



# MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL



The Glory, The Pageantry, The Merriment of Christmas, that wondrous holiday, are upon us. Once again we are reminded of the miracle of His Birth and simple message.

The Glory and Pageantry that light this triumphant and spectacular holiday, capture the growing enrichment of the Christmas tradition. People everywhere rejoice and celebrate customs that echo from a long, distant past.

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“Merry Christmas” rings through all its days along with the refrain “Peace On Earth.” Christmas touches us all, bringing families and friends together in love and warmth, joining the old ways and the new. Let there be Christmas!

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**PRESS POINTS**

JOE BENNETT, Publisher

It seems as though we are going to have a dry winter this year, as there hasn't been any rain to speak of in this area in a good while. We have had a couple of fairly cold spells of weather come in but we have not gotten the hard, fast thunderstorm type of rain that we need to fill the stock ponds and lakes in the area. The water level in the surrounding lakes continue to drop day by day and we all need to seek some help from the good Lord in bringing us some badly needed stock water and storage water in

the lakes. Next time you go to him in prayer ask his help in bringing some life saving rain.

Well, the inevitable has finally happened as far as the newspaper is concerned. The increased cost of publishing and mailing the Gorman Progress has finally forced us to increase the cost of the subscription rates for the Progress to \$5.00 for Eastland and Comanche Counties and \$7.00 for other areas. We regret this but have no choice if we are to continue to publish the newspaper. We have been holding off on the increase as long as we can, but now it is a must. We hope that you understand our situation and realize that the price for the paper has to go up just like everything else. We appreciate your patronage and hope that we may continue to serve you in the future.

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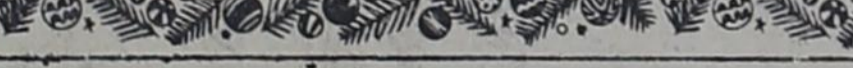
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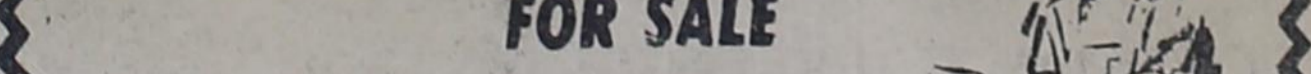
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Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland today announced the National Pounding Quota for 1979-crop peanuts would be reduced to 1,596,000 short tons and the National Acreage Allotment would be unchanged at 1,614,000 acres. Each is the minimum required by the law.

In 1978, the National Pounding Quota was 1,680,000 tons. Under the peanut price support program, farms are assigned both an acreage allotment and a poundage quota, and only peanuts grown on allotted acreage are eligible for price support.

There are two levels of price support, one for "Quota" peanuts and another, lower level for "additional" peanuts. Peanuts grown on allotted acres and within the farm's poundage quota are considered "quota" peanuts.

For example, a farmer who has a 10 acre peanut allotment could have a quota of 19,000 pounds would be eligible for price support at the

Christmas edition and we hope that all of you will read all the wonderful greeting ads in this week's issue. The merchants of Gorman and surrounding area have been real great to us this year and a lot of them have Christmas Greeting ads in the paper this week. We deeply appreciate all these fine advertisers for making it possible for us to publish YOUR newspaper. When you are in the stores tell them you appreciate them for helping keep your newspaper going. We can never thank them enough for their cooperation.

We hope that the Good Lord has been as good to you and yours as he has to all of us here at the Progress, and everyone of us, from the community correspondents to this writer and his family wish each of you the very Merriest of Christmas seasons and Happy New Year, and hope that the Lord will bless you in every way possible.

We have had another good year and for this we are truly thankful and we will strive to continue to serve the folks of this area with the best possible service and products we can get. Thanks again, and God bless you and yours.

On behalf of the Lions Club of Gorman, let me express our thanks to all of the folks in Gorman and surrounding areas for their fine support of our broom and mop sale held recently. You made the sale a big success the first time we have held the sale and we are deeply grateful. Your support of this sale will help benefit the local civic projects of the club which are many. Again we thank you.

There are several more new homes under construction in our town and we hope to have pictures of them soon. There is still no official word on the savings and loan branch to be built in Gorman, but we hope to have some information before long. It takes a lot of time for these decisions.

Noticed that Sam Powers was working on the front of the old Joe Parker building this week. We understand that Mr. Powers has purchased the building and is now working to restore the building as far as we know.

This will really improve the looks of our town. Thank you, Sam.

And remember to smile because God Loves You!

If the farmer actually produced 24,500 pounds of peanuts on the 10 acres, the additional 5,500 pound of peanuts on the 10 acres, the additional 5,500 pounds would be eligible for price support at the lower "additional" level.

Loan rates for both quota and additional peanuts will be announced no later than Feb. 15. For 1978, quota peanuts were supported at \$420 per ton and additional peanuts at \$250 per short ton.

Under current legislation, the minimum national acreage allotment is fixed but the minimum national poundage quota is scheduled to be reduced each year through 1981.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Robert Lee Black, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court Eastland, Texas of Eastland County at the Courthouse thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25th day of December A.D. 1978, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of November A.D. 1978, in this cause, numbered 27,986 on the docket of said court and styled In The Interest of Michelle Antoinette Pedigo and Bobbie Bo Black.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Termination

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Clerk of 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.

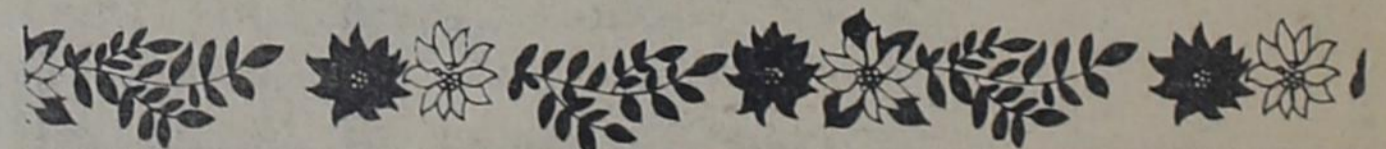
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this 8th day of November A.D. 1978.

Joe T. Gray, Clerk (SEAL) 91st District Court Eastland County, Texas By Mary Jane Rowch, Deputy. 4-1-4



May everyone share in full measure the hope and peace of Christmas.

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# L Wood Laid to rest Thursday

BIG SPRING — Services for Mrs. Marvin (Leola) Wood, 73, of Big Spring, who died Tuesday December 5, 1978, was buried at 2 p.m.

Thursday in Nalley-P Thursday in Nalley - Pickle Funeral Home Rosewood Chapel.

Royce Clay, minister of 14th and Main Street Church of Christ, officiated. Burial was in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Born Leola Westmoreland February 6, 1905, in Pres-

## KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

Glenn joins me in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Let's all take time to remember that we are celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior and to do all that we do so He might receive the honor and glory for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning and Donna rendered the special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Corby and Jason Rodgers of Brownwood were visitors.

Corby and Jason spent Saturday night and Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Rodgers and their dad, Bob Rodgers and Kevin came for them on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Rodgers spent Thursday night in cott, Ark., she moved to Gorman at the age of four and grew up there. She married Joe Clere in 1926 in Gorman. He died in 1946. She moved to Colorado City in 1926 where she worked for Southwestern Bell. She was chief telephone operator at Big Spring for 25 years.

In 1949, she resigned from Bell and married Frank McCabe in 1949. He also preceded her in death.

She married Marvin Wood in 1971 in Big Spring. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was a member and past noble grand of Rebekah Lodge No. 284.

Survivors include her husband; three stepsons, Victor and Wayne McCabe, both of Silver, and J.F. McCabe of Robert Lee; two sisters, Lillie Gann of Eastland and Beatrice Lucas of Abilene; five grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers and Attended the Blackwood Bros. Concert at the Brownwood Collisuem.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson visited in Clyde with Mrs. Bele Hickey in the Clyde Hospital on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields spent the weekend in Big Spring with relatives and attended the 50th wedding celebration for his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Clawson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hallmark, Debby and Amy and Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Kent of San Angelo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Vern

Garrett and attended the 25th wedding celebration of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little.

Mrs. Albert Hendricks and Mrs. W.A. O'Neal were in Abilene on Thursday for Mrs. O'Neal to see an eye specialist, and visited with Mrs. Roy Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan visited in Abilene on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Roddy Miles and family.

Mr and Mrs. Albert Hendricks visited on Sunday with Mrs. George Norris who is seriously ill in the Ranger hospital.

### GA'S AND ACTEENS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The GA's and the Acteens of the Kokomo Baptist Church and their leaders went to Stephenville on Wednesday night, December 13 for a supper party, then returned to the home of Mrs.

Wayne Eaves to exchange Christmas gifts and enjoy refreshments.

Those enjoying the party were Donna Browning, Kathy Snider, Patricia Hud-

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Morris this

son, Caye Little, Angela Burgess and Charla Little and Leaders, Mrs. Wayne Eaves and Mrs. Charles Little.

past week were Bill Kluber of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellyston and Mrs. Clarence Douglas of Sundown, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Matak of Levelland.



**HAPPY HOLIDAY**  
May all the joys of the Christmas holiday reach every heart and home.

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# The Story of Old Scrooge

ADAPTED FROM A CHRISTMAS CAROL  
IN PROSE  
BY CHARLES DICKENS



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.

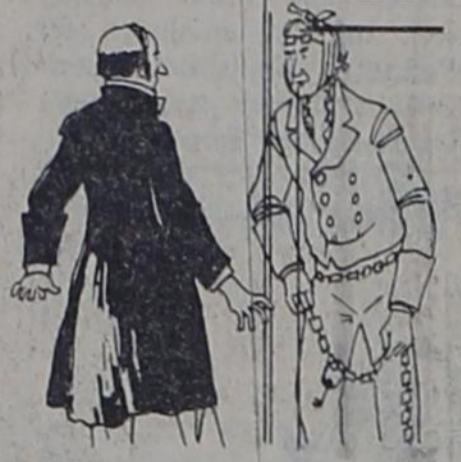


When the hour for closing arrived at the counting-house, Scrooge grumpily stopped his money-counting, dismounted from his stool and told his clerk, Bob Cratchit, that work was ended for the day.

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 pigtailed, 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.



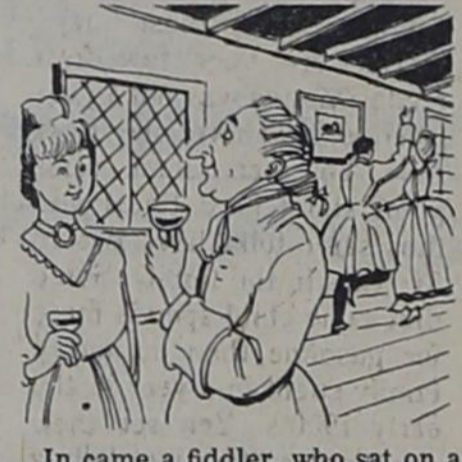
The visitor told Scrooge that he was the Ghost of Christmas Past and, before Scrooge knew it, he

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. Fezziwig and the three Miss Fezziwigs 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 relived 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!"



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 Hurray! 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 of 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.



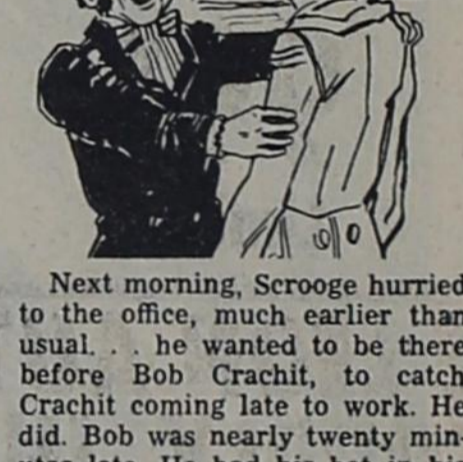
Scrooge journeyed on, to his nephew's house. He passed the door a dozen times before he had the courage to knock. Then he made a dash to the door, and did it.

"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 a good 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.



Butting 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 slide on Cornhill, twenty times, behind a lane of boys.

"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."

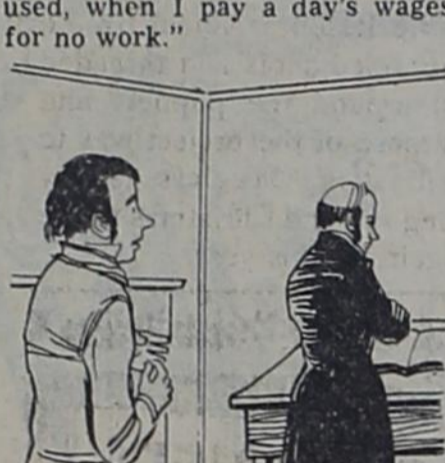
But Scrooge continued: "What else can I be when I live in such a world of fools as this? Merry Christmas! Out upon Merry Christmas! What's Christmas time to you but a time for paying bills without money, a time for finding yourself a year older, but not an hour richer? Bah! Keep Christmas in your own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



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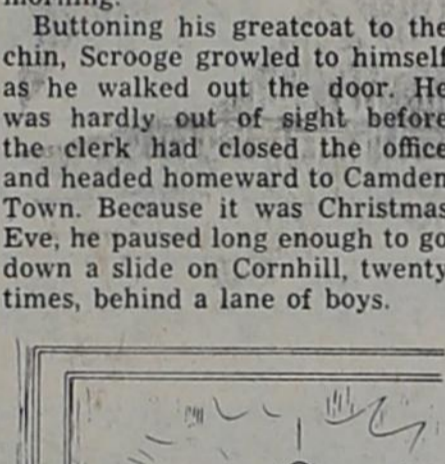
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Tactfully as he could, Cratchit reminded his employer that Christmas came but once a year.

"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."



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.

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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 pigtailed, 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.

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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."

Scrooge felt an interest he had never known before. He asked of 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.

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."



# Gorman, Evant lead 6B squad

Three two-way selections from Gorman head up the 6B all-district football team released Monday, as Gorman and Evant both placed seven on the star squad.

Senior end Tim Swanner was chosen both ways, while Charles White was picked as an offensive center and down lineman on defense. Blaine Gibbs was cited as a running back on offense and secondary performer on defense.

The all-district team:

**FIRST TEAM OFFENSE**  
Ends—Tim Swanner, Gorman; Randy Huggins, Lometa; Tackles—Bill Whitley, Blanket; Jerry Smith, Evant; Guards—Greg Clary, Evant; Bobby Dyer, Lometa; Center—Charles White, Gorman; Running Backs—Blaine Gibbs, Gorman; Terry Minica, Blanket; Robbie Oney, Evant; Quarterback—Mike Williams, Evant; Punter—Woody Conradt, Lometa

**FIRST TEAM DEFENSE**  
Down Linemen—Charles White, Gorman; Jerry Smith, Evant; Bill Whitley, Blanket; B. J. Bishop, Tolar; Ends—Tim Swanner, Gorman; Steve Simpson, Blanket; Linebackers—Larry Keith, Gorman; Mike Williams, Danny Brown, Evant; Secondary—Blaine Gibbs, Gorman; David Reid, Blanket; Robert Wright, Evant; Joey Estes, Lometa

**SECOND TEAM OFFENSE**  
Ends—Steve Thomas, Tolar; Orville Cox, Blanket; Tackles—Clint Tucker, Gorman; Bret Lambert, Evant; Guards—B. J. Bishop, Tolar; Kenny Hodson, Blanket; Center—Danny Brown, Evant; Running Backs—Jimmy Johnson, Gorman; Mark Kyle, Evant; David Reid, Blanket; Quarterback—Billy Simpson, Gorman

**SECOND TEAM DEFENSE**  
Down Linemen—Bob Hagood, Gorman; Brent Youell, Lometa; Terry Minica, Blanket; Bret Lambert, Evant; Ends—Wesley Ives, Tolar; Woody Conradt, Lometa; Linebackers—Chris Hogan, Gorman; John Moody, Tolar; Marvin Dubose, Lometa; Secondary—Jamie Snider, Jimmy Johnson, Gorman; Tyler Tabor, Blanket; Mark Kyle, Evant

## SENIOR CITIZENS

My! What a hectic week that this has been for we uns. My Boss had to go to Abilene for a check up on her kidney operation. Of course the Doctor said come back again in six months. The traffic there was just like a bunch of ants. They were all in a hurry. Elbert was the chauffeur. You know he would not accept my advice in telling him how to drive. At the same time I was giving him the best assistance that I could at that time.

Yesterday (Friday) I went to see the Doctor at Stephenville for eye check. I told him I was quitting the new medicine that I have been using the last two months as it made my eyes water to much

and the cost was to high. He would not agree. He said "you can just wipe the water out of your eyes and it just cost you \$9.00 per month extra." I told him that I guessed that I would try it for three more months. You see this Carter money is so cheap now. So I will just add more to my medical bill.

You see the \$1 will be cheaper next year. So I will save at lease a dime on it by spending it now.

The 84 gang is packing those long stockings now for Santa to take to their grand and great-grandchildren.

What a sparkling thrill to watch those bright shiny eyes. You are a child only once in this life. They will never travel that trail again. Oh! It is so nice to sit and rock on these nice cool fall days. It will be so nice if the winter is just so, so. We are still looking for that moisture to come our way. It is needed so very much now for the grain and cover crops, tanks, lakes and pastures.

The office gang is about on par now. You would be surprised at the crooked plays that are made there. Some one will pull a new stunt every day. It is disgusting to me. tho I try to keep them straight the best that I can. That is not a very high percentage.

The Reaper called George Bell to his final resting place. He was an old timer here. He was respected by all. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved in your time of sorrow.

Christmas is so different to what it was when I was a youngster. In those days there were very few toys made. Money was not flying loose everywhere like it is now. You hear some complain about hard times and those same folks have two to five cars in the family. Some times one child spends more for gasoline than an entire family spent in a year in the early 1900's. You see their driving very fast just killing time and burning rubber and gasoline. Some cannot walk one half mile to school. Tho I am glad that the folks do not have such hard times as we did as young people.

You young people please leave off those cigarettes. It is a costly, nasty habit. A lot of times it hurts the ones that are close to you. As they have to breathe your smoke and it irritates some peoples eyes. It also does cause cancer and heart trouble. So stop now. Some may call you "Chicken" for not smoking. Tho it is better to be a chicken than a dead person on a cold slab in a Funeral Home.

The same thing applies to the drinking of all alcoholic drinks. The first drink calls for a second drink.

Then it has the person that is called alcoholics. That gets your liver and you are about ready for the morgue. You should visit a V.A. Hospital. There you will see so many that have cancer of the lungs and so many that have liver operations due to drinking. So STOP! THINK!

Here's wishing all the very best for the Holidays and may they be safe ones for you and yours.

Look up and smile. That will hide the wrinkles in your neck, try it.

THE RAMBLER REPORTER

## MRS. GRAYDON BAZE HOST WSC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Graydon Baze was host Monday evening for the annual Woman's Study Club Christmas Party.

Guests were captured in the spirit of Christmas upon their arrival with the beautifully decorated home from the outside of the house and throughout the entire home.

A covered dish Christmas dinner was served at 7:00 p.m. followed with a Christmas story "The Little Mixer" by Lillian Nicholson

Shearon, a favorite of all children was given by Mrs. Dale Peppers. The story was a reminder of what Christ has given us. Let we not forget ever his rendering love. For the Christ child who came is the Master of all; no place is too great or cottage to small.

In the spirit of Christmas

Club Reporter

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ONE OF THE MANY BEAUTIFUL TREES IN GORMAN SCHOOLS — The Christmas Spirit reigns supreme in the halls of our school. It would be worth a visit to the school to see the many trees and decorations that this paper was unable to photograph all of them. The children are innovative and do much of the work themselves from the high school class trees which are decorated on intra class contest program to the first grade and kindergarten trees.

The above tree was made in the Resource Room by the children themselves. Their teachers tied knots and threaded needles but the children sewed around the puppets and stuffed them with cotton. The purpose of the project was to develop further eye-hand co-ordination. Needless to say teachers and children are all having fun and Christmas in the Gorma Schools is in full swing again for this year.



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**FRED E. BURFIEND LAID TO REST IN EASTLAND**  
 EASTLAND — Fred E. Burfiend, 83, of Eastland died at 3:42 p.m. Sunday December 17, 1978 in Eastland Memorial Hospital after an extended illness. Services were at 3 p.m. Monday in Bakker Funeral Chapel. Hub Lewis, minister of

North Ostrum Church of Christ officiated, assisted by Durwood Webb, minister of Carbon Church of Christ. Burial was in Eastland Cemetery.  
 Born March 10, 1895, in Taylor County, he married Ila M. Porter Aug. 22, 1928, in No. land. He was foreman of the Sears Ranch near Sweetwater for more than 40 years before

retiring in 1949 and moving to Gorman. He had lived in Eastland for two years. He was a member of North Ostrum Church of Christ.  
 Survivors include his wife; a son, Fred Jr. of Luling; a brother, Pete of Merkel; a sister, Alma Birchel of Carlsbad, N.M.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.  
 He was preceded in death by a son and a daughter.  
 Pallbearers were Roman Dodgion, Bob Dodgion, Richard Ashford, Melvin Adams, Frank Weeden and J. L. McDaniel.

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**MYRTLE KING LAID TO REST**  
 RANGER — Myrtle M. King, 76, longtime Eastland County resident, died at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Western Manor Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.  
 Services were at 3 p.m. Sunday in Killingsworth Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Jasper Massagee, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Ranger, officiating. Burial was in Alameda Cemetery.

She was born on September 14, 1902, in Eastland County where she lived most of her life. She married John King in March 1953, in Electra Texas. He preceded her in death on January 28, 1971.  
 Survivors include one son, Harlon L. Thomas of Seagoville; two daughters, Marcee Hoffman of Gardena, Calif., and Donna Johnson of Long Beach, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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**RHONDA BRYAN DARRELL SWANNER PLAN WEDDING**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Bryan announce the engagement and forth coming marriage of their daughter, Rhonda Denise, to Mr. Darrell Swanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Alfred Swanner.  
 Vows will be read December 27, 1978 at 8:30 p.m. in First Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is a Junior Hi student in Gorman Schools and her fiance is employed by Texas Railway Car Corporation in Ranger.

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**NOTE OF APPRECIATION**  
 Thanks to each of the men of Gorman Sanitation Department for the outstanding job they have done. They are to be commended for the extra effort they have given their job. I am sure you are deeply appreciated by all the citizens of the community.



District 4-H Food Show Participants: (left to right) Kathi Osborne, Amy Weekes, Trisha Walton, (top row) Leanne Brown, Angela Burgess, Kelly Cooper, and Shirley Kidd.

**Seven Participate In Food Show**  
 Eastland County had seven 4-Hers participating in the District 8 4-H Food Show,

which was held December 9th in Stephenville. To be eligible to attend the District Food Show, these 4-Hers had to win at the County Food Show. There were a total of 127 participants at the District Food Show.

Eastland County had two girls from Gorman, two from Ranger, two from Eastland, and one girl from Cisco to enter the show. The results of the seven girls who entered the District Food

Show from Eastland County were:  
 Angela Burgess-Red Ribbon; Kelly Cooper-Blue Ribbon; Leanne Brown-Red Ribbon; Shirley Kidd-Red Ribbon; Trisha Walton-Blue Ribbon.  
 Kathi Osborn-Blue Ribbon and Amy Weekes-Red Ribbon.  
 Carla Hargrove was also eligible to enter the District Food Show, but was unable to attend.

*Greetings*

Best holiday wishes to our many friends in the community.

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**Victim said to be 'full of life'**  
 The following eulogy to Joan Hart who was killed in an auto accident Sunday December 10, was published in the December 11 issue of the Corsicana Daily Sun.  
 By BOB ARMISTEAD and JOHN SPRAGENS JR.  
 Joanie Hart was "full of life and joy, one of the best Christians I ever knew."  
 That was the opinion of Dorothy Jones of Mineola, a close friend of her's and a fellow member with her in the Young Americans, a non-profit organization.  
 Miss Hart was one of three killed in a Sunday traffic accident on Highway 31 west of Corsicana. A passenger in her car, Helen Kilgore, of Dallas, was also killed.

They were on their way to the First Baptist Church at Hubbard to sing at the services there. Miss Hart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Hart, are new residents of the Hubbard area, having moved there from Tyler.

Miss Hart was a member of the Young Americans and was in the cast of singers and dancers touring with "A Salute to Richard Rodgers."  
 The cast was on break for the holidays, and Miss Hart was in Tyler. She, Miss Kilgore and Miss Jones were all fellow students at one time at Tyler Junior College.  
 "Joanie always had a smile on her face," Miss Jones said by phone from the Tyler funeral home, where several members

of the Young Americans were assembled.  
 "She always had a smile on her face. She was much more concerned about other people than herself."  
 Miss Jones said that there were about 40 people in their touring cast, and about 20 are expected to come for the funeral.  
 Others who knew Miss Hart also had kind words. "She was a fantastic Christian young lady. She was very sweet," Ellen Crecelius said. She is secretary of the church in Hubbard.  
 J.W. Johnson, head of music department at Tyler Junior College, said Monday morning "that reaction here was one of deep sorrow."  
 "Joan was in here just last Wednesday for a visit. I was preparing to help her get with the Fred Waring organization. She was a fantastically talented girl."  
 Johnson said that Miss Kilgore was a sophomore at TJC. She was in the Chamber Singers, a serious group which sang baroque and renaissance music. She was in the review last year and was active in the Baptist Student Union. He said she was very popular.  
 "Both were just the finest kids you could have," he said.

**BENEFIT SUPPER FOR THE WEST TEXAS REHABILITATION CENTER**  
 The Annual Bean Supper sponsored by the Woman's Study Club will be held on Saturday, January 6, 1979, at the Gorman School Cafeteria.  
 This is a community undertaking which is held each year and all the proceeds are given to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene. The facilities at the

Center are used by those from our area that have the need for their special services.  
 Tickets will be sold by members of the Woman's Study Club. The cost of the ticket is only \$1.50 each and all contributions above the cost of the ticket will be greatly appreciated.  
 Tickets may also be purchased at the Gorman Progress Office.  
 The menu will include pinto beans, relish, onions, corn bread, cup cakes, coffee or tea. All you can eat. Serving will be from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.  
 Plan on attending this enjoyable event and help a worthy cause. Last years benefit netted 359.00, lets beat that this year.  
 The 1979 Rehab Center Telethon will also be January 6 and will mark the 9th year that Rex Allen, Jr. has participated in the television show.

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**WILLIAM ROBERT BRANDON, JR. CHARGED WITH BURGLARY OF GORMAN PHARMACY**

At Approximately 11:51 p.m. on December 14, 1978 Officer Richard G. Hughes and Albert G. Biggs, Chief of Police, for the city of Gorman, Reported arrest of the

following at the Gorman Pharmacy located at the intersection of Kent St. and Ross St. Just prior, for Burglary of Building; WILLIAM ROBERT BRANDON, JR. AGE 29, SUSPECT is said to live in Brownwood, Texas at 1301 Center. Suspect William Robert

Brannon, Jr. was apprehended inside the Gorman Pharmacy by Patrolman Richard G. Hughes and Chief Biggs, where the suspect is alleged to have done extensive damage to side door when a vehicle was used to push the door and facing out to gain entry. The suspect gave up to officers with out any resistance after being discovered

by officers where he was hiding in the drug store. The Gorman Police were assisted in the investigation by Texas Ranger George Frazier, Albert White (Constable PCT 5) Sheriff Ronnie White and member of the Sheriffs dept., and Trooper Steve Foster of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

**DESDEMONA NEWS**

By Vonnie Guthery

Mrs. Carrie Carr was burned at her home Saturday morning. She remains a patient in De Leon Hospital.

Visiting Tim and Karen Creed and girls over past weekend were Mrs. Winnie Paulk of De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Keith and Ryan and Mrs. Ola Mears of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. David Creed and Wendy of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Creed and boys of Sweetwater.

Visiting Jesse and Bethel Clark over the past weekend for an early Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Holley, Debbie, Tammie and Marty

Suspect William Robert Brannon was taken to the City Hall in Gorman where Emory Walton (District Attorney) drew up the Complaint for Burglary and Justice of the Peace Patsy J. Ingram read the suspect his rights and set bond at \$10,000.00. After Bond was set the suspect was transported to the Eastland County Jail. Chief Biggs said that he was very happy with the way officer Hughes handled the situation (Officer Hughes has been a member of the Gorman Police Department for approximately two weeks, and handled the situation very professionally.

In a telephone conversation Monday with Emory Walton, he was very complimentary of the way Chief Biggs and Hughes and Justice of the Peace Patsy Ingram handled the situation. He stated they had everything prepared and in order when he arrived to draw up the complaint.

Everyone in Gorman feels better knowing that we have efficient and competent law enforcement officers in Gorman.

Newberry of Abilene; Jimmie, Dee, David and Lowell Brown of Wink; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clark, Molly, Terry and Ronnie and Mickey of Olney; Pauline Hicks and D.D. Cook of Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roe, Judy and Missy of Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. David Sinclair, Lori and Donald of Wichita Falls; H.E. Ferrell, Beverly Barr, Brent and Nicole and Tommy Clark of Dallas; Fairbelle and Grats Holley, Mr. and Mrs. John Roe, Paula and Dylan and L.E. Clark of Desdemona and Helen Thomas of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Evah Sparkman hosted a social for the Homemakers S.S. Class of First Baptist at her home on Monday night. Evah is teacher of this class.

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**WARNING ON FIRE WORKS**

The Mayor, on behalf of the City and the Fire Department, is asking that those discharging fire works in and around the city use all precaution because of the great danger of fire due to the dry conditions. If you are going to discharge fireworks of any kind, be very careful that you do not ruin the holiday activities by causing a fire.

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**NEWS**

Elvy Clark of Corpus Christi spent this week with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Hollifield, Lorena Clark, Estelle Craddock and brothers, Mrs. and Mrs. Speedy Clark and Bill and D.R. Clark. He also visited his daughter Mr. and Mrs. Sabrina Cottez and family of Hico.

**PARK SUIT STILL NOT SETTLED**

After a lengthy hearing on Tuesday over the rightful owner of Frank A. Gray

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

City Officials, employees, and spouses met in the School Cafeteria on December 14 at 7:00 for their annual Christmas get-together. A real good meal was served by Mrs. Grady. After the meal, Mayor Garrett, gave a few remarks and thanked the employees for their services and presented a Christmas bonus to each employee. Mr. Roy Crawley, who will be retiring from the City on December 31 was recognized for his work and was presented a gift certificate from the City. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Memorial Park, no decision was given by Judge Connors. After hearing witness for both parties, the Judge asked for the filing of written briefs from the lawyers. Both parties agreed to file such briefs by January 15 and some time after that date the Judge will make a ruling. The City wishes to thank all of those who went to testify in behalf of the City.

Mr. and Mrs. Mavis Baze of Casper, Wyoming visited from Monday to Thursday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Baze and Mrs. Mrs. Rayneal Baze in Eastland.

Mrs. Mike Ogle of Eastland visited Monday with Lorena Clark.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**



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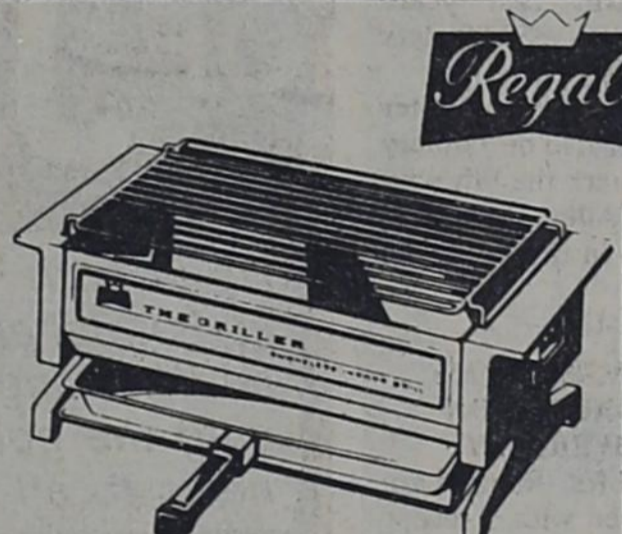
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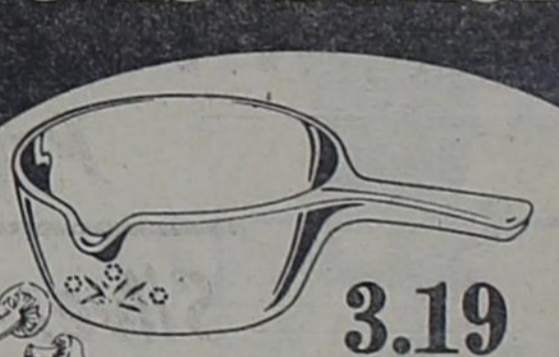
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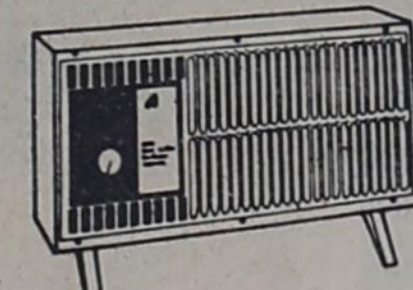
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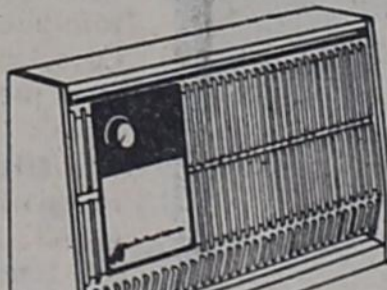
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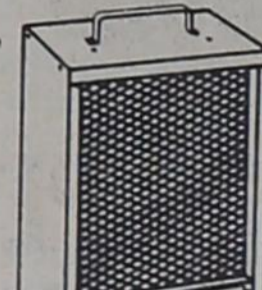
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**Arvin 26.88 Slim Line Fan Forced Automatic**

- Single Knob adjusts the thermostat and turns on the heat.
- Bright aluminum wide-angle radiant reflector and grille.
- Instant radiant ribbon elements.
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- High temperature cord and plug.
- Spanish Brown enamel on steel cabinet.
- Height 11 1/2", Width 18 1/4", Depth 5 1/4".
- 120 volt 60 cycle AC operation.
- Guaranteed 1 year, U.L. Approved.

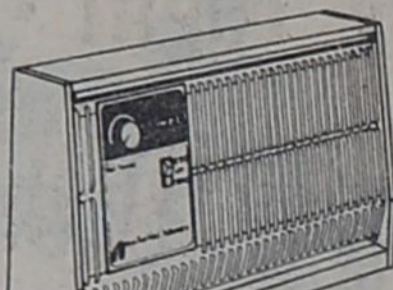
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**Arvin 30.99 Two Heat-Fan Forced Automatic**

- Prominent red switch for two instant fan-forced heaters.
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- Instant radiant ribbon elements.
- Automatic thermostat control with positive "off" position.
- Store high temperature cord and plug on carrying handle.
- Safety tip-over switch.
- Bronze Brown
- Height 11 1/2", Width 18 1/4", Depth 5 1/4".
- 120 volt 60 cycle AC operation.
- Guaranteed 1 year, U.L. Approved.

1250, 1500 Watts - 4266, 5120 BTU'S No. 30H20-01 Weight each 8.0 lbs.

### Nina Brymer Buried In Cisco

Nina Allena Brymer, 76 died at her home in Cisco, on Wednesday December 13, 1978 at 12:20 P.M. after a lengthy bout with cancer. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Cisco Funeral

Home Chapel. The Rev. Jerden Davis, pastor of First Methodist Church officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Herbert Taylor, a former pastor. Burial was in Cisco's Oakwood Cemetery. Born Nina Allena Tate on March 27, 1902 at Carbon, she grew up there, graduated from Carbon High School and attended Tarleton College and taught school for a

### Henderson - Combest To Pledge Vows

Miss Krista Henderson and Mr. Van Nelson Combest will exchange wedding vows at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 30. Vows will be read in First Baptist Church. All friends and relatives are invited to attend the wedding and reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.



### Silent Night

On This Holy Night, Let Joy and Peace Abound.

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May Christmas bring to you only joy and peace. Thanks to all our customers.

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## FmHA 'No Field Offices To Close'

TEMPLE. The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), the rural credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, reported that its loans for rural development in Texas as

during the fiscal year (FY) 1978 reached a record high of \$525 million - 43 percent above the FY 1977 level, according to W.H. (Bill) Pieratt, State Director. Of the \$525 million, 98 percent are loans repayable with interest over \$345 million are farm loans. Housing loans accounted for almost \$96 million, over \$50 million went for community

### CITY TO TAKE HOLIDAY

Gorman business firms will be closed Monday, December 25 in observance of Christmas. The post office

window will be closed and no rural mail delivery will be made.

The Annual Singing of the Old Year Out and the New One in will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church, Sunday December 31. A supper will be served in the evening and singing will follow until the New Year.

facilities improvements and more than \$33 million were used for business-industrial financing.

State Director Pieratt said that 1979 will surpass this year's record amount of farm loans through the government agency. FmHA will be the last resort for many producers who cannot obtain funds elsewhere, Pieratt said. Bankers expect the 1979 interest rate for farmers to average about 10 1/2 percent, the most that can be charged individuals by national banks. State banks, due to a state usury clause, may charge no more than 10 percent.

New farmers, depending on their particular situation, may have problems getting financed. The FmHA interest rate of 8 1/2 percent looks good to producers, even though they would rather stay in with their local banker or Production Credit Association office.

Pieratt said that although FmHA funds come from the federal budget, most FmHA customers repay loans. "So far our losses have been extremely light," he said. "Farmers have stayed in there. It's the characteristic of Texas to pay their bills."

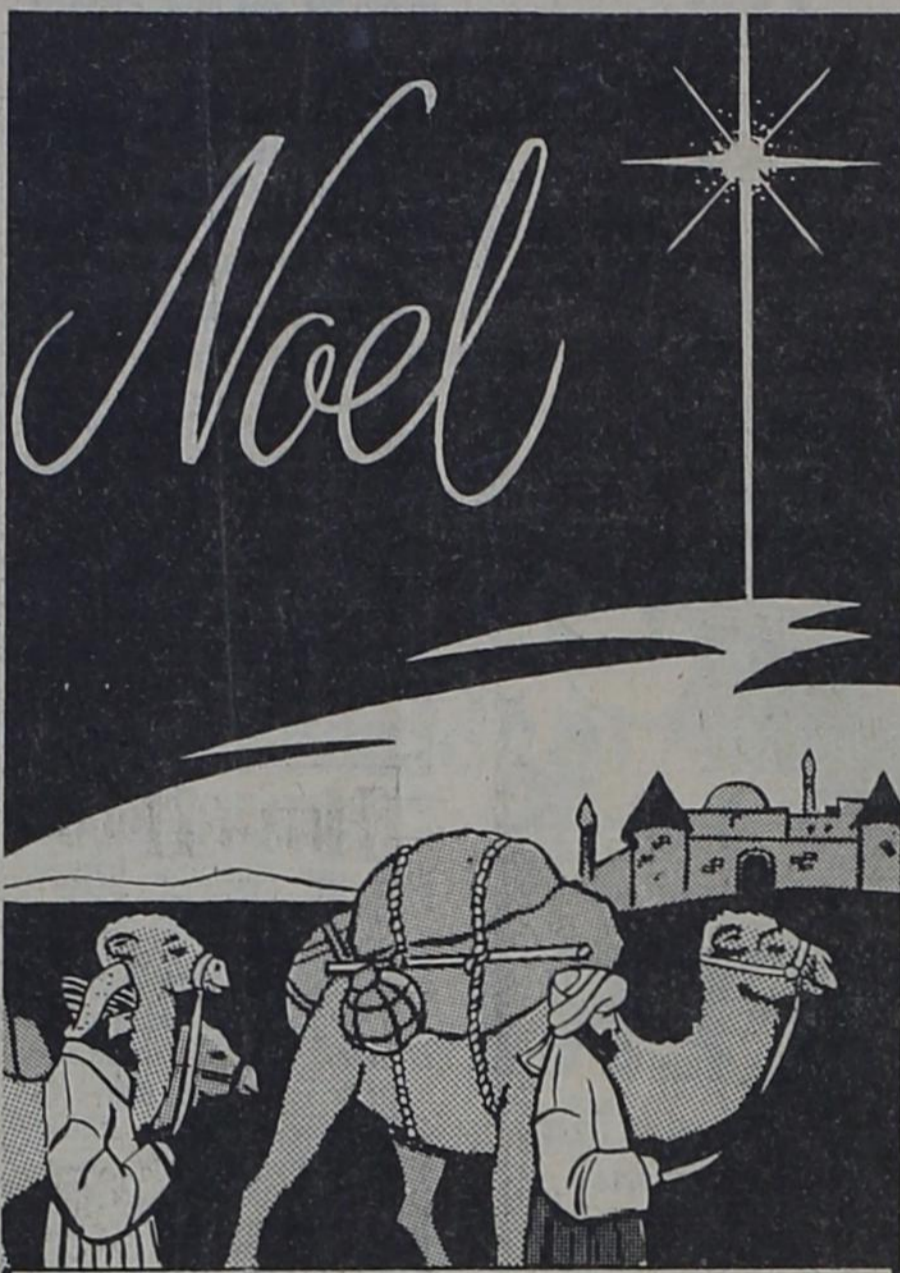
In speculating that 1979 FmHA loans would exceed those in 1978, Pieratt says he believes there will be adequate funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Pieratt said 10,299 FmHA loans were made to farmers in fiscal 1978. "A lot of people have criticized the bureaucracy of Farmers Home Administration, but it has saved a lot of farmers," he said.

Pieratt said "a state reorganization will be completed this year, BUT IT DOES NOT INVOLVE THE CLOSING OF ANY FIELD OFFICES SERVING TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS." Under the plan, new district offices will service all community, multiple-family housing and organization project loans. County FmHA offices will concentrate on improved service to families applying for farm and individual housing loans.

### KOKOMO CLUBS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Spirit was evident as members of the Kokomo Extension Club and Kokomo Community Club met at the Kokomo Community Center on Monday night, December 18 at 6:30 for their annual Christmas party. 'Twas really a night for being jolly.



GIVE GIFTS OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.



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#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the cards, flowers and phone calls and the many kindnesses shown us in the passing of our granddaughter, Joan Hart. A special thanks to Mrs. Ruth Dunn and Rev. James Peppers for taking us to funeral in Tyler. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phillips of Tyler for opening their home to us and the Hart families prior to the funeral services. Your kindness and concern was deeply appreciated. May God bless each of you.

Theresa and Eugene Baker -GP-

#### CARD OF THANKS

I have found from experience that losing a sister is a very great and unique sorrow, but my grief has been made more bearable by my many friends who have reached out to me in so many different ways. I thank you and appreciate all these acts of kindness so very, very much. May God bless you always.

Effie Mae and Dr. Brown Louise Hollywood -GP-

#### KOKOMO CLUBS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa was given a little help in fixing the fruit and candy bags that he will distribute at the Christmas Program at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday night. Beautiful decorated boxes were also filled with fruit, cookies and candy to be given to the older people of our community and those in the rest home.

Gifts were exchanged from under the pretty silver tree trimmed in red and gold.

Table was covered with a beautiful red cloth with white lace, with a Christmas candle and greenery centerpiece. Assorted cookies, peanuts, coffee and hot chocolate was served.

The wonderful night of fun and fellowship was brought to an end with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and some favorite songs remembered from our childhood with Wanda Rainey at the piano. Yes, The spirit of Christmas was truly with us, and we wish everyone a very happy holiday season.

-GP-

#### UMW ENJOY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON IN CHANDLER HOME

Mrs. Helen Chandler was host for the United Methodist Women salad Christmas Luncheon on Monday December 13.

After a delicious luncheon with Helen, Santa, candles and Christmas everywhere one could not help from being over come with the spirit of Christmas, setting the mood for a Christmas story by Mrs. M.H. Fairbetter.

Helen gave members instructions to make small Santa Clause ornaments to take to residents of Lawndale Home. After delivering the bags and gifts, all returned to Helen's for hot apple juice.

Those present were Mesdames Gertrude Wallace, Alice Eakin, M.H. Fairbetter James Peppers, F.R. Haile, L.A. Blair, Roy Parker, Velma Bennett, Ruby Vandrgriff, Burton Dennis, Ruby Acree and Miss Don Moorman.



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## Carbon News

By Mrs. Bob Hastings 639-2517

I would like to wish The Gorman Progress Staff and all of my readers a very Joyous Christmas and wonderful New Year.

Mrs. Marie Bollin had a nice surprise last Wednesday, a neighbor Mrs. Mabel Greer visited her and brought a beautiful silver colored Christmas Tree decorated with sky blue ornaments. Mrs. Bollin suffered two broken hips earlier this year. She is able to get around in a wheel chair now and enjoys life.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stubblefield of Bartlesville, Okla. have visited their mothers Mrs. Arabel Haber of Eastland and Mrs. Inna Stubblefield of Carbon.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Collin Campbell on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Humphreys of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walker and family of Coleman and Mrs. Collen Lamb of Nimrod.

Miss Lavada Jackson has returned home from a position in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burgess and Shane of Breckenridge were supper guests of Mrs. Mabel Greer Sunday evening.

Members of the Long Branch Baptist Church were singing Carols and delivering Christmas bags of fruit, candy and nuts in Carbon Sunday night after church service

Dinner guests in the Jack Abbot home on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parsons and Walter Gene of Everman; Mr. and Mrs. Don Jordan, Dickie and Donna, Mrs. Donna Kincheloe and Sandra of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Horton, Plicia and Susan of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner Eugene and Mary and Sandra and Teresa of Weatherford and Mrs. Ruth Reese of Carbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Weston visited Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson of Goldthwaite on Sunday. Mr. Robertson has been very ill in the hospital there.

Mrs. Edna Morgan and Mrs. R. Lee McDaniel visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Crow of Comanche Sunday afternoon. Mr. Crow is very ill in the hospital in Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Files visited their son Waylon Files of Odessa. He returned home to spend Christmas with them.

Mrs. Ruby Bennett was host for a family early Christmas dinner Saturday evening. Those present were a son Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Bennett of Eastland, and grand son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynn Bennett, Terry La Tricia of Odessa. Other guests were Mrs. Pearl Snell of Carbon and Mrs. Velma Bennett.

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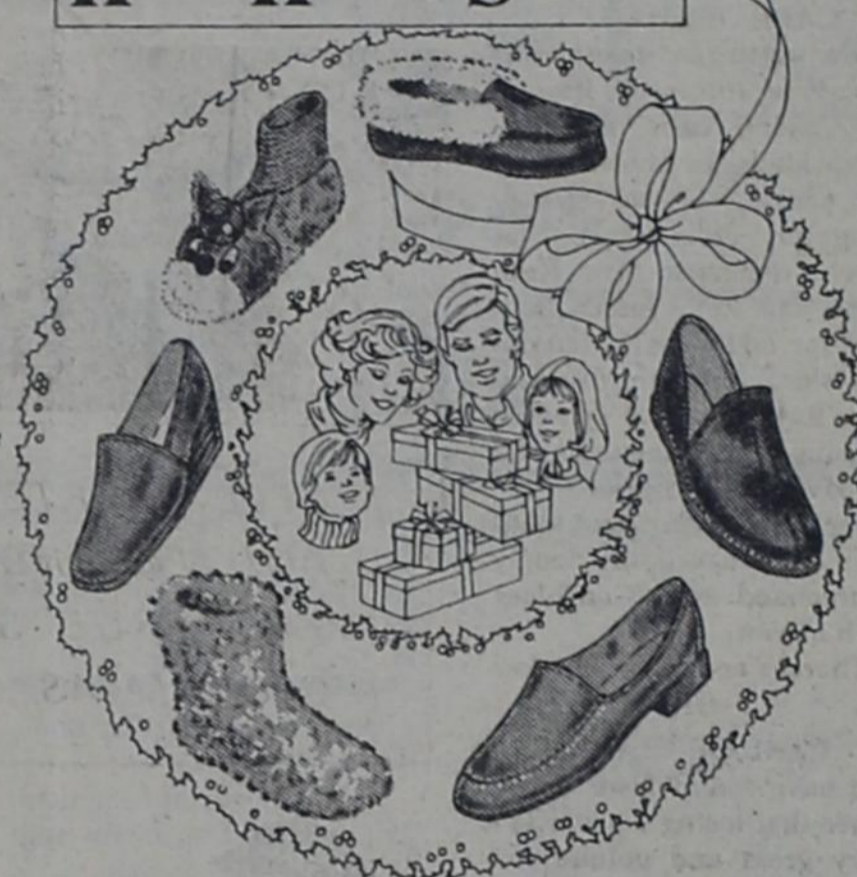
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535 N. Kent, Gorman. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, brick. Two fireplaces, beamed ceiling in den. New Carpet throughout. Lots of storage, large utility area, dishwasher. Water well, covered patio. \$39,500.

322 E. Lexington, Gorman. 2 bedroom on pretty corner lot. Close to schools. \$8,000.

Excellent Building site - 75 foot by 210 feet, on Pershing Street - Gorman. \$1,800.

2 bedroom rock house on S. Fisher Street in Gorman. Separate dining room, pecan trees, large lot. \$15,000.

314 S. Third, Gorman. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, brick. 1 car garage, 1100 square feet, total electric, central heating and air. Close to schools. \$26,000.

318 N. Kent St., Gorman - 3 bedroom large older home. Newly remodeled bathroom. Separate dining room, paneled throughout. Good location on corner lot, large oak trees, metal storage building. \$11,000.

Real Cute - 1 bedroom house in Gorman. Paneled, pink siding exterior. Ideal for young couple. \$7,000.

201 e. Lexington, Gorman - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, brick. 2 car garage, central heating and air, carpet. 4 years old. \$25,000.

Business Opportunity. 2 1/2 acres on Interstate 20. Restaurant, six courts, station with living quarters.

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BY **LETA HOGAN**

**Lawndale News**

Our visitors in our home last week were: Arleta Shirey of Morencia, Ariz. visited Dan Boatwright of Elizabeth Simmons.

Aletha Kay Yarbrough of Gorman visited Elizabeth Simmons. Mr. and Mrs. Turnage of Waco, Texas visited Hope Hughes.

Mrs. H.H. Hogan and Mrs. L.D. Holliday visited Lon and Maple Norris. La Rue Lindsey of Euless visited Maggie Pirtle, Ozy Hallmark and Minnie Bennett.

Mabel Wood visited Ozy Hallmark, Maggie Pirtle and Minnie Bennett. Clyde and Lee Barbee of Eastland visited J.H. Barbee.

Jana Grice, Julie and Jeanna and Ima Brown visited Mary. Monie Warren, Vernon and Phyllis Wright visited Lexie Wright.

TUESDAY at Bingo Evelyn Yardley, Jittie Daniels and Mae Jones took over for me because I was gone to the Hospital with my mom. At news time she is some better. Our first game was won by Otis Thompson, 2nd game Edna Kirk, 3rd game Beulah De Guire. Our Blackout winners were: Edna Kirk, Lexie Wright. I understand they had a good time.

Wednesday Bro. Luke Palmer came and gave our Bible Lesson. Mr. Otis Thompson is my reporter so he took notes for me. Thanks Mr. Thompson. Luke's subject was Lemuel's description of a good wife. Proverbs 31-V 10: "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is for above rubles. Her husband is known in the gates. When he sitteth among the elders of the land. Strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come."

The husband and wife can be helpful to each other.

THURSDAY NIGHT I understand we didn't have any singers. There was a lot of activities in our community so maybe Thursday the 21st we can have a good singing. I hope I can be with you that night. Please don't stop coming. We need you.

We had some wonderful singers come two different times and sing carols up and down our halls. The first time the Baptist GA's sang for us with their leaders Misses Porter and Good.

The second singers were the Beginners Sunday School Class with Linda Kay Kinser and Debbie Clark as their leaders. Our residents loved all these children. Thanks to all you children and especially you leaders for teaching

these children to care. God Bless You. Saturday night at 7:30 the employees who could come all gathered and had their Christmas Supper and party. Those that attended had a wonderful time.

For our entertainment we had Beryl McKinnerney, Dean at RJC; Bob Maney at TRCC at Ranger; Bill McKinnerney, Coach at Ranger High and their mother Mrs. McKinnerney to entertain for us. Beryl plays the banjo; Bob the fiddle, guitar and mandolin, Bill plays the guitar and Mrs. McKinnerney the piano. The men all sing and have beautiful voices. All had a good time.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Our residents had their Christmas Party. We had our front lobby, our dining room and our lobby full. We were so proud so many family and friends came to be with us.

Our ladies were dressed in their nices dresses and jewelry and our gentlement in the prettiest shirts and pants. I was so proud of all of them.

Our band from Ranger also played for our residents party. They have a lot of comedy with their acts and have every body laughing. They had the everyone singing carols. We had a very good time. Ol Santa showed up and helped hand out gifts. We had lots of refreshments and all and all we had a Happy Christmas Party. Thanks to everyone for making our folks happy. A special thanks to the Kokomo Home Demo. Club, Billie, Gayla, Angela, Jennifer and Bradle Stacy, Nancy Hendricks, Berniece and Ava Rodgers. Maomi Marrow. We love ya.

On Thursday December 14 on of our good friends Mr. Murl Milsap passed away. Murl was a dedicated musician. He loved our folks and he would go out of his way to come play for us.

He like the people for Gorman enough to play in our Variety Show 2 yrs. in a row. The first year he could barely walk because his big toe was amputated. He hadn't been out of the hos-

pital but a short time when he came to play for us.

This last time he had just gotten out of the hospital when he came to play for the Variety Show. His love and sacrifice will never be forgotten by the people of our home. He was a good man, a good musician and we loved him very much. He won't be forgotten.

CHURCH NEWS There was no church service at 2:30 p.m. The Christmas party was held at this time.

Church of Christ December 17 with Rev. David Coffey Pastor was here and his subject was on Romans 6 verse 4: "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also walk in newness of life." Bring Being then made free from sin ye become the servants of righteousness."

After their regular church service a number of the church members including the Pastor and his wife returned to sing Christmas Carols which we enjoyed.

GORMAN FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Gorman Full Gospel Tabernacle cordially invites everyone to the Christmas Program to be held December 21 at 7:30 p.m. Come and celebrate with us, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Full Gospel Congregation Pastor, D.L. Halcomb --GP--

4-H CLUB ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Gorman 4-H Club met December 3 at the Fire Hall for their annual Christmas party. Nineteen members and two adult leaders and the County Extension Agent Trudy Bird were in attendance.

Games were played and the group went to Lawndale Home to sing Christmas Carols. Then everyone came back to the Fire Hall for refreshments and more games. Everyone went home ready for Christmas.

The next meeting will be held January 22. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Gorman 4-H Club.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**

And to all our heartfelt greetings and best wishes for a most happy New Year.

In the hustle and bustle of business,  
With its saving and slaving grind,  
We are too apt to credit success  
to the works of our own hands and mind -  
But, WE PAUSE at this Goodwill Season,  
To give credit where it is due -  
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