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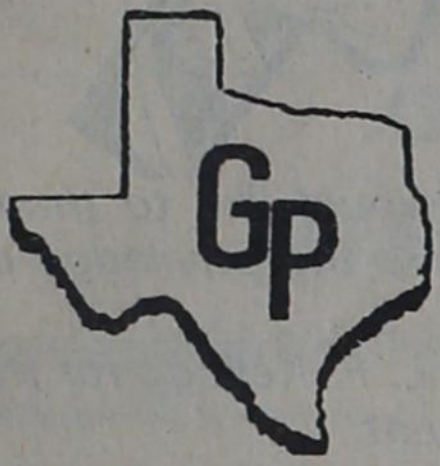
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Gorman, Eastland County, Texas 76454

DECEMBER 26, 1985

MERRY CHRISTMAS

At this festive time of year, it is our pleasure and privilege to wish one and all a holiday filled to brimming with love.



Press Points
Joe Bennett, Publisher

—J—

Sure hope the good weather holds throughout the holidays so folks won't have to worry about bad traveling conditions when they go to Grandmas for the holidays. Personally, I don't like cold, snowy weather at all. Oh, I know some folks like the cold snowy weather, but I guess their bones are just not as brittle as mine are. Anyway, I'm not hoping for a White Christmas.

And while we are on the subject of Christmas, all of us in the Progress family most sincerely hope that you and yours have the brightest, happiest this Christmas and through-lives and also hope and pray that the Good Lord has blessed you as he has me and my family this year. May the greatest of all things imaginable be yours this Christmas and throughout the New Year to come.

—J—

We again thank our advertisers for their outstanding support of the Christmas edition this year. We enjoy such great support from our advertisers and sincerely appreciate it and thank God for these folks and hope that you will tell them you appreciate their support for your paper, because without their support publishing the Progress and mailing it would be an impossible task.

—J—

The new school building project is in the finishing stage and portions of the building were to be occupied the latter part of last week. The carper was being laid last Tuesday in preparation of getting the final work completed so the building could be occupied. The superintendent, G. W. Maxfield, took some of the Lions Club members through the building on Tuesday and we really liked what we saw. The blackboards were all up in the classrooms and things were ready for the carpet people to finish their job. We hope to have some pictures of the interior and exterior of the building as soon as we can manage it. This is a facility that all folks of the school district can be proud of. An open house will be held soon for folks to really get a good look at the facility and hope folks will avail themselves of the opportunity to see it.

—J—

We had a letter from Mrs. Ethel Williams of Haskell telling us that she has not been receiving her paper regularly and wondered why we were not getting it to her. All we can say Mrs. Williams is that we get the paper into the mail on Thursday so that it can be forwarded on to you at Haskell. We don't know exactly what happens to the paper after it leaves our hands. We know it leaves the local post office on time, but we have no control whatsoever as to what happens to it after it goes out of the local office. We are told that the paper should be received anywhere in the U. S. within a couple of days, but who knows. Sorry, Ethel, we do try our best to get the paper to you. Maybe you could send in a complaint to your postmaster at Haskell and see if he could help out with the situation. If the situation does not straighten out we will refund your subscription price in full. We do want all subscribers to get the paper and will do our utmost to get it done.

—J—

Just remember to enjoy the best Christmas you have ever had... and remember to smile - - because God Loves You!



A Christmas Wish

Friends, may sugarplums dazzle your dreams throughout the holiday season, and your thoughts be blessed with peace and love.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Swingers will have a New Years Dance at the De Leon City Hall, Tuesday, December 31st, from 7 to 12. Music by Jr. Trice, Jack Boen, Dale Cox Band. Everybody Welcome. At 12 midnight we will have Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread and etc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - The City Office will be closed December 24 and 25. There will be no trash pickup on these days. Tuesdays pickup will be on Thursday and Wednesdays will be on Friday. Thank You.

Charlie L. Garrett, Mayor

There will be a **Gorman PTO Junior High Basketball Tournament** on January 9th, 10th and 11th, 1986.

Gorman School Tax Office and Superintendent Office now located in new Elementary Bldg. New phone number is 734-3171.

NEW YEARS PAPER WILL BE PRINTED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH. ALL CORRESPONDENTS, NEWS AND ADVERTISING NEEDS TO BE IN BY NOON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH. NEWS THAT ARRIVES LATE WILL BE PRINTED IN FOLLOWING ISSUE.

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On Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. our residents had a gala, merry time observing the monthly birthday party and the annual Christmas Party.

Mrs. Claude Fulle came and played the accordion and the piano for the Christmas carols and the Happy Birthday song. Mrs. Velma Bennett also played the harmonica. We did appreciate these fine ladies and their talents so much.

There were gifts galore from the local churches, friends, relatives and Canterbury Villa. Each resident got a gold tree ornament personally engraved with first name. The birthday residents received red carnations and hand lotion.

Joe Poteet did a beautiful job dressing all the ladies hair for Santa, who came and helped distribute the many lovely gifts.

Those having December birthdays were Veno Hale, Mary Harrell, Mary Emerson, Emma Gregg and Garnet Adams.

Holiday cookies, cakes and pink punch were served by the Kokomo Home Extension Club. Those helping were Anna Laura Clearman, Bernice Rodgers, Nancy Hendricks, Ava Rodgers. Also helping were Tabatha Nance, Velma Bennett and Wanda Tidwell.

We were delighted to have members of the First United Methodist Church bring our church services at 2:30 p. m. Sunday. Those coming were Rev. Rawlyn Richter, Mrs. Lucretia Fairbetter and Milton, Jr., Mrs. Velma Bennett, Mrs. Oma Dee Garrett, Mrs. Gene Snelson and Mrs. Tommy Haile.

At 4 p. m. we were blessed to have the Church of Christ come and bring worship services. Those coming were Bro. Curtis Maness, Bro. T. A. Grice, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones, Mmes. Lorene Foster, Janda Taylor, Virgie Brown, Merle Pruitt, Dora Faye Brewer, Berta Gregory, Cula Palmer, Allie Mae George, Pernia Faye Smith, Zena Simpson, and Misses Floydene Gilbert and Tracey Taylor and Georgie Stacy.

Karen Burleson and Cheryl Smith brought 31 first grade students on Monday to sing Christmas Carols for everyone. The children had bags of apples, oranges and bananas and let each resident choose one. Those children can sure sing.

The residents were honored when the Acteens of First Baptist Church came Saturday morning bringing a big shopping cart of wrapped gifts. The Acteens let each resident pick out one gift to be given away or the resident may keep the gift. This was really a lot of fun.

We still enjoy our bingo games. On Monday M. L. Skiles and Irene West came and helped Charlotte O'Neal win game 1 and 3, Garnet Adams win game 2 and Lonzo Coffman blacked out.

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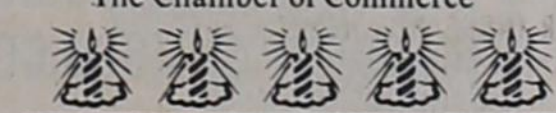
NEWS

We would like to thank all who made our annual Santa's visit a success. First of all we would like to thank Santa for coming and taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with all the children in Gorman. then we would like to thank Gerald & Ina Scitern for opening up their business, Movies Galore & More, for Santa, so he could talk with all the boys and girls. We appreciate all the time you spent on getting things ready.

We want to thank Sav-On-Food for the candy they donated for Santa to hand out. Also, thanks to the Fire Dept. for seeing that Santa had a safe arrival and departure from Gorman.

A big thank you to the parents who brought their children out to see Santa.

May each of you have a very Merry Christmas!
The Chamber of Commerce



Merry Christmas to All

Laneta and Wesley

West came and helped Charlotte O'Neal win games 1 and 3, Garnet Adams win game 2, and Lonzo Coffman blacked out.

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Friday bingo winners were Lonzo Coffman, game 1; Lola Johnson, game 2; Jess Roberts, game 3; Grace Skiles blacked out. Ladies helping were M. L. Skiles and Estelle Dickey.

We are sorry to report Alma Vann and George Hallmark are in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Monday evening at 7 p. m. was the 3rd Monday night musical. Those coming were Vardie Huff, Velma Bennett, Hillery Seay, Bobby Tidwell, Faye Huff, Estelle Dickey, Burton Henry, Finis Johnson and Eddie Sadler of Eastland.

Willo Rice brought the bible study on Wednesday afternoon.

Members of the First Baptist Church came at 6 p. m. and presented the Christmas programs.



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Services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday, December 19 at Bakker Funeral Home in Eastland with the Rev. Ben Tibbs, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Eastland, officiating, assisted by Cecil Huff, associate visitation minister of First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Eastland Cemetery.

Born Kate Holland Feb. 3, 1912, in Lingleville, she grew up in De Leon

and graduated from De Leon High School in 1930.

She married J. W. "Pete" Ramsey April 20, 1940, in Ranger.

She was a former resident of Gorman for 33 years, moving to Eastland in 1976. She was a member of the First United Methodist church of Eastland and a member and past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband of Eastland; two daughters, Kay Lynn Ramsey Black of Coppell and Carol Raye Ramsey Collins of Irving; and four sisters, Vivian Callan of Irving, Moraye Kellum of Sandia, Nina

REGISTRATION SLATED FOR JANUARY 13 AND 14 AT CJC

Cisco Junior College is making preparations to begin its 1986 spring semester. Registration for the spring semester at the Cisc campus will be held in the Harrell Fine Arts

Weems of Dublin and Billye Golden of De Leon; five grandchildren, Carol Maraski of Houston, Jay Black, USAF* San Angelo, Joel Black, McMurry College, Christy Collins and Cherie Collins of Irving.

Pallbearers were Dewey Webb, Bernard Campbell, Bob Green, Grover Hallmark, Danny Weems and Ross Wilson.

Building from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. on Monday, January 13 and Tuesday, January 14. Night registration is scheduled for one night only, Monday, January 13 from 6 to 8 p. m.

Dormitories will open at 2 p. m. on Sunday, January 12. The cafeteria will open at 7 a. m. on Monday, January 13.

Classes will begin January 15 at all locations, but late registration will continue through January 24 during regular office hours (8 a. m. to 4 p. m.) at the Admissions office on the Cisco campus.

For more information call 817-442-2567.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

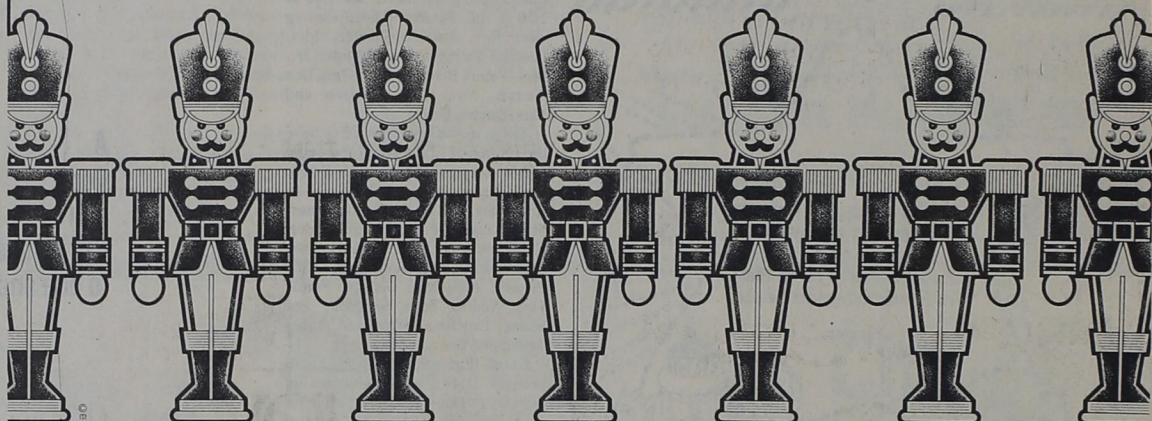
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GORMAN, TEXAS



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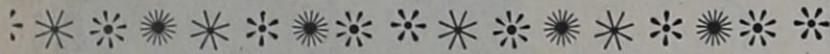
Merry Christmas

From all of us to all of you, our heartiest hopes for the very best of the season. We're so very glad to know you!

DR. JAMES GRAY, D.D.S.

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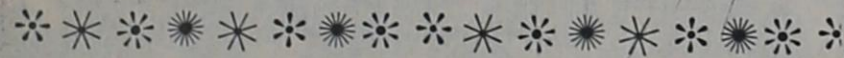
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REAPPRAISAL WORK TO BEGIN FOR EASTLAND COUNTY

Employees of the Eastland County Appraisal District will start preliminary field work within the next few days on the re-appraisal of all property within the district.

The East county-wide re-appraisal was completed in 1982 almost four years ago. The State Property Tax Code, which was passed by the State Legislature in 1979; requires a periodic review of all taxable property throughout the state at least once every four years.

In order to comply with this requirement of the Code, it is necessary to conduct a re-appraisal of Eastland County for 1986.

The re-appraisal project will take several months to complete. Re-appraisal notices, along with the necessary appraisal review hearings, will be provided at the time of completion of the project.

Additional reports on the progress of the re-appraisal and on the areas of the county being worked will be given at later dates. For information

NEW YEARS SINGING SLATED AT NEW HOPE BAPTIST DEC. 31

The annual New Years Eve Singing will be held at New Hope Baptist Church on Tuesday, December 31st, beginning at 8 p. m.

The entire community is invited to come and participate in this event. There will be a break in the singing for a time of refreshments and fellowship around 10 p. m. The singing will then resume and continue until midnight.

A special invitation is extended to individuals or groups who would like to sing solos, quartets, etc., as well as everyone joining in the congregational singing. The membership and pastor, Richard Watson are anticipating a large crowd for the event of singing praises to the Lord and singing out the old and singing in the New Year!

regarding the re-appraisal, please contact the office of the Eastland County Appraisal District at 629-8597.

Kelly Joiner and Danny Stone Plan February Wedding



Susan Kelly Joiner and Danny Shane Stone would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The wedding will be February 15, 1986 in the First Presbyterian Church of Eastland.

Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Warford of Eastland and the late H. D. Joiner.

Shane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stone of De Leon.

The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Joiner of Gorman and Mrs. Jo Warford of Ranger. Shane's grandparents are Mrs. Leona Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones of De Leon.

UMW MEETS IN HOME OF HELEN CHANDLER

The United Methodist Women met in the home of Helen Chandler on Monday, December 16th at 2:30 p. m. It was the occasion of our annual Christmas party.

Helen has a beautiful home with candles and Christmas decor of red and green and gold.

Giving each member a Christmas greeting at the door: Merry Christmas to all! Lucretia Fairbetter, Ruth Higginbottom, Esther Bolt, Pauline Dennis, Ruby Vandergriff, Bobbie Brown, Theresa Parker, Velma Bennett, Don Moorman, and Ruby Acrea.

Lucretia Fairbetter told about the Christmas story of the family of Ed Newton, who fell and was hurt at Christmas. Uncle Barney and family came over to help, bringing gifts, food and Christmas cheer! One neighbor helping another!

Ruby Acrea ask a prayer of meditation for the families around the world, and sick and shut-ins and then closed with the Christmas

prayer by Robert Louis Stephenson.

Everyone got real busy putting bows and cards on the Christmas gifts for the Canterbury Villa residents who were given a gift at the close of the meeting.

Hostess Helen Chandler served delicious refreshments of hot apple punch, sandwiches, peanut-chocolate candy and cherry-pineapple pie.

Everyone sure did have a good time and said goodbye to each other until our next meeting in January of 1986.

—GP—

DEAR SANTA

I have been a very good girl this year.

Here is a list of things I want: a toy stove, baby doll and basketball.

My sister, Susie, wants a tape player and clothes. My brother (Johnnie) wants pants, radio and shirts. Phil wants pants and shirts. My mom wants a purse and money (lots of it). My dad wants a billfold and boots.

I will be watching for you on Christmas eve. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Pam Osborne



Messages of Love

We are sending our very best wishes for a letter perfect Christmas holiday.

Merry Christmas
Fedele & Rita

Love You
Dad & Mom

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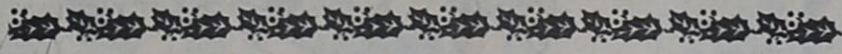
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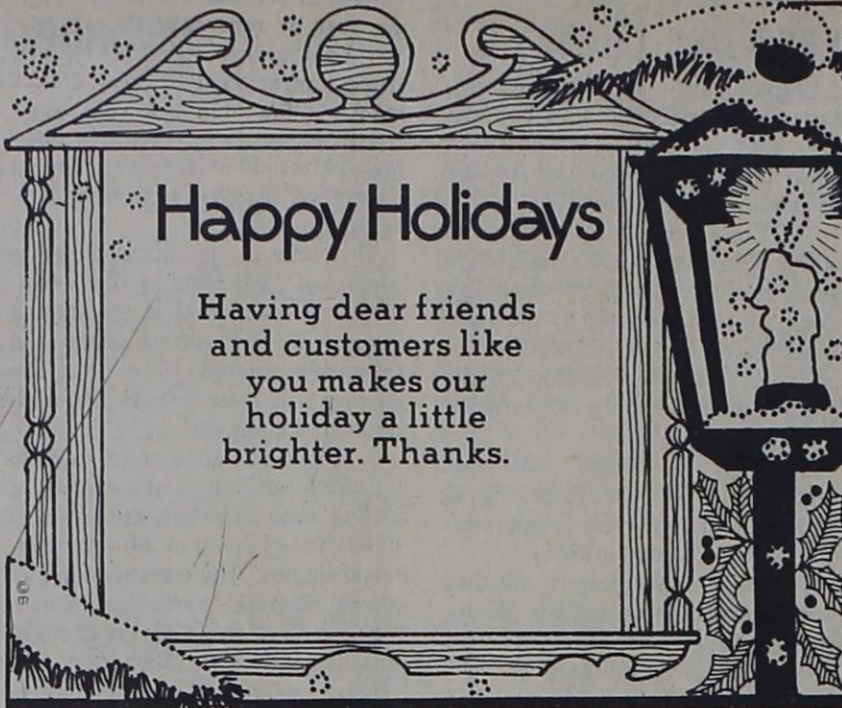
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By Mrs. Oma Lee Ridell

Leslie Riddell, Daniel Pasley, Elvin Markham, Tim Goetze and Mike Hurst, all of Stephenville came out on Tuesday, found a pretty cedar tree, then we enjoyed birthday cake with Daniel. It was his twenty-ninth birthday. I spent the night with them on Friday. Enjoyed the carols being sung on the square at Stephenville. Mike and several of the North Rock boys and girls won first place and took home \$100 for a party later on.

Leslie, Tim and I had lunch on Saturday in Fort Worth with Tim's twin brother, Jim Goetze of Iowa Park.

Becky and Jackson Boen are the proud parents of a new baby girl born on Friday. They named her Sara Elizabeth. Sure glad you didn't let me down, Becky.

Those Dallas Cowboys sure let me down last week. I heard them and Tom Landry sing "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and decided they should learn another song if they play again like last week.

Visitors with us this week were Bid Hallmark of Lake Leon, Bob Boles of Ranger, Rodger Elston of Lingleville Tena and Jimmy Dennington of De Leon, Chuck Botik of Fort Worth, Pat Mitchell of Stephenville, Luke and Katie Musick of Stephenville.

I told William that I needed two

hundred dollars, that I wanted to buy a new spring outfit. He said, "Here's ten dollars. Why don't you buy a new spring for your old outfit?"

I bought a dress the other day. The clerk said, "I guarantee a fit." I said, "Oh! I'm ahead of you. I know him that well, too." I asked the clerk, "May I try on that dress in the window?" The store manager said, "Go ahead, it might help business."

William lost his umbrella while we were shopping. He went back from store to store till he found it. He said, "You're the most honest store manager in town. Everyone else denied having it."

I always said I wouldn't marry the best man in the world." One of the neighbors said, "You didn't."

I told William one day, "I'm bored. Why don't you take me somewhere that I haven't been?" He said, "What would you say to a trip to the kitchen?"



Hope you have a cheer-filled holiday!

Here Comes Santa Claus

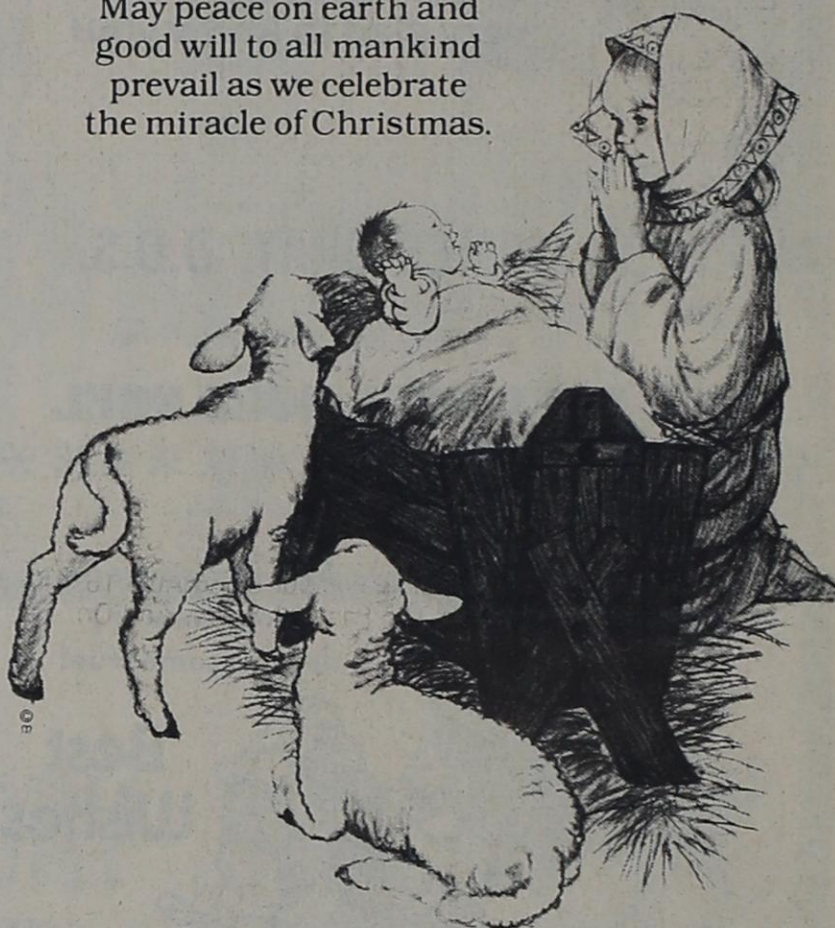


May sleighbells ring a tune of glad tidings and cheer, remembering our blessings. Our many thanks to all of you this Christmas.

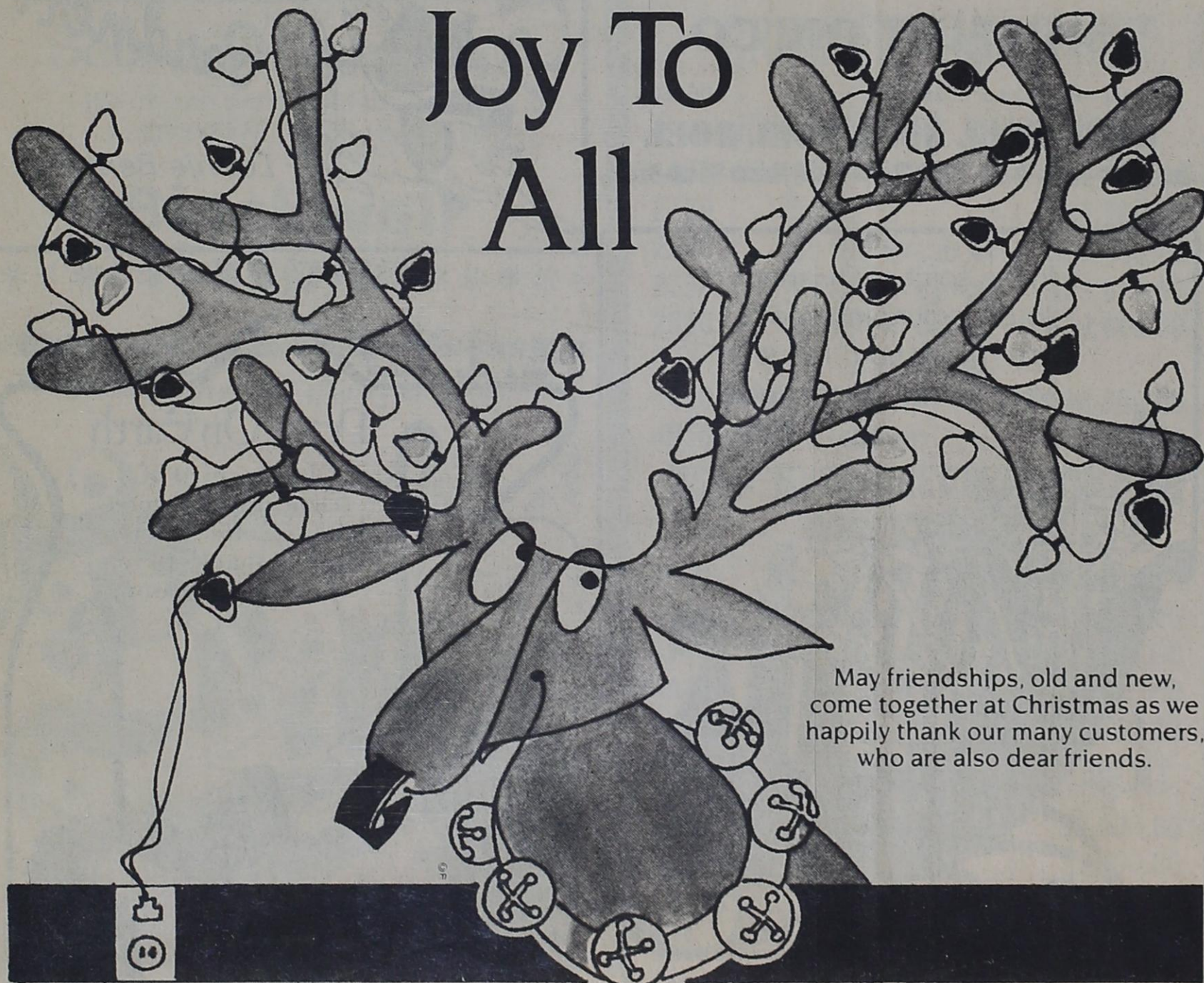
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"JR. LEADER OF THE WEEK"

Jerry Long is his name and recreation is his game. He has been a member of the Rising Star "Stars of the Future" 4-H Club for 7 years and is a Jr. at Rising Star High School. Jerry is a member of the Eastland County 4-H Recreation team, winning 1st place in STATE recently. He is also active in sheep, leadership, swine public speaking and beef projects.

Jerry is very strong in both his sheep and swine projects. He has won numerous awards with both. Also he has won honors with his sheep record book. Jerry was

recognized for his leadership skills this year by receiving "Danforth I Dare You" award. Last year he was a Gold Star recipient. Jerry attended State 4-H Roundup last year competing in "Promote 4-H" demonstration contest and placed 10th in state with his sister Jami as a partner.


Jerry has held numerous offices, currently he's serving as Eastland

County 4-H Council Chairman for his second year! Last year he was Chairman of Jr. Leader Association. Jerry has been on various committees at the local, county and district level.

Jerry is also active in school activities, currently playing varsity basketball for Rising Star. Jerry is the son of Rex and Trudi Long of Rising Star. He is also a member of

the Eastland Co. 4-H & Youth Sub-Committee that directs and plans program for youth in the county. Next week the feature will be a Jr. Leader from the Ranger area!

do it big for Christmas



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EASTLAND — The Eastland County 33rd annual Pecan Show was held Friday in the courthouse lobby. A Pecan Bake Show and Centerpiece division was held during the day and was sponsored by the Eastland County Extension Homemakers Council and the Eastland Chamber of Commerce.

Results of the Bake Show are as follows:
Grand Champion, Mrs. Bernard Campbell, Eastland.
Reserve Grand Champion: Mrs. Blance Douglas, Cisco.

CAKE: 1. Mrs. Bernard Campbell, Eastland; 2. Mrs. Ima Grown, Gorman; 3. Mrs. Mary Boch, Ranger.
PIES: 1. Kathy Trout, Eastland; 2. Mrs. Anton White, Cisco; 3. Mrs. Alice Brooks, Carbon.
COOKIES: 1. Mrs. Anton White, Cisco; 2. Mrs. Twila Lee, Cisco; 3. Mrs. Ava Rodgers, Gorman.
CANDY: 1. Mrs. Blance Douglas, Cisco; 2. Mrs. Donna Reich, Cisco; 3. Mrs. Edith Wilson, Eastland.
NUT BREADS: 1. Mrs. Twila Lee, Cisco; 2. Mrs. Berniece Rodgers, Gorman.
SNACKS: Mrs. Berniece Rodgers, Gorman; 2. Mrs. Donna Reich, Cisco; 3. Mrs. Twila Lee, Cisco.

YOUTH RESULTS
COOKIES: 1. Monica Harbin; 2. Stephanie Carille; 3. Lurah Johnson.
CANDY: 1. Lurah Johnson (Reserve Champion); 2. Monica Harbin.
PIES: 1. Lurah Johnson; 2. Monica Harbin.
SNACKS: 1. Cathy Thomas; 2. Monica Harbin.
CAKE: 1. Monica Harbin (Grand Champion).
NUT BREAD: 1. Monica Harbin; 2. Lurah Johnson.
CENTERPIECE: 1. Monica Harbin.

PECAN CENTERPIECE
DIVISION RESULTS
The Pecan Centerpiece division was held in conjunction with the 33rd annual Eastland County Pecan Show on Friday, Dec. 4, in the courthouse lobby.

The Centerpiece division was sponsored by the Eastland County Extension Homemakers Council and the Eastland Pecan Association.
Division winners were:
ADULT DIVISION: 1. Mrs. Nancy Trout, Eastland; 2. Mrs. Veda Adams, Olden; 3. Mrs. I.E. Tolley, Olden.
YOUTH DIVISION: 1. Monica Harbin, Eastland.

GROWERS
Apache: 1. Dan Childress, Cottonwood; 2. Morris Underwood, Ranger; 3. Lin Boch, Ranger.

Barton: 1. Dan Childress; 2. Lin Boch; 3. Charles Walker, Eastland.
Burkett: 1. Charles Walker; 2. Justin Duncan, Eastland; 3. Gilbert Williams, Cross Plains.
Choctaw: 1. Dan Childress; 2. Lin Boch; 3. T.E. Robertson, Breckenridge.
Comanche: 1. T.E. Robertson, Breckenridge; 2. Charles Walker; 3. Dan Childress.
Success: 1. Burton Phillips; 2. James Alexander, Rising Star.
Klows: 1. Dan Childress; 2. Buttery Pecans, Rising Star; 3. Lin Boch.
Mahan: 1. Lin Boch; 2. Charles Walker; 3. Dale Walker, Carbon.
Mohawk: 1. Lin Boch; 2. Gilbert Williams; 3. Dan Childress.
Shaw: Robertson; 2. Lin Boch; 3. Dan Childress.
Shoshoni: 1. Acres of Joy; Rising Star; 2. Dan Childress; 3. T.E. Robertson.
Stuart: 1. Gilbert Williams; 2. Lin Boch; 3. Buttery Pecans.
Wichita: 1. Charles Walker; 2. Lin Boch; 3. Buttery Pecans.

Known-Hybrid In-Shell: 1. Lin Boch; 2. Lin Boch.
Variety Seedling In-Shell: 1. Acres of Joy; 2. Buttery Pecans; 3. Marvin Maynard, Eastland.
Other In-Shell Varieties: 1. Acres of Joy; 2. Dan Childress.
Desirable: 1. Dan Childress, Cottonwood; 2. Burton Phillips, Olden.
Texas Prolific: 1. Gilbert Williams; 2. Dale Walker; 3. Charles Walker.
Waters: 1. Lin Boch; 2. Buttery Pecans; 3. Billy Adams, Olden.
Known Hybrid — Shelling: 1. Lin Boch; 2. Lin Boch.

Other Shelling Varieties: 1. Dan Childress; 2. Dan Childress; 3. Boch Orchards.
Native Pecans: 1. Dan Childress; 2. T.E. Robertson; 3. James Alexander.
Variety Seedlings: 1. Burton Phillips; 2. Charles Walker.
Smallest Pecans: 1. Mrs. W.L. Wright, Eastland; 2. Maybelle Trout, Eastland; 3. First Baptist Church, Eastland.
Caddo: 1. Dan Childress; 2. Lin Boch.
Cheyenne: 1. Dan Childress; 2. Acres of Joy; 3. Buttery Pecans.
Chickasaw: 1. Acres of Joy; 2. Dan Childress.
John Garner: 1. T.E. Robertson; 2. Dale Walker.
San Saba Improved: 1. Dale Walker; 2. James Alexander.
Sloux: 1. Dan Childress; 2. Buttery Pecans; 3. Acres of Joy.
Texas: 1. Dan Childress; 2. T.E. Robertson; 3. Buttery Pecans.
Schley: 1. James Alexander; 2. Burton Phillips; 3. Buttery Pecans.

CHAMPION IN-SHELL - Mohawk: Lin Boch, Ranger.
RESERVE CHAMPION IN-SHELL - Mohawk: Gilbert Williams, Cross Plains.
CHAMPION SHELLING - Sloux: Dan Childress, Cottonwood.
RESERVE CHAMPION SHELLING - Vogt: Dan Childress, Cottonwood.
CHAMPION NATIVE: Dan Childress, Cottonwood.
151 entries in 33rd Annual Eastland County Pecan Show held in the courthouse lobby Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7.

Peace

From us to you, have a very merry Noel!



We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the City Commissioners, the employees and to all the Citizens of Gorman.

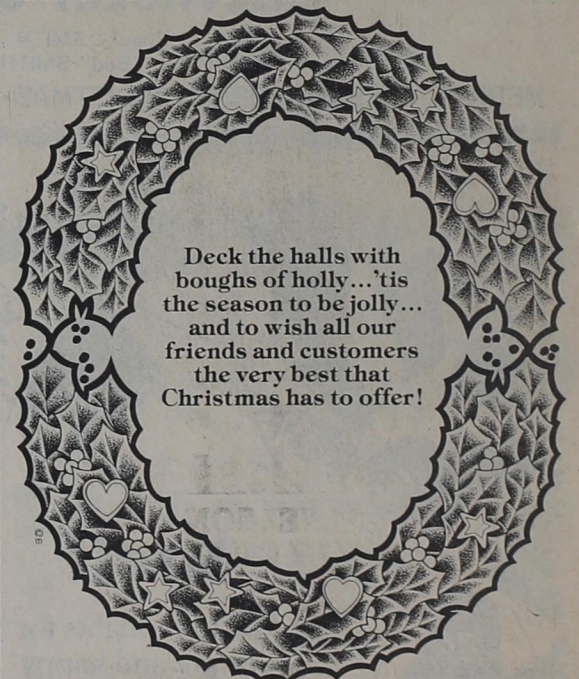
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THE GORDON SPOT

Cucumbers for pickling may be a new crop for Eastland County soon. Cucumbers is one of several new crops Eastland County farmers are looking at to supplement farm income.

with no close second says County Extension Agent DeMarquis Gordon. Farmers are searching for an experimenting with alternate crops that will return a fair profit. Among the other alternate crops are potatoes, green beans, dried peas and alfalfa.

Recently, Hilmar Sibley, agronomist for Best Maid Products in Fort Worth contacted Gordon about the possibility of producing cucumbers in Eastland County for the Fort Worth plant. At the present mechanically harvested cucumbers are produced in Knox County near Munday and Knox City.

The agent says the cucumber-pickle crop would be a good crop for irrigated peanut growers. Cucumbers do well on the same type soil

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where peanuts are grown. They are a short term crop. Only 50 days are required from planting to harvest in the spring and 45 days are required for a fall crop. At least two crops may be grown on the same land. However, Gordon says the spring crop would be more compatible with peanut farming.

The spring crop is planted about April 15 and harvested June 1. Three irrigations may be required. This is prior to the time irrigation is needed for peanuts according to the agent.

Cucumbers are planted with about four rows on a wide bed. The row are 8 to 10 inches apart and 30 inches between beds. Seed are planted five inches apart in the row.

In 50 days the cucumbers are harvested. The vines are dug and destroyed in the harvest process. Production should be between 5,000 and 10,000 pounds per acre or an average of about 7,500 pounds per acre.

The buyer contracts the crop before planting. Contract price this next year will be \$6 per 100 pounds. The buyer will purchase all marketable cucumbers from 0 to 2 1/8 inches in diameter.

Cucumbers are pollinated by bees and other insects rather than by wind. It is necessary to place bee hives in the field during the last week or two before harvest to insure a heavy set of cucumbers.

Other costs are required for land preparation, seed, herbicide, fertilizer, irrigation, insecticide, repairs and maintenance, land rent and field freight. The estimated cost of production is approximately \$289.00 per acre.

The estimated price for 7500 pounds of cucumbers at \$6.00 per hundred would be \$450.00. This leaves an estimated net income of \$161.00 per acre.

Harvesting on the right day is most important. Since cucumbers mature rapidly, a delay in harvest will result in too many over sized cucumbers and premature harvest results in low yields.

A fall crop would compete with peanuts for water and labor resources says Gordon, but a spring crop should fit well with peanuts in this county. Sibley said the fall crop is more suitable for farmers in Knox County.

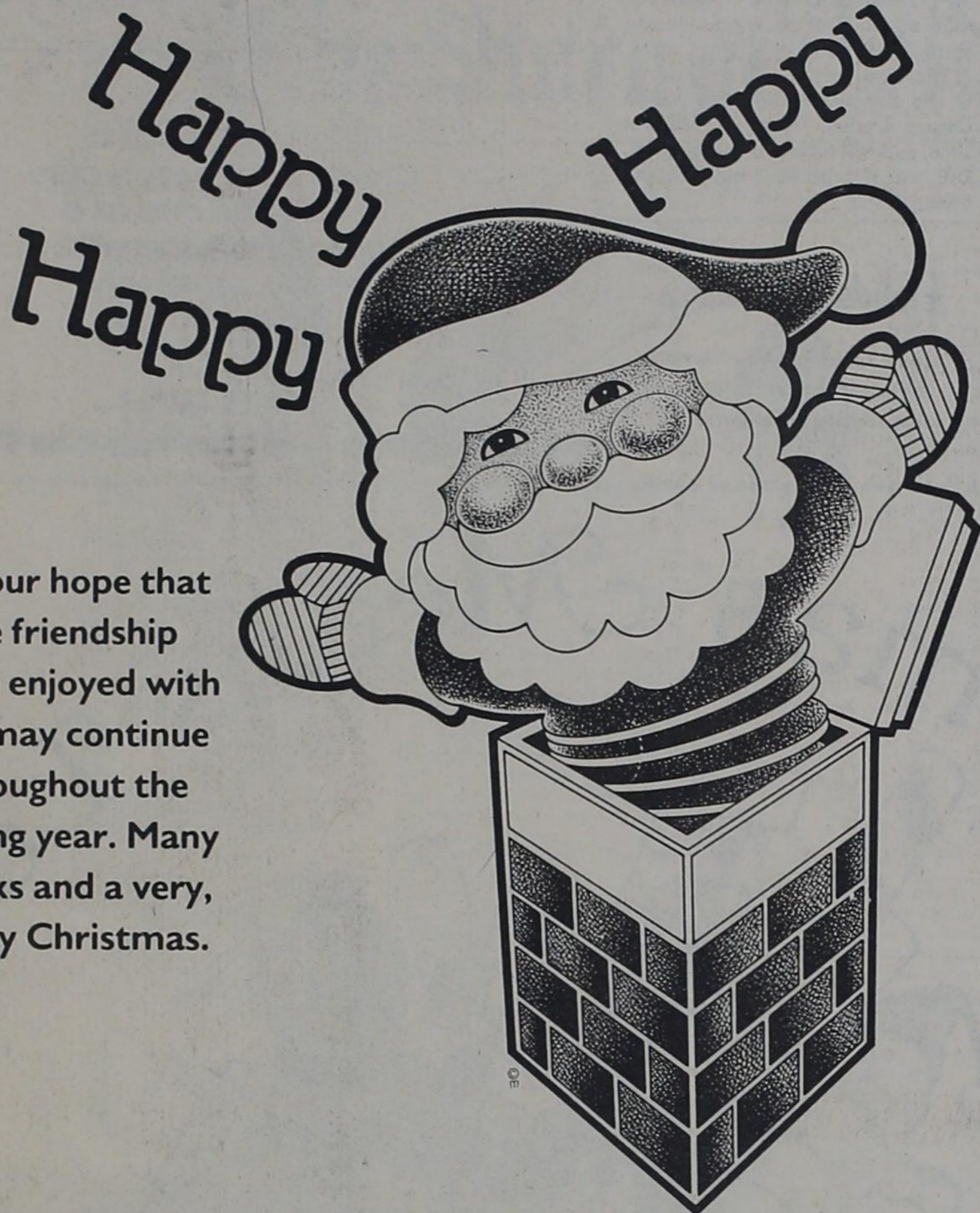
Several farmers in Eastland County have expressed an interest in growing cucumbers. Sibley and Gordon visited with three growers recently about growing cucumbers in

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"Without a concerted effort to reduce credit use, consumers can easily find themselves still paying for big-ticket Christmas gifts the following December," cautions Nancy Granovsky, a family economics specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service. There are two ways to reduce your credit card debt load, she says. You can charge less than you pay off each month, which will reduce your debt over time. Or you can simply stop using credit cards and make payments until the debt is eliminated. She recommends leaving credit cards locked up at home to curb impulse buying than can ruin your debt repayment plans.

1986. The owner of Best Maid Products wants to try 40 acres in Eastland County next spring. However, because of the grower interest, Gordon and the growers are requesting the permission to plant at least 120 acres the first year. A trip to the Best Maid plant in the near future is being planned by interested parties to sell the company on Eastland County as the future production site.

Pickling cucumbers may not be the total answer for the Eastland County Agriculture economy, but it is another crop that could supplement our income reports the county agent.



It is our hope that the friendship we've enjoyed with you may continue throughout the coming year. Many thanks and a very, merry Christmas.

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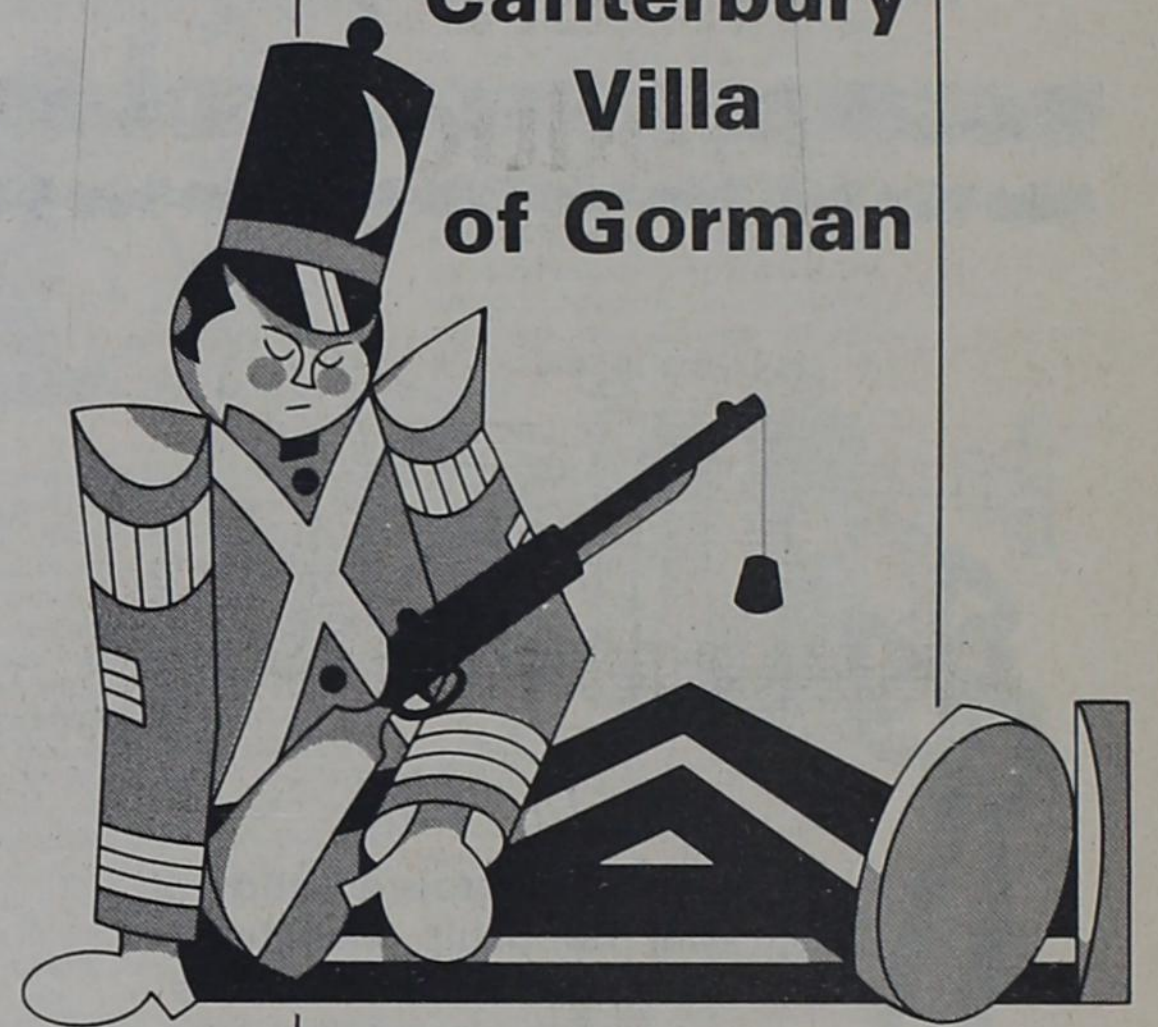
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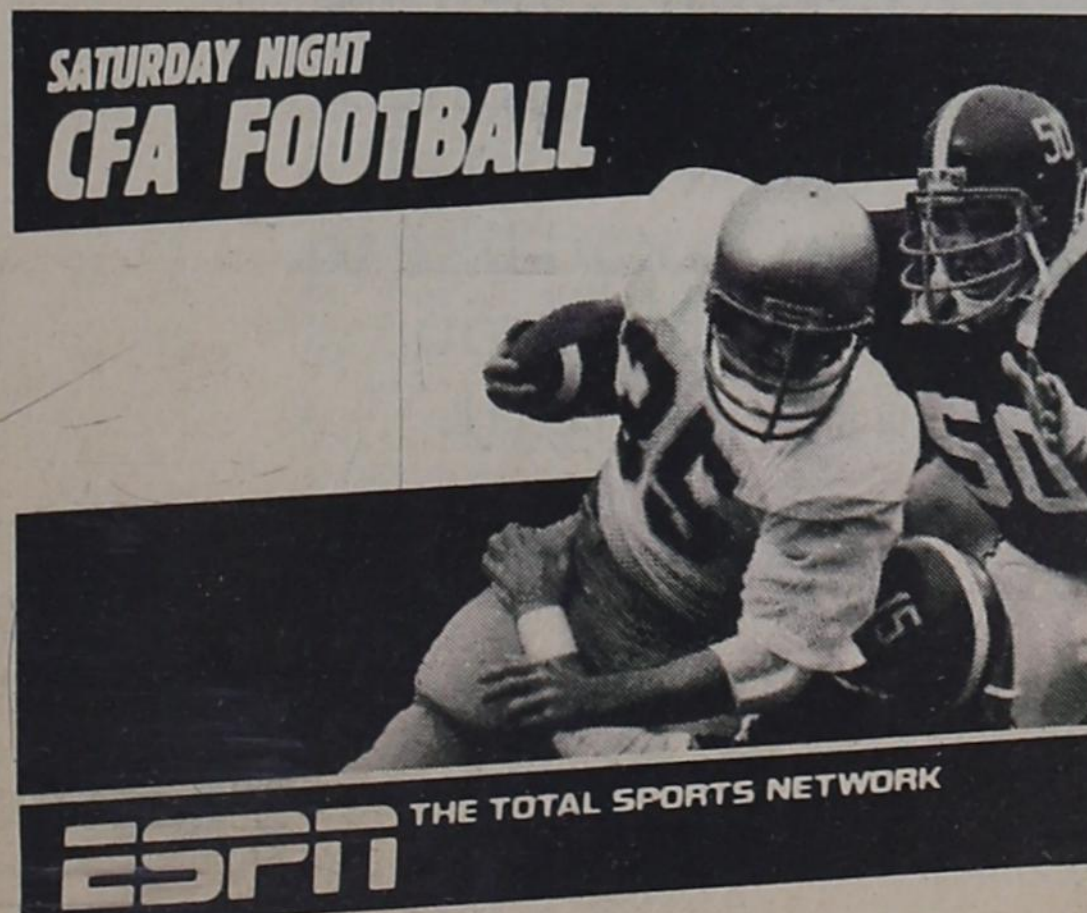
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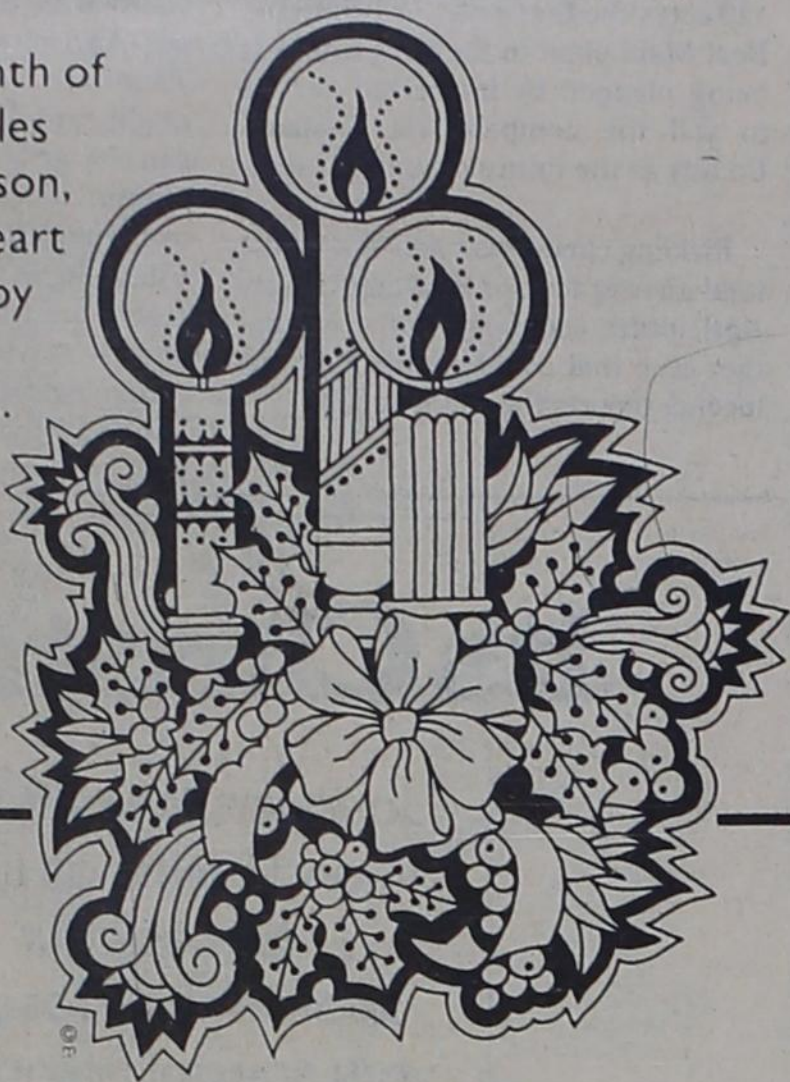


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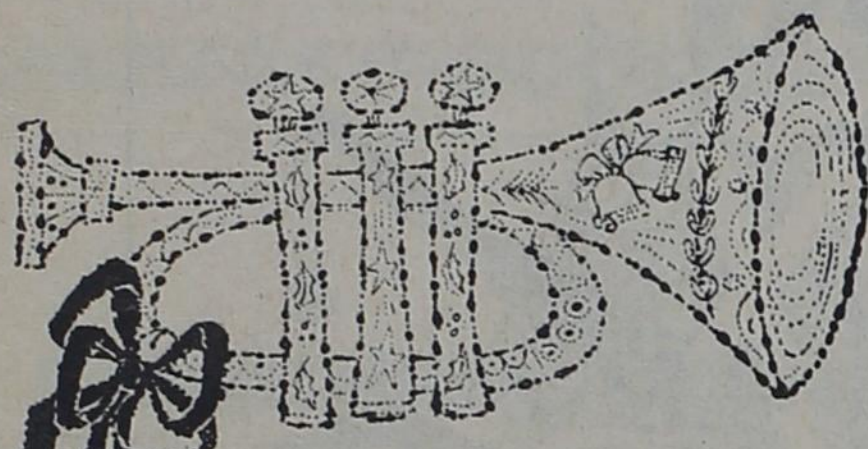
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CISCO JUNIOR COLLEGE IN JAYHAWK BOWL

The CJC Wranglers, ranked No. 10 in the final National Junior College Athletic Association Top 20 poll are preparing for what may be their toughest game of the year.

CJC has accepted a bid to play Coffeyville Community College in the Kansas Jayhawk Bowl in Coffeyville, Kansas on Saturday, December 7.

The 3:00 p.m. kickoff will be at ISE Field and will have the Wranglers, who finished 6-3-1 this season, going against the 8-2 Red Ravens.

Coach Rick Frazier's squad finished second in the Texas Junior College Football Conference.

The Kansas team, ranked 15th, upset the nation's number one team, Butler County last week. Butler had scored to take the lead with less than a minute remaining before Coffeyville returned the ensuing kickoff for a 34-32 victory.

Also making the trip to the Kansas Jayhawk Bowl Classic will be seventy members of the Wrangler Band and Belles. They will march in the Christmas parade in Coffeyville on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. The

Band and Belles will also participate with the Coffeyville Community College Red Raven Band and several high school bands at a pre-game mass performance presentation.

Since 1971, the Wrangler Band and Belles have represented the college five times at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City; the last time being the fall of 1984.

The Band and Belles were featured in the Winchester, Virginia "Apple Blossom Festival" Parade in 1980 and 1983, and participated in the "Fiesta Flambeau" Night Parade in San Antonio, Texas, in the spring of 1979 and 1984.

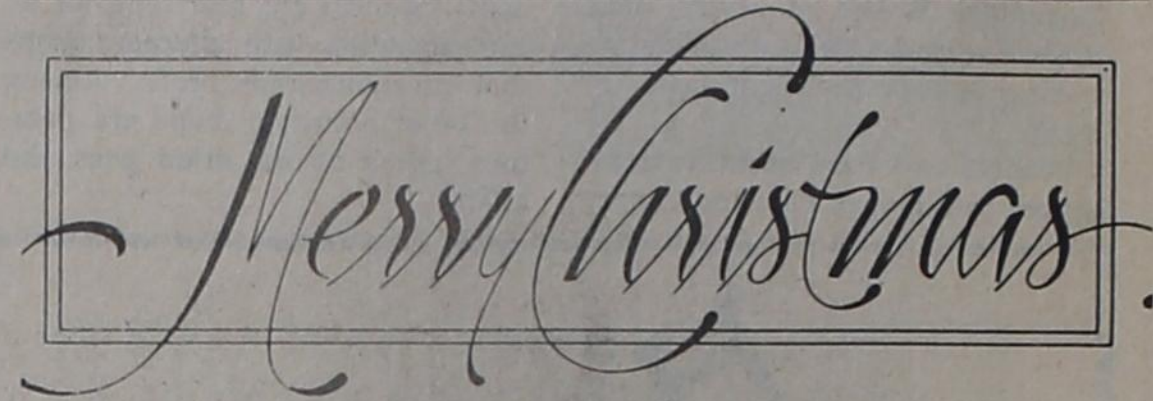
These two groups will be featured at the Buccaneer Days Festival in Corpus Christi, Texas in May of 1986, and will return to Washington, D.C. and Winchester, Virginia in the spring of 1987.

The Wrangler Band director and coordinator of activities is Mr. Tim Jones, and Belle director is Mrs. Nicki Harle. Mr. Wyley Peebles is chairman of the Fine Arts Department of Cisco Junior College.

The Kansas Jayhawk Bowl Classic was born at the NJCA Association

Convention in March 1983, when sanction was granted. The first classic was held in 1983.

Tickets for the Bowl Classic are on sale at the CJC bookstore. Prices for these are \$5.00 each, which is \$2.00 off the price that will be charged at the game.



To all our friends at Christmas, the joy is ours to wish one and all a holiday blessed with peace, prosperity, health and joy.

THE J. A. CARTER FAMILY

Christmas Means Love



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The Story of Old Scrooge

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

Scrooge didn't approve of the holiday, but he had to recognize that it existed. "You'll want all day tomorrow, I suppose?"

"If quite convenient, sir." Look all the more unpleasant, Scrooge said: "It's not convenient, and it's not fair. If I was to stop half-a-crown for it, you'd think yourself ill-used, I'll be bound? And yet, you don't think me ill-used, when I pay a day's wages for no work."



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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



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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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



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



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

And soon thereafter, Scrooge was face to face with another visitor.

"I am in the presence of Christmas Yet to Come?" said Scrooge.



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

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



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

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



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

"Fred," he said when his nephew appeared.

"Why, bless my soul!" cried Fred.

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

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



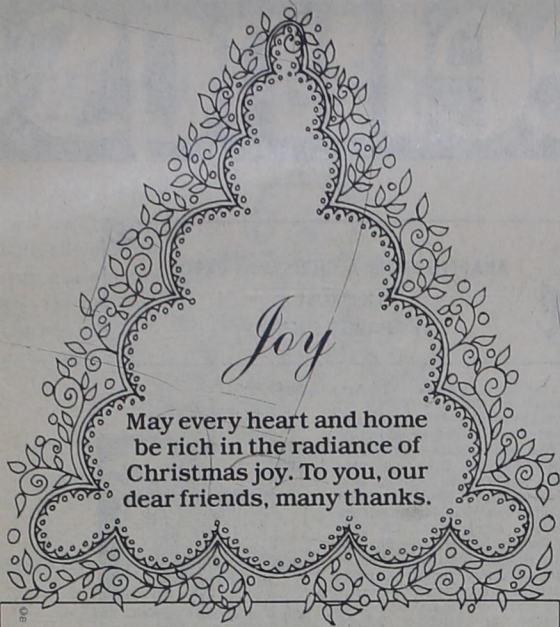
Next morning, Scrooge hurried to the office, much earlier than usual. . . he wanted to be there before Bob Cratchit, to catch Cratchit coming late to work. He did. Bob was nearly twenty minutes late. He had his hat in his hand, awaiting the wrath of Scrooge. It never came.

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



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

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



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I hope your Reindeer are doing fine.

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Marla

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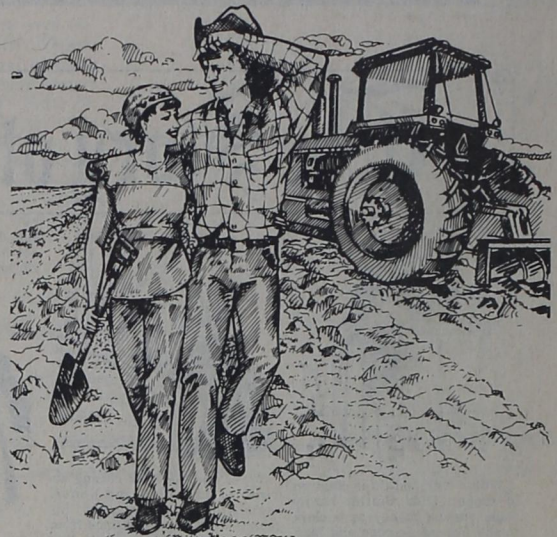
Last week 4-H'ers are preparing for the District 8 Food Show, Saturday, December 14th. Eleven 4-H'ers were participating in the contest. We wish them lots of luck!

4-H'ers are busy working with their animal projects and beginning their clothing project. This year the focus of clothing and textiles will be on: alterations, patterns by computer and consumer management. The clothing project not only teaches skills in making a garment, but aspects of altering ready made garments, and comparison shopping.

Several 4-H'ers are beginning to put together their method demonstrations and illustrated talks. Plus others are preparing for judging livestock in January, 1986. Presently Eastland county has over 4-H'ers working on contest areas to qualify for state. During the next 4 months. They'll practice and practice some more to make it perfect to win District and qualify for the Texas 4-H Roundup in June, held at Texas A&M. Good luck to all those 4-H'ers and their coaches.

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