

HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL

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By Kernel Gene, aPe  
I feel optimistic about the New Year. Response from merchants and citizens whom I have talked to about the Gorman Exhibit at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show has been most gratifying. The Gorman Progress started this promotion just before Christmas and due to the rush I have not contacted all of the business men as yet.

Roy Blair, owner of the Gorman Hotel, said, "This is the best thing I've heard since moving to Gorman."  
Mr. Gregory, manager of Pittman Equipment Company, and his son, Keith, who has moved to Gorman to assist his father, said, "We are for anything that will help publicize Gorman and this area."

Of course my stand-bys, the merchants and professional men and women who support the Gorman Progress and this community throughout the year all gave about the same answer "It's just what we need - how much?"

Deadline for our advertising which will appear in the Ranch and Farm Magazine of the Star-Telegram is January 8. If you are interested in having a part in this project and I have not seen you, please call the Progress office or come by.

Names of all merchants taking part in this project will be listed in our ad. The Ranch and Farm Magazine has a circulation of 229,000. This advertisement will also appear in the Gorman Progress, circulation 1050, and in 10,000 or more copies of the Progress which will be distributed from our booth.

The Show had an attendance of over 350,000 last year.

Arrangements are being made for the Gorman High School Stage Band to play at our Booth on Saturday, January 26. Members of the Stage Band will be guests of the Advertisers at the afternoon performance of the Rock and will then be taken to their homes before returning home.

In the issue of January 17 or 24th there will be a copy of the two page spread that will be placed in our booth. It will contain a history of the Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association, a picture of our school, our hospital, our shelling plant - and we hope an aerial picture of Gorman and Lake Leon.

Eastland County will be ever indebted to the men of Ranger and Eastland who gave their time and money to develop Lake Leon. The prospect of using water from Lake Leon gives us opportunities we could not consider otherwise.

Working today and thinking for tomorrow, will build our community in '57.

Since practically all of my friends and relatives who remembered me at Christmas receive the Gorman Progress, it will save me having to write "Just What I Wanted" Notes. Thereasa thinks that some of the young ladies of Gorman are spoiling me with home-made candy, cake and hot bread. The wild cherry and wild plum jelly I received from Folsom, New Mexico blended nicely with the hot loaf of bread.

Santa Claus was good to me. Thanks to all of you. I am about the most fortunate man alive. To me, Gorman is still "Utopia".

## Final Rites For Mrs. Floyd Jay Held Here Tuesday

Miss Florence Lee Bennett was born September 27, 1891 at Gorman where she has lived all her life. She was united in marriage in 1911 to Mr. A. L. Butler. They resided in Gorman until his death in 1952.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Floyd Jay on August 1, 1955.

Mrs. Jay was a graduate of Gorman High School and attended the Hankins College of Gorman.

Mrs. Jay died at the Blackwell Hospital on Monday, December 31st at 9:30 a. m.

She is survived by her husband, her step-mother, Mrs. Lila Bennett, two brothers, Dean of Gorman and Bobbie Bennett of Ft Worth, many cousins and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, January 1. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Rob Kinser, Roy Kinser, Rex Kinser, Davis Smith, Choc Broom and Ernest Curb.

### THANK YOU NOTE

We wish to thank our many friends who remembered us with Christmas Cards on this Holy Season.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Sharbutt De Leon, Texas, Box 91

Being a book lover I value one present because I can add it to the Progress Library. It is a Book containing Prayers of Peter Marshall, a minister who lived a short but colorful life.

In one of his prayers he seeks understanding as to why man trusts everybody but God. The engineer, bus driver, pilot, grocer, cook, doctor, etc., but we have little faith in what God can and will do for us if we give Him the opportunity.

The following letter was mailed November 1, 1956 but Mrs. White addressed it to Gorman, Oklahoma. We are glad it didn't get lost.

Dear Mr. Baker: Words can't say how humble I felt, or how proud after reading the write-up and wonderful tribute paid me by the Seniors of Gorman High School.

I hope the students will know as they look at the painting, that they as myself can not see into the future, but will remember that great and good things can come to them as they have to me.

What a thrill I receive each time I see the Panther head and my shabby, free style, Old English Type. Mr. Baker, you are to be congratulated for your fine paper and catching that deep feeling of Gorman. Each week its like a visit home.

Sorry, I couldn't be there for the re-union, but I was Art Counselor for the Oklahoma Educational Association at Oklahoma City and could not make it in time.

Would it be possible for you to write an editorial about Bass Lake? Mrs. Maude Underwood and I painted there. Each day as I look at the picture on our wall of Mr. Caper's Barn, (which I tried to paint), its so wonderful there in the park. Please see that new additions are added, because Bass Lake to Gorman is like the Empire State Building is to New York. (only Better). Thank you. Sincerely yours, Ruth M. White

There will be a picture and story of Bass Lake, now Frank A. Gray Memorial Park, in our special that we will use for distribution in Fort Worth.

## Funeral Services For Mrs. Pat Peak Held Saturday

Miss Nora Richmond was born in Coryell County on March 4, 1887. She passed away at her home after a lengthy illness at 7:34 a. m., December 28th.

Miss Richmond moved to Gorman with her parents and family at the age of 8 months where she has resided since that time.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Pat Peak of August 19th, 1908. No children were born to this union.

Mrs. Peak was converted and united with the Baptist Church at the age of 16. She has been a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Gorman for many years.

Mrs. Peak was a friend to all. Her Christ-like spirit was observed and appreciated by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband and twin sister, Miss Kora Richmond, who resided with the Peaks for many years. Also Mrs. T. N. Seay of Gorman, Mrs. Arvilla Wilson of San Antonio. Nieces, nephews and a host of friends also survive.

Truly it can be said of her - "For her to have lived was Christ".

Services were held at the First Baptist Church on Saturday, December 29th with T. F. Houston of Stephenville officiating, assisted by the pastor, Rev. M. A. Pennington.

Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Howard and Arthur Bryan, Jackie Don Wheeler, Paul and Truett Norris, and R. O. Lasater of Carbon.

## Illness In Gorman

Patients registered at the Blackwell Hospital on Wednesday morning were:

- 201 - Miss Leonora Thompson, Gorman
- 202 - Mrs. Katie May, Desdemona
- 203 - E. M. Oney, Rising Star
- 204 - Mrs. Cecil Self, Gorman
- 205 - Mrs. Joe Merrill, Desdemona
- 206 - Mrs. Wesley Couch, De Leon
- 207 - L. V. Williamson, Desdemona
- 209 - Mrs. Bid Hallmark, Snyder
- 211 - Mrs. Troy Lee Cross, Eastland
- 401 - Wesley Eads, De Leon (No Visitors)
- 402 - Mrs. P. E. Fox, Desdemona
- 403 - Ann Goodman, Stephenville
- 404 - Mr. Bob Carter, Rising Star (No Visitors)
- 405 - Mrs. A. D. Hutton, R. Star
- 406 - Zelda Ruth Hastings, Carbon
- 408 - Mrs. A. F. Hines, Okra
- 410 - Mrs. S. J. Foster, Wingate
- 411 - James Butler, Ft Worth
- 412 - Mrs. Howard Ingram, Cisco
- 416 - Mrs. W. J. Richardson, Gorman
- 417 - W. L. Wolfenbarger, De Leon
- 418 - Leon Lewis, Stephenville
- 419 - J. P. Sheffey, Carbon

### BIRTHS AT BLACKWELLS

- Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Varner of Benbrook have a son, Phillip Duran, born December 19. He weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kimmell of De Leon, Rt. 1, have a new son, James Randall, born December 21. He weighed 9 pounds and 9 ounces.
- Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Foster of Cisco have a son, Rodger Dale, born December 21. He weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.
- Mr. and Mrs. George A. Johnson of Carbon have a new son, James Allen, born December 23 weighing 8 pounds and 13 ounces.
- Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Couch of Dublin have a daughter, Kayla Joann, born December 28. She weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilson of

## Miss Mildred Kirk Becomes Bride Of Herman Bennett

Miss Mildred Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kirk, and Herman Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Bennett and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wilson, were united in marriage on Saturday, December 22, at 8:30 p. m. in the Methodist Church in Gorman. Rev. Guy Birdwell performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk, the bride's brother and wife, in attendance.

The bride wore a white semi-formal dress with all matching accessories. She carried a White Bible with a bouquet of white carnations. The groom was dressed in a tailored light blue suit.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Gorman High.

Those present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kirk of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kirk of Ft Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lee Jobe, all of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Marshall of Arlington. Mr. Fred Bennett, a cousin of the groom, was the photographer.

The couple are residing at 416 May, Apt. 2 in Fort Worth.

## Final Rites Held For Abbe Infant

Sharon Lee Abbe infant daughter of A/2C and Mrs. Jack Abbe of Victoria was born and died on December 20th.

Funeral services were held here December 22 with Rev. Buel Bryan officiating. She was buried in the Oakland Cemetery.

She is survived by one brother, William David, her mother, the former Margaret Ann Woodall, her father, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roberts.

### CITY EMPLOYS NIGHT WATCHMAN

Mr. A. B. (Orb) Kennedy of De Leon has been employed as City Night Watchman.

Mr. Kennedy was employed under civil service for four years as an officer at the Midland Air Force Base. He has also worked as night watchman for companies in De Leon.

After a trial period if the City Commissioners and Mr. Kennedy are satisfied with each other he intends to rent or buy a home in Gorman.

Cross Plains have a son, Johnny Allen, born December 30. He weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces.

## Gorman Girls, Lipan Boys Win Top Spots In Indian Trail Tournament

The Gorman girls team kept a big share of the hardware at home as they won first place in the Indian Trail Basketball Tournament at Gorman last week and placed two girls on the all-tournament team. In doing so, the girls won their second tournament trophy of the season. They also won first place at the De Leon Tournament three weeks ago. History repeated itself as the Gorman girls defeated the De Leon girls, 52-31 in the finals on Saturday night. These same two teams had played for first place in the De Leon Tournament, with the Gorman girls winning by 2 points in that game.

Nelda Robertson and Janey Thompson were chosen on the girls all-tournament team. These two girls had won the same honors at the De Leon Tourney. The other girls chosen for the all-tournament team were Pat Terrill and Joyce Bassett, De Leon; Becky Wilson, Lipan; and Doris Kanz, Clifton. Annys Kate Blair of Gorman was the leading scorer with 64 points. She was placed on the second team, all-tournament.

## Heart Attack Fatal To Former Citizen

Scott Parr, of Lometa, California, died of a heart attack on December 27, 1956.

Born in May, 1901 in Killeen, Texas, Scott moved to Gorman with his parents in 1911 where he lived until entering the Navy in 1919.

He retired from the Navy in 1949 and made his home in Lometa, California. He was employed by the City of Los Angeles after retirement and was working prior to his death.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter; two brothers, C. B. of California and Bill of Gorman; two sisters, Mrs. Marvin Blair and Mrs. Gertrude Wallace of Gorman.

Bill, Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Wallace went by automobile to California to attend the funeral. They are expected home this week end.

### Announcements

A regular meeting of the Sabanna Valley Game Preserve Association will be held Tuesday night, January 8 at 7 o'clock at the Center Point Community House.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the business meeting. Everyone welcome.

The Indian Mountain Home Demonstration Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday at 2 p. m., January 8, 1957 at the club rooms.

The County HD Agent, Mrs. Mary Jo Blackwell, will give a lesson on gardening.

Each member is urged to be present and to invite someone else to come with them.

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church will meet on Friday, January 4 in the Educational Building for a covered dish luncheon, social and business hour.

The W.S.C.S. meet for a business session Tuesday, January 8, at 9:30 o'clock in the Church Annex.

Midwinter Mission Study begins January 15th.

Brother Eddie Overstreet will preach at both services of the Rock Bluff Baptist Church Sunday January 6. You are invited to attend.

Eddie is a former student of Gorman Schools.

Kenneth Heathington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Webb Heathington of Route 1, Gorman, was recently promoted to the rank of Major in the Tarleton State College ROTC. He is majoring in petroleum engineering.

## Peanuts To Highlight Gorman Booth At Ranch-Farm Show

Enthusiasm with generous support is being offered Kernel Gene in our new venture of telling the world about the PEANUTS in this area and other assets to be found in Gorman.

## Rural Youth To Have Special Day At Fat Stock Show

Thousands of Future Farmers, 4-H Club members and Future Homemakers are expected from all parts of Texas and from other states on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. The day has been designated in honor of these organizations.

Steers, lambs and pigs of the junior show will be judged on FFA, 4-H and FHA day.

On Jan. 27, the Sunday School breakfast for junior show exhibitors will be held in Pioneer Palace with the First National Bank of Fort Worth as the host.

A new feature of the junior show will be a breeding beef heifer division. Junior dairy show judging is scheduled for Jan. 31. "Auction of champions" will take place Feb. 1. Poultry judging and grass judging contests for 4-H Club members and Future Farmers will be held on Feb. 2. The Jaycees will present a plaque and a Western hat as showmanship awards in the junior steer, heifer, dairy calf, pig and lamb shows.

When you attend the Fat Stock Show visit Gorman's Booth in the Texas Ranch and Farm Show Building.

### MR. AND MRS. CECIL SELF HAVE NEW DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Self are the proud parents of a new daughter, Mary Charlene, who was born on December 28 at Blackwell Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces.

The paternal grandmother is Mrs. Bill Self, and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rhyne of Carbon.

Mary Charlene has a brother and sister, Billy 3, and Cecilia Ann, 7.

Miss Callie Lowe is in bed with a cold this week.

The men and women supporting this project are in full accord that we must face the new year with positive thinking and action.

While Peanuts are primarily our major crop there are many other ways to make money with the big "P". Travis Smith, Boyd Hilley, The Hailes and others have found chickens and turkeys profitable. Anyway, with peanuts and peanut products as a background GORMAN will be in the spotlight at the Texas Ranch and Farm Show which takes place during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show January 25 through February 3rd in Fort Worth.

Although we are not offering prizes Kernel Gene will appreciate your help in furnishing products to place on exhibition. I would like to have a number of canned fruits and vegetables, pecans, etc. Peanut products of all kinds, candy, cake, cookies, peanut flour, peanut oil. There will even be a doll with a "Thereasa Original" peanut dress and hat.

If you have any suggestions, drop by and let's talk them over.

All articles for display must be in the Progress office by January 19th.

Our booth is Number Three.

### CHRISTMAS GIFT!

Mr. and Mrs. George Warren proudly announce the arrival of their son, George Rodney, born on Christmas Day at 6:57 p. m. weighing 9 pounds and 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Robertson and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leland D. Warren.

Sylvia Brummett of Denton has been here for several days visiting with friends. The congregation of the First Methodist Church was favored last Sunday morning when Sylvia played two selections on her violin.

### KING THEATRE

- Thursday & Friday  
Bill Haley And His Comets  
in  
DON'T KNOCK THE ROCK  
And  
James Darren - Laurie Carrol  
in  
RUMBLE ON THE DOCKS  
Also  
Color Cartoon
- Saturday  
Forrest Tucker - Mari Blanchard  
STAGECOACH TO FURY  
And  
Tex Ritter  
in  
DOWN LIBERTY ROAD  
Also  
Comedy and Cartoon
- Sunday & Monday  
Judy Holliday - Paul Douglas  
in  
THE SOLID GOLD CADILLAC  
Also  
Color Cartoon
- Tuesday & Wednesday  
Tom Tryon - Jacqueline Beer  
in  
SCREAMING EAGLES  
Also  
Color Cartoon
- Thursday & Friday  
Gregory Peck  
in  
MOBY DICK  
Cinemascope  
also  
Color Cartoon

## Oliver Springs NEWS

Mrs. Florence Richardson

Christmas is behind us and we are entering into a New Year. We hope 1957 will be a bright, wet, and prosperous year for everyone. Even tho this past year was the driest in history we still have so much to be thankful for, we still have peace in our land.

Our attendance fell short Sunday in Sunday School. Some were still away visiting for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Kinser and girls visited the Loyd Glassons Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Tomlinson and son of Hamilton visited Mrs. Tomlinson's parents, the O. C. Reids, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Setzler had all their children home for the holidays.

Miss Russ Brandon of Crane spent the holidays here with the Bond family.

Mrs. Welch of Carbon and Mrs. Cogburn visited their brother, Earl Gregory, over the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Watson and family of Midland are visiting the Mears and J. N. Watson families.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Parker of Eastland visited the B. A. Hirst and Bruce Hirst families Sunday.

Our hearts were made sad Friday morning. One of our neighbors and friends passed away. Mrs. Pat Peak had lived in our community for many years. She always had kind words for every one. She will be missed by all in her church and community. Our hearts go out to her loved ones whose hearts are saddened of her passing.

### FAMILY GATHERS AT DON RODGERS HOME FOR HAPPY HOLIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rodgers were happy to have all of their children and grandchildren home for Christmas.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Rodgers of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rodgers and Jim of Old Ocean, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barker, Michaelann and Brent of De Leon, and Dr. and Mrs. D. V. Rodgers and children, Edward, Jim, Linda, and George who is home on leave from his base in Des Moines, Washington.

### CHILDREN HOME FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kirk celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary on December 25th with the following children and grandchildren from out-of-town present to assist local friends and relatives in making it a gala occasion:

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Kirk and Janette of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Kirk, Karla and Donna of Ft Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Kirk of Sweetwater.

## Duster News

Mrs. Lorene Johnson, Reporter  
Again as we enter this "New Year" may we say the words of Paul: "Forgetting the things that are behind and stretching forward to the things that are before. Press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your cooperation in giving me your news and sincerely trust that the "New Year" will bring to all of you the most precious things of life - health, happiness and true friendship.

Church of Christ and Baptist Church had regular attendance with visitors. Bethel Baptist had good attendance with several visitors.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Pounds during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Warren of Carlsbad, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brazel of Ft Hood, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Warren and families.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dukes were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dukes and children of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Craddock and children of Sundown, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Huddleston of Iraan.

Mr. J. C. Smith of Galveston spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Rye Coan were luncheon guests Christmas day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jackson and children of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Nowlin and children of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Lendell Coan and son of Smithville visited Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pounds during the holidays.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanifan of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Deryl Johnson of Highland, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson of College Station and families, Rev and Mrs. Lee Fields of Carbon, and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Cozby and boys of Ranger, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carbon of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Pounds and son were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren and children of De Leon Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Coan, Jona and Misses Polly and Pansy Coan of Ft Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Abb Coan.

Mrs. Harvey Hall and Glenda Sue visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pritchett of Kemp. Her mother has been ill. Glad to report she is better.

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**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

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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

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

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

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## Sports

By Jerry Clark

The year of 1956 should be recorded as a great year in sports for Gorman. In the spring our high school track team won second place in the district meet, and our grade school track team won first place in district and first place in a grade school meet at Hamilton. During the summer our Little League baseball teams had a good season and won the Eastland Tournament. After fall had passed, our football team had won its third district championship in 28 years. And now as the year has ended, it appears that our girls basketball team will have a great season. Up to Dec. 31, the girls had won 11 games while losing only one. They had won first place trophies in two basketball tournaments, at De Leon and at Gorman. And the one loss, to De Leon, had been avenged by beating the same team three times.

The year of 1957 should be a good year in sports for Gorman, also. Our girls basketball team has an excellent chance of winning their district title and advancing in the playoffs. And our football team has a good chance of repeating as district champions. Only six lettermen will be lost from this year's team, and eight seniors will be returning this fall to form a strong nucleus for the team. In all, thirteen lettermen will be returning. All of the backs except Corky Brown will be returning. In the line, two ends and three tackles will graduate. The graduating ends are Ted Snider and Ken Watson, and the senior tackles are Jerry Overstreet, Freddy Rodgers, and Butch Eison.

Our girls team had a comparatively easy time in winning first place at our Indian Trail Tournament. They defeated their three opponents, Scranton, Carlton, and De Leon, by 19, 38, and 21 points respectively. We are proud of our girls.

On December 20, nineteen Panthers received their football jackets as lettermen for this past season. The jackets are very sporty, and the outstanding part

## Indian Mountain Club Enjoy Christmas Party

A beautifully appointed Christmas Tree was the center of attraction as members of the Indian Mountain HD Club gathered for their Christmas party, the first special program since organizing on October 30, this year. Gifts were numbered for exchange and placed beneath the tree.

Mrs. Lee Anglin, president, opened the meeting with an appropriate Christmas sentiment. Mrs. Bill Tucker led the group

of them is a patch on the right shoulder reading, "District Champions, District 3-B, 1956."

The 19 lettermen are: Seniors - Corky Brown, Ted Snider, Freddy Rodgers, Butch Eison, Jerry Overstreet, Ken Watson; Juniors - Johnny Rodgers, Bobby Standridge, Eddie Browning, Larry Grice, Edward Rodgers, Eddie Gregg, Delbert Smith, Jerry Warren; Sophomores - Tommy Welch, David Revels; Freshmen - Neil Overstreet, John Brinegar, and Dick Townley.

in prayer, and Mrs. Henry Iley led in singing Christmas Carols. A short business session was held and the group adjourned for the covered dish luncheon in the club dining area, with 10 members enjoying the delicious meal.

The table was covered in a pink and white cloth with a central arrangement of a multi-colored candy tree in a silver holder. The club house was decorated throughout with garlands, bells, and Christmas motifs on mantle and windows.

The club colors chosen by the members are Blue and White, and the club song is "Evening Prayer." One new member was added to the club roll.

Those attending the meeting and party were Mesdames Lee Anglin, E. L. Curb, E. L. Lasater, J. H. Barbee, Ira Frasier, Bud Lay, Nannie Hagood, Henry Iley, Will Haynes, and Bill Tucker.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 8, 1957 at which time Mrs. Mary Jo Blackwell, county HD agent, will be present. All members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome at any time.



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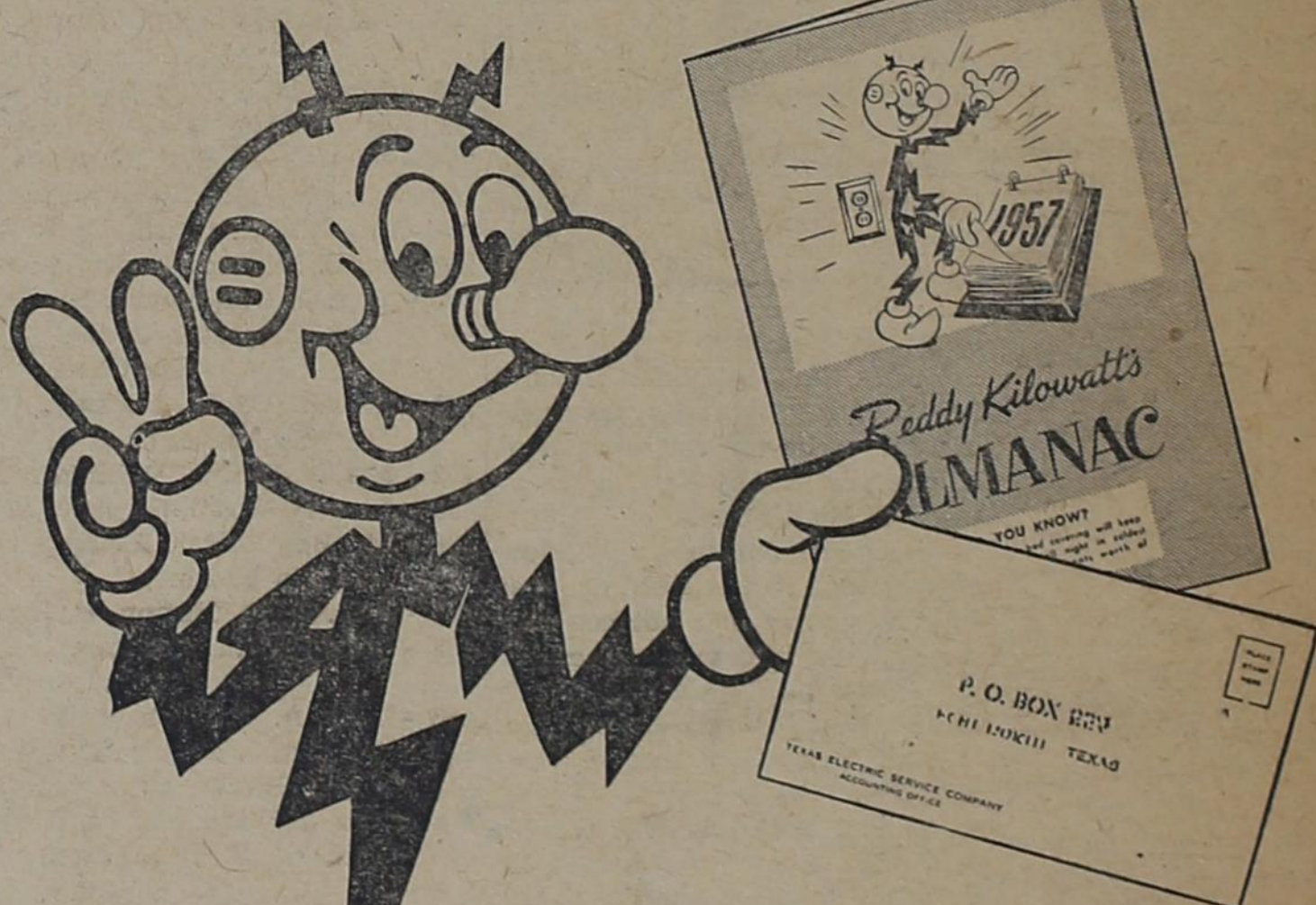
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Happy New Year, everyone! Hope you have all your resolutions listed, and ready to see how they are going to work out. At least we mean to try and keep them. Personally, we did not make a very long list.

Seems like everyone had a good time during the holidays, what with the comings and goings, visiting and being visited. Even Santa had a difficult time keeping up with our family. It would not be Christmas if we hadn't gone over to Cheaney, thereby gathering up a few items of news.

r. and Mrs. Ben Freeman visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Freeman, at Natalia, near San Antonio, for a few days. Mrs. Freeman makes her home with her son, Allan Freeman and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Box, Mary Ella and William Richard of Sulphur, La. visited at Cheaney with the Tucker relatives, and her mother, Mrs. Mary Jo Tucker, and in Eastland with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Box. A neighbor, Mrs. Howard, accompanied the Boxes to Eastland where she visited her son, David Fry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Rogers and family of Sinton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Melton. All the Melton family had Christmas Dinner with the Jack Rogers. They also visited his mother, Mrs. May Rogers, in Ranger.

Mrs. D. J. Mason and children of Oregon state have been visiting the Will Underwoods in Ranger for several days. Aunt Eva Underwood has been some better at the latest report.

Miss Minnie Walton visited relatives at Cheaney and in Sweetwater with her brother, W. E. Walton and family, returning to Brownwood on Tuesday.

Cheaney community was distressed to hear that Mr. Frank (Kidd) Moseley had suffered a

**THANK YOU MERCHANTS**

I want to thank the merchants who sponsored the cartoon drawing contest in the Gorman Progress and also the judges who gave me the first prize. The prize made me very happy.  
Billy Taylor

serious stroke a few days ago. Our latest report came from his sister, Mrs. Virgie Brown, and he has recovered somewhat, but is still in a serious condition.

Mrs. Bud Lay made a round of calls Friday afternoon visiting the Brooms, Tuckers and Ileys. She reported a Christmas visit from her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Halbrook, and their daughter, Mrs. Wayne Miller of Bryan.

Mrs. Miller's husband, Lt. Wayne Miller is a member of the Air Force and spent Christmas overseas in Japan. Other visitors in the Lay home were Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Burleson, their son, and Mrs. Lay's mother, Mrs. W. N. Huddleston.

Mrs. Cora Love and her mother, Mrs. Belle Blackwell of Lubbock, visited relatives at Cheaney during the holidays. The Earl Blackwell family of Crane visited at Ranger and Cheaney also.

The Ernest Brooms enjoyed a visit from their daughters, Mrs. Grace Karne and family of Denton and Mrs. Betty Wofford and family of De Leon, during the holidays.

The Ronnie Richburgs are enjoying a TV set here lately. Their turkey poulters are taking up most of the spare time.

Mrs. Nannie Hagood visited on Saturday in the E. L. Curb home.

Garland Lynn Tucker of Crane is visiting this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker. They spent Tuesday in Comanche.

The Lee Anglins are having a new water well drilled on their place.

Another well drill is set near the Carl Graham home. Looks like spring planning is under way.

**Progressive Study Club Meetings Held**

The Progressive Study Club met at Emerson's dining room on Thursday, December 27th.

A delicious sandwich plate was served and an ivy plant was presented to Ora Lee Lawrence as a going away present.

The Lawrences are moving to Ft Worth where Mr. Lawrence has accepted employment.

The Lawrences will be missed, but hope they will be very happy there.

On December 13th the Progressive Study Club journeyed to Jake and Dorothy's Cafe in Stephenville for their annual Christmas supper.

Gifts were exchanged, after which a delicious chicken plate was served.

Members present were Sunny Kellogg, Jolene Eison, Daisy Peveto, Alice Eakin, Wanda Goodwin, Tina Cooper, Jessie Lee Eison, Hattie Lee Todd, Theda Smith, Claudia Jay, Dorothy Jobe and Nancy Hendricks. Also present with two visitors, Verlan Stacy and Mrs. Bill Rushing.

**HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Maynard who are rightfully proud of their forty grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren were happy to have the following home for Christmas:

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Rasberry and daughters, Ruth, Frankie Joe and Ruby of Pumpkin Center, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Maynard and sons, Eldon Lee and Gene of Center Point, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Petree of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roberts and children, Peggy, Larry, Kenneth and Mike of Goldthwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Maynard, Mrs. Mabel Stuart and children, Butch and Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Maynard and children, Howard, Diana Kay, and Nancy, all of Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Warren and children, Gene, Joyce and Jimmie of Carbon.

Roy Maynard of Gorman and Mrs. Laura Bode of Cisco were married Saturday night in the Cisco Baptist Church. The couple will make their home in Eastland.

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**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the entire hospital staff for being so nice to us during our stay in the hospital. Also all the friends who

sent cards and flowers and our many relatives and friends who remembered us during the Christmas holidays.

May God's richest blessing rest upon each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Taylor



TO ONE AND ALL,  
Happy New Year!

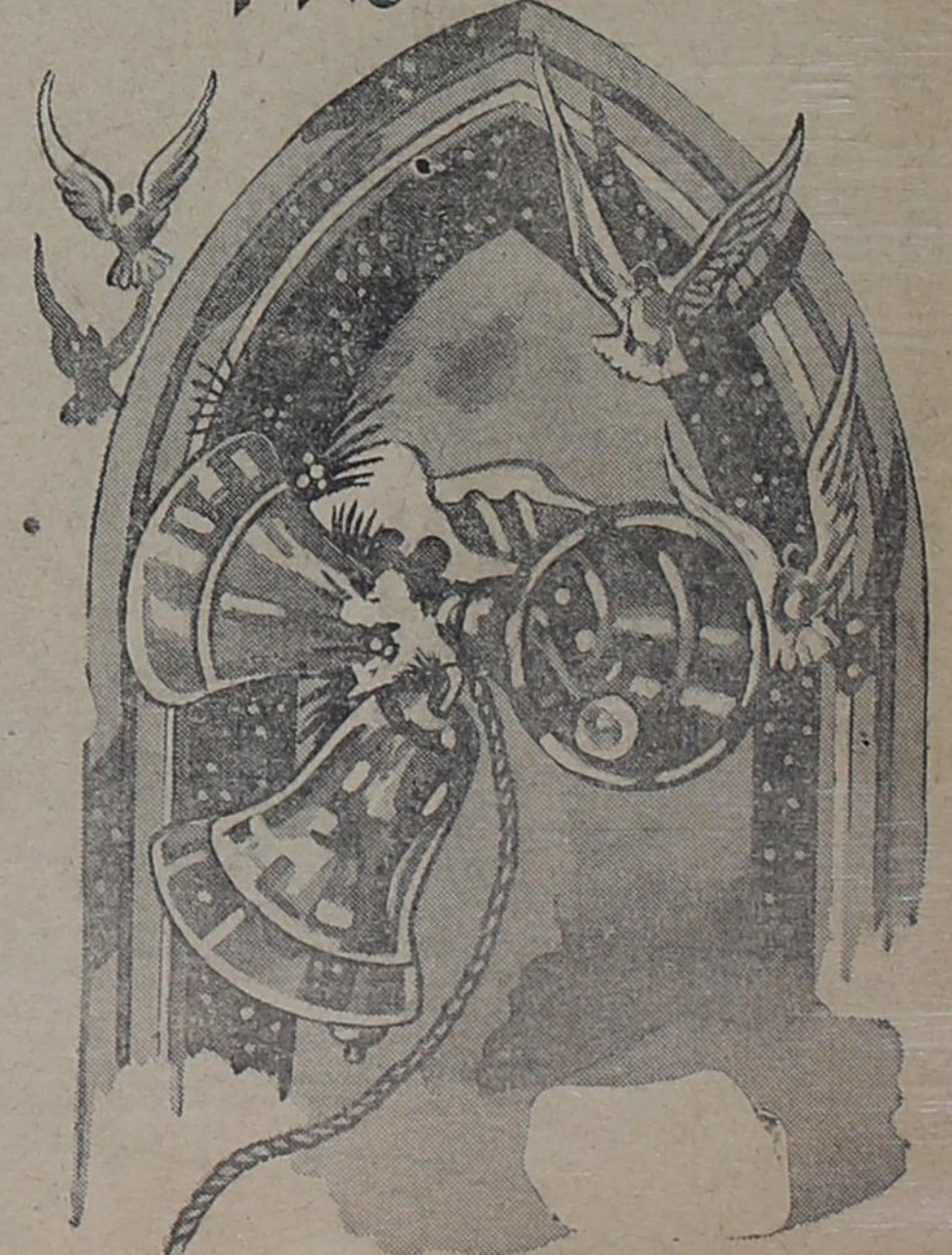
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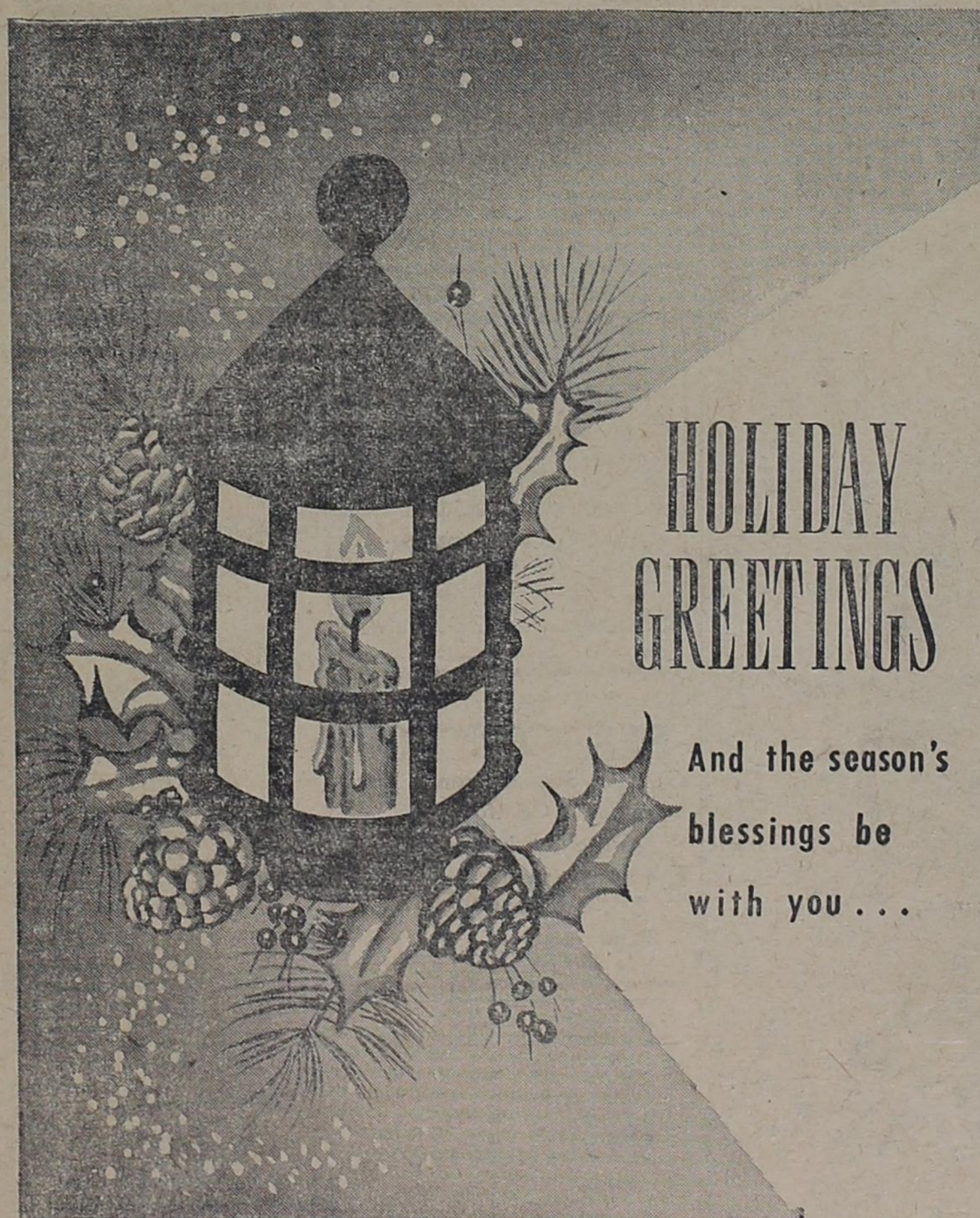


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### Mission U. S. A. Is Midwinter Study Of W. S. C. S.

Plans are complete for the W. S. C. S. midwinter study, Mission U. S. A. The four sessions are scheduled for 9:30 morning coffee:

- Jan. 15 - hostess to be announced
- Jan. 22 - Mrs. Crawley
- Jan. 29 - Mrs. Frank Rhymes
- Feb. 4 - Mrs. Henry Capers

The study will enlarge and reveal Mission of the Church, not the Methodist Church alone, but the Mission of all organizations of God's people.

Purpose of the study will be to awaken the membership to opportunity and duty in making the kingdom of God known in all walks of life.

Interesting discussions will be "The World's Largest Audience," "The Church Works Through Chaplains," and "Of What Use The Vast Religious Publications."

The sessions are open to all women of the community.

The text, "Missions U. S. A.," was written by James W. Hoffman, a Presbyterian elder, an editor, traveler and former teacher.

### T.E.L. Sunday School Class Enjoys Annual Christmas Dinner

The T. E. L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Thursday, December 13 for their Christmas Dinner with the regular monthly business meeting.

Dinner was served to ten members, the teacher, Bro. Pennington, Mr. Huff, and Mr. Martin. The meeting was opened with a song, "Hark The Herald Angels Sing," and a prayer by Mrs. Huff.

The yearbook committee were appointed. They are Mrs. Vesta Weeden, Mrs. W. F. Capers, and Mrs. Coy Warren.

### Congregational Methodist Notes

You have a special invitation to attend all services at the Congregational Methodist Church through the coming year. A good time to make a New Years resolution to go to church in this new year. A church where you can worship God in spirit and truth.

There will be a district prayer meeting at the church on January 8th. We are expecting a good service with several visitors present with Rev. W. R. Forsan of Hico doing the preaching. Services will begin at 7 o'clock.

### Keeping Up With Our Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mehaffey and children of Sweeney visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. O. Mehaffey, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Parker and children of Colorado City visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker, last week end.

Ensign Roy Rawls is home on a furlough from the Navy. Upon his return to duty he will be shipped overseas to Arabia.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Robertson during the holidays were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Bouclier and four children of Glen Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Robertson and son of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. George Warren of Gorman, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hagood of Lake Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Maxwell and Janet Lynn of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cooper and James of Crane, Betty Sue Lucke of Austin and L. E. Key of Ft. Worth visited Mrs. Gladys Lucke during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Duke had all their children home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Edmon Duke, Jolene and LaNelle of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Duke, Billy, Shirley, and Ronnie of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simmons, Gene, Tommy, and Vicki of Gorman. It was the first time the family had all been together in several years.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper of Killen spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper. Also Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stanfield of Monahans and Mrs. Johnny Cooper and son, James of Crane. Johnny came down on Thursday and they returned to their home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Warren and daughter of Pontotoc, Miss, and their son, Dabney Warren of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graham over the holidays.

Betty Crawley of Dallas spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Crawley.

Miss Buena Van Winkle, Mrs. Vesta Weeden and Mr. Charley Van Winkle visited Mrs. W. R. Yates Saturday night and enjoyed a game of 42.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. W. F. Capers Sunday were Mrs. Vesta Weeden, Mrs. W. R. Yates, Mrs. C. D. Simmons, Miss Buena Van Winkle, Mr. Charley Van Winkle, Grandmother Hickey, Mrs. Claudia Higginbotham of De Leon, a sister of Mrs. Capers.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Currie and sons of Bryan visited in the home of Mrs. Currie's mother Mrs. Vesta Weeden, during the holidays.

Mrs. Vesta Weeden, Mr. and

### HOMEMAKING TEACHER RESIGNS TO JOIN HUSBAND

Mrs. James Cooper has resigned as Home Economics teacher of Gorman High School to join her husband who is in the Marines. They will be stationed at Quantico, Virginia.

Mrs. White of Duster will substitute as Homemaking teacher until the permanent teacher arrives around mid-term of the school year.

Mrs. Howard Currie and sons, Gerald and Jessie of Bryan had Christmas dinner with grandmother Hickey.

Miss Buena Van Winkle, Mrs. W. R. Yates, Mrs. W. F. Capers, Mrs. Vesta Weeden, and Mr. Charley Van Winkle attended the New Years Singing at Oliver Springs Monday night.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter were Mrs. P. K. Scott of San Antonio, Mrs. Robert Chapman and children, Marie, Susie, Howard, and Robert of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fairbetter and Gina of Granbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Russell and Steve of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and Gary of Houston visited his mother, Mrs. MaMe Jones and her mother, Mrs. Effie Mayhew of Cisco, during the holidays.

Visitors in the G. W. Echols home over the holidays were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garrett and children of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Donaldson and children of Penwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sparks of Desdemona.

Several college students were home for the holidays. Among them were Jerry Skaggs, Donnie Mauney, Neal Gilbert, and Jackie Don Wheeler of Texas Tech; Jerry Bolt, Pat Morrison, and Ben Nix of N.T.S.C.; Max Pierce of T.C.U.; Mr. and Mrs. Jan Acrea and Joe Mehaffey of Texas; and Ernestine Todd, Betty Rodgers, Stanley Bell, David and Donald Joiner of Tarleton.

### Mrs. Gene Baker Host Excelsior Club Party

Mrs. Gene Baker was hostess to the Excelsior Club on December 20 for their annual Christmas Party. As the guests arrived with gala wrapped packages and admiring the beautifully decorated home, each realizing a whisper of cheer, that would linger all through the year.

A short business session was conducted. Mrs. Mae Jones was appointed club reporter.

After the Christmas packages were exchanged a lovely refreshment plate was served carrying out the Christmas colors with miniature Santa Claus' as plate favors.

Mrs. Marvin Nix was present as a guest.

### NOTICE

M. C. Jones, D. B. Warren, W. J. Atchison, and J. W. Stacy are winners of some nice prizes at Pittman Equipment Company which they may have by calling for same.

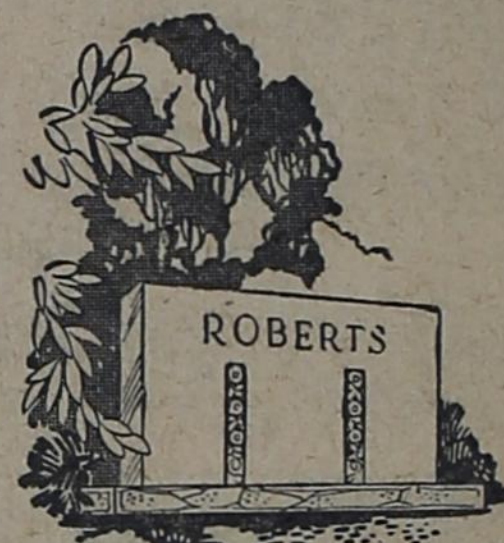
These were door prizes at a recent open house held by Mr. Gregory to get acquainted. The winners are under no obligation to make any purchases.



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