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## QUOTES FROM AN AMATEUR PUBLISHER-EDITOR — Gene.

Mele Kalikimaka ame Hauoli Makahiki Hou - such was the greeting received from Gene Mehaffey stationed in Honolulu - it means Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Gene is with the Fleet All Weather Training Unit. We hope he has a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year along with all of our other boys who are away from home this year.

Oscar Howard formerly of Tokio, which is a short distance from Brownsfield, Texas, has purchased the Glasson place and intends to make Gorman his home. After traveling through several states and stopping at a number of towns large and small he thinks Gorman tops everything he has seen for friendliness and for a town with a future. He stated he happened to come to Gorman through the recommendation of a trucker he met in a cafe at Childress. This trucker gave Gorman such a swell build-up, Mr. Howard came to see for himself and after looking the town over settled down. Mrs. Howard (to be) will join him in the near future.

When a trucker recommends a town, it speaks high not only of the people but of the service stations and cafes in that town. As little as we think about it these folks are the Welcome Committees of our town. The courtesy and service extended a stranger by these two types of business impress a visitor more than any other business in town.

Pat Peak visited the Progress of fice Thursday and said Rev. W. F. Smith broke a collar bone while squirrel hunting with him yesterday. Pat said they parked their car and the preacher killed three squirrels in one tree and stepped back to shoot another and fell in a ditch. Before going back to the car Rev. Smith shot the fourth squirrel.

Thanks for the many nice compliments extended the Progress. This week, Mrs. Fairbetter is trying a new section "The Woman's Page". To the best of my knowledge this is the first time a page of this style has been tried in the Progress. We hope you like it and if possible we will continue to run it every week.

## Services Held For H. B. Harris

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Carbon for H. B. Harris who passed away Saturday morning, December 11th at 7:15 at his home in Carbon. Rev. W. L. Massague and Rev. J. D. Holt officiated. Interment was in the New Carbon Cemetery. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Gorman was in charge of the service.

Harrington Burges Harris was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harris September 4, 1875 in Webster Parish La. He was converted at the age of 18 and united with the First Baptist Church at the age of 25. He was united in Holy Matrimony April 18, 1901 to Miss Willie Davis Jackson.

He moved to Eastland County, Texas the first of November, 1909 where he has lived near Carbon since.

To this union was born eight children; four boys and four girls. He is preceded in death by one son, Henry and two daughters, Mary Odell and a infant that died at birth.

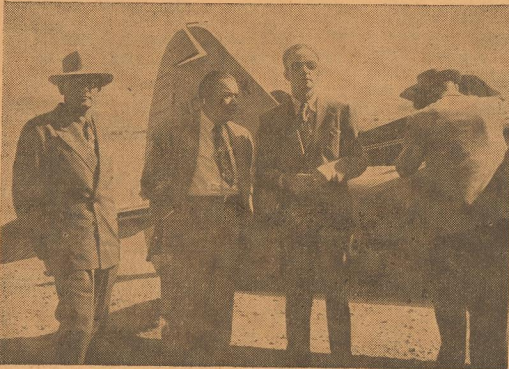
He is survived by his widow and five children; Ira Gifford Harris, Gardner Harris of Pasadena, Tex., Lother Harris of Lubbock, Mrs. Robbie Zell Craighead and Mrs. Ramon Nell Craighead of Carbon; one sister, Mrs. Alice Hays of Minden, La., five grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were: Collin Campbell, Ben Stephenson, Henry Collins, Opal Payne, Clarence Hastings and John Wilson.

Flower Girls: Daphne Snodgrass Lou Ann Jackson, Bettie Jane Jackson and Jaunice Reed.

Mr. Nathan McMullen and wife are visiting in the Rio Grande Valley this week.

## Local Aviator Wins Cup At International Aviation Celebration



W. C. Smith, local business man and aviation enthusiast, attended the International Aviation Celebration at El Paso, December 2-5th.

This annual celebration is sponsored by the El Paso Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce. The events consist of contests in navigation, bombing, spot-landing and racing. There are also contests for model planes.

Mr. Smith entered the Navigation Contest, a flight from El Paso to Chihuahua, Mexico at 10 a. m. December 2nd. A Good Neighbor Ceremony with officials of both countries participating preceded the flight. An unexpected honor was conferred on Mr. Smith just as the planes were ready to take off when he was assigned a passenger, Mr. Asa Burroughs. Mr. Burroughs was an emissary bearing a message from Governor Beauford Jester of Texas to Governor Foglio Miramontes of Chihuahua, Mexico. Mr. Smith placed second in the Navigation contest and was awarded a large silver cup. Check missed first place by a margin of ten seconds.

Check's praise of the courtesy extended his party by the Mexican people seemed for the moment magnanimous, but he said no praise could be too great in acknowledging the gracious manner of every person with whom he came in contact. He said he blushed when he compared some incidents of American hospitality with that of Mexican hospitality.

Besides being the guest of the Governor of Chihuahua, the American party was escorted throughout the visit by His Honor, the Agenci of Agriculture, a brother of the governor.

In the evening, the floor show, "Jardin de los Indios" was flown from Mexico City to give a showing for the party.

The Stinson 150 which Check piloted was forced down, as were five other planes on the return trip to El Paso. The sandstorm had brought visibility to zero. No passenger or pilot was injured nor was a plane damaged.

## Organization Of 1949 Football Conference Underway

The representatives of the schools in the 8A football conference that includes Ranger, Eastland, Gorman, De Leon, Dublin, Comanche and Hamilton will meet in De Leon soon to determine the schools that are to be in that district in football next season. Three schools in the conference this year have high school enough enrollment to be placed in the 8A football conference next year. These schools are Ranger, Comanche and Hamilton. The following schools Gorman De Leon and Eastland

and Dublin must request admission and be voted into the 8A football conference if they are to play in that conference next year.

The Gorman School officials are requesting admission into the class B football conference now composed of Rising Star, Cross Plains, Early, May, Bangs, and Santa Anna. This would form a seven team conference that would give each six conference games. This would allow Gorman to play four non-conference games including the traditional November 11th football game.

## First Baptist Church To Present Pageant

On Sunday evening Dec. 19th at 7:30 p. m. the First Baptist Church will present their annual Christmas Program.

The program for this year is centered around the Nativity. Various characters of the Holy Night including the shepherds, the wise men, the angels will be represented. As the story progresses scenes from the life of Christ are given in pageantry. The climax for the presentation is reached when Christ's Message for the World of Today is expressed in a most forcible manner.

A musical background for the pageant is provided by the singers Miss Buena Van Winkle, Mdms. O. R. Buchanan and Cody Love, Msrs. Andrew Pittman, P. C. McCulley, John W. Henderson and Frank Lee.

The cast includes forty children, young people and adults.

Mrs. Taylor Henley, who has numerous successful performances to her credit, is the director of the program.

## EMERSON'S COMPLETE REMODELING OF CAFE

Mrs. Emerson has given her cafe a "New Look" by enlarging, re-flooring, painting and adding new booths and tables and a new counter.

Mrs. Emerson has been in the cafe business in Gorman for a number of years and her business has grown steadily year after year.

## VETERAN Who Are You?

handled by the Veterans Administration every working day is a staggering figure. The majority of the letters received are from veterans or their dependents, seeking help or information on veterans' benefits. The speed with which this mail is handled, therefore, is of vital concern to millions of Americans. When there are delays in such a vast operation, it is regrettable, but understandable.

What is much harder to understand is that many veterans themselves are responsible for a great many of these delays. Yet, day in and day out, the VA receives thousands of letters in which the sender failed fully to identify himself. Each one of these letters means added work for the VA--work that may be better spent in giving service to veterans or their dependents. It means additional cost to the taxpayers. Worst of all, it means unnecessary delays.

The rules to avoid such waste and delay are simple. In every letter you write to the VA, give your full name and address. And here is something of particular importance! If you are requesting a change of address, be sure to send your old address and your new address. In case you have several old addresses, send to the VA the last address you know to be on record with the VA.

Make sure that you state your claim or insurance number. If you don't have either of these numbers, and if you want to make doubly sure your letter will get prompt attention, put down your service number, your date of birth and your former branch of service. It will take a few seconds to give this information in a letter. It's little to ask when the result will be better service, more economical operation and speedier replies.

Let your VA Contact Representative, Mr. Robert D. Deputy, help you with your VA problems. He is in Eastland each Wednesday at the Sinclair Prairie Building.

## ANNUAL YULETIDE PARTY FOR CARBON '38 STUDY CLUB

Mrs. W. J. Greer was hostess Saturday afternoon when the '38 Study Club entertained with their annual Yule Tide Party.

The rooms were attractively decorated for the season.

The program included Christmas Carols with Mrs. T. E. Robertson at the piano. Silent Night was sung by Mrs. E. E. Edmiston and W. J. Greer. The Shepherd and the Angel was read by Mrs. T. E. Robertson.

Gifts were distributed from the beautiful Christmas tree by Mrs. C. C. Gilbert. In memory of childhood days, each member was presented a doll and they were asked to tell some Christmas incident remembered from childhood before receiving their gift. There were tales of Santa and his reindeer and of the chimney with stockings to fill.

Fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee were served by Mr. Greer and Walter J. Plate favors were candy canes.

Mrs. W. W. Martin will be hostess on Friday evening, December 17th when the husbands will be entertained with a Christmas 42 party.

## Church Of God To Have Christmas Program

The Church of God will have a Christmas Program with a Christmas Tree Thursday night, December 23rd at 7 P. M.

Mrs. Willie Echols will be in charge of the program which will be presented at that time.

Rev. Johnson, pastor, will speak briefly in a sermon pertaining to the birth of Christ.

The church urges all members to attend and invite others of the community who would like to come and place gifts on the tree for their children.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a wagon and a hammer.

Gary and Neil Overstreet

## Junior-Seniors To Present "Lena Rivers" Friday Night

### ALSABROOK HOME BURNS FRIDAY

The burning of the home of Mrs. Myrtle Alsabrook early Friday afternoon was almost a total loss, although the seven-room building was not completely razed.

Due to the efficiency of our Volunteer Firemen most of her furniture and personal belongings were salvaged but they were largely damaged by fire, smoke and water.

The houses on either side were not fired. The brisk southeast wind carried the flames high but away from the residences.

The shingled roof topped with fireproof roofing greatly handicapped the firemen. The wood shingles burned stubbornly beneath the roofing. The boys cut into the roof to forestall the carrying of hose into the house but they were forced to use the nozzles inside.

Mrs. Alsabrook was not at home when the alarm was turned in so she was unable to give the origin of the fire. Apparently it started in the front room of an apartment she had rented.

### Joe Collins Accepts Chairmanship For March O Dimes

Joe Collins of Eastland County Treasurer-elect, has accepted the chairmanship of the March of Dimes campaign to be conducted in January and will soon announce the personnel of his staffs in the various towns of the county.

Mr. Collins expects to complete a county-wide organization in the next few days which will consist of local chairmen and committees in each town and rural school.

One-half of the money raised during the campaign will remain in Eastland county to be used in local cases and the other half will be forwarded to the National Foundation.

Eastland County has no set quota, according to R. V. Galloway, Ranger, chairman of the Eastland County Chapter for Infantile Paralysis, but stated that it was imperative that the coming campaign be a big success, due to the fact that the local chapter spent during 1948 more than \$4,000.00 on infantile cases in Eastland County, which was some \$1,500.00 more than the about in the county treasury.

Five new cases developed in the county during 1948 and the chapter was taking care of three old cases, and consequently an appeal had to be made to the National Foundation for \$1,500.00 additional funds which should be paid back from the drive coming up.

In every case taken care of during 1948 the parents were unable to give the patients the necessary medical and hospital service due to the high cost of treatment of polio patients and the National Foundation insists that regardless of creed or color every care is to be given victims of this dread disease.

A total of \$2,119.59 was raised during the March of Dimes campaign last January, one-half of which was sent to the National Foundation. The treasury had a balance left from 1947 of a little more than \$2,000, therefore it was necessary to borrow \$1,500.00 from the National Foundation during the year to take care of the unusual large number of patients.

The whole state of Texas during 1948 reported more victims than any previous year in history and where local funds were not available the National Foundation stepped in and supplied the necessary funds.

### W. H. MULLINGS' TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mullings of Eastland will hold open house Saturday December 25th from 2:30 to 5:00 P. M. at their home in North Hillcrest observing their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

Their friends are invited to call.

## Mrs. Lizzie Askew Celebrates 95th Birthday

On the occasion of her 95th birthday, Dec. 13th, Mrs. Lizzie Askew who resides in the Blackwell Sanitarium was visited by many of her friends. Mrs. Marcella Brogdon and Mrs. Quince Eakin presented her with a birthday cake, the serving of which she invited the staff and attendants of the Sanitarium to attend.

Mrs. Askew having so nearly reached her centennial says she enjoys and appreciates the hospital but she longs for the country. Oddly she thinks the country would not be so lonesome.

A large number of Mrs. Askew's friends have recently brought to her favorite bits of fresh sausage which she relishes with much talk of how her "Maw" could beat the Jews' making sausage and souse.

Mrs. Askew was born in Grimes County near Anderson, Texas. Her father, Bill McCoy, an Indian fighter, came from Tennessee to Texas. The Government of Texas awarded him nearly 2,000 acres of land, some 200 acres of which Mrs. Askew retains. Her land was grubbed and planted largely in cotton for about a half a century by her husband and son, neither of whom are now living.

Mrs. Askew has neither children nor grandchildren.

Charles Genoway of Desdemona, who with his wife recently celebrated their 60th anniversary (wedding), is one of Mrs. Askew's several nephews. The others live in various parts of the state.

Mrs. Askew is comfortably situated. She has a radio in her room. Her meals are sent in to her and her friends are free to call on her. She was presented with a love gift from the W. S. C. S. on Tuesday, the gift having been delayed beyond her birthday.

## Spirit of Gorman

A mother, a grandmother, a modest and retiring person and yet, a matriarch is this little woman for she does rule the tribe (kindly). Her years number near four score. Silver threads run through her black hair. Side-combs hold the falling strands of the simple coiffure.

Folks, kith or kin or friend don't dare at her house on Sunday bbe, else to church they expect to go. The third pew she occupies while the children and grandchildren slide in closer to the rear.

An illustrious family hers, professional and business, homemakers, too. A minister calls her mother. Another minister adn a doctor call her grandmother. Eleven from this woman and her husband came. The number of grandchildren I cannot name.

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Thursday and Friday  
Glenn Ford - Ellen Drew  
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Saturday  
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In  
Oklahoma Bandlands  
And

Al Pearce  
In  
The Main Street Kid  
Also

Jesse James Rides No. 10

Sunday and Monday  
Wallace Beery - Jane Powell

In  
A Date With Judy  
Also

Andy Clyde Comedy

Tuesday and Wednesday  
Gene Autry - Gloria Henry

In  
Strawberry Roan  
Also

Cartoon - Novelty

Thursday - Friday  
William Elliott - Catherine McLeod

In  
Ol Los Angeles  
Also

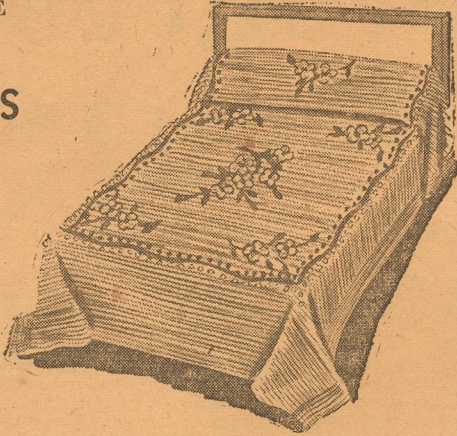
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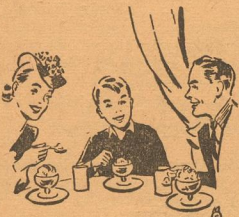
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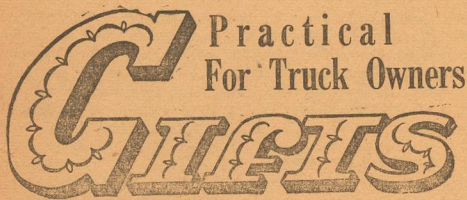
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## Carbon News

Mrs. W. F. Gilbert and daughter Esta Lee and Jessie Helen Cavanaugh visited Mrs. Gilbert's brother Mr. and Mrs. Decker of Grandbury last week.

Bill Edmondson visited his brother, Ira Edmondson, Sunday.

Mrs. Ike Butler is visiting her daughter, Miss Fay Butler, of Lam pases this week.

Lt. Sam Stone and family arrived here from New Foundland where he has been stationed for some time. They are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Stone.

Mrs. Bill Carrigan visited Mrs. Cecil Dickey of Comanche Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Finter had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis and family of De Leon, Dennis Finter and family of De Leon and Mrs. Wilks son, Shirby Wilks and wife of Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craddock of Colorado City are the proud parents of a baby girl born Dec. 5, Mr. and Mrs. Hufford Gilbert are the grandparents. They visited their daughter, Mrs. Craddock and were accompanied by Mrs. Howard Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson of Breckenridge spent Saturday nite with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mason.

J. D. Hines of Hobbs, New Mex. is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. J. Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Tull Wood of Big Spring visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Martin. They attended the funeral of H. B. Harris. Also Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson of Lubbock visited relatives and attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wallace and sons, Bill and Gerald, also Mrs. Bill Wallace and son, Mike, visited Mrs. H. M. Weston Sunday. They are from Merkel.

Mrs. Tom Cox of Ft. Worth is here visiting friends. She has sold her home here to Mr. and Mrs. Odis Guy.

Mr. Dan Gills of Olden and Mr. George Jones of Eastland visited in the Will Neese home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harlow and daughter visited relatives in May Sunday.

Mr. Wilbur Blake is home from Blackwell Hospital where he was treated for head injuries received while working at the rock crusher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cavanaugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Boss Murray and family, Miss June Hayes and Miss Luella Vaughn visited Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brown Sun.

## Cheaney News

Harry Payne of Abilene filled his appointment with the Alameda Congregation with the Saturday night Bible Study and both morning and evening preaching services on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Minchew were visitors at the morning services. Mr. and Mrs. Hightower of Ranger, guests in the Joe Hudson home, were evening visitors, also a number from the Chaney Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Melton and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rodgers and family visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Melton and family at Gatesville.

Miss Ella Raye Friday and Rex Friday of Desdemona made a round of calls in the community Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in the Ann Love home last week were Mrs. M. A. Rose of Eastland, mother to Mrs. Jno. Love, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Love and children of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wilson visited the Zudie Melton family Sunday and picked up pecans.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Case, former Alamedians, now living in Cisco, were in Ranger Saturday, visiting among friends.

Ladies of the church complimented Mrs. T. A. Grice with a pink and blue shower on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Jim Grice. After a refreshment plate was passed the numerous gifts were opened and displayed.

Friday night of the past week, neighbors, friends and relatives, gathered at the E. R. Underwood home, bringing with them a shower of miscellaneous gifts for Mr. and Mrs. Milton Underwood who married recently, but would not tell it. A program of music was presented by the local stringsters.

In charge of serving refreshments were Mrs. Jno. Love, assisted by Mesdames Richard Tucker, Lois Melton, Ira Wilson, Hattor, Alton Underwood, Bob Blackwell and Mrs. Bill Tucker.

Gifts were then displayed on the huge dining room table so that every one could see them.

Mrs. Underwood was Mrs. Onie Shook and is a sister to Ira Wilson and Mrs. Lois Melton.

## Adele Fairbetter Presented In Recital Sunday

On Sunday afternoon December 12th at 3 p. m. Mrs. Gussie Dowell of De Leon presented Miss Adele Fairbetter in a vocal recital, at which time Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter, Adele's mother, had as her guests in her home members, associate members and prospective members of the Young Adult Class of the Methodist Sunday School with the Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Smith, Mrs. Walter Underwood, Anita Acrea, Kay Lynn and Carol Ramsay.

Mrs. Grace Clark, the class's assistant teacher, greeted the guests and presented them to the hostess who in turn directed them to the punch service where Mrs. Erin Haile, the class secretary ladled. The table laid with a medallion lace cloth held an array of candies and cookies. The floral appointment was a potted poinsetta set on a mirrored disk.

In the living room where the guests were seated a silvered Christmas tree stood on a pedestal table.

Mrs. Dowell, an accomplished violinist, pianist and singer, who teaches in De Leon, having been introduced by the hostess, presented her pupil, Miss Fairbetter.

The young singer in her first selection, "Jesus, Our Lord" by Mohr was accompanied in obligato, "Away In A Manger" by Miss Betty Marie Beard. The Second and third numbers rendered by the soloist were "The Lass with the Delicate Air" by Michael Arne and the ever lovely traditional "O Holy Night," arrangement by Adam and McKinney.

## Local Women Attend O. E. S. In De Leon

At a special meeting of the Eastern Star in De Leon Monday night Dec. 13th Mesdms. Mollie Bennett, Morgan Bennett, Cody Love, Nettie Ryder, M. F. Boston, Bill Parr, Wayne Pittman and J. W. Richardson were in attendance as guests. A program celebrating the 82nd

## SPONSOR MEETS WITH 4-H GIRLS

Mary Sue Craig, Reporter

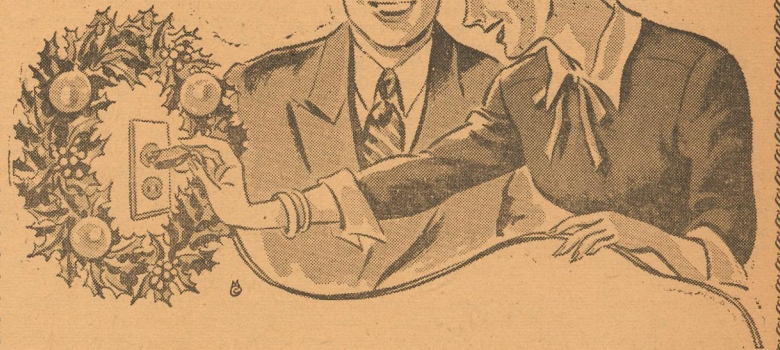
Our sponsor, Mrs. Latham met with us December 7th. We discussed how to make a night gown. She showed us some patterns that were simple to make.

We decided we could make a night gown or either a pair of pajamas. She gave us a leaflet on how to make different stitches. The meeting was adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Joe Sparkman of Fort Worth is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Sparkman over the past week end.

birthday of Mrs. Bender, a member of the De Leon Chapter was a feature of the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Bender was presented a lifetime membership to the Eastern Star.

## "Current" Ideas For Christmas



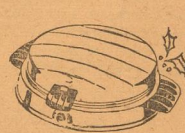
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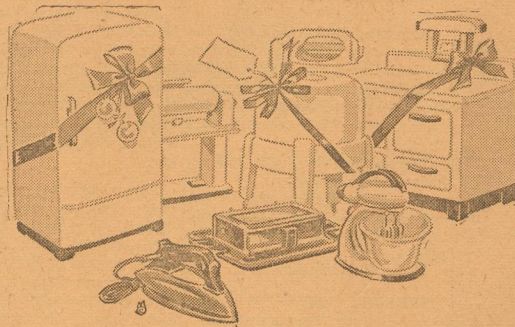


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## JUNIOR JOTS

Peggy Bell, Reporter

An event to come in Gorman, "Lena Rivers", is being presented at 7:30 Friday night in the High School Gym. The admission is 25c for children and 50c for adults. Now to get down to some of the events that happened last week. Quote "I'd like to have Jack Harris" unquote. This was heard Tues-

day morning in study hall by a Junior girl.

Adele is very happy after Sunday. Could it be Tarleton.

Billy Check, Bobby Gale, and Jack are little boys at heart. If any one wants to buy them a Christmas present, be sure and get them firecrackers.

Everyone is proud of our Junior girl, Jo, for being high point girl of the two basketball games we have played.

Janette appears to be tired of Mr. X.

Eddie, Ray, Geo. and Robert are the quiet boys of the class.

Merle and Melvin still seem to be very much interested in English.

The basketball boys played De Leon Monday afternoon in a scrimmage game. We won't mention the scores.

A new couple has been seen in Gorman lately. Who could it be but Lucille and Bob.

Arlene and Juanita, are you sure you were going to a church party Monday night.

Parlee, I'm sorry that he's not home, but maybe it won't be long. By the way why don't you look that Monday man up.

So long for now. Don't forget Friday night.

## Soph Suds

Joy Hampton, Reporter

Everyone is excited because all are looking forward to the Jr. and Sr. play Friday night.

Betty Brightwell has been playing the field these days. She seems to like Raymond Emerson and Jack Harris very well besides the others.

Everyone is having Christmas "reds" as we try to figure out what is best for the certain boy or girl.

Nina Hale got the scare of her life when she misplaced a senior ring. That would scare anyone and it sure did her.

Rena Wright has decided to save herself worry about homework, to stay home and abolish all fears. She must be different. Usually when you stay at home nothing is done. Isn't that the case.

Fannie O'Neal will probably be the pride and joy of the Sophomore class. Believe it or not, she made the main team in basketball. Several others got suits but we are especially proud of her. Till next week.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thompson and Jimmie Boy who have been living Goldthwaite for the past month where Mr. Thompson has been doing office work in the G. & T. Pecan Shelling Plant will return to their home in Gorman next week.

Johnny Weldon Miller of Grand Prairie, Texas is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Linder of this city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boucher spent the week end in Post and at Lubbock where they visited her sister.

Clay McKnight of San Antonio visited P. S. Pullig and Miss Della Pullig Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Boswell went to Columbus Wednesday for a visit with their daughter.

Burgess Rose who has been in school at Great Lake, Michigan is

now on his way to the navy in San Francisco dropped in for a few days. He will leave again Monday. He wishes he could see and talk with all his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harper who have only recently returned from several weeks stay in Arizona, are this week visiting friends and relatives in San Antonio, Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

family of Fort Worth visited family of Fort Worth visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harper Monday of this week.

Mrs. J. L. Glasson returned from a ten day visit with her children in Lamar and Lubbock.

## HIGH SCHOOL HARRY

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The girls 4H Club met Wed. Dec. 1st, 1948. Jo Ann Capers called the meeting to order. Sylvia Enloe called the roll and read the minutes. Joyce Graham led the girls in the 4-H pledge, motto, prayer and songs. Some pictures were shown on the way lights should be placed in our bedroom.

We discussed covering a dressing table. Miss Mansfield had a small dressing table for example to show us how to cover it.

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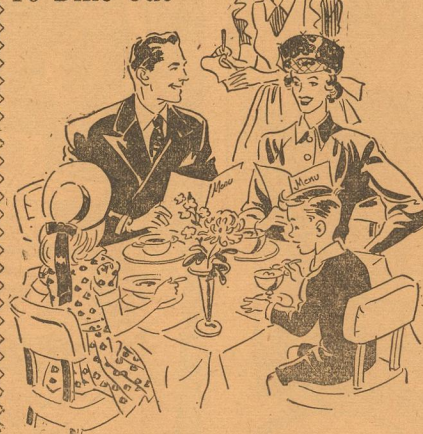
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But - - The Senator favors a "chihuahua." Let us grant that the tiny creature is cute -- but he isn't a Texas dog; he's from Mexico. There are lots of Texans who never saw a chihuahua in their lives.

Let's select a dog that is typical of Texas -- one that has played a

part in the winning of Texas and in its life. Maybe a hunting dog, or a dog that herds sheep or cows, or a watchdog; a dog that romps with children and that shields them from harm and that can spring into the water and drag them to safety.

Yes, the kind of nondescript dog that the pioneers brought along when they headed west in their wagons on the danger beset trail over mountains and fording rivers -- a dog that went without food and water in the desert but never deserted; a dog that flew to his master's side to help him in a fight with a wild animal; a dog whose bark gave warning of the approach of Indians; a dog that was a brave and faithful friend, giving affection, comradeship, loyalty, service and, if necessary, life itself, asking only a word of cheer and a pat on his head.

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Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy five years old and I would like to have a bicycle for Christmas. Please bring Billy Earl something nice too. We have been good boys most of the time. Thank you Santa.

Your little friend,  
Jackie Don Simpson

## LOCAL AIRPORT ENTERS 5th YEAR OF PROGRESS

Gorman keeps pace in aviation with cities of larger population. The local airport which is located about one-half mile from downtown Gorman, is operated by W. Check Smith from his place of business, the Smith Bros. Chevrolet Company. He is subject to call for information, permits, and loading of planes.

Air-traffic to and from this center has increased during the past several months, due to the widespread oil activity. Men having oil interests frequenting this vicinity are taking advantage of air transportation in making their hurried trips. It is not uncommon for these men to come by air for group meetings.

Mr. Smith upon being questioned as to the origin of the airport recalled the war years in 1944 when he had acquired an airplane, only to realize that the plane required storage. Necessity being the mother of invention, he purchased acreage for a field in October of that year.

Appreciating the future of aviation, a number of Gorman men assisted Mr. Smith. The city entered the project and the airfield later was christened the Gorman Municipal Airport.

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## SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

I haven't been a very good little girl this year, but if you could please, please bring me a pretty doll I will try to do better next year. Oh yes! I have a little brother Micheal Don, would you please bring him a big red wagon.

Dolores Foster

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy two and one-half years old, my little brother is seven months old. I want you to bring me a tricycle, chu choo train and tractor, Mike wants some rubber toys to chew on and some fruit and candy to eat.

Don't forget my big brother and sister, they want a bicycle for Christmas.

Booby Santa,  
Bobby Glenn and James Michael Rodgers

way is being sought at present.

Thrilling incidents of humor, pathos, daring, peril and tragic injury have been experienced by those who patronize the air field. A number of boys, now in service, learned to fly on this field. The relating of these tales (fact and fiction) would make good entertainment.

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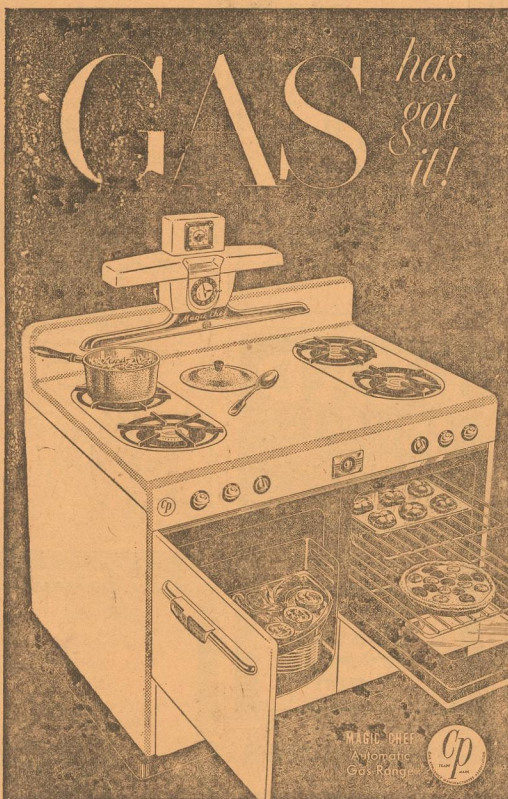
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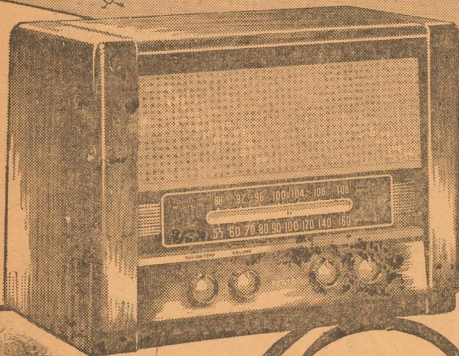
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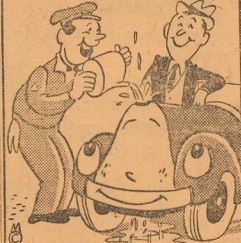
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Classes in the Methodist Sunday School will have as their study theme, Sunday morning "The Christmas Story." Sunday should be a record breaking day for church attendance.

At the morning worship hour, 11 o'clock, a special Christmas program is to be presented by the Children's and Youth division. The theme, Christmas Gifts and Christmas Giving" will be effectively expressed in songs, readings and special numbers, vocals and instrumental. All Sunday School classes will assemble as directed, in the church auditorium immediately following the class period.

At the 7 o'clock service in the evening, Mrs. Donna David will be at the solovox to render special Christmas numbers. Eight scenes in the Christmas Story will be shown on the Flannel Board, the interpretation being given by Christmas Carols.

Following the service a group have planned to go Christmas Caroling. Everyone is invited to join the group.

**WHEELCHAIR CHRISTMAS**



Release from wheel chair bondage is the Christmas gift most fervently sought by the youngsters being assisted at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation.

**WAR ON POLIO**



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**I WANT TO HELP FIGHT POLIO**

This Christmas I'd like to help some Texas youngster in his battle against infantile paralysis. That's why I'm sending along this check to Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation.

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**CHRISTMAS IN WHEELCHAIRS IS GONZALES EVENT**

GONZALES—A big Thanksgiving dinner behind them, a bunch of bright-eyed kids down here are already talking about an even bigger celebration planned for Christmas.

There'll be only one discordant note in the whole proceedings as a jolly St. Nick, a tall bespangled Christmas tree and excitingly wrapped packages signalize the Yule season—the kids won't be hopping around with glee. They'll be sitting in wheel chairs or walking with the aid of crutches or skillfully-fitted braces. But in every young mind there will flame the hope that they'll be walking again by the time another Christmas rolls around.

These kids down at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation have already licked polio in its original onslaught—and now they're engaged in a grim battle, aided by the warm buoyant waters of Gonzales plus skilled medical treatment, to wipe out the crippling aftermath of the disease.

Christmas will be important to the youngsters at Gonzales for another reason, too, for it marks the end of the campaign, started on Thanksgiving Day, to raise funds throughout Texas to maintain Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation on an expanded basis to care for young Texas victims of crippling diseases.

All funds contributed during the drive, in which this newspaper is cooperating, will be utilized for expansion and operation of the 11-year-old Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation which now has a capacity of 110 crippled children.

State Chairman of the drive designed to throw the support of all Texans behind the institution which is helping crippled children to walk again is Dana X. Bible, director of athletics at the University of Texas. And when Mr. Bible makes his final report on Christmas Day to Ross Boothe, president of the Gonzales foundation, he hopes that it will make this Christmas the brightest ever for the wheel chair brigade.



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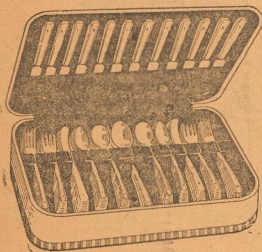
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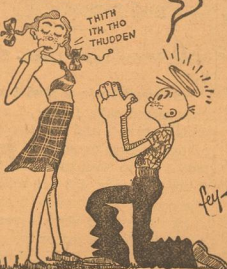
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## Her Interest



### Here Is Your WOMAN'S PAGE

Merry Christmas to every one of you, a merry and a sacred Christmas.

Christmas is so very near. Up and down the streets of our town the merchants have filled their windows with their most attractive and useful things. Their displays and invitations that you women will not resist. The men will come, too. But they will do their buying when the crowd is at its peak, for men are late shoppers. Hours and hours will be spent in "just looking." Soon the stores will have late closing hours. Even now the Christmas street lights, strung by a merchant gives out spark to our Christmas Spirit.

Speaking of Christmas Spirit. The Mass of Christ should be a sane and sacred celebration. Some forethought is needed. I think a mass is a worship service. So, of course, you will want to attend your church during the happy time.

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC Sacred and Secular

Carol Singing and Chime Ringing, so characteristic of Christmas, had their origins long after the first Christmas.

The carols are of sacred and secular types. Three Christmas songs which have become exceedingly popular during the past two decades are secular. The titles of the songs do not call to mind the Nativity. The term Santa Claus appearing in "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" is pagan. There are some sacred phrases "Peace on earth" etc. in the lines of the first song. In the third song, "White Christmas," the home "where the tree-tops glisten and children listen" will be sacred to Christians. But there are homes where it will not be sacred.

It is thought that the first carol singing took place in an Italian village, Grecia. It was there in 1200 that Saint Francis made a manger bed (a crèche) and invited the brethren to gather about it and sing hymns, honoring the birth of Christ.

Some carols have come to us by tradition. Some are set to folk-tunes. The carols, all, are treasures some from the lips of the peasants, some from priests, some from preachers, one from the hand and heart of a blind composer. There is no limit to the diversity of melody and tempo. The airs are a lullaby, a reverie, a triumphant march, a joyful shout.

Every year artists of the various instruments strive to make their renditions of the carols, the most beautiful. It will be so this year.

### GARDENING Tree Planting

Rains in the fall mark the beginning of shrub and tree planting season. Much of the foundation for landscaping should be completed during the winter months.

Neighborhood planting of trees preceded the rain which began falling early Tuesday. Mayor Bran-



don and Mrs. Sissala Williams had holes dug and some of their new trees set out last week.

A very good shade tree for this section is the sycamore, which is easily grown and becomes more beautiful with age. It is akin to the poplar but the sycamore has a longer life. The Chinese Elm is a good shade tree and of quick growth but some strata of the soil around and in Gorman is not kind

No one knows how many times the "Good Tidings" have been told. Not one there is who knows how many ears have heard of His coming. Men, humble and great, the slow of speech and the silver-tongued have read "And Jesus was born in Bethlehem ... God promised and sent, the prophets foretold, the Wisemen derived, the angels sang, the Shepherds saw, the Babe in the Manger."

Artist, singer and poet, each the story has told. The black people of the Deep South chant "Wasn't That a Mighty Day?" The most select choirs come forth with the incomparable, "O Holy Night!" But the Tidings are the same.

The first Christmas Gift, Luke 2: 8-14

"And there were in the same county shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And the angel of the Lord said unto them, Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Let me say THANK YOU to all of you, correspondents and friends for helping to make this our first Woman's Page a success. It is a very nice Christmas Gift you have given me.

Lucretia Fairbetter

### THE ARTIST'S GIFT AT CHRISTMAS TIME

At no place in the world can there be found so many beautiful and diversified conceptions of the scenes of the Nativity and its counterparts as there are among the oil-paintings which hang in the National Art Gallery, Washington, D. C.

It has been the writer's pleasure to browse in this wonderful gallery the beginnings of which were the presentations of art collections owned by Samuel H. Krees and the late Andrew Mellon. Some of the earlier paintings have to me an appearance of caricature (this could be, of course, due to my undeveloped appreciation) while there were other paintings having the same subject which seem to have a bit of the Divine Himself.

The Madonna pictures of Raphael are probably more widely appreciated than any other pieces of sacred art touching on the Nativity. However, there are scores of other pictures anyone of which would merit a trip through our National Art Gallery. "The Adoration of the Shepherds" by Giorgione and the "The Adoration of the Magi" by Botticelli are two of the most beautiful. The latter is most intricate and the artist surely must have spent long hours in portraying the many minute details.

Hoffman's "Madonna and the Child" has figures which are typical in appearance of the people of our day for that reason study is not necessary for appreciation.

The wonderful paintings of the Baby Jesus, of the Virgin Mary, of the Wisemen, of the Shepherds and of the Angels are the gifts of the artists, ancient and modern.

### Christmas Reading

At this season of the year many readers turn to books that tell of the First Christmas, Christmas Far and Near and Christmas At Home.

The "Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke is especially timely. In the mind of the writer, no one has more effectively told the story of the Nativity and the Life of Christ. This book is one of the few which calls for another reading each time that the Christmas Season approaches.

"Home For Christmas" is a book filled with humor for those who would like to let their minds revert to Christmas at home in the early part of the 20th century. The reader has a surprise in store if he contemplates a book which would compare with "The Robe." Lloyd Douglas is the author of both books.

to the roots of this tree.

For profit and those who choose to wait the paper shell pecan, Burkett and Mahan do well in this vicinity.

All trees will require water for the first and second years. Usually the trees will thrive after the beginning of the third year.

## Club Christmas Parties

### Christmas Social Schedules For Homemaker's Class

The Homemaking class will have its annual Christmas social Friday Dec. 17th in the new Educational Building at 7:00 p. m. Mrs. Vera Hamrick is the teacher of this class.

### Excelsior Christmas Party In Baker Home

"Christmas Decorations" and "Christmas Flowers and Arrangements" were the topics discussed at the Excelsior Club on Tuesday evening when Mrs. Eugene Baker was hostess to the club for the meeting and Christmas Party.

Mrs. A. A. Brown spoke most informally (a thing she does most becomingly) on the first topic. She left with her audience the thought "Consider the type of your house, the type of your entrance; then, everything depends on your individuality, your personality and your pocketbook."

Mrs. W. F. Smith followed Mrs. Brown. Capability in handling her subject resulted from her knack of turning the commonplace into a thing of beauty.

Following the study hour the hostess invited the guests to circle a table of gifts where each pulled a belled ribbon for a gift from Santa.

The refreshments served reflected the artistic and culinary talent of the hostess. Invited guests were Mesdames Sam Richey and M. H. Fairbetter.

### W. S. C. S. Hold Christmas Party

Mesdames J. E. Walker, W. J. Ormsby, T. L. Acrea, Ben Pendarvis, E. W. Kimble and W. F. Smith were hostesses for the annual Christmas party of the Woman's Society of Christian Service which was held Monday afternoon, Dec. 13th in the parsonage. All women of the church had been invited for the occasion as guests of the society.

Mrs. A. M. Thurman brought the devotional, using as her theme, Christian Christmas Giving. Mrs. Giff Acrea offered a prayer for Christmas Peace around the world.

Christmas contest games in relation to trees, flowers, customs, and carols were directed by Mrs. Smith.

Gifts were exchanged. White Christmas gifts were brought by the guests for the shut-ins. The White Christmas is sponsored annually by the W. S. C. S. and it is directed by Mrs. E. W. Kimble. The tree was provided by Mrs. Bob Burns.

The Christmas color scheme was expressed in the delicious refreshments which were served.

### TEENAGERS

#### Christmas Holidays

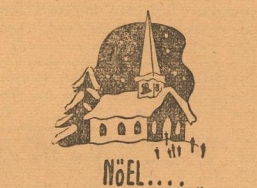


Teenagers and parents of teenagers are happy in contemplating the Holidays. The Christmas Holidays when the boys and girls will be home.

On second thought, just how much will they be home in the few short happy days of Christmas Vacation?

Every year, we as parents see the gap in our family circle widen for, You, Teenagers, have grown a year older. We smile when you want to go and go. We have a little hurt down deep -- but we remember how we were once teenagers. We see history repeating and know that we once stood where you stand, played as you play and loved as you love.

Your hearts are singing "My Happiness". That's what we want for you. Seeing and knowing "Your Happiness" is our best Christmas Gift.



### Open House For Baptist Educational Building

Open house for the new Educational Building was held Sunday afternoon, December 12th from 3 to 4:30.

Guests were received by Rev. Taylor Henley, pastor, and the following members of the building committee: T. A. Thompson, H. R. Mason, D. R. Clark, and Brooks Ross, who supervised the construction of the building.

Ushers for the occasion were Bruce Hirst, Don Harper, and Neal Rose, who directed the guests through the building.

The guests were served punch cookies prepared by the ladies of the church under the direction of Mrs. Chas. Underwood, Mrs. Neal Rose and Mrs. A. E. Westmoreland. Beautiful cut flowers and potted plants were provided by the family of the late J. Frank Dean.

A large number of guests called during the afternoon and expressed great pleasure in the well-equipped building.

### Rebekahs Have Annual Christmas Party

Sixty Rebekahs and Odd Fellows with their families gathered in their beautifully decorated hall on Friday evening, December 10th for their annual Christmas Party and Dinner.

The tree which centered the hall was laden with gifts that no one could touch until Santa arrived.

First came the serving and eating of the bountiful turkey dinner with all the fixings. Then Santa came in. He had candy boots and candy Santas for all the little ones present.

Following the party fifteen of their number went caroling. They sang for nine shut-ins and the hospital.



### RECIPES

The following recipes were used by Mrs. E. Barron and Mrs. E. E. Todd in making their prize-winning cakes:

**Cocoa Divinity - Betty Crocker**  
Sift together into bowl 1 and 7-8 cups sifted soft-as-silk flour, 1 1-2 cups sugar, 1 and 1-4 tsp double action baking powder, 1-2 tsp soda, 1 tsp salt, 6 tbsp cocoa. Add 2-3 cup high grade shortening, 1 cup buttermilk or sour milk. Beat with spoon for 2 minutes by the clock (150 strokes per minutes) Or mix with electric mixer on slow to medium speed for two minutes. Add two large unbeaten eggs, 1-4 tsp red food coloring if desired. Beat 2 minutes.

Pour batter into prepared pans. Pan Size: 2 round layers, 8 in. diameter, 1 and 1-4 in. deep or 1 sq. pan 9x9x2 in. Temp. 350 degrees (mod. oven) Bake 30 to 35 minutes for layers; or 40 to 45 minutes for square cake. Frost with Chocolate Icing DeLuxe.

### Silver White Layer Cake - Soft-As-Silk

Sift together in a bowl 2 and 1-2 cups sifted cake flour, 1 and 1-2 cups sugar, 2 and 1-2 tsp double action baking powder, 1 tsp. salt. Add 1-2 cup high grade shortening 1 tsp flavoring, 2-3 cup milk. Beat vigorously with spoon 2 min. by clock (about 150 strokes per min.) or with electric mixer at medium speed for 2 min. Add 1-2 cup milk 1-2 cup unbeaten egg whites (4 large) Beat 2 more minutes. Pour batter in prepared pan. Bake at 350 degrees temp. from 35 to 40 minutes.

**Pecan Pie:**  
Ingredients: 1c Karo, 1 c sugar, 1 c pecans, 3 eggs, 1 tsp. vanilla,

## Her Activities

### Church News

#### METHODIST YOUTH HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Monday evening Mesdames B. B. Brummett and M. H. Fairbetter were hostesses at a Christmas party for the Intermediates and Seniors of the Methodist Sunday School. The party was given in the A.M.E.C.

Mr. B. B. Brummett, master of ceremonies for the evening accompanied by Mr. W. G. Kirk directed a number of Get-together songs which set the entertainment off to an hour of merriment. Contests demanding a good IQ provided further amusement. Mr. Brummett with Rev. Smith staged a slight-of-hand act.

Sandwiches, cookies and punch were served.

#### J. O. Y. Class To Have Christmas Party

The J. O. Y. class of the First Baptist Church had its Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Taylor Henley, teacher, Monday evening, Dec. 13th. A brief business session was held and several Christmas games played. The group enjoyed the singing of Christmas carols and the exchanging of gifts. A splendid devotional was given by Mrs. Speck Clark.

Punch and cake were served from the dining table which was centered with a red snapper stuffed with evergreens and tapped by silver bells.

Present were Mesdms. Jack Bennett, Jackie St. John, Speck Clark, A. E. Westmoreland, J. L. Davenport, Ramona Stacy, Anna Fay Foster, W. H. Haley, Neal Rose, Ben R. Townley, Earl Murray, Marrel Files, Billy C. Pittman, Granville England, Bruce Hirst, Boyd Hilley, and the hostess.

#### December 16th Date For T. E. L. Party

The T. E. L. class will have its annual Christmas party Tuesday, December 16th in the new Educational Building. The meeting will begin immediately after noon at which time the women will quilt. Miss Buena Van Winkle is the new teacher of this class.

#### "Health" Topic Of Study For Woman's Study Club

At the December 6th meeting of the Woman's Study Club Health was the topic of the two discussions brought to the group.

Mrs. Charles Underwood spoke on the "Three Public Enemies" namely, Cancer, Heart Disease and Tuberculosis. Mrs. Underwood treated her subject forcibly in the startling and interesting facts which she presented in regard to these death dealing enemies of mankind.

Mrs. W. G. Kirk, the second speaker of the evening gave a review of a recent article published in a current magazine which told of the new treatment for scientific care of the teeth. This medical advance against decay is the use of a water solution with florine which has proven a preventive for decay.

In the business session preceding the study hour, Mrs. Keith Whitt was voted into the club. Two resignations were accepted, Mesdames Sam Ormsby and Erin Haile. A new treasurer, Mrs. John Wright was elected.

The members are looking forward to their Christmas Party in the home of Mrs. Boyd Killey on the evening of December 20th.

Mrs. Barton Eppler, hostess for the club meeting served date pudding topped with cream and coffee.

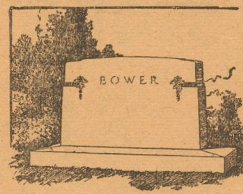
1-4tsp. salt.

Directions: Beat eggs well, mix Karo, sugar, eggs thoroughly, add pecans (chopped) vanilla and salt, pour into pastry shell, bake in moderate oven.

#### Cranberry Salad

Ingredients: 1 qt. cranberries, 1 orange, large, 2 c sugar, 1-2 c celery (finely chopped), 1c chopped nuts, 1 pkg. cherry or lime jello, 1 and 1-2 c water.

Directions: Grind cranberries, orange, mix with sugar, let set over night, add celery and nuts, prepare jello with water, when partially congealed add all ingredients,



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## The Spirit of Christmas (By Mrs. Bill Tucker)

The words, "I have never had a tree", spoken not many days ago, were the most pathetic, to our mind, which we have ever heard, and the impact of the thought left us stunned, unbelieving.

What child can not remember the times when Christmas meant the hanging of the stockings in the chimney with care and the procuring of an appropriate tree to be trimmed, amid squeals of laughter and delight, with tinsel rope, shiny stars made of foil or the proverbial strings of popcorn, made days in advance. Even the cranberries came in for their share of the ceremonious festivity.

Then to think that, in this good land of ours, when Christmas and all its meaning brings to us, still, a glowing feeling of love, harmony and peace, an individual, whom we shall not name, said to us, "I have never had a tree."

Right away plans began to evolve in our mind, and later when a splendid green tree flashed across our vision, near the roadside on our way home from church, we deftly climbed through the fence and cut it down, knowing full well that plans to please this worthy person would soon materialize.

The tree was carried to her home and the afternoon spent in decorating it gayly, not with popcorn and cranberries, as children would have done four decades ago, but with sparkling baubles, shiny stars and modernistic foil icicles and glistening snow.

The results of our effort, we hope will not only be pleasant for this individual, but also an inspiration to others to do something however small, when the opportune moment comes, to spread good cheer - you see, this is a true Christmas Story.

## Home Dem. Council Holds Annual Christmas Party

The twelve Home Demonstration Clubs of the County were represented at the Council's Annual Christmas Party, which was an all day affair, on Wednesday, Dec. 8th at the First Christian Church in Eastland, Texas.

Decorations of a tree and registration of the gifts were in charge of committee women, Mrs. Bill Tucker, Mrs. Ann Justice and Mrs. Melva Love in the morning.

The clubs brought basket lunches which were spread on long tables decorated with the legendary mistletoe and other Christmas Symbols, provided by Miss Mc

## Kokomo News

A large crowd attended the Sunday School and church Sunday. Rev. Willie Skaggs delivered the message for the morning and evening services. Everyone is invited to attend Sunday School next Sun.

Mrs. Erma is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Niel of Lamesa. Mrs. Neil who has been ill for some time is not getting along very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe of Staff visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Eaves Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neal and son, Buddy of Hamlin visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hendricks and children of Eastland visited Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Johnson spent the week-end in Ft. Worth. They visited Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Johnson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. June Hendricks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Donaldson attended singing at New Hope Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordon visited Mr. Jordon's uncle, Jim Lavall in the Ranger General Hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordon shopped in Eastland Thursday.

Mrs. Clifford Nelson and Mrs. Tom Etheredge and Jana shopped in Eastland Thursday.

We are very happy to report Mrs. Joe Mc Neely is home again and is very much improved.

Orval Treadway is now employed at Sundown.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gray were in Eastland Monday.

Billy Paul Lewis of the U. S. Army spent the week-end with his wife and the Parker family. Billy Paul is stationed at Shephard Field of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Sessum, Mrs. John Kiker and family, Mrs. Jim Hendricks spent Sunday with Mrs. Carra Sessum.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordon and Joyce visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Treadway Sunday evening.

Miss Betty Jean Bennett of John Tarleton spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stacy and children of Carbon visited Mr. and Mrs. John Timmons Sunday. Edward Stacy and Tim also visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richburg.

## Desdemona News

Mrs. Ray Robinson of Kerrville is visiting her parents Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers of Oil Center, New Mexico is visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Joiner this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hammond of Fort Worth visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Read and Regina over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Walls of Stephenville visited their Mothers Mrs. Sallie Huffman and Mrs. Nora Walls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Warden and daughter, Gwendolyn of Ranger visited her mother Mrs. Nina Lohman and grandmother Mrs. Sallie Eaton over the week end.

Pfc. Clyde E. Owens of Bellville, Illinois is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dick Owens. His mother is a patient in the Gorman hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Browning of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Browning of Cisco visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Woods and their mother, "Granny" Browning.

Larry Alread of Fort Worth is visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Homer Abernathy this week. Mr. Atlas Griffith and Mr. R. H. Abel made a business trip to Stephenville Friday.

Mrs. W. A. Saint is seriously ill in the Gorman Hospital.

Dalton Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watson is able to be returned home from the Ranger Hospital, where he has been a patient with pneumonia for several days.

Fifty pairs of skates have been purchased by the school. There will be skating every Friday and Saturday night. Everyone is invited to skate.

## GORMAN BOYS RECEIVE PROMOTIONS AT JTAC

Three Gorman boys recently received promotions in the cadet corps at John Tarleton Agricultural College by the Professor of Military Science and Tactics. Promoted to the rank of Sergeant were Thomas E. Brightwell, junior business administration major; Billy Maupin, senior business administration major; and Wade T. Russel, junior technician major.

Mrs. Preston Capers and son of Eastland visited Mrs. Della Reynolds Sunday.

Mrs. Carra Sessum and Mrs. John Kiker and Sharon shopped in Eastland Friday.



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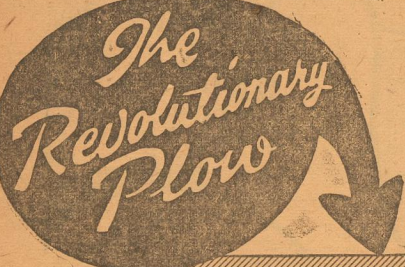
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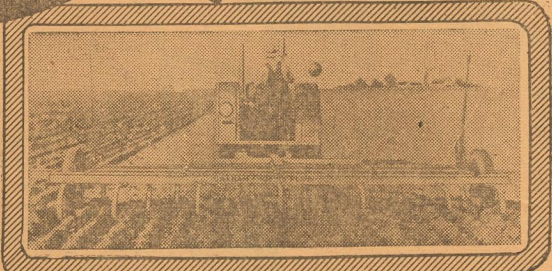


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Coy, Miss Mansfield and Mrs. Charles Mahaffey. Table grace was offered by Miss Willie Word of Cisco.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. M. P. Farnsworth, Chairman, presided over a short business session which was the last of the 1948 regular meetings.

Roll Call was answered by Club groups standing and reporting sick members and those unable to attend.

Several cards were signed by all present and sent to those members who were ill.

An expression of appreciation from the group to County Agent Cooper who is ill, was the gift of a nice shirt and tie.

Mrs. Jim Sparks of Desdemona was in charge of the afternoon program. Each club participated and the charades, games, songs and stunts presented were creative gay and laugh-provoking.

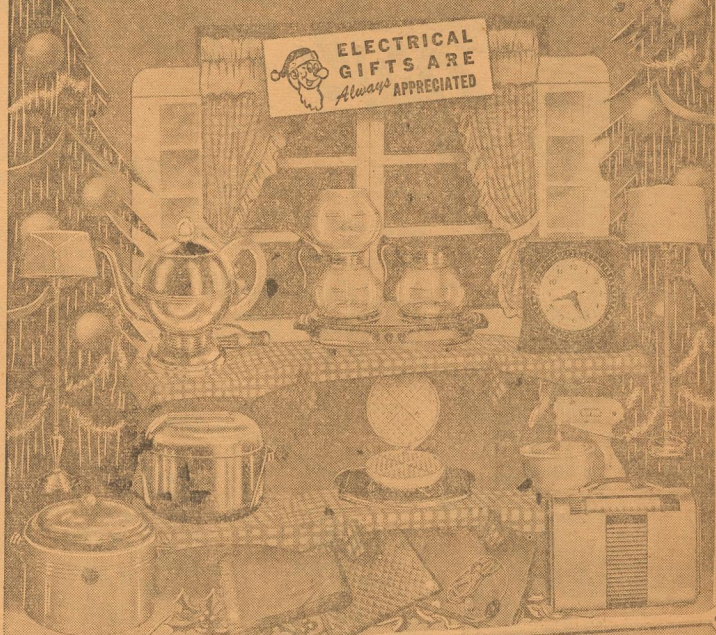
High-light of the occasion came with the distribution of the many attractive gifts which were heaped beneath the tree. All gifts were handmade things which any homemaker can so easily make, a hankie, dresser scarf, padded coat racks and crochet articles. Feature items were print aprons made from material classed by the women as Hen Yard Linen, Lay-mash sacks, in a myriad of styles. There were 22 aprons in the apron parade which closed the program.

Clubs present were Alameda, Salem, Bass Lake, Flatwood, Pioneer, Gunn, Morton Valley, Howard, North Star, Sabanno, Colony, Lake Cisco, and Word.

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