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Happy New Year!!!



Happy New Year from
Joe - Lonnie and Marilyn
and the Correspondents - Zelda, Vonnie and Nancy

Deadline for getting news in the Progress is Dec. 28 at noon for Jan. 3rd issue. Sorry for the inconvenience. This is so we can meet our printing scheedules.

New Hope Baptist Church New Year's Eve Singing, December 31st at 8:00 p.m.until midnight. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy singing in the New Year.

Construction Continuing On New Texaco Station



Happy New Year!!!

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every week at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

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

FOOD PANTRY Second Thursday of Each Month

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

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

GORMAN GROW MEETING — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

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

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE DECEMBER 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

James Griffin Laid to Rest

James A. Griffin, age 90, passed away Tuesday, December 18, 2001 in Heritage Manor Nursing Home.

Graveside services were Friday, December 21, 2001 at the Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman with Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Services were under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Griffin was born September 14, 1911 in Gorman to Ivan Griffin and Maudie Parks Griffin. He married Frances Louise Andress on January 3, 1934 in Stephenville. She preceded him in death on November 29, 2001. Mr. Griffin was an oilfield compressor mechanic, retiring from Phillips Petroleum Co. after 40 years of service. He lived in Borger for 40 years before moving to Gorman in 1984. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by three sons, James L. Griffin of Columbus, MS, Mike Griffin of Flower Mound and James L. Griffin, Jr. of Fort Worth; one brother, Bill Griffin of Midland; one sister, Hazel Smith of Midland and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Agnes M. Rogers Passes Away

Agnes M. Rogers, 79, of Boise, Idaho, passed away December 18, 2001, of Alzheimer's Disease, at a local care center.

Agnes was born December 19, 1921, to the late Thomas and Wanda Grisham. She was the second of seven children raised in the Gorman area. Agnes married Raymond E. Rogers on June 8, 1940, and together they had three children. She was a seamstress for the public for many years and a caregiver to many of the elderly.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; four brothers, Thomas Franklin, Ronald Eugene, Melvin Leon, Marian Edward; and a sister, Mary Ann.

Agnes is survived by her children; Rae June (Larry) Moller of Vancourver, WA; Wanda Jean (Larry) Whipple of Boise, ID; and Douglas Grady (Susie) Rogers of Carson City, NV; two brother, Kenneth Phil and Billy Dean; six grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Inurnment will be conducted at Carbon Cemetery at a later date.



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Gorman School. His parents are Lee and Sonja Hornback of Desdemona.

Kennon Hornback, 12, killed this 8-point deer at 80 yards with a .243 bolt action Savage rifle using a Simmons 3 X 9 scope on Thanksgiving morning. Kennon loves to fish and hunt. He is in the 6th grade at the

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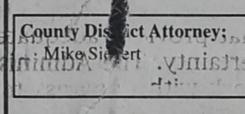
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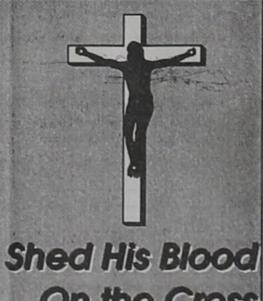
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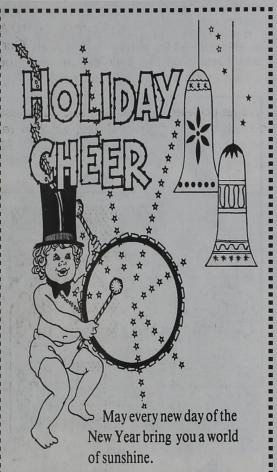
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Thank you have a happy holiday

Statement by Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman

"The Senate today appears to have ended debate for the year on a farm bill. The Administration had hoped that a bipartisan consensus bill would be developed, as all Senate farm bills of the past have been. However the process has yet to produce a bipartisan bill that provides a strong and certain safety net for producers, strengthens conservation and rural development programs, is pro-trade, and meets the budget targets.

'We want to reaffirm that this in no way jeopardizes the assistance that farmers can expect next year. We remain committed to working with the Congress to complete a farm bill quickly and expect this can be accomplished soon after the Congress returns. We must work together to complete a farm bill that is fair, responsible and helps a broader range of farmers and ranchers.

"This year, our farmers have faced many challenges. Natural disasters, drought, low commodity prices, and global surpluses have hurt producers. We have been there when they needed our help. Together, we worked with the Congress to provide \$5.5 billion in supplemental assistance. And, we will be there in the

"There is now a new opportunity to come together to develop a truly bipartisan farm bill that provides adequate funding and producer certainty. The Administration will continue to work with Congress to achieve this important

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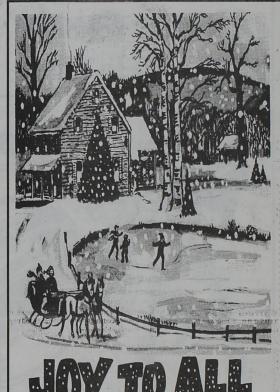
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Together Against Drug Abuse Kicks Off

Together Against Drug Together

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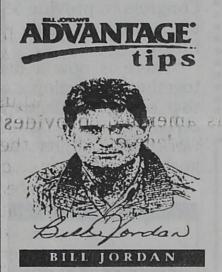
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The Secondary Rut

f you are fortunate enough to extends into December or January, you can take advan-tage of the secondary rut. All adult does and some yearlings that were not impregnated during the primary rutting period come into heat again some 28 days later. This revival of rutting activity may pull some wary, old "survivor" bucks out of hiding.

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New Date for 2002 Peanut **Festival Tentatively Set**

The Gorman Peanut Festival Committee has tentatively set Oct.12 as the new date for the 2002 Peanut Festival. This will be the 2nd Sat. in Oct.

In the past the West Texas Fair Parade in Abilene was held the same day as the Peanut Festival and most of the area towns have taken help from teachers, par- instructor's manual has their floats to Abilene. The committee hopes with ents, law-enforcement of- enough material to make the changing of our Peanut Festival we will have more out of town entries in the parade, booth spaces and attendance.

If you know of another local event happening on this date please let the Peanut Festival committee know so that a definite date can be set.



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De Leon, Texas



Happy New Year

To all our friends, both old and new, we say "Thank You" and have a happy

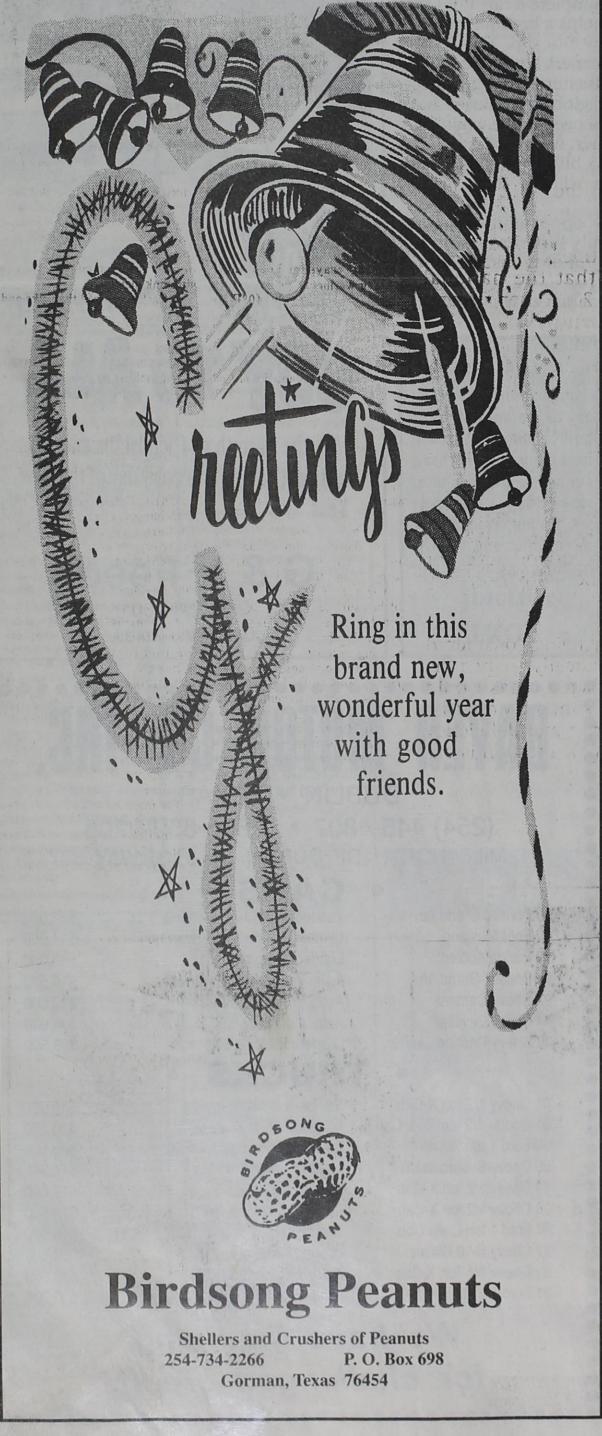
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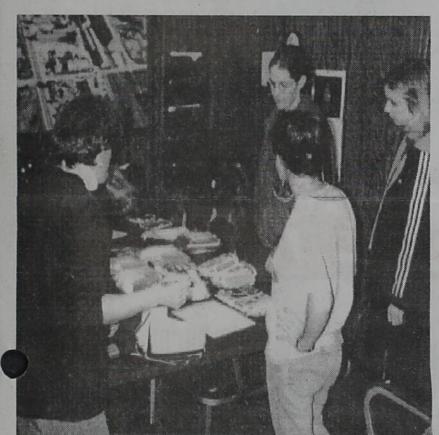




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> Estelle Craddock is our Representative for the Gorman Area She may be reached by calling 254-734-2363.

News From Gorman 4-H Club

The Gorman 4-H Club met Thursday December 13 at a special time in order to bake cookies for the residents of Heritage Manor. Those members participating were: Tasha Ritter, Carrie Shipps, Sarah Flores, Kaci Seaton, and Kristina Everton.

We want to thank Amy Wood for all the preparations for the cookie baking.

The 4-H members also sponsored the gift tree at American State Bank. We want to thank everyone who took a nametag and brought a gift for that resident of The Home.

The drawing for the club fundraiser was also held. The lucky winner was TJ Jay. To everyone who purchased tickets, we want to thank you for your support and we appreciate it very much. The money raised will go toward supplies for community service projects.

Other business taken care of at the meeting was the election of an alternate council delegate to repreman already on the Council are Tasha Ritter, president of the Gorman 4-H Club, and Carrie Shipps.

We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

USDA Announces 2002-Crop Peanut National Poundage Quota

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a national poundage quota for peanuts for the 2002 marketing year of 1,180,000 short tons, (2,360,000 billion pounds) unchanged from the 2001 level.

James Little, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency, said this level has been determined to be the quota level which will provide peanuts for domestic use in accordance with the statutory formula for establishing the quota. The announcement of the final national poundage quota must be made by December 15, 2001 for the 2002 marketing year, which begins August 1, 2002.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, provides that the national poundage quota for the 2002 crop of peanuts shall be a formula quantity equal to the estimated quantity of peanuts needed for domestic edible and related uses, excluding seed, in the 2002 marketing year. The formula quantity, together with an allowance for the possibility of under deliveries up to 10,500 short tons, totals 1,180,000 short tons.

The 2002-crop national poundage quota price support level is set by statute at \$610 per short ton. The price support level for additional peanuts must be set by February 15, 2002.

The Farm Bill currently being considered by Congress would dramatically change the peanut program. Poundage quotas would be eliminated and price support would be replaced with a target price and deficiency payment plan. If pending legislation is enacted as law, the 2002 poundage quota and price support announced by this release may be altered or rescinded.

Eastland County FSA

Exit TAAS Tests To Be Taken February 19-21

The TAAS tests will be offered this February at Gorman High School to those students who need a passing score in one or more parts of the test. By current state law, students must pass all sections of the test in order to receive a high school diploma.

Anyone in the community who has completed all graduation requirements except for passing the TAAS may take these tests to try to earn a high school diploma. A person only has to take that portion of the test that he or she did not pass in high school. Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to retake a portion of the TAAS may pick up a registration packet at any high school campus. At Gorman High School registration forms are in the Counselor's office. Registration forms may also be completed online by accessing the web site at http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/oos.

Forms must be completed and are to be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than January 18, 2002. Students who are currently enrolled in Gorman High School do not need to register for this test.

Persons who have not finished high school and who are interested in obtaining their diplomas, must fulfill the requirements for graduation that were in effect when their class graduated. Therefore, if the TAAS was not required for a person's class, it would not be required sent Gorman on the Eastland County 4-H Council. today. Texas Tech also has a correspondence program enabling a per-The new delegate is Sarah Flores. Others from Gor- son to receive a high school diploma through correspondence courses. GED tests are offered monthly at Ranger College and Cisco Junior

> For more information in any of these areas contact Linda Glover, Gorman High School Counselor.

HOLIDAYHINTS

Keep Your Holiday Buffet Fresh-And Safe

(NAPS)-'Tis the season for parties and family gatherings, and good food is at the top of the invite list. However, even the most carefully planned menu can be spoiled if food isn't properly prepared and served.

When planning a holiday buffet or dinner party, be sure to keep that holiday spread fresh and safe to eat. Wal-Mart and the Partnership for Food Safety Education's Fight BAC!" campaign recommend following these simple, safe food-handling steps when entertaining during the holiday season:

Serve safe. Foods that are left out for long periods of time-such as a party buffet-should be kept at a suitable temperature:

· Place hot cooked foods in chafing dishes, crock pots and warming trays to keep them 140°F or warmer.

 Keep cold foods 40°F or colder by placing them in bowls of ice. To add festivity to your table, use food coloring to give some

color to your ice cubes. Place small quantities of food on the buffet table and replenish it often using clean dishes. Be sure food is not left out longer than two hours.

Clean. To help avoid the spread of bacteria, wash everything-including your handswith hot, soapy water.

· Use plastic or other nonporous cutting boards. Cutting boards should be run through the dishwasher-or washed in hot, soapy water-after use.

 Use paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. Or, if using cloth towels, wash them often with bleach in the hot cycle of the washing machine.

Separate. Keep raw meat, poultry and seafood-and their juices-away from ready-to-eat

· Store raw meat, poultry and seafood on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator so juices don't drip onto other foods.

· If possible, use one cutting board for raw meat products and another for salads and other foods which are ready to be eaten.

Never place cooked food on a plate which previously held raw



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meat, poultry or seafood. Cook. Cook foods thoroughly to safe internal temperatures.

· Use a food thermometer, which measures the internal temperature of cooked meat and poultry, to make sure that the meat is cooked all the way through. If a thermometer is not available, do not eat meat or poultry that is still pink inside.

· Cook eggs until the yolks and whites are firm, not runny. Don't use recipes in which eggs remain raw or only partially cooked, unless the eggs are pasteurized. When making eggnog, be sure to only use pasteurized eggs.

· Cook fish until it is opaque and flakes easily with a fork.

· Bring sauces, soups and gravy to a boil when reheating. Heat other leftovers thoroughly to 165°F.

Chill. Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and leftovers within two hours. Food safety experts recommend setting the refrigerator at 40°F and the freezer unit at 0°F and occasionally checking these temperatures with an appliance thermometer.

· Never defrost food on the kitchen counter. Use the refrigerator, cold running water or the

microwave. · Divide large amounts of leftovers into small, shallow containers for quick cooling in the

· With poultry and other stuffed meats, remove the stuffing and refrigerate it in a separate

For more information on practicing safe food handling during the holiday season and year round, visit www.fightbac.org or www.walmartstores.com/news/.





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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

On Friday, December 14th at 2:00 p.m. was the December Birthday Residents were A.V. Seay, Dorothy Beaty, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, was unable to attend. Verna Lee Little and Ina Smith made the birthday Weaver and guests Marjorie Treadway and Ernestine Campbell. cake.

What an honor to be born on Jesus' birthday. Zadie Terry's birthday is December 29th, almost a New Years baby.

Cake and punch was severed to the honorees Veno Hale and Ethel Weaver, (Mrs. Weaver's daughter Ernestine Campbell), Jewel Snider, Glenn Lasater, Dorothy Beaty, Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, Edith Phillips, Clifton Jarrett, Margaret Helms, and A.V. Seay.

Visiting Veno Hale and Stella Files were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love and Mayvis Fay Johnson, Pat and Howard Hagood Lasater.

On Saturday morning, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles taught the Bible study for Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Clifton Jarrett, Margaret Helms, Cynthia Earles, Stella Files, Dorothy Beaty, Hallie Clark and Patti Whitehorn.

Visiting Margaret and Olan Helms were Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Sunday morning, Tootie Campbell taught the Sunday School lesson for Buddy Winn, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Buster Brown, Ruth nursing department. Bryant, Modess Self, Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, T.D. and Patti Whitehorn, Weaver and Edith Phillips and Louise Brown and Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Jewel Snider and Glen Lasater were Diana Snider, DeLinda Snider, Bobby and Peggy Ingram from Cisco, Rozelle Caraway of Eastland, Arl Lasater and Lyndon Lasater of Carbon, Amber, Howard and Pat Hagood, and Tootie Campbell.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the First United Methodist Hagood. Church were Rev. Victor Pena, Howard and Pat Hagood, Rori Tyson, Joe and Kathi Williams.

Party. Honorees were Veno Hale, Ethel Weaver and Zadie Terry. Zadie T.D. Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, Margaret Helms, Ethel Ollie Halcomb.

Visiting T.D. and Patti Whitehorn were Sylvia Estes and Marie Cook Veno Hale and Ethel Weaver both have a birthday on December 25th. of Carbon, Mary Jesse of Abilene, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some of Ruth Bryant guests were Joan Foster of DeLeon, Kyle Bryant, Larry and Martha Bryant, Susie Hampton.

One day Ina smith and Kathy Torres helped residents and they made homemade bread which they later enjoyed eating very much. They were Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Ava Rodgers, Hallie Clark, and Ollie Halcomb.

Visiting Buddy Winn and Ed Johnson were Harvey Winn of Carbon,

Thursday, Ina Smith had bingo for Veno Hale, Clifton Jarrett, Ava Rodgers, Patti Whitehorn, A.V. Seay and Inez Rogers.

Visiting Robin Taylor were James and Ellen Tucker, Rachel Tucker, Dalton Taylor, Tootie Campbell.

Residents appreciated the Christmas cards from the Kokomo Baptist Church.

It is good to have John and Tammy Holderman back working in the

On a Wednesday evening, the G.A.'s and R.A.'s came and decorated Ola Walker, Stella Files, Hallie Clark, Veno Hale, Margaret Helms, Ethel the doors and visited everyone. G.A. Leader, Ashley Rich and G.A.'s were Ally Little, Courtney Shirley, Rachel Tucker, Carley Jackson, and Katie Nabors. R.A. Leader Bobby Rich and R.A.'s Mark Gillan, Justin Little, Matt Keith, Aaron Keith and Nathan Ettinger.

> Visiting Modess Self and Irene Heathington were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Christine Self, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Howard and Pat

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Stephenville

Hale, A.V. Seay, Ava Rodgers, Mildred Bellows, Patti Whitehorn, and

Some of Muriel Prewitt guests were Durward Webb, Howard and Pat Hagood, Tootie Campbell, Johnnie and Pattie Waters and Eunice Love.

Guests visiting Mildred Bellows were Darrell and Pat Graham, Howard and Pat Hagood

The First Fruits Church brought oranges and apples for all the residents which were appreciated and enjoyed by all residents.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Sara Rodgers were Vicki Seay, Vicky Standridge

of Lockhart, George Rodgers, Tootie Campbell. On Monday morning, Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, Patti Whitehorn, Ava Rodgers, Veno Hale, A.V.

Seay, Margaret Helms and Stella Files. Visiting Buster Brown were Diane, Tye and Cooper McCarty, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Louise Brown, Janice Grice, Tisha and Daniel Grice

of Stephenville, Howard and Pat Hagood. Visiting Ava Rodgers were Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Howard and Pat

On Monday afternoon, those coming for the singing were Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Daisy Slaton, Zelda Jordan. Residents were A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Ethel Weaver, Margaret Helms, Clifton Jarrett, Ava Rodgers and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Edith Phillips and Ola Walker were Jerry, Sheri and Mason Parrish of New Mexico, James Phillips and Robert Phillips of Seguin, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Ethel Weaver and Hallie Clark were JoAnn Fraley, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for Ava Rodgers, Ollie Halcomb, Margaret Helms, A.V. Seay, Dorothy Beaty, Stella Files, and Veno Hale.

Visiting Inez Rogers and Vera Henderson were Paul and Merlene Herrington of Ft. Worth, Salada Brown and Buddy Rogers of Ranger, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Chester and Rita Henderson of Abilene, Howard and Pat Hagood, Robert and Janet Rodgers of McAllen, Howard and Georgie Iley of Desdemona.

Tuesday at noon, Lisa Laminack brought the 3rd and 4th grade choir to sing and visit all the residents.

Visiting Mary Williams were Fred McMullen of Melrose, N.M., Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Irene West, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Tuesday afternoon, Ina Smith had a "Snowball Fight" for Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, Hallie Clark, Veno Hale, and Vera Henderson.

On Wednesday, Bill and Tootie Campbell had chapel for Patti Whitehorn, Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, Modess Self, Stella Files, Ola Walker, Irene Heathington, Buster Brown, Robin Taylor, Ollie Halcomb, Ethel Weaver, guest Louise Brown.

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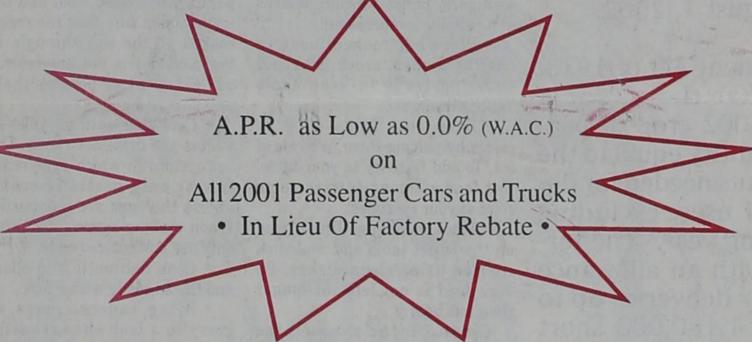
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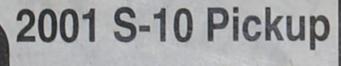
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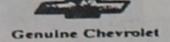
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