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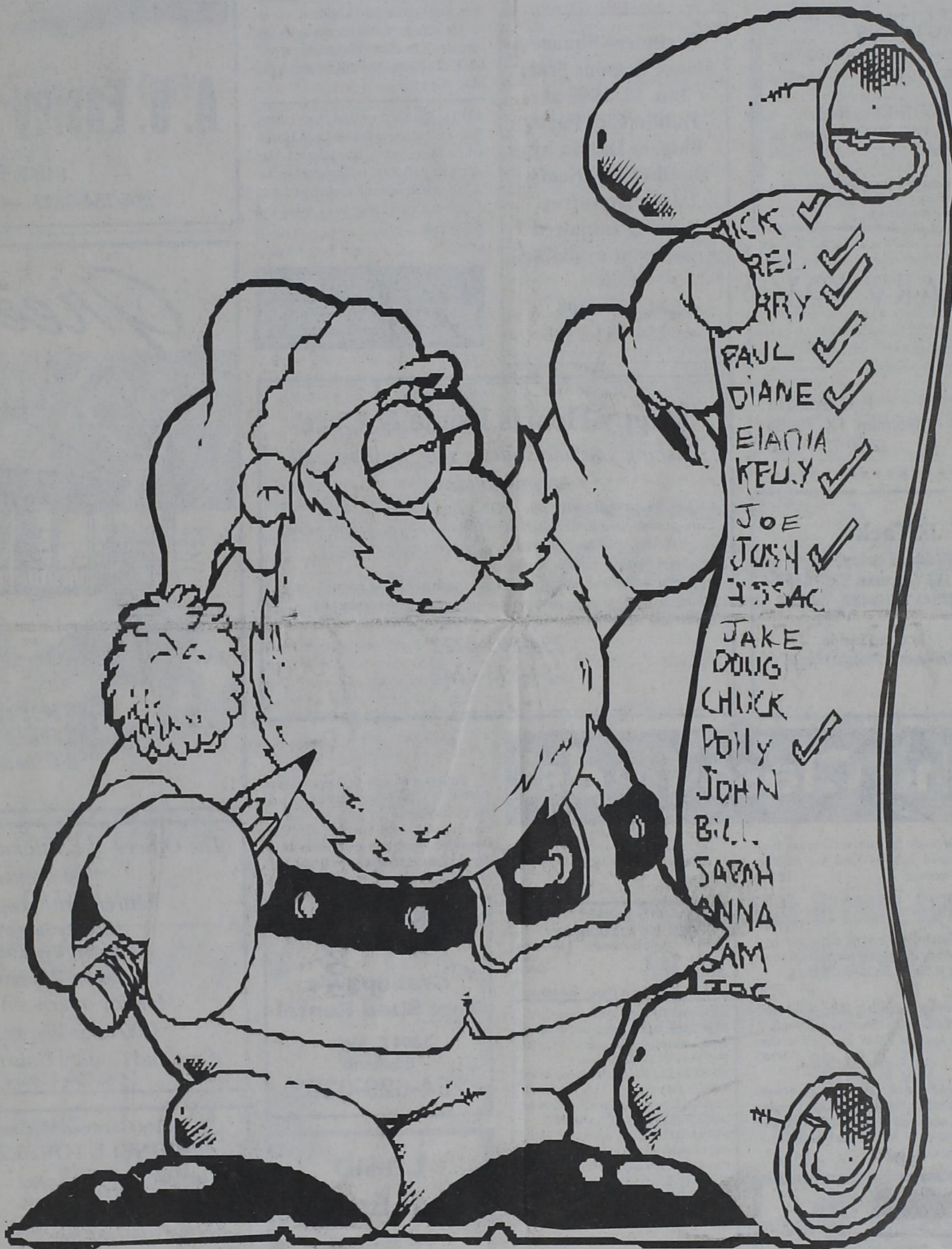
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Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas From the Staff and Correspondents
Joe - Jake - Elania
Estelle - Zelda - Nancy - Vonnie

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a Jungle Book, Princess Barbie, Angel Barbie with an Angel suit with wings. I also would like Aquarium for my room.

(s) Rachel Tucker

Dear Santa:

I would like a new Pink Bike, and a Barbie, a Reading Book, a Mickey Mouse Watch, a Kitten. Thank you Santa for the gifts and I will leave you some cookies and milk.

(s) McKenzie K. Osborne



PRESS POINTS
JOE BENNETT - PUBLISHER

The weatherman sure has unleashed some bitter cold weather for us. The front moved in on Monday and it brought a very rapid temperature drop for our area with some light precipita-

tion. Ice was forming on windshields by five p.m. and it was feared that the freezing moisture might cause severe driving conditions. However, the moisture quit falling later in the evening and this relieved motorists who must be on the roads. The temperatures dropped to the teens early Tuesday morning and with the "strong" winds the chill factor was terrible. And it is reported that this "spell" is supposed to continue through this weekend. As for me, I'm ready for summertime.

We hope you and yours enjoy the greatest Christmas Season with family and friends. Spend all the time you can with the family because we don't know what the future will bring. We wish on the best for you and yours and pray that

God will bless you all.

We appreciate the advertisers and correspondents who make it possible for us to publish the Progress. Be sure and check the greeting ads in this issue and let them know you appreciate their support of the paper. We are very fortunate to have the support of business and professional people in our area. Again, have a great Christmas.

Just a reminder -- watch out for the children during this season, especially since they are out of school for a couple of weeks. Look out for them on the streets and be aware of them, because they may not be watching for us.

We will be printing the New Years paper at the regular schedule next

week.

And Remember to smile -- because God Loves You!!!

The Gorman Progress will be closed noon on Thursday and all day Friday in observance of Christmas!


See you after Christmas!

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Kay Broom would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to those who offered words of comfort, prayers, phone calls, flowers,

food and sympathy during the loss of our loved one. Your prayers have given us strength and the courage to move on, one day at a time.

Thank you,
The family of Kay Broom



Odie Brightwell will celebrate his 98th Birthday on January 1, 1999. His children are hosting a reception at ZF's Steakhouse from 2-3:30 p.m. for friends to drop by, have punch and cake, and wish him well.

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3 Panthers On Star Telegram List

Three Gorman Panthers were listed on the All Star Telegram Class A football team for 1998. Making the offensive list was Cy Cypher, who had a real great season with the Panthers. Also on the offensive team, Richard Svarosky was named as the Place Kicker. Making the defensive team were Blake Guthery as a Linebacker and Cy Cypher as a Defensive Lineman. Cypher and Guthery were named earlier on the Class A All State Team. Congratulations to these outstanding Panthers.

Rita Aline Isham Short Laid to Rest

Rita Aline Isham Short, 79, of De Leon, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998 at her residence. Services were held Thurs. Dec. 17th with burial in the De Leon Cemetery. Mrs. Short was born March 29,

Services Held for W.L. "Bill" Mull

Services were held Thursday, Dec. 17th at the De Leon Church of Christ for W.L. "Bill" Mull, 91 of De Leon. Mr. Mull passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998 in the Comanche Community Hospital. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery. Mr. Mull was born December 19, 1906 in Comanche County, Texas to Washington Benjamin and Etta Mae Martin Mull. He was a farmer/rancher and had lived in the De Leon area most of his life. He was a member of the De Leon Church of Christ. He married Lottie Robinett on Sept. 15, 1932 in Comanche, Tx. She preceded him in death Dec. 8, 1996. Survivors include: 1 son, Rondal Mull of Houston; 3 daughters, Linda De Angeles of Hurst, Sarah Weaver and Janet McGinnis both of De Leon; 3 sisters, Lois Cardwell of De Leon, Vada Lewis of Desdemona, Morene Armstrong of Gladewater; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother, Wayne "Snappy" Mull, 2 sisters, Annie Ross and Effie Mull.

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Minutes Of City Council

The Gorman City Commission met in regular session on the above date with the following present: Mayor Jack Simpson, (please note that the mayor was late arriving,) Commissioner Robert Ervin, also Mayor pro-tem, Commissioners, Judy Morris, Kenneth Good, and Donnie Rodgers, (also please note that Donnie left at 6:00 p.m.) Others present were Joy Campbell, Gaylord Battenfield, Abel

Saldana, Ken Droszeski, Frank Fenley and Leonard Silva.
The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Mayor pro-tem Robert Ervin.
Donnie made a motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Judy. The motion carried 3-0.
Judy made a motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Donnie. The motion carried 3-0.

Kenneth made a motion to accept the bid of \$750.00 on the gray patrol car. Donnie made a second and the motion carried 3-0.
Jean Wooten was not present. No action.
Kenneth will be sending notification that the city is making plans to begin using an irrigation system at the sewer plant to TNRCC. Also, Kenneth will be getting the permit completed and returned.

Donnie made a motion to approve and adopt the animal control ordinance amendment. Judy made a second and the motion carried 4-0. This amendment states that if the same animal with the same owner, is picked up four times the animal will be humanly put to sleep. The owner will be assessed a \$12.50 citation and has ten (10) days to pay or will be charged with a failure to appear.

Also, Kenneth made a motion to approve the gas chamber for the ACO. Robert made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Kenneth made a motion to adopt a curfew ordinance and Donnie made a second. The motion carried 4-0. The curfew is probably going to be set at midnight every night for anyone under the age of 18 (eighteen). The ordinance will be published in full at a later date.

Gorman Milling Co. will be notified that they need to keep feed cleaned out of the ditch so that proper drainage can be maintained. There will probably be two whistlers to be installed.

No action was taken on the reorganization of the commission.

Gaylord was present to request that he needed more help. He said that Frank was not able to work with them enough and that the crew was really short handed. Kenneth made a motion to allow Gaylord to find a hand on a temporary basis. Judy made a second and the motion carried 3-0.

Judy made a motion to go into executive session with a second from Robert. The motion carried 3-0. The time was 6:35 p.m.

Kenneth made a motion to adjourn from executive session with a second from Judy. The motion carried 3-0. Time was 6:50 p.m.

Judy made a motion to go back into regular session with a second from Kenneth. Motion carried 3-0.

Judy made a motion to hire Abel Saldana as Chief of Police and to hire Doug Caffey as patrolman. Robert made a second and the motion carried 2-1. Kenneth was opposed and explained to Abel why he was opposed.

Ken Droszeski was present to inform the commission that he would not work if Abel was made Chief of Police. He gave his two week notice.

On old and new business, the odor at the community center was discussed. We are to call Steve Singleton and see if he can do something to control the odor.

Also, there is going to have to be some work done on the bridge on the corner of Ken/Coke st.

There being no further business, Robert made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Kenneth made a second and the motion carried 3-0.

Police Report

By Abel Saldana, Chief of Police
11-30-98--Officer Saldana responded to Quickway reference to suspicious person. Person left upon officer's arrival.
12-1-98--Officer Saldana assisted Eastland Co. Sheriff's Office delivering emergency message.
12-4-98--Officer Saldana responded to Quickway reference suspicious vehicle. Vehicle was waiting for someone, all ok.
12-4-98--Officer Ettinger responded to warrant service from Llano Co. Subject arrested.
12-4-98--Officer Saldana responded to Quickway reference to suspicious vehicle. Vehicle located.
12-5-98--Officer Saldana responded to Quickway reference to a intoxicated subject, subject was located.
12-5-98--Officer Saldana responded to the Brandon Apts., reference suspicious person, person located.
12-6-98--Officer Droszeski responded to a welfare check regarding a person arriving late, subject arrived home ok.
12-6-98--Officer Saldana responded to location on Kent st., reference to locked keys in vehicle. Vehicle unlocked.
12-7-98--Officer Droszeski responded to Brandon Apt. reference mother/daughter problem. Problem resolved.
12-11-98--Officer Saldana responded to the High School parking lot, reference to an accident.
12-11-98--Officer Saldana responded to Gorman Chevron reference to burglary. Report taken.
12-11-98--Officer Droszeski responded to Gorman Hotel reference to death.
12-12-98--Officer Saldana responded to W. Roberts st. reference to loose dogs. Dogs were unable to be located.
12-13-98--Officer Droszeski responded to N Kent st. reference to blocked driveway, vehicle moved.
12-13-98--Officer Saldana responded to Quickway, reference suspicious persons, persons left when officer arrived.
12-13-98--Officer Saldana responded to S. Kent St. reference missing person. Person came back next day.
12-14-98--Officer Droszeski responded to the Bus Barn reference to theft report. Report taken.
12-15-98--Officer Droszeski responded to Lubbock/Fisher reference to accident. Report taken.
12-24-98--Officers were told to look

Gorman Gets New Chief of Police and Patrol Sergeant



Friday, December 18, 1998, Robert Ervin, Gorman Police Commissioner, held the swearing in of Gorman's new Chief of Police, Abel Saldana, and Patrol Sergeant, Doug Caffey.

Abel Saldana started as a patrol officer in Gorman in December of 1997 and later took the position of interim Chief of Police in October. Abel and his wife Sally moved here from Gustine. They have five children, Deedra, 17 years, Abel Jr. 16 years, Yvonne 15 years, Kendra 11 years, and Kent 10 years. He has been employed by Texas Youth Commission as a juvenile correction officer for 4 years. He hails 19 years law enforcement experience. Abel stated "I am proud to be serving the city and hope to make it a better department. If any assistance is needed, we are available at any time". Our motto, "Serving our community with pride."

Doug Caffey and Becky, his wife of 8 years, live in Sidney. Doug states they will continue to live in Sidney. Becky helps her parents run Cook's Fish Barn. They have two children, and three grandchildren, Deborah Dauenhauer and her sons, Cameron age 6, Colby age 5, and Caston age 1, all of Springtown and Denise Caffey of Weatherford.

Doug was born here in the Blackwell Hospital in 1944. His parents and grandparents hail from Comanche, Tx. He has 19 years law enforcement experience. He began his career with the Springtown Police Department in 1979. He worked the Park County Sheriff's Department for 9 years serving as a narcotics investigator covering 5 counties for 5 of those years. He worked in Taylor county as Sergeant before coming to Comanche to serve as their Chief Deputy. Doug will begin his duties in Gorman effective immediately.

out for a UFO, reference a man in a red suit, being pulled in sleigh by reindeer!
From the Gorman Police Officers--
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Christmas Vandalism In Desdemona

Desdemona really got into the Christmas spirit this year as they gathered together donating time and money to decorate the Community Center for the holiday season. It was noted that many more homes were decorated this year than in the previous years. All this effort meant nothing to some as they randomly vandalized the Desdemona area.

Sometime during Thursday, Dec. 17th, someone stole some Christmas lights, extension cords and a flood light

4-Hers Win at District Contest

Eastland County 4-Hers participated in 4-H Share-The-Fun Contest

that decorated the Community Center. Also vandalized was the home of Bethel Clark. They stole decorations she had placed in her yard including, a Santa, a candle and some reindeer.

There were reported witnesses to the dumping of the some of the decorations belonging to Ms. Clark in the Hogg Creek during the early morning hours. No further details at press time.

Dec. 12th at Tarleton State University with over 40 4-Hers from Eastland county.

The Junior Drama team received 1st place. Their act was a mime interpretation to "Love In Any Language". Members of the team included Stephanie Thomason, Deana Williamson, Shelley White, Kathryn Kelly, Kayla Vestal, Jillian White, Jared Blair and Melissa Bilby.

Representing Eastland in the Junior Dance contest and winning 1st place was Lauren Adams with a dance performance to the song of "Daddy's Money".

Carbon 4-Her, Brandy Gann also participated in the Junior Vocal Division singing "Don't Laugh at Me".

In the Intermediate Division (12-13 years) winning 1st place in the Drama Division was a mime interpretation of the song "Don't Laugh at Me". Members of the mime team were: Rachel Thomason, Meagan Reynolds, Candi Ross, Alli DeLuca, Randi Brown, Lauren Russell and Anna Matthews.

Participating in the Intermediate Vocal Contest from the Olden 4-H Club was Joe Alan Martinez singing "Love Without End, Amen".

In the Senior Division, Amy Agnew and Jessica Holman from Rising Star won 3rd place in the Vocal Division singing "For You, I Will".

Sharing With Brother Bob

By Bob Beeman

My friends at Heritage Manor and I didn't talk any about IMPEACHMENT this week, the subject didn't even come up. We talked about Christmas and also how to stay warm.

Christmas time brought back memories of snow, the first lighted tree they saw, being together with kin folks, baked cookies, Veno Hale's birthday on Christmas, egg nog, a roaring fire in the fire place, potatoes baked in a three legged, cast iron skillet, cakes and pies, candy (especially homemade Divinity) and fudge with peanuts, being out of school, ice skating for the first time, decorating the tree at school, and sending a homemade valentine instead of a Christmas card to a special friend.

Christmas time was usually the start of the cold season. Can you think of another name for winter underwear? Other than "long johns," "union suit," "flappers," or "thermal underwear?" How about a "toboggan," "watch cap," "knit cap,"

USDA Announces 1999 Crop Peanut National Poundage Quota

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced last week the national poundage quota for peanuts for the 1999 marketing year of 1,180,000 short tons, (2,360 billion pounds) up 1 percent from the 1998 level.

Keith Kelly, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency, said this level has been determined to be the quota level which will provide peanuts for domestic use in accordance with the statutory formula for establishing the quota. The announcement of the final national poundage quota must be made by Dec. 15, 1998 for the 1999 marketing year, which begins August 1, 1999.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, provides that the national poundage quota for the 1999 crop of peanuts shall be a formula quantity equal to the estimated quantity of peanuts needed for domestic edible and related uses, excluding seed, in the 1999 marketing year. The formula quantity, together with an allowance for the possibility of underdeliveries up to 23,000 short tons, totals 1,180,000 short tons.

Christmas For Heritage Manor

Christmas time is definitely upon us once again. Let's not forget our family and friends at Heritage Manor Nursing Home.

American State Bank has a tree decorated with ornaments containing the residents names. If you would like to participate in the Heritage Manor Christmas, all you need to do is get an ornament from the tree at ASB. It will have a resident's name on it with a list of things they might want. Please bring the gift wrapped, or preferably in a gift bag back to American State Bank by Dec. 23rd.

Through the years the residents have made our Christmas special, lets get into the spirit of Christmas and make this Christmas a special one for them.

"stocking cap," or "pull down?" How about a phrase for how cold it is, I mean when it's so cold the dogs get to sleep in the smoke house? My favorite is "It's colder than a east iron commode seat in the Klondike." Drop me a line if you have one (that I can print).

Till next time, Brother Bob

NOTICE

The Families in Action of Desdemona will not be holding their New Years Eve party at the Community Center as previously stated. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused. We appreciate your continued support and fellowship.


The 1999 crop national poundage quota will be allocated to each State based on the State's share of the 1998 crop national poundage quota.

The national average 1999 quota price support level is 7 set by statute at \$610 per short ton. The price support level for additional peanuts must be set by Feb. 15, 1999.

Estimated Fatalities for 1998 New Year Holiday

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church had average attendance last Sunday for the morning service. Evening service was a special service with the children's choir

singing several songs. Children's choir is led by Annette Cummings. After the evening service, Christmas presents and bags of fruit were passed out to all

of the children present. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sparks and family of Strawn and a couple from Vermont.

Johnnie Ruth (Dixon) Sparkman of Stephenville had a complete knee replacement surgery this past week in Fort Worth hospital. She is much improved. Johnnie graduated from Desdemona with the class of 1946.

Jessie Fay Wilcox is now a patient in the Stephenville rest home in the Alzheimer's unit. She graduated from Desdemona with the class of 1950.

Thomas and Stormy Hurd of Gorman spent the weekend with their grandparents, Bobby and Joan Baker. They all attended church at First Baptist for morning and evening services.

Corinne (Buckley) Waldon of Clyde spent the past weekend visiting her niece, Leo and Eloise Williams and to visit her sister, Hazel (Buckley) Wisdom who is in the Gorman rest home.

Dick and Pearleta Carruthers of Denver City, Texas visited several days this past week with her sister, Marie Patti.

Amy Depwe of Chicago and Andy Depwe of Denver, Colorado visited over the weekend with their grandparents, Archie and Helen Depwe.

Agatha Nance of Desdemona and her daughter, Agatha Lee Hendriksen of Wilmington, North Carolina visited recently in San Diego, California with Steve and Trina Nance and children, Tiffany and Derek. Steve is now serv-

ing as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. They reported a good trip.

Lavona Sharp spent several days this past week in the De Leon hospital recovering from a stroke.

Jr. and Nell Moore of Benbrook visited the past weekend with her mother, Benton Echols and sister, Lou Boyd.

Eric, Josh and Zack Ryon spent Friday night with their Pee Paw, James and Dixie Ryon. They are children of Rod and Kim Ryon all of Desdemona.

Ladies monthly social was a covered dish Christmas luncheon on Monday, Dec. 14 at the community center. Everyone who attended enjoyed the good food, visited and fellowship.

Gifts were exchanged after the noon meal. Archie and Helen Depwe decorated the tables very pretty with their wood craft Santa's reindeer, sleighs and baskets. Helen decorated the tree with angels she made and each one present got to pick out their angel as they left to go home. It was a very nice luncheon, even Granny Estelle Lindley did

were jingle bells on her boots. Those attending were Judy Lewis and Fay Williams of Stephenville, Lorene Koonce of De Leon, Vonnie Guthery, Joselene Stephens, Anna Brazell, Marie Patti, Benton Echols, Ann Keith, Mildred Million, Dorothy Roberts, Ina Barker, Wanda Martin, Estelle Lindley, Floradell Clayton, Lucille Johnson, Pat Buckley, Angela Buckley and children, Chelsea and Haley, Mary Ficklen, Agatha Nance, La Rue Campbell, Bethel Clark, Bobbie McKillip, Helen Grimshaw, Dixie Ryon and the host-

esses, Ima Brown, Dorothy Greenhaw and Helen Depwe of Desdemona.

Ladies monthly social for January will be on Monday, 11th at the community center. Visitors are welcome to come and enjoy coffee and donuts.

Desdemona monthly musical will be canceled for the month of December due to the busy holiday season. But do keep in mind that this musical will continue on the 4th Saturday night of each month. All area musicians and visitors are always invited to attend. The concession stand opens early each time with lots of good food, sandwiches, home made pie and drinks.

An invitation to those in the community to attend a "Pot Luck Supper" on New Year's Eve night at the Desdemona community center. Serving begins at 7:00 p.m. Bring your choice of food: Stew, chili, beans, cornbread, crackers, catsup, pickles, relish, onions, salads, chips and dips, desserts (all kind). Come to enjoy to good food and

fellowship with your friends and neighbors. There will be dominoes, cards and other games to enjoy.

Damon "Brandy" Lohman, 71, of San Angelo was buried on Dec. 9, 1998 in Lawnhaven Memorial Garden near San Angelo. He was born in Desdemona on Jan. 18, 1927. Survivors include his wife, Frances Lohman of San Angelo, 3 sons, David Lohman of Killeen, Duane Lohman of Garland, Damon Lohman of Robert Lee, a sister, Nellie Worden of Kermit. Preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Nina Lohman, 1 brother, Joe Lohman, 1 sister, Juanita Pilgrim. Lohman family are former residents of Desdemona where all the children attended school. "Brandy" was in the class of 1945. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

"Merry Christmas" to all of our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona.

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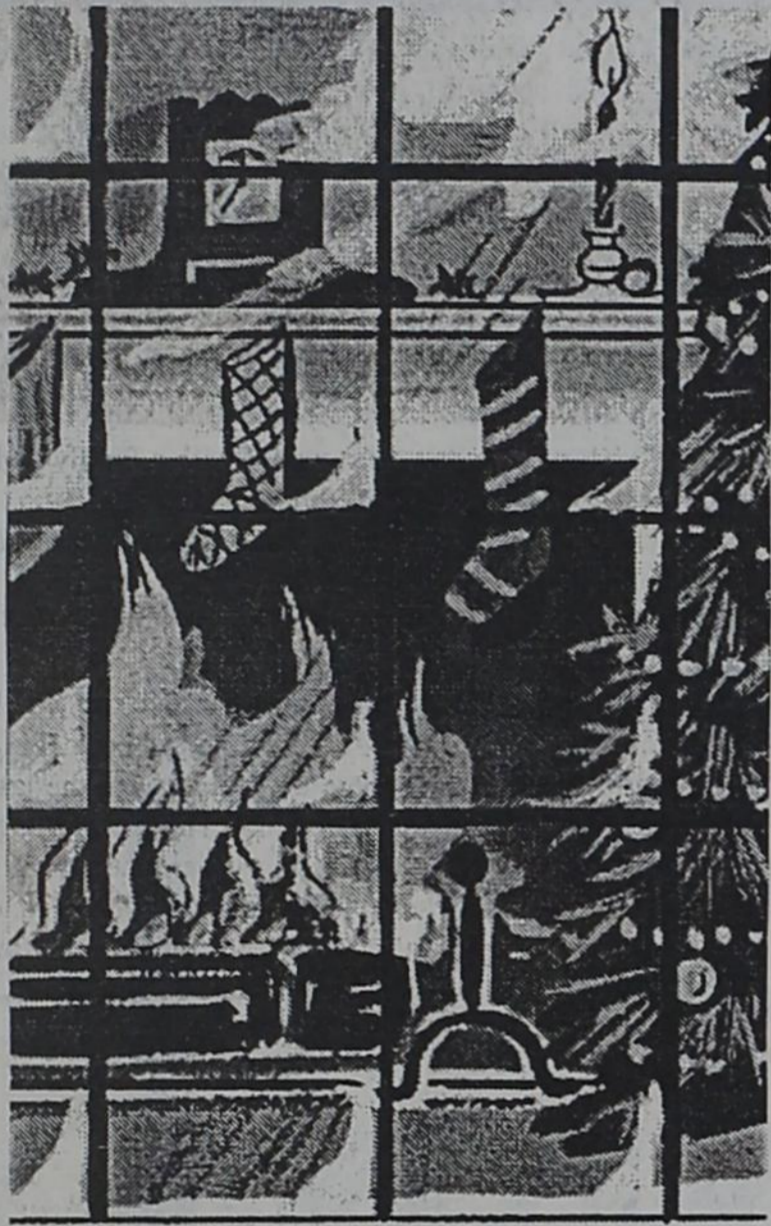
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When winter time came, it came with a wintry blast of a mixture of sleet, snow flurries, freezing drizzle and very cold wind, with temperatures falling into the teens. Maybe it will warm up by Christmas so it will be safer for those who will be traveling.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year blessed with good health and happiness. As we exchange gifts and enjoy a wonderful fellowship with our loved ones and friends, let us all thank God for the most wonderful gift of all, his son, Jesus Christ.

The Christmas spirit was truly with us at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday night, Dec. 16. There was congregational singing of Christmas Hymns and special music by the church choir. Then it was time for Santa's Ho-Ho-Ho much to the delight of all the children present as well as the adults. The children had their pictures made with Santa and then helped him pass out all the gifts from under the Christmas tree.

Then it was time to go to the fellowship hall for barbecue sandwiches, chips, cold drinks and cobbler, and a wonderful time of fellowship with one another around the table. There were

many visitors and we were so glad they came to be with us.

Daryl Hirst rendered the special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Visitors were Karen Patterson of Breckenridge, Mable Perez and Ruby Kinser of Gorman. A mission emphasis for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering was given by Norma Webb.

The Sunday night services were dismissed and several members attended the "The Father's Gift of Love" presented by the First Baptist Church of Eastland's Sanctuary Choir and Drama Ministry on Sunday evening and enjoyed it so very much.

Donald Lee Joiner of Houston and David and Sandra Joiner of Lindale were visitors with Mrs. Hope Joiner during the week. Mrs. Joiner visited with Billie Jeanne Grisham on Saturday.

Those enjoying an early Christmas celebration with Anna Laura Clearman on Saturday, Dec. 19 were Jamie and Ann Clearman, Karley, Colita and Ty Clearman and Kelvin, Kristi, Kaylee and Kade Whitehurst all of Lawn; Ken and Linda Clearman of Arlington, Kyla, Wayne, Caleb and Kaci McIntire of Gainesville, Kendi Clearman and friend

Rob of Rt. Worth; Kenny and Dianne Walsler of Hereford, Charlie and Lisa Morgan of Frisco; Gary and Nanetta Thompson of Plainview, Jude and Cathy Stanley of Lubbock, Jo Beth Hopp of Colorado Springs, Co.; Mike and Mary Jo Leonard of Canadian and Kami Leonard of Lubbock. Mary Jo and Kami remained for a few days visit with Mrs. Clearman.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were David Mudry of Lewisville, Freddie and Johnny Shackelford of Amarillo, Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Joyce and Delmon Eaves, Wynelle Brown of Carbon, Ruth Bryant, Hope Joiner and Zelda Jordan.

Jimmy and Verna Little attended the piano recital of their granddaughter, Emily Little of Eastland in Cisco on Dec. 13. Emily is a student of Mrs. Wester.

Jimmy and Verna Little and Glen and Shirley Clement celebrated their wedding anniversaries with a dinner at ZJ's in Gorman on Saturday night, Dec. 19. The Littles were celebrating their 45th anniversary and the Clements were celebrating their 46th anniversary. Congratulations to both these couples.

Those enjoying an early Christmas celebration in the home of Jimmy and Verna Little on Sunday, Dec. 20th were Jerry and Lavell Hallmark, Shane, Amy, Taner and Rylee Shott, Earl, Debbie, Ashton and Heagan Braddock all of San Angelo, Greg and Becky Ethington, LeeVi, Shane and Shyanne of Sterling City, Nelda, Cody and Jarad

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Fails of Arlington, Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon.

Daisy Slaton and Sterling McCauley of Gorman visited with Zelda Jordan on Sunday afternoon.

David and Cassie Brasher and Clifford Nelson had an early Christmas celebration in the home of Pleas and Pat Reneau in Ranger on Saturday.

Clifford Nelson visited in Fort Worth on Sunday for an Early Christmas dinner with Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and family.

Zelda Jordan visited in De Leon on Monday with Linda William Whitley and Mrs. Ouida Stringer.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Bill and Odalee Thomas

Mark Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary



W. L. (Bill) and Odalee Thomas were honored with a family gathering December 20th in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bill was born the youngest of 10 children to William Reece and Eula Lee Thomas and grew up in the Ranger area.

The former Odalee Shugart was born the eldest of 8 children to A. W. and Emma Shugart and lived near Kokomo for many years.

She was nursing at the old Ranger Hospital when they met and he was her patient. They were married on December 20, 1948 in Lubbock, Texas.

They now reside in Breckenridge, where they have spent the last 20 years. Their children are the late Stephen Thomas and Alan Thomas of Ranger. Joining them in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary were their daughter-in-law, Marilyn, granddaughters, Sheri and Jodi Thomas of Wichita Falls and grandson Darby Thomas and his wife Stephanie of Ranger and other family members.

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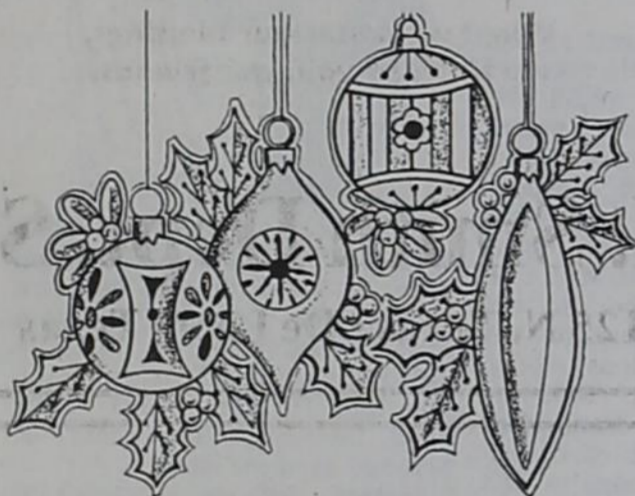
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The Story of Old Scrooge

ADAPTED FROM A CHRISTMAS CAROL
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With a wife and three children to support, Bob Cratchit hardly made enough money as a clerk in the firm of Scrooge and Marley. When Marley died, Scrooge, his sole administrator, retained the firm's name and continued the business. Scrooge was tight-fisted and grasping. He was also untrusting. One particular Christmas Eve, as Cratchit sat busily copying letters in his cold, drab little corner, he was mindful of the fact that Scrooge, in his counting room nearby, had left open the door in order to keep a cautious eye on his employe.



When the hour for closing arrived at the counting-house, Scrooge grumpily stopped his money-counting, dismounted from his stool and told his clerk, Bob Cratchit, that work was ended for the day.

Scrooge didn't approve of the holiday, but he had to recognize that it existed. "You'll want all day tomorrow, I suppose?" "If quite convenient, sir." "Look all the more unpleasant," Scrooge said. "It's not convenient, and it's not fair. If I was to stop half-a-crown for it, you'd think yourself ill-used, I'll be bound? And yet, you don't think me ill-used, when I pay a day's wages for no work."

the door with a bang, and the sound echoed like thunder throughout the house.



Satisfied with his search, Scrooge locked himself in—double-locked himself in, which was not his custom. Strange sounds were in the air, and strange things happened. A disused bell hung near his bed. It began to swing slowly, then rang loudly, as did every other bell in the house. Scrooge listened intently. Another sound began when the bells ended. It seemed someone was dragging heavy chains over the wine merchant's casks in the cellar below.

The sound grew nearer and nearer. And then, within the room, he stood, Marley, with his pigtails, his waist-coat, tights and boots. The chain he drew was wrapped around his middle. It was made in steel, but resembled familiar things—cash boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds and heavy purses.



It was a ghost, no doubt, for Scrooge could see right through the waistcoat, the two buttons on the back clearly visible. A ghost that talked. The ghost told Scrooge that the chain represented all the misdeeds and unkind acts of a lifetime and that he, Scrooge, was fashioning his own chain, a heavy weight that would bear upon him when he was dead.

But, all was not hopeless, the ghost reminded. He told Scrooge that other visitors would follow throughout the night. Three spirits in all would come, each with a message of importance. If Scrooge were wise, the ghost cautioned, he would listen carefully and see clearly all the visitors would show him.



When the ghost vanished, Scrooge checked his door. It was still double-locked. Wearily he put himself to bed and eventually fell asleep. He awoke, not knowing the time, to find it was still dark. The curtains beside his bed were drawn back by a hand and the first vision appeared. It was a strange figure, like a child, and yet again like an old man. Its hair was white, yet the face was smooth as that of a child. It held a branch of fresh green holly in its hand and, in contradiction, its dress was trimmed with summer flowers. Strangest of all, however, was a bright, clear crown of light that surrounded the head.



The visitor told Scrooge that he was the Ghost of Christmas Past and, before Scrooge knew it, he

was taken back in spirit, many weary years, to his boyhood home. The Christmases of his youth paraded before him. Some of them were sad, for he was a lonely boy, but others were jolly. Scrooge was amazed as events of the past flew before his eyes. Times and people that he had known and many of them long ago forgotten. The best of these he had not forgotten and he felt pleasure when the spirit took him to a warehouse where he had served as an apprentice.



When they peered into the window, Scrooge saw an old gentleman in a Welsh wig, sitting at a high desk and he exclaimed, "Why, it's old Fezziwig! Bless his heart, it's Fezziwig alive again!"

As they looked, Old Fezziwig laid down his pen. He looked at the clock. "Yo, ho, there! Ebenezer! (that's me, thought Scrooge), Dick! (Ah, Dick, Wilkins, to be sure), no more work tonight, Christmas Eve, Dick. Christmas, Ebenezer. Let's have the shutters up."



In came a fiddler, who sat on a lofty desk and began to play. In came Mrs. Fizzwig and the three Miss Fizzwigs and six young followers. In came all the young men and women employed in the business, the housemaid, with her cousin, the baker.

The party began. Scrooge revived every moment of it. Yet, ever-conscious that the Ghost of Christmas Past still had eyes upon him. Other scenes of his past life were re-lived, until at last he felt he could bear no more.

Scrooge cried out, "Leave me! Take me back. Haunt me no longer!" Again, he was in his own bedroom, exhausted, drowsy, and eventually to sleep.



Again, in the dark, Scrooge found himself awake. No vision appeared within the room. He waited. When he could restrain himself no longer, he reached for his slippers, put them on, and walked cautiously to the door. As he reached for the lock, a voice on the other side called his name and bade him enter. He complied.

It was his own room, no doubt, but it was changed. It was gaily decorated, with holly, mistletoe, and ivy. In the center of the room, heaped together to form a throne, were turkeys, geese, game, sausages, mince pies and much more. In the center of the room, too, a jolly giant. "I am the ghost of Christmas Present. Look upon me!"



Oh, tell me I may sponge away the writing on this stone!"

Suddenly, the two of them stood in the city streets on Christmas morning. All the sights and sounds that Scrooge had refused to recognize were there—people in the streets, greeting one another, the smell of good food and fruits, the church bells calling good people to church and chapel. Scrooge and the jolly giant went on, invisible, through the streets, to the very door of Bob Cratchit's house. Scrooge stood in awe as the Spirit blessed the small dwelling. Inside, Mrs. Cratchit, her daughter Belinda and Martha, and son Peter, awaited the return of their father. In he came, carrying Tiny Tim upon his shoulder. Tiny Tim, bearing a crutch, and his limbs supported by an iron frame.



Scrooge continued to watch as the Cratchits busily prepared their small Christmas feast. Everyone joined in preparation of the meal. Excitement mounted as they gathered about the table and Mrs. Cratchit approached the roast goose with a carving knife. A murmur of delight arose and even Tiny Tim shouted Hurrah! A pudding, much too small for so large a family, was a wonderful treat. Dinner over, the family gathered round the hearth. Bob Cratchit raised a toast: "Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us." The family re-echoed the sentiment and Tiny Tim, the last of all, said "God bless us every one!"



Scrooge felt an interest he had never known before. He asked the Spirit if Tiny Tim would live. The Spirit replied, "I see a vacant seat and a crutch without an owner, carefully preserved." Scrooge hung his head. He felt worse when he heard Bob Cratchit propose another toast and Mrs. Cratchit respond that she did not wish to drink a toast to Mr. Scrooge, "such an odious, stingy, hard, unfeeling man." But, she did, and the children drank after her, while the Ghost of Christmas Present took Scrooge to visit here and there about the town, showing him both misery and happiness along the way.

And soon thereafter, Scrooge was face to face with another visitor. "I am in the presence of Christmas Yet to Come?" said Scrooge.



The robed spirit seemed to incline its head. It quickly showed Scrooge how his own death might be, with one to mourn his loss; in fact, some seemed happy at his passing. It also showed him how Tiny Tim might die and leave countless friends to mourn and sorrow for him.

Scrooge assured the Spirit that he was a changed man, and that the shadows that had passed before him had altered his life. He said: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present, and the future . . . Oh, tell me I may sponge away the writing on this stone!"



When the third Spirit had gone, Scrooge kept the memory of the sight of his own name upon a tombstone, and no mourners in sight. When he awakened, he renewed his promise, "I will live in the past, the present and the future."

Scrooge dressed in his very best and went into the streets. People were everywhere. Many of them he had seen during the time of his visit with the Ghost of Christmas Present. Scrooge looked so pleasant that people spoke to him and, afterwards, he confessed, their voices were music to his ears. One gentleman, only days before rudely refused when he asked Scrooge for a donation to a fund for the poor, was surprised when Scrooge presented to him a healthy sum of money.



Scrooge journeyed on, to his nephew's house. He passed the door a dozen times before he had the courage to knock. Then he made a dash to the door, and did it.

"Fred," he said when his nephew appeared. "Why, bless my soul!" cried Fred.

"It's I, Your Uncle Scrooge. I've come to dinner. Will you let me in, Fred?"

He was made so heartily welcome. He thought his nephew would shake his arm off. He was perfectly at home within minutes.



Next morning, Scrooge hurried to the office, much earlier than usual. . . he wanted to be there before Bob Cratchit, to catch Cratchit coming late to work. He did. Bob was nearly twenty minutes late. He had his hat in his hand, awaiting the wrath of Scrooge. It never came.

Instead, Scrooge greeted him cheerfully—and told him that he was to receive a raise in pay. Cratchit was amazed. But he knew, finally, that Scrooge was sincere. The old man patted him on the back. "A Merry Christmas, Bob! A Merry Christmas—a merrier Christmas, Bob than I've given you in many a year."



In the years that followed, Scrooge kept his word and his promises. Tiny Tim did not die and to the gentle lad Scrooge became a second father. He also became as good a friend, a master and a man as the city ever knew. A few people laughed to see the change in him, but Scrooge let them laugh and paid little heed. His own heart was laughing, with joy and happiness, and he gave joy to all who knew him.

Scrooge never encountered another Spirit. And, long years after, it was often said of him that he truly knew how to keep the Christmas. May that be true of each of us and, always, as Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us every one!"



Scrooge, ill-tempered as usual, seemed annoyed when his nephew entered with a cheery greeting. "A Merry Christmas uncle! God save you!"

"Bah," said Scrooge. "Humbug!" So much as the nephew tried, so hard did Scrooge resist the idea of Christmas. He denounced it and wouldn't say a good word about it or about anybody or anything.



"Christmas a humbug, uncle? You don't mean that, I'm sure."

"I do," said Scrooge. "Merry Christmas! What reason have you to be merry? You're poor enough."

What Scrooge failed to understand is that being rich or poor isn't the most important thing in the world.

The friendly nephew said, "Don't be cross, uncle."

But Scrooge continued: "What else can I be when I live in such a world of fools as this? Merry Christmas! Out upon Merry Christmas! What's Christmas time to you but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older, but not an hour richer? Bah! Keep Christmas in your own way and let me keep it in mine."



The friendly nephew left and went out into the fog and darkness. It was very cold. Workmen repairing gas-pipes had built a fire and stood around it to warm their hands.

The shops were still bright and holly sprigs and berries were in the windows. Merchants were busy as everyone prepared for Christmas.

The Lord Mayor in his Mighty Mansion gave orders to his fifty cooks and butlers to keep Christmas in a proper way.

The little tailor busied himself stirring tomorrow's pudding while his wife and baby went to the market to buy the beef.



Tactfully as he could, Cratchit reminded his employer that Christmas came but once a year.

"A poor excuse for picking a man's pocket every twenty-fifth of December!" said Scrooge. "But I suppose you must have the whole day. Be here all the earlier next morning."

Buttoning his greatcoat to the chin, Scrooge growled to himself as he walked out the door. He was hardly out of sight before the clerk had closed the office and headed homeward to Camden Town. Because it was Christmas Eve, he paused long enough to go down a lane on Cornhill, twenty times, behind a lane of boys.



Scrooge took his usual lonely dinner in a melancholy tavern, read all the newspapers in the place, then turned homeward to bed. He lived in chambers that once had belonged to his deceased partner. It was a dreary place. No one else lived there, although some rooms were let out as offices.

The fog lay heavy and the yard was dark, but Scrooge knew every stone and soon was putting his key into the door lock.

There was, upon the door, a huge knocker. There was nothing unusual about it except, at this very moment, it appeared not as a knocker but to the startled Scrooge as the face of his late partner. Marley's face, plain as could be.



Scrooge felt a terrible sensation within himself. He had never had such a feeling before. He stared until the sight before his eyes became only a door knocker again, turned the key and let himself into the room. Once inside, he paused, looking behind the door as if he expected to see Marley standing there. He closed

Fouth Group of Positive Action Kids Make Last Trip To De Leon on December 8



4TH POSITIVE ACTION GROUP — (back row) - Lydia Madera, Kimberly Ibarra, Elizabeth Hipolito, Kendra Swanner and Amanda Regian. (middle row standing) - Aaron Keith, Nicole Cogburn, Brittany VanDusen, and Dezirae Murphy. (front row standing) - Coleman Scroggins and Cole Underwood and kneeling - Hollyann Wright.

We had another enjoyable trip to De Leon on December 8th as we concluded our presentation to De Leon Elementary students. We presented our program to the last fourth grade and the three fifth grade classes. Those chosen for this trip were: Kimberly Ibarra and Elizabeth Hipolito (6th); Hollyann Wright and Kendra Swanner (5th); Lydia Madera and Amanda Regian (4th); Nicole Cogburn and Aaron Keith (3rd); Brittany VanDusen and Dezirae Murphy (2nd) and Cole Underwood and Coleman Scroggins (1st).

Again we say congratulations to students, parents and teachers. Keep up the good work (or positive actions)!!

On December 11 all 48 students that had gone to De Leon were recognized and presented a Citizenship Certificate at a large assembly program in the auditorium. What a wonderful way to end the year!!!

Fork-Tender Stuffed Pork Roast Serves 8

- 2 tablespoons and ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ½ large Granny Smith apple, diced
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 2-3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 pint white mushrooms, cleaned of stem ends and chopped
- 2½ cups Italian flavored bread crumbs
- ¼ cup grated Romano or Parmesan cheese
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 pound boneless pork roast

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1. Heat 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil in large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté apple until soft and slightly golden. Add onion and garlic. When onions are soft and transparent, remove all (including oil) from pan and set aside. Add mushrooms and sauté until slightly golden, removing juices as they cook (do not reserve juice). Replace apple and onion mixture. Stir together to heat through. Add remaining olive oil, then bread crumbs. Remove from heat. Mixture should be crumbly, but not dry or oily. Add more bread crumbs or olive oil if necessary. Add grated cheese. Use salt and pepper to taste.

Miss 1999 Texas Teen Scholarship

Last year 18 year old Holly Smith of Houston, Tx. was crowned Miss 1998 Texas Teen. Holly Smith is a sophomore at Texas A & M University. Holly's plans for the future are to use the scholarship she won as Miss Texas Teen to pursue a career as a successful lawyer specializing in sports law. Last July Holly represented Texas in the national Miss 1998 United States Teen Competition in Orlando, Fla., where she was one of the top ten finalists to the Miss 1998 United States Teen title. Holly has spent the last year making appearances all over Texas.

The Miss 1999 Texas Teen Scholarship Competition will be held March 27-28, 1999 in beautiful Dallas, Texas. The preliminary competition will be held at 8:00 p.m. on March 27, 1999. The final competition will be held on March 28, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. Both competitions will be held at the Dallas/Ft. Worth Holiday Inn Select. Both shows are open to the public.

The search is still on for Miss 1999 Texas Teen Contestants. If you are between the ages of 13 and 19 years you can represent your community in the Miss 1999 Texas Teen Scholarship Competition. The winner will enjoy a year of personal appearances, college scholarships, travel, cash and prizes, and represent Texas in the National Miss 1999 United States Teen Competition in Tampa, Fla. All contestant will be judged in personal interview, swimwear, and evening wear competition. For more information or to receive an application contact the Miss Texas Teen Scholarship Competition at: 407-523-9015, or 281-482-9604 fax 407-523-9017. Email: missunitedstates teen@mpinet.net or visit our web site at: www.missunitedstates.com. Address: 6239 Edgewater Drive, Suite N3-2, Orlando, Fla. 32810. Enter today and fulfill your dreams! Contestant application deadline is January 30, 1999.

2. Remove excess fat from roast. Slice roast lengthwise in an almost "butterfly" fashion, being careful not to slice roast completely in half. Transfer to roasting pan. Add stuffing mixture. Roast should not be able to close. If desired, roast may be tied with string. Place remaining mixture on top of roast for extra flavor. Cover roasting pan with aluminum foil and place in preheated oven for 2 hours. Remove foil and cook an additional 20-30 minutes until top is slightly browned.

strawberry mixture; immediately return to freezer. In small bowl, stir together remaining 1 cup ice cream and chocolate syrup; spread over cake layer in pan. Top with third cake layer; cover and freeze until firm. Serve frozen; cut into slices. Cover; freeze leftover cake. About 8 servings.

Help For Migraine Sufferers



• Imitrex (sumatriptan succinate) Tablets are for patients who prefer the ease and convenience of an oral formulation.

• Imitrex (sumatriptan) Nasal Spray is for patients dissatisfied with oral medications and/or who prefer not to use an injection.

Kimberly Napper, a migraine sufferer and clinical trial participant, has used both Imitrex Injection and Tablets since their availability, and now uses Imitrex Nasal Spray for maximum flexibility. Prior to the availability of Imitrex, she tried several medications for her migraine attacks and found each either ineffective, inconvenient or sedating. As a result, she lost days at a time.

"With my active lifestyle, I need to keep my migraine attacks under control—wherever I am and whatever I'm doing," she said. "With three forms of Imitrex, the pressure is off because I can use the injection, nasal spray or tablets depending upon the type of attack I'm having and the situation I'm in. I'm so grateful that I can use Imitrex anywhere to treat my migraine before I lose an entire day—and my family's happy, too, because my attacks no longer force them to miss out on activities." Individual results may vary.

Imitrex, a non-sedating, non-narcotic medication, treats the multiple symptoms characteristic of migraine, including severe recurrent pain usually on one side of the head often accompanied by one or more of the following: nausea and sensitivity to light and sound.

Imitrex is not intended to prevent or reduce the number of migraine attacks, nor is it for use in the management of basilar or hemiplegic migraine. Imitrex should only be used where a clear

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Imitrex is contraindicated in patients with history or symptoms or signs of ischemic cardiac, cerebrovascular or peripheral vascular syndromes or other significant underlying cardiovascular diseases. Very rarely, certain people, even some without heart disease, have had serious heart-related problems. Therefore, patients with risk factors for heart disease (such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, diabetes, smoking, strong family history of heart disease, or are postmenopausal or a male over 40) should be evaluated by a physician to determine if Imitrex is appropriate therapy.

Imitrex is contraindicated in patients with uncontrolled hypertension because it may increase blood pressure and should not be used within 24 hours of administration of ergotamine-containing or ergot-type medicines, like dihydroergotamine or methysergide or another 5-HT₂ agonist. Imitrex should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

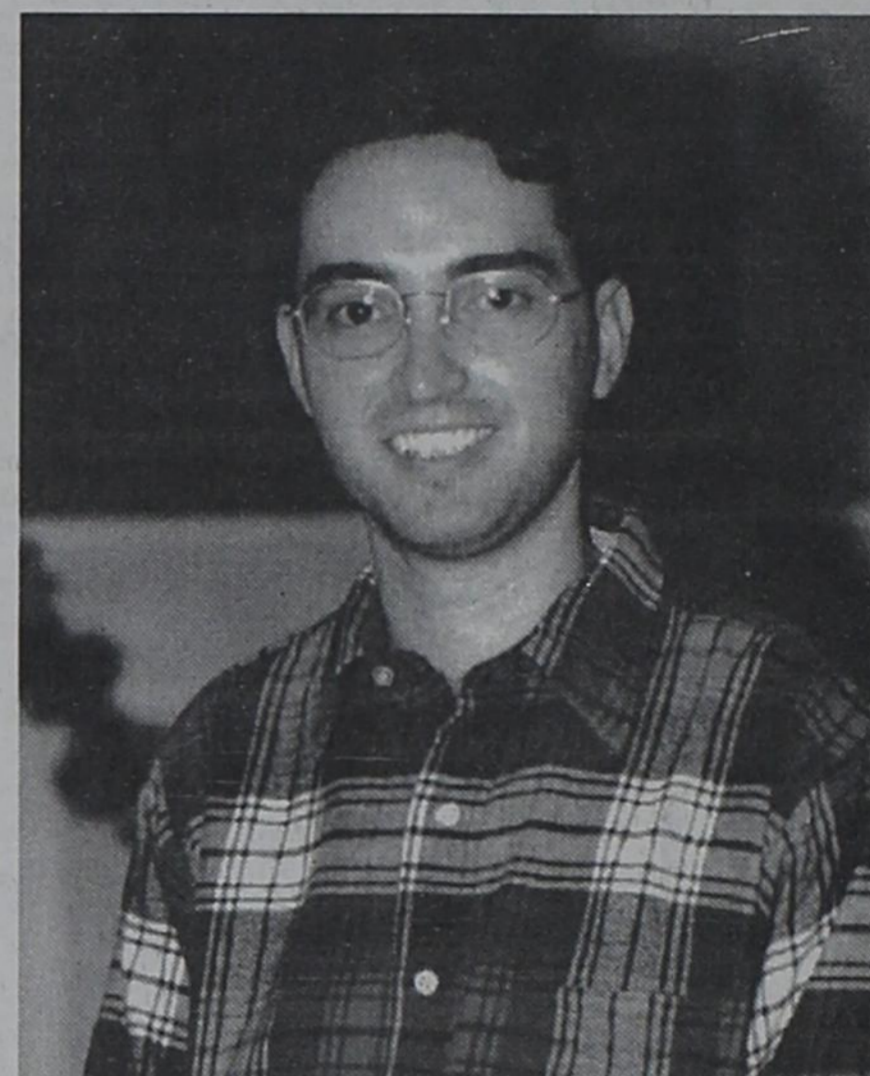
In clinical trials for Imitrex Nasal Spray 20 mg, the most common side effect included bad/unusual taste (24.5 percent, placebo 1.7 percent), and nausea and/or vomiting (13.5 percent, placebo 11.3 percent). Most side effects were mild and transient. As with any prescription medication, you should consult with your physician to see if this medication is appropriate for you.

Glaxo Wellcome Inc., based in Research Triangle Park, N.C., is one of the nation's leading research-based pharmaceutical firms. A subsidiary of London-based Glaxo Wellcome plc, the company is committed to leading the attack on migraine by reducing the impact migraine has on the lives of its millions of sufferers and, as such, is continually looking for better ways to recognize, diagnose and treat migraine.

For more information and/or free patient education materials on migraine, call the toll free Glaxo Wellcome Migraine Resource Center hotline at (800) 377-0302 or visit the website at www.migrainehelp.com.



TARLETON HONOR — The Board of Directors for the Tarleton State University Foundation Inc. recently awarded Thomas Birdsong III status as Board Member Emeritus. Andi Trinke, Director of Development at the University, presented him with a plaque recognizing the honor. Birdsong served on the Foundation's Board of Directors for many years and provided valuable leadership and commitment toward the advancement of the University.



Who's Who Honors Neely Carter

Marshall, Tx.—The 1999 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will include the names of 24 students from East Texas Baptist University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Neely Carter, from Gorman, representing the Department of Religion will be listed among those 24 students. Neely is a senior graduating with a major in Church Careers and a minor in Church Recreation. He plans to make the ministry his vocation. Neely's activities have included BSM Freshman Family Leader, BSM Senior Adults, ETBU Challenge Course, part time youth minister and Resident Assistant. He has also been a BSM Bible Study Leader.

"Twas the Night Before Jesus Came"

*Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house
Their bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.*

*The children were dressing to crawl into bed
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head
And mom in her rocker and baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.*

*When out of the East there arose such a clatter
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.*

*When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!*

*The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.*

*In the Book of Life which He held in His hand
Was written the name of every saved man
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name
When He said, "Its not here," my head hung in shame.*

*The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above
With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.*

*I fell to my knees, but it was too late
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.*

*In the words of this poem the meaning is clear
The coming of Jesus is drawing near
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!*

Written By Emilie Barnes
Submitted by Jay Dee Burlison

Delicious Helpings Of Holiday Happiness

(NAPS)—Deck the halls and set the table. One of the season's true joys is setting a festive table with fragrant candles, sparkling glasses and a decadently delicious, showpiece dessert that will delight guests before they take the first bite.

Creating such an impressive and indulgent dessert can be easy and may not even require baking.

Here are two recipes sure to make your guests merrier. For more ideas and recipes, visit www.hersheys.com.

Holiday Chocolate Snow Pie

- 4 oz. (½ 8-oz. pkg.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup Hershey's Syrup or Hershey's Chocolate Malt Syrup
- ½ cup milk
- 1-½ cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 extra serving-size packaged crumb crust (9 oz.)
- Additional whipped topping
- Additional Hershey's Syrup

In large bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth; gradually add syrup and milk, beating until blended. Fold in 1-½ cups whipped topping. Pour mixture into crust. Freeze several hours or overnight. (Wrap pie after partially frozen.) Serve with additional whipped topping and chocolate syrup. Garnish with small candy canes, if desired. 8 servings.



Holidays are merrier with desserts that delight guests before they even take the first bite.

Easy Layered Holiday Cake

- 1 frozen loaf pound cake (10-¼ oz.), partially thawed
- 2 cups (1 pt.) vanilla ice cream, slightly softened and divided
- 2 tablespoons Hershey's Strawberry Syrup
- 2 tablespoons Hershey's Syrup

Remove cake from foil pan; line pan with plastic wrap. With serrated knife, slice cake horizontally into 3 layers; place bottom cake layer into prepared pan and place in freezer. In small bowl, stir together 1 cup ice cream and

Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

A Note From the Administrator

The Christmas parade and events that followed were really fun. My wife brought grandma from Stephenville and we made an evening of it finishing with dinner at ZJ's. The attendance was just fantastic. Who would have thought that so many people would come to our Christmas Parade. Gorman should be proud that we can put on an event like this and do so well. I am so proud to be a small part of this community. See ya at the nursing home.

Carroll Hogan stated there would not be a Hogan Band Concert on Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th at Heritage Manor. They will return Tues. Feb. 2nd.

The 3rd and 4th grade entertained on Mon. morning. They sang and passed out Christmas cards to the residents. Mrs. Good's 4th grade class: Josh Cox, Rosa Herrera, K' Ann Howard, Lydia Madera, Michael Marin, Maria Oronia, Tiffany Perez, Leland Rainey, Rejinaldo Sanchez, Natasha Scroggins, Kaci Seaton, Britany Shirley, Matthew Smith, Chance Underwood, Orlando Valenzuela, Nicole Vaughn. Mrs. Chew's 4th grade: Kari Bond, Amanda Brown, Wade Cariker, Kristy Carlton, Priscilla Estrada, Brian Greer, David Ibarra, Ana Karina Loreda, Macon Norris, Brenda Olivares, Pete Ramirez, Amanda Regian, Crystal Thackerson, Ty Vaughn, Mrs. Spivey's 3rd grade: Travis Barnett, Brandy Carlton, Corey Clark, Michael Dickerson, Elise Duke, Isai Estrada, Ashley Gonzales, Brandon Greer, Carlos Gutierrez, Brandon Hale, Kennon Hornback, Seth Johnson, Tecia Jones, Aaron Keith, Kristi Landa, Megan Lewis, Jimmie Murphy, Tony Perez, Brittany Rainey, Trey Underwood. Mrs. Caraway's 3rd grade: Ashley Burkeen, Ashley Bush, Seth Cochran, Nicole Cogburn, Esther Cruz, Raymond Farley, Clarissa Glasson, Reba Granado, Shanna Hair, Trey Holdman, Elizabeth Lewis, Kendra Lewis, Kellie Moss, Mary Powell, Meghan Preston, Carrie Thetford, John Torres. Also attending was student teacher, Ms. Holland. Residents were: Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Frankie Jarrett, Patti Whitehorn, Venia Hammon, S.D. Gilmore, Ruby Jones, Velma Bennett, Modess Burgess, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Stella Files, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Ola Walker, Ora Mae Atchison, Varona Taylor, Iola Johnson and Doris. Guests were Gloria Glasson, Denise Carlton and Glenna Turner.

Gorman First Baptist Church GA's entertained on Wed. evening. They caroled the halls and brought painted ornaments for the residents. First, Second and Third grade leaders Darlene Maldonado and Gloria Glasson presented Kimmy Seaton, Maresa Gillen, Dezi Murphy, Nicole Cogburn, Megan Lewis, Meghan Preston, Audrey Johnston, Carrie Thetford, Clarissa Glasson, Tecia Jones and Laura Herrera. Fourth, fifth and sixth grade director Kelli Majors and leader Liz Brinegar presented Kaci Seaton, Kendra Swanner, Rosa Herrera, Holly Ann Wright, Amanda Davis, Krista Brown, Samantha Regian, Amanda Regian, Keri Bond and Tiffany Perez. Visiting Bill Hannah were Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Jonathan and Lee Anne Van Dusen, Tiffany, Colton, Blake and Brittany. Visiting Rubye Jones and Vadis Phelps were Jerry Brown, Faye Tucker, Birdie Hogan, and Elnora Lindley. Some of Varona Taylor and Iola

Johnson's guests were Billy and Janda Taylor, Bonnie Cox, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Zeldia Jordan, Nancy Hendricks, Hope Joiner, Dub and Ina Reynolds, Ima Jean Norris, Jeanna Pack, A.V. Seay, Maxine Frasier and Pat Caraway. The next birthday party will be Tues., Dec. 29th at 2 p.m. Honorees are Veno Hale, Modess Burgess and Venita Hammon. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Guests are welcome.

Some of Venita Hammon and Ola Walker's guests were Ima Jo Railey of Coleman, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Chris Shupp, Jeremy Hammon, Sam and Emily Torrez, and June Salik. On Sunday morning Edna Joyce Brinegar of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson for Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Inez Rogers Mildred and Jack Bellows, guest Pat Graham, S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett, Frankie Jarrett and Ollie Halcomb.

Some of Addie Grumbles guests were Gene Grumbles of Cisco, David Grumbles of Eastland, Don Grumbles of Austin, Kay Thomas of Eastland, Glenda Smith, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Jimmy Little, Wynelle Brown, Aletha Burgess, Woodrow Browning, Zeldia Jordan, Johnnie B. Griffith, Hope Joiner, and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Modess Burgess, Doris Fowler, Patti Whitehorn, Myrtle Hale, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Velma Bennett, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty and Venita Hammon.

Residents appreciated the nice magazine Juanita Files donated. Some of Modess Burgess and S.D. Gilmore's guests were Bill and Betty Burgess of Lawton, Ok., Joyce Pence of Granbury, Lisa Pence, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Ginger Burgess, Gary and Ann Burgess, Durwood and Aletha Burgess, Rachel Mayfield, Shanda Scitem, Sonya Burgess, and Daisy Slaton.

On Thursday morning those enjoying "Horse Races" were Ollie Halcomb, A.V. Seay, Ora Mae Atchison, Iola Johnson, S.D. Gilmore, Frankie Jarrett, Venita Hammon and Inez Rogers. Visiting Edward Johnson and Frank Skiles were Dale Johnson, Fay Johnson, M.L. Skiles, Ron and Nina Skiles, Clarence and Leona Wilson.

Thursday afternoon Mary Ficklen came and red from "Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine". She served delicious home made cake. Present were S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Ora Mae Atchison, Doris Fowler and Venita Hammon.

Some of A.V. Seay and Myrtle Hale's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reeves of Irving, Tommy and Vicki Seay, Argie and Marjie Hale, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Hope Joiner, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Nancy Hendricks, Johnnie B. Griffith, Gladys Seay and Viola Bayor of Ranger.

On Friday Ina Smith had bingo for A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Venita Hammon, Jack Bellows, Velma Bennett and Veno Hale.

Some of Hazle Wisdom and Stella Files' guests were Audrey Pond, Edna Roney, Bob and Merlene Wisdom, Leo and Eloise Williams, Ken and Pat Kincannon of Hico, Eunice Love, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, and Bobbie Payton. Friday afternoon those enjoying "Arts and Crafts" with Ina Smith were A.V. Seay, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Venita Hammon, Veno Hale, and Velma Bennett.

Some of Ann Mize and Velma Bennett's guests were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Wynelle Brown of Carbon, Bessie Shupp and Freddie Sadberry of De Leon, Debra Caroway, Hope Joiner, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Cotourie, Icy Munn and Ina Reynolds. Happy to report Cynthia Earles has returned after a few days in the Eastland hospital.

Some of Ava Rodgers guests were Jimmy and Wilda Rodgers of Midlothian, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Wynelle Brown, Zeldia Jordan, Johnnie b. Griffith, Jimmy Little, Nancy Hendricks, Hope Joiner, Ken

and Betty Sue Heathington, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Pat Hagood, Jana Grice, Ruth Bryant, Vance and Donna Laminack of Ft. Worth.

On Monday those coming for the sing-a-long were Ernestine Campbell, Ethel Weaver, Zeldia Jordan, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Alpha Mae Andry and Daisy Slaton. Residents were A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, S.D. Gilmore, Myrtle Hale, Velma Bennett, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Frankie Jarrett, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Modess Burgess and Inez Rogers.

Visiting Doris Fowler and Bea O'Neal were June Salik, Georgie Fay Skaggs, Connie Wheeler, Gena Rone, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst.

On Tuesday Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for Ora Mae Atchison, Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Stella Files, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Jack Bellows, S.D. Gilmore, Venita Hammon and Modess Burgess.

Visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were Juanita Spence and Jean Spence of Little Elm, Denna and David

Halcomb, Nettie Denton and Jonell Torrez.

Some of Irene Heathington's guest were Cassie Freeman and Jimmy Seale of Brownwood, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Clarence and Leona Wilson.

On Tuesday Ina Smith had bingo for Veno Hale, Venita Hammon, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ina Reynolds, Ora Mae Atchison, Patti Whitehorn and Velma Bennett.

Visiting Bud Winn were Laverne Nufe, June and Gladys Cate, Vernon Fields, Harvey Winn, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson.

Some of Veno Hale's guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Hope Joiner, Zeldia Jordan, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks and Wynelle Brown.

Ollie Halcomb enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with her son, Mr. and Mrs. David Halcomb at Eastland's steakhouse.

Visiting Frankie Jarrett and Patti Whitehorn were Betty Sue and Ken Heathington, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Mary Estes,

Sylvia Estes, Kay Watson, Mark Watson, Marie Cook, Edna Joyce Brinegar, Clifton Jarrett.

On Wed. Bro. Scott Sheppard of Church of Christ brought chapel for Inez Rogers, Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Venita Hammon, Patti Whitehorn, S.D. Gilmore, Velma Bennett, Myrtle Hale and Doris Fowler.

Some of Mary Williams' guests were Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Zeldia Jordan, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Hope Joiner, Betty Sue Heathington, Ina Reynolds, Nettie Denton, Jonell Torrez, Lisa Janeczek, Maxine Frasier, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant and Wynelle Brown.

"Sharing with Bro. Bob" was all about Christmas when you were a child. Present were Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, A.V. Seay, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Velma Bennett, S.D. Gilmore, Ora Mae Atchison and Myrtle Hale.

Visiting Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers were Shierae Gunter and Violet Watkins of Desdemona, Quida and Kacey Gartman of Camay, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Fred Rogers, Chesley Atchison, Ina Reynolds.

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