

## Coronation Set for December 16

The Coronation of Miss LaEstrellita and presentation of her royal court will take place on Thursday evening, December 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

This very popular annual event proves to be a lovely pageant always enjoyed by those attending and those participating as well.

The Coronation presents those students who have received various honors during the

school year and highlights the crowning of the very fortunate Senior girl chosen by her peers to be "Miss LaEstrellita" for 1983.

In addition to seeing all the students in lovely formal wear and the beautiful decorations, the audience will be treated to a wonderful program of band music and choral numbers presented by elementary students.

Santa Claus will make an appearance following the corona-

tion to delight the children in the audience.

If parents wish to have pictures of their children taken with Santa or parents of students in the coronation would like to have pictures made, a professional photographer will be present to make photos. Two 5 x 7 photos of the same pose will be made at a charge of \$6.00.

Admission for the Coronation will be \$2.00 adults, \$1.00 students, and preschool children admitted free.

## Chamber Plays Santa, Sends Letter to Editors

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, December 14, at 11:30 a.m. at the Elite Cafe with 15 members and guests present.

The annual visit of Santa Claus, sponsored by the Chamber, will be this Thursday, December 16, at West Texas Utilities at 6:30 p.m. Children who meet Santa there will receive bags of fruit and candy.

Santa Claus will be riding in a fire engine and will arrive in Rising Star at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 16; he will stop at West Texas Utilities to hear the Christmas wishes of area children and give each child a bag of fruit and candy.

Santa will then to the gym where the coronation will be held at 7:45 p.m. and will pose for pictures with children.

The Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors Santa's visit, appreciates the use of the WTU building, the Volunteer Fire Department's help and the aid of Ag students who will fill the bags with goodies.

Mark Cooksey wrote the following letter which the Chamber plans to send to the Brownwood Bulletin, the Abilene Reporter News and the Fort Worth Star Telegram. All Chamber members present at the meeting agreed to the use of their names as members to be used in signing the letter.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To say Rising Star has had some adverse publicity recently might be the

understatement of the year. We do not wish to condone or disapprove of anyone's actions or lack of action in this letter. What we would like to discuss is some of the towns more positive points, keeping in mind that neither Rising Star nor any other town or city consists of perfect people always doing only beneficial acts for the public good.

Controversial acts or actions make better reading or listening so this is what we see or hear about in the media.

No one seems to care that the Chamber of Commerce, Senior Citizens, Volunteer Fire Department, FFA Chapter, and several other citizens are working very hard to present the annual fruit and candy give-away Santa Claus presentation. Although this program benefits a lot of people, it does not make very good reading, or gossip, for

that matter.

We could list several undertakings just as important as this one but that is not what we are trying to say. What we are trying to say is—Don't just look at our negative side, look at our positive side.

We would like to invite everyone to come with an open mind and visit our town. We are proud of our home town!! It may not be perfect, but what town is.

Come visit with the businesses, our many fine churches, look at our school system, talk with the town people. We think you will find what we know to be true—these are honest, God-fearing people.

BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Delbert L. Biggs, Pres. Mildred Childers, Sec. On behalf of all members of Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

## Santa Is Coming To Town At West Texas Utilities Thursday Night

December 16, 1982.....

---At 6:30 P.M.

All kids are invited to come

and see SANTA!!!

A bag of goodies will be given to each child.

Join in the fun.



## 1982 Rising Star High School Basketball Tournament

The 1982 Rising Star high school invitational basketball tournament closed Saturday night after three days of crowd pleasing ballgames.

Thursday's round winners included:

### GIRLS

Blanket over May 56-40  
Rochelle over Dublin 39-30  
Ranger over Cross Plains 74-51  
Rising Star over Mozelle 28-26

### BOYS

May over Blankett 53-42  
Dublin over Rochelle 62-51  
Ranger over Cross Plains 54-37  
Rising Star over Mozelle 54-33  
Friday's games included:

### GIRLS

May over Cross Plains 62-42  
Dublin over Mozelle 48-40  
Blanket over Ranger 43-40  
Rising Star over Rochelle 27-25

### BOYS

Cross Plains over Blanket 39-30  
Rochelle over Mozelle 50-33  
Ranger over May 75-58  
Dublin over Rising Star 45-30

The Championship games on Saturday were decided by some excellent ball handling on both sides. Games decided on Saturday were:

### GIRLS

Consolation Trophy May over Dublin 41-36  
Third Place Ranger over R ochelle 79-42  
First & Second Places Blanket over Rising Star 37-20

### BOYS

Consolation Trophy May over Rising Star 64-38  
Third Place Cross Plains over Rochelle 65-44  
First & Second Places Ranger over Dublin 48-37

All Tournament and Most Valuable players were determined by all coaches voting were:

### GIRLS

Deborah Coffee-Sr. Blanket  
Zana Whatley-Sr. Blanket  
Renee Keesee-Sr. Rochelle  
Shellye Kent-Jr. Ranger

Katy Jackson-Sr. Ranger  
Vicki Walker-Sr. Rising Star

### BOYS

Clark Harris-Sr. Rochelle  
Anthony Lopez-Soph. Ranger  
Sid Underwood-Sr. Dublin  
Monty McCutchen-Jr. Dublin  
Mike Kyle-Sr. Rising Star

Most Valuable Players (determined as single individual receiving most votes) were:

Shelton McCallie-Sr. May  
Michael Butler-Jr. Ranger

All trophies were handed out after the conclusion of the last game.

Public attendance at the tournament was somewhat poor with Ranger & Dublin having the most fans present for the total 3 days and Rising Star having the lowest attendance even with the home teams playing in the championship brackets.

The Rising Star Tournament was a big success for the Lady Wildcats. The Lady Wildcats finished 2 over all. The leading scorers for the Lady Wildcats was Melanie Ratliff with 25 overall points. Vicki Walker had 23 overall points. The Lady Wildcats played Mozelle for their first victory with a score of 28-26. The second victory was over Rochelle 27-25. The Lady Wildcats only defeat came against Blanket who won by a score of 37-20.

The Wildcats started out good but finished up empty handed. The Wildcats lone victory came against Mozelle with the score 54-33.

The leading scorer for the Wildcats throughout the tournament was Mike Kyle with 47 points. David Cooper had 31 points, Gary Baker 18 points and Gerald Barker with 15 points. Bryan Switzer had 8 points and Jamie Smothers pitched in with 2 points.

By Gerald Baker and Doug Sessums

## No Special Election Planned by City

Following the advice of attorney S.G. Johndroe, Jr., the City of Rising Star will not hold a special election to replace the three councilmen who wrote letters of resignation at a called meeting of the City Council November 15, said Janna Jones, city secretary.

Mrs. Jones consulted the attorney general, the secretary of state and Texas Municipal League about the city's problem of not being able to have a quorum to vote on acceptance of the resignations or to set up a special election. She was advised to check with the city's attorney and follow his advice.

Johndroe counselled the city to go ahead

with regular business, e.g., paying bills, but not to make any major decisions, Mrs. Jones said. Since there are only three more regular meetings before the next election date and the city is already in a financial bind, Johndroe suggested that the city simply forego having a special election.

The regular election date is the first Saturday in April, which will be April 2, 1983; elected officials will begin their duties at the regular council meeting date of the first Monday in April, April 4, 1983. All five places on the council and the mayor's position will be filled.

Three places will be for one-year terms and

the other two places and the mayor's office will be for two-year terms.

At the meeting of the council on December 6, 1982, held at 6:30 p.m., Mayor H.L. Killion and two councilmen, Pete Starks and Johnny Lee, proposed to accept the resignations of the resigning councilmen, Doug Owen, Mark Cooksey and Willie Vandivere, by counting their letters of resignation as proxy votes to achieve a quorum. However, after checking with legal counsel, they were advised that that method could not be used.

Since there was not a quorum present at the meeting, no minutes were written.



The Lady Wildcats, 2nd place winners in the RSHS tournament, are, standing l. to r., Sherry Fox, Karla White, Leslie Alford, Charlotte Self, Dee Dee Lewis, Roxann Martinez and Rebecca Owen, kneeling l. to r., Vicki Walker, Kathy Linney, Gretchin Williams, Debbie Geye and Melanie Ratliff; not pictured is Karen Wilson.

## Rising Star ISD Board

Rising Star Independent School District Regular Meeting December 13, 1982.

Members present: Joyce Baker, Joe McCollum, Sue Barnes, Jack Hubbard, Douglas Walker, Jack Shults. Not present David Harris. School personnel present Gene Williams, Frank Gray, and Weldon Hill. Visitors Aline Morris, Sam Justice, and Francis Justice.

Business called to order by the president, Jack Hubbard.

1. Minutes of the regular meeting 11-8-82 and minutes of an emergency meeting 11-18-82 were read and approved with one correction. Douglas Walker being present not absent at the regular meeting, by general consent of the board.

2. Motion by Douglas Walker second by Joyce Baker that the bills incurred by the

Rising Star ISD be ordered paid. Motion Carried.

3. Student discussion with Aline Morris.

4. Motion by Joe McCollum second by Joyce Baker to postpone adopting policy manual.

5. Motion by Sue Barnes second by Jack Shults to postpone adopting policy updating agreement until policy manual is adopted. Motion Carried.

6. Motion by Joe McCollum second by Douglas Walker that the tax office be closed starting Thursday, December 23 at noon through Monday, December 27, also closed Thursday, December 30 at noon through January 2, 1983. Motion Carried.

7. Principals' report.

8. Superintendent's report.

## All District Wildcats

Two Rising Star High School Wildcats were named to the All District Football Team in District 8A. Bryan Switzer, a senior, was named to the offensive team and Sam Scott, a junior, was named to the defensive team.

David Cooper, a junior, and Lowell Bishop, a sophomore, received honorable mention.

## Poster Winners

The winners in the Saturday Club Volunteer Community Poster contest are Primary-Nathan Prossie, Intermediate-Shane Lee, High School-Julie Betts. Winning posters are displayed on the window at WTU.

Mary Claborn, Emma Jean Steel and Sybil Parker judged the posters.

**Dr. Carpenter's office**  
will be closed  
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## May ISD Board Met

The May ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular session in the Home Economics Building at 7:00 p.m. December 9, 1982. President Wayne Pittman presided over a meeting composed of members JoAnne Windham, Clayton Chambers, Royce Kilgo, Tommy Petross, and Eddie Hardy. Also attending were Supt. Don Rhodes and Principals Grayum Hart and Ronnie Watkins.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and November bills and December salary were approved. A motion was made and approved to hire Vernon Jones as a substitute bus driver. Other items acted on were approval of \$1200 to purchase science supplies and approximately \$500 to purchase a video recorder that the May PTC pledge \$500 towards. A motion was

made and approved to have a study made of the condition of the electrical wiring and lighting of the football stadium. Supt. Thodes gave a report on enrollment indicating that the school has dropped from a beginning enrollment of 203 members to the present membership of 191. Speculation was that this is a result of the depressed economy. Also given was report by Rhodes that the May ISD tax statements would be mailed out as soon as the County approved their tax rate as the May School and Brown County share the same tax statements.

A financial report given by Mr. Rhodes indicated that the school can operate through December with funds on hand and that hopefully tax revenues would be deposited in January. A special thanks was extended to the Home

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Thanks to my many friends and loved ones for your concern, cards, love and prayers during my illness. I want to send a special thanks to the Ambulance crew you were so nice. Thanks to all the Senior Citizens, The Baptist Church and The Methodist Church.

Merry Christmas and God Bless All of You.  
Mr. & Mrs. Rolan Hassell

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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1982

**Rate Increase Announced**  
Effective November 1, Advertising display rates are being raised \$1.00 per inch. Classified advertising will be \$3.00 for the first 25 words and \$0.05 for each word over the 25. Subscription rates

November 1, Eastland and adjoining counties...\$6, other Texas counties...\$8.50, out-of-state...\$12, and foreign...NONE. The subscription card files are set up so that all subscriptions expire each January.

Publisher H.V. O'Brien has announced that advertising rates of the Eastland County Newspapers will be increased on November 1st of this year. The Eastland County Newspapers consists of The Cisco Press, The Eastland Telegram, The Ranger Times and The Rising Star. Advertising may be placed for any one of the four papers or for a combination of the four.

Local rates will be increased 10 cents per column inch, from \$1.90 per column inch for one paper to \$2.00 per column inch. For any two papers the new rate will be \$3.00 per column inch, for any three it will be \$4.00 and for any four it will be \$5.00. Repeats of the same ad will be half-price, if there are no changes and no editions of the paper are skipped. Monthly displays will be increased by one dollar per paper per column inch. For one paper, the rate will be \$6.00 per column inch; for two, the rate will be \$9.00; for three, the rate will be \$13.00; and for four, the rate will be \$15.00. No monthly display ads will be accepted smaller than 2 columns by 2 inches. Eastland County Newspapers will no longer offer mini-billboard (1x1) ads for the classified pages. Classified ads will be \$3.00 for one insertion (up to 25 words) in one paper. Repeats of the same ad will be \$2.00 per time. A card of thanks of reasonable length will be \$5.00. Advertising deadlines will be Monday at 5 p.m. for the Thursday edition, and Thursday at 5 p.m. for the Sunday issue for the Eastland Telegram, Cisco Press and Ranger Times. The advertising deadlines for The Rising Star will be 4 p.m. Tuesday.

## Tips for Winter Driving

Reduce your speed well in advance of any intersection. Anticipate the light up ahead turning red at the last moment and then you would be ready to stop. If the roadway is icy and the vehicle approaching on the side street begins to slide, you may be able to stop to avoid the collision. Never slam on your brakes on icy pavement. Pump your brakes gently to bring your vehicle to a stop to prevent a skid. Stay well back of the car ahead of you. According to Rehr it takes from 3 to 4 times more distance to bring your vehicle to a stop on snow or ice than on dry pavement. Remember, Caution is the best defense against winter weather, in starting as well as stopping, Rehr added. "Drivers should not hesitate to turn on the headlights of their vehicles." He said, "Too often drivers think only of their headlights as providing them with the ability to see, but they should think also of them with providing them with the ability to be seen."

Get These At  
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## Epileptic Treatment Improves with Drugs

Epileptics for years faced an uphill battle against the stigma that society placed on them. But anti-convulsant drugs now available have helped change the picture.

Proper use of the right medication can help make an active and fulfilling life possible for most epileptics and limit the chances of an epileptic seizure, says the Texas Medical Association.

Epilepsy is a nervous-system disorder with symptoms that may include muscle spasms, metal confusion and loss of consciousness. Seizures can range from mild to severe and usually last only a short time. The drugs are designed to prevent these seizures, in which brain cells create abnormal electrical discharges that cause temporary loss of certain body functions.

Scientists still do not know why these cells, called neurons, do this. But epilepsy has been related to birth defects, prenatal

damage or injury at birth of the central nervous system, poisons, head injuries, diseases such as measles, circulatory disorders, brain tumors and poor nutrition. In some cases, the cause is impossible to identify.

## Classified Ads Get Results



# 50th Anniversary

## Erwins Celebrate 50th



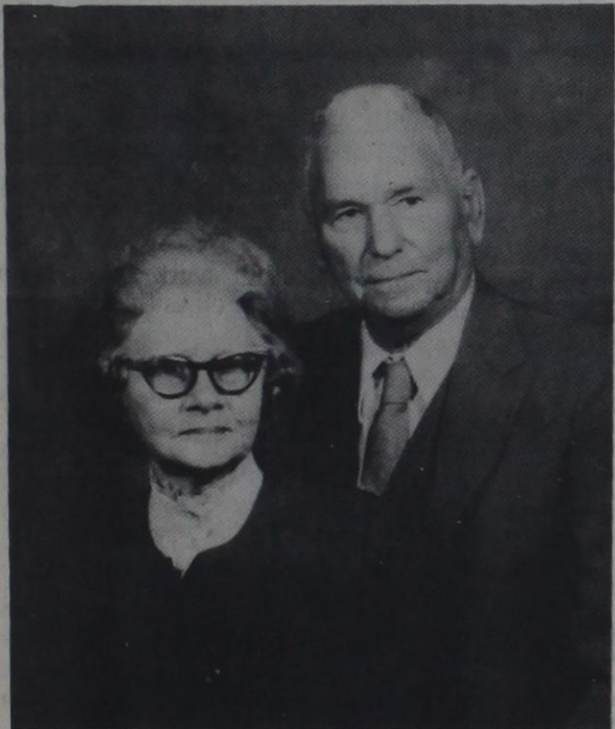
Mr. & Mrs. Hulon Erwin were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Elliott of Rising Star, with a dinner at Travelers steak house in Brownwood, Texas, December 11th.

The Erwins were married December 11, 1932, at Rising Star, Texas. They have own-

ed and operated the farm where they now live since December 1933.

Besides their daughter, Sandra Elliott, they have two grandchildren, Mackey Elliott of Rising Star, and Vicki Levesay of Bangs and a great grandson, Mackey Doug Elliott of Abilene.

## Whittles Honored on 50th



Comanche-Mr. & Mrs. Garnett T. Whittle was honored December 12, 1982, at an open house in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hejl of San Angelo. The event marked their 50th wedding anniversary.

Frances Nisbett and Garnett T. Whittle were married December 24, 1932, in San Angelo. Children of the couple are John R. Whittle of Austin, Mrs. Toby Yeager of Cary, N. C., and Mrs.

Stanley Hejl. There are four grandchildren.

Following their marriage, the Whittles lived in San Angelo and later moved to Comanche.

Mr. Whittle has been active in farming and ranching since 1967 at Sipe Springs.

They are Baptists. Hosts for the anniversary party were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hejl and Mrs. and Mrs. John Whittle.

## Check ID of IRS Personnel

Persons posing as employees of the Internal Revenue Service occasionally attempt to harass taxpayers or to collect money for what the imposter claims are unpaid taxes, the IRS says.

The IRS advised that taxpayers should request to see the credentials of any individual claiming to represent the IRS. Any IRS employee who makes contact with the public is required to carry distinctive identification and must show this when conducting official business. Also, usually taxpayers who

owe money to the IRS will receive written notification before being contacted in person.

Tax payers who doubt the validity of the credentials offered can verify the person's employment by contacting the nearest IRS office.

**Take stock in America.**

THURSDAY,  
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# The Travelling Frog



by Bucyrus

Costa Rica-Ticas and Chicas—"If some woman 35 to 50 years of age who is tired of living alone and would like some full time companionship, she would find it in her best interest to call 23-09-83 to discuss a mutually interesting life with a 60 year old male American citizen who is also tired of living alone."

That's what the ad in the English language tourist newspaper in San Jose Costa Rica said. Further, there are generally 3 or 4 of these ads each week! It seems that literally hundreds of American senior citizens have headed south to this "banana and coffee" republic to seek the good life in one of the most delightful climates in Central America. The attractions are so great that the U.S. embassy does everything that it can to keep official government visitors out of the country. They can do nothing about tourists however, and the place abounds with people of all sorts from elderly citizens to "flower children" of a bygone era who still haven't grown up and continue to roam the country with a pack on their back.

What is so attractive about this place? First there's the citizenry—about 90% of European extraction, some mixtures with other races, but in general perhaps the most beautiful people as a whole in Central America. Lots of blonds and semi-blonds. All are extremely friendly and make people welcome to their country. There's a better than 90% literacy rate and children go to school at three different sessions each day. Some start as early as 5 a.m., others extend until 8 p.m. That's making good use of school facilities! They have to. There's too many

kids for a single session.

Another thing of interest is that the average income is quite low and people will work for reasonable wages. At the present time the money exchange rate is very favorable and many items, particularly hand crafted things are quite cheap.

This delightful land is one of the places I must visit from time to time in my work as veterinarian for the government. The United States has a treaty with Costa Rica which says we will give constant advise and assistance in keeping exotic diseases affecting animals out of their country. One of my veterinarians is stationed in San Jose, the capital city, and I must assist him in his relations with the Ministry of Agriculture. Costa Rica has every disease we have ever had—T.B., Bangs, Ticks, Screwworms, etc. We don't help with those diseases financially. We do give out advice liberally. We also provide technical guidance during routine surveillance of livestock. We are looking for evidence of hoof and mouth disease, african swine fever, rinderpest and other foreign diseases that, should they gain a foothold in Central America, could easily spread to North America with losses of hundreds of millions of dollars.

There are a few bad things about Costa Rica. Gasoline costs over \$2 per gallon, autos have a 40% import tax on them. Highways, when they exist, are often narrow with numerous potholes. Many people have to keep someone at home all of the time to prevent burglary of their possessions. This can be very inconvenient and in general is

a mess!

The good outweighs the bad however. The climate is almost perfect but varies of course with the altitude. On the coast at sea level it can be hot and muggy with numerous banana plantations and fields of rice. In the highlands of 3 to 4 thousand feet altitude one sees terrain filled with coffee bushes and semitropical fruits such as avocado, mango, oranges, and papayo. It's like Texas in many ways—something for everyone. We certainly have enjoyed both the scenery and the fruits. Quite confidentially however, there are numerous days I would give it all up for a good Eastland County peach and a plate full of black eyed peas and cornbread!

Costa Rica has no army and is perhaps the most peaceful country in Central America despite the fact that their neighbors to the north, Nicaragua and El Salvador have been very much in the news of late with their governments overthrown due to Cuban incursion.

Male Costa Ricans are known as Ticos. The ladies are Ticas. Equivalent young people are Chicos and Chicas. All are beautiful people living in a beautiful land. And they are waiting for you—all you need to do is advertise in the paper!

# Tax Changes Affect Medical Expenses, Casualty Losses

College Station—Taxpayers who itemize deductions on their income tax returns need to give careful consideration to medical expenses and casualty losses as they look at their 1982 income tax situation.

"This year's tax law (the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982) brings about some changes in filing tax returns that taxpayers need to be aware of," says Dr. Ashley Lovell of Stephenville, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Effective Jan. 1, 1983, the new tax law increases the exclusion on medical expense deductions to 5 percent of adjusted gross income from the present 3 percent.

Also, all health insurance premiums paid by the taxpayer are treated as just another medical expense item and are subject to the 5 percent exclusion. This compares to 1982 and earlier years when taxpayers could deduct one-half of their health insurance premiums, up to \$150, with the balance subject to the 3 percent limitation.

The current 1 percent exclusion for drugs

and medicines will remain the same in 1983, notes Lovell.

"All this means that in 1983 many individuals will not exceed the exclusion requirement and will not have deductible medical expenses except in extreme situations," the economist points out.

Thus Lovell advises cash basis calendar year taxpayers to consider paying outstanding drug, doctor and hospital bills by December 31 if they intend to itemize medical expenses on Schedule A of their 1982 tax return.

Another consideration would be to move surgery and dental work scheduled for early 1983 into this year. Moving up surgery and dental work also might be advantageous from an insurance standpoint, since insurance deductible may already be met for this year.

Besides realizing a larger benefit from medical deductions this year, taxpayers also get the deductions a year earlier and before tax rates are reduced in 1983, says Lovell.

As far as casualty losses are concerned, each casualty or theft loss is currently deductible to the extent that it exceeds the \$100 ex-

clusion. Beginning in 1983, the total of unreimbursed personal casualty and theft losses is deductible to the extent that it exceeds 10 percent of adjusted gross income. In addition, each incidence is reduced by the \$100 exclusion.

This means that only low-income taxpayers or taxpayers suffering large unreimbursed losses will qualify to itemize these losses on Schedule A beginning next year," says Lovell. He advises taxpayers with 1982 casualty losses to consult their tax advisors regarding such things as the new alternative minimum tax, unsettled casualty claims that fall into 1983, and carryback of casualty losses to the previous year.

With the change in casualty loss deductions as well as inflation, the economist advises taxpayers to evaluate the adequacy of casualty insurance coverage on homes, autos and other assets. Since the federal government will be assuming a much smaller share of the insurance deductible, it may be necessary for many to choose smaller deductibles in insurance policies unless they are financially able to assume greater losses.

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## Personal

Bobby Roberts, son of Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Roberts, underwent heart surgery on December 13 at the Medical College Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. He is in stable condition at the present and will be in intensive care for a period of time. Bobby would be pleased to hear from his friends in Rising Star. The address is Medical College Hospital, 3100 College Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43614.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Allen and Ronnie Robertson of May spent Thanksgiving week in Rockport, Texas, where they had a nice visit with nephew Mr. & Mrs. Ken Davis & boys of Houston; Mrs. Davis' sister & husband of Paris; a brother, Horce Tugle & wife Ann and Ann's mother Mrs. Hair of Arlington. We all had lunch and dinner with the Tugles as they have a nice mobile home there. Fishing was real good, but had rain every day and was cold.

Mr. & Mrs. Bige Hairren of the Union Center community, had as visitors Thanksgiving week, Mrs. Hairrens sister, Wilma Cox from Salomon, Ariz.; Mrs. Cox's neighbor and use to be the Hairrens neighbor, Edna Mae Hauener from Thatcher, Ariz.; the Hairrens daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters Bud and Jo Ann Linney, Kathy and Elizabeth Jo Linney; the Hairrens daughter and granddaughter Essie Espinosa and Dana from Winnie, Texas.

## HSU Band Will Be in Cotton Bowl Parade

Dallas, Tex...The Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band, Abilene, Tex., and the school's famous six white horses and their coed riders will be appearing for the fourth time in the Cotton Bowl Parade here, on Jan. 1. The HSU musicians will be featured in a 2½ minute production number over CBS-TV during the first third of the parade which begins at 9 a.m. Twirlers Nancy Ellis, senior from Abilene, and Renea Martin, sophomore from Abilene, will also be featured. Cowboy Band Direc-

## GORDON SPOT

By DeMarquis Gordon

Selecting your Christmas tree wisely and giving it proper care will help it last throughout the holiday season.

First, consider the tree species. Common species grown in Michigan, Minnesota and Oregon and sold in Texas include Scotch pine and Douglas fir. There are also some spruce, noble fir and concolor fir. All make acceptable Christmas trees. They are cut in October, then stored and shipped south as Christmas approaches. Generally, these trees are in good condition when they arrive in Texas.

Recently, producers in southern states have started growing Virginia pines in plantations for Christmas trees. Virginia pines make desirable Christmas trees because they have a pleasing fragrance, relatively short needles and can be pruned readily to a desirable shape.

Texas growers, too, have established plantations of Virginia pines, but only limited supplies are available in certain areas. More Virginia pines will be available within a couple of years and will have an advantage of freshness over trees shipped in from other states. Some local growers have sold the Mondell pine in recent years. They make good Christmas trees also and have the advantage of freshness.

Buy your Christmas tree early so you can select the type of tree you want. Check for signs of needle shedding and brittleness which indicate that the tree has become too dry. If a tree is too dry when purchased, it will

continue to dry out even though it is set in water. Generally, trees available on retail lots in Eastland County are fresh and can be expected to remain usable in the home throughout the Christmas season.

When you get the tree home, cut one to two inches off its base on a slant. Stand the tree in water and store in a shaded area until you're ready to bring it inside. Keep water in the stand at all times and your tree will remain fresh.

In the home, place the tree away from all heat sources, such as a fireplace or heating unit. Check the water level often; a tree may use as much as a pint of water a day. Keep your lighting system in good order by inspecting and discarding wires with frayed insulation, broken sockets and loose connections. Use only lights and cords that carry the safety seal of Underwriter Laboratory.

As a final reminder remove gift wrappings and packing materials from around the tree once you have opened Christmas packages.

By selecting a fresh tree and following a few safety rules, everyone can have a safe and happy holiday season.

We have had calls about the use of wood ashes on gardens. Wood ashes contain both beneficial and harmful chemicals. Ashes are most beneficial on acid soils. Most of the soils in Eastland County are not acid, but most are alkaline. Ashes are alkaline and very high in potassium, calcium, and magnesium. Ashes can be harmful at high rates in soil that is already alkaline. High rates can cause salt to build up in soils, resulting in plant injury.

Always consider the following general rules in applying wood ashes: (1) Do not apply wood ashes to your garden more than once per year. (2) Do not apply wood ashes to your garden more than three times. (3) Wood ashes are very low in nitrogen so, add adequate nitrogen fertilizer with the ashes.

tor Bill Woods said the 48-member band during its performance over national television will play a western medley of "I'm An Old Cowhand," "Home on the Range," "I've Got Spurs that Jingle, Jangle, Jingle," (by the percussionists), and "San Antonio Rose."

During the parade through downtown Dallas, the Cowboy musicians will feature their famous "cowstep," which moves the band along at 220 beats a minute, as opposed to the more sedate 120 used by most bands.

## Cotton Conference Set

College Station-The 1983 Beltwide Cotton Conferences are set for Jan. 3-6 at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio.

The conferences feature special sessions on cotton research the first two days followed by a day-and-a-half program oriented mainly toward cotton producers and industry leaders, says Dr. Bob Metzger, cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The research sessions the first two days will deal with cotton insects and pest management; cotton physiology, including plant nutrition and plant growth regulators; cotton dust; engineering research, including cotton harvesting, storage and ginning;

and cotton weed science.

The morning program will conclude with a discussion on "What It Takes to Move U.S. Cotton to Market" by a panel of speakers representing different segments of the cotton industry.

Among topics to be discussed Wednesday afternoon and the following morning will deal with drip irrigation, the new LEPA (low energy recision application) irrigation system, use of vegetable oils in pesticide applications, HVI (high volume instrument) cotton classing and fiber needs of the textile industry.

According to Metzger, the annual conferences are rotated among the major cotton producing states and are sponsored by the National Cotton Council and the Cotton Founda-

## Number of Dairy Cows on Test

The number of Texas dairy cows enrolled in a special record keeping and testing program--the Texas Dairy Herd Improvement Association--has surpassed the 100,000 mark, a benchmark goal set by the state's dairy industry a few years ago. Texas is now the first state with records of more than 100,000 cows being processed through the Dairy Records Center at Raleigh, N. C., says a dairy specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. The center processes dairy records for 12 southern states. The 100,000 cows mark an increase in TDHIA numbers of some 20,000 head in the past two years, but this total is still only 31 percent of the state's total dairy cow herd.

## Cross Plains Ex Is "Man of the Year"



Cross Plains-Reuben C. McCowen is presently the number two person of authority in the City of Lubbock water and sewer departments. The former local man holds the position of Asst. Supt. of Water and Sewer operation for the City of Lubbock.

The son of Mrs. Charlie (Ruby) McCowen and the late Charlie McCowen of Cross Plains he was honored as "Man of the Year" for 1982 by Texas Water Util. Assoc. at Texas A&M Univ. back in March. That organization is only one of a number of organizations he is an officer and director of.

He attended schools at Pioneer and Cross Plains, graduating from Cross Plains High School with the Class of 1956, and started his career in 1960 with the City of Cross Plains as gas and water superintendent. In 1968 he moved to Lubbock as a Water Production Foreman and was advanced from that position to the one which he now occupies.

McCowen served as

secretary, treasurer of the Permian Basin Water Util. Assoc. in 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969. He served as president of the Permian Basin Water Util. Assoc. in 1971. Presently McCowen is serving as chairman of the West Texas Regional Water Util. Short School and Deputy Trustee for Texas Southwest Section of American Water Works Assoc. for West Texas Region.

The ex-local man is also currently serving on the Board of Directors for Texas Water Util. Assoc. and is a director of the City of Lubbock Employees Federal Credit Union. He is currently a member of the American Water Works Assoc., the Texas Water Util. Assoc. and Permian Basin Water Util. Assoc. and the Gideons.

McCowen married the former Ruby Sagehorn of Rising Star on Jan. 31, 1958. The couple has three children Pam Galbreath of Lubbock, Angela McCowen and Greg McCowen, of the home.

## GIFTS

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## Recipes Worth Collecting

If you have been hearing about Peggy Dennard's Denver biscuits you will be glad to know this is our recipe of the week. Peggy is married to Bill Dennard. They have two sons, Gary living in Houston and Glenn at UTA in Arlington. The Dennards own and operate the Palace Drug store and they will celebrate their 25th year in business next August.

**DENVER BISCUITS**  
Into a large mixing bowl add:  
5 cups flour  
1 cup sugar  
3 pkg dry yeast  
1 cup cooking oil  
Mix, then add  
1 qt scalded milk (cooled to 120)  
Mix and let rise about 1 hour  
Cover bowl loosely  
Beat down, then add:  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp soda  
2 tps baking powder  
3 cups flour  
Mix together. Knead & roll out (Mixture is thin-its takes more flour on the board when you pour the dough out) Cut into biscuits. Freeze on cookie sheets, then put into plastic bags. Take out of freezer and cook immediately, or let

rise about 30 min. Cook at 400 for 18-20 minutes. Makes about 50 biscuits. (These will be about the size of biscuits but with a yeasty taste.)  
**HINT:** Lay close together in pan to make a softer roll. What is so neat about this recipe, is you can cook 2 or 3, or a lot, whatever you need at the time, also you can cook immediately or let rise 30 minutes.

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## WORD OF GOD

### New Testament

Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jona's.

For as Jona's was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jona's; and, behold, a greater than Jona's is here.

Matthew 12:38-41

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# Commentary

by Myrtle Owen

Practice praise power! Praising God has power to lift your spirit, loose you from your bondages and give you victory in every circumstance. "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." (Phil 4:4)

Do we as Christians realize that there is due to God from our lips "the sacrifice of praise to God continually?" Have we endeavored to measure up to the expectation of God, "In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you? So many ask and keep asking of God, but are slow in the matter of acknowledging the blessings God has so bountifully given and promised. Surely this would not continue if we but realized how precious to God are His people's praises. "O come let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." (Psalm 95:1-2) "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: (Psalm 32:11) "Rejoice evermore." (1-Thess.-5:16) "Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord," (Psalm 150:6). "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High" (Psalm 92:1.

If I had never received a single benefit from praise, I yet would know it is right. God's Word abounds with this subject from cover to cover. Praise has wrought so many wondrous benefits. When the Lord made Himself real to me as a very young girl, He planted in my heart to sing often, "Thank

you, Lord, for saving my soul." Oh, the wonder of His love as I would sing to Him over and over this beautiful chorus. Praise power brought to me a magnificent baptism of the Spirit, with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues, in Edna, Texas, where I grew up.

I know a lot of people do not understand about the Holy Spirit, but He is just as real as God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe, if you will read all four Gospels in the New Testament, and ask God in the name of Jesus, He will reveal Himself to you, if you are really sincere and really want to see the Lord, all you have to do is ask the Lord to open your spiritual eyes, and give you wisdom of His word, you will be surprised how easy it is to learn what God has in store for you.

The Bible is our guide book to heaven. And God is the only one to go to in the troublesome days ahead. Jesus loves you when no one else will. He knows all about your troubles, when you can't sleep, for worry about where your children are, or you have a sick loved one, He knows and cares. He is just waiting for you to ask for His love and help. He can't do anything for you unless you ask Him, and learn to trust in His Word (The Bible) for that is His will for you and your loved ones. The Bible is Jesus talking to you, every word in the Bible is just as true today, as it was back in Abraham's day, and in Job's, Moses', Noah's days, what He did for them back there He will do for you today. Jesus paid for our sins and sickness, on the cross.

## Senior Center News

The nearer we come to Christmas, the busier we are! So, I have very little time to do much writing—and I feel sure that if I did write a bunch, you dear readers would not have time to read it! So, I am just stopping by to say "Hi," for this week. We do, as Senior Citizens, take this opportunity to wish everyone in Rising Star and the surrounding area a very, very Merry Christmas. The people here have supported us in our every effort, and we love each of you. May this be a Christmas to be remembered with joy for all the days to come!

I want to make one correction from last weeks reported news:

The Senior Citizen Christmas party is to be on Tuesday night, December 21, rather than Monday night, December 20. I apologize for that mistake, and I know you will forgive me. For it is the first mistaken I have made in years!

This Thursday, December 16, when we have our Christmas dinner, the Orval Newcombs, of De Leon, will be our guests; they will entertain us with songs. I am really looking forward to this, and I know you are not going to want to miss them.

This is all, today. I'll see you next time. Until then--Vaya con Dios, Amigos. Elizabeth.

## United Methodist Women Meet

The United Methodist Women met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Robertson for their annual Christmas party. Mrs. Bob Smith gave the opening prayer and each one present gave her favorite Christmas story, prayer or scripture. Christmas carols were sung by the group, with Dorothy Shook and Bonnie Polk accompanying at the piano.

Refreshments of cupcakes, cookies,

cheese balls, candy, parched nuts, spiced tea and coffee were served to Dorothy Shook, Bonnie Polk, Flara Westerman, Yvonne Williams, Erma Sherrill, Dicie Adams, Maggie Smith, Elza Witt, Stella Hudson, Gail Hunter, Winnie Armstrong, Mamie Joyce, Lucille Joyce, May Pearl Hull and the hostesses Elizabeth Robertson and Bertha Mae White.

Gifts for the sixty-one residents of the nursing home were wrapped.

## Saturday Club

The beautiful home of Mrs. Rex Hudson was the setting for the Saturday Club Christmas program December 8, 1982.

Pauline Hudson and Dorothy Shook, hostesses, welcomed members and the following guests: Lola Mae Shely of Austin, Joy Setser of Quemado, Shirley Allen, and Estella Hudson of Rising Star.

Ileta Agnew club president introduced the guest and Lela Clark voiced the invocation. A short business meeting followed and winners of the community service poster contest sponsored by the club were announced as follows: 1st place in the primary division Nathan Prosis, intermediate to junior high was Nathan Lee, high school division was Julie Betts.

Helen Donham was appointed to take care of the purchase of

flowers for the nursing home.

The program in keeping with the Christmas season began with group singing of carols directed by Lenell Henry.

Dorothy Shook read the short story "The Gift of the Magi" by William Sidney Porter (O. Henry).

Linda George former club member and president sang the beautiful numbers "The Little Drummer Boy and O Holy Night" using the auto harp as her accompaniment she also sang "What Child Is This and What Shall I Give Him" a capella.

Pauline and Linda played a beautiful medley of carols on the piano and organ.

Refreshments were served from a table carrying the Christmas theme. Joy Setser and Lenell Henry assisted the hostesses in serving the 31 members.

## Safety Hints for the Holidays

Although it is the season to be jolly, many area residents will find this holiday season to be less than jolly because of negligence and carelessness according to Wendell Rehm, Safety Education Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety in Abilene.

Three things are almost certain to be a part of this holiday season: homes and apartments will be filled with gifts, families will be traveling to be with loved ones and friends, and the crime rate will increase.

Rehm offered the following suggestions as a precaution you can and should take to avoid turning this joyous time into an unpleasant or tragic memory.

Start with your home. Make sure you lock all doors and windows whether you are at home or not. If you leave, don't leave a key outside in that great hiding place. Burglars, even amateurs, know all the usual and unusual hiding places.

Try to place your Christmas tree where it is not visible from the outside. Gifts that are visible from the outside of your home

are a great temptation. Don't advertise your affluence.

While out shopping during this season, place all purchases in the trunk of your vehicle. You should always make sure your automobile is locked and that nothing of value is left in plain view inside the vehicle. "Don't tempt a thief," Rehm said.

While shopping, don't carry more packages than you can control. Make sure you always have a firm grasp on your purse. Never leave your purse on a counter or in a shopping basket. Don't leave anything of value in a dressing room even if you're away for just a moment. That might be too long.

If you're shopping at night, try to have someone with you. Park in well-lighted areas. Always have the keys to unlock the door of your automobile in your hand before you reach your car so you don't have to stand beside your car while you locate the key in your purse.

"Taking these simple precautions could make the difference between tragedy and enjoyment during this holiday season," Rehm said.

## Mary Martha Class Meets

The Mary-Martha Class of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday night, December 7, in the Fellowship Hall of the church with eighteen members and guests present. They enjoyed a delicious covered dish dinner and wonderful fellowship.

Mrs. Roby Kornegay, teacher of the class, was presented a gift certificate in appreciation of her leadership by the class president, Lottie Mae Roach.

Christmas carols were enjoyed by most

of the group with Vi Williams at the piano and led by Doris Griffin.

Other get-togethers were discussed for further fellowship during the holiday season by those present: Roby Kornegay, Lottie Mae Roach, Freddie and Dorris Harrell, Robert and Naomi Burns, Johnnie and Reba Monney, Jinks and Velma Hollis, Horace and Joyce Geye and grandson, Brandon Geye, C. L. and Polly Parker, Vi Williams and Clyde and Doris Griffin.

## Baptist W M U

The WMU of the First Baptist Church met for the week of November 29th through December 3rd for morning sessions of prayer and study of the latest mission work done by the Southern Baptist throughout the world. Those present found the study sessions most interesting.

On Monday the ladies met with Opal Dean with Lela Clark as the study leader; on Tuesday they met with Marie Hardin and Celestine Carleton was leader; Wednesday found the ladies at Vi Williams and Doris Griffin was study leader; Dorris Harrell hosted the group on Thursday with Jean New leader; to complete the week, Doris

Griffin opened her home for the ladies with Opal Dean leading. Each lady served delicious refreshments at the conclusion of the sessions.

Monday morning December 6, the ladies met at the church with an interesting Royal Service program with charts and involved all ladies present taking part with additional mission information in the Baptist sponsored field.

Dorris Harrell, president, discussed a project for the ladies to do for our home bound church members.

The meeting closed with Doris Griffin presenting the missionary prayer calendar.

## Drive Safely This Holiday

Captain G. J. Matthews, Commander of the Highway Patrol for the Abilene District of the Texas Department of Public Safety said today, "Based on past holiday experience, we know that too many persons will lose their lives and many more will be injured in traffic accidents on the streets and highways in Texas during the Christmas and New Year's holiday. The Department of Public Safety requests help and support from the motoring public in reducing this needless waste and suffering during this joyous time of the year. Observe the traffic rules and regulations, especially those regarding speed and alcohol."

Matthews said, "All available D.P.S. troopers will be on duty throughout the holiday period in our effort to reduce, both by their presence and actions, violations that could lead to accidents. But it is only through the help and cooperation of the motoring public by their self-compliance that the needed reduc-

tion can be realized." Captain Matthews suggested that adequate travel time be budgeted in holiday plans, stop frequently to rest, reduce speed for the road, traffic and/or weather conditions, and above all, don't try to mix alcohol with driving. That is a combination you cannot live with, he said.

"Do your part in helping make this one of the safest holidays ever," Captain Matthews added, "If you observe a dangerous driver or a hazardous condition that we should know about, please feel free to contact the nearest DPS officer or headquarters. We need your help."

All occupants of motor vehicles are encouraged to invest two seconds of their time toward traffic safety during this holiday season. The two seconds it takes to buckle the seat belt around them.

Captain Matthews said, "There is room to live inside the vehicle in case of an accident."

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## Pest Alert

Gordon Woolam

The word mistletoe usually brings to mind kissing and Christmas festivities. But did you know that mistletoe is actually a parasite on many of our landscape plants? Hackberry, live oak and mesquite are most frequently attacked.

The mistletoe found in Texas produces clusters of perennial, green jointed stems on the branches and trunks of the host tree.

The stems bear green, leathery leaves which persist for several reasons. Nutrients and water are supplied from an absorbing system which develops in the bark and wood of the host plant. However, mistletoe is a chlorophyll-containing plant, meaning it has green matter in its leaves which manufactures sugars and starches needed in its growth and development.

Mistletoe is a flowering plant. The flowers are born in the leaf axil and produce the familiar white berries in late fall and early winter. An important fact to remember, especially when mistletoe is being used for its decorative purposes during the holiday season, is that the berries are very poisonous.

Within the tough outer coat of the berry is a single seed which is embedded in a sticky pulp. Birds feed on this sticky pulp which results in the seeds sticking to their beaks, feet and other body parts. In this way the seeds are carried to other branches of the tree or other trees and deposited. When conditions are favorable, the seed germinates and sends its root-like structures into the host plant.

Mistletoe frequently becomes so abundant in trees that control measures become necessary. Mistletoe can be easily broken off. However, this will result in only temporary control because it will eventually grow back. More lasting control can be obtained by removing the limbs on which the parasite is growing. No chemical is presently available to successfully control mistletoe without doing excessive harm to the host plant.

Cut all the mistletoe you want for the holiday season to reduce the amount in the landscape plants. Remember to keep the berries out of reach of children. Most of all, remember that those caught under the mistletoe stand a better chance of catching a winter cold than of catching a mate, so be careful. Merry Christmas from your County Extension Office!

## Taxes on Unemployment Compensation

Individuals receiving unemployment compensation during 1982 may face higher taxes, notes an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M. This year's tax law lowered the unemployment compensation base amounts for income tax purposes to \$18,000 for married couples filing jointly and to \$12,000 for all other

taxpayers except married individuals filing separately. Unemployment compensation must be added to adjusted gross income when figuring income tax returns. If the total exceeds the base amounts, taxable income is calculated by including the smaller of one-half of the amount above the base or 100 percent of the unemployment compensation.

## Rising Star Nursing Center

Darlene Harris  
- Activity Director

**MONDAY-Bingo**  
Today we had a good crowd to play bingo and eat popcorn. We had two big winners Mary Crisp and Earl Fussel, winning three, Mami Wells won two and winning one each was Estelle Bolding, Alvin McNutt, Martha Seby and Maggie Christian.

**TUESDAY-Exercise**, ball and ring toss and making Christmas balls. The ones getting in shape were Bill White, Estelle Bolding and Bryant Houston. We also made lots of beautiful Christmas balls. Mary Crisp, Mami Wells, Martha Irby and Estelle Bolding, Thank you all so much.

**WEDNESDAY-Activity director school?** Dorothy Reynolds from Baird came and lead gospel singing.

**THURSDAY** - Decorated the building for Christmas.

**FRIDAY-Mrs. Odom** came over from May and held Bible study. Bea Kelton playing the piano with Robert Sparkman leading singing.

### NEWCOMERS

The Rising Star Nursing Center has two new residents, Annie Moore of Comanche and Mike Novak from Rising Star. We want to welcome them to our home.

### PARTY TIME

This is a good time for big parties, so we are combining the birthdays and Christmas party into one big party this year. It will be Monday, December 20, 1982, in the dining area. Anyone and everyone is invited.

## Slpe Springs News

Visitors in the Jack Millwee home have been Mr. & Mrs. Kieth Rush of Cary, Colo., Mr. Bill King of Silverton, Colo., Mrs. Jo Bass, Jr. of Lubbock and Mrs. Bonnie Campbell of Abilene.

Mr. & Mrs. Travis Boswell of Arlington spent the weekend here.

Mrs. Winnie Anderson, Mrs. Elaine

Millwee and Mrs. Conova Weaver visited Mrs. Thelma Price in De Leon hospital and reported her doing well.

Mr. Gary Leonard of Odessa spent the week with his grandparents the N. L. Leonards.

Mark Barton of McCamey and Kelly Barton of Big Springs have been visitors of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Barton.

## Pioneer News

By Mabel Halseell

The Quilting Party on December 7th, was well attended. After the business session, Christmas carols were sung and gifts passed out from the beautiful tree. A table was spread with a large assortment of pies, cakes and homemade candy. The tasting party (as some would call it, there were so many kinds of pies) and the fellowship of eating together climaxed the happy afternoon.

Betty Browning and Vera Pearl Bunnell visited Mrs. Hiram Foster and gift-her with a cake apiece and a bushel of apples from Betty.

Mrs. Ethel Brown's visitors were Lou Grider and Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Dean. Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Brown went to Brownwood on Friday.

Mr. & Mrs Henry Roe of Lubbock visited her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sessums during the weekend. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zedlitz and Joe of the community.

Mrs. Nora Phillips had Sunday lunch with her son and wife, Vernon and Glenda Phillips. Mrs. Phillips visited her sister, Mrs. Flora Larkin, in a rest home in Abilene on Monday, she has just returned from a visit in Midland with her daughter and family, Nancy, Thomas and Pam Wolf.

Recent visitors with Mrs. Roody were Mr. & Mrs. Bob Roody and Charley, also Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Freeman.

### Obituary

#### Naomi Ethel Clark

Cross Plains - Naomi Ethel Clark, 87, a Cross Plains homemaker, died at 3:45 p.m. Saturday at West Texas Medical Center in Abilene after a short illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Monday at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

The Rev. Burlie Taylor of First Baptist Church will officiate. She was born Feb. 9, 1895, in Texas.

Survivors include four daughters, Ora Breeding of Cross Plains, Bea Stephenson of Fort Worth, Fay Huyge of Fort Worth and Recie Tatom of Cross Plains; two sons, Alex J. of Crossville, Tenn., and Walter D. of Lufkin; two brothers, Ernest Eakin of Irving and Jim Eakin of Comanche; two sisters, Vera Forbes of Rising Star and Ollie Eakin Harrison of Comanche; 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Roody informed me of the recent illness of Mrs. Annie Laurie Alexander. She was taken to West Texas Medical Center on day this week...more information was unavailable. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Cowan Hutton and granddaughter, Tabitha Hutton, went to Goldthwaite on Saturday to the District 4-H contest. Tabitha has won County in fruits. Due to the weather they came home before the District Awards were announced.

Travis Parsons and Tabitha had lunch with the Huttons, Sunday..In the afternoon they helped their grandmother decorate the Christmas tree and hang stocking at the fireplace.

Mr. & Mrs. Hutton visited his mother Mrs. J. P. Hutton in Shallowater recently.

Paul and Juanita Harlow are visiting in Marble Falls. They are expected home Tuesday.

Mr. Gann reports that Mrs. Gann is not feeling well. He was getting ready to take her to their Doctor in Coleman. We wish her a speedy recovery.

David Daniel and

## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Twenty-three members of Rising Star OES Chapter No. 277 and seven visitors met in the dining hall of the Masonic hall for a delicious Christmas salad supper. Wilson Carleton offered the blessing.

The hall was beautifully decorated by Bertha Mae White, Pearl Anderson, Sue Gardner, LaDell Key, Elizabeth Robinson and Doris Griffin. Greenery, candles, bells, tree, choir angels and kissing balls were attractively arranged.

daughter, Jodie, of Longview were recent visitors with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel. They went Christmas shopping during the visit.

Their daughter, Bonnie Neel and son Ben Dwaine of Vincent, visited last Sunday..They brought a Christmas tree, put it up and decorated it. This was much appreciated by the Daniels.

Calvin and Janice Kramer visited her mother, Mrs. Winnie Flippin last Friday.

It has been reported that Mrs. Alexander is better. She is out of Intensive Care Unit.

THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 16, 1982

The Chapter members were most appreciative to Opal and Ferman Dean for the presentation of new flags: American and Texas, for the Masonic Hall.

Opal Dean, Worthy Matron, and W. H. (Tex) Evans, Worthy Patron, presided over the business session.

Eloise Zuspahn, Deputy Worthy Matron, of Eastland made her official visit to the local chapter. She announced a School of Instructions to be held in Eastland, January 18th. Many of the local members will attend and be involved in the school.

Dr. and Mrs. Billy J. Carpenter  
and  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Paulk  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children  
Jo Anne  
and  
Mitchell Alan  
on Saturday, the eighteenth of December  
Nineteen hundred eighty-two  
at two-thirty in the afternoon  
First Baptist Church  
Rising Star, Texas  
Reception following



Member FDIC

# Open House

At

## First State Bank

RISING STAR

### Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 22 & 23

Refreshments Will Be Served

The Directors, Officers and Employees invite you to their OPEN HOUSE to express their THANKS for your business and patronage throughout the year and look forward to serving the fine people of this community in the years to come.

▲ Merry Christmas ▲

▲ HAPPY NEW YEAR ▲