

Four Panthers Make Second Team In All-District Selections

The coaches of our football district named the 1965 All-District First and Second football teams at a recent meeting of the group.

Following is a list of both the First and Second teams:

FIRST TEAM

Ends:
Anderson - Bangs
Moore - May

Tackles:
Wadsworth - Bangs
Rust - Bangs

Guards:
Williford - Bangs
Fitzgerald - Bangs

Center:
Gavell - Bangs

Backs:
Ramsey - Bangs
Butler - Rising Star
Fisher - Rising Star
Smith - May
White - Bangs

SECOND TEAM

Ends:
Long - Rising Star
Porter - Blanket

Tackles:
Donham - Rising Star
Goldston - Rising Star

Guards:
Robert Whitt - Gorman
Morales - Blanket

Center:
Buddy Eaves - Gorman

Backs:
Daryl Hirst - Gorman
Mack Sutton - Gorman
Mullen - Bangs
Simpson - Blanket

Brown Jug Cafe Struck By Burglary On Saturday Night

The Brown Jug Cafe was burglarized Saturday night some time between the hours of 12 and 5:15 a. m.

\$200 in cash was taken and the cigarette machine was broken into but no cash was in it, and it is believed that no cigarettes are missing.

Mrs. E. L. Dennis discovered the burglary when she opened the cafe around 5:30 a. m. Sunday. The front door had been forced open.

Mrs. Dennis returned home for her husband and they immediately called Sheriff L. E. Sublett who made a thorough investigation.

The money taken was sales and social security tax the Dennises had in a drawer under the cash register. The money was kept separate from daily receipts and deposited in the bank from time to time.

The burglar or burglars left a radio and a pair of binoculars in the counter which, evidently, they intended to take and didn't.

Entry Deadline For Lighting Contest Is December 23rd.

Several have already entered the Residential Christmas Lighting contest sponsored by Business Men's Club. Remember, the deadline for entering is 12 noon on Thursday, December 23rd.

The contest is restricted to the residential area of the city limits of Gorman. Texas Electric Service Company employees will not be eligible for the first prize, but will be eligible for the other prizes.

A Reddy-Lite will be given by Texas Electric Service Company for first prize. The other prizes are \$15 for second and \$10 for third and will be given by the Business Men's Club.

Entry blanks may be obtained at the Texas Electric office, the Progress Office, or use the entry blank printed in last weeks issue of the Progress and mail or bring them to the Progress Office.

The contest committee urges everyone that has a lighted display to enter the contest regardless of how small or elaborate. It's originality, artistic merit and lighting technique that will be judged.

Out-of-town judges will be obtained by the organization.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



FUNERAL SERVICES FOR JAKE C. SKILES HELD ON TUESDAY

Mr. Jake C. Skiles, 75, retired oil field worker, died at 9:30 p. m. Saturday, December 18, 1965 in Lawndale Home For Senior Citizens.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, December 21 in Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Rev. Huron A. Polnac, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery.

Born June 3, 1890 in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, he was married to Grace A. Shade on June 11, 1911 in Hico. They had lived in the Gorman area for more than 50 years.

Survivors include the wife, three daughters, Mrs. Juanita Chandler of Compton, Calif., Mrs. Eva Merle Davis of New Rango, Penn., and Mrs. Maxine Loveless of Midland; three sons, W. M. Skiles of Forsan, Frank Skiles of Kermit and Fred Skiles of Sacramento, Calif.; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; three brothers, William and Dan Skiles of Cleburne, and Jim Skiles of Stephenville; and two sisters, Mrs. Berdie Moore of Chalk Mountain and Mrs. Adie Shade of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Pallbearers were E. L. (Jug) Dennis, H. C. Whitlock, W. C. Browning, Graydon Baze, R. M. Buntin and H. H. Pullig.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Annual New Year's Eve Singing at Oliver Springs will be held Friday night, December 31, beginning at 8 p. m. and lasting until the New Year begins at 12 midnight. Refreshments will be served.

The Seniors are taking orders for personalized stationery. The price is \$1.00 per tablet of 100 sheets without envelopes.

The Gorman Rebekah Lodge meets each Tuesday evening.

The Friday Afternoon Duplicate Bridge Club meets each Friday at 1:30 p. m. at the Fire Hall.

The Gorman Duplicate Bridge Club meets each Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the Fire Hall.

Boy Scout Troop No. 38 meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p. m. at the Fire Hall.

School Holidays To Begin On Wednesday

Classes at the Gorman Schools will dismiss on Wednesday, December 22 at the regular time for the Christmas Holidays and classes will resume on Monday, January 3rd.

Class parties and exchanging of gifts will be held in the afternoon.

Elementary grades will have individual classroom programs and exchanging of gifts and the High School will meet in the auditorium for their program and Christmas tree.

Youth Dance To Be Held At Fire Hall On December 22nd.

Local parents are sponsoring a dance for all the youth and college students in the area at the Fire Hall on Wednesday, December 22, from 8 to 12 p. m.

The Cruisers of Brownwood, the southwest's most popular dance band, will provide the music. Our local band director, Mr. Herman Alsup, will sit in with the band and will emcee the program.

Parents that will serve as hosts for the evening are Mr. and Mrs. Albert White, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton and Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Jay. Approximately 40 parents are furnishing the sandwiches and cold drinks.

Admission will be \$1.50 for couples and \$1.00 stag.

Hospital Staffs Annual Christmas Party Held December 14th.

The Blackwell Hospital, Inc. staff's annual Christmas Party was held in the beautifully decorated lobby of the hospital on Tuesday evening, December 14.

Gifts for exchange were placed around the large green Christmas tree in the lobby and Santa arrived to distribute the beautifully wrapped packages. Santa thought Mrs. Bert Kent looked so pretty that he let her assist

him in passing out the packages. Mrs. Burnett Eison, hospital dietician, made the variety of candies served, as has been the custom for many years. Cold drinks and coffee were also served.

All of the 33 hospital employees were present for the gala event and it would not be a hospital party without someone receiving a gag gift and since Dr. Pack is the most recent employee of the hospital, he was the recipient this year. One never can tell, that pair of long handles just may come in handy some time.

Business Houses To Observe Christmas Holiday On Saturday

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, will be observed by the business houses of Gorman as a legal holiday and will not be open for business on that day.

The utilities companies, Texas Electric Service Co. and Pioneer Natural Gas Co., offices will be closed on Friday and Saturday, as they are normally closed on Saturdays, and will be taking Friday as their holiday.

Blackwell Hospital Receives Anonymous Gift Of Yard Light

The staff at Blackwell Hospital would like to express their thanks to the generous soul, an anonymous giver of the beautiful electric yard light, which was installed on the front lawn of the hospital last week.

The gift will not only be appreciated by the hospital staff, but by all who enter and visit the hospital.

First Methodist To Conduct Special Christmas Services

Friday, December 24th the pastor will conduct the Annual Communion Service in the Church sanctuary. The Communion will be served from 6:30 p. m. until 8 p. m. and the individuals or families may come anytime during this period. You may spend whatever time you wish in prayer and meditation at the altar.

Everyone is invited to share in these special services.

Christmas Cheer

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Let us pause during this season of cheer and remember He who saved us all.

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GORMAN

SANTA PIERRE



By James Clyde

Pierre LeBlanc signaled with his finger and the head waiter locked the door behind the last customers. The waiter came back to the table where Pierre was sitting and waited patiently for the sign to be finished.

"Do you like it, Jacques?"
"If you will pardon my saying it, sir, you are not the best of sign painters."

"Indeed not, but it serves the purpose. Place it on the door."

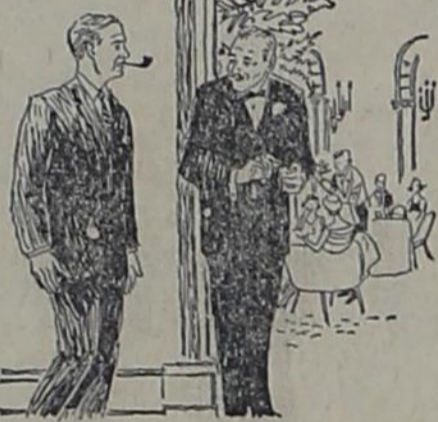
The head waiter obliged and soon customers were turning away after reading the message:

**Pierre Closes
Tonight Only
25th Anniversary
Private Party**

The party was not so private. Old friends, customers for many years, were entering by the back door almost as soon as the front was locked.

Pierre greeted each affectionately, wishing everyone a most Merry Christmas. They were old friends, all of them. As Pierre liked to put it, "We grew up together." Most of them were starting out, struggling artists, writers, young lawyers, and actors, when Pierre opened the small coffee shop that he was to build into a restaurant of international reputation.

For some, Pierre had a special greeting. Fred Addams was one. Fred was a writer, a good one. He had lived upstairs, over the



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coffee shop long years ago. He had survived on donuts and coffee, mostly on credit, until his first novel had set him on the road to becoming one of the country's most popular mystery writers.

"Merry Christmas, old friend," greeted Pierre.

"Joyeux Noel, to you, Pierre. And then tell me why an old rascal like you gives up holiday business to give a free party?"

"It is my anniversary. Can I not play Santa if it pleases me?"

"You apparently can."

Pierre smiled his best smile. "Seriously, old friend, I give this party also because I know you will be in town this holiday. I say to myself, 'Pierre, you must play Santa...'"

"As you did seven years ago?"

"Ah, you remember; how well do I recall. Two people who were meant for each other. I brought them together. Romance, what a wonderful thing. Would you turn back the pages of time, old friend?"

"I would, Pierre. I am older, wiser. I know that there can be love and marriage and a career as well."

"And Anne..."

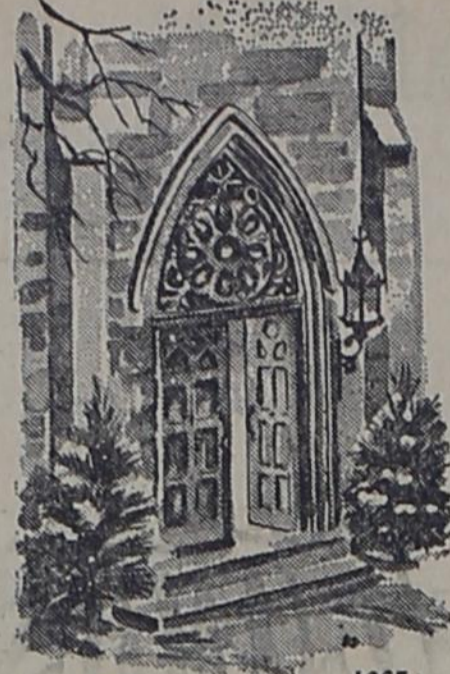
"Wherever she may be, I think she knows it, too. I hope things worked out well for her. She was so eager, so anxious to become a great singer. She loved me, as I loved her, but I am afraid we were both selfish. I hope—and I believe—that she has found her happiness as I still seek mine."

Pierre smiled again. He tapped on the table before him until all was quiet. "My friends," he began, "I have not been in business 25 years; only 23. I began in August, not December. I am also a poor sign painter. On the door it should say 2 plus 5, or seven, for seven years ago I introduced two wonderful people one Christmas Eve. They fell in love, then went separate ways. Tonight, I shall re-introduce them... after the orchestra plays and we are led in 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' by my dear friend, Anne Grayson. Anne has just completed seven years of study in the finest schools in Europe. Tomorrow she auditions for the Met; tonight she sings for you."

Confident, radiant, she stepped into the spotlight and every voice was raised in song.

Pierre leaned forward and whispered into the ear of his friend. "What happens now, who knows? Santa only brings the presents."

Miss Don Moorman of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Dona Moorman, who accompanied her home and they will spend the Christmas holidays in Beaumont with Mrs. Moorman's grandson, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Moorman and family.



Merry Christmas

May the true spirit of Christmas enter your hearts this year.

J. E. Brown Feed Store

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Brown
Dial RE 4-5516 Gorman



Lewis Fina Station

HWY. 6 WEST GORMAN



Hello! A very Merry Yule to you and yours.

Todd's Variety Store

TSA Appeals To College Students To "Set-The-Pace"

AUSTIN — The Texas Safety Ass'n. today issued its annual appeal to university and college students to "set-the-pace" for traffic safety during the Christmas holiday season.

"Thousands of young drivers in the state will be starting 'back home' prior to the heaviest traffic rush at Christmas," J. O. Musick, TSA Gen. Manager said. "These drivers can set an example for other holiday travelers by reaching their destinations safely."

In his appeal to student drivers, Musick also commented on the ability of young drivers.

"Tests show that young drivers are well-equipped physically for driving. The young driver reacts much faster in an emergency situation and his vision is better than that of older drivers."

"In addition, most young drivers have received some driver education and have a better knowledge of their motor vehicle and its performance."

However, the safety director warned that the young drivers can get into trouble in traffic because of a lack of driving experience.

"The ability to handle an automobile safely where bad road or weather conditions exist is important and frequently demands a great deal of driving experience."

"The safest way to deal with inexperience on the road is to cut down speed. Speed to fast for existing conditions is one of the major factors contributing to fatal accidents."

Musick reminded students to give motor vehicles a good safety check before getting out on a road.

"And, don't overload your car with packages or passengers. Do not pile books, clothes or packages so high in the back seat of your car that the rear view window is blocked. If you must hang clothing in the car, make sure you have outside rear view mirrors."

In closing, Musick further advised students to get plenty of sleep before starting trips and to take several rest stops along the way.

"If possible, alternate with other drivers. It's much less tiring and a great deal safer."



Best wishes to all our friends for a warm and merry Christmas!

MR. & MRS.
V. E. OVERSTREET



To all our many friends and patrons, may we say a warm, "Thank you."

GAIL & VELMA BENNETT
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Our wish is that He who brought joy to the world will bring joy and hope into your homes and hearts during this season.

HIGGINBOTHAM'S

Home for Christmas



By Mike Bennett

The wintry wind brought snowflakes and sent the flame of the campfire dancing up and down, creating eerie shadows against a background of water, pilings and overhead steel.

Billy Smith poked the fire with a stick. "I don't know, Teddy. Maybe we oughta go back home. I never been away from home at Christmas."

Teddy answered with something like a grunt. He had pulled his mackinaw over his head until only his nose and eyes were bare and was nonchalantly studying the flickering shadows on the framework of the railroad trestle overhead.

"I know we made a deal, Teddy. But I didn't think you would decide to leave home just before Christmas. Couldn't we wait a while? We can run away anytime. Let's go back, just for Christmas. Then, I'll be ready, anytime you say. How about it?"

No Dice

Teddy pulled down his jacket, sat upright, and pointed his finger. "We made a deal, little brother. You want to chicken out, you know the way home. Not me. I'm tired of working every



day on a farm, tired of going to school, tired of being told to 'do this' and 'do that'. We both agree Aunt Alice doesn't care about us. She just took us on when Pa died so she would have some help around the place. We're going out and do something for ourselves."

"But, she is good to us, Teddy. You know that. And, I think she loves us. She doesn't know how to show it, never having had any family of her own. She acts like an old maid because that's what she has been all her life. Things were getting better, weren't they? You said so yourself."

Teddy began to poke the fire. "I think she knew we planned to run away."

The wind was even stronger now. The boys lapsed into silence. Teddy stood up. "I gotta find some more firewood" He paused in mid-sentence, transfixed.

"You kids got anything to eat?" He was a big man, tall and heavy. His voice was gruff and unpleasant. Neither boy could speak or move.

The man moved to the fireside. He reached down and lifted Billy with one hand. "Let's see what's in that pack you're sitting on, kid."

Billy moved to the side, almost into the darkness.

"Come back here, kid. Get back in the light where I can see you. You gonna try something? I don't recommend it."

Searching

The boys watched in silence as the man rummaged through the pack and began to munch greedily on the chicken and sandwiches he found there.

"You boys running away from home? Eh? You don't have to answer. I know you're not regular hoboos. You're just setting out to be, like me. I ran away, just about your age, too. Was gonna find a job and get rich, I was. Didn't work that way. Never does. A fella pulls up roots, never really sets 'em down again. I been in jail more times than you boys been to Sunday School."

The man finished eating, took the pack for a pillow and stretched out on the ground. "I'm gonna take a little rest. You boys stay put and stay quiet."

Moments later, he was snoring, and alone. The boys had disappeared into the darkness.

Deputy Sheriff Clint Parker dropped a nickel into the cross-roads pay phone. "Miss Smith? Deputy Parker. I found 'em. When you said they aimed to catch a freight, I knew just where to look. I think they're on the way home. They'll probably be hungry You're welcome and a Merry Christmas to you, too."

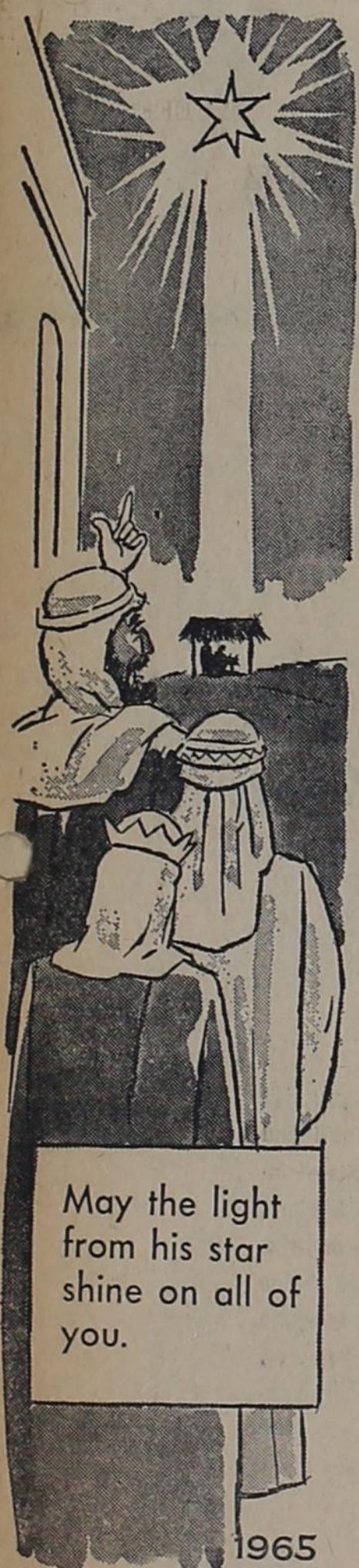


Greetings

Warm Wishes to all
- 1965.

Gorman Humble Station

G. T. LEONARD, Operator
Dial RE 4-5615 Gorman



May the light from his star shine on all of you.

Glenn Justice and Family

1965



CHRISTMAS

Angels Sang -- Shepherds Watched --
A Star Shone --
And In A Lowly Manger,
A Holy Child Was Born.

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May It Bring You And Yours
Abundant Blessings!



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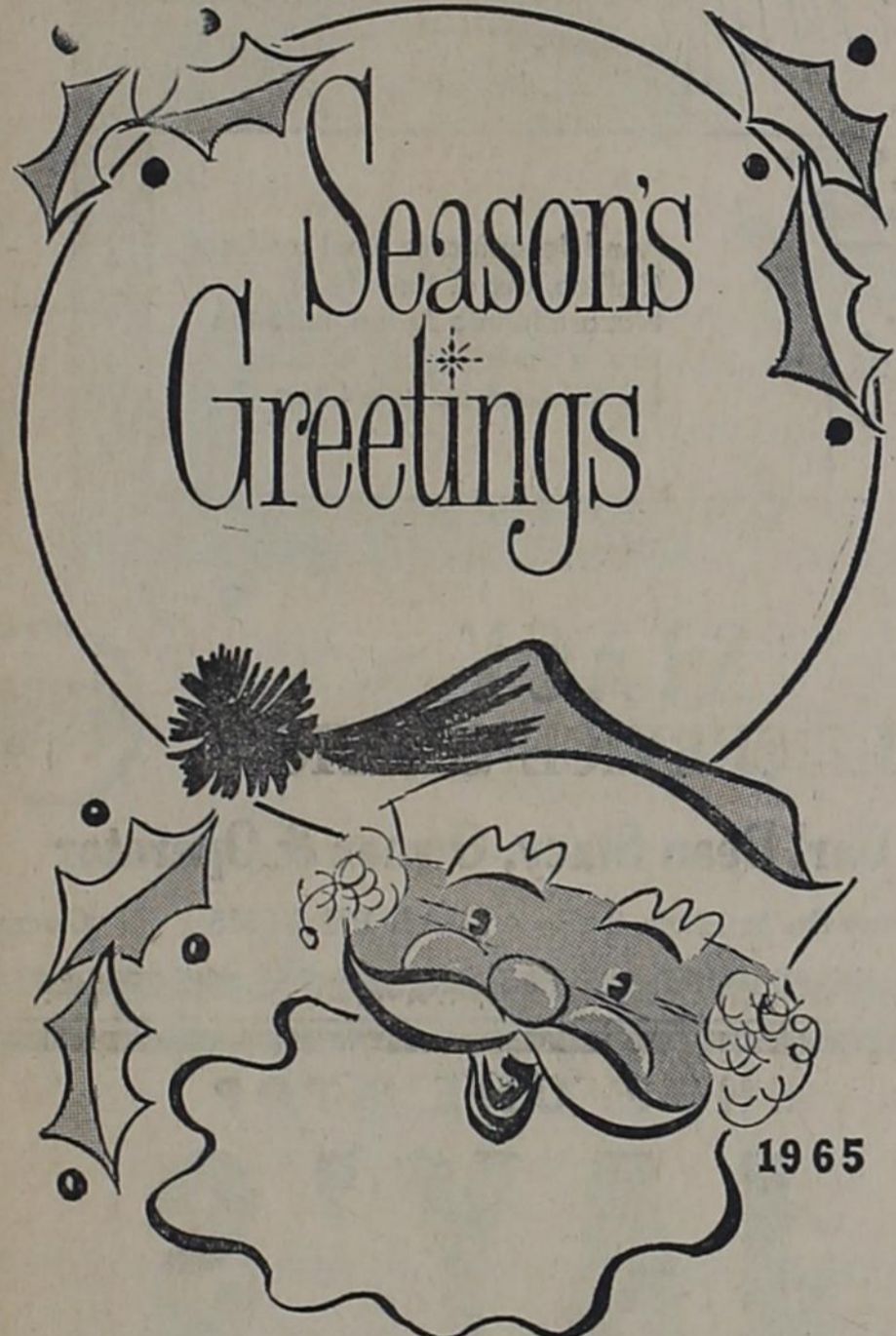
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CITY OF GORMAN

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy extended us at the time of loss of our dear father and grandfather, Mr. J. C. Wood. Also for the beautiful floral offering and the wonderful food that was prepared for us. The kindness and loyalty of the staff at Lawndale Home and Dr. Rodgers and Dr. Brown of Blackwell Hospital was deeply appreciated. May God richly bless each of you.

The Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren of J. C. Wood

A NEW SON FOR THE LANDRUM WOOTENS

Mr. and Mrs. Landrum Wooten announce the arrival of their son, James Marvin, born at 10:24 a. m. December 13 in the De Leon Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces.

Paternal grandfather is Mr. Walter Wooten of Gorman.



SANTA VISITS WITH CHILDREN IN GORMAN — Shown in the pictures above are a number of the many, many children who visited with Santa and enjoyed the elephant sleigh ride, the pony ride and elephant acts in Gorman on December 4th., sponsored by the Business Men of Gorman.



Merry Christmas
Much Joy is wished for all.

Artistic Beauty Salon
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Poynor

Willing Workers Class Christmas Party

The Willing Workers Class of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. C. Cook for their annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Marvin Lewis, vice president, was in charge of the program in the absence of the president, Mrs. Jesse Parker.

Opening prayer was given by Mrs. Cook. Following the brief business meeting Mrs. George Blackwell gave the devotional, "Christmas Is Always," a book by Dale Evans.

Gifts were exchanged by the fourteen members and the hostesses served coffee, cocoa and cake.

THE GERALD SCITERNS ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF DAUGHTER ON DECEMBER 16

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern of Gorman announce the birth of their daughter, Annita Margaret, born at 7:26 p. m. December 16 in Blackwell Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Scitern of Route 2, Gorman and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater of Route 2, Gorman.

Annita has a big sister, Brenda Darlene, 15 months old.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniels of Eunice, N. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clement of Odessa. Great-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Scitern of Route 2, Gorman, and Mrs. Rosa Scitern of Lawndale Home.



Merry Christmas

jolly! Hearty best wishes to 'Tis truly the season to be you and your family for a warm and merry Christmas!

EULA CALDWELL



We hope your 1965 Christmas is the merriest ever!

MARY KIMBLE DRESS SHOP
DE LEON, TEXAS

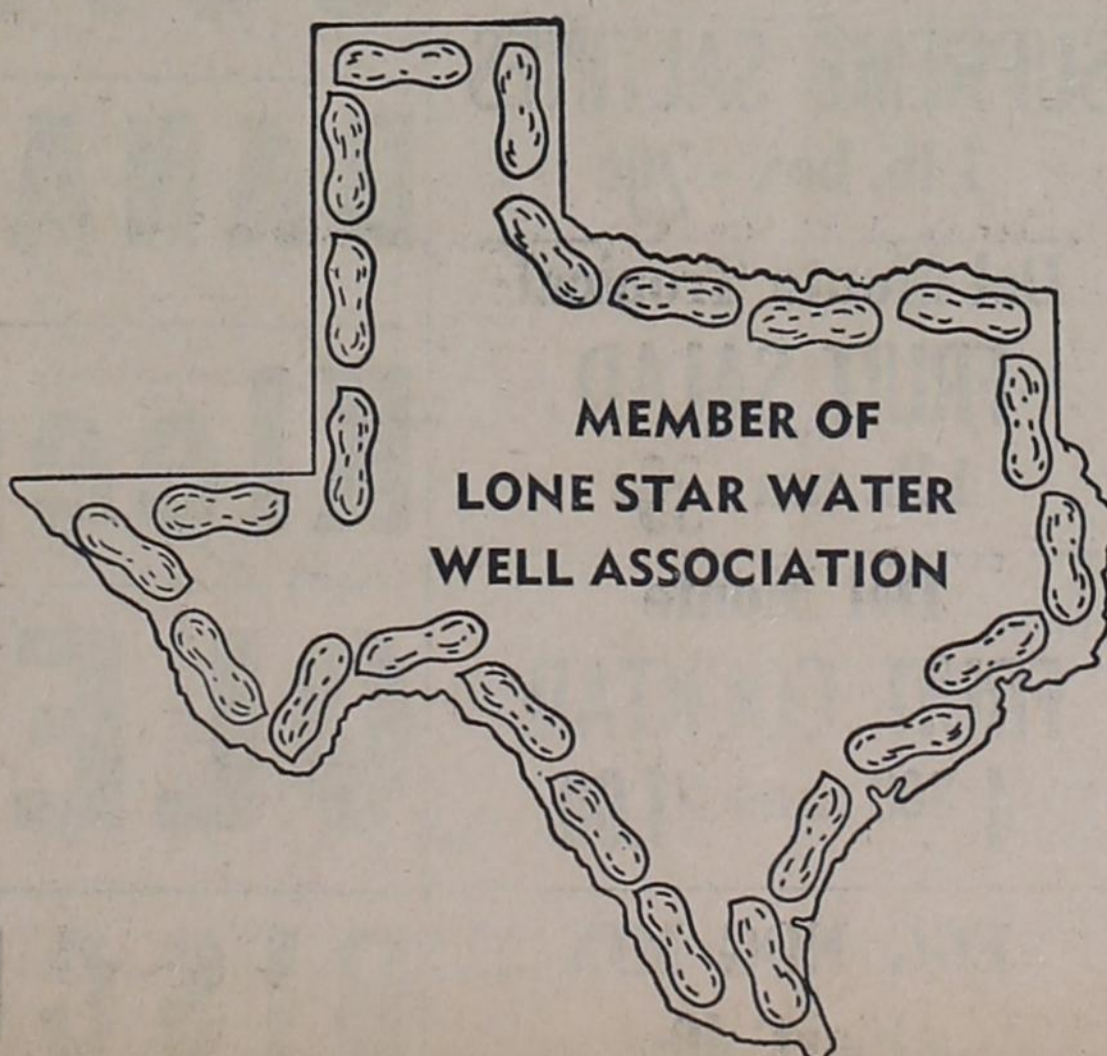
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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mr. W. V. Crews was accompanied to Waco Tuesday by Mr. Walter Goodwin where he went for a medical checkup at the Veteran's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Palmer and Phillip of Monahans visited from Monday to Wednesday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Luke Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Prewitt of Crane left Thursday following several days visit with her mother, Mrs. Nona Leazar. The families visited in Ranger Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wylie.

Mrs. E. C. Watson and Carl of Midland visited Friday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Miers and Mrs. J. N. Watson. She met her daughter, Barbara, who was enroute home from Baylor University for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Estelle Craddock and Miss Lorena Clark spent the weekend in Grand Prairie with Miss Kay Ann Craddock. John Edward Clark and David Wayne Fulberg accompanied them home for a week's visit and will also visit with their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Hollifield.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McCormack of San Antonio are home for several weeks visit. Her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roach of Garland spent the weekend with them. Their grandchildren, Carolyn and Jeffery, remained for a weeks visit and their parents will return for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hodge of Midland visited from Thursday to Wednesday with Mrs. Ed Wyatt. Mrs. Wyatt left Wednesday for Dallas and will spend the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welch.

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FORMER MIDLAND FAMILY MOVES TO GORMAN

Mrs. Homer Sanders has joined her husband here who is driller-operator for the Continental Water Well Drilling Company.

The Sanders have rented the former James Wood home and moved in Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have two children, Tinnie, age 9, and Brenda, age 6, and both are in school.

The family are members of the Baptist Church.

ESTIMATED 110 PERSONS TO DIE IN HOLIDAY TRAFFIC TOLL IN TEXAS

The Texas Safety Association has announced its annual "Accidental Death Alert" for Christmas-New Year's holiday period and called on citizens for support of traffic law enforcement to reduce the holiday death toll.

"Law enforcement officers and agencies officially responsible for the welfare of the people of our state need the cooperation and support of every citizen if we are to prevent a tragic loss of life on our streets and highways during the holiday season," S. Ross Carr, Houston, TSA Pres., said.

It has been estimated 110 persons will be killed in traffic in Texas during a 10-day period, beginning at 12:01 a. m. Friday, Dec. 24 and ending at 11:59 p. m. Jan. 2, 1966.

This is the period designated by the Association for the "Accidental Death Alert" which includes all types of accidents. It coincides with the period set for the annual "Operation Deathwatch" of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Association is joining the DPS, the Texas Highway Department and other groups in a coordinated safety program aimed at reducing accidental deaths during the holiday period.

Carr also urged citizens to be on the alert for other hazards, such as fires in the home, falls and hunting accidents. It is estimated that an additional 42 persons will be killed in accidents other than traffic and that 43 persons will die as suicides and homicides.

In closing, the Association president challenged citizens to put safety first — "whether at home, at play, at work or behind the wheel of an automobile."

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Denton, Peggy, Elaine and Evelyn of Anaheim, Calif., arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his father, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Denton.

A Good Old Fashion Christmas to all in 1965.



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1965



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KRAFT **MIRACLE WHIP**
49c Quart



5 lb. Bag - 49c
10 lb. Bag 89c
25 lb. Bag - 179

CELERY HEARTS
29c pkg.

Wes-Tex
WHITE SYRUP
quart 49c

TEXAS ORANGES
10c pound

Majesty
LUNCHEON MEAT
12 oz. cans - 2 - 89c

Imperial
POWDERED SUGAR
Brown or White
3 1 lb. boxes 49c

WHIPPING CREAM
Borden's - 1/2 pt. - 29c

CAT LIFE CAT FOOD
300 cans - 3 - 25c

OUR DARLING CORN
Yellow or White
5 303 cans \$1.00

SUPREME SALTINES
1 lb. box - 29c

Del Monte Tropical
FRUIT SALAD
1 lb. can - 39c

Del Monte
FRUIT COCKTAIL
4 303 cans \$1.00

EGG NOG MIX
Quart 49c

Short'in Snowdrift
3 lb. Can .59

Coffee Kimbell's
Pound .69

BANANAS POUND .10

Kleenex 200 Count
2 Ply Tissues .23

OLEO Mrs. Tucker Meadolake
Two Pounds .49

BISCUITS Kimbell's or
Hom-Maid 5 - .39

**Church Of Christ
Youth To Share Gifts
And Sing Carols**



Merry
Christmas
for 1965
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GORMAN

Children and youth of the Gorman Church of Christ and their teachers will visit Lawndale Home For Senior Citizens at 7 p. m. Wednesday, December 22 to sign carols and to share gifts with the shut-ins.

In the true spirit of Christmas and the teachings of the Bible by the Church School teachers, the children and youth have drawn names of the shut-ins at the home, instead of drawing class member names and will take a gift to the home.

Each gift will have a name on it and when the name of the person receiving the gift is called, the person that gave it will present the gift personally.

The Junior Class group will go to the home of Mrs. Doyle Lee Jobe for refreshments following the program. Mrs. Nathan Files, assistant teacher, will serve as co-hostess.

The Primary group will meet in the home of Mrs. Don Laminack with Mrs. Jim Brewer as co-hostess for a party and refreshments.

**Another
Christmas**



By Archie Boyd

Ted Andrews looked across the lawn. Some of the other patients were happily stringing decorations across the stately evergreen that dominated the entrance to the hospital.

It just didn't seem like Christmas. For one thing, there certainly wouldn't be any snow this far South. But, then, it hadn't seemed like Christmas for some years now. Two Christmases in far away lands, one of them in a stinking jungle and now this, fiat on his back in a hospital.

"I guess those guys have some reason to be happy, at least they can walk." He was aware, and somehow ashamed, of the tinge of sarcasm in his voice.

Question

Helen Connerly didn't seem to notice. "Would you like me to wheel you around the grounds? They're doing some decorating at the other entrances, too."

Ted took the book he had been reading and covered his eyes. "No, thanks, Nurse-dear. I think I'll take myself a little nap. This warm Southern temperature makes a Yankee like myself somewhat lazy."

The woman smiled. "Okay, boss-man. I'll be here if you need anything."

Was it sleep, or half-sleep that enveloped him? He was never sure any more. But he was back again, the whirring sound of the



"Would you like me to wheel you around? They're decorating the other entrances, too."

'copter blades ringing in his ears, and the staccato bursts of ground fire, sudden explosion, pain and the realization that he couldn't move, that the world had fallen in on top of him.

"He was just like you, Ted, exactly the same. He suffered. He wanted to suffer. He bottled himself up and shut out the world with a curtain of indifference. I suffered, because I loved him and because I could find no way to build a bridge that would reach him."

Mary, Mary, don't be contrary, forget me now. Sure you can, if you try. I'm not the same guy. He's gone. They left him in a rotting, stinking jungle, exchanged for a living corpse. Go away, Mary. Go away and stay.

"You have everything, Ted. It's yours for the asking; yours for the taking. There is a wonderful girl who loves you. There is the promise that you can walk again if you try. You have to try, Ted. No one can do it for you. Try, as others have done, Ted, get up and try!"

Awakening

He stirred. The book had fallen to the ground and the last rays of afternoon sun greeted his opening eyes. "You have been talking to me while I slept, haven't you?"

"They can't fire me for that, can they?" Helen Connerly laughed. "I've also taken you for a ride. I want you to meet someone, near the main gate."

It was Mary, on the arm of a rugged, handsome man. He walked with a slight limp, yet straight erect and proud. So this was how it would be. She'd taken his advice, then. Good. Now a simple goodbye and she would be rid of him forever, just the way he wanted it to be.

Helen Connerly rushed forward, hugged each affectionately. "Ted, I want you to meet . . ."

"I know . . ."

"My husband, John Connerly . . ."

"Your husband?"

John Connerly let out a booming laugh. "I know you, son. And I know what you are going through. A few years ago, I lost an argument in Korea and wound up here the same as you are now. This little woman talked me back on my feet and I guess I talked myself into a lifetime contract. What do you think of that?"

Ted smiled. "I think it's time I met the lovely young lady with you. I'd like to wish her a Merry Christmas—and promise her a Happy New Year."

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Those attending were Cheryl Brown, Pattie Wallace, Marisa Kirk, Susan Swanner, Jack Jackson, Billy Burgess, Gary Jackson, Revise and Randy Laminack, Roger Poteet, Gail Brooker, Curtis Whitlock, and Eddie White. Others attending were Diana Jackson, Rodney, Melissa, Amy and Curtis Warren, brothers and sisters of the honoree.

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Following a short program gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Joe O'Neal and Mrs. D. F. Eaves read short Christmas stories.

The group gathered around the piano and sang several Christmas carols.

Refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table. Christmas cookie, peanuts and punch were served and Santa boots were plate favors.

Those attending were Mmes. Bill Brown, Albert Hendricks, D. F. Eaves, Joe O'Neal, Wayne White, John Donaldson, Lee Bishop, Bertha Hagar, Deliah Eaves, and guest, Mrs. Jim Jordan.

The next meeting will be on January 10 at 1:30 p. m. in the Kokomo Community Club House. The program will be on "Medicare". Everyone is urged to attend.

ENROLL NOW FOR CISCO JUNIOR COLLEGE VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

Cisco Junior College Vocational Nursing Program is now taking applications for enrollment in its 1966 class that begins in February, announced Mrs. Veneta Mitchell, instructor and director of the program.

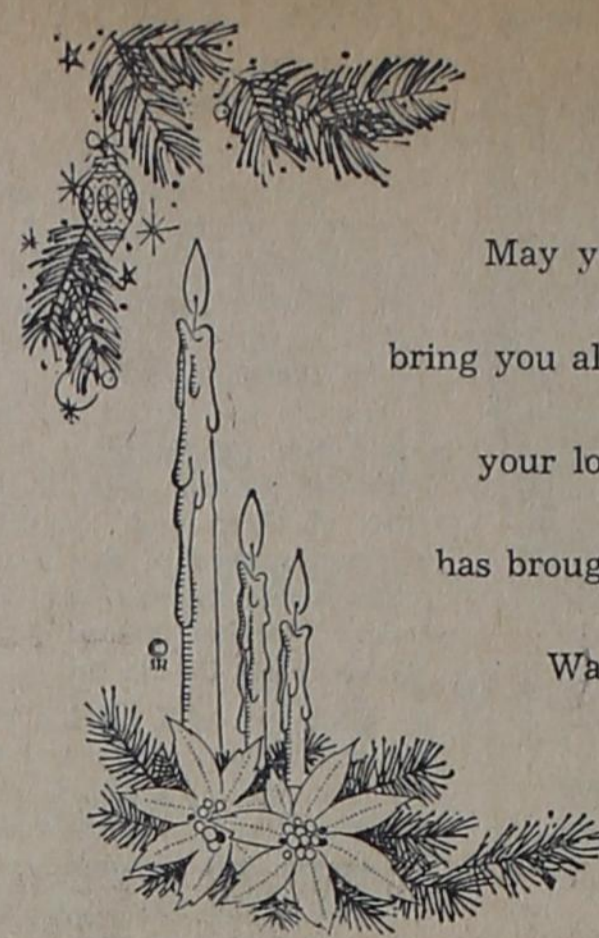
A person who wants to enroll in the next class may make application to the administrator of one of the affiliating hospitals Eastland Memorial, Ranger General, Graham of Cisco, and Shackelford County in Albany. Application may also be made to Mrs. Mitchell at CJC on Fridays.

The age requirement for enrollees is 18 to 55. The education requirement is at least two years of high school though preferably a full high school education, or the equivalent of two years of high school education. The equivalence will be determined by testing. Other requisites for an enrollee is good physical health and good moral character and an interest in nursing.

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Following the dinner of turkey and all the trimmings, the youth brought offerings and placed them under a Christmas tree for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. They chose this method of giving rather than drawing names and giving to each other.

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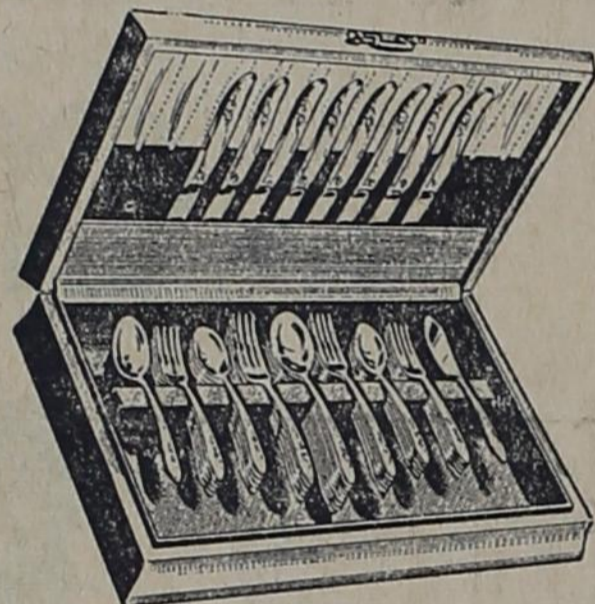
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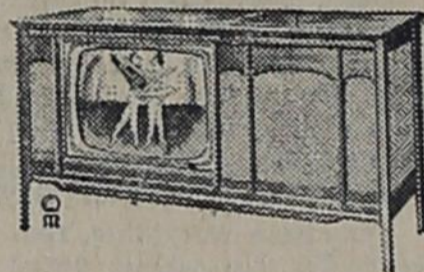


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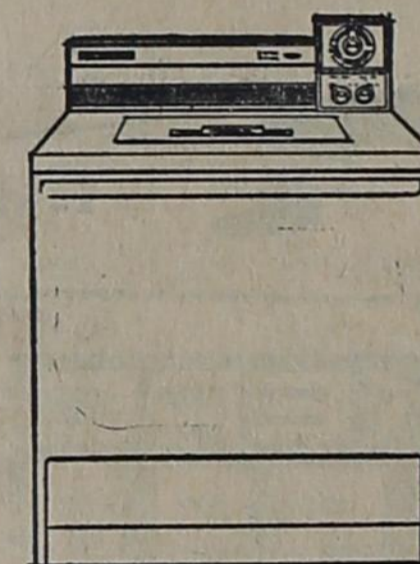
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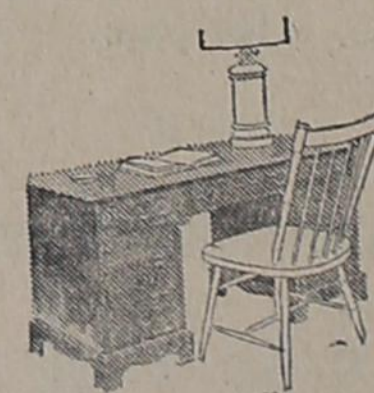
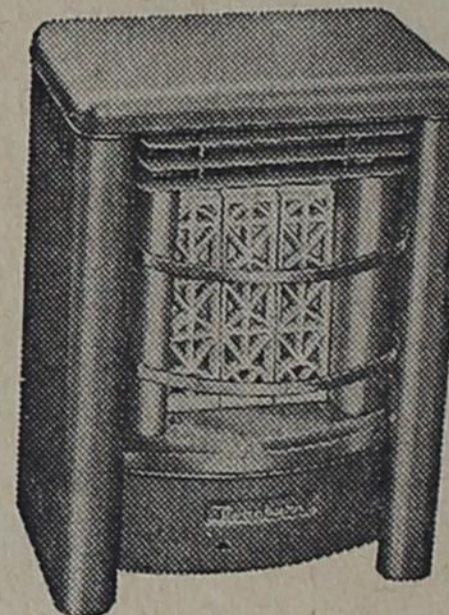
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KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

Members of the childrens and youth Sunday School department will present a Christmas Program at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday night at 7 p. m. There will be a Christmas tree with gifts exchanged following the program. Santa will be there to delight the little children,

Mr and Mrs. D. F. Eaves were hosts in their home on Friday night, December 10 for a Christmas party for the Young Married Couples Sunday School Class of the Kokomo Baptist Church. Attending were the teacher of the class, WaWyne Eaves, and members, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snider and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little, Ray Neal, Nelda and James, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Little and Kay, and Mark and Deliah Eaves.

Mr. Henry Scitern was honored with a birthday supper in his home on Dec. 13. Mr Scitern was celebrating his 65th. birthday. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alvis

Scitern and Mrs. John Scitern, served as hostesses. Mrs. John Scitern baked the pink and white birthday cake. Those present for the supper were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scitern, Mr. and Mrs. Audy Moore and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Tinkler and Sherry of Killeen, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern and Brenda of Big Spring, Mrs. Faye Callison, Robert, Melinda nd Larry of Duster, Mrs. Rosie Scitern of Gorman, Margaret Reeves and Bill Cozart of Cisco, Tommy Carr of Desdemona, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Scitern and Laveda and Mr. and Mrs. John Scitern, Laverne and Johnny.

Mrs. Bob Walker of Ontario, Calif., Mrs. Bonnie Helton of El Monte, Calif., and Mrs. Rachel Johnson, Cheryl Hudson and Sandra Helton of Gormn, were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks were in Abilene on Friday night to visit with Mr. Bryan's mother, Mrs. Zesta Johnson, who underwent major surgery on Wednesday in the Hendricks Memorial

Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan spent Sunday in Abilene with his mother and Mrs Bryan remained to spend Sunday night with her. Mr. Bryan reported that Mrs. Johnson was doing as well as could be expected. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bishop of Lake Leon will be leaving today, Monday, for Goldsborough, North Carolina to spend Christmas with a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Beamon and family. They will be accompanied by a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bishop, Larry, Wayne and Tim of Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hallmark and children of Abilene spent Sunday night and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. O'Neal spent Friday night and Saturday in Fort Worth with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan, Glenda nd Teddy were hosts in their home on Sunday night after church services for a young people's Christmas social. Christmas carols were sung and refresh-

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Ross Wilson Gorman, Texas, has reported the sale of 7 registered horned Hereford cows to Mrs. Nell Jackson, Weatherford, Texas, according to an announcement from the American Hereford Breeders Association, Kansas City, Missouri.

ments were served. Those attending were Dwayne Snider, Mike Rodgers, Bob Rodgers, Kathy Browning, Dickey Eaves, Martha Preston, Daryl Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller, Christi and Rickey, and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers, Bob and Mike, and Kathy Browning spent Sunday in Abilene with Mr and Mrs. Neal Gilbert, Lisa and Steve.

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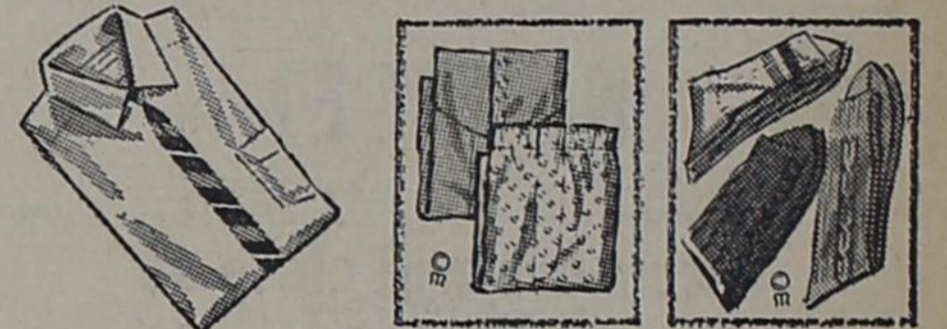
As we gather together on Christmas morn to worship the Christ Child and offer Him the gift of our love, let us all recall especially the message of the angels announcing His girth: Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men. We heartily wish that all the blessings of the holy season of Christmas come to you and your family in lasting measure throughout the coming year.

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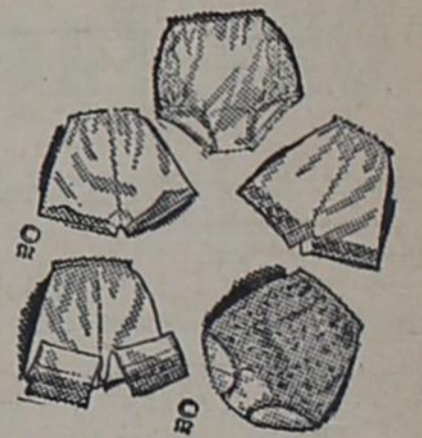
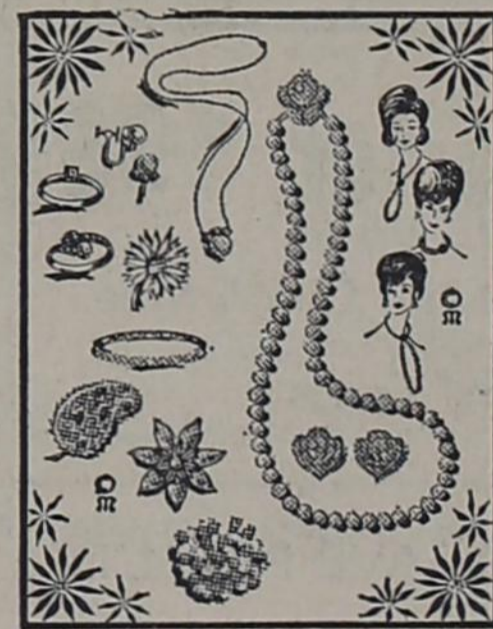
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DOES "RIGHT-TO-WORK" LAW HURT THE WAGE EARNER?

When Congress convenes in January, one of its first orders of business will be legislation to repeal section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Labor-Management Act. This provision permits the individual states to ban compulsory unionism and it has been under strong attack for years by the AFL-CIO.

Repeal of 14(b) was blocked by the Senate in the waning days of the last session. Informed sources report President Johnson and a majority of both houses would like to see repeal forgotten. It is argued that 1966 is an election year, and with a preponderant majority of the American people opposed to compulsory unionism and favoring retention of 14(b) (as all polls show), a legislative battle will hurt the Administration.

AFL-CIO President George Meany is determined to press for repeal. Other labor leaders concede the issue has hurt the unions. Off the record, they will admit that repeal will do them little good. The motivation for Mr. Meany's insistence, it is agreed, is emotional rather than practical.

Any battle over voluntary versus compulsory unionism, however, is complicated by the claims of real proponents that "right-to-work" damages the economy of those states which enact it and hurts the wage earner economi-

cally. The basis for this argument is that unions are weakened and greedy management takes advantage of this by lowering wages.

But is this true? Statistics from the Labor Department and the Commerce Department would tend to question these allegations. In fact, they point to increased prosperity and higher pay for the 19 "right-to-work states."

Between 1953 and 1963, for example, the hourly earnings of manufacturing workers increased 46.7% in right-to-work states, but only 41.5% in compulsory unionism states. The average weekly earnings of production workers in the past ten years rose 46.8% in right-to-work states and only 42.8% in those states which permit compulsory unionism. In fact, six of the 15 states with the highest average weekly earnings for production workers are right-to-work states.

Does employment lag in those states which allow voluntary unionism, as those who seek to repeal 14(b) insist. According to the Labor Department, the rise in new manufacturing jobs in the right-to-work states rose 12.8% during the 1953-1963 decade. But new manufacturing jobs declined 7.6% in non-right-to-work states. The number of production workers in that period rose 3.9% in right-to-work states but fell 14.1% in compulsory unionism states. Annual retail sales rose 20.3%

in right-to-work states, but only 16.7% in non-right-to-work states. Value added by manufacturing rose 73.3% in right-to-work states, but only 41.5% - or six percent points below the national average - in non-right-to-work states. The same pattern can be seen in bank deposits, motor vehicle registrations, retail payrolls, per capita and gross personal income, etc.

Whether these gains in right-to-work states are due to the effects of voluntary unionism on the economy can be debated. But the statistics prove conclusively that the scare talk -- that it hurts the wage earner -- from those who wish to repeal 14(b) is hardly in line with statistics. When Congress convenes, these facts and figures will most certainly be presented by those who wish to preserve both 14(b) and the voluntary association of workers in free unions.

CORRECTION

We are sorry the information on the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wayne Fox was incorrectly turned in to us and we are happy to make the correction.

Grandparents of young Gary Wayne, Jr., born December 3, at 10:40 a. m., are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fox of Route 2, Eastland and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Morgan of De Leon and Mrs. Emma Fox of Route 2, Eastland and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perrin of Denver City.

Young Fox weighed 9 pounds and 2 ounces instead of 9 pounds and 4 ounces.



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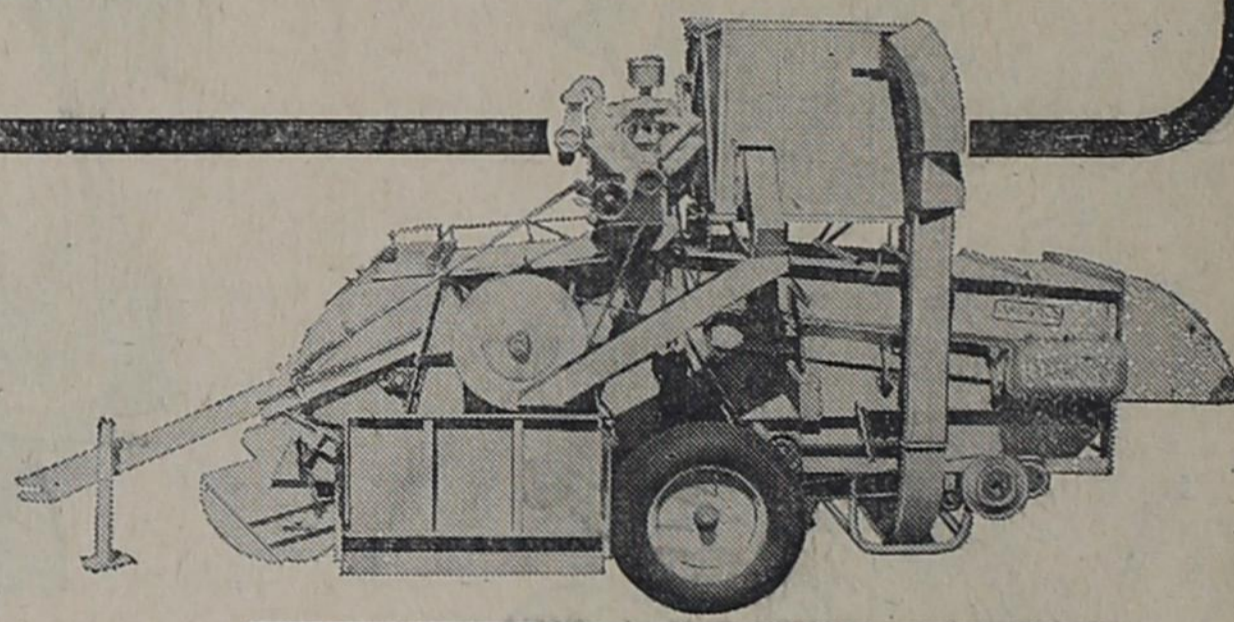
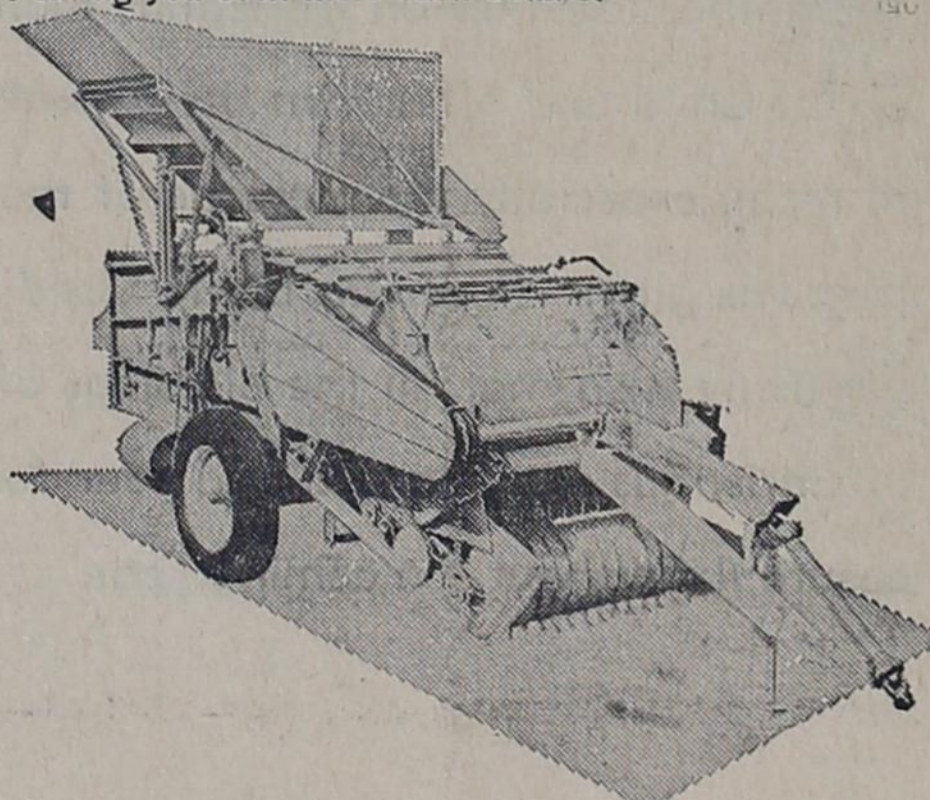
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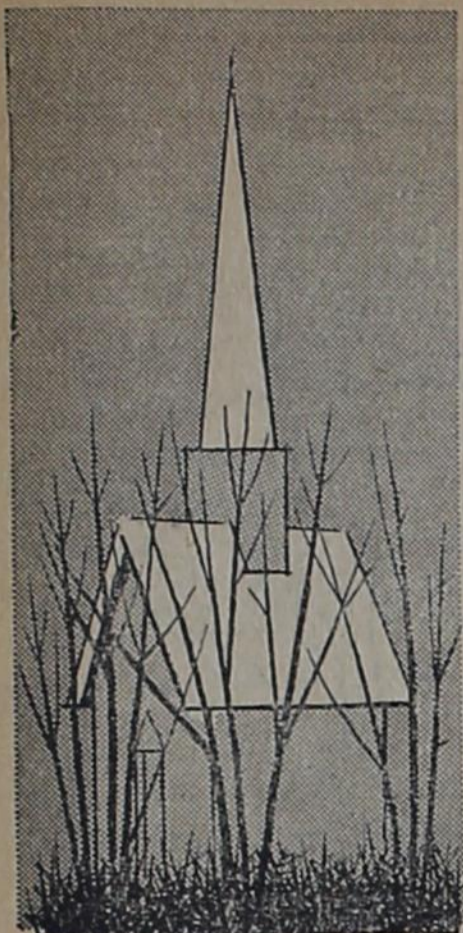
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**Excelsior Club Visits
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 Mrs. Polnac As Guide**

Members of the Excelsior Club, enjoying their Christmas Party, an annual festivity in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, took an almost real trip over the Holy Lands with Mrs. Huron Polnac serving as a most able guide.

Mrs. Polnac who had toured the lands of Israel and Jordan in 1963 with a Youth Caravan lead by Dr. Skiles of Abilene, gave the trip as a slide portrayal. Her knowledge of Biblical happenings she related with zealous urgency as the journey progressed. The Land Where Jesus Lived, The Town of Nazareth, The Sea of Galilee, The Flow of the Jordan, The Walled City of Jericho laid waste, The Thriving Jewish Nation, The City of Bethlehem which lies in the Jordan sector, The Holy City divided by wire entanglement, The Unrest of the Jordanians . . . All these and more came to life for members and their guests, for Mrs. Polnac her subject and believed.

She made particular note of the fact that many people of various religious sects or denominations, but all of one Faith, were seeking to lead the Jewish people and the Arabs to know Christ.

The Christmas Story from St. Luke was given by Mrs. O. T. Shell.

The Baker home, as always, was beautiful with Christmas everywhere. Red fruit punch with cake was served, the plate favors being miniature angels of a choir and orchestra.

The hostess presented each guest gifts of note pad and pencil attractively wrapped with Santa atop.

To Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Baker she presented a cross-stitched ecru linen table spread and a Spiritual Calendar.

At the request of the club president, Mrs. Ed Wyatt, Rev. Baker dismissed the group with a Christmas Benediction and Blessing.

Guests and members present were the Bakers, Mrs. Charlie L. Garrett, Mrs. Estelle Craddock, Mrs. Polnac, and Mesdames Wyatt Martha Sutton, O. T. Shell, John Kirk, Dona Moorman, Fanny Burkett, Lawrence Eison, Milton Fairbetter, and the hostess, with Gene dropping in for a belated "Hello."

Mrs. Polnac and Mrs. Baker are honorary members of the Club.

**Christmas Program
 Presented By Youth
 First Baptist Church**

A Christmas program was presented at the Sunday evening services of the First Baptist Church by the Young People's Department.

Martha Preston led the group in the singing of Christmas carols. Richard Watson read the Christmas Story while Tommy Clark played Silent Night on the organ.

Special music was presented by a quartet made up of Tommy Clark, Daryl Hirst, Joe Ed Baze and Lana Stacy.

"What Christmas Means To Me" was topic of talks given by Martha Preston, Charles Ann Jenkins, Daryl Hirst and Tommy Clark.

In charge of the program were Mrs. Dean Bennett, Youth Training Union Director, and Mrs. D. R. Clark, Youth Sunday School teacher.

**Resist Drinking While
 Driving During The
 Christmas Holidays**

AUSTIN — The spiritual messages of this season are properly and well handled by the dedicated men of the pulpit. But even their earnest words will not completely stop the flow of liquor and assure a holiday free of all drinking-driving accidents.

Not all drinkers and not all drivers recognize the moral responsibility to handle a car with sober care. And according to the Texas Safety Association — too few are aware of even a little alcohol's damage to their physical and mental reactions. Most decline to believe that they will ever be an accident victim, drunk or sober.

We hope at least one person reading these matter-of-fact lines decides to drive his or her car only when free of the influence of alcohol, during the Christmas and New Year's season and all the rest of the time. Hope is, after all, part of the season spirit, too.

**Christmas Makes Fool
 Of Those Who Claim
 That God Is Dead**

(An Editorial)

On Christmas Day a soldier in Vietnam dirty with jungle mud and blood will tear open a letter from home. For a few moments he will forget his bone-aching fatigue, remembering boyhood days with his family and the excitement of getting and giving gifts.

The sour-sweat smell of barracks and the dank green odor of jungle camps will be replaced by the smell of white sheets on the old bed at home on Christmas Eve, the pungence of Christmas trees and the aroma of food from mother's kitchen. The illusion will be gone even before the letter is finished and that soldier will long for peace, more than you or I who have never lived on a battlefield can ever long for peace, and he may weep for a meaning that has gone out of his life.

As long as that soldier feels joy from no more than the reading of a letter on a battlefield, or has hope expressed as a longing for peace, or repents through tears for lost meaning, we know that God is alive.

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**News From Lawndale
 Home, Senior Citizens**

Mrs. Victory Smith had a birthday last Thursday and Mrs. Elizabeth Carver had a birthday last Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Earl Hale of Andrews, Mrs. J. Dunlap of Brownwood, Mr. Lon Dunlap of Fort Worth, and Tommy D. Phillips of Korea, visited with Mrs. Clemmie Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Barker of De Leon visited with Mrs. Victory Smith.

Jo Farmer and Nancy Files of Abilene visited with Mrs. C. O. McKeehan.

Cora Richmond, Mrs. Ruth Broom, Caroline Edwards, and Mrs. Donald Bolt visited with Mrs. Ethel Ramsey.

Truman Maynard of Eastland, Vernon Warren and Jimmy Dean Warren of Gorman visited with Mrs. Ida Maynard.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lane of Desdemona visited with Mrs. Beulah Lane.

Erma Eaves, Hazel Decker, Faith and Hope Decker of Gorman, visited with Mrs. Maude Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin of Abilene visited with Mr. Evin Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rankin, Sussanne, Sharon and Shelley Schofield of Dallas, visited with Mrs. Mary Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sharp and Marsha of Grand Prairie visited with Mrs. Allie Seay.

Mr. Lon Dunlap of Fort Worth visited with Mr. Charles Whiteside.

R. L. O'Dell and Edna O'Dell of Andrews and Floyd O'Dell of Cross Plains visited with Mrs. Martha Arvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Campbell of Carbon visited with Mrs. Eugenia Shirey.

Mr. S. M. Mauney of Gorman visited with Mrs. Ina Mauney.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Petzell and Sammy of Rising Star visited with Mrs. Nancy Fountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Sims of Pampa visited with Mrs. Ollie Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Mears of De Leon visited with Mrs. Helen Claxton.

Local visitors in the home this past week were Winnie Brown, Lydia Warren, Annette Jackson, Arland Watson, Mrs. Walter Speck, Mrs. C. O. Alsbrook, Mrs. Charlie Taylor, and Miss Carolyn Edwards.

**SEVENTH GRADE CLASS
 PARTY HELD IN MIEARS
 HOME ON DECEMBER 17**

Mr. and Mrs. James Mears were hostess for the Seventh Grade Class Christmas Party held in their home Friday evening.

On arrival the group decorated the Christmas tree and placed their gifts to be exchanged beneath it.

Refreshments of sandwiches, dips, Christmas fruit cake, Christmas cookies and fruit punch were served.

Room mothers assisting with refreshments were Mmes. Erich Arnold, Claude Fuller, Fred Rogers, Arnold Butler, and Othell Clark.

Two students were unable to attend due to illness.

Special guests were their sponsor, Mr. Gary Wayne Fox, Mrs. Fox and son, Gary Wayne, Jr.

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the **Christmas**
Visitors

By Mary Hannah

Jimmy Roberts looked longingly out the window. The snow-covered fields and barns were lovely in the soft moonlight. What a way to spend Christmas Eve, he thought, all alone with a kid brother.

What a Christmas! Dad in the hospital after an automobile accident; mother spending practically every day and night with him, and me, here all alone with a kid that can't even stay awake long enough to welcome Santa Claus.

Jimmy looked at the big clock on the kitchen wall. The kids were probably gathering now for the annual sleigh ride. He could just imagine the laughter ringing about the Macklin farm as the two teams were hitched to the homemade sleigh. He'd miss the ride over the fields, the singing of Christmas Carols and then, the return home to the warmth of the fireside and the welcome sight of mom and dad sitting nearby. That's how Christmas ought to be; how Christmas had always been.

Sounds

Jimmy walked into the living room. Sammy was asleep, sprawled on the rug before the fireplace. Jimmy sat down in an easy chair and studied the room,



Out of the sleigh they came, everyone from miles around.

the flickering fire, the beautifully-lighted tree and the heaping presents beneath. How quiet was the world, except for the crackling of the fire. How quiet, except, for another sound. Sleigh bells! They were coming this way . . . and they were singing. He could hear them.

Nearer and nearer came the voices and the bells. Jimmy dashed to the door, with Sammy, now wide awake, right on his heels.

"Hello, hello. We wish you a Merry Christmas." The voices rang out in chorus and out of the sleigh they came, the Smiths, the Jones, the Atteburys, the Macklins, everyone for miles around.

Bearing Gifts

Happily, each bearing gifts, they marched into the house, placing packages ceremoniously on the livingroom floor. From somewhere Mr. Macklin produced a beard and a Santa cap. The room became hushed.

"Now Jimmy and Sammy," Mr. Macklin said, "while Mrs. Macklin and the ladies prepare some hot chocolate in the kitchen, I speak for all of us. We know that your Christmas cannot be the merriest under the circumstances. But you must remember that these circumstances are just temporary. Most of us visited your father today. He'll be home soon, and good as new. All of us would have loved for you boys to spend Christmas Eve with us, but we decided it would be better if we brought a little of our Christmas spirit to you . . ."

Sammy was fumbling among the presents. Jimmy, a bit uncomfortable and afraid that his emotions were showing, straightened one of the ornaments on the Christmas tree. "I don't know what to say."

Sing Out

"Don't say it," young Ted Macklin shouted, "Sing it." And he led off with a round of "Jingle Bells."

Soon, mom came home; more Christmas Carols. Mr. Macklin passed out the gifts. Each was opened to a chorus of "Oohs" and "Aahs" — except for dad's. These were placed beneath the tree with the rest of the family packages. As Mr. Macklin said, "You can have Christmas again when dad comes home."

Jimmy stood on the porch and watched the sleigh disappear into the night, carrying with it the sounds of merry laughter and jingling bells. Things weren't so bad after all. And, there was still another Christmas yet to come.

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Mr. Luther Harper of Post shows antique typewriter to Sarah Wright, a junior in Gorman High School, who plans to major in journalism when she graduates. Mr. Harper discussed journalism at length with Sarah. He has a granddaughter graduating from School of Journalism this spring.

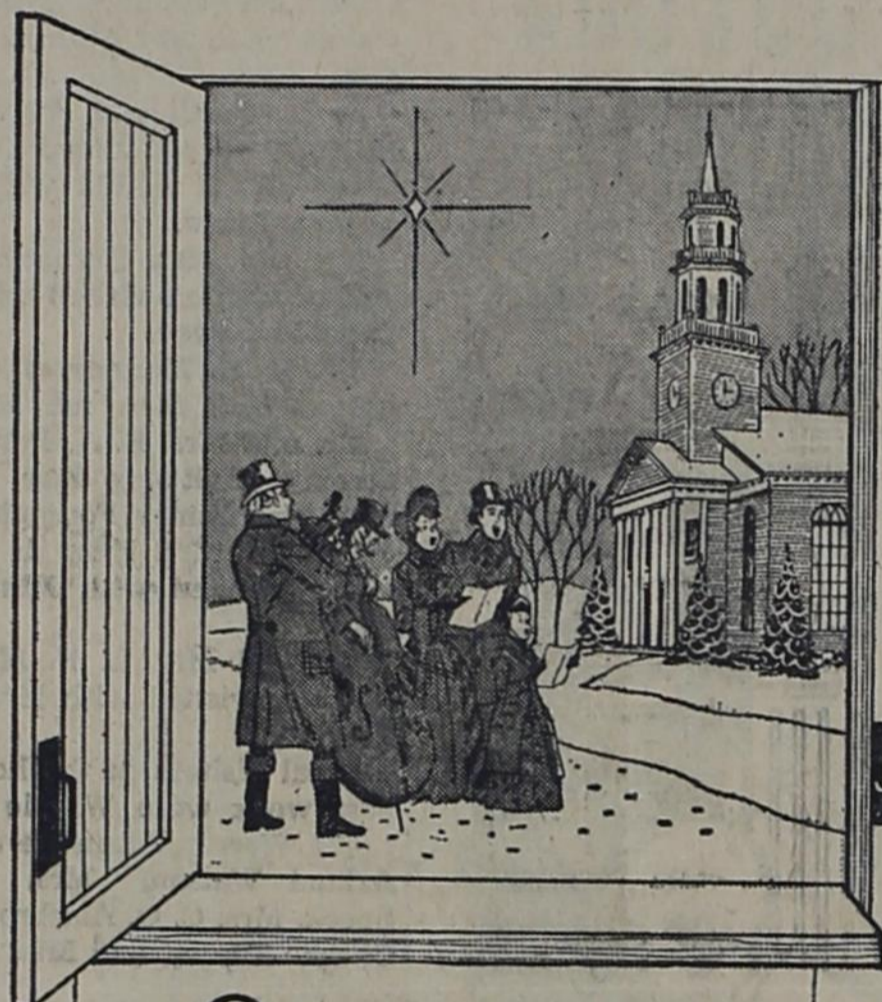
Mr. Harper brought his portable antique Corona typewriter to the office for repairs. The age of the typewriter is not known, but is believed to be very old. It is still in good condition and is used daily.

Miss Wright, who aspires to be a journalist, visits the Progress office to learn what she can about the business and operation of a newspaper. She will from time to time be writing articles for the paper, and we hope will

be reporting on the local school and student activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper are in town visiting with his brother, Dave Harper, who suffered a heart attack and is in the Blackwell Hospital.

Mr. Harper was born at Victor in Erath County and grew up in Desdemona. He married Miss Beulah Genoway. They have many relatives and friends in the Gorman and Desdemona area.



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Christmas Story

By Lea Walker

Blinky Ames slipped through the window with the ease of long experience, flicked on the pencil flashlight and surveyed his new surroundings.

Nothing fancy, but there should be several items of value about the place. After all, he didn't want much for this Christmas . . . cash, if he could find it; if not, a few trinkets, enough to hock for the price of a fancy meal and a little something to cheer his insides.

He moved silently to the bureau. The right drawer produced some cuff links, a tie pin and a few other items, none of apparent real value. Nothing on the left but a collection of old letters, neatly wrapped. Blinky put them back. He didn't have time for reading, even if they might be love letters. He was on business.

Second drawer. Shirts. Wrong size, but no matter. Blinky could turn them into a buck or two if nothing else turned up. Nothing did in the third drawer; pretty much the same.

Discovery

Blinky let the beam of the flashlight play about the room. Now, this was more like it. A portable typewriter. If there's nothing smaller, this one item will take care of everything. No need to appear too conspicuous walking down the street. With the case closed, he could be a businessman returning home from a late engagement. Just the ticket.



Blinky pulled the paper from the typewriter and set it aside.

He reached for the typewriter, paused, extracted the paper from the roller and set it aside. Then, cautiously, he picked up the paper and began to read the neatly-typed letter.

Dear John:

How's this for a sad story? We were all set to make our annual visit to the folks down on the farm. Everybody comes for the holidays, you know. This was two weeks ago. That's when I lost my job. Old Skinfint let me go without a day's notice or a day's pay. Before I can pack and get out, the wife calls to say the house is on fire. One of the kids got into the closet with a lighter and everything's up in smoke. The kid is in the hospital. I lost my hospitalization plan when I lost the job and I didn't have any insurance on the house. And now, it's Christmas Eve. Wanna hear how all this will end? Don't go away. I am going to leave the hotel room long enough to call my wife and then I'll give you the grand finale . . .

Improved

Some hours later Joe James let himself into his hotel room. The movie had lasted longer than he'd planned. He'd have to get right back to work. He didn't notice anything wrong until he sat down and reached for the typewriter. A moment later, he was reaching for the phone.

"Harry, the greatest idea you ever had was for me to rent this hotel room and stay here until I get the plot worked out for that New Year story.

"Have I got it? Well, I thought I had. But I want to take a new turn. I can give you a real human interest angle, real great, so great you won't believe it.

"No, it isn't far-out. It's for real. It actually happened. Let me give you the picture. Listen to what I had picked out on my typewriter earlier this evening. Ready . . ."

Coming Up

"You're right. Without an ending it's nothing. But do I have an ending. You won't believe it. I left this message in my typewriter, went out for a while and guess what I found when I got back? Someone had been in my room.

"Sure, I still got a typewriter. I've also got five dollars and a note that says, 'Buddy, you need it more'n me!'"

"All right, if you won't buy it as a New Year story, I'll save it until next Christmas. Yeah, Harry, Merry Christmas to you, too."

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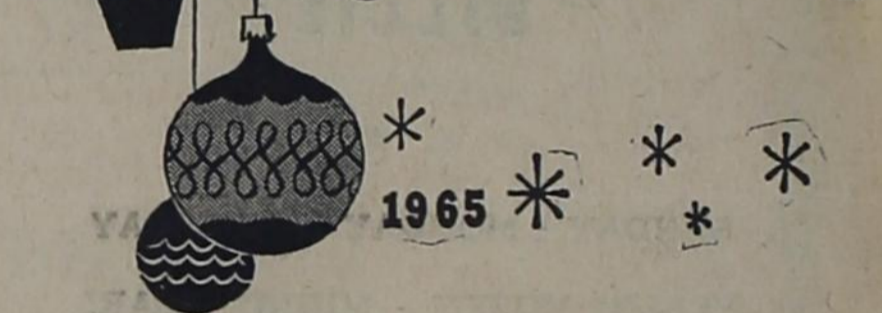
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