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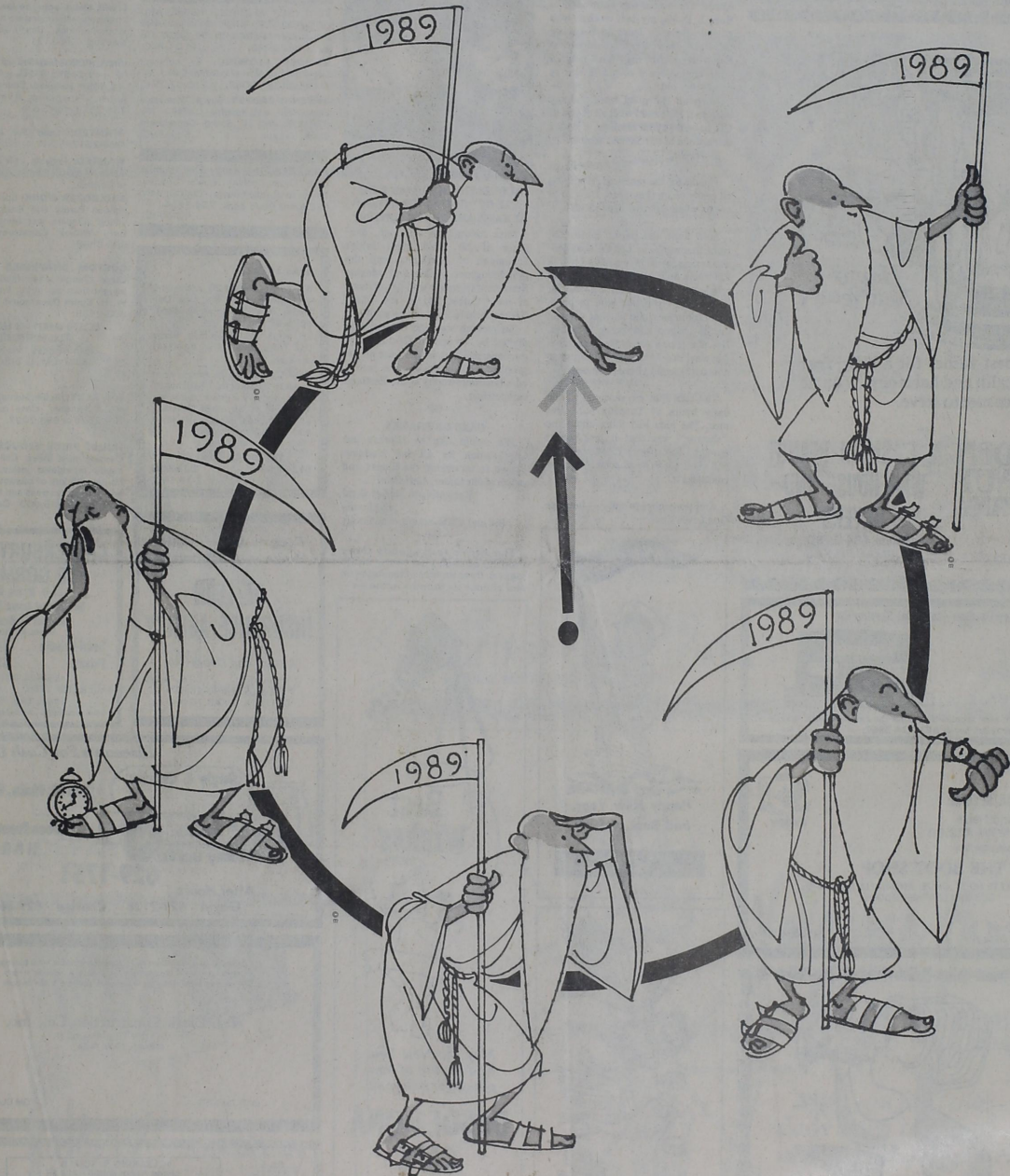
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Joe Bennett, Publisher

—J—
Sure hope that Old Saint Nick was great to you and yours during Christmas. Its great to have the family together and just try to eat up all that fabulous "grub" the better half has stacked up for the clan. Of course, there is no way we could eat it all, but we sure tried awfully hard. Ugh! I'll never do that again. A famous saying that is never carried out. And now we'll have to try and eat up all that leftover turkey and stuff. Oh well, I'll go on that famous

diet again soon and it will all be gone.

Seriously though, folks we hope you had the best Christmas of all with your family, and may only the best of everything be yours in the coming year. This time of the year is so fantastic 'cause you usually see so many more happy, smiling faces than you do old sour ones. Have a marvelous New Year.

—J—
Don't forget the New Years' Singing which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31st at the New Hope Baptist Church. Activities will begin at 8 p. m. and will end just after midnight. They will have a lot of goodies to eat, also.

—J—
Received a couple of notes recently with renewals to the Progress. Mr. Bennett;

Enclosed is the renewal for our paper.

We were in Gorman for the Festival and had such a nice time



Sincere best wishes for a New Year rich in health and harmony. You've been a pleasure to serve.

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Visiting with Mrs. Gladys Dennis over the Christmas holidays were Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hamilton of Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. David Waters and family of Jackson, Miss., and Frank Leazar visited Muriel Prewitt during the holidays.

visiting old friends and neighbors that we neglected to stop by and pay our subscription. We enjoy the paper as it serves as a lifeline to the people in our hometown.

We miss the school hill news - and passed it around to neighbors who delighted in reading it.

A big hello from,

James and Suzie Rasco

To the good folks at The Gorman Progress

Thank you for the renewal notice I recently received for Gladys Edwards. The notice was addressed to Ruby L. Davis, my dear mother, who went to be with Jesus in February this year. However, I would like to renew the sub for my Aunt Gladys. I know she enjoys it so much, just as my mother did.

Keep up the good work and my husband, Bill, and I wish all of you at GP, as well as your families, a joyous celebration of our Saviour's birth.

Sincerely,

Beth Lucas

Thanks for the renewals. Hope you all really enjoy the paper. Drop in to see us when you're down this way.

—J—

Sure hope the paper comes out right this week, as Lonnie abandoned me Sunday to take a skiing trip to Colorado. So if everything comes out wrong you can just bawl him out for it. Wouldn't you just love to be in Colorado now while all that snow is on the ground and freeze to death. Not Me! I'm a warm weather man. Anyway, maybe things will return to normal(?) around here next week.

—J—

The rain that we received in the early hours of Tuesday sure was nice. The only bad thing about the "shower" was that it just wasn't enough. But maybe the Good Lord will send some more soon. We sure could use it.

—J—

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JACQUELYNN SCHUMAN WINS TITLE OF "CUTEST KID IN USA" AT EASTLAND PHOTO CONTEST

Miss Jacquelyn Schuman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Schumann of Eastland, (and the granddaughter of Joe and Maxine Bennett of Gorman) won her division of the "Cutest Kid in the USA" Contest held in Eastland recently.

Jacquelyn won the contest conducted by Twentieth Century Productions and contestants were photographed by Tom Pogue. She received a beautiful trophy at the Eastland competition.

—GP—

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our appreciation for all the kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our father, Cliff Good.

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—GP—

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The December birthday party honoring residents having December birthdays will be held Thursday at 2

LONNIE R. CARWILE LAID TO REST SATURDAY

Lonnie R. Carwile, 86, passed away Friday, December 23 in a Fort Worth nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with burial in the De Leon Cemetery.

Born in Gorman, he was a retired service station operator. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Iva Carwile of Arlington; four daughters, Diane Wadsworth of Fort Worth, Lylith Blanton of Burleson, Darena Snooks of Odessa and Martha Ludkie of Midland; a son, G. F. Crawford of Mansfield; two brothers, Roy Carwile of Abilene and Jack Carwile of Ballinger; two sisters, Loraine Nectoux of Port Arthur and Odessa Dobbins of Winters; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

p. m. on December 29th.

Honorees are Veno Hale, Mary Emerson and Garnet Adams.

The Kokomo EH Club will come and serve birthday cake and punch. There will be entertainment and everyone is invited to come and share with loved ones.

Bro. Ron Carroll of the First Baptist Church taught the Sunday school lesson Sunday morning. Ten residents enjoyed the lesson.

The annual Christmas party was held Sunday, December 18 at 2 p. m. The front lobby looked really like Christmas, all decorated including a beautiful lighted Christmas tree.

Mrs. Juanita Fuller played Christmas carols. Mrs. Lucretia Fairbetter and Velma Bennett gave a very beautiful Christmas story program from the Bible.

The Kokomo EH Club members, also Sabrina Glasson, Freddie Huff and Ora Lee Lawrence served red punch and chocolate chip cookies to about 150 people, including all residents.

Those visiting Berta Poynor were

Richard Kinser of Eastland, Geneva Powell of Lake Leon, Rhoda Burney, Bill Chandler, Mozelle Rhymes, Donnie Parker, Faye and Densel Ales, Maudie Aston, Ruby Lee and James Kinser, and Olga Kinser.

We appreciate Bertha Gregory bringing bingo prizes on Monday. Also helping was Nancy Hendricks. Winners were Iola Johnson, Berta Poynor, Veno Hale, and Alice Burleson had the black out card.

Those visiting Cynthia Earles were Vardie, Faye and Freddie Huff, Tracy Carmack, Dixie Pack, Faye Brewer.

Mrs. Lou Evelyn Rodgers of Midlothian, Brent, Jean and Mayvis Lasater visited Lorene Jay.

Visiting with Iola Johnson were Lenis Rice, Ina and Keith Reynolds of Carbon.

Truitt Coffman, E. Cooper of Glen Rose, and Marvin Swain of Granbury visited Lonzo Coffman.

Chesley and Barbara Atchison of Fort Worth and Ima Lee Burleson of

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Desdemona visited Ora Mae Atchison.

Lonnie Raybourne of Scotland, Texas visited Nancy Holloway on Sunday.

Velma Bennett visited Ruby Vandergriff.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hughes of Carbon, Harold Burleson of Benbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burleson, Iola Eilkerson of Stephenville, Ima Lee Burleson of Desdemona, Geneva Howell of Lake Leon, Doris Burleson of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Glasson and Sabrina, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burleson, Nick and Justin, Faye and Densel Ales.

On Tuesday at 2 p. m. those coming to sing were Billie Stacy and R. Lee McDaniel of Carbon, Amy Rodriguez of Wichita Falls, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Melba Frasier, Oma Dee Garrett, Willo Rice, Bernecie Rodgers, Leta Hogan, Nan-

cy Hendricks, Ava Rodgers, Lucretia Fairbetter, Velma Bennett, Junior Fairbetter, Estelle Erwin, Anna Rush and Archie Skaggs.

Visiting Emma Shugart were Bill and Odalee Thomas and their granddaughter of Breckenridge, Dixie Pack and James Ryan of Desdemona.

Those visiting Edna Morgan were Ione Bounds of Eastland, and R. Lee McDaniel of Carbon.

On Wednesday morning Gladys Chambliss came to help with bingo. Winners were Lonzo Coffman, Veno Hale and Harley Rawls.

At 3 p. m. on Wednesday Willo Rice brought the devotional.

Mrs. Jehro Banks of Eastland came on Tuesday and visited everyone.

Those visiting Wayne Forrest were Gladys Pounds of De Leon and Zelma Sharp and Tommie Guthery.

On Thursday Irene West and

Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo. Winners were Cynthia Earles, Berta Poynor, Ruby Vandergriff, Iola Johnson, and Lonzo Coffman blacked out.

Brenda Walton and Nell Ragland brought children to sing Christmas carols on December 19th from the Desdemona Baptist Church. Children visiting were Scott, April, Jessica and Bobby Walton, Stacy Fuller, C. J. and Jessica Melton.

We appreciate the Gorman 4-H children for bringing us the red apples.

It was real nice for the First Baptist Church of Gorman to come and sing Christmas carols for us on Monday. They were Martha Rainey, Nina Joiner, Rachel and Leah Watson, Jill Rainey, Angela Treadway and Edith Torrez.

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish you a very 'appy New Year!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Difficulty Reported For County History Book

Early in this year the Eastland County Book Committee and Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas, the book's publisher, sent a notice to all the residents of Eastland County. The notice contained an appeal for residents of Eastland County to write and submit for publication a short biographical sketch of their family.

The response was unprecedented. Over two thousand stories were submitted. Twice the number that is customary. The company has published over 400 county and community histories in the last twenty years, and never has it experienced a similar response. Compounding the difficulty posed by the unusually high response was the outstanding number of multiple stories sent by some residents. In one instance one family contributed over 50 stories.

The result of this overwhelming response is a severe financial burden on the local book committee. Advance sales revenues have raised approximately one-half the cost of publishing all the materials.

The Eastland County Book Committee is made up of local residents who have volunteered their time and efforts without compensation. They

are not in the position to assume the financial burden of the cost of publishing all the material.

To assist the committee with financing, Taylor developed a marketing program to further promote the book to raise additional revenue. The program involves sending proofs of individual stories to the families who wrote them. This program, designed for Eastland County, was new for Taylor and required developing a complicated computer program to identify, address, sort and print the individual stories. Developing the computer program resulted in many unanticipated problems and delays.

The company is at this time preparing to send proofs of the family stories back to each of the originators. The company and committee are urging all those families who receive proofs in the mail to check them carefully and then return them to the publisher.

The delay in publishing the book is regrettable and the company and the committee apologize for the delay and any inconvenience caused, and thank all for their patience and understanding. Once the proofs are

GRAMM WINS AWARD SECURITY LEADER

WASHINGTON — U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm has been named the winner of the American Security Council's "National Security Leadership Award" for 1988.

"On behalf of our membership, I am pleased to say you have outstandingly represented your constituents for peace through strength," said John M. Fisher, chairman of the American Security Council.

Gramm, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the ranking member of the Senate's Defense Industry and Technology subcommittee, scored 100 percent on the council's 1988 voting index, Fisher noted.

Among the Senate votes included in the council's tabulations were these:

— A motion on May 12, 1988 to maintain full funding for the MX missile; passed on a vote of 61-36.

— A motion on Sept. 22, 1987 to kill a proposed ban on testing for the anti-satellite missile; passed on a vote of 51-47.

— A motion on Sept. 22, 1987 to block a cut in funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative; passed on a vote 51-50.

returned to Taylor, production of the book will progress fairly rapidly. Taylor Publishing Company is committed to printing a history book of which the families of Eastland County can be proud.

Those who submitted material should receive their proofs by January 20th. If you submitted material for the book and don't receive proof copies, please notify: Jerry Steely, Taylor Publishing Company, Fine Books Division, 1550 West Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Tx. 75221.

Additional book sales are needed at the prepublication price of \$52.50 plus tax. Write Eastland County Family History Book, P. O. Box 856, Eastland, Tx 76448 or contact Ann Jay in Gorman.

GORDON SPOT

A special seminar on "Buying More Farmland" will be held February 3 at Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 17360 Coit Road, Dallas from 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The seminar is designed to explore the "best" way of buying more land for Texas farms and ranches, says Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist and attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Even if there is not a "best way", maybe we can keep people from making mistakes that were common in the past.

Discussions will center on economies of scale, projecting cash flows, financing alternatives and tax planning.

Farm purchase agreements include many clauses, notes Hayenga, and many of these will be discussed at the seminar. Benefits and restrictions to both sellers and buyers will be addressed.

One major consideration is projecting income from both the existing operation and the additional land. Dr. Ken Stokes, Extension Economist from Dallas, will discuss this topic.

Financing alternatives will be covered. Price and interest trade-offs will be calculated with a look at the tax situation of both the buyer and seller.

Ways to take title to the new farm to save both income and estate taxes will be the highlight of the afternoon program.

This is the first time Extension is hosting this program. As many of Texas farmers and ranchers are thinking about selling land because of the current financial situation, others will want to buy the land. We hope to help buyers buy the land "right".

a registration fee of \$75.00 will be charged, which includes the cost of meals and materials. For registration information contact us at the County Extension office in the courthouse basement or call 629-1093.

Should I remove the leaves from my lawn? I've heard that question several times lately. I think most people hope the answer is "no". They reason that the thick coat of tree leaves will protect the grass from freezing temperatures and that is right. However, the lawn specialists say the tree leaves keep moisture on the grass and promotes all the fungus diseases which will do more damage than the freeze.

It is much better to rake the leaves, decompose them and use them later as a source of organic material for gardens and flower beds. The leaves can be decomposed in a compost pile or an easier approach is to compost them by simply putting wet leaves in sealed plastic leaf bags for eight to nine months, at which time they will have decomposed adequately to be worked into the soil. It is important that the leaves be wet, otherwise they will not decompose.

Placing the bags in a shaded location is also important, otherwise the direct sunlight can decompose the bags, thus allowing the leaves to

dry out. Organic matter should be added to the garden soil every year in Texas since organic matter decomposes more rapidly in our warm climate than in the cooler northern areas of the country.

—GP—

New Directors For Farm Bureau

Serving the Eastland County Farm Bureau Board next year are incumbent directors John Kidd, Eastland; Grant Lewis, Desdemona; Charles

Walker, Eastland; Bill Walton, Ranger; D. B. Warren, Gorman; and Leo Williams, Ranger. Directors recently re-elected for another two year term are Preston McWhorter, Eastland; Bob Shults, Rising Star.

Newly elected directors are Randy Bledsoe, Carbon; Steven Brown, Desdemona; Gregg Goode, Gorman; Donnie Gray, Desdemona; and Truet Hart, Eastland.

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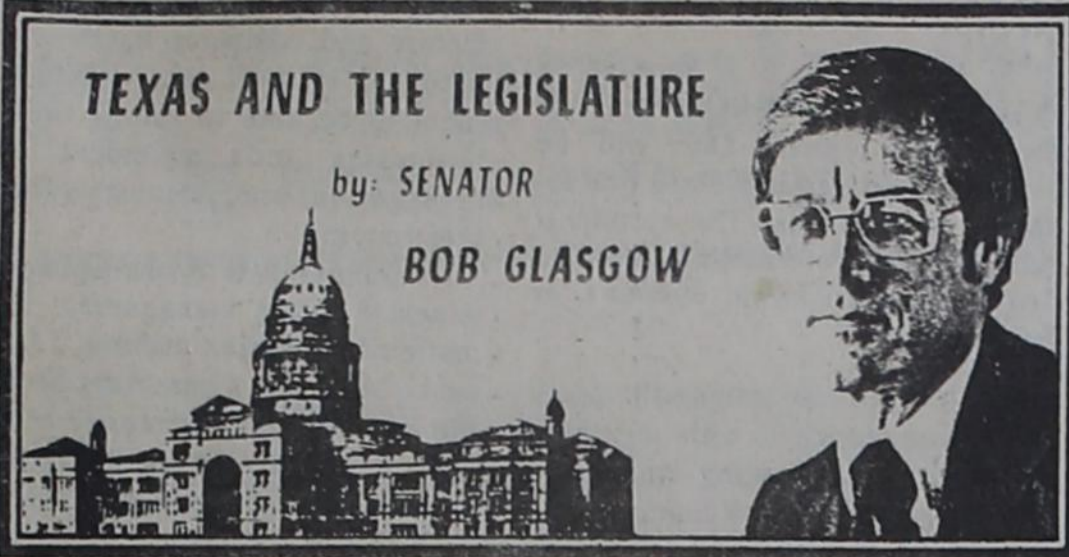
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JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS.

The Joint Select Committee on Workers' Compensation Insurance approved its final report earlier this month. It is helpful to review a bit of the Committee's history and accomplishments.

The Committee was created by the Legislature in July, 1987, because the State's workers' compensation system was poorly understood and thought to be out of control. Workers' compensation insurance rates had increased over 67 percent in 30 months; large employers said high insurance rates were hurting busi-

ness expansions; many small employers said high rates forced them to choose among lay-offs, cancelling insurance coverage, or shutting down altogether. Working people said payments to those suffering injuries were meager.

The political atmosphere was hostile. Employers, labor unions, insurance companies, lawyers, doctors and hospitals, all had explanations for the system's woes, and most of them came down to one thing: "It's somebody else's fault."

Legislative attempts to reform the system had always run aground on two issues: competing interest

groups and lack of objective information. A 1982 legislative study concluded that "Texas literally has no substantiated idea how good or bad its workers' compensation system is . . . Texas is ignorant of where its workers' compensation system is going and only slightly more aware of where it has been."

Created in this atmosphere, the Joint Select Committee chose to take the high road; to put away the arguments and ideas of past debates and to examine the system from top to bottom with a fresh and unencumbered eye. By choosing the high road, the Committee has given the Legislature the high ground in the fight for reform. It has placed the debate on a foundation of solid information and expert analysis light years beyond the catch phrases and anecdotes of the past.

What the Committee found was a system suffering from years of neglect and incapable of serving the needs of a modern state. It is a system wracked with high accident rates and employer costs which are among the highest in the U. S. Overall, payments to injured workers are moderately high, but the money is not distributed equally or fairly: many get too little while others get too much.

The system is too complex and too controversial. Attorney involvement is high and the levels of controversy and litigation are increasing. The Industrial Accident Board is unable to regulate workers' compensation or to implement policy on a consistent basis. The Board that should be a referee is too often relegated to the status of a player.

The Committee found that the delay and cost of deciding disputes often force one or both parties into compromises that are in no one's best interest.

Repairing a system so long neglected will not be fast or simple. The Joint Select Committee has given the Legislature over fifty detailed suggestions for change. They cover numerous areas, but three are critically important: the Agency, benefits, and the handling of disputes.

The Agency must have both the power and the people to do its job. It must be able to investigate fraudulent claims, unnecessary medical treatment, and improper claims handling by insurance companies. It must operate a safety system that identifies unsafe employers and improves workplace safety. And the Agency must collect data and pro-

4-H CLUB NEWS

DAIRY GOAT CLINIC SLATED JANUARY 9TH IN GRAHAM

There are lots of 4-H members in Eastland County with dairy goat projects. Most of these 4-H'ers have participated in the 4-H Dairy Goat Clinics held in Eastland and Shackelford counties. All members have been invited to attend the clinic in Young County on Monday, January 9th. It will begin at 6:30 p. m. at the Young County Showbarn in Graham. Mrs. Jo Cox will conduct the training. For directions and more information contact County Agent Crystal Wilbanks.

4-H BEEF PROJECT SLATED FOR DECEMBER 30TH IN EASTLAND

4-H Beef Project training is scheduled for Friday, December 30th, at 9 a. m. at the Moylan steer barn, north of Eastland. All 4-H members with beef projects are encouraged to attend and bring their calves.

Curt Jergens, project leader, will demonstrate how to trim hooves and trim hooves for the calves that need it. We will also practice showmanship skills.

4-H SWEATSHIRT WORKSHOP SLATED FOR DECEMBER 29TH

There will be a 4-H Sweatshirt duce reports that permit us to see how well it does its job.

Benefits need improvement. They need to be more fairly distributed and more closely tied to the severity of the injury. They need to be delivered quickly and according to more objective criteria. And they need to be structured in a way that encourages a speedy return to work.

The likelihood of disputes must be minimized, but when they occur, they must be resolved quickly, fairly, and economically. However, when litigation cannot be avoided, workers must have access to good attorneys to protect their rights.

The means to accomplish these goals are provided in the report of the Joint Select Committee. Disagreements remain on many points and some areas require further study and refinement. But the roadmap is there. And when the Legislature convenes on January 10, 1989, it is time to head down the road to reform.

PEOPLE TO GET STATEMENT OF BENEFITS — SOCIAL SECURITY

Every person who received or repaid any Social Security benefits during 1988 will receive a Social

Security Benefit Statement, Form SSA-1099, during January 1989, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently.

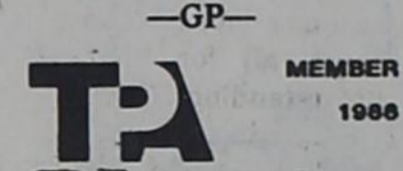
Workshop on Thursday, December 29th, at 9 a. m., in the TU Electric Reddy Room in Eastland.

Bring a white or black sweatshirt and \$11.50 for cost of thread, pretty punch needle, hoop, and fabric. You will make a "4-H Clover" out of pretty punch.

4-H'ers are urged to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be furnished.

Twenty-four 4-H members and parents attended the 4-H Rabbit Project training last week. The next training is scheduled for Saturday, February 11. Mark your calendars for this date.

Monday, January 9 is the date for the county-wide drug training concerning livestock show animals. The meeting will be held at the Eastland National Bank Community Room from 7 to 8 p. m. All major livestock show exhibitors are required to attend.



The form will show the amount of Social Security benefits the person received as well as the amount of benefits they repaid during 1988. The form should be used just as any other form 1099 received from a financial institution is used when the person completes his or her federal income tax return for 1988, Hammons said.

People who have substantial other income may have to include up to half of their Social Security benefits in their taxable income.

Included with the benefit statement will be IRS Notice 703. This is a worksheet that people can fill out to see if any of their Social Security benefits may be subject to federal income tax.

A free publication - Publication 915 - contains a detailed explanation of the entries on the benefit statement and explains about taxability of benefits. A free copy is available at any IRS office.

The Abilene Social Security office is located at 142 S. Pioneer. You can call 1-800-234-5772 toll free.

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CATTLEMEN'S CLINIC TO FOCUS ON BREEDS AND FINANCING

BELTON — The Central Texas Cattlemen's Clinic and Trade Show here on January 10th is aimed at helping farmers and ranchers with both production and financial goals.

"We want to help our farmers and ranchers to produce the type of beef consumers want," said James Davis, Bell County agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "We also want to assist them in every way we can to obtain financing for their operations. The two go hand-in-hand."

The clinic will be at the Bell County Expo Center at I-35 and Loop 121 in Belton. Registration begins at 8 a. m., and the program starts at 9 a.m.

Dr. Steve Hammack, Extension beef cattle specialist at Stephenville, will discuss beef breeds and types and the genetic pool that is available

for cattle producers.

"Challenges and Opportunities of Cattle Feeding" will be addressed by Preston Hollis, vice president of the AzTx Cattle Co. of Hereford.

Marsha Martin, senior vice president of the Farm Credit Bank in Austin, will speak at a noon luncheon. She will discuss the current picture for financing agricultural operations and the future of farm credit.

Dr. Dan Hale, meats specialist with the Extension Service, College Station, will talk about producing leaner, healthier beef for today's market.

A trade show throughout the day will feature about a dozen commercial exhibits and booths, including some dealing with cattle breeds for Central Texas.

AIRMAN MONICA P. FLORES COMPLETES USAF COURSE AT SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE
Monice P. Flores, daughter of Lorenza Pena of Lovington, N. M., and Pedro G. Flores of De Leon, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force aircraft loadmasters course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

During the course, students were taught dual rail systems and winching techniques in order to implement and carry out aircraft loading and

COURSES OFFERED IN FARM AND RANCH ACCOUNTING

STEPHENVILLE — Farmers and ranchers interested in doing a better job in recordkeeping in 1989 may want to enroll in a computer course in farm and ranch accounting.

They also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is a 1986 graduate of De Leon High.

Two such courses will be offered in the coming weeks. One will be January 4-6 at Tarleton State University at Stephenville. The second is scheduled for February 22-24 at the Texas State Technical Institute at Sweetwater.

The courses are designed to teach farmers and ranchers with beginning to moderate accounting knowledge and skills the basics of financial and enterprise accounting, said Dr. Ashley Lovell of Stephenville, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"We want to instill knowledge and confidence in participants through lecture and computer hands-on experience," Lovell said. "We want them to be able to return to their businesses and implement their management and financial information system."

"Computerized bookkeeping can generate timely management information for decision making," Lovell said. "And that's important because the number and complexity of production and marketing decisions is increasing and requiring greater sophistication."

To preregister for either short course, contact Lovell at (817) 968-4144.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

South Eastland County Hospital District will hold a Budget Hearing in the District Office in Gorman at 114 E. Houston on January 3rd, 1988.

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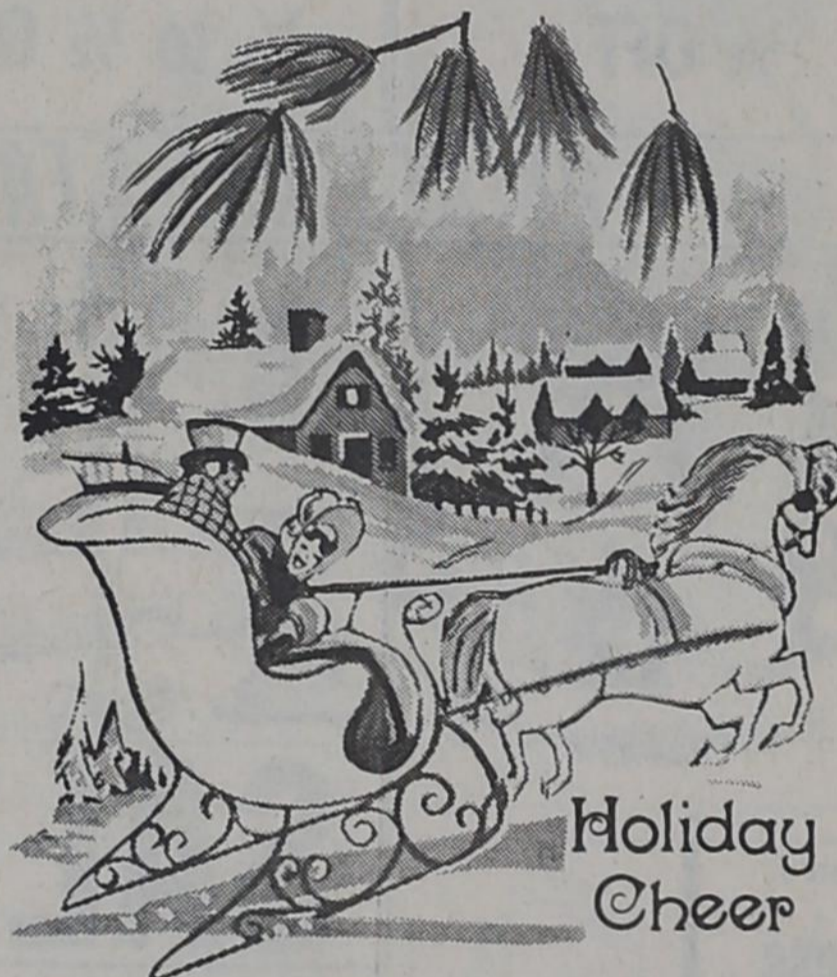
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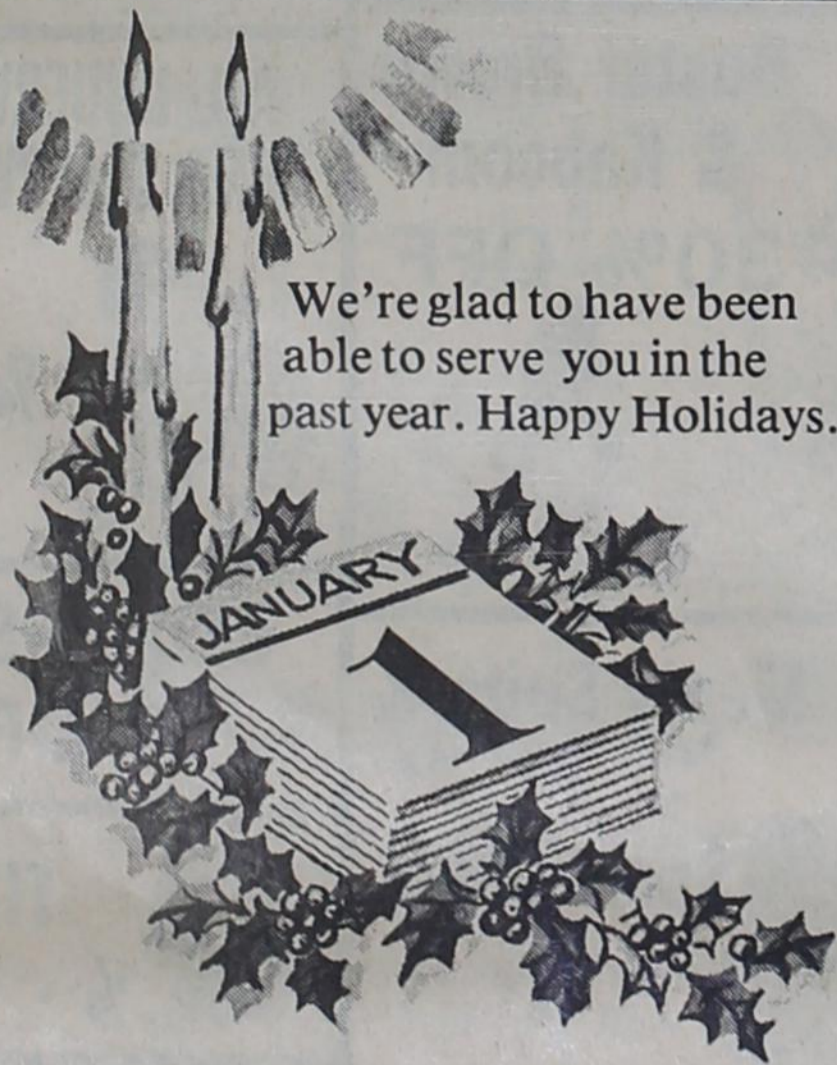
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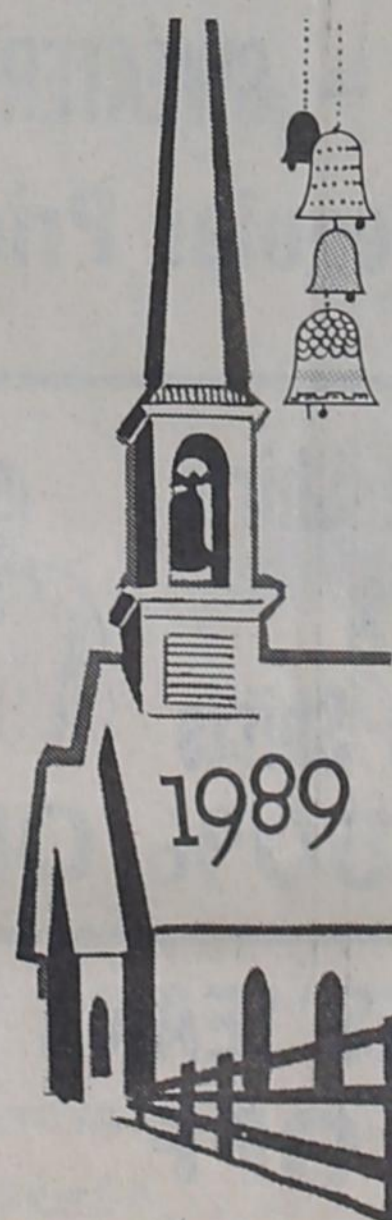
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Homemaking Hints

From Janet Thomas, County Extension Agent

As 1988 comes to a close, I wish each of you a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Many people make New Year Resolutions! I have saved a clipping from a newspaper for years. The article "The 10 Commandments of How to Get Along With People" has some excellent guidelines. Include these guidelines for your new year resolutions.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE

1. Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think. Cultivate a low, persuasive voice. How you say it often counts more than what you say.
2. Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully, no matter what it costs.
3. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to or about somebody. Praise good work, regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, criticize helpfully, never spitefully.
4. Be interested in others; their pursuits their work, their homes and families. Make merry with those who rejoice; with those who weep, mourn. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him as a person of importance.
5. Be cheerful. Don't burden or depress those around you by dwelling on minor aches and pains and small disappointments. Remember, everyone is carrying some kind of a load.
6. Keep an open mind. Discuss but don't argue. It is a mark of a superior mind to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.
7. Let your virtues, if you have any, speak for themselves. Refuse to talk of another's vices. Discourage gossip. It is a waste of valuable time and can be extremely destructive.
8. Be careful of another's feelings. Wit and humor at the other person's expense are rarely worth it and may hurt when least expected.
9. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Remember, the person who carried the message may not be the most accurate reporter in the world. Simply live so that nobody will believe them. Disordered nerves and bad digestion are a common cause of backbiting.
10. Don't be too anxious about the credit due you. Do your best and be patient. Forget about yourself and let others "remember". Success is much sweeter that way.



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Watermelon growers to vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commercial watermelon growers and handlers will be able to vote Feb. 6-21 whether to finance a proposed research, advertising and sales promotion program. J. Patrick Boyle, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service, said the program would operate at no cost to the federal government and would be financed by an assessment of up to two cents per 100 pounds of melons. The fee would be paid by farmers who grow five acres or more of watermelons and by "first handlers," or dealers who buy directly from farmers. A 29-member board representing producers, handlers and the general public would administer the program, Boyle said. A two-thirds vote is required for approval of the program. Ballots, copies of the proposal and other details are available from county extension agents where watermelons are grown, he said.

1989 peanut quotas bigger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peanut farmers will be allowed a bigger government quota for their 1989 crop. The Agriculture Department said the national peanut marketing quota for 1989 will be 1.44 million tons, up 37,800 tons from this year's quota. The national quota is required by law to be equal to the estimated quantity of peanuts that will be needed for domestic edible, seed and related uses in the 1989-90 marketing year, which will begin Aug. 1, 1989. The quota cannot be less than 1.1 million tons. Officials said the 1989 poundage quota will be allocated to each producing state based on the state's share of the 1988 quota. Increases in a state's quota will be allocated among qualifying peanut farms. Peanut farmers voted in a referendum in January 1986 to continue quotas for crops through 1990.

NEW YEARS' SINGING SLATED AT NEW HOPE BAPTIST

The New Hope Baptist Church will hold their annual New Years Singing on Saturday, December 31st to sing out the old year and sing in the new.

Singing will get underway at 8 p. m. and continue until 9:30 or 10 when an intermission will be held. Then following the break singing will resume and will continue until the midnight hour.

The congregation at New Hope invited everyone to come out and help them sing out the old and sing in the new.

PEANUT CHEESE SALAD

1 cup cottage cheese
1/2 cup salted peanuts,
coarsely chopped
1 teaspoonm minced onion
Salt, Pepper, Mayonnaise
Thoroughly mix ingredients. Add enough mayonnaise to moisten. Shape into balls and serve on lettuce leaf or use to stuff tomatoes. May also be used as sandwich filling or cracker spread.

MORE GOOD NEWS - TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATES DROP AGAIN

"Unemployment rates are down again in Texas and both business and labor are beginning to breathe a little easier," said Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers of the Texas Employment Commission.

Statistics just released show that the statewide unemployment rate is 6.6% -down from 6.8% last month. "While statewide statistics show only a small decline," Nabers said, "at least we are headed in the right direction. This is the third consecutive month of a declining statewide rate and the figures even look better when we remember that the rate was 7.9% this time last year," Nabers concluded.

In mid-November 1988 there were 551,000 jobless Texans. That compares with the 650,000 plus that were out of work a year ago.

Almost all of the 27 Metropolitan Statistical Areas for which data are currently available mirrored the statewide trend in unemployment, with rates falling slightly in November. Rates in two MSA's were unchanged over the month, and one (Wichita Falls) rose slightly from October to November.

Bryan-College Station continued to record the lowest rate in November, with a 4.1% rate which was its lowest since April of this year. Lubbock had the second-lowest rate, at 4.5%. Three MSA's had a rate of 5.3% - Austin, Dallas and Midland.

Highest rates continued to be along the border, with McAllen-Edinburg-Mission leading, at 15.9% in mid-November. Laredo's rate was 11.6%; Brownsville-Harlingen had a rate of 11.1%; and El Paso's rate was 10.2%. These were the only MSA's with rates above 10% in November.



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By Mrs. Zelda Jordan

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Leona Wilson led the singing, with Wynelle Brown at the piano and Glynda Bond at the organ at the Sunday morning worship service on Christmas Day. Glynda rendered the special music on the organ. Visitors were Joe, Glynda, Shannon and Brian Bond of Gail, Ricky Fuller and Pat Stark of Orlando, Fla., Wesley and Kevin Fuller of Buffalo Gap, Neal, Joyce and Glenn Gilbert of Oklahoma City, Steve and Kim Gilbert of Nashville, Tenn., Jackie and Diane Morgan of Friona, Mike, Mary Jo and Kami Leonard of Canadian, Bob, Kathy, Kevin, Jason and Corby Rodgers of Brownwood, Susan Snider of Gorman and Kristal Brown of Carbon.

Dale and Kathy Collum were hosts for a Christmas party in their home near Lipam on Dec. 17 following Dale's graduation from Tarleton State University, with a B.S. degree in Agriculture Education. Those attending were Bill, Helen and Dan Collum, Mrs. Annie Collum and Gerald, Debbie, Justin and Nick Burleson of Desdemona, Gene and Kay Snider, Mrs. Hazel Snider, Helen and Woodrow Browning of Kokomo, Ted and Charlotte Snider, Susan Snider of New Hope, La Von Snider of Brownwood, W. C. and Winnell Browning, Dan, Diane, Justin, Belinda and Sandra Snider, Huppy and Lottie Morris of Gorman, Donna and Gary Gatlin of Abilene,

Dwayne, Connie, Sheri and Lisa Snider of Stephenville, Jerry and Nell Head of Tom Bean, Mary and Bo Allen of New Braunfels, Jim and Dana Bruton of Whitewright, Mike Snider of Kokomo, Jennifer Sanders of De Leon, and John and Tracy Day and Deanne. Most of them had attended the graduation exercises.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, Dale and Kathy Collum moved to Huckabay. Dale is the new Ag teacher for the Huckabay High School. Kathy is an elementary teacher in the Tolar Schools.

Those visiting with Mrs. Dora Garrett for supper on Christmas night were Jerry, Lavell and Amy Hallmark, Wayne, Becky, LeeVi, Shane and Sheyanna Mikeska and Earl, Debbie and Ashton Braddock, all of San Angelo, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ray Nral, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland, Tim, Nelda, Cody and Jarad Fails of Arlington, James and Jill Little of Lake Leon. Others coming by for a visit were Charles and Carolyn Little, Scotty, Caye and Zack Mauney and Glenn Jordan.

Those gathering at the home of Mrs. Hazel Snider on Tuesday night, Dec. 20 for their gift exchange were La Von Snider of Brownwood, Ted, Charlotte, Toby and Susan Snider, Jamie, Stephanie, Kael and Creag Snider, Gene and Kathy Snider, Mike Snider, Dale and Kathy Collum

Dwayne, Connie, Sheri and Lisa Snider, Dan, Dianne, Justin, Belinda and Sandra Snider.

On Thursday night Mrs. Hazel Snider and La Von visited with Dwayne, Connie, Sheri and Lisa Snider in Stephenville. Lisa and Belinda visited with Mrs. Snider and La Von on Thursday night until Saturday. On Saturday Mrs. Hazel Snider, La Von, Justin, Belinda and Lisa Snider visited with Mrs. Alice Snider in the De Leon Nursing Home, and with Norman, Janeice and Jeannie Park and Janeice's mother, Mrs. Brown, at De Leon.

Christmas visitors with Mrs. Bernice Rodgers were Neal, Joyce and Glenn Gilbert of Oklahoma City, Steve and Kim Gilbert of Nashville, Tenn., John, LaTonne and Jonna Rodgers of Carbon, Kim White of Graham, Bob, Kathy, Kevin, Jason and Cody of Brownwood and Mike and Alice Rodgers. Lisa, Bobby, Kristen and Brian Morrow called with Christmas greetings from their home in El Paso.

Ricky Fuller and his fiancée, Pat Stark of Orlando, Fla., visited from Friday night until Tuesday with his parents, Claude and Juanita Fuller. Ricky's sons, Wesley and Kevin Fuller of Buffalo Gap also came for a weekend visit. Wayne, Christi, Chad and Lindsey Eaton of Ovalo came for a Christmas dinner with them on Monday.

Visitors with Mrs. Hazel Snider and La Von on Christmas Day were Flossie Underwood of Gorman, Ted and Charlotte Snider and Susan Snider, Gene Snider, Kathy and Dale Collum, Dwayne, Connie, Lisa and Sheri Snider of Stephenville, Dan, Dianne, Justin, Belinda and Sandra Snider of Gorman came for a visit on Christmas night.

Visitors with Mrs. Nancy Hendricks during the Christmas holidays were Roy, Sylvia, Kelly and Yancy Buchanan of Clyde, Paul and Sue Hoy, Cameron Harris and Billy Epler of Plano, Edward and Carolyn Epler of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Joe Buchanan of Tuscola, Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Wilbourne and Martha Wood of Carbon, Gene, Janet and Dawn Michele Wood of Odessa, Troy Scitern, Glenn and

SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

- Monday - Oatmeal, juice and milk.
- Tuesday - Toast, bacon, honey, juice and milk.
- Wednesday - Rice, juice and milk.
- Thursday - Donuts, juice and milk.
- Friday - Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice and milk.

LUNCH

- Monday - Fish nuggets, tarter sauce, macaronni and cheese, spinach, fruit, cornbread and milk.
- Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, corn, bread sticks, peach cobbler and milk.
- Wednesday - Frito pie, cheese, pinto beans, fruit, cornbread and milk.
- Thursday - Meatloaf, new potatoes green beans, rolls, honey and milk.
- Friday - Hamburgers, french fries, ice cream and milk.

Zelda Jordan, Ruth Bryant and Hope Joiner.

Dale and Kathy Collum of Huckabay and Mike Snider visited with their parents, Gene and Kay Snider, on Christmas Eve night.

Glenda, Roddy, Joe and Sheri Miles, Robert, Diane and B. J. Miles and Jesame Taylor, all of Abilene, and Ted, Cindy and Kyle Jordan of Portales, N. M. were Christmas visitors with Glenn and Zelda Jordan. Others coming by for a visit were Roy and Sylvia Buchanan of Clyde, Nancy Hendricks, Cameron Harris of Plano and Kenneth Whitley of De Leon.

Our sympathy goes out to our pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson and his family. His mother, Mrs. Mildred Wilson, passed away on Wednesday and her funeral was held in Cross Plains on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers, Claude Fuller, Dan Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning, Wynelle Brown, Nancy Hendricks and Zelda Jordan of Kokomo and Orval Treadway of New Hope attended the funeral services.

Happy New Year! May the good Lord richly bless you all throughout the coming year.

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Visitors with the L. D. Hollidays during Christmas were Sandy, Debbie and Melissa Sanders of Odessa, Mrs. Ruth Sanders and Louis Waller of De Leon, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Glasson and Sabrina of Gorman.

Chief Petty Officer Fedele and

Rita Salas have recently moved from Imperial Beach, CA to Poway, CA (from south San Diego County to north San Diego County). Chief Salas was transferred from North Island N.A.S. to Mira Mar N.A.S. He has 17 1/2 years in the Navy as an aviator electrician with experience in F14's and helicopters. Rita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett, who also wish her a Happy Birthday (Dec. 28th).



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