



## HULLS

By KERNEL GENE, aPo

From all indications this is going to be one of the best and merriest Christmases ever witnessed in this area. Most of us have been thrice blessed.

The New Year also looks bright for Gorman. New folks and new businesses are looking for locations in this area. The business men of Gorman are going all out to encourage new business. One of our biggest problems has been a place for visitors and traveling men to stay. A proposition has been placed before the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce whereby a modern tourist court will be built. Business men contacted to date have offered to give full cooperation. So, Kernel Gene, with his usual optimism, is predicting that in the near future a new tourist court on Highway Six will be encouraging visitors to spend the night.

It will also be handy if your water freezes up for a few days, you can just lock up your house and move to a comfortable room for a few days.

Noticed an item in this week's Progress states that our bank has topped all records with over \$3,000,000 being on deposit as of Monday. Most of this is credited to the bumper peanut crop. However, behind that bumper crop in the Gorman area were several men who played a major role in its production and harvesting.

First were Charles Duran and Erich Arnold of the First National Bank, who encouraged and assisted many of the peanut farmers to irrigate their land.

Second: Tom Birdsong and associates at Gorman Peanuts who expanded their drying and shelling equipment and built new cold storage facilities to handle peanuts.

Jack Brown, owner of Trace Elements, Inc., is still building in front of the Katy Depot. He says I can have a story and pictures when he gets through.

Ed Brown and son, James, are building a miniature sky scraper back of their feed store - - and Ray Rankin has purchased the building he is now occupying and is holding an auction sale to clear merchandise so he can modernize its "innards" . . . Buddy Blair is building a new home on Pershing Street - - and Ray Williams is in the process of building a new home on Crescent Street across from Charley Underwood.

The GO is GOING strong in GORMAN!

While drinking coffee with W. C. Browning Wednesday morning he stated the Texas Electric Service Company had activated 104 new meters in Gorman during 1967. This includes meters on irrigation pumps in the immediate vicinity of Gorman.

## Wayne Eaves Accepts Position With Peanut Adm. Committee

Wayne Eaves has accepted the position of Field Representative for The Peanut Administrative Committee of Atlanta, Georgia.

Wayne, who was named farmer of the year last year, has been with the new job approximately one month and he will travel in the southwest and will make some trips to Virginia and South Carolina.

His brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eaves and children, David, 10, Steve, 12, and Paula, 3, will move to the Eaves farm sometime after the first of the year to assist with farming. Bill is employed with Lone Star Gas Company in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaves have purchased the Dr. Brogdon home and will move here within the next few weeks.



Jana Brown, the Grand Champion Winner of the Youth Division of the Eastland County Pecan Bake Show, is shown with her pecan pralines. Jana is a freshman in Gorman High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown of Route 2, Gorman. She entered the contest through the Gorman Future Homemaking Chapter. Her instructor is Miss Kathryn Ragan. Shown with Jana is Wanda Chilton, (left) Assistant County Home Demonstration Agent.

## JANA BROWN WINS TOP YOUTH HONOR AT COUNTY BAKE SHOW

Mrs. C. T. Brockman of Morton Valley took the Grand Championship of the Pecan Bake Show held at Rising Star Friday and Saturday in connection with the County Pecan Show on an entry of candy. Mrs. A. H. Brown of Eastland was awarded the Reserve Championship on an entry on pecan pie.

## Peanut Harvest Sends Local Bank Deposits Over \$3 Million Mark

For the first time in its history, deposits of the First National Bank in Gorman soared above the \$3 million mark this week. Deposits on Monday were \$3,016,749.50 and assets total \$3,293,704.11 bank officials reported. This figure was \$831,625.81 more than deposits on the corresponding date in 1965.

The largest peanut crop ever to be harvested here is responsible for the increase in deposits. The abundant harvest, favored by ideal weather conditions, has entered its final phase with most all the crop gathered and stored.

Total value of the crop to farmers was estimated to range over two million dollars more than last year's crop, and one of the biggest financial boosts that the economy of this section has received since the lush days of the oil boom.

Cost of peanut farming runs high and all the new money is not profit by any means, according to farm leaders - it does represent a tidy net profit that will help place most farmers in the Gorman area in its best financial position they have enjoyed in many hopeful years.

## School Holidays To Begin On Wednesday

Classes at the Gorman Public Schools will dismiss on Wednesday, December 21 following their Christmas programs in the afternoon and classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.

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.

A program of Christmas carols will be presented by Jean Munn, Jean Collins, Lana Stacy, Connie Park, assisted by Daryl Hirst. Barbara Williams will give a number of musical selections on the accordion.

In the Youth Division of the show, Jana Brown of the Gorman 4-H Club took the Grand Championship on an entry of pecan pralines, and Patsy Moseley of the Olden 4-H Club took the reserve championship on an entry of pumpkin-pecan cake.

In the centerpiece division of the show Mrs. Joe Bond took first place, Mrs. C. E. Smith of Rising Star, second, Mrs. Wanda Smith of Rising Star, third, and W. V. Fenter of Rising Star, fourth.

Other awards in the adult division of the bake show were:

Cookies - Mrs. D. F. Eaves of Gorman;  
Candy - 1, Mrs. Lou Horn of Eastland; 2, Mrs. D. F. Eaves, Gorman; 3, Mrs. Glenn Jordan, Gorman;  
Pies: 1, Mrs. Hattie Goss, Rising Star; 2, Mrs. Danny Claborn, Cisco; 3, Mrs. Virgie Hale, Pleasant Hill;  
Cakes: 1, Mrs. Ruby Cavanaugh of Eastland; 2, Mrs. Lou Horn, Eastland; 3, Mrs. Glenn Jordan, Gorman.

Winners in the Youth Division in the bake show were:

Cookies: 1, Debbie Medley, Rising Star 4-H Club; 2, Pam Claborn, Cisco 4-H Club; 3, Bill Farnsworth, Cisco 4-H Club;  
Candy: 1, Jim Moseley, Olden 4-H Club; 2, Sandy Ingram, Cisco Club; 3, Hardy Browder, Gorman 4-H;  
Nutmeg: 1, Brenda Browder, Gorman 4-H; 2, Caddy Lee, Cisco 4-H Club; 3, Dollie Moseley, Olden 4-H Club;  
Pies: 1, Brenda Browder, Gorman 4-H; 2, Barbara Williams, Gorman 4-H; 3, Carol Terrell and Deanna Lowrance, Morton Valley 4-H.

## Lions Club Christmas Benefit Show Slated For Tonight At 8:00

The Gorman Lions Club will sponsor a Christmas Benefit Show tonight, Thursday, December 15, at 8 p. m. in the High School Auditorium.

The show will feature "The Topics" of Abilene, the show band of the southwest, who will present all types of music. Gorman Lions Club proceeds will go to the Christmas Basket Fund, and baskets will be distributed to needy families on December 22.

Admission will be 50c for children and \$1.00 for adults.

Everyone is urged to attend this worthwhile project and also to hear one of the best bands in the southwest.

## Santa's Visit Here On Saturday Afternoon Highly Successful

Santa's visit to Gorman last Saturday was highly successful. A large crowd was on hand for the first appearance of Santa to Gorman and the merchants provided many gifts and gift certificates for the drawing held immediately following Santa's visit.

Following is a list of merchant gifts and certificates and receiver of the gifts:

Henderson's Variety Store — 3 gift certificates: Christi Fuller, and Orval Battenfield.

Mehaffey Drug — 5 gift certificates: Pat Duran, Joetta Bennett, John Mears, 2, and Curtis Whitlock.

Burfeind Novelty Shop — 12 gifts: Betty Kinsler, Vicki Frossard, Rita Bennett, Mrs. B. L. Mosley, Mrs. Frank Dean, E. G. Revels, Ray Edwards, Pat Duran, David Baze, Rena Parker, Eva Stout and Charles White.

Ray's Electric Service — 1 free electric inspection: won by Vicki Frossard.

Friendly Service Agency — 1 free income tax return: Mrs. Koda Revels.

Ormsby Grocery — 1 gift certificate: Marla Craven.

Bennett Grocery & Station — 2 gift certificates: Ray Edwards and Becky White.

Shelby Corner Drug — 4 gift certificates: John Mears, Krista Henderson, Paulette Baze and Bill Baze.

Rankin Army Surplus Store — 3 gift certificates: Mrs. Myrtle Alsbrook, John Mears and Carl Bohannon.

Higginbotham's — 4 gift certificates: Mrs. H. R. Gilbert, Mrs. Viola Dennis, Mrs. Dale Curb and Bill Mears.

Frossard's Department Store — 4 gift certificates: Christi Duran, Ester Trevino, and Curtis Whitlock.

Jay's Grocery — 3 gift certificates: Mrs. B. L. Mosley, E. J. Whitlock and Marla Craven.

## Entries In Lighting Contest Urged By Chamber of Commerce

The Annual Christmas Lighting Contest is underway and residents may secure blanks at the Gorman Progress and Texas Electric Service office and may be turned in at either office.

Residents are urged to enter the contest. Prizes include a Reddy Yard Light from Texas Electric Service Company and \$15 and \$10 from the Gorman Chamber of Commerce.

Anyone may enter that lives within the city limits of Gorman. All lights must be left on from 6 to 10 p. m. on December 22.

December 21 at 12 noon is the deadline for returning the contest entry blanks and out of town judges will judge the entries between the hours of 6 and 10 p. m. December 22nd.

## Seniors To Sponsor Christmas Dinner On Monday Evening

The Senior Class of Gorman High School will sponsor a Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 19th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p. m. in the School Cafeteria.

The menu will consist of baked ham, potato salad, lettuce and tomato salad, baked beans, hot rolls, pie, tea and coffee.

Adult tickets are 98c and children in eighth grade and below are 59c.

### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Dr. Rodgers and the entire staff for their excellent care during our stay in the hospital.

Also we want to thank the ones who helped us in any way, those who sent cards, flowers, visited us, carrying us from the school house to the hospital, and helping with the peanuts.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Bill and Alpha Andry



## W. M. Brown, Jr. Named As District Manager Of TESCO

Texas Electric Service Company has announced the appointment of W. M. Brown, Jr. as Manager of the Company's operations in the De Leon-Gorman-Desdemona and Carbon area, effective November 28, 1966. Brown who succeeds the late T. J. Hallmark, is a 20-year veteran of TESCO, and has been Sales Representative for the Company in Graham since July, 1957. He is a native of Ranger, Texas, and worked for Texas Electric in Ranger and Eastland before moving to Graham.

Brown is married to the former Ann Carlyle of Strawn, and has one married daughter, Mrs. Buddy Ponder, who lives in Grand Prairie, and a young son, Rex Robert. They were members of the First Presbyterian Church in Graham, where Brown was an active deacon. He was also active in community affairs in Graham, having served as a volunteer worker for the Boy Scouts of America, was a member of the Kiwanis Club and former member of Graham Jaycees. He was awarded the Outstanding Jaycee Service Award in 1959.

Mrs. Brown and son, Rex, will move to De Leon as soon as suitable housing can be obtained.

## Mrs. E. L. Haile Enjoys 90th Birthday With Visits By Children And Calls By Friends



Mrs. E. L. Haile, 90 years young December 13, is enjoying the week with her children as house guests and the visits of relatives and friends who drop by to congratulate her.

Native of the Sabanna Community and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Kirk, she was christened Laura Annie in 1876 when the nearest town of note was Comanche, a town that had been named with a reason, for the red skins still kept their War Path warm.

But annual trips were made to Fort Worth for grocery staples dry goods and other supplies. Men of the family made the two-day trip in a wagon until the turn of the century when travel by rail was available.

A descendant of the Kirks, early pioneers, she was married to Mr. Haile, a son of R. T. Haile, who also pioneered in the area. The wedding took place at the home of her parents with Brother H. S. Anglin performing the ceremony.

## DE LEON GIRLS AND OLDEN BOYS WIN TOP HONORS IN TOURNEY

The Gorman Invitational Basketball Tournament was held here over the weekend. Teams participating were Carbon, Olden, Ranger, Eastland, De Leon, Gordon, Moran, Desdemona and Gorman.

## Higginbotham Store And Lumber Company Struck By Burglars

The Higginbotham Hardware and Lumber Company buildings were burglarized sometime Thursday night, December 1, with \$50 reported stolen from the lumber company cash box.

Lowell Rawls, lumber department manager, discovered the missing cash when he opened the yard early Friday morning. The back door lock and been pryed open. He reported the incident to the main office located in the Hardware store to manager, James Mears, who immediately checked their petty cash box and found \$14 dollars missing and a further check found that approximately \$100 worth of knives were missing and one Savage Shotgun valued at \$37.50.

Burglars had entered a small window of the building that faces the lodge building with a very narrow alley separating the two buildings. Bars covering the window had been pryed open.

A 1964 Chevrolet pickup was stolen from the alley of Rankin Army & Navy Surplus at 2 p. m. Thursday. Two men were picked up two hours later in Comanche while trying to trade three cases of anti-freeze from the pickup for gasoline. The pickup belonged to store owner Ray Rankin.

A theft of \$60 was reported by Wesley Don Bryant. The money was taken from his apartment at the Ina Hanson home in Gorman.

Eastland County Deputy Sheriff Loy Williams investigated the burglaries, however, no suspects have been arrested.

In the girls finals for Consolation honors, Gordon beat Olden by a score of 43 to 30. Boy's Consolation honors went to Gordon, who defeated the Gorman boys by a margin of 52-42.

Second place in the girl's Championship finals was won by Gorman and the First Place Trophy was won by the De Leon girls. Score in this game was De Leon 38 and Gorman 29.

Second place in the boy's Championship finals went to De Leon and the Olden boys won the First Place Trophy. The score was Olden 57 and De Leon 51.

There were many fine games in both the girl's and boy's brackets and nice crowds attended during the first two days of the tourney with a very large attendance recorded for the final night of the event on Saturday.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Friday night, December 16 is regular Singing Night at Sand Hill. Everyone is invited to attend. We are also planning on you being with us at Sand Hill on New Year's Eve night, December 31st, to help sing out the old year and sing in the new.

Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Bob Scott, Sec'y.

New Year's Eve Singing at Oliver Springs will be held on Saturday night, December 31st. Come be with us and sing out the old year and sing in the new.

Mrs. Florence Richardson

The Gorman Lions Club will meet at the Brown Jug Cafe on Tuesday, December 20 at noon. Each members is to bring a guest.

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department will meet Monday, December 19th.

The Regular Third Sunday Singing at the Congregational Methodist Church in Gorman is set for Sunday, Dec. 18, beginning at 1:30 p. m. This will probably be the best singing of the year as we have booked the "Four H's" Quartet of Brownwood, also The Inspirations, and we have three other quartets we are expecting, and they are tops. Our building will be warm. We will have a public address system and a lot of good song directors.

I want to say thanks to the Gorman Progress and their personnel for announcing our programs, also to the many people who have given us their loyal support which has resulted in us having a good program.

W. C. Browning

The Woman's Study Club have two good cook books for sale and both are favorite recipes of Texas Club Women. The Texas Desert Cook Books sell for \$1.00 and Texas Favorite Cook Book sells for \$1.95. These cook books would make ideal Christmas gifts. Call Mrs. Berenice Jeffs or one of the club members.

The Gorman Rebekah Lodge meets each Tuesday evening.

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

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

## NEW GRANDSON FOR THE AVERY YARBROUGHS

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Smith of Irving announce the birth of their son, Robert Allen, born at 11:55 p. m. December 6, 1966 in Blackwell Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and three ounces.

He has a sister, Deborah Kay, age 5, and a brother, Billy Wendell, age 3.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Avery Yarbrough of Gorman and paternal grandparents are Mrs. Ola Weaver of Irving and Mr. L. E. Smith of Brady.



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**FOR SALE - Used Westinghouse washing machine, two years old, good condition.** O. T. Shell, Phone RE 4-5659. 2-12-15c

**FOR SALE - 89 acre farm.** The old Craig Smith place. Has 42 acres peanut allotment, 10 acres Coastal. Large earth tank. Owner will finance. L. N. Koen, Phone OW 2-0714, Abilene. 8-12-31c

**FOR SALE - 114 acre farm north of Gorman near intersection of FM 571 and 2214.** 80 acres cultivation, 40 acres bottom. Contact L. C. Williams, Box 146, Graford, Texas, Phone 664-2755. 4-12-29p

**FOUND - Green billfold with 15 or 20 pictures of children, \$2.04 in money and a pair of gold earrings.** Identify and claim same. J. R. White, Gorman.

**IRONING WANTED - Will do ironing in my home - \$1.00 per dozen.** Mrs. Lorenzo Perez, Phone RE 4-5669. 1tp

**FOR SALE - Maise, Higear and Sudan Hay.** J. W. McAfee, Route 1, Eastland, MA 9-1881. 2-12-15c

**FOR SALE - Shelled Burkett Pecans,** \$1.25 lb.; 1/2 lb., 65c. Call after 4 p. m. Mrs. John West, RE 4-5719. 2-12-15p

**FOR SALE - The Gorman Hotel.** Consists of beautiful living quarters on ground floor - fully equipped cafe. Seven rental apartments upstairs. Will sacrifice. Contact Helene Prater, 220 N. Main or Telephone 645-9874, Brownwood, Texas. 8-1-12-67c

**FOR SALE - Second Hand Furniture.** Men's second hand suits and many other items. May be seen at Progress Library. I also handle International Taylor Line Suit samples. See me for that new Suit. Don Rodgers.

**FOR SALE - Nice large building lots on Lexington Street.** Mrs. Nettie Isbell, RE 4-5308, Gorman. 12-15-fnc

**STRAY Hampshire male hog** came to my place around Dec. 1. Owner may claim same by paying for this ad. J. L. Yancy, Rt. 3, Gorman, 1 1/2 mile north of Desdemona. 1-12-15p

**FOR SALE OR LEASE - 140 acre farm, good peanut allotment, 20 acres new ground.** Three miles west of Gorman. J. W. Brown, Rt. 2, Gorman, Phone RE 4-2212. 12-15fnc

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**Woman's Study Club Christmas Party Held in C. O. Revels Home**

Gay Christmas lights in the yard were first evidence. The sparkling silver tree, brightly decorated with red ornaments, filled the big front window and hinted of friends warmth within. Right in the front door stood Santa beaming with welcome. And when Mrs. C. O. Revels opened the door last Monday evening, the Woman's Study Club Christmas Buffet Party at the Revels home began. Each member arrived with both hands full - a beautifully wrapped "white elephant" in one hand, and in the other, an even more beautifully arranged dish of food. Gifts were placed under the tree to be enjoyed later, and the food was placed on the dining room table.

Christmas is quite suddenly everywhere. The dining table was draped with a white cover featuring gay red poinsettias along the sides, as were the several card tables set up in the den. The centerpiece of holly anchored the lighted candles, changing colors as they burned. Miniature, candy canes centered the card tables. And the food was placed on the dining table, truly giving it the appearance of Christmas Day.

As soon as everyone arrived, dinner began. There was ham, green tossed salad, two or three different fruit salads, assorted olives, pickles, etc., fancy vegetable dishes - one asparagus and another of brussel sprouts, pecan pie, three or four kinds of cake, iced tea, coffee, and perhaps other things. Just seems as if a large size dinner plate is smaller at such a feast. Oh, well, there's no rule against seconds in this organization.

After dinner, President Berenice Jeffs presided during a brief business session. Donations were made to the Dr. Rodgers Scholarship Loan Fund - this instead of members buying gifts for "having the Christmas Tree". The "white elephants" have proven to be highly favored.

Mrs. Wayne Eaves was welcomed into the club membership. Such an eatin'-meatin' is not a typical initiation, however, for usually this group starts new members off right, with work on some big project.

Time for the Christmas tree! And Santa starts passing out the gifts. Such beautiful wrappings - just hate to rip them open - "white elephants," indeed. And after showing off the gifts, everyone simply relaxed and visited for awhile - perhaps the best

**De Leon Doctor Dies At Eastland**

Dr. Howard J. Bateman, 78, of 1303 Coggin St., Brownwood, died at 7 a. m. Sunday in an Eastland hospital.

Services for Mr. Bateman, a Brownwood chiropractor, were held at 1 p. m. Tuesday at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in De Leon, with burial in the De Leon Cemetery.

Born August 5, 1888, Mr. Bateman was married to Buena Graham of De Leon. He was a member of the Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge in Brownwood.

Survivors are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Ben O. Millar of Bakersfield, Calif.; one step-daughter, Mrs. Roxie Lipson of Irving; three brothers, Charles Bateman of Florida, Tom Bateman of Illinois and John Bateman of Arizona; and six grandchildren.

Dr. Bateman was a brother-in-law of Mr. Carl Graham of Gorman. Mr. and Mrs. Graham attended the funeral in De Leon.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The brother, nephews and nieces of Caleb Martin wish to express our thanks to the people of Gorman for their kindness in his last days. Especially do we thank Dr. Rodgers, the nurses of the hospital and also his pastor, brother Baker, and other ministers who were so good to him.

The Family  
**School Lunch Menu**

Following is the menu for the Gorman School Lunchroom for the week of December 19-21:

Monday - Barbecue beef, creamed potatoes, tossed salad and cake squares.

Tuesday - Tuna sandwiches, vegetable soup, potato chips and coconut pudding.

Wednesday - Turkey and dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and brownies.

gift of all in this day of hurry and tension.

And from the Woman's Study Club - Merry Christmas to all.

**Special Christmas Services Slated At First Methodist Church**

Sunday, December 18, is Methodist Home Sunday for the congregation of the First Methodist Church. They will have their annual Christmas offering for the more than 400 boys and girls of the Methodist Home in Waco.

Everyone is requested to bring or send their offering to the worship service or give it to Mrs. R. C. Mehaffey, home and hospital steward or the Home Offering Chairman, Mrs. Estelle Craddock, or committee members, Mrs. M. E. Shell and Mrs. G. C. Acrea.

The pastor, Rev. S. A. Baker, will preach a Christmas sermon at the morning services. Sunday evening at 6 o'clock Mrs. S. A. Baker will give a Christmas story, "Mr. Jones Goes To Bethlehem." Following the service a Christmas tree and gifts for the children and a fellowship hour will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. All members are urged to attend and bring cake or cookies for the refreshment hour.

On Saturday, December 24, the

**Revised Cost Estimate Approved on Interstate Hwy. 20 In County**

AUSTIN - A revised cost estimate for construction on a section of Interstate Highway 20 in Eastland County was approved today by the Texas Highway Commission.

The 14-mile project will cover construction of grading and structures for a four-lane expressway facility with surfacing on frontage roads.

It will extend from 1 mile west of Cisco east to a mile east of Eastland and cost an estimated \$4.9 million.

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pastor will conduct the annual Communion Service in the church sanctuary. The Communion will be served from 7 to 8 p. m. and the individual 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 this special service. Only one service will be held on Sunday, December 25. Church services will be held at 9 a. m. and church school at 10 a. m. No evening services will be held.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION SALE**  
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**Saturday Dec. 17, 1966**  
1:00 P. M.

In order to remodel building, Ray Rankin of Rankin Army Surplus Store of Gorman, Texas, will offer his entire stock of merchandise to the highest bidder.

Items to be sold piece by piece include, watches, electric razors, knives, transistor radios, blanket, many, many tools of all kinds, fishing tackle, billfolds, spot lights, winter caps, western hats, yard and garden tools, bunk beds, T-shirts, socks, white dress shirts, jackets, shoes, boots, belts, tool boxes, waste baskets, G. I. cans, thermal underwear, paints, tarps, gas heaters, gloves ammunition belts, rubber boots, and many, many more items.

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## KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

The Brotherhood of the Cisco Baptist Association met at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Monday night, Dec. 12 at 7:00 with fellowship and refreshments until 7:45. At this time the worship service began with a song service of the congregation followed by a scripture and prayer by Wayne Eaves. The host pastor, Rev. J. W. O'Neal, extended a welcome to all those present. Then came the recognition of the churches, followed by a business meeting.

A Layman's testimony was given by Jimmy Little and the special music was by the Inspirations Quartet, Don Nichols, Alvie Allison, Thomas Seay, with Ray Edwards at the piano. Their bass singer, Daryl Hirst, was unable to attend.

The guest speaker, Rev. H. P. Morrison of Talpa, was introduced and brought the message and showed slides of his missionary work in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cole of Houma, La. are here visiting with her mother, Mrs. O. T. Hazard, and will remain here until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White are in Dallas to be with their daughter, Mrs. James Butler and family. Debbie Butler was to enter the hospital on Monday for surgery.

Mrs. D. F. Eaves and Mrs. Glenn Jordan, of the Kokomo HD Club, were in Rising Star on Friday, Dec. 9, to help in the Home Demonstration Council concession stand at the Eastland County Pecan Show.

Teddy Jordan spent the week end in Abilene visiting with his sister, Glenda Jordan.

Mr. D. F. Eaves was in Fort Worth on Monday to give an annual report at a Texas Electric Service Company meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eaves of Gorman have returned home after a two weeks visit in Lake Jackson with their daughters, Mrs. Byron Laminack and Mrs. Preston Brown, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan left on Sunday morning early for Sierra Vista, Arizona to make their ohme. Roy will be stationed with the Army at Fort Huachuca.

Mrs. Jerry Hallmark, Debbie and Becky of Abilene, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett, on Sunday. They also attended the church services

at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Mrs. J. L. Morrow has returned to Lamesa to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. W. S. Scott, who is seriously ill. She is staying at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joe Clayton.

A Christmas program will be held at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7:00 p. m. After the program by the Sunday School Classes, gifts will be exchanged with a visit from Santa. Everyone is invited to attend.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD IN HENDRICKS HOME

On Monday night, December 12 members of the Kokomo Home Demonstration Club and their guests gathered at the home of Mrs. Albert Hendricks for a short meeting and their annual Christmas party.

The house was beautifully decorated throughout in the Christmas theme. The refreshment table was covered with a beautiful white net tablecloth appliqued with felt poinsettias. The tablecloth was a Christmas gift to Mrs. Hendricks from a cousin, Mrs. L. D. Pyeatt. The table had a beautiful Christmas centerpiece and held many Christmas goodies that were served with coffee and hot chocolate.

Mrs. Glenn Jordan presided over the short business meeting. Mrs. Albert Hendricks gave the devotional from Luke 2:11 and Mrs. Lee Bishop lead the prayer.

Congratulations were offered to Mrs. D. F. Eaves and Mrs. Glenn Jordan for having winning entries in the Eastland County Pecan Show in Rising Star. Mrs. Eaves placed first with orange nut cookies and second with pecan roll. Mrs. Jordan placed third with an apple pecan cake and third with pecan brittle.

Mrs. Lee Bishop was in charge of the recreational period and lead the club in two Bible quiz games.

Gifts were exchanged with Mrs. Hendricks acting as Santa's helper in bringing the gifts from the tree. Everyone had a wonderful time opening their gift and displaying it for others to see.

Members attending were Mmes. D. F. Eaves, Lee Bishop, O. T. Hazard, Frank Williamson, J. W. O'Neal, Glenn Jordan and Albert Hendricks, and guests were Mmes. Odis Rodgers, Jim Jordan, H. P. Morrison and R. L. Scott and Bradley of Talpa.

## NEWS FROM LAWNSDALE

Lennis Rice of Carbon visited Alice Johnson.

Mrs. Vic Edwards of Eastland visited Annie Bell Cain.

Mrs. Roy McNutt of Comanche and Anna Ross of Comanche visited W. B. Mull.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Maynard of Carbon, Mrs. Walter Maynard of Eastland, Rhonda Maynard, Joan Maynard, Debra Maynard and Alan Maynard, all of Eastland, visited Ida Maynard.

Mrs. Arlin Clement of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robinett of Gorman visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skaggs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sims of Stamford visited Ollie Sims.

Sam Petzell of Brownwood and Everette and Alice Harris of Rising Star visited Nancy Fountain.

Lynn Hogan of Brownwood and Lennis Rice of Carbon visited W. S. McGaha.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rawls of Gorman visited Jim Gowan.

Ida De Voll of Abilene and Neita Lee of Gorman visited Alma Craig.

Julia Sheppard of Ranger visited Mary Hamilton.

Albert and Odessa Johnson of

### MR. AND MRS. J. A. BAZE TO SPEND HOLIDAYS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baze of Carlsbad, Texas will arrive home December 22 for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Baze, who has been a patient at Sanitorium Hospital for the past year, will have a six day leave from the hospital. He and Mrs. Baze are looking forward to a weeks visit here with relatives and friends.

Desdemona visited Katie May. Robert Hunt of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hunt and baby of Fort Worth visited Ethel Ramsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Hill of De Leon visited Sarah Tunnell.

Mrs. W. R. Collins of Gorman visited Maude Craighead.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Miears of Gorman visited Sarah Tunnell and Allie Seay.

Mrs. W. E. Reynolds of Carbon visited Alice Johnson, Maude Craighead and Rebecca Shirey. Mrs. Pat Caraway of San Marcus visited Alice Johnson, Maude Craighead and Rebecca Shirey.

Those taking part in the Kokomo Baptist Church services at the home Sunday were Rev. Joe O'Neal, Nancy Hendricks, Mrs. J. C. Timmons, Mrs. Claude Fuller and Christi.

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**4-H Club News**



Mrs. Wanda Chilton  
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By

The Youth Division of the Pecan Bake Show, held Friday and Saturday, December 9-10, was a big success. There were 32 entries in the Youth Division. The success of this Bake Show can be attributed to the faithful parents, 4-H leaders and homemaking teachers throughout the County. The Youth Division of this show is growing more every year and we hope that in future years, it will continue to grow.

In our 4-H program, there is an electric project. A discussion of Christmas lighting demands consideration of a few basic rules for electrical safety. Although

we all know these things it seems as if we forget from year to year. Check old strings of lights carefully for chipped sockets, cracked connections and frayed wires. If any are badly damaged, throw them out!

If you must keep a string of lights with frayed cords, tape the frayed wires carefully and separately.

When buying new lights, buy only UL approved lights. Use only fireproof decorations. Mount bulbs so they do not touch foil, paper, or cotton. Place cords out of traffic areas. Use flood or spot lighting for metallic trees, because non-flam-

able, metallic trees will conduct electricity. Some plastic and metalized trees sold will burn as readily as natural trees. Do not be overconfident.

These are only a few safety tips on electrical safety. If you are interested in electricity why not enroll, or enroll your child a 4-H Electric project. 4-H Club is open for membership for all boys and girls between 9-19.

Mrs. Beverly Nicholson, Home Economist, Texas Electric Service Company, gave an interesting Christmas program to the Carbon Girls 4-H Club Monday, December 12.

The Gorman 4-H Christmas Party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams on Tuesday night, December 13.

The Asst. County Agricultural Agent met with the Cisco Beef Subject matter group Sunday, December 11. The group practiced showing their livestock by setting the steers up and parading them as they will at stock shows this January, February and March.

I served as the judge and worked the calves, feeling of them much as they will be felt of in the shows. Also, the boys and girls who exhibited at the small show received pointers on showmanship on each of their calves.

**HOSPITAL REPORT**

Those listed as patients at the Blackwell Hospital on Wednesday morning were:

Gene Barnett - Gorman  
 Mrs. Don Rodgers - Gorman  
 Mrs. Stella Reynolds - Gorman  
 Mrs. Zetta Johnston - Gorman  
 Mrs. N. G. Adcock - Gorman  
 J. D. Caldwell - Gorman  
 Mrs. Elmer Hughes - Gorman  
 Mrs. Howard Steele - Crs. Plains  
 Mrs. Zetta Mathis - De Leon  
 Gaylon Kimmell - De Leon  
 Mrs. J. A. Barrett - Dublin  
 Ethel Riggs - Desdemona  
 Mrs. Inez Hutton - Rising Star  
 Mrs. Bertha Harris - Rising Star  
 J. T. Gardner - Rising Star  
 Mrs. W. R. Hammitt - Rising Star  
 Claude Latham - Stephenville  
 Mrs. Donohue - Moran  
 Johnny Davis - Comanche  
 Mrs. Earl McDonald - Comanche  
 Rodgett Hitt - Comanche

**Pecan Brittle**

3 cups sugar 1/2 tsp. salt  
 2 cups pecans, chopped  
 2 tbsp butter or margarine

Heat sugar with salt in a heavy frying pan over high heat until sugar begins to lump. Lower heat and stir until sugar melts. Stir in pecans. Add butter. Pour immediately onto greased cookie sheet, quickly spreading out thin. When cool, break into pieces of desired size.

**OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS**

BY FLORENCE RICHARDSON

Our Thought For The Week:  
 The person who does his share of the world's work hasn't much time left to criticize the other fellow's efforts.

We are having real old winter-time weather and Christmas is just a few days away. Wonder if some are dreaming of a White Christmas?

The Harry Cooper family of Odessa spent last weekend here with the Rawls and Cooper families.

Richard Watson was home for the weekend with his parents. All were shopping in De Leon Saturday afternoon.

Visiting in our home this past weekend were the L. F. Mears, H. T. Rawls and B. A. Hirst families.

The Melvin Daniels and Ernest Daniels were visiting in Stephenville last Sunday afternoon with relatives.

Mrs. Fannie Pullen has returned to her home in El Paso. Mrs. Pullen has been visiting here with the Gilmore families.

Don't forget our New Year's Singing at Oliver Springs. Come and bring someone with you.

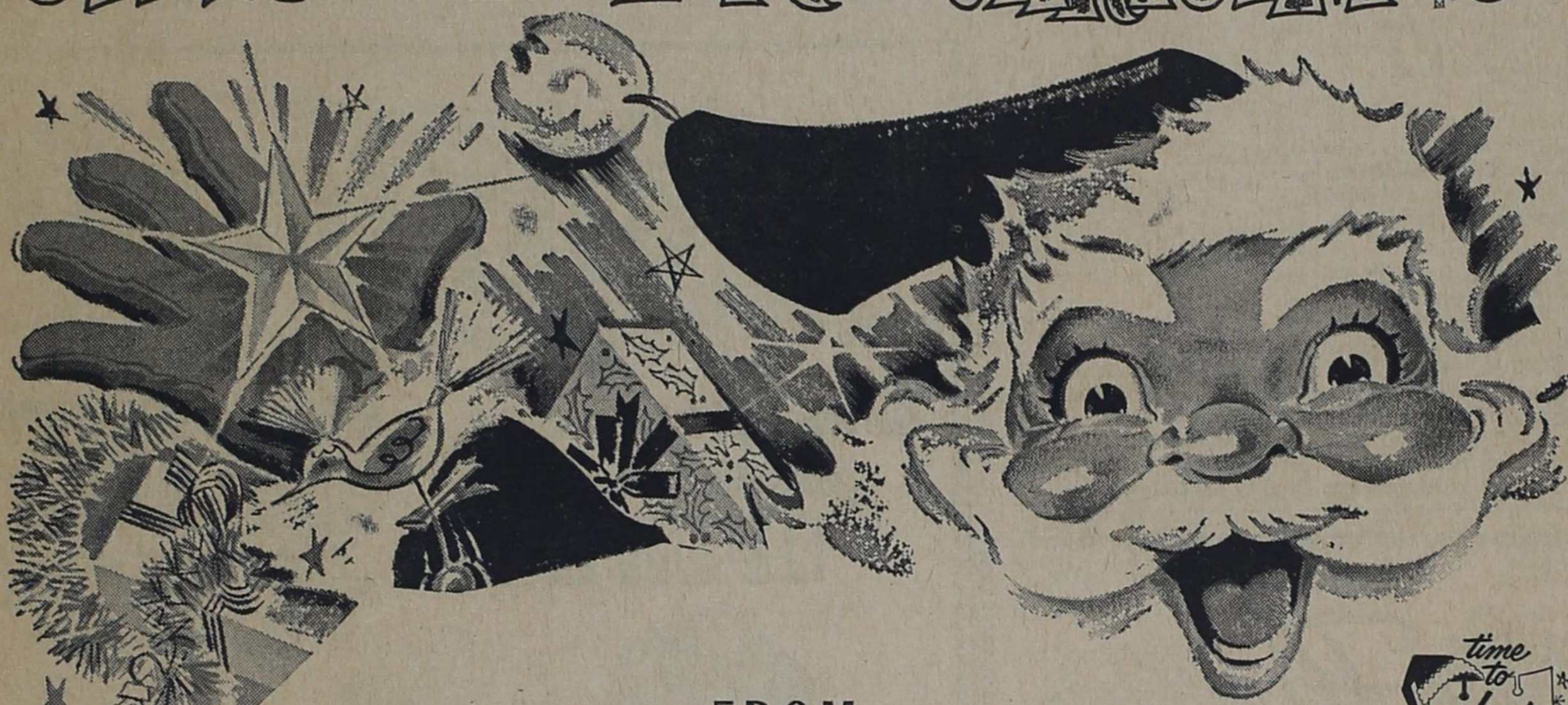
The Oliver Springs Club will have their Christmas Supper on December 21. All club members be present please!

The H. T. Rawls were shopping in De Leon Thursday.

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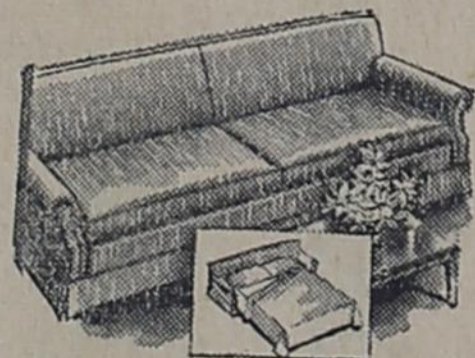
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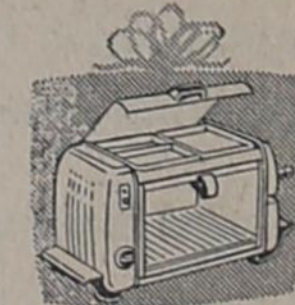
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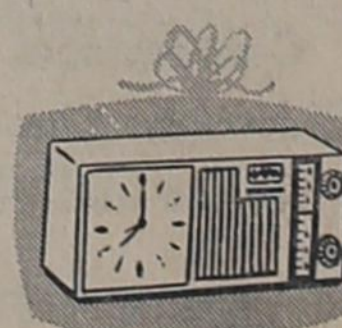
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## A Hymn Is Born

BY CLINT BONNER

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

A typesetter fills out a page

The printer set the type for the Church of England's "Book of Common Prayer." The composition—"make-up" as printers call it—was giving him trouble. He needed more copy to make the pages come out even. Finding a hymn-poem that began "Hark, how all the welkin rings! Glory to the King of Kings," by an Angelican clergyman named Charles Wesley, the printer filled in the blank space.

In assuming the role of editor, the typesetter really stuck his neck out. Of all people, Charles Wesley! The doors of every Angelican church in the empire had been closed to both him and his brother, John. They could preach their Arminian doctrine of "free grace" in barns and pastures, but not in a building of the church they so brazenly criticized.

And certainly no hymn written by one of the "dirty, lousy Methodists" would be tolerated in the Book of Common Prayer. But the printer didn't know all that. The book went to press. And "the greatest Christmas hymn in the English language" was saved for posterity.

Learning shorthand from scholarly John Byron, Charles Wesley usually jotted down his poems in a hurry. To write 6500 in one lifetime, considering he didn't get started until he was 31, he had to work rapidly. Nor did he take time to "polish" his poems. "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" has been edited

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angels hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh and God-head seen,  
Hail th' incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with men to appear,  
Jesus our Immanuel here.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."

so many times that hardly a line remains as Wesley wrote it.

CHARLES WESLEY'S "Hymn For Christmas Day," as he called it, was picked up by hymn book editors and sung, when it was sung at all, to a dozen different tunes for 117 years. But in 1840, Germany's boy wonder, Felix Mendelssohn, wrote operas before he was 16—went to Leipzig for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of printing. For the festival, he wrote an opera called "The Festgesang."

Fifteen years later—in 1855—England's 19-year-old tenor, William Haymen Cummings, was running through "The Festgesang" when he realized the second chorus was a natural for "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Charles Wesley wrote his first hymn three days after his "conversion" in May, 1738. His "Hymn For Christmas Day" was written for the Christmas of that year. Hence, it was one of his first hymns. But for the printer who used it to fill in space, it might have been lost. But what really "made" that hymn was Mendelssohn's music, written to celebrate the anniversary of Gutenberg's printing press. As it turned out, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" has been sung more than anything else Charles ever wrote . . . not excepting "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul."

Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings;  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth;  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."

Come, desire of nations, come!  
Fix in us Thy humble home;  
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring seed,  
Bruise in us the serpent's head;  
Adam's likeness now efface,  
Stamp Thine image in its place:  
Second Adam from above,  
Reinstate us in Thy love.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."



## Friendly Ladies Class Christmas Party Held In Mehaffey Home

'Tis the Season of Christmas, and as the members of the Friendly Ladies Class gathered in the home of Mrs. R. C. Mehaffey last Wednesday evening, traditional reminders were beautifully arranged all about. The shining silver tree gleaming with ornaments caught first attention and, since each one added a gift, the tree was soon loaded with bright packages. It was for the annual Christmas Party that the group was gathered.

Mrs. B. D. Green brought the devotional. Reading of the arrival of three men from afar who had followed a radiant light to find a babe in a manger, Mrs. Green ended "and the light shining on the little fuzz of baby hair gave the appearance of a halo around the baby's head." And this then, reminds — a reminder desperately needed — of the real significance of this Holy season.

"Having the Christmas tree" is traditional with this group and is always gay and just a bit loud, everybody talking at once, oh-ing and ah-ing. Tonight was no different. As the gifts were passed out, the excited buzz gained volume. Then around the circle each one, in turn, showed her gift.

Coffee? Ah, yes! And hot spiced tea, and many, many other goodies. Each member had also brought a plate of some special Christmas food — such beautiful slices of fruit cake, several different kinds, and brownies, peanut brittle, fudge, date candy, wonderful little sandwiches, dip and chips, nuts — so many good treats. Fun, food and fellowship in a setting of Christmas reminders — and there are the lighted candles burning low now. Time to reach for one last piece of candy or cake and wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and say good-night.

Class members attending were

## Gorman Post Office To Be Modernized

Modernization of the post office quarters in Gorman, Texas 76454, was further advanced recently with the announcement by Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien that a contract has been awarded to Clara Townsend Cockrill, 304 So. Oaklawn, Eastland, Texas 76448, to remodel and lease the building to the Post Office Department for a basic 10-year period, with options to renew the lease for an additional ten years.

"This project is in accordance with our policy of building new post offices only where they are urgently needed," Mr. O'Brien said. "We are constantly re-assessing our construction program to determine whether present buildings can be altered or remodeled to take care of our expanding mail volume.

"We now have about 45,000 postal locations throughout the country handling an anticipated volume of 75.8 billion pieces of mail. By 1970 it is expected to rise to 90 billion.

"Our employees are doing a great job of processing the mail. But it is clear that if we are to meet the demands of our growing population we must make use of the best mechanized equipment available in areas where it is economically justified."

Mr. O'Brien explained that the Department's capital investment is limited substantially to postal equipment. The building, which is located on the Westside of Kent Street between Roberts and Ross Streets, will remain under private ownership, with the owner paying local real estate taxes.

Mesdames Othell Clark, Barton Eppler, Giff Acrea, C. R. Day, A. V. Underwood, S. A. Baker, Bob Green, Frank Rhymes, Bill Burns, M. E. Shell, Bill Parr, C. O. Revels, Edgar Higginbottom, Charlie Garrett, Ed Harrison, Estelle Craddock and Dorothy Hatcher.

## 40 Pounds Of Cookies And Candy Sent To Soldiers In Viet Nam

Mrs. W. H. Davis, Chairman of the Forgotten Men project to send Christmas goodies to men in Viet Nam, who may not receive a Christmas package from home, was highly successful. Mrs. Davis reports that she had a wonderful response to her invitation for contributions and that 40 pounds of cookies and candy were packaged and mailed to Viet Nam to be distributed to soldiers who have no families or ones that will not be receiving a package for one reason or another.

Mrs. Davis wishes to thank all the people who had a part in making the project a success.

## Gorman Lions Club Seeks Support For Christmas Baskets

The Gorman Lions Club is sponsoring a drive to help several needy families and old people in the Gorman area with food baskets for Christmas. We only have this week to reach our goal in order to make these people a little more happy during the holidays. Our collection is lagging.

We feel that it is not only the responsibility of the people who can afford to help the less fortunate, but should give us a feeling of satisfaction to know that we did our part.

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## KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Bennett have just returned from a week's

visit with two of his sisters, Mrs. Marvin Dorsett of Lubbock and Mrs. Dick Wood of Dalhart. Having visited in both cities, they both report having had a very wonderful time. Kay Ann Craddock of Eules spent the weekend with her mo-

ther, Mrs. Estelle Craddock.

Mrs. Ray Barnes and Roy of Rising Star visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Hollifield. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhymes were weekend visitors in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rhymes, of Kermit. Dorothy Hatcher spent the weekend in Sonora with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and attended the Sonora-Forney football game played in Austin Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lynn Clark Ricky and Cathy of Grand Prairie, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rodgers and Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Clark.

Rev. Robert Sanders of Fort Worth visited Monday in the Progress office and with other friends in town. He was former pastor of the First Methodist Church here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith and family spent last weekend in Brownwood with her mother, Mrs. O. L. Cheirs.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. Etha Pittman were her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Kleas Parmelley and Mrs. Pauline McCartney, all of Tye, and Mrs. Ruth Hawsey of Abilene. A sister, Mrs. E. E. Scow of Clifton, visited on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hudson and Patricia of San Antonio and Mrs. Gerald Scitern and family of Fort Worth spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater, Anita and Brenda Scitern remained for a weeks visit with their grandparents. Mrs. Scitern also visited with the Alvin Scitern family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dobbins of Winters were guests Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Baker.

Attending the Christmas Cantata at First Methodist Church in De Leon Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Othell Clark and Carol Mrs. C. R. Day, Mrs. Mack Underwood, Mrs. Rena Parker, Mrs. W. T. Shell, Mrs. Barton Eppler, Paula Eppler and Connie Park, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parr, Elizabeth and Cathy, Tresa Duran and Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett and boys of Cleburne visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell and Mrs. Ruby Bennett, on the weekend.

## Mrs. Bob Green

### Host For Annual WSCS Christmas Party

Mrs. Bob Green was host for the annual W. S. C. S. Christmas Party in her home Monday morning. When party goes gather at Nedra's the first session is admiring her art creations, old and new. Her centerpiece and arrangement of assorted fruits and tinsled tree are beautiful, but an antiquated wall plaque with paneled figures, the Madonna and Child flanked by angels, is unique and lovely and was most admired.

The devotional, Mathew 2:1-11, was given by Mrs. Barton Eppler. Mrs. G. C. Acrea gave the Christmas Story, "When The Wise Man Passed By."

Christmas goodies and drinks were served, after which Santa Marilyn Harrison presented gifts. Fruit was sacked and delivered to members of the church shut-ins.

### TOPICS OF ABILENE ENTERTAIN FOR BAND PARTY ON TUESDAY NIGHT

The Topics, a band from Abilene, entertained for the Gorman Band students' Christmas Party held Tuesday evening at the Fire Hall.

Sponsors for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Travis Smith, Mrs. Claude Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harrison and Mr. Herman Alsup, director of Gorman Bands.

Drum Major Pam Foster and majorettes, Mary Jay, Katrina Watson, and alternate, Jackie Lawson, were in charge of decorations, and band parents furnished refreshments.

### S/SGT. TOMMY M. WEBB ON DUTY IN WEST PACIFIC

WITH U. S. COMBAT AIR FORCES IN THE PACIFIC — U. S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Tommy M. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buell Webb of Route 7, East Gadsden, Ala., is on duty with the 4258th Strategic Wing in the Western Pacific.

Sergeant Webb, a Strategic Air Command aircraft maintenance technician, supports aircrews flying almost daily B-52 Strato Fortress bombing missions against the Viet Cong.

The sergeant attended Glencoe (Ala) High School.

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