

FROM OUR CHURCHES

Church of Christ

The fulfillment of specific prophecy serves both to prove the divinity of Christ and the inspiration of the Scriptures. The following article, by Dick Marceau and bearing the title: The Crucifixion...God Knew It Was Coming, points this out. "About a thousand years before Jesus was born, God spoke through David in Psalm 22:16 about the way Jesus was to die. He wrote, 'They pierced my hands and my feet.' At this time in history crucifixion was an unknown form of execution to the Jews. Crucifixion was a Roman method of execution. The Romans had borrowed it from the Phoenicians and their Carthaginian colonies. It was a form of capital punishment that put emphasis on torture. It was intended to terrify prospective offenders into living as law abiding citizens. Death came slowly since no vital organs were affected. Sometimes a victim might hang on the cross for as many as nine days before death finally freed him from his torture.

The Romans made three concessions to the Jews: 1) They did not crucify the victim naked. 2.) They permitted the Jews to give a pain-killing drug. You may remember that Jesus refused this (Matthew 27:34) 3). They did not leave the crucified on the cross over the Sabbath.

The amazing thing is, "How did David know what was going to happen to Jesus?" When he wrote, the Jews were an independent nation. It was not until 63 B.C. that Pompey's legion cut their way into the Judean capital. Palestine became a Roman province, though normally a puppet Jewish dynasty survived' (Encyclopedia Americana.) But nine hundred years before the Romans conquered the Jews, and set up crucifixion as their means of execution, God knew it and David wrote it down.

There are 60 major prophecies made about Christ and all have been

fulfilled. There is one more that Jesus himself made. He said, "I am coming back" (John 14:3. Are you going to be ready? God has shown that He could be trusted. He knew the crucifixion was coming. Jesus will return too." (end of quote)

Build a life of faith and hope by regular reading and study of the Bible. Join us in Bible classes; on Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and in the Assemblies: on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

We join the family of MRs. Etta Whitlock following her passing last Saturday morning. The funeral was Monday at 1 p.m. with Owen Aikin and Audie Moore speaking words of comfort.

Our sick show improvement for the most part. Lovie Jarrell continues to gain strength. Kate Cooper returned to Abilene for a checkup last week. She still has difficulty swallowing. Laura Walters is better. Leonard Harris had another flare-up last week. Cindy Elliott had her tonsils removed in Eastland last week. Several others have colds, etc.

We pray that God may give you a good year. Calls us if we can serve in any way.
Owen Aikin

First United Methodist Church

Happy New Year! How many times have you wished others Happy New Year? How many times have others said to you Happy New Year? Is there really a new year? No there is not! Today we are at one of those divisions of time that man has established for his own convenience. The division is altogether imaginary and arbitrary. January is no more the beginning of a new year than December or November was. But this imaginary division should cause us to stop and think. Did you ever stand on a bridge and watch the water as it flowed by? Did you stop to think of where the water was going? You stopped on the bridge, but the water did not stop not even for a

moment in its eager course toward the ocean. So, today between two eternities, the river of time flows on, always seeking the ocean; and even as we stop at the beginning of this date that man has designated as a New Year, the river of our life flows ever onward. There will be days of pain and sorrow on 1978 and the stream of our life will seem to flow so slowly. There will be days of happiness which will cause it to seem to flow ever so rapidly, but always the flow of our life is the same, and never for a single moment does it stop. Do you know where your life is going? We urge you to attend the church of your choice during this year of 1978 and learn through worship and communion with God more about the eternal destination that the river of your life is flowing toward right now.

Commentary

By Myrtle Owen

Jesus Our High Priest
He had to have compassion did Jesus qualify in this category? Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. 4:14-16). We can see compassion at three different levels. 1. When we hear of a need, Compassion begins to flow out of our life and spirit. 2. When we see one who has an affliction in mind or body, we have a greater awareness of their need, and thus can demonstrate compassion towards them. 3. The ultimate condition in which compassion occurs is when we actually feel what that person feels - we feel that pain of arthritis, we feel the fear and anxiety over that tumor that we feel might be cancer. We feel that mother's

Scripture Thought Of The Day

Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with his own blood. I know that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. (Acts. 20:28-30)

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broken heart over that wayward son or daughter - we feel the travail of that wife as she sees her family falling apart. I don't believe that there is pain, a sorrow, an anguish a heartbreak, or an emotional struggle known to man that Christ has not felt in His own body. The Scripture says, "Come boldly." Why do we come boldly? Because we have the confidence that as we make our requests known to Him, He will turn to the Father, and as He intercedes for our needs, He is doing it from the stand point that He feels exactly what we feel. Let that go over and over in your mind - He feels what you feel. He feels what you feel. You are not alone - at the moment of presenting your need, you have a High Priest who knows that pain in your body that the pills won't take away, He knows the pain in your heart over that unsaved loved one. He feels the same pain. As you unburden your heart of the anguish over that child that has run away and turned their back on God, their parents and everything you ever taught them, yes He experiences your exact feelings. He feels what you feel. When you really understand this, then you cannot be shaken in your faith in your profession of Jesus Christ.

Myrtle Owen

Sipe Springs News

BY MRS. JACK MILLWEF

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wyatt visited his siter, Vern Screws and family of Little River Monday.

Mrs. J.D. Mitchell and Mrs. Connie Little and children of New Castle and Mrs. Jack Clayton of Angelton spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. John McKeenan.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson and daughter of Snyder are visiting the H.A. Anderson's.

Mr. Luther Frankon spent several days in the Comanche Hospital. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graham and Lela Parker have returned home after a visit with relatives in Houston.

Mr. Carl Houser and son, Brent of Cypress spent several days here last week.

Terry Leonard is visiting his mother and sister in Holiday this week.

Mr. Jeff Lee Price and son Ricky of Ft. Worth spent Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Price.

Gayle Leonard of Ft. Worth had dinner with his parents, the N.L. Leonards Thursday.

miles north of Rising Star in the Foster (Marble Falls) Field.

The planned 3,500-foot venture is located on a 160-acre lease.

Crown Gas Co. of Dallas stabled two Brown County wildcat locations two miles northwest of Brownwood.

The projects, slated for 2,900 feet, are located on a 110-acre lease.

No. 1 Smith spots 130 feet from the southeast and 330 feet from the southwest lines of E. Bragg Survey 599.

Site for No. 2 Smith is 2,332 feet from the southeast and 330 feet from the southwest lines.

Oil News

The firm's No. 1 Kinsey-Wilson Unit will be drilled three miles north of Rising Star on a 43-acre lease in the Penn (Ranger) Field. Slated for 3,200 feet, it spots 1,590 feet from the north and 2,970 feet from the west lines of Section 38, Block 2 ETRR Survey.

Other project is No. 1 Clinton Wilson located four

Production Services of Abilene will reenter to 1,235 feet, the old total dpth, at an abandoned wildcat one-fourth mile southeast of Brookesmith.

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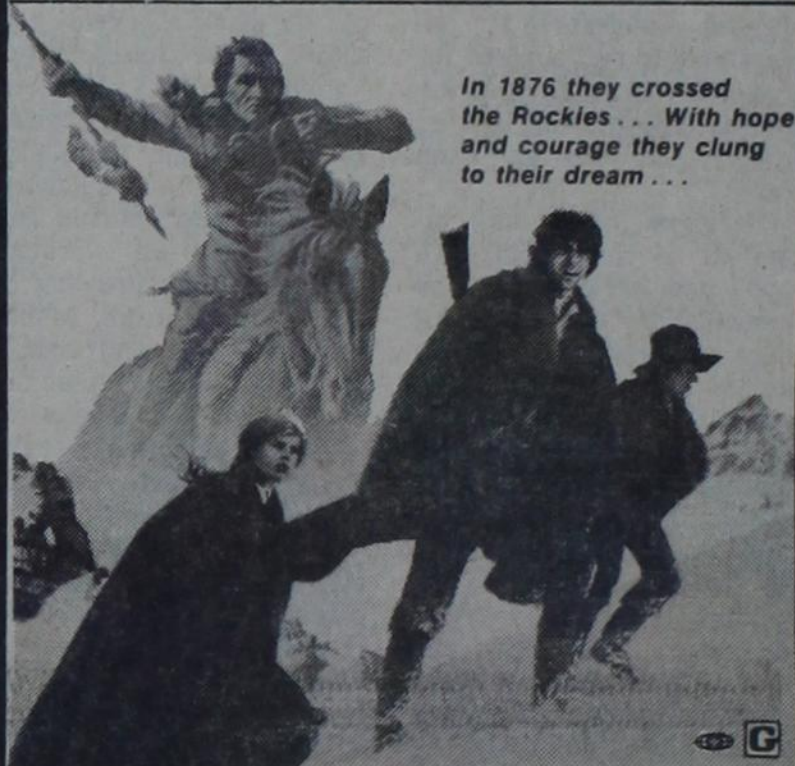
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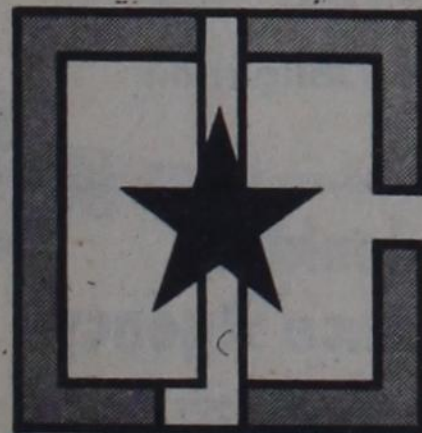
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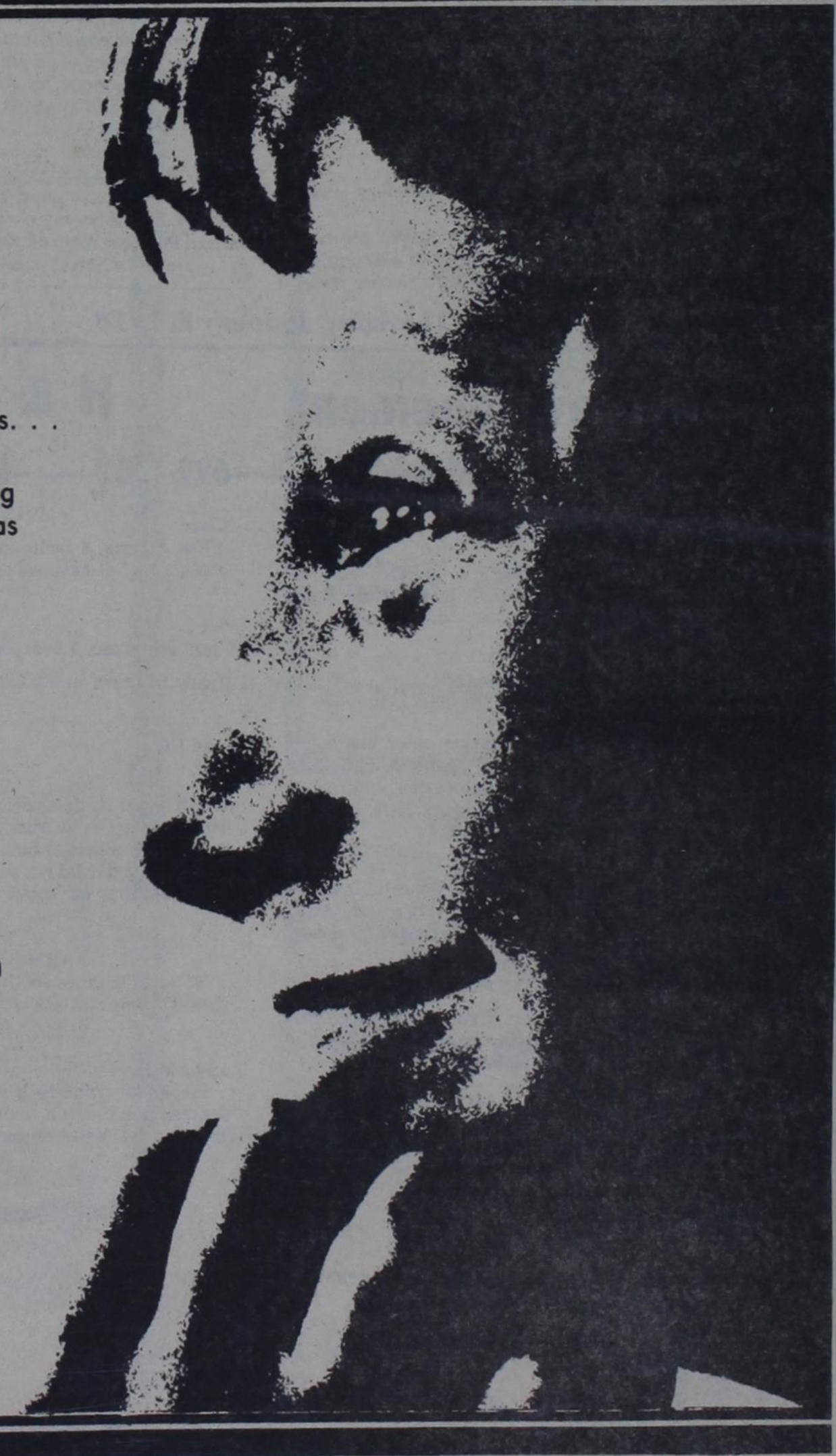
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Hospital News

Patients in the Eastland Memorial Hospital are as listed:

- Linda McDaniel
- Faye Northcutt
- Vivian Maxwell
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- Oda Stiles
- William Clark
- Carolyn Hudson
- Roston King
- Luther Woodruff
- Debora Austin
- Mary Mahaffey
- Sarah Clark
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- Hugh Mahaffey
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- Fannie White
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- Nikkie Vickers
- Michael Koger
- Sam Jones
- Minerva Harbin
- Juanita Fisher
- Virgie Jarrett
- Marie Long
- Hugh Elmore
- Gordon Seabourn
- Charles Cook

Patients in the E.L. Graham Memorial Hospital were listed as follows:

- Minnie Stewart
- Willena Scott
- Dave Hoover
- Gay Everett
- George Varnor
- Ethel Meador
- John Mask
- Elvin Norvell
- Bertie Simpson
- Leonard Alvey
- Lela McBeth
- Allene Carter
- Dorothy Robinette
- Quincy Arnold
- John Perry

Holiday Visitors

Jim and Nancy Roach of San Angelo spent the holidays with his mother, Lottie Mae Roach.

Spending some of the holidays and having Christmas dinner with the Jim Ray Cox's were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cox of Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mayes of Brownwood, Mary Lane of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Jesse Westerman of Brownwood, Lottie Mae Roach, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Cox and Laura Lynn.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bibb were their children, Tommy and Vickie Bibb of Freeport, Steve and Marilyn of Abilene Christian University.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cox, Steven and Kevin spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mayberry of McCaulley.

Holidays visitors in the Everette Harris home were Harlin Vise of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wintlerle of Palacios, the Brook West family of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stroebel of Union Center and the B.A. Petzel's of Brownwood. The Harris's had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy West New Years Day.

Welcome Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reed of Baird to our community. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Reed. They recently moved in a into a new mobile home east of Rising Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Downs of Gainesville, Florida and son, Chuck of Albany are visiting with Mrs. Downs parents, the W.N. Jenkins family. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Teel, daughter of Mrs. Downs in Brownwood, and other relatives in Brownwood and Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford had as Christmas and New Year's visitors Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Glaser of Los Angeles, California. He is a stage director of NBC, channel 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Donham and Guyle traveled to Giddings to spend New Year's with her dad, Henry Kipp. They enjoyed New Year's dinner with their grandmother, Emma Loewe and other relatives.

Mrs. Cora Harrell is a patient in the Brownwood Community Hospital.

New Allowable Rights Set

The Railroad Commission has assigned discovery oil allowable rights and new oil field designations to: Brownwood Dome Producing Co. No. 1 V. Harriss, Dome (Duffer) Field, Brown County.

M&L Oil Co. No. 1 Whiteside, McCuiston (Marble Falls) Field, Eastland County.

A hearing is set for 2 p.m. Jan. 9 on the application of Southeastern Resources Corp. for a multiple 49 (B) rule, Murdoch (Duffer) Field, Brown County, with 45 acres designated to the Stover No. C-1 instead of 20 acres for a gas well.

Rules and an MER for the A. C. Scott, W. (Ellenburger) Field, Callahan County has

Holiday guest in the Ed Witt home were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Frankenberg and daughters Angelyn and Michelle of Abilene; and his neice and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis of Boulder Creek, California.

New Years visitors in the Herman Claborn household were Mrs. Willie Hill of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Bernice Smith of Lovington, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frickey of Prosser, Nebraska; and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Phillips of Memphis Texas.

been recommended by the Greenwood Development Co. The rules would provide for 330-1,200-foot well spacing; 40-acre proration units, with 20-acre tolerance for aht last well on a lease, and maximum diagonal of 2,100 feet; 100 per cent acreage allocation; and fresh water protection as recommended by the Department of Water Resources.

The MER proposed is the 1965 yardstick value, to take effect when discovery rights expire.

A hearing is set for 9 a.m. Jan. 12 on the application of Brannon and Murray for a net gas-oil ratio rule for the J.C. Dibrell No. 19, J.C. Dibrell Estate Nos. F-1 and F-2, and Dibrell Morris Sand Unit Nos. Y-6 and Y-11 Coleman County Regular Field.

The RRC has ordered the proper plugging to the following wells: Manuel Mackey to plug J.C. Hamer No. 1 W.M. Lawson, Smith-Morgan Field, Comanche County.

Laurel Energy Co., Inc., to plug Lovelady No. 1, Coleman County Regular Field.

Hearing on the application of Palo Petroleum, Inc., for consolidation of Clyde Melton's Speckles wells, Blind Hog (Ranger) Field, Eastland County, was not held as scheduled because no one appeared when the docket was called.

Hearing is set for 9 a.m. Jan. 12 on the application of Brannon and Murray for a net gas-oil ratio rule for the Gayle Field, Coleman County, with a daily gas limit of 140 MCF of its well. Hearing was held on the proper plugging of eight wells by Sigma Production Corp. on its Benton Pruet lease, Callahan Regular Field, with no decision indicated. Testimony indicated Sigma had not assumed control over some of the wells when it took over the lease in 1972. Ellis & Young has received permission to inject salt water into the Strawn sand at an average depth of 550 feet, through the No. 7 John G. Jones well, Heart of Texas (Penn) Field, McCulloch County, as a new project for disposal. Injection is to be an estimated maximum rate of 300 barrels per day, under maximum pressure of 550 psig.

Lorene Mier To Be Guest At County Art Meet Jan. 5th

Lorene T. Mier, noted artist and interior decorator, will be the guest demonstrator for the Eastland County Art Association, Thursday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Texas Electric Reddy Room of Eastland.

Mrs. Mier, won the "Best of Show award, in the 4th Annual 1977 County Art Association At Exhibit last year, with a painting of roses. Her work displays a fine appreciation of her world, and a rare love of its beauty.

She first became interested in painting while studying Interior Design. Encouraged to further her art study, she has developed a unique style. An effectual interior decorator, Mrs. Mier now finds greater satisfaction in her oils.

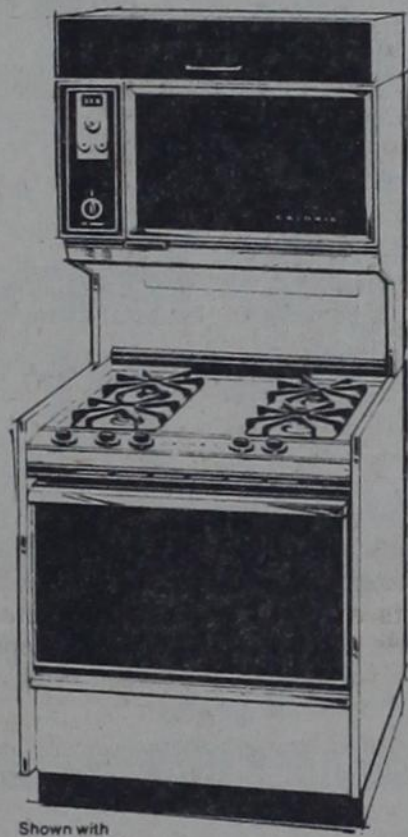
She has studied four years under Lynn Karp, a graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, and Minneapolis. Her continuing search for knowledge has led to a study of flowers with Eudora Judd and Betty Hay in Bakersfield and Portraits with Christen Von Schneidau also of Bakersfield.

Her works include landscapes, marines, flowers, and still-life subjects with desert and High Sierra scenes dominating her painting at this time. She will be demostating her prize winning pictures of roses at the January meeting. All members and guests are urged to attend. There will be a \$1.00 fee for all non-members.

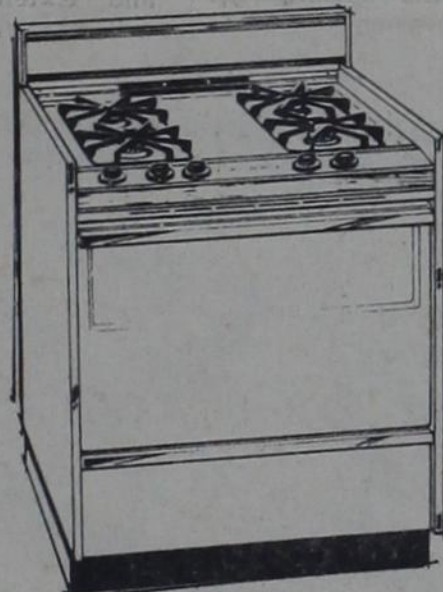
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Jan. 6
Mrs. W.C. Brush
Coleen White Hook
Loraine Williams
Mavis Hart
Jan. 7
Richard Croft
David Grider
Jan. 8
Tommy Darnell
Mary Ann Lee
Jan. 9
Gary Burgess
Jan. 10
Rena McClanahan
Norma Lee Pernell
Ora White.

Twilite Acre News

Eva Ashworth
By the Residents

Christmas and New Year Holidays have come and are behind us once more. It's something we all look forward to all year, but so good to settle down and not have all the hustle and bustle each month.

Twilite Acre Residents and Staff wishes to extend sympathy to the family of Etta Whitlock who passed away at 9 a.m. Dec. 31, 1977. Especially to Earline Burkhauser, our own kitchen supervisor Mrs. Whitlock has been a resident of Twilite Acre, Inc. since Oct. 26, 1973.

Bea Hellums had all her children in for the Holidays: Mrs. Maurice Martin of Brownwood, Mrs. Pauline Parsons of Baird, Mrs. Esther Allen of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ghormley of Deer Park, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones of Cross Plains, Mrs. R.T. Ezzell of Rising Star, Mrs. Charles Walker of Lufkin, Nathan Hellums of Waco, Sherry Haselbarth and Angie of Killeen, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Nell Barnes and Kathleen Wheeler of Dallas, Howard and Laverne Barnes, Kenneth Kito all of Ft. Worth, Wilma Skelton, Gene Witt, Mary Carroll, Estellene Frankenberg, of Abilene, and Irene Mayfield were visitors of Ethel Barnes.

Loraine and T. Van Barnes and Mr. Dukes looked in on Edna Barnes and Mattie Knight.

Bessie Smith spent Christmas in the home of her son, Leroy and Calvin Woody. The following visited Bessie and Marguerite Perry: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood, Betty Mungiea and daughter, Deen Braughton of Big Springs, Mrs. Lewis Mayfield, Walt Perry, Eula Goss, Joyce Button, Ora Ruth Button, Ruby Rudege and Velma Turner.

Brenda Flippin of North Dakota, and Bro. and Mrs. Owen Aikin visited everyone last week.

Minnie Mayfield and Hassie Moon has quite a few visitors over the Holidays. They include Oleta Seale, Evelyn and Guyle Donham, Cecil, Mammie and Kenneth Joyce, Tommy Lee Ingram, Robert Foster, Richard Foster and Mary Foster all of Austin, Ester (Hellums) Allen and Velma Turner.

Bill, Rose and Shane Haynes of Dallas, Nancy Winchester of Houston, Mary Harper, Elza Witt, Mike and Edna Morgan of Carbon, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander of Tulsa, Okla. and Ellie Elliott were Holiday visitors of Bertie Medford and Susie Seals.

Nell Maynard, Louise and Chester, Corbett and Vance McDaniel, Randy and Matthew McDaniel were Holiday visitors of Ernest McDaniel and Bryant Houston Kenneth Kito and Wilma Skelton visited Newman Jones and Carl Irby.

Clarence Starkey of Garland, Albert Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Poyner of Dallas Tex. and Elza Witt visited Mary Starkey over the Holidays.

Nell Barnes, Elza Witt, Mike and Kay Morris, Christy and Lisa Morris, and Mrs. Ira Witt visited with Mary Boase during the holidays.

Alice Griffin and Hattie Boatman were blessed with visitors for the Holidays. They include Betty Mungiea, Oleta Seale, Bret Griffin, Howard and Laverne Barnes, Nell Barnes, Melvin and Geneva Boatman of Monahans, Velma Turner, Flora Westerman, Dwain Griffin, A.W. Griffin, Mark Griffin, Elza Witt, Betty Carman, Ed, Virgie, and Adair, of Justin, Etura Glenn, Mark Boatman, Jack Smith and Waldine Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sims visited Eddie Sims and Buster Rixford.

Remola Lohmann of Ft. Worth and Mae McCary of May visited Nell Garner and Mary Hommett.

Vern Gilmore, Myrle and Joel Kelton, Mrs. Mae McCary of May, Pat and Bill Kelton of Monahans, Shane Kelton of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnston of Midland, Ramola Lohmann of Ft. Worth, Daisy Willhite of Lubbock and Florence Gilbert of Midland visited with Buck Kelton.

Rev. and Mrs. W.C. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Lyons, Devine, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Olin Darland of Seminole, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomas of Arlington, Kaye Beth and Joseph Pollock, Clara Thomas, Velma Turner, Crickett Walker, and Murl Campbell were visitors of Josie Hammonds and Dolly Clark.

Ted, Mark, Buddy and Kia Barton, Mary Harper, Flora Westerman, Betty Jane Carman, of Justin, Jack Smith of Alanta, Ga. Travis and Waldine Foster of Cross Plains, Elza Witt and Laura Montgomery were visitors of Bet Millwee and Ada Foster.

Remola Lohmann of Ft. Worth and Mae McCary of May visited Mae's sister-in-law, Ethel Degman.

Mary Carroll, Inez Robertson and Rada King was Holiday visitors of Mary Hord.

Debbie Green, Stacy and Wendy, Mary Harper Weldon and Lucille Stillwell, Lyn Fleming of Jal, New Mex. Nell Fleming of Pioneer Marjorie West, and Flora Westerman were visitors of Emma West and Nancy Mathews.

Eula McBride, Doyle and Ernestine, Georgia and Katie Edminston were visitors of Charley Talbott. Clara and Earl Epley visited Earl's father, Lorenzo Epley.

Laverne Carroll, Kerri, Rita and Chad Byrd of Early, Debbie Green, Stacy, Wendy and Ronnie were Holiday visitors of Annie Gotcher.

Bessie Bowers, Kerrie Sikes, Sylvia Black, Dezie Ethridge, Anyce Fitzgerald, Bobby Bell of Ft. Worth, and Gladys Pugh of Granbury were Holiday visitors of Ora White and Eva West.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Gilmore, Kathleen and Matt Muckleroy, Jewel Alexander, Kathern Anderson, Lillian Ezra of May, Stella Copeland, Oleta Pruitt, Sid Hunt, Kenneth Kito and Wilma Skelton of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Irby of New Orleans, La. and Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Lacy of Dallas were visitors of Dola Ritchie and Martha Irby.

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G.E.D. CLASSES START JANUARY 9

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