD DEED" 100%

Members of the Carbon F. H. A. sends stamped Christmas cards to State Hospitals annually.

This is a traditional custom carried on from year to year by the group.

Marvin Nix was called to Long view on Wednesday of last week to be with his brother, Joe Nix, who was seriously injured in a car accident. Marvin returned home on Sunday night with the report that unless complications set in the doctor feels that Joe will recover. This was good news to all of Marvin's friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Beswell returned home on Sunday evening from a visit to their daughter's at Columbia. Mr. Boswell was planning to hunt for deer but had the misfortune to be kept indoors with a severe sore throat.

Dr. D. V. Rodgers, Dean Kirk, and George Rodgers went deer hunting last week.

Mrs. Harry Donica, the former Dixie Stevens, daughter of Mrs. Dixie G. Stevens, is seriously ill in the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Reynolds and daughter of Ft Worth visited with his father, W. H. Reynolds, and other relatives and friends on Saturday.

Some of the college students have come home for the holidays.

Announcements

There will be a singing at the Primitive Church in De Leon on Sunday, December 23 at 2 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

The First National Bank of Gorman will observe Tuesday, December 25, Christmas, and Tuesday, January 1, 1957, New Year's Day, as legal holidays and will not be open for business on those dates.

HIGGINBOTHAM'S AMBULANCE SERVICE

Night Phone 24J Day 1

Dear Mr. Baker:

The Gorman Progress is like a big letter from home. Thank you so much for sending it to me.

I have completed my basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and now I am at Frances E. Warren AFB to enter communication school.

Be glad to hear from everybody.

A/3c Clyde A. Files 18503819
3450th Sturon (Bat)
Flt. 162 Brks. 237

Frances E. Warren AFB,
Wyoming

Gas Co. Employees Enjoy Steak Dinner

The local district office of the Empire Southern Gas Co. entertained it's employees and their families with a steak dinner in the China Room of the Emerson Cafe last Saturday night, December 15.

Attending the festive occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Burgess, Durwood and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Pullig, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Phillips of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Abels of Des demona, and guests, Jerry Warren and Aletha Garrett.

ANOTHER YOUNGSTER STARTS BUSINESS CAREER

Louis Mehaffey, who has been the efficient carrier for the Abilene Reporter this past year, has resigned. The Glen Mehaffeys are anticipating a move around the first of the year.

John Paul Bolt, a youngster with initiative and an inquisitive nature which should lead him into a newspaper career, has taken over the Abilene Reporter route.

Congratulations on your job John, and remember that folks are always glad to assist a youngster that wants to work.



To everyone, everywhere our sincere Best Wishes.

D. J. Jobe & Son

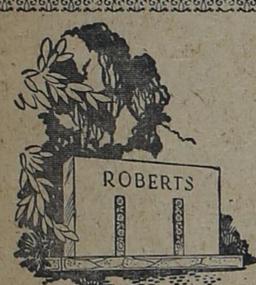
ALLIS-CHALMERS DEALER

YOU'LL FIND IT IN THE WANT ADS

OUR NEW SCHEDULE OF PRICES -

... effective January 1, 1957 is as follows:
(1) Certificate \$5.00. (2) Pages up to 10, \$1.00 per page.
(3) Pages from 10 up to 25, \$1.50 per page. (4) Pages from 25 up to 100, \$1.25 per page. (5) Pages over 100, \$1 per page.
These increases are unavoidable brought on and aggravated by high State and Federal taxes. You can cut down on future costs by keeping your abstracts in a safe place. Don't lose your abstracts or loan them to others without a cash replacement deposit.

EARL BENDER & COMPANY
EASTLAND (Abstracting Since 1923) TEXAS



Since 1884 it has been our privilege to render a service to this community

Alex Rawlins & Sons

MONUMENT BUILDERS
Weatherford, Texas
Mrs. Dave Ramsey, Gorman Representative



May you have a Bright and Happy Holiday.

Acra's Auto Service
G. C. "GHI" ACRA



SOUTHWESTERN PEANUT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

"Merry Christmas!"



We hope you are as happy as this family with all of their gifts wrapped and on the way to Grandma's - - If you have forgotten anyone, we have it for you and can gift wrap it too.

Higginbotham's