

Gorman Progress

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GORMAN, EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS 76454

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MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

At this festive time of year, it is our pleasure and privilege to wish one and all a holiday filled to brimming with love. May the true spirit of peace and brotherhood warm your hearts as you experience the glory and gladness that is Christmas.



The Gorman Progress

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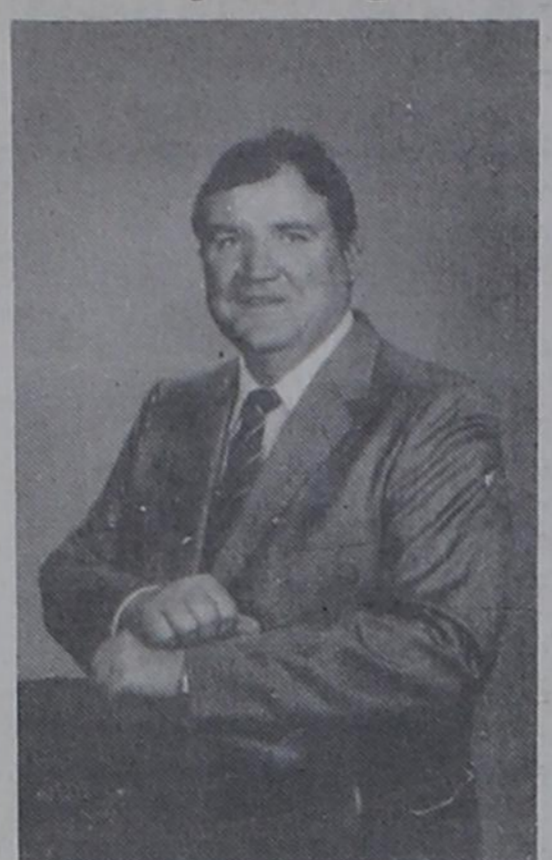
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W.E. (Bill) Sikes Candidate For County Judge



W. E. (Bill) Sikes has authorized this newspaper to announce that he is a candidate for the office of Eastland County Judge in the Spring Democratic Primary Election.

He has issued the following statement in connection with his campaign:

I would ask your consideration for the office of County Judge of Eastland County.

I would be fair minded with a firm belief in law and order. We citizens should have personal pride and be proud of Eastland County. We should strive to have unity among the communities to work together and promote Eastland County.

The county is a large business which should be operated with sound business thinking. We should work for economical development and attract new industry and payrolls to our county. I would like to give the county a new outlook going into the 90's.

I am a member of a pioneer Eastland County family. My parents are the late R. E. and Iona Day Sikes. I am 56 years old. Graduated from Eastland High School in 1950 and Texas Christian University in 1954, were I worked my way through school playing football. Served 2 years in U. S. Army and received an Honorable Discharge. After that I worked for Humble Oil and Refinery Co. in Abilene and El Paso where I worked up to the position of City Salesman of El Paso. In 1964 I purchased the Humble Wholesale Agency in Brownwood and sold my business in 1981. While in Brownwood I served on the School Board, Director of South-

Political Announcements

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Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused.

The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Elections on March 13 and April 10, 1990:

Eastland County Treasurer: RUTH PUGLIESE HART (re-election)

Eastland County Sheriff: W. E. (BILL) SIKES



Press Points
Joe Bennett, Publisher

I hope that the cold, wintry weather lets up before the holiday weekend. I know we need some cold weather to go along with the good, but I just don't cherish the cold, bad weather. One good reason we hope the weather is good during the holidays is so folks won't have to face the extra danger of hazardous roads, along with the overcrowded conditions on the highways when they travel to Papa and Granny's for the holidays. I think that most folks prefer good weather for the holidays so that everyone can enjoy the time off instead of being cooped up in the house all the time.

And while I am on the subject of Christmas, all of us at the Progress send sincere wishes for the happiest, brightest, nerriest and safest holiday season and all time to come for you and your family. We hope and pray that the Good Lord has blessed you and yours as he has me and mine this year. Things are real tight for most of us these days, but we live in the greatest country in the world and need to thank God for that. May the best of everything imaginable be yours during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year ahead.

west State Bank, Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations. I have been in Oil, Real Estate and small cattle operation since selling my business.

I married Zena Grissom, Daughter of Judge and Mrs. Clyde Grissom in 1954. We have two children, Cindy Adams, William Clyde Sikes and four grandchildren.

We live at 1011 S. Seaman in Eastland and are members of the First United Methodist Church in Eastland.

I would appreciate your vote for County Judge of Eastland County. Thank You.

I want to express our sincere appreciation to our advertisers for their continued support of your newspaper and the Christmas edition this year. We are blessed with great support from our advertisers and sincerely appreciate their support for the Progress, because without it publishing and mailing the paper would be an impossible task.

Received a nice card from Chuck, Chuckie and Meda Williams from way out in San Diego, Calif. wishing the whole gang at the Progress the sweetest little Christmas we've ever had! Thanks, Meda. The card was nice. We wish the best for your family also.

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for the big New Years Eve Singing at the New Hope Baptist Church. They will be joined by the folks from the Kokomo Baptist Church and folks from all the surrounding communities for the singing out of the old year and the singing in of the New Year. And, of course, all of you know about all the goodies that will be cooked up by all those great cooks for you to enjoy during the big event. So if you like to sing or enjoy just listening to real good gospel songs, be on hand at the New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday, December 31st.

There seems to be a good bit of activity as far as the political outlook for our county this coming election year. Several have mentioned the possibility that they might run for public office here in the county, and a couple have already put their hat in the ring. Ruth Hart has filed for County Treasurer and W. E. (Bill) Sikes as signed up to run for County Judge of Eastland County. And a few more have made it known that they will be running for office, but so far

TCI Cablevision Share Campaign

Officials at TCI Cablevision of Texas, Inc. have announced the kickoff of their holiday Food Share campaign. This event brings the cable company together with members of the community in an effort to make the holiday season better for hungry children, adults, and the elderly. TCI is working with the Eastland County Food Pantry to distribute non-perishable food to those in need in our community.

"What better way to celebrate the season of giving than by giving to our less fortunate neighbors?" said Robert Moore, System Manager. "Everyone knows what it feels like to be hungry. It's great to know a small donation of food can make such a difference in someone's day," he added.

The cable office at 207 N. Texas in De Leon will be the collection point for all food donated through the cable system to needy people. Those who donate non-perishable foods valued at \$5 or more and don't presently have cable TV, will be offered free installation when subscribing to basic service. This offer expires December 21st.

Robert Moore observed that by extending this offer, TCI thanks the community and wishes all of Gorman a very special holiday season.

they have not signed up for an announcement in the Progress.

So there might be some very interesting races in county politics in the upcoming election.

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

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GORMAN TEAMS WIN OVER SANTA ANNA; PLAY HUCKABAY DEC. 29TH

The Gorman Pantherettes were victorious over the Santa Anna girls in Tuesday night's action at the local gym by a margin of 54 to 47.

Jana Norris led Gorman with 15 points. Tiffany Stephens and Tanya Caraway each had 13 points, and Jodi Gibbs hit for 11. Brown led Santa Anna with 16.

The Pantherettes are now 9-4 on the season.

In the Junior High game Gorman defeated Santa Anna 44 to 16.

The Panthers were winners also with a 66 to 38 victory. Lance Sharp led the Panthers with 21 points. Anderson was high for Santa Anna with 10.

The Panther's season record now stands at 6-6.

In the JV game the Santa Anna boys won over Gorman 56 to 46.

PVT. Jerry Simmons Completes Mechanic Course

Army and Air Force Hometown News — Pvt. Jerry W. Simmons has completed the heavy wheeled-vehicle mechanic course at the U. S. Army Training Center at Fort Jackson, S. C.

During the course, students were instructed to perform maintenance and assist in the repair of heavy duty vehicles and associated equipment.

Jerry is the son of Gene and Nadean Simmons of Gorman, and is a 1988 graduate of Gorman High School.

Jerry is now on duty in Korea.

The next action for the Gorman teams will be Friday night, December 29th when they travel to Huckabay beginning at 5 p. m.

Then on Tuesday, January 2nd the Gorman teams will play return games at Santa Anna before entering district play on January 5 with Lingleville.

—GP—

Gorman Schools Complete Asbestos Surveillance

The Gorman School District has completed its six-month surveillance of the asbestos containing materials and found that the material was undistributed and there was not any evidence of any deterioration or damage of these materials.

A report has been sent to the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas Department of Health.

The Gorman School District has also completed its inspection and preparation of the Asbestos Management Plan, as required by federal law. This plan has been submitted to the Texas Department of Health for approval. A copy will be maintained at the office of the Supt. of Schools, at 114 W. Lexington in Gorman.

The Management Plan is available for your inspection during normal business hours.

—GP—

Bruce Gordon Thomas Laid To Rest On Saturday

Burford Gordon Thomas, 87, passed away Wednesday, December 13th in the De Leon Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at First Baptist Church. Gerald Cox and Ron Carroll officiated with burial in the De Leon Cemetery directed by Higginbotham's.

He was born in Comanche County and began preaching in 1947, when he was 45 years old. He pastored Baptist Churches in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gorman.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha W. Thomas of Gorman; three daughters, Joy LaFern Grisham of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Mildred Roberts of Gorman and Gaynell Hicks of Covina, Calif.; a brother, Alfred "Shorty" Thomas of Berryville, Ark.; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Sunbelt Sants Toy Drive Continues With Success

Already in its fourth week, Sunbelt Savings' Sunbelt Santas Toy Drive has collected over 10,000 toys for needy children throughout Texas.

At the local Sunbelt Savings branch in Gorman, approximately 73 toys have been collected for what they hope will be the largest Sunbelt Santas Toy Drive.

"This year the support of this community has been amazing," said Tom Wageman, Sunbelt Savings president and Sunbelt Santas spokesman. "We set an enthusiastic goal of 20,000 toys for this year, but with everyone's generosity, I know we'll make it!"

This year, toys collected at the Gorman branch have been designated for the children at Gorman I.S.D. and First Baptist Church and Church of Christ.

Sunbelt branch manager, Martha Rainey, commented, "This year's

drive is going wonderfully, but we still need more toys in order to make sure we have at least one toy for every child on our list."

"This is such a special time of year for our children and we want them all to have a happy Christmas. Because of Sunbelt Santas' help, we are able

to make their holiday wishes come true," Gorman I.S.D. Superintendent G. W. Maxfield said.

The toy drive lasts until Friday, December 22. In 1988, over 15,000 toys were collected and distributed to children through 90 charities.

Sunbelt Savings FSB, with \$9 billion in assets, operates 101 branches in 72 cities. Its deposits are insured by FDIC.

The Gorman Lions Club will help with the distribution in Gorman.



May the magic of this Happy Holiday bless one and all with the spirit of good will.

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We wish to Thank our Customers for this past year. Stop By and Visit.

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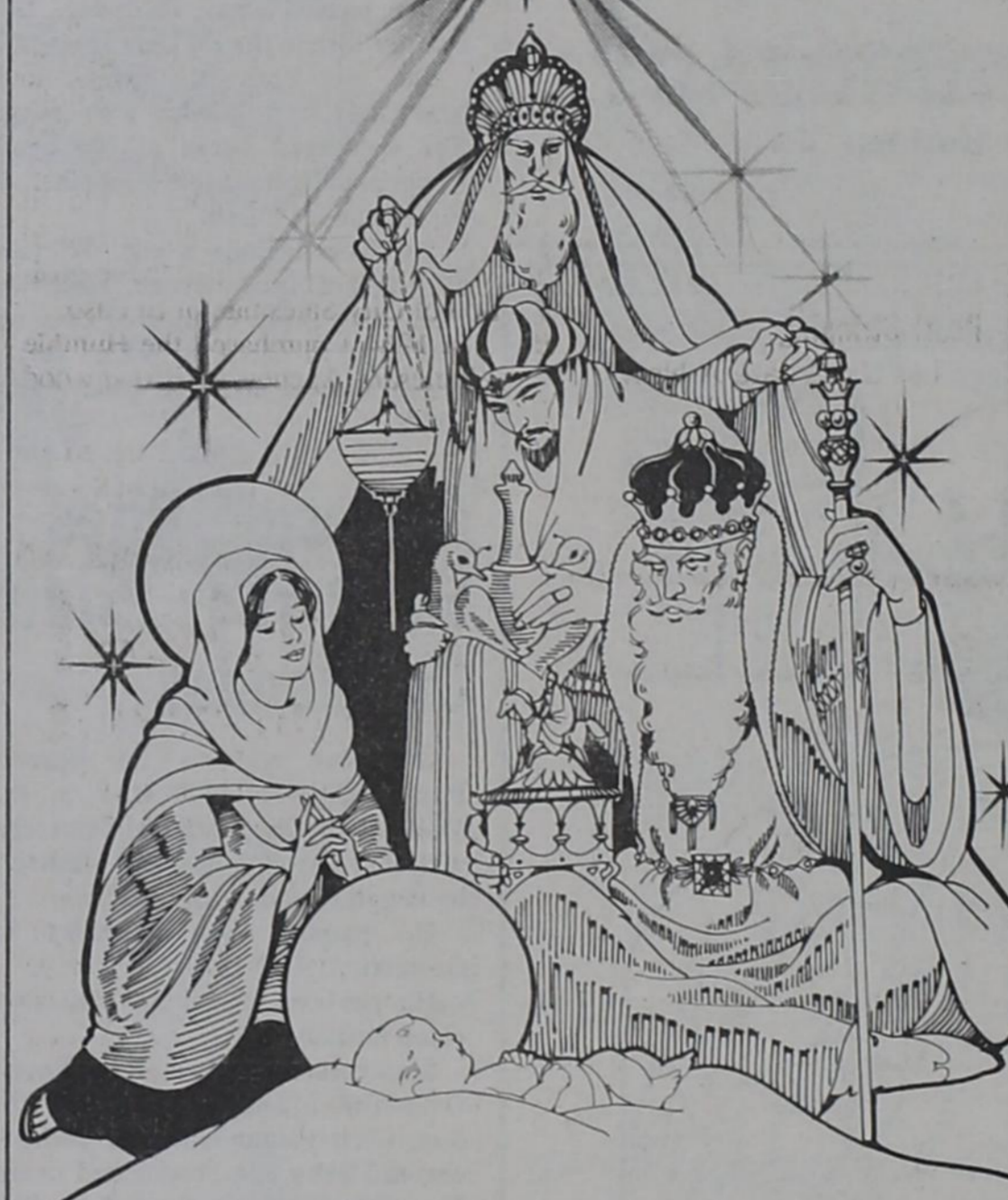
Merry Christmas



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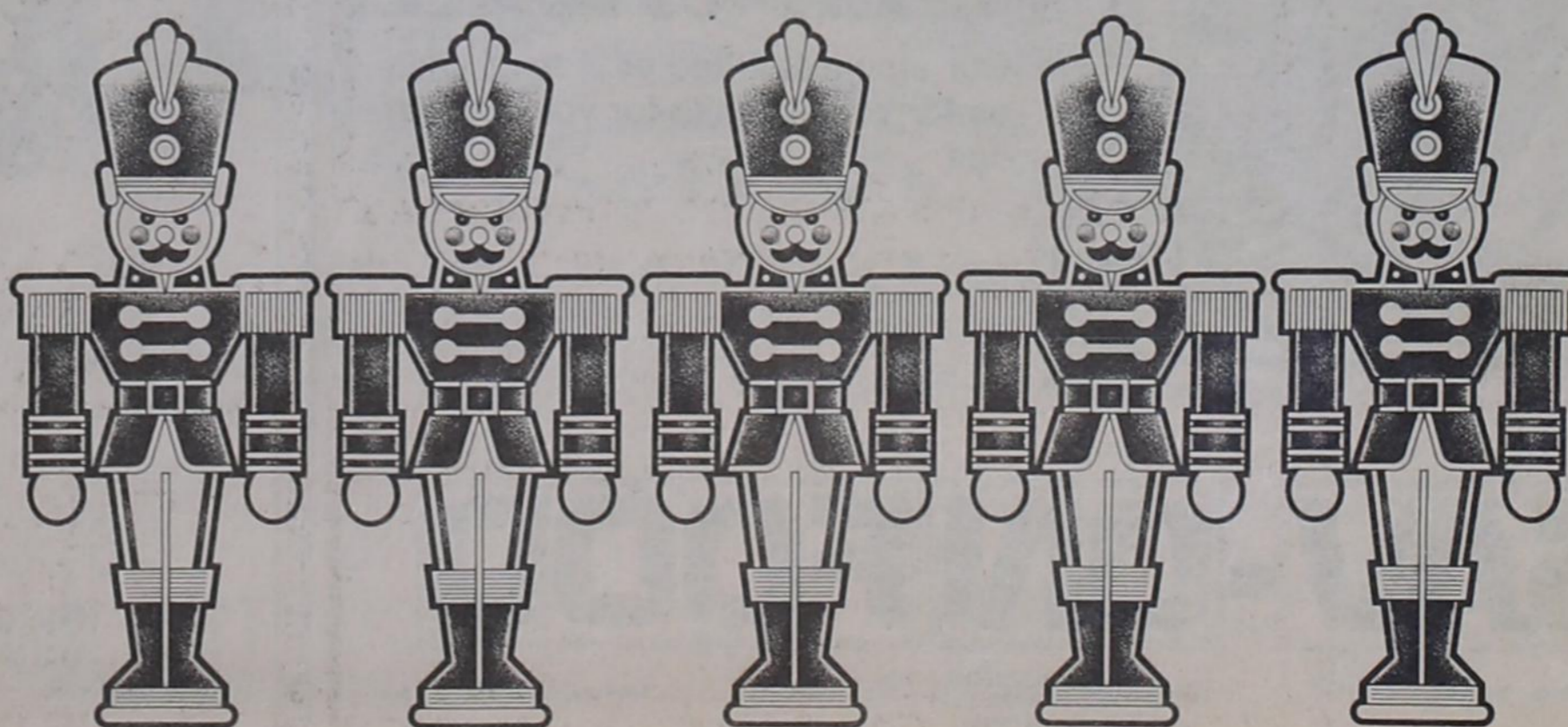
Merry Christmas

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D. B. Warren's Honored On 50th Anniversary

A reception in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of D. B. and Idell Warren was held on Sunday, December 17th at the Senior Citizens Center in Gorman. The happy occas-

ion was hosted by their children and grandchildren.

A host of friends and relatives enjoyed punch and cake prepared by Angela Buckley and Tacy Warren. Grandchildren, Nikki and Shannon Warren had the honor of serving the guests.

D. B. and Idell really enjoyed the fellowship with friends and family.

Christmas

SPECIAL MERRY CHRISTMAS

An humble thank you to all the men of the Gorman Fire Department for helping us in our hour of need.

To the people of Gorman, we appreciate all the gifts and donations.

Thank you,

The Steve Estes Family
—GP—

Burglary In Eastland Is Crime of The Month

The Eastland County Crime Stoppers' crime of the month is a burglary of a building, Calvary Baptist Church, which is located at 205 N. Oak in Eastland.

The burglary took place between Dec. 2 - 3 p. m. and Dec. 3 - 9 a. m. by person or persons whom unlawfully entered the building. During the course of the burglary, perpetrators damaged one microphone extension cord, two microphone cords and two speaker cables. Taken in the burglary were one 100 watt amplifier two P.A. speakers, one large playback tape deck, one small playback tape deck, two microphone extension cords and one wireless microphone pulg. All the above mentioned property was Radio Shack brand and total value was \$821.93.

Up to \$1000.00 may be paid by Crime Stoppers for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for the crime in Eastland County by calling Crime Stoppers at 629-TIPS or 629-8477.

—GP—

Ethel King Harrell Laid To Rest Monday

Services for Ethel King Harrell, 96, were held at 11 a. m. Monday at First Baptist Church with the Rev Darrell Dossey officiating, assisted by Rev. Ron Carroll. Burial was in Gorman Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham's.

She passed away Thursday, December 14th in the De Leon Hospital.

She was born in Gorman and graduated from Baylor University. She was head nurse at Blackwell Hospital in Gorman and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, William E. Bettis of Apollo Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Judy Phillips of Gorman and Carolyn Olive of Waco; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grand children.

—GP—

Graveside Rites For Barney Pruitt On Monday

Graveside services for Barney Pruitt, 65, were held at 2 p. m. Monday in the Gorman Cemetery with Ron Carroll officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

He passed away Saturday in Gorman.

He was born in Idabel, Okla., and was a farmer.

Survivors include a son, Roger Dale Pruitt of Gorman; three daughters, Christy Ann Evans of Comanche and Betty Sue Fowler and Letha Kay Chamberlain, both of Azle; five sisters, Aubrey Howard of Ft. Stockton, Minnie Johnson of Broken Bow, Okla., Sis Taylor of Miss., and Juanita Brewer and Adlee Strickland, both of Wichita Falls; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

—GP—

Mrs. Grace Nix of Longview will arrive Saturday for the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Agnes Hodge. She will accompany Kay Ann Craddock of Plano, who will be visiting her mother, Estelle Craddock.

Happy Anniversary To Jeanne Anne December 26

It's been thirty-five years, Since we heard the preacher say, Will you love, cherish, And promise to obey. It was just you and me. Together at the start, When we began playing, With matters of the heart. But as the saying goes, The baby made three, Just look at us now, The roots of a family tree. I've been stuffed full of luck, All of my married life, And I'd like to thank you, For being a wonderful wife. I continue to feel, A very deep sence of pride, Just knowing that you Are standing by my side. I don't mean to make it sound, Like it's near the end, But who else can I tell, If not my very best friend. I had no real concept of love, That's what I'm trying to say, Thirty-five years ago, This very day.

All My Love,
Jimmie Don
—GP—

Edna Smith Class Enjoys Christmas Party

Frankie Jo Shipman was hostess to the Edna Smith Class of First Baptist Church last Monday night in her lovely spacious home. It was all decorated for Christmas and as each guest arrived they placed their gift under the beautiful tree.

A lovely buffet supper was served, consisting of every Christmas goody you could think of topped off with hot spiced cider and coffee. Frankie Jo offered the thanks.

The business session was postponed in lieu of the birthday and Christmas party.

It was Beth Welch's birthday and everyone had brought her a gift. It was fun seeing her opening the pretty gifts and passing them around and a beautiful birthday cake made in the shape of a decorated Christmas tree was presented to her.

Then Christmas gifts were handed out. It was a joyous time. But isn't that what Christmas is all about. Giving of gifts to those you love. Gifts were brought to the baby Jesus honoring his royal birth as King of Kings.

Leta Richardson brought a beautiful devotional by reading from Luke 2:1-14. Then reading four poems entitled "Christmas Is In Your Heart", "It Must Have Been", "A Christmas Guest" and "God Bless Your Christmas."

Those enjoying the party were Hazel Smith, Geraldene Wright, Anna Rush, Estell Erwin, Leta Richardson, Beth Welch, Louise Brown, Gladys Chambless, Hilda Kellerman Connie Hall, Bonnie Croft and Frankie Jo Shipman.

ORDINANCE NO. 307

"Option To Tax Freeport Goods"

This ordinance was adopted December 7, 1989 at a regular City Commission meeting as an emergency item.

2-12-28



GREETINGS
and
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

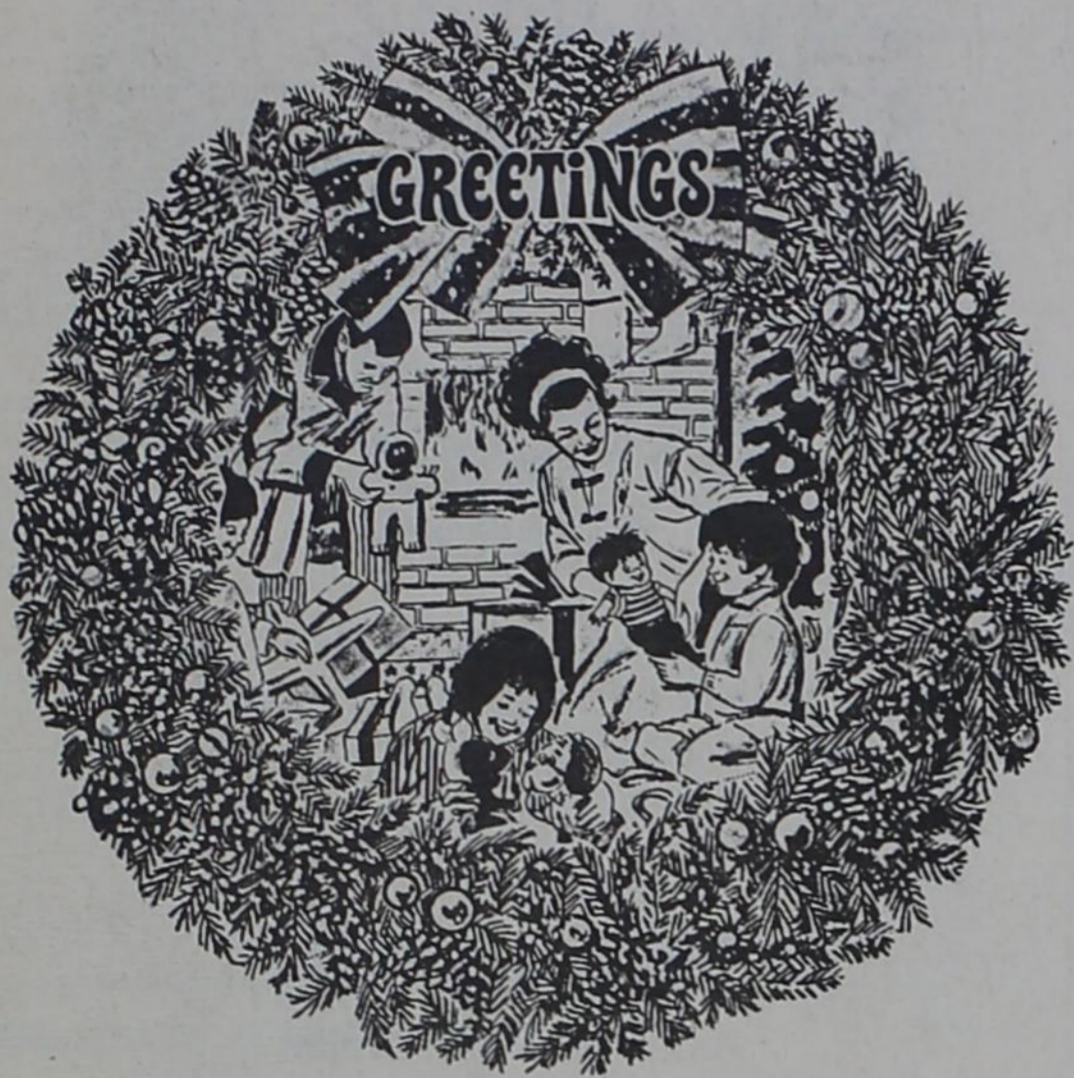
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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NANCY HENDRICKS, REPORTER

The Christmas party and the monthly birthday party will be a joint event, which will be held on December 21st at 2 p. m. in the south hall. Those having December birthdays are Garnett Adams, Cody Love, Veno Hale, Mary Emerson, Era Whitehurst. The Kokomo E.H. Club will help.

Your loved ones and the home welcomes guests for this joint event. So come on out and share with your special ones. You may bring gifts. On Saturday Bro. Joe O'Neal brought the devotional for 11 resi-

dents. On Sunday morning Bro. Ron Carroll brought the Sunday school lesson to eight residents. Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis of Brownwood were visiting in the home and reported Ida Lewis was doing real good in the De Leon Hospital. Hurry and come home Ida. At 2:30 those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church for services were Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning, Jimmy and Mamie Little, Nancy Hendricks, Hope Joiner, Berneice Rodgers and Ava Rodgers.

At 4 p. m. those from Gorman Church of Christ were Bro. Curtis and Neta Maness, Bud and Dee Smithy, Georgie and Frankie Stacy, Dora Faye Brewer, Lorene Foster, Jessie Lee Jones, Allie Mae George, Floydene Gilbert, Janda and Tracey Taylor, Juanita Files and Purnia Faye Smith. Those visiting Lorene Duggan were Stella Rider of Austin, Johnny McGilvray of Lewisville, Lovena Craig and Eric Echols of Odessa, Wayne and Mary Vincent of Brownwood, Zina Simpson, Christine Self, Gladys Chambliss, Eunice Love, Dee and Bud Smithy, Bro. Curtis and Neta Maness, Janda Taylor and Bonnie Cox. Those visiting Clara Rich were Jerry and Delores Rich, Wilda and Terry Holt of De Leon, R. C. and Jewel Whitley of Dublin, Irene Hallmark, Bro. Joe O'Neal and Faye and Densel Ables.

Cody and Pauline Love's visitors were Pete Ramsey of Eastland, Kristin and Carole Ervin of Desdemona, Hope Joiner and Joe O'Neal. Lola Eakers and Pauline Payne visited in the home. On Monday Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo. Winners were Iola Johnson, Ruby Vandergriff, Harley Rawls, Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Dee Gilmore and Emma Shugart. Wanda Stacy's grandmother donated the jewelry for prizes. Rufus Goodwin of Comanche, Sylvia Bridgewater, Jo Smith, Walter Goodwin and Odell Dupuy were guests of Minnie Dupuy. Gussie Hamilton's guests were Steve and Estelle Stephens and a grandson of Missouri. Those visiting Ruby Pullig were Ima Brown, Billie Stacy, Ava Rodgers, Irene West, Nancy Hendricks and Berneice Rodgers.

Winners in bingo on Wednesday were Ora Mae Atchison, Garnett Adams, Mae Quinn, Iola Johnson, Ruby Vandergriff, Emma Shugart and Cynthia Earles. We are happy to report Mary Emerson is home from the De Leon Hospital. Friday bingo winners were Garnet Adams, Mae Quinn, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Iola Johnson and Minnie Dupuy.

Those visiting Mae Quinn and Cleo Clement were Elsie Robinett, Joe O'Neal, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Sue and Lester Seaton, Glen and Shirley Clement. Dixie Pack of Desdemona visited Emma Shugart. Those coming for the Tuesday singing were Billie Stacy and R. Lee McDaniel of Carbon, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Ernestine Campbell, Ethel Weaver, Marjorie Nell Treadway, Frankie Jo Shipman, Joe O'Neal, Melba Frasier, Opal Mauney, Estell Erwin, Anna Rush, Nancy Hendricks and Wanda Stacy. **BRUCE THOMAS PASSES AWAY** Bruce Thomas, 87, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13th in De Leon Hospital. He was a retired Baptist preacher and had preached in many churches in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas before retiring in 1976, and was a member of Gorman First Baptist Church. Services were held Saturday at the First Baptist Church with Gerald Cox and Ron Carroll officiating. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Bertha, of Canterbury Villa; three daughters, Mildred Roberts of Gorman, Gaynell Hicks of Covina, Calif., and LaFern Gresham of Lake Haven City, Ariz.; a brother, Alford Thomas of Berryville, Ark.; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Ernest Weaver is a new resident, Ernest Weaver, husband of Ethel Weaver. The Weavers are New Hope residents and farmed and ranched. The children are Ernestine and Lane Campbell, Marjorie Nell



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Mrs. Floyd Gilbert Celebrates 80th Birthday

Mrs. Floyd (Lucille) Gilbert celebrated her 80th birthday during October. A native of Gorman and Eastland County, Mrs. Gilbert's family members were hosts for the occasion. Mrs. Gilbert's parents were Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood of Gorman. She married J. Floyd Gilbert in 1932. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1982 in Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ.

Todd Anderson Named To National Watermelon Board

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter has appointed members of the National Watermelon Board, including Don Johnson of Knox City. Johnson raises watermelons in Knox and Haskell counties with headquarters between Munday and Knox City. He is general manager of seed production for American Sunmelon Inc., the company that produces the seed for the seedless watermelon.

Services For Donnie Self Set Friday At 3 P.M.

Mrs. Donnie Self of Coahoma passed away at her home on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at the Highbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman. Burial in Gorman Cemetery with Curtis Maness officiating. A complete obituary will be printed next week.

The firm also raises seedless and regular watermelons that are shipped throughout the U. S. Johnson will represent Texas District 6. The other Texas producer member is Paul Kirby of Hempstead. Meanwhile, the two "watermelon handler" board members from Texas are Todd Anderson of Dilley and Ralph Scott of Edinburg. All four will serve one-year terms. Anderson attended School in Gorman and his family operated Anderson Produce here for several years before moving to Dilley. USDA Assistant Secretary Jo Ann Smith stressed that board members will work for the entire watermelon industry.

KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Zelda Jordan
Phone 639-2289

It sure has been cold. I heard reports as low as 9 degrees on Saturday morning. And the weatherman forecasts that there is more very cold weather on the way to our area. There was a few snow flurries, but there just isn't enough moisture in the air to bring snow or freezing rain. We need the moisture real bad, but I prefer just a good rain without the snow, sleet and freezing rain. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year. As we celebrate Christmas with our loved ones, let us remember that Jesus is the reason for our celebration and thank God for sending His son that we might, through Him, have salvation and eternal life.

Come and worship with us at the Kokomo Baptist Church at 10 a. m. on Sunday, Dec. 24th. There will be just the one service that day. Members of the Kokomo Baptist Church will join with the New Hope Baptist Church in their New Year's Singing on Sunday night, December 31st.

Joyce and Glenn Gilbert of Houston were visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday. Cullen and Ava Rodgers were congratulated as they were celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 17.

The Christmas program at the Kokomo Baptist Church was held on Sunday night. The congregation sang several Christmas songs led by Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at the piano and Wynelle Brown at the organ. The Young Adults rendered special music, as did the younger youth. Then Santa came to the delight of the youngsters as they helped him pass out gifts from under the beautifully decorated tree.

Following the program everyone went to fellowship hall for a supper of barbecue with all the trimmings and cherry and peach cobbles, and wonderful fellowship with friends and neighbors around the table. Bro. Joe O'Neal voiced the prayer of thanks for the meal and all our blessings.

Several from Kokomo attended the 50th wedding celebration reception for Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Warren in Gorman on Sunday afternoon. Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers on their 57th

Mark Eaves of Arlington and Randy and Deliah Lewis and Christopher of Ennis visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmon Eaves and attended the funeral of their cousin, Mack Eaves.

Nancy Hendricks and Gary Norris of Carbon were visiting with Lum and Sarah Tuggle on Thursday.

Those enjoying an early Christmas dinner with Wilbourne and Martha Wood in their home near Carbon on Sunday were Mrs. Daisy Wood of Eastland, Craig Wood of Wichita Falls, B. J. Prather of Stephenville and Nancy Hendricks of Kokomo.

Glenn Jordan visited with his aunt, Mrs. Dora Garrett, on Monday.

Joyce Gilbert of Houston has been here visiting with her mother, Mrs. Berneice Rodgers, and other relatives, and Neal and Glenn Gilbert came on the weekend for a visit. Cullen and Ava Rodgers were dinner guests in the Berneice Rodgers home on Sunday.



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Mollie Dean Observes 100th Birthday



Mollie Alsbrook Dean observed her 100th birthday on October 30th. She was born in Borden Springs, Ala. and came to Texas in 1896 with her mother Mrs. S. S. Alsbrook. There were nine small children and they arrived by train. They settled in Gorman, Eastland County, where she attended public schools and later Hankins Normal College. She married J. Frank Dean in 1909. He passed away in 1949.

She has made her home the past ten years with her daughter, Dorothy Rose, in Morton.

She celebrated her birthday with a dinner at the Senior Citizens nad a party at the nursing home where she now resides.

Hosting the celebration were her daughters, Dorothy Rose and LaRue Ormsby, and her husband, Paul of Borger. She has one son, Jimmie of Dallas; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dean received more than 50 birthday cards, one from President and Mrs. Bush. She is well and can still play dominoes.

—GP—

Final Rites For "Mack" Eaves

Frederick "Mack" Eaves, 40, of Eastland, passed away Wednesday, December 13 in an Eastland nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland. Burial was in Simpson Cemetery, near Kokomo.

He was born in Lamesa, and at the age of 3 was stricken with a brain disease. He moved to the Carbon and Eastland area as a child and attended Carbon schools. He enjoyed watching TV, listening to music and joking with people.

Survivors include his parents, Neil and Verda Eaves of Carbon; two brothers, Kenneth Eaves of Santa Fe, Texas and Donald Eaves of Carbon; a sister, Dolores Peterson of Houston.

—GP—

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for all the kind expressions of sympathy shown to us through prayers, visits, food, flowers and cards. Thanks to each of you for being so thoughtful to us during our time of sorrow.

The Family of Alyssa May
—GP—

COUNTYWIDE 4-H SHOWMANSHIP & GROOMING CLINIC SET DEC. 30TH

Attention! All 4-H'ers planning to show animals in the County Livestock Show have a great opportunity coming up.

A 4-H Grooming and Showmanship Clinic will be held on December 30th at the County Livestock Showgrounds. It will start at 9 a. m. and last until about 2 p. m.

For more information contact De Gordon, County Extension Agent.



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THE GORDON SPOT

By DeMarquis Gordon
Eastland County Extension Agent
Special care, such as shelter and adequate nutrition, should be given to protect family pets from winter-time hazards during the cold months ahead.

Winter temperatures in Eastland County are not at such extremes that animals accustomed to staying outdoors will be hurt. If the pet can seek shelter that keeps out chilling winds and covers cold ground, it will be adequately protected.

Animals that are never outside or are very old or young should not be kept outdoors.

Healthy animals can tolerate cold weather. More food may be needed because the pets need more calories to produce body heat.

The daily water supply also should be checked to make sure the water has not frozen or the pet may suffer.

Each pet also should have a check-up before cold weather sets in. Animals should be checked for internal parasites and blood parasites such as heartworms, and they should have all needed vaccinations.

The time is fast approaching for the planting of new trees in commercial orchards and backyard gardens. Hopefully commercial growers have had their trees booked a year in advance in order to avoid surprises this planting season. It is a good idea to have fruit trees planted by early January as fruit trees will develop new roots (unlike pecans) during the winter and be ready for rapid growth next spring. Fruit trees can be planted late in the winter, although they tend to grow off better if planted early. Pecans do not make root growth during the winter, however, it is still a good idea to plant trees early to avoid root dryout

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who remembered me in your prayers and for the more than 100 cards I received during my recent stay in the hospital.

To know that the community as a whole is really concerned about a person's health is truly a humbling experience.

The love, understanding, patience and compassion you have all extended to us since we moved here five years ago has really made us feel that we are part of your lives.

My heartfelt thanks cannot fully express my appreciation for your concern over the last few weeks.

May God continue to bless you and yours during the holidays and in the coming new year.

In Christian love,

Neta Maness

—GP—

Carolyn Gilbert of San Angelo will arrive Thursday for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert.

and potential freeze damage to the roots.

Hold off pruning until just before budbreak. Of course growers will have to start early enough to get the job done before budbreak.

However, pruning actually stresses trees and so it is best to let the trees make it through the winter and

then prune them. This seems to result in greater tree longevity.

Water continues to be short in Eastland County. Trees need water at least every 4 to 6 weeks even during the winter months. Severe freeze damage can result from drought stressed dormant plants. So we encourage growers and homeowners to thoroughly water plants prior to severe cold spells unless it rains at least an inch.



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I wish someone would close the North Pole Gate, or at least put up some barbed wire. Maybe that would slow that cold north wind a tad. I know we need to have cold weather, but I don't like the extreme low temperatures. Most all last week was below freezing. One morning I recorded 9 degrees and this coming week it is to be even lower. We all

need to take precautions with our heat, water, and all else that the cold, cold will bother.

The Annual Christmas program was presented at the Baptist Church under the direction of Ike Whitson, with the help of the Youth Leaders and some of the youth on Sunday night, December 17th.

Sunday, December 24th at 10 a. m. the worship service will be held at the Baptist Church. No Sunday school will be conducted this day, and no Sunday night services will be held December 24th.

Charles and Ammie Kelly are here

for the holidays from Pennsylvania. Charles is in the armed services. They will be visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Whitson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hamilton.

Marla Paulk is home for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan. Ande Paulk will join his wife later in the week to spend the rest of the holidays with relatives.

Classes at Carbon School were dismissed on Tuesday at 2:30 for the Christmas and New Years holidays and will resume at the usual scheduled times on Tuesday, January 2.

Major Carolyn Gilbert Attends Workshop

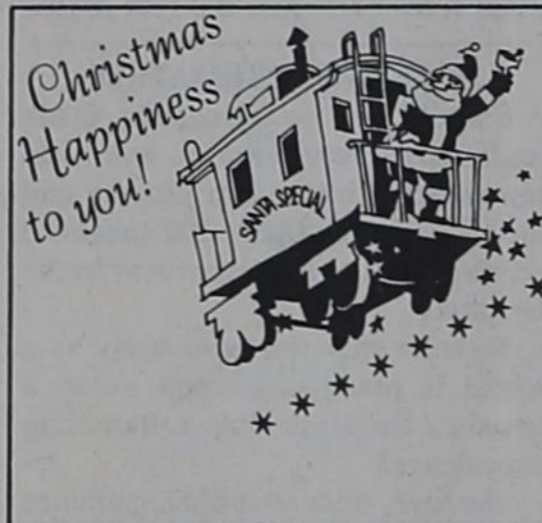
Air Force Reservist Major Carolyn Gilbert recently returned from Washington where she participated as a guest speaker in the Information Management Plans and Programs Issues Workshop December 4-6. This annual event is sponsored by the War and Mobilization Planning Group of Onformation Management at the Pentagon.

Major Gilbert briefed the group on combat support related initiatives that are currently underway at the 301 Tactical Fighter Wing at Carswell AFB, Texas, where she is Chief of Information Management. She was also invited to brief on the same subject at the Worldwide Information Management Conference held at Eglin AFB, Florida in October.

Major Gilbert is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert of Gorman.

—GP—

The John Delgados of Houston will be holiday visitors with her father, Wilbur Shell.



Direct Deposit of Social Security Checks Is Best

People who will be applying for Social Security benefits should have their bank information handy when they call or visit Social Security because direct deposit is now the normal way to make benefit payments. It's also the best way for most people to get their benefits.

Why the emphasis on direct deposit? Well, safety is one reason. People who receive their benefits in the mail sometimes find that the check has been stolen from the mailbox. Occasionally, a check is reported as lost.

With direct deposit, benefit payments are deposited electronically into a savings or checking account. That means the check is not sent through the mail where it may spend several hours or longer unprotected in the beneficiary's mailbox. And there is no paper check which could become lost.

A second reason is convenience. Beneficiaries do not have to set aside all or part of a day to make a trip to the bank to deposit the check.

Another reason is its reliability. Every month on payment day, the money is credited to the beneficiary's account. The beneficiary is then better able to plan for payment of purchases knowing that the money to pay for them will be in his or her account by a certain time each month.

For the Government, direct deposit has advantages, too. It costs 25 cents less to make a payment by direct deposit instead of by paper check. That is because there are no costs of processing and mailing paper checks. This represents substantial savings to the Government.

So, in a nutshell, direct deposit makes sense. It also saves cents. If you're going to be applying for benefits, or if you're already getting benefits but are still receiving them in the mail, why not try direct deposit. Just contact Social Security by calling 1-800-234-5775. In addition to your name and Social Security number, you'll need to give them bank account information which can be found on one of your personal checks, a deposit slip, or your savings account passbook.

Eastland County dispatch to call ambulance meeting

EASTLAND — Board members of the Eastland County Cooperative Dispatch decided Wednesday to conduct a meeting between ambulance personnel, hospital personnel and dispatchers to discuss communication problems.

Dispatch board members decided a meeting after the holidays was needed to resolve a few problems in the communications network.

"The problems are nothing real big, there are just bugs that need to be worked out," said chief dispatcher Bob Mercer. For example, three ambulances responded to one recent accident in Gorman.

Also, if personnel at the hospital receive a call for an ambulance

they in turn call the dispatch.

"If someone reports an accident to the hospital, why should we be called to dispatch an ambulance?" Mercer asked.

In other business, board members discussed purchasing tape recording equipment.

Mercer told board members they need to decide what recording equipment will be needed to operate the emergency 911 system that is expected to be in operation about 1992.

"Right now, we can treat it like the Sears Wish Book because we don't have enough money," said Cecil Funderburgh, Gorman police chief.



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