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**DECEMBER 14, 2000** 

## NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT

# Make Christmas **Bright - Take An Ornament**

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# Band Concert Sunday, Dec. 17th

The Gorman Band will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Bands presenting the concert are the 5th and 6th grade band, Jr. High band and the High School band.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the Christmas Concert.

# District Deputy of the Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star of Texas Visits Local Eastern Star



The District Deputy of the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas made her official visit on December 4th. She gave excellent instructions.

Christmas snacks and good fellowship were enjoyed by all. Present were: Oleta Mosley, Gaylord Battenfield, Elaine Battenfield, Connie Campbell, District Deputy from Ranger, Nell Ragland, Elwood Ragland, Pam Osborne, Ann Jay, Sandra Osborne, Helen Plaunty, Pat Mosley (not picutrred Mildred Million, Carolyn and Lowell Brown, Rachel Wakefield, Stan and Rosemary Harper.

# **Gorman PD To Hold 2nd Annual Project Give**



The Gorman Police Department is getting ready for the 2nd Annual Project Give. They will be accepting gifts of new toys, clothes or money. These contributions will be distributed among those who are not able to purchase these extras for the holidays. If you would like to make a contribution or donation to this cause you may simply drop it off at the city office. If you know of someone, or if you are someone who would appreciate the assistance, please notify the City Office, or Police Department. Or feel free to mail in the information for the family in need with the ages and sizes. The office phone number is 254-734-2317 and the mailing address is P. O. Box 236, Gorman, Tx 76454.

# Adult Literacy Program Set For Interested Individuals

Gorman Masonic Lodge in conjunction with the Gorman ISD is offering an Adult Literacy Program open to all interested persons. The class will be taught at the school with the lesson plans, supplies and materials furnished at no cost to the individuals. this program was designed by the Scottish Rite Hospital Learning Center and is designed to teach reading and writing to adults. When this course is completed a certificate of completion will be presented to each individual. If you or anyone you know is interested and would like to attend, please call the school at 734-2617 or 2614 to sign up. Betty Morris or Crystal Snider can give you more information. Or you can call Roy Lipson, 734-3211, or Howard Hagood, 734-2977. After the sign-up is completed, the time and dates for the classes will be set. Sign-up needs to be completed by December 20th. Classes will start in January.

# Gorman GROW 1st Annual **Tour of Homes A Success!**

The First Annual Tour of Homes was a success for the Gorman GROW Community Club. The attendance was above expectation and a great time was had by all. We would like to extend a special thanks to the following people for without their participation, this would not have been possible: Caro Boswell, Kim Curlee, Eula Miears, Victor and Karen Pena, and Becky Smith. These homes and the Methodist Church were beautifully decorated and truly reflected the spirit of Christmas.

We will try to have pictures available by print time next week of this great event!

# Christmas Gift Sale

**CROSS Trainers Christian** Youth will be selling gift items on Saturday, December 16th in front of ZI's from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. to raise money for their Spring Re-

T-Shirts, Christian Calendars, NLT Bibles, Sand Art Brownies in a Jar, Toffee Coffee Gift Bags, Cakes and Pies.

This is a good opportunity to help out a great group of teens! You can also make orders before or after the event by calling Kim Campbell at 254-734-2245.

734-3125.

# Community **Christmas Meal Time Changed**

The Abundant Life Church will serving a community Christmas meal Saturday night at the Senior Citizens Center at 5:30. There will be plenty to eat at no charge. There will also be music, sing-They will have Christian ing, etc. Everyone is welcome

to attend. Due to the scheduled Christmas concerts of the Gorman, Rising Star, and De Leon bands this Sunday during the afternoon, Abundant Life Church has changed its regularly scheduled service to 6:30

> Thank you, John Howard, Jr.

## Gorman ISD Tax Office To Be Closed For Christmas

The Gorman Independent School District Tax Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from December 21st to January 2nd. Please mail payments to Gorman ISD at P. O. Box 8, Gorman, Texas 76454.

All payments postmarked December will be posted as a 2000 payment.

Thank You and Have a Happy Holiday. In case of an emergency please call Julie Keller at 254-

## **Police Report**

November 2000. There were 0 (zero) arrests made this month. There were 48 citations written this month covering 10 violations as follows: 29--speeding, 5--criminal mischief, 2--defective equip., 1--expired registration, 1--no insurance, 4--public intoxication, 3--minor in possession, 1--stop sign, 1--no driver's license, 1--expired driver's license.

There were 38 investigateable offenses reported.

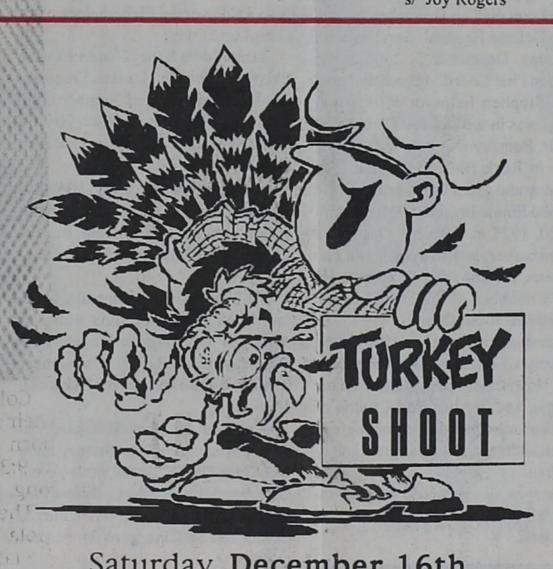
There were 36 other contacts made with the public, where investigations, information or assistance was required.

Animal calls--9, accidents--2, disturbances--5, suspicious vehicle/person--2, locked vehicle--2, medical emergencies--1, fire assist--4, prowlers--1, welfare checks--2, funeral escorts--3, emergency messages--1, gass drive offs--4, DeLeon--3, Gorman--1, bank alarms--2, theft reports--2.

## Thank You

Thanks to all for your love and concern during my down time. To Betty, Jack, Gene, Judy and all the First Alert Team for your help thank you. Thanks again friends!

s/ Joy Rogers



Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m. at Post Oak Gun Club

# The C.M. Guthery's To Mark 50th Anniversary



C.M. and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 17, 2000 with a reception at the First Baptist Church Annex in Desdemona. Their daughters, Karen Lavon Eaves and Belinda Gaye Webb, both of Desdemona, will host this event, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Charles Marion "Pug" Guthery was born November 19, 1930 to the late William Roy and Nannie Elizabeth (Perdue) Guthery in the Jakehamon Commu-

Vonnie Rue "Coon" Keith was born August 18, 1934 to the late Major J. and Ethel M. (Partain) Keith in the Victor Community.

They were High School sweethearts and were married on December 23, 1950 at the First Baptist Church parsonage by the pastor, Bro. H.D. Martin. They have lived in Desdemona most of their life except for 7 years away in Kermit, Texas, where he was employed by Magnolia Oil Company (later Mobil Oil).

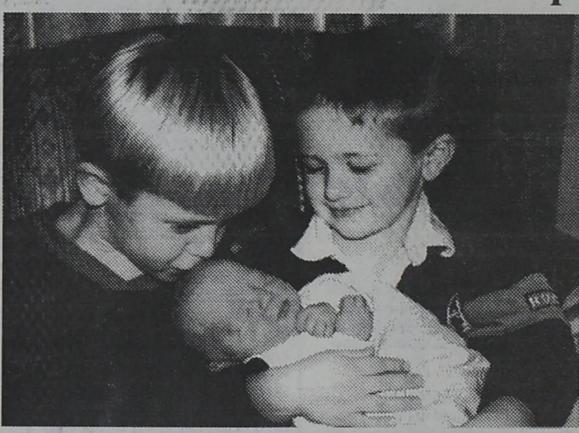
After being employed for 17 years with Mobil Oil, he was a peanut farmer and rancher for several years and present time a contract pumper.

They are active members of the First Baptist Church in Desdemona where Pug has served 40 years as a deacon. Vonnie has served as the Sunday School secretary for 30 years. She stays busy doing church and community work, helping all of her family and others.

The Gutherys have four 'lovely' granddaughters--Holly Gaye, Angela Kaye, Sonja Gaye and Kandice Lavon and three 'great' grandchildren--Lorin Kaye, Colin Zane and Kaley Nicole.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend this celebration. No gifts, let your presence be our gift.

# A New Son for Lance & Kim Sharp



Colby and Bailey are excited to announce the arrival of their new baby brother, Layton Edward Sharp. Layton was born at Eastland Memorial Hospital on December 1, 2000 at 9:35 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 inches

The maternal great grandparents are the late Chuck and Viola Eaker of Gorman. The maternal grandparents are the late Tana Sharp of Gorman and E.J. Sharp of Olden.

The paternal great-grandparents are the late Junior Stacy of Gorman and Ramona Stacy Stewart of Gorman, and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. (Bud) Sharp of Desdemona. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sharp of Desdemona.

# ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every other week at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 8 & 22 - Senior Citizens - 11:00 a.m. Nov. 15 & 29 - Gorman Hotel - 10:30 a.m.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

## FOOD PANTRY Second Thursday of Each Month

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Roy Lipson, Worshipful Master - Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Gorman GROW Monthly meeting set on Dec. 18th at 6 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This will be a Pot Luck Dinner. Come Join Us.

Athletic Boosters to meet January 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Dairy Queen. Come and support the Panthers and join the Boosters.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Nell Ragland, Worthy Matron and Elwood Ragland, Worthy Patron.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE DECEMBER 20TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

# **Obituaries**

## Services Held for Stella Reynolds

Stella Jewell Reynolds, age 88, passed away Wednesday, December 6, 2000 in the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Gorman. Graveside services were Thursday, December 7, 2000 at the Simpson Cemetery with Durward Webb officiating.

Mrs. Reynolds was born February 14, 1912 in Eastland County to Frank Leach and Lela Mack (Morren) Leach. She was the widow of Doy Reynolds. Mrs. Reynolds was a Licensed Vocational Nursing having retired after working at Blackwell Hospital in Gorman for 45 years. She was a Methodist and had lived in this area all of her life.

She is survived by: one daughter, Frankie Mack Brantley and her husband LeRoyce of Gorman; one sister, Opal Snider of DeLeon; five grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

## Doyle L. Hughes Laid to Rest

Doyle Leonard Hughes, 74, of Hot Springs Village passed away December 6, 2000 at a local hospital.

Born January 14, 1926, near Desdemona, Texas, he served in the U.S. Navy as a gunner on a merchant ship during World War II, having volunteered for that service at age 17. He received his Associate in Arts degree from Ranger Junior college in Ranger, TX> He retired from his position as director of Environmental Services at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas, and later retired from a second career at the Denton State School, a facility for children with special needs.

He was predeceased by his parents, Jesse L. and Georgia (Staley) Hughes, by his first wife, Minnie Ola (Townsend) Hughes, by his second wife, Billy Jean (Watson) Hughes, and by his son Leonard Wayne Hughes, and by one sister and four brothers.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Frances (Fonville) Hughes of his home, his son and daughter-in-law, Sam J. and Estella Hughes of North

## Services Held for Lowell G. Rawls

Lowell Gene Rawls age 71, passed

Home Chapel with Rev. Clarence Wilman Cemetery.

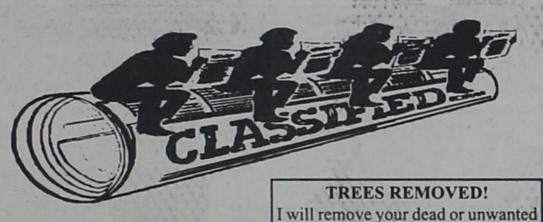
Mr. Rawls was born October 31, manager of Higginbotham Bros. & Co. before retiring. He was a Korean War was on the Gorman Cemetery Associa-V.F.W. in Eastland.

Survivors include one brother, Roy Rawls of Austin; two sisters, Jimmy Cooper of Odessa and Patsy Locke of Fort Worth and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Richland Hills, Texas, his sone and daughter-in-law, Raymond L. "Larry" and Vickie Hughes of Fort Worth, Texas, his granddaughters Christy and her husband Frankie Couch, Sherry and her husband Richard Bramlett, Angela Hughes and Stephanie Hughes, his grandsons Sean, Sam Jay and Christopher. Also surviving are his great granddaughter Ryley Couch, his sisters Ann Rainey of Gorman and Maxcine Rowch of Midland, and a host of nieces

his ability to entertain and his sense of humor. He composed and performed country music for many years. He also performed in the comic role of Spud Tater, and he and Frances entertained children with their trained potbellied pigs. His favorite role was that of Hub Cap, the clown, accompanied by his wife as Loose Wheel and sometimes by his son and grandsons, Dash Board, Fender and Spare Tire.

the Nowlin Funeral Home in DeLeon, officiated by Bro. Joe Hughes. Burial the Church of Christ.



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away Thursday, December 7th at his home after a sudden illness.

Services were Saturday, December 9, 2000 in Higginbotham Funeral son officiating. Burial was in the Gor-

1929 in Gorman to Harley T. Rawls and Wilma (Carter) Rawls. Mr. Rawls was lumbar yard for more than 30 years veteran serving in the U.S. Army. He tion Board and bookkeeper for the

Doyle will be well remembered for

Services were December 9, 2000 at was at the Howard Cemetery near Desdemona. He was a faithful member of

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# Michael Warren Graduates

Michael P. Warren, BS, general studies is among 1,325 graduates who will receive degrees on Saturday, December 16th, 2000, at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma.

The University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), founded in 1890, is located on a 210-acre campus in Edmond, a northern suburb of Oklahoma city. Fall 2000 enrollment exceeded 14,000 students. UCO is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as a bachelor's and master's degree granting institution.

The Fall graduates include 1,120 being granted bachelor's degrees and 205 master's degrees.

# CARBON NEWS

By Michelle Thackerson

Carbon Community Baptist Church took the youth to the Jacque Velasquez and Plus One concert in Abilene.

Carbon Community Baptist Church adult Sunday school classes had their Christmas parties Sat. Both groups enjoyed spending time with everyone and celebrating the birth of our savior.

Sunday night the Carbon Community Baptist Church took our youth to Abilene to the mall and through the celebration of Lights Park.

Have a great week

# SHOP LOCALLY FIRST

## KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

I hope that everyone is ready for the winter weather that is on the way. It is cold, windy and cloudy this Monday morning. A time to stay inside where it is warm if you don't have to be out-

A film, "Dispelling the Darkness" was shown at the Kokomo Baptist

## Services Held for Johnnie M. Fish

Johnnie M. Fish, age 47, passed away Friday, December 8th in a Dallas hospital. Services were Monday, December 11, 2000 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Denver Rainey officiating. Burial was in Rock Church Cemetery in Brown

Mrs. Fish was born August 16, 1953 in Gretna, Louisiana to Charles J. Verrett and Annis (Edwards) Verrett. She married Darrell Fish in Gorman in 1992. She was a housewife and had previously operated a video store in Gorman.

Survivors include her husband, Darrell Fish of Gorman; one daughter, Jennifer Evans of Indiana; one brother, Henry Verrett of Arlington; and one sister, Gratel Diane Zolfaghar of Gorman.

## Johnnie Bethany Laid to Rest

Johnnie Robert Odell Bethany, 95, of DeLeon died on December 7, 2000 at the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Saturday, December 9, 2000 at the DeLeon First United Methodist Church with Stephen Schmidt officiating. Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery.

Mr. Bethany was born on May 10, 1905 in Rock Bluff to the late John Bethany and Clara Love Bethany. He married Emma Brightwell on September 20, 1925 in Carbon. He was a retired barber and had lived in DeLeon 62 years, coming from Ft. Worth. He was a member of the DeLeon First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Bethany of DeLeon; two daughters, Nell Howell of Abilene, and Johnnie Morgan and her husband Clinton of Weatherford; 5 grandchildren; 11 greatgrandchildren; and 8 great-great grandchildren.

He was also preceded by sone-inlaw, James Howell; two brothers and one sister.



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Church on Sunday morning. Helen and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano rendered the special mu-

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor at Gorman for the Sunday afternoon church service were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe and Glynda Bond, Jimmy Little, Nancy Hendricks and visitor, Ruth Bryant.

The Christmas Program at the Kokomo Baptist Church will be on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. The Continental 2, Daryl Hirst and Glenda Black, will present a program and Santa will be here to visit with the children. A barbecue sandwich meal will be served in the fellowship hall following the program and gift exchange. Visitors are welcome, and if you bring a child be sure to bring a gift to put on the tree for them.

I really enjoyed the Christmas parade and musical program at Gorman on Saturday night featuring Continental 2, the Howard Family, The Upper Room and the Messengers.

Oren and Norma Webb were in Midland on Monday, December 4 and visited with Johnnie B. Griffith at the Memorial Rehab Hospital. Johnny B. is there for therapy for her broken hip. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Ashley and Breckley Little visited with their grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Little on Thursday night while their parents attended a Christmas Dinner Party at the Smokestack in Thurber.

Verna Little ate a Christmas lunch with Ashley at the Siebert elementary school on Friday.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Sylvia Buchanan, Laneta Freeman, Linda Brumbelow of Stephenville, John and Troy Scitern, Ruth Bryant, Zelda Jordan and Tony Stogner of Dal-

The Continental 2, Daryl Hirst and Glenda Black, presented a Christmas music concert at Gunsight Baptist Church on Sunday morning, Decem-

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Stella Reynolds who was buried in the Simpson Cemetery on Thursday, December 7. I remember Stella as a good nurse at the Blackwell Hospital.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Mineral Wells on Sunday night with Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett and attended the Christmas Program at the First Baptist Church. Lesley and Melanie were on the pro-

Those visiting with Zelda Jordan during the weekend were Glenda Black of Abilene, a great-nephew, John Slover and a friend, Anthony Kubacek of Lubbock who were here doing some deer hunting.

### **Garrett Gatlin Celebrates** 2nd Birthday

Garrett Gatlin, who was two years old on December 7th, celebrated his birthday with a family party in the home of his grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning on Saturday. The Birthday cake was a "Winnie the Pooh" cake made by his mother, Donna.

Those enjoying the chili supper, birthday cake and celebration with Garrett were his parents, Gary and Donna Gatlin and his sisters, Lesley and Melanie of Mineral Wells, grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning, great-grandparents, W.C. and Winnell Browning of Gorman, Gary and Rebecca Browning of Graham, Kay Snider, Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay and Lottie Morris of Gorman.

Garrett really enjoyed opening all his presents.

NOTICE TO KIDS FROM SANTA:

ALL LETTERS SANTA NEED TO BE MAILED TO: SANTA CLAUS AT THE NORTH POLE. If you want your letter published in the Gorman Progress you need to send your letters by noon on December 19th.

Santa Thanks You.

## CHIP Representative in Eastland Dec. 14th

A representative of the Children's Helath Insurance Program (CHIP) of will be in Eastland to enroll children in the low cost insurance program on Thursday, December 14th, at the Texas Department of Human Services office. The representative will be there from 1 to 4 p.m. to assist families in complet-

ing the application for insurance.

To enroll for the program, parents should bring with them proof of income. The proof can be at least two paycheck stubs, W2 forms for 1999, or a letter from their employer indicating their monthly pay. Parents with day care expenses should also bring receipts indicating how much and how often they pay for that service.

CHIP is a State of Texas program to provide insurance for children up to their 19th birthday. Income guidelines for the program are very generous. The most the insurance can cost is \$18 per month to cover all the children in the family. For more information call Dominick Yanez at (800)592-7433.

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the Christmas holidays. Ray put up our
outside Christmas lights here at the
nursing home and Ina and many of our
nursing home staff have decorated the
lobby areas and the doors in the facility. Many family members also decorated their loved ones doors and rooms.
Thanks to all who participated on be-

wou ke to invite each of you to come by and see the decorations.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!! See you at the nursing home.

Sincerely, s/Brent

The next Birthday Party will be Friday, 2:00 p.m. on December 15th. Veno Hale is the honoree, whose birthday is December 25th. Guests and relatives are welcome. There will be en-

On Saturday, Daryl Hirst and Glenda Joyce Black gave a one-hour concert singing at 2:30 p.m. Residents were Cynthia Earles, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Mary Williams, A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Richard Kinser, Mildred Bellows, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett. Guests were Zelda Jordan, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Barbara Tucker, Iris Preston, Daisy Slaton, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Mary Williams were Maxine Frasier of DeLeon. Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Amy Fraley, Ima Brown, Julian and Alejandra Madera, Howard and Pat Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables, Lou Rodgers, Mayvis Lasater, Bro. Paul Denton and Durwood Webb.

On Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School class for Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Velma Bennett, Cynthia Earles, Modess Self, A.V. Seay, Ava Rodgers, Dean Pounds, Stella Files, Ora Mae Atchison, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett.

Visiting Dean Pounds were Winston Brown, Howard Hagood, Gladys Pounds and Roger Pounds.

Some of Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb guests were Juanita Spence of Little Elm, David and Denna Halcomb, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

ve, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Those coming from First Baptist

Church at 2:30 Sunday were Rev. William and Tootie Campbell, Brent Lasater, Charlie and Betty Morris, Louise Hall, Jerry Parcell, LaJoyce Johnson. Residents were Iola Johnson, Hazel Wisdom, Hazel Wisdom, Velma Bennett, Dean Pounds, Mildred Bellows, Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Clifton Jarrett, Ollie Halcomb, Modess Self, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Frankie Jarrett.

Visiting Hallie Clark were JoAnn Fraley, Tresa, Brian and Brodi Campbell, Pat Hagood, and Eunice Love.

The Gorman Girls in Action of First Baptist Church went on Wednesday evening visiting and took everyone Christmas Ornaments.

5th/6th Grade--Liz Brinegar-teacher, Rosa Herrera, Ashley Gonzales, Brittney Rainey, Amanda Regian, Kaci Seaton, Tessa Jones, Clarrisa Glasson; 3rd/4th Grade--Tiffany Childers--teacher, Audrey Johnston, Brittany Van Dusen, Dezira Murphy, Elisa Lobo, Olivia Jackson, Maria Gonzalez, Stormy Hurd, Lindsey Laminack, Kimberly Seaton, Laura Herrera, Maressa Gillen; 1st/2nd Grade--Amy Johnston--teacher, Jaime Johnston, Mackenzie Keller, Karla Lara, Cortney Shirley, Ally Little, Carlie Jackson.

Visiting Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers were Barbara Tucker, Wesley Rogers of Granbury, Buddy Rogers and Saloda Brown of Ranger, Fred Rogers, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Lugenia Morris, Kay Rogers and Kacey Rogers of DeLeon.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore were Wesley Warren, Barbara Tucker, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Howard and Pat Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Monday morning, Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for Sara Rodgers, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Patti Whitehorn, Ava Rodgers, Velma Bennett, Modess Self, Inez Rogers, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Mildred Bellows and S.D. Gilmore.

Visiting Veno Hale and Iola Johnson were Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Ruth Bryant, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Those coming for singing on Monday were Zelda Jordan, Nina Joiner, Daisy Slaton, Alpha Mae Andry, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Ruby Lee Kinser, and Anna Rush. Residents were Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Cynthia Earles, Modess Self, Inez Rogers, and Dorothy Beaty.

Some of Clifton and Frankie Jarrett guests were Bill Johnson, Mark Watson, Kay Watson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Ruth Bryant, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Stella Reynolds Passes Away

Stella Jewel Reynolds age 88 passed away December 6, 2000 at Heritage Manor. Graveside services were December 7, 2000 at Simpson Cemetery. Durwood Webb officiated, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

She was born to Frank and Lela Leach, widow of Doy Reynolds. Mrs. Reynolds was an L.V.N. having retired after 45 years from the Gorman Blackwell Hospital. She lived in the Gorman area all of her life and was a Methodist. Survivors are a daughter, Frankie Mack (Mackie) Brantley of Gorman, one sister, Opal Snider of DeLeon and five grandchildren, 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchild.

Visiting Mildred Bellows recently were Danny and Sally Bellows of Dallas, Darrell and Pat Graham, Eunice Love.

Residents decorated for Christmas. Some that helped were Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Modess Self, S.D. Gilmore, Frankie Jarrett and Veno Hale.

Guests visiting A.V. Seay and Sara Rodgers were Bro. Paul Denton, George Rodgers, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Pat Graham, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant.

Visiting Richard Kinser were James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Rex Kinser and Wilbur Overstreet.

Some of Patti Whitehorn guests were Marie Cook, Bro. T.D. Whitehorn, Ina Reynolds, Mary Estes, Sylvia Estes of Carbon, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Visiting Ed Johnson and Buddy Winn were Candice Ervin of Stephenville, Verl Ervin, Gerald McLearen, Richard Kinser, Fay Johnson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Dale Johnson.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke came played the electric organ and Leo Williams played the harp. They are from Desdemona. Residents were Patti Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Modess Self, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, S.D. Gilmore, Richard Kinthard Ki

ser, Mildred Bellows, Inez Rogers, Ora Mae Atchison, Frankie Jarrett and

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Velma Bennett.

Some of Muriel Prewitt guests were
Johnnie and Pattie Waters of Amarillo,
Bro-Paul Denton, Amy Fraley, Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice Live,
Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Tuesday, Baseball Playing members playing were Inez Rogers and A.V. Seay with umpire, Ina Smith.

Visiting Hazel Wisdom and Stella Files were Leo and Eloise Williams, Bob and Merlene Wisdom, Ken and Pat Kincannon of Hico, Pat and Howard Hagood, Inez Rogers, Fay and Denzel Ables.

It sure was fun when "Horse Racing" games were played. Those enjoying the games were Frankie Jarrett, Iola Johnson, Inez Rogers, Modess Self, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, S.D. Gilmore and A.V. Seay.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Dave and Laneta Freeman, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Thursday morning Kathy Torrez had bingo for Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Sara Rodgers, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Velma Bennett, Modess Self, Muriel Prewitt, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers and Ava Rodgers.

Visiting Cynthia Earles and Modess Self were Bobby and Jean Burns, Alene Burns of Fort Worth, Christine Self of

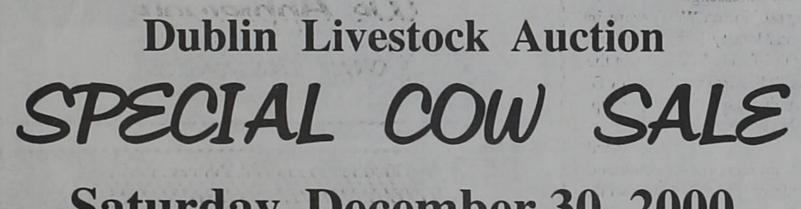
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By Nancy Hendricks

Carbon, Laneta Rodgers, V.O. Huff, Howard and Pat Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice Love.

Some of Velma Bennett and Ola Walker guests were Icy Munn, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Doris England, Fay and Denzel Ables, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks.

Residents appreciated the nice magazines Juanita Files donated.

Bea O'Neal guests were Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks. On Wednesday, Bro. Paul Denton of Church of Christ came and brought chapel for S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Modess Self, Muriel Prewitt, Clifton Jarrett and Frankie Jarrett.

Recent guests of Ava Rodgers were Danny, Cindy, and Hillary Rodgers and Lou Evelyn Rodgers of Midlothian, Mayvis Lasater, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Friday Ina Smith had bingo for Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Modess Self, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, Patti Whitehorn, A.V. Seay, Ora Mae Atchison, S.D. Gilmore, Mildred Bellows, Velma Bennett, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett and Richard Kinser.

# Desdemona

By Vonnie Guthery

Albert and Pat Holdman spend the past week in Sundown visiting their son, Davis and Lori Holdman and children, Shelby and Troy.

Dorothy Roberts spent the past weekend in Fort Worth with her daughter, Ulenda Weaver and family. The spent a lot of hours Christmas shopping.

Dorothy Tidwell is recovering from recent shoulder surgery. We send our get well wishes to her.

Lots of sickness in our area--colds, flu, bronchitis, and some recovering from recent surgery. Remember these with your cards and prayers.

"Congratulations" to Pug and Vonnie Guthery who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 17th at the First Baptist Church Annex in Desdemona from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend the reception hosted by their daughters, Karen Eaves and Belinda Webb, both of Desdemona. No gifts--your present is our gift.

Doyle Hughes, 74, of Hot Springs, Arkansas was buried on Saturday, December 9, 2000 in the Howard Cemetery north of Desdemona. Survived by his wife, Frances Fonville Hughes of the home; two sons, Sam Hughes and Larry Hughes both of Fort Worth; two sisters, Ann Rainey of Gorman; Maxcine Rowch of Midland. He was a former resident of Desdemona where he attended school. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Colin Zane celebrated his 5th birthday on Sunday, December 10th in the home of his grandparents, Wayne and Karen Eaves. Those attending for cake and ice cream were Angela Creed, Kaley, Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Lorin Eaves, Belinda Webb, Kandice Martin, all of Desdemona, Josie Perez, Tivia and Gabriel; Manuel and Sarah Reyna and their mother all of DeLeon.

Enjoying their annual Christmas Get-Together was Alpha Turley of Stephenville; Marguerite McKiney of Dublin and Dorothy Barnes of Comyn. They met in the home of Dorothy Greenhaw last Thursday, December 7th for an early brunch and exchange of gifts. They enjoyed a trip to Abilene for a later lunch and shopping for the day.

"Happy Birthday: to our friend, Ray Lee Whitlock on Wednesday, December 20th. He would enjoy cards from his friends in this area. Address is Rt. 1 Box 64, Desdemona, Tx. 76445.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona will present a musical Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. You are invited to attend to hear the adult church choir present this loving story of Jesus' birth with songs. Director is Annette Cummings.

Our local cafe will open after the holidays. No date has been set. More details later.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thanks

## Pause To Think

This week we are continuing our discussion: why we must receive the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit of Christ into our hearts. As you will recall, in the first four series of these articles, we discussed the man whose heart was cleansed and yet later, an unclean spirit re-entered bringing seven other spirits besides himself, Luke 11:24-26. The unclean spirit was able to re-enter the man's heart and life, simply because the man had never allowed Christ to be Lord of his life. If Christ had been this man's Lord, it would have been impossible for the unclean spirit to have re-entered, and bring seven others worse than himself.

We must surrender completely to Christ, if he is to be Lord of our lives. A partial surrender is not enough. We cannot retain certain areas of our lives while surrender others. All must be surrendered.

In 1 Corinthians 12:3, Paul said, "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." There are two things being said here:

1. It is impossible to possess the spirit of God and call Jesus accursed

2. It is impossible to say that Jesus is Lord, except one be filled with the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit

It is impossible to be filled with the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit of God and speak against Christ, or take his name in vain with little consideration that it is the only name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved, Acts 4:12.

The aspect of 1 Corinthians 12:3 that that should really catch our attention is the statement that no one can say that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

In order for a person to be filled with the Hly Ghost/Holy Spirit, he/she must surrender completely to the Spirit of God. Everything must be surrendered; ones heart, mind, soul, and even ones body. The scriptures declare that the tongue is the most unruly member of the body. In James 3:8, James said, "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." If this is true and it is, then it is the last member of our body to surrender. It is my opinion that this is the reason that God chose speaking in other tongues as the initial evidence that one has received the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit.

When one surrenders completely to Christ, there is no question of what he will do. He will take up residence in your heart as Lord, Savior, and Redeemer. However, according to 1 Corinthians 12:3, unless one has received the Holy Ghost, they cannot say that Jesus is Lord.

More next week. Address comments or questions to:

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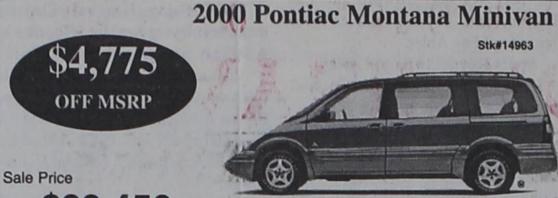
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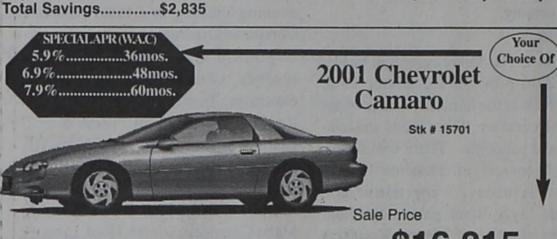
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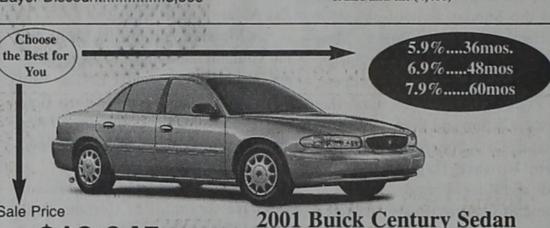
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