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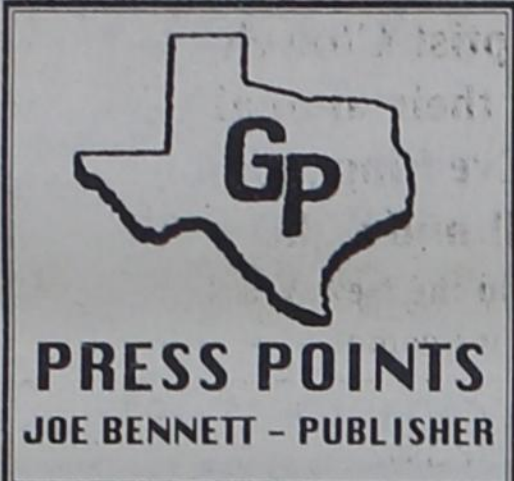


With Our
Best Wishes
On
Christmas

From the Staff
and Correspondents of

The Gorman Progress

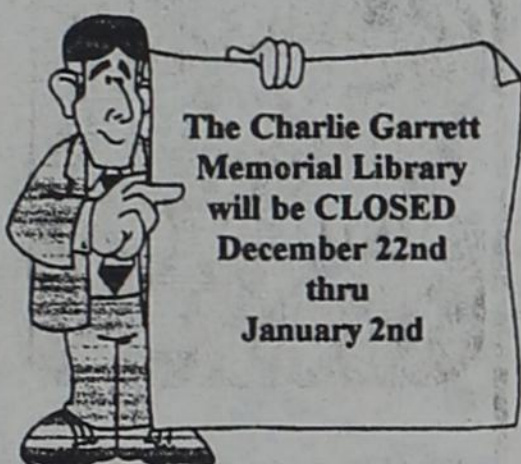
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As this joyous season draws closer and closer we wish to reflect on all the great blessings that the good Lord has sent our way again this year. Our friends and patrons have truly blessed us with their patronage, love, loyalty and great support and we want all of you to know just how much we appreciate all this. Jake (Lonnie), Elania and I are very thankful for everything that has come our way this year and we sincerely hope you and yours have the greatest holiday season of your life and that the upcoming year will bless each of you with the best of everything. We feel that we were truly blessed when God sent us Elania to take on the office duties, typesetting and all the other work around the Progress. We truly feel blessed that she signed on with us so we wouldn't have to do all that hard work. Thanks Lord.

We hope you have a blessed Merry Christmas with your loved ones and that good health and happiness will bless your family for many more years to come.

We appreciate all the support of the advertisers in Gorman and the area for



making it possible for us to print this special Christmas edition. Without this fine support we could not possibly keep publishing the paper. We love you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

The weather has been real wet the past weekend and has been rather cold at items causing many, many folks to have colds and other problems. We really don't know what to expect from day to day as the weather changes so fast. I guess we need some cold weather, but that still doesn't make me like it.

The weather was pretty messy on Saturday for Santa when he visited Gorman. The rain was coming down and the cold wind sure was chilly to most folks. However a lot of youngsters turned out to visit Santa and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. They enjoyed the visit, along with the goodies Santa handed out. We thank the Chamber of Commerce for making this possible and for sponsoring the lighting contest that was judged on Saturday night. Glenda Ripley took the first place money, followed closely by Cecilia Hirst in second place, and Mary Jo Eaves in third. We thank all who participated and all were great as the judges stated, the competition was great and the lighting was really a pleasure to judge. Also we thank the judges for their work. It was very wet but everything turned out great.

With the holiday vacation upon us we all need to be on the lookout for the children since school is out for the holidays. Be extra careful because the children may not be as alert or looking out for traffic as they would normally. So be alert.

And remember to smile--because God Loves You!!!



Shane Burgess Laid To Rest Sunday

Shane Burgess, 27, of Carbon died Friday, December 16, 1997 from injuries he received in an automobile accident.

Shane was born in Gorman and graduated from Gorman High School in 1988. He was a rancher and a Methodist.

Services were held Sunday, December 21st with Bob Beeman officiating. Burial was in the Murray Cemetery near Carbon.

Survivors include his parents, Dicky and Madge Burgess of Carbon, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Alma Russell Laid to Rest Saturday

Alma Russell, 80 of Midland passed away Thursday, December 15, 1997 in a local nursing home.

Ms. Russell was born in Desdemona and graduated from De Leon High School. She moved to Odessa and was a firefighter at the Midland Air Field during World War II. She moved to Midland in 1950 and worked for several Midland car dealerships. She as active in Veterans of Foreign Wars and she was a Baptist.

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Survivors include: two brothers, Dean Gregory of Devine and William Allen Gregory of Odessa.

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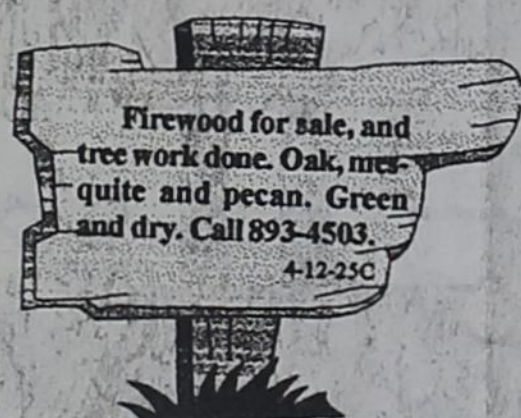
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Torrez Arrives in Korea

Air Force Senior Airman James L. Torrez has arrived for duty at Kunsan Air Base, Kunsan City, South Korea.

Torrez is an operations administration specialist with the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron.

He is the son of Charlie and Jo Nell Torrez of Gorman and a 1986 graduate of Gorman High School.

William Harold Pittman Laid to Rest Dec. 19th

William Harold Pittman, 85, of De Leon, passed away Thursday, December 18, 1997, at 4:25 a.m. at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in De Leon.

Mr. Pittman was born April 17, 1912, in Blackwell, Texas, to William Porter Pittman and Etha Smith Pittman.

He married Arlena Jones in 1934 and was a retired mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of De Leon First Baptist Church. He had lived in De Leon since 1950.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 19, 1997 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating, assisted by Rev. Tom Satterwhite. Music was by C.J. Mohon, Jr. and LaJoyce Johnson. Burial

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was in the De Leon Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Arlena Pittman of De Leon; one son, Larry Pittman of Keller; two daughters, Carolyn Jean Kirk of De Leon and Pamela Porter of Corpus Christi; one sister Beatrice Mayhew of El Paso; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joe Morgan, Bill Smith, Gary Burleson, Charles Morgan, Wayne Ottwell and Don Halbrook.

Honorary pallbearers were Fred Holdridge and DeLoyn Singleton.

4H Scholarship Training Scheduled

A training on the 1998 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Application is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 1998. This training will utilize the Tran-Texas Videoconference Network (TTVN). There are only sixteen sites scheduled in Texas to receive the broadcast, and the Stephenville Research and Extension Center will host one site.

Seating is limited... therefore this will be reserved seating. Any 4-H parents/4-Hers planning to attend must

Myrtle Morgan Siefken Laid to Rest Tuesday

Myrtle Siefken passed away in Canoga Park, California on December

notify the Eastland County Extension Service Office immediately. Seating are first come first serve. Registration deadline January 2nd.



Customer Notice

Comanche County Telephone Company, Inc. (Comanche County or the Company) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), Tariff Control Number 18375, seeking approval to implement a minor rate increase for basic access line rates and some service order charges. The affected residential rates include: 1-Party and Tel-Assistance. The affected business rates include: 1-Party, Rotary Service and PBX Trunk. The affected non-recurring service order rates include: Service Ordering, Line Connection and Maintenance of Service.

The proposed effective date for the minor rate change is March 1, 1998. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Company is \$75,696.00 or 2.76% of total regulated intrastate gross annual revenues.

Current and Proposed rates are as follows:

SERVICE	RESIDENCE		BUSINESS	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Access Line Rates				
1-Party	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.75	\$11.75	\$12.85
Tel-Assistance	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.05	n/a	n/a
Rotary	n/a	n/a	\$18.50	\$20.25
PBX Trunk	n/a	n/a	\$18.50	\$20.25
Non-recurring Charges				
Primary Service Order	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$25.00
Secondary Service Order	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Line Connection	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
Maintenance of Service	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$35.00

If the PUC receives a complaint(s) relating to this application signed by the lessor of 5% or 1,500 of the affected local service customers to which this application applies by January 29, 1998, the application will be docketed. The 5% limitation will be calculated based upon the total number of customers of record as of the calendar month preceding the PUC's receipt of the complaint(s). As of September 30, 1997, the 5% limitation equals 260 customers. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing-and-speech impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the PUC at (512) 936-7136.

For answers to any questions regarding these new services, or to obtain a copy of the proposed tariff relating to these service offerings, please contact your local business office at 254/893-2003.

18, 1997.

Mrs. Siefken was born to Wallace and Kinie King Morgan on January 2, 1911, in Mt. Vernon, Texas. She had made her home in California since 1963. Myrtle was the youngest of seven children, two of whom passed away in early childhood. Her brother, Lester Morgan, and sisters, Veta Griffith, Lela Bowman and Annie Grimes preceded her in death. One sister-in-law, Pauline Morgan survives.

She was the mother of five children, three of whom died in infancy. One daughter, Soderonia Donaldson Davis, passed away in Arkansas on April 7, 1997. A daughter, Lonete (Neta) Hammon Donaldson Wood and her husband Bob survive, also son-in-law Jesse Davis. Surviving are grandchildren Ron and Michael Wood, and Phyllis Wood Radtke; Jean Davis Wolfrom and Billy Davis; twelve great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren. Many nieces and nephews are also among the survivors.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 23 at Nowlin Funeral Home with Paul Ransberger officiating. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery.

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KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN -- PHONE 639-2289

Karen Patterson of Breckenridge, Gary Browning and Rebecca Robertson of Graham were visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Special music was rendered by Kay Snider, Karen Patterson, Leona Wilson, Rebecca Robertson, Helen Browning, Norma Webb, Gary Browning, Oren Webb, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. "Happy Birthday to Jesus" was sung by the congregation. The beautiful Christmas Hymns that we sung were a blessing to our hearts. The Lottie Moon Mission Offering emphasis was given by Norma Webb. There was a wonderful Christmas message by the pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church enjoying the Christmas Play, "A Homemade Christmas" at the First Baptist Church in Gorman on Sunday night were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe and Glynda Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Mary Margaret Hudson, Nancy Hendricks, Hope Joiner and Zelda Jordan.

There will be no Wednesday night service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Christmas eve.

David Laminack, the son of Glen and Carol Laminack of Springtown, who works on an off shore oil rig, spent Tuesday with Delmon and Joyce Eaves.

Zelda Jordan enjoyed dinner and a pre-Christmas visit with Linda, Kenneth and William Whitley and her aunt, Ouida Stringer of Palestine, in DeLeon at the Farmer's Market Restaurant on Thursday night.

Christi Eaton of Ovalo visited with her mother, Juanita Fuller and they had a shopping trip to Fort Worth on Friday.

Nancy Hendricks and Zelda Jordan had lunch with Wynelle and Bill Brown at Granny's Cafe in Carbon on Friday. This was a belated birthday treat for

Nancy and Zelda.

Bessie Buchanan of Tuscola, Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Ruth Bryant, Hope Joiner and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Mrs. Hope Joiner enjoyed an early Christmas celebration with her children and grandchildren on Saturday in the home of her daughter, Billie Jeanne Grisham at DeLeon. Others present were Kathy Skaggs of DeLeon, Mike Skaggs of Monassas, VA., Beverley Gates of Houston, Wayne Grisham of Dallas, Craig and Shana Mahan of DeLeon, Ennis and Nina Beth Joiner of Gorman, Lucille Joiner of Stephenville, David and Sandra Joiner of Lindale, Howard, Barbara and Julie Joiner of Arlington, Joyce and Ernie Bramlett of Stephenville. Donald Lee Joiner and his family of Houston were unable to attend.

Karen Patterson of Breckenridge spent the weekend with her parents Earl and Betty Little.

A happy time was enjoyed in the home of Mrs. Anna Laura Clearman on Saturday when her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren gathered for an early Christmas celebration together. Those present to enjoy the occasion with Mrs. Clearman were Jamie and Ann Clearman of Lawn, Keith, Rusty, Klay and Hannah Clearman of Hereford, Karley, Coletta and Ty Clearman of Lawn, Kristi, Kelvin, Kaylee and Dade Whitehurst of Lawn, Ken and Linda Clearman, Kyla Wayne, Caleb and Kaci McEntire all of Arlington, Kendi Clearman of Denton, Dianne and Kenny Walser of Lubbock, Jo Beth and Steve Hopp of Colorado Springs, CO., Mary Jo and Mike Leonard of Canadian and Kami Leonard of Lubbock.

Enjoying an early Christmas cel-

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church had average attendance last Sunday. Special music was presented by the church choir led by Elwood Ragland with Karen Eaves at the piano. There were several visitors for the morning service, you are invited to attend Sunday morning services beginning at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for singing and preaching services. Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn is now serving as interim pastor.

Roy Lee Whitlock celebrated his 60th birthday on Saturday, December 20. There was a big "Happy Birthday" poster posted by the entrance of the postoffice for Roy Lee to enjoy.

There is a lot of sickness in our community at this time. Please remember these and other shut-ins with your cards and prayers.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Rudolph "Sinnie" Lewis, 85, of Desdemona who passed away on Monday, December 15 in the Gorman nursing home. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include: one son, Philip Lewis of Desdemona; two daughters, Karen (Lewis) Burleson of Desdemona; Vickie (Lewis) Harris of Stephenville; one brotehr, Billy Paul Lewis of Cross Plains; one sister, Alph (Lewis) Thiebaut of Desdemona.

Preceded in death by his wife, Eloise (Pool) Lewis, one son, Lyndon Dale Lewis, his parents, Rob and Jessie (Carr) Lewis, four brothers, Ferrell Lewis, Jodie Lewis, Leo Lewis and Harlin Lewis, four sisters, Joyce (Lewis) Underwood, Abbie (Lewis) Lindley, Sylvia (Lewis) Hodges and Geneva Lewis.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Alma (Gregory) Russell, 80, of Midland who was buried on Saturday, December 20 in the Desde-

mona Cemetery. Alma was born in Desdemona on August 17, 1917 to the late Herb and Julia (Nabors) Gregory. Survivors include two brothers, Allen Gregory of Odessa, Dean Gregory of Divine. Preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Frank Gregory.

Merry Christmas to all.

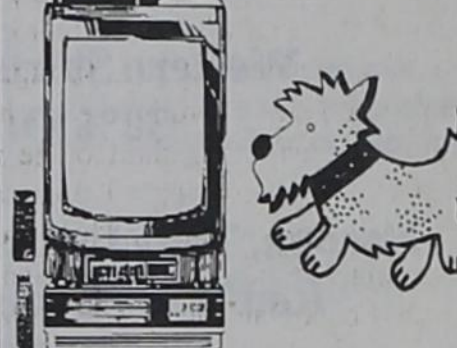
Alma attended school at Jakehamon and graduated from De Leon High School. Those attending the graveside services from Desdemona were Moddy and Hazel Koonce, Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Estelle Lindley, Dixie Ryon, Mary Alice Ficklen, Leo Williams, Humpy Duke. Allen Gregory graduate with the Class of 1941 and Dean Gregory was in the Class of 1945 from Desdemona High School.

Lorin Kaye Eaves celebrated her 4th birthday on Sunday, December 21st with a family luncheon, birthday cake and drinks in the home of her grandparents, Wayne and Karen Eaves. Others attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Webb, Sonja Holland, Holly Creed and Colin Garcia all of Desdemona. Lorin wanted to open her birthday gifts and all the other Christmas gifts under the Christmas tree.

Merry Christmas to all of our firends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

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For more information call Janice Winge, RN at 254-629-2601 ext. 350.

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**Accident Claims
Life of Carbon
Resident**

In the early morning hours of Friday, December 19, 1997, a one vehicle auto accident claimed the life of one Carbon resident and left another Carbon resident hospitalized.

State Highway Patrolman, Chris Ledbetter, stated Richard Shane Burgess, the driver of a 1997 Chevrolet pickup and Mathew Wade Goosen were west bound on Hwy 8 north of Gorman at about 12:45 a.m. when the pickup they were in ran off the road. The driver appeared to have overcorrected twice, leaving marks on both sides of the road. After leaving the road for the second time, the pickup flipped approximately three times at which time both occupants were thrown from the vehicle.

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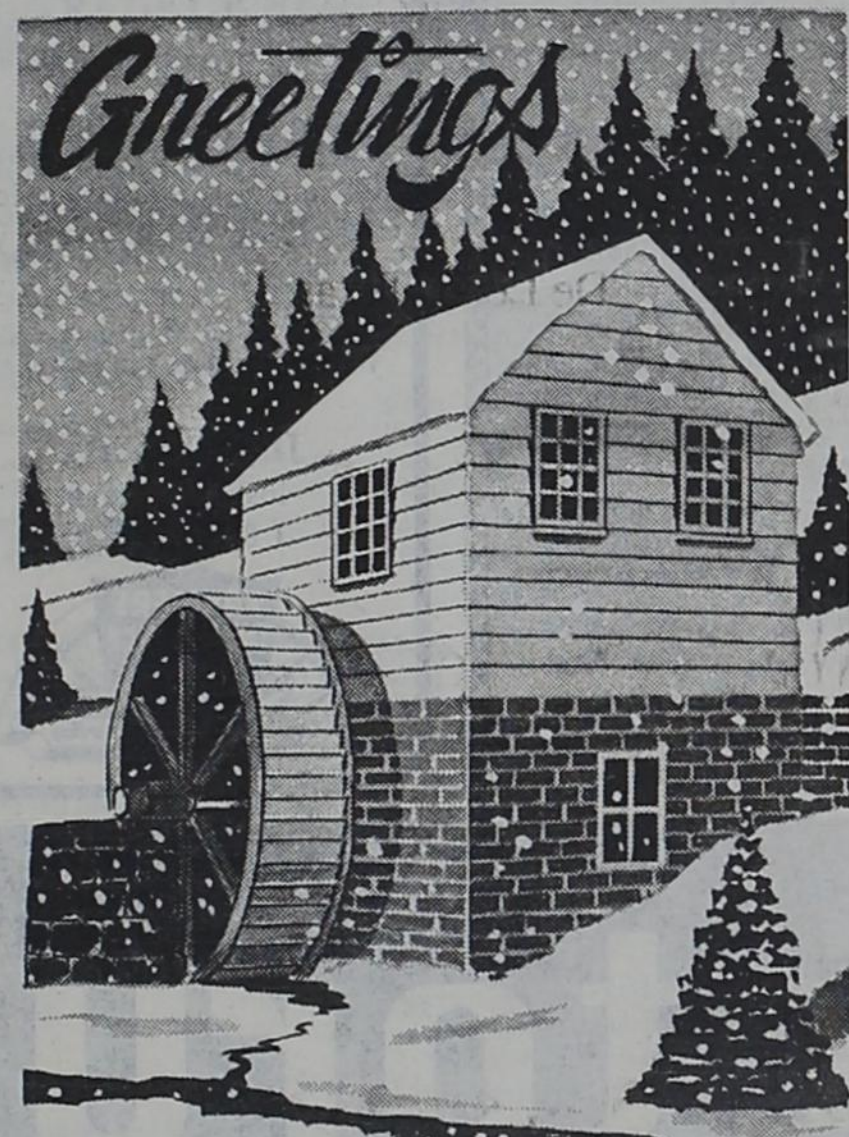


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\$299.90/mo.****
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Central Texas Melon and Fruit Shortcourse Set

If you're even the least bit interested in growing either melons or fruit crops in 1998 then you will want to attend the Central Texas Melon and Fruit Shortcourse. This event is the largest, most intensive shortcourse on melon and fruit production offered in Central Texas, providing the latest in technical information to help producers grow these high value crops.

The Central Texas Melon and Fruit Shortcourse has been set for Thursday, January 8, 1998 at the DeLeon City Hall Building in DeLeon, Texas. It will begin with registration at 8 a.m. and the program starts at 8:30 a.m. and last until 3:30 p.m. There is no fee but participants are asked to preregister by calling the Texas Agricultural Extension Office in Comanche at (915) 356-2539. Private, Commercial and Noncommercial applicators who attend will receive three continuing education credits and Certified Crop Advisors will also be given credit toward license renewal.

The Central Texas Melon and Fruit Short Course will include discussions of the latest technology available for high yielding melon and fruit crops. Central Texas growers have experimented the last two years with drop irrigation, plastic mulches, fumigants and transplants to produce early high yielding crops. This shortcourse will present information on all these and other developments that will help growers continue to improve production.

Dr. Frank Dainello, Extension Vegetable Specialist will present information on growing and using transplants in melon production, cover issues concerning herbicides, timing of application, use rates and special precautions for growers and he will discuss the use of plasticulture as a mulch for growing earlier melon crops.

Dr. Nancy Roe, Extension Horticulturist, will discuss the use of living mulches for vegetable production, plant requirements including N, P, and K along with micronutrients, placement, timing and the use of foliar products.

Victor Lilley with Reddick Inc., Williamston, North Carolina will discuss new mulch types including size, thickness and even colored mulches, and will discuss the use of fumigants for weed, disease and nematode control.

Dr. Tom Isakeit, Extension Plant Pathologist in the Rio Grande Valley has worked extensively on the Bacterial Fruit Blotch problem and will ad-

USDA Announces 1998 Crop Peanut Poundage Quota

December 15, 1997, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a national peanut poundage quota for the 1998 marketing year of 1,167,000 short tons, (2,334 billion pounds) up 3 percent from the 1997 level.

Keith Kelly, Administrator of the 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 1998 marketing year begins August 1, 1998.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, provides that the national poundage quota for the 1998 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 1998 marketing year.

The formula quantity, together with an allowance for the possibility of

underdeliveries of up to 39,000 short tons, totals 1,167,000 short tons.

The 1998 crop national poundage quota will be allocated to each State based on the State's share of the 1997 crop national poundage quota.

The national average 1998 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, 1998.

Texas Scholars Meet January 21st

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On January 21st, state Texas Scholars leaders, Eric Bost, Commissioner

dress this issue and possible virus problems that can invade melons.

Dr. Chip Lee, Extension Plant Pathologist in Stephenville, will discuss control of anthracnose which is the number one disease problem in Central Texas.

Bill Warren with Warren Produce will discuss what a broker does and how they can work with a grower to command the highest prices.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this shortcourse. Please contact the Comanche County Extension Office at 915-356-2539 by December 30th to explain the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.



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A Sign to be Opposed

By Rev. Dane Gressett
And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed - and a sword will pierce your own soul - to the end that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:34-35)

Probably the strongest proof that the Bible is God's inspired book is that the prophecies in it come true. The prophet Isaiah gave an amazingly detailed account of not only the virgin birth and the birthplace of Christ, but of His crucifixion and resurrection as well. All of this over 700 years before it actually happened!
 But I suppose that Simeon's Christmas time prophecy in our text above is

one of the most amazing in the entire Bible. Jesus' name and mission continue to confound the rich and poor alike. His claims either make people happy, embarrassed or angry. In some foreign nations Christians are still being imprisoned and murdered for their open faith in Jesus Christ.
 Just last night my wife and I were dining at an area cafe. At a nearby table sat four adults and a small boy looking as if they had been Christmas shopping. As their food arrived the little boy interrupted, "Let's bow our head and pray. "God is great. God is good. Let us thank Him for our food. Amen." One of the ladies was looking around to see if anyone was watching. They were all embarrassed. One sneered, "Thanks, reverend John."
 Millions "celebrate" Christmas by decorating trees, buying gifts, and vis-

iting relatives. But many are too proud to pray. They make fun of even children who do! They get offended if you try to talk about the real meaning of Christmas. Imagine their surprise and ultimate embarrassment when another Bible prophecy is fulfilled and Jesus Christ returns to judge the living and the dead.



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Santa Makes His Annual Visit



Santa Claus made his annual visit to Gorman on Saturday, December 20, 1997. Pictured above sitting on Santa's lap and making sure Santa has their Christmas list covered are the Seaton sisters.

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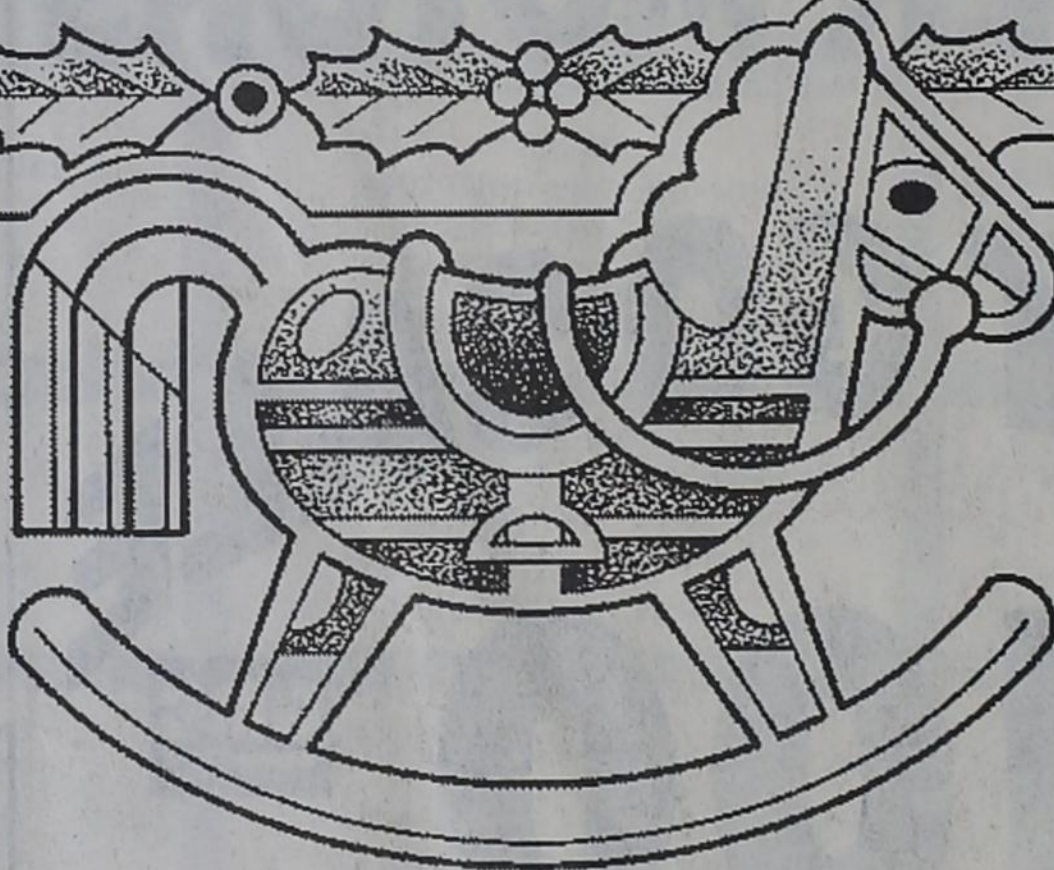
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Nation's 25th Census of Agriculture Begins

Questionnaires for the 1997 Census of Agriculture will begin appearing in mailboxes this week. The Census is the 25th national count of farms and ranches since the first Agricultural Census was taken in 1840. All farms and ranches across the nation should receive questionnaires within the next two weeks. Forms are due back to the National Agricultural Statistics Service by February 2, 1998.

Census questionnaires ask about basic subjects such as land use and ownership, crop acreage and quantities harvested, livestock and poultry inventories, value of crops and livestock sold, and farm operator characteristics. One fourth of all farms and ranches will be asked additional questions on production expenses, machinery inventories, market value of land and buildings, and income from farm-related sources.

Anyone who receives a Census form should complete and return it. Individuals who don't operate a farm or ranch could possibly receive Census questionnaires. In this situation, the recipient should return the form with a note stating that the person to whom it was addressed is not involved with a farm or ranch. The cost of conducting the Census can be kept down if questionnaire recipients return their completed forms promptly, so additional mailings can be avoided. Farmers and ranchers who do not receive a report form should call the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) at 1-800-626-3142 or write to PO Box 70, Austin, Texas 78767.

Data from the Census of agriculture are used in many ways by many different groups to help chart the future of agriculture. For example:

- * Agribusinesses use county-by-county Census data to help meet farmers' needs for items such as fertilizer, seed, equipment and parts.
- * Grower organizations use the results to develop marketing associations.
- * Farm cooperatives use it to determine appropriate locations for facilities that will serve form customers.
- * Farm organizations use the results to devise farm programs and policies.
- * Land Grant Universities use the Census results to allocate Cooperative Extension programs and resources.
- * Local agencies use Census data to pin-point areas where quick action is most needed in case of emergency outbreaks of disease or pests.
- * Congressional staff use the findings to propose changes, or analyze the effects of proposed changes, in the farm bill and other farm-related legislation.
- * State and federal agencies use the Census results to carry out their missions.

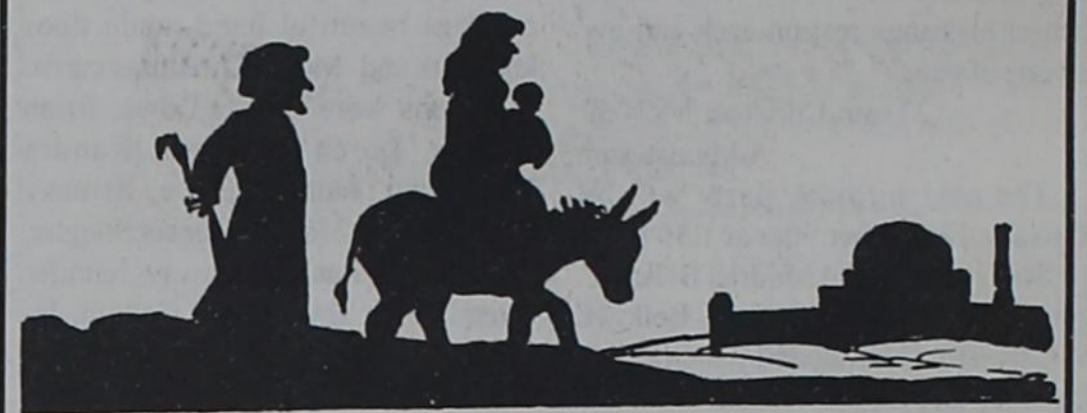
Farm and ranch operators are required by law to file a Census report, and the confidentiality of each report is protected by the same law. Census questionnaires may be seen only by sworn USDA employees and may be used only for statistical purposes. Copies retained by farmers are immune from legal processes.

Assistance in completing Census questionnaires is available by telephone from the National Agricultural

Statistics Service: the toll-free number is printed on the back of each form. Locally, assistance is available from

USDA Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service or Farm Service Agency staff.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!



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(first row, left to right) Ronald Wilkerson, Gary Gilliam, Theresa Nabors, Chas Bayer, Andy Villalba, Elaine Bayer, Mitchell Bayer, Joe Casey, Dick Hawkins, Gary Schoen, Dale Bishop, Cliff Babbitt, Bobby Smith; (second row, l-r) Michael Adcock, Juan De La Torre, Ed Moyers, Roger Lewis, Bobby

Byrd, Jose Olade, Jason Grimshaw, Maria Feist, Johnny Ried, Micah Hurst, Michele Florence; (top, l-r) Speedy Swift, Phillip Levens, Mike Grelle, Dean Holland and Chris Hill. (Not pictured Jeremy Robardey, Harvey Suarez and Larry Rogers.)

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HERITAGE MANOR NEWS
By Nancy Hendricks

Hello to all,
Some of the ones that have been helping with our Christmas and visiting are the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4H, 6th graders, First United Methodist Church, New Hope Church and First Baptist Church.
Again, we want to thank our volunteers for all of their help and kindness they have shown all year. May God's richest blessings rest on each and everyone of you.

Dean Christian McNeill
Administrator
The next birthday party will be Tuesday, December 30th at 1:30 p.m.
Some of Jack and Mildred Bellows' guests were Danny and Sally Bellows of Galveston, Darrell and Pat Graham, Clarence and Leona Wilson.
Ora Lee Lowrence of First Baptist taught the Sunday School lesson for Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Varona Taylor, Jack and Mildred Bellows.
Some of Ava Rodgers' guests were Kay Snider, Kathy Collum, Hope Joiner, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Ima Brown, Nancy Hendricks, Lou Evelyn Rodgers of Midlothian, Mayvis

Lasater, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington.
Jesus is the reason for the season. The Kokomo Baptist Baptist Church presented the Huckabay Baptist youth group on Sunday with the program "Jesus is the Reason for the Season."
The youth led singing with Myra Forrester at the piano, gave scripture reading and prayers. They gave each resident beautiful hand-made door knockers and Merry Christmas cards.
Youths were Wendy Lowe, Brian Rankin, Loren Shipman, Kandra McLendon, Jennifer Lowe, Brittany Fulfer, Jeremy Harris, Spencer Stiegler, Tony Smith, Lana Greenway, Jennifer Byers, Sarah Voyes, Scott Collum, Jason Rankin, Callen McLendon and Phil Martin. Sponcers were Dale and Kathy Collum, Myra Forrester, Georgia Guinn and Jerry Rankin. They went down the halls and sang Christmas carols for the ones unable to attend.
Residents were Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Varona Taylor, Veno Hale, Patty Whitehorn, Myrtle Hale, Ruby Vandergrieff, Ava Rodgers, Velma Bennett, Ollie Halcomb, Jack

and Mildred Bellows.
Guests were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Hope Joiner, Kay Snider, Nancy Hendricks, Nina Joiner, Argie and Margie Hale.
Visiting Edward Johnson and Eulon Perry were Fay Johnson, Edgar Reynolds, Waldene Jones and Steve Spivey.
Visiting Cynthia Earles and Mabel Reynolds were Vardie and Fay Huff, Edgar Reynolds, Fay Johnson, Eunice Love, Hope Joiner, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington.
Ina Scitern had concentration for Patty Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor, Iola Johnson, Irene Heathington, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ollie Halcomb, Velma Bennett, Jack and Mildred Bellows.
Visiting Iola Johnson were Ina Reynolds, Della Galloway and Clarence and Leona Wilson.
On Friday morning the Bailey Band gave a concert. Coming with the band were V.O. Huff, Dewey and Tola Bailey, Bernard and Ann Keith, Raymond and Vivian Hart, Allen Allcock and Bernice Farley. Residents were Iola Johnson, Maggie Snider, Ola Walker, Cynthia Earles, Irene Heathington, Alehta Yarborough, Varona Taylor, Velma Bennett, Patty Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ollie Halcomb, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Dorothy Beaty, Jack and Mildred Bellows.
Visiting Maggie Snider and Vadis Phelps were Birdie Hogan of Ft. Worth, Jewel Snider, Diana Snider, Fay Tucker, Elnora Lindley, Larry Snider, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Hope Joiner, Clarence and Leona Wilson.
On Friday Ina Scitern and Bob Beeman had bingo for Ollie Halcomb, Frank Skiles, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Varona Taylor, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett, Iola Johnson, Jack and Mildred Bellows.
Some of Myrtle Hale and Velma Bennett's guests were Argie and Margie Hale, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Linda Glover, Nancy Hendricks, Clarence and Leona Wilson.
Visiting Irene Heathington were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Nancy Hendricks, Kathy Collum, Eunice Love.
Some of Rubye Jones and Patty Whitehorn's guests were Jerry Brown, Vicki, Seth and Tyler Brown, Sylvia Estes, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Hope Joiner, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Marie Cook.
On Monday Ina Scitern and Darrell and Pat Graham had bingo for Frank Skiles, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn, Velma Bennett, Iola Johnson, Varona Taylor, Jack and

Mildred Bellows.
Some of Mary Williams' guests were Lou Evelyn Rodgers of Midlothian, Maxine Frasier of De Leon, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Ima Brown, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Kay Snider, Kathy Collum, Ina Reynolds, Hope Joiner, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.
Those coming for the sing-a-long of Monday were Della Galloway, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Zelda Jordan, Alpha Mae Andry, Louise ollywood, Willo Rice, Marjorie Treadway, Ethel Weaver, Ernestine Campbell, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Patty Whitehorn, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett, Maggie Snider, Iola Johnson, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Cynthia Earles, Irene Heathington, Varona Taylor, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Jack and Mildred Bellows.
Visiting Ollie Halcomb and Dorothy Beaty were Kay Snider, Kathy Collum, Davis and Deana Halcomb, Clarence and Leona Wilson.
Visiting Bea O'Neal were Ann Holt of Austin, Jena Rone, Mayvis Lasater, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Eunice Love and Nancy Hendricks.
On Tuesday Betty Duke of Desdeoma came and played the keyboard for Irene Heathington, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor, Iola Johnson, Velma Bennett, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Effie Mae Brown, and S.D. Gilmore.
Ina Scitern had gift bingo for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Patty Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Velma Bennett, A.V. Seay, Varona Taylor, Iola Johnson, Jack and Mildred Bellows.
Rudolph "Skinny" Lewis, 85 passed away Monday, Dec. 15th. Services were Wednesday, Dec. 17th in Desdemona First Baptist Church. Jerry Speer officiated. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery.
He was a retired farmer and rancher and widower of Eloise Pool Lewis, whom he married in 1935.
Survivors include one son, Philip Stan Lewis of Desdemona, two daughters, Karen Burleson of Desdemona, Bill Lewis of Cross Plains, a sister Alpha Thiebaud of Desdemona, 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.
Some of Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison's guests were Della Galloway, Fred Rogers, Barbra Tucker, Buddy Rogers, Ima Lee Burleson, George Ann Iley, Chesley Atchison, Eddie Nichols, T.J. and Ima Lee Fair of Stephenville.
On Monday, Dec. 15th the First Baptist youth came and had the country store. They let each resident choose two gifts to give to other people. The youth wrapped the gifts and put name tags on them for residents. Youth were Miranda Hogan, Kaci Seaton, Justin Burleson and Brianne Rhoton. Lead-

ers were Jame Criner, Varonica Seaton and Liz Brinager.
T.J. and Ima Lee Fair of Stephenville visited Ruby Vandergrieff.
On Wednesday morning Bro. Ennis Joiner brought chapel for Ora Mae Atchison, Patty Whitehorn, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, and Varona Taylor.
Billy and Janda Taylor visited Varona Taylor.
Bro. Bob Beeman came on Wednesday and gave a talk on the "Special Joys of Christmas" for Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Velma Bennett, Irene Heathington, Jack and Mildred Bellows.
Don and Nell Sherman of Eastland, Ina Reynolds of Carbon visited Sibyl Urban.
Some of Hazel Wisdom's guests were Bob and Merlene Wisdom, Pat Kincannon of Hico, Eloise Williams, Della Galloway, and Corine Weldon of Clyde.
The First United Methodist Church came at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday and visited every resident, giving each one a Christmas gift. They were Rev. Bob Beeman, Estelle Craddock, Mozelle

Rhymes and Caro Boswell.
Visiting Aletha Yarborough were Mary Ruth Beschomer of San Antonio, Kay Snider, Kathy Collum, Eunice Love, Clarence and Leona Wilson.
Those enjoying "Egg Toss" with Ina Scitern and Thursday were Velma Bennett, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor, Cynthia Earles, Jack and Mildred Bellows.
Christmas carolers from the New Hope Baptist Church came on Dec. 17th. There were Joshua Eaves, Jeremy Eaves, Melinda Eaves, Clint Jones, Timothy, Lance and Amaris Curb, Kael and Craig Snider, Matthew Boone, Stephen Watson and Adams Torrez. Adults were Rev. Richard Watson, Manual and Debbie Torrez, Lane and Ernestine Campbell.
Visiting Travis Smith and Frank Skiles were M.L. Skiles, Barbra Smith, Ron and Nina Skiles, Wynogene Smith, Clarence and Leona Wilson.
Eunice Love visited Ina Mae Tarrance, Ola Walker, Levenia Blair.
Some of A.V. Seay's guests were Ella Reeves of Clyde, Tommy and Vicki Seay, Eunice Love.

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The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to use extreme caution when traveling this holiday season.

"Wear your seat belts, don't drink and drive and stay away from aggressive drivers," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "The number of people on the roads will increase during the holidays, and tempers may be short. It's best to leave plenty of time to reach your destination without rushing, and report any drivers who may be driving in an unsafe manner."

DPS estimates that as many as 42 people could be killed in motor vehicle traffic accidents during the 102 hours Christmas holiday from 6 p.m. Dec. 24 to midnight Dec. 28. As many as 46 people could lose their lives during the 102 hour New Year's holiday from 6 p.m. Dec. 31 to midnight Jan. 4.

In 1996, the final count for the 30 hours Christmas holiday was 18 deaths. Of the 14 fatal accidents, 74.1 percent involved alcohol or speeding over the limit. Of the 18 fatalities, 17 were occupants of vehicles and one was a pedestrian. Of the 17 vehicle occu-

pants, 64.7 percent were reported not to be wearing seatbelts.

The final fatality count for the 30 hour New Year's holiday was 20. Of the 19 fatal accidents, 52.6 percent involved alcohol or speeding over the limit. Of the 20 fatalities, 17 were occupants of vehicles, one was a motorcycle operator and 2 were pedestrians. Of the 17 vehicle occupants, 64.7 percent were reported not to be wearing seatbelts when the accident occurred.

Safe driving tips include:
* Drive with your headlights on during the daylight hours to make vehicle more visible.

* Make sure the driver of your vehicle is well-rested. Take frequent breaks on long trips.

* Check your vehicle before you set off on your trip. Make sure your car has enough oil, coolant and other fluids, and check the condition of your tires and engine belts.

* Be aware of weather conditions along your route.

* If you become stranded along the roadside, call the DPS toll-free stranded motorist line at 1-800-525-5555, and a law enforcement officer will come to

your aid. That number also can be used to report traffic accidents, unsafe drivers or illegal drug trafficking. To report urgent police emergencies, especially those involving injuries, it is best to call 9-1-1 in most parts of the state.
* When driving, exercise courtesy and patience. Try to stay away from divers exhibiting aggressive behavior.

Holiday Hints

Helpful Party Tips



When planning a party, be prepared to have a variety of activities, such as dancing, games or gift exchanges. Don't let drinking become the focus of the event.

(NAPS)—Here are a few hints to keep in your head that can help make your next party a hit for you, as well as your guests:

* Plan ahead. Make sure you have enough ice, chairs, glasses, guest towels and napkins.



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In a letter to Kenneth Kizer, Under Secretary of Health for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Gramm urged speedy approval of the proposal.

"I agree with Texas VA officials and North Central Texas veterans that a clinic in Eastland would be beneficial in caring for the underserved veteran population throughout North Central

Texas," the senator said. Gramm said the proposed clinic will serve the veteran population of 18,872 in Eastland, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Parker, and Hood counties. The services the clinic will provide include x-rays, preventive medical services, routine lab work, and other primary care services.

"Eligible veterans in this are currently have to travel up to 120 miles to receive primary care services at the closest VA facility. As well as being time consuming and inefficient, this distance sometimes prompts veterans to forego needed care," the senator noted.

Gramm said the VA must submit the proposal to the U.S. Congress for final approval, which he hopes will occur early next year.

ATTENTION
The Sipe Springs Musical will be cancelled for January due to other holiday activities. The musical will resume its regularly scheduled meetings in February.

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