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Merry Christmas Greetings to All



PEANUT INDUSTRY - - USDA TALKS GO ON

Peanut industry representatives — growers, shellers, brokers, and manufacturers — were invited to Washington for discussions with the Secretary of Agriculture and other top USDA officials on December 12. Approximately 30 persons from throughout the nation attended the session aimed at achieving an agreement on peanut program modifications. This day-long conference resulted from a suggestion of key congressional leaders who met with Agriculture Secretary Butz on December 7. Peanut area congressmen included House Speaker Carl Albert, Senator Herman Talmadge and House Agriculture Committee Chairman W. R. Poage met with Secretary Butz on December 7 in an effort to reach a compromise solution regarding 1974 peanut program changes announced by Butz on October 24. Three of these changes are considered by industry spokesmen to be critical to survival of the peanut program. These changes are transfer of field price support functions from the 3 grower associations to state and county ASCS offices; establishment of 115 percent loan value as minimum sales price of CCC stocks and elimination of allotment by transfers of sale and lease.

Industry representatives attending the December 12 conference included James Neal, Pearsall, Texas, Floyd King, Eakly, Oklahoma, Ross Wilson, Gorman, Texas, George Freeman, Dublin, Texas, George Morow, Jr., Denison, Texas, and Sydney Reagan, Dallas, Texas.

After reviewing the USDA plan for a new peanut program referred to as the target price concept, and an optional production approach

submitted by the National Peanut Growers Group last May, the conferees voiced multiple objections to the USDA plan which calls for a \$200 per ton target price, complete freedom in marketing, a poundage production quota and unlimited production by present and new growers with equal opportunity for all growers in the market place. USDA spokesmen emphasized that 2 Department objectives — (1) competitive loan rate (90 percent of the estimated world market price) presumed to be in the range of \$180 to \$200 per ton and (2) unlimited production, thus eliminating the present value of peanut acreage allotments held by current growers.

Ross Wilson, Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association Manager, stated that officials of the National Peanut Growers present advised the Secretary that the original NPGG program modification concept was being studied by a small grower committee for possible refinement. Emmett Reynolds, Chairman of the Grower Group Study Committee, informed USDA officials that his full committee would be assembled within two weeks to possibly adopt the revised plan for program modification. In the event the plan is approved, he said, opportunities will be provided for shellers and peanut product manufacturers to review the proposal prior to submitting the plan for USDA scrutiny. Wilson stated the local grower leaders will also be given an opportunity to contribute to the program approach prior to any presentation of it to USDA. It is possible, he concluded, to have a program draft ready for discussion with USDA officials by mid-January. The

First National Wins '73 Decoration Award



Betty Henderson is shown holding the Plaque presented the Bank for the Best Commercial Christmas Decoration, by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce. The plaque will be displayed in the First National Bank until the award is presented to the 1974 winner.

The First National Bank won the Best Commercial Decoration in 1973. The very appropriate "money tree" has drawn many sightseers and interested onlookers. The Gorman Chamber of Commerce would like to commend Charlie Duran and his decorators for being able to decorate a tree during the energy crisis without the use of electricity and come up with an outstanding example of what ingenuity can accomplish. The \$100 dollar bill topping the tree is more attractive

to many than a bright and shining star. Some of the comments heard during the week have been, "Boy, people must be honest." "Wonder why they don't just take some of the ornaments." "How do they keep people from helping themselves?" When Charles Duran was questioned about this his comment was, "No one knows they haven't, they haven't been counted since they were put on." Congratulations, First National Bank. We appreciate your support of the town and it's citizens.



Mrs. Leazar Laid to Rest on Sunday

Mrs. Nona Leazar, 92, of Gorman, died at 7:30 p. m. Friday, December 14, 1973 in the Blackwell Hospital. She had lived in Gorman since 1921.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church in Gorman with Rev. Kent Marrs, pastor, officiating, assisted by Eugene Lowry, minister of the Church of Christ. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery under direction of the Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Leazar was born Aug. 24, 1881 in Gonzales County. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She is survived by two sons, J. T. of Arlington and Frank C. of Eunice, N. M.; two daughters, Mrs. T. C. Wylie of Ranger and Mrs. R. H. Prewitz of Gorman; six grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Palbearers were Bill Parr, Thurman Jay, Huppy Morris, Graydon Baze, Edgar Higginbotham and Speedy Clark.

—GP—
Bridal Shower Honors Mrs. Royal Hampton

Mrs. Royal Hampton, Jr. was honored with a bridal gift shower in the home of Mrs. Erich Arnold on Saturday, December 15. Receiving guests were the hostess, the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Charles Duran, and the groom's mother, Mrs. Royal Hampton, Sr. Presiding at the guest book were Mrs. Jamie Mason, Mrs. Quintin Wright, and Miss Cheryl Arnold.

Table appointments were crystal and silver, with the bride's colors of green and white carried out in an arrangement of white gladiolus and chrysanthemums flanked by white candles on a green linen cloth. White petit fours decorated with white roses and lime sherbert punch were served to guests by Miss Krista Henderson, Miss Phyllis Guthery, Miss Bernadean Reeves, Miss Sha Rogers, and Mrs. Jim Guthery.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Arnold were Mesdames J. O. Jackson, Jr., Fred Rogers, Ray Williams, Ray Rankin, Luther Wright, Edward Harrison, Donald Bolt, James Mears, Claude Fuller, Dean Kirk, Freddie Lightfoot, E. G. Henderson, Othell Clark, W. O. Parr, Bob Green, and Jim Guthery.

—GP—
CARD OF THANKS
Our love and appreciation for the flowers, food brought to the Linder home in Gorman, the flowers and visits and the many kindnesses shown us at the time of loss of our loved one, Weldon Linder.

It's friends like you in Gorman that make this a better place to live.
God bless.
Marie Linder and family

many others. It includes something about almost every community in the county, like - Mangum; Pioneer, Nimrod, Scranton, Kokomo, Romney, Desdemona Carbon, and of course, Eastland, Ranger, Cisco, Gorman and Rising Star. Get You Copy NOW! Give One To Mom or Dad for Christmas!

TEDDY JORDAN RECEIVES DEGREE FROM TARLETON

A total of 186 seniors were graduated from Tarleton State University on Sunday, December 16, during commencement exercises held in Wisdom Gymnasium.

Receiving the Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education was Teddy D. Jordan of Gorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan.



Also receiving the Bachelor of Science Degree in Business was Miss Louann Cranford of Stephenville, who is the fiancee of Teddy.

Association Manager reminded them the need to achieve recension of 1974 program policy changes give this effort a real sense of urgency. "After all," he concluded, "The welfare of approximately 100,000 farm families are dependent to a large degree upon the continuation of a healthy peanut program, but if all efforts at compromise with USDA fail, we will have no alternative other than an all out effort to hold the present program."

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Centennial Books Now Available

Eastland County Centennial books are now being sold at the Gorman Progress, Foster Floral and Higginbothams. The price is \$2.63 which includes tax.

If you want a book mailed anywhere in there will be an additional 25c charge for mail and postage. We will gladly mail anywhere in the U. S. Please forward money to: Gorman Chamber of Commerce, Box 266, Gorman, Texas 76454

This book is a limited edition and will not be available very long. Only 1000 copies were printed for the entire county so PLEASE DO NOT DELAY your order as it may be too late.

This book is 112 pages with a soft back. It has been described by the fellow who set the type as the best coordinated book he has ever done. It includes such items as Eastland County doctors, sheriffs, county clerks, county attorneys, churches, schools, history of hospital care, and post offices. It has many first as first railroad wagon yard, gin, stable, car sold, college, brick factory and many,

Thurman Jay Elected President Of Shrine Club

Thurman L. Jay of Gorman was elected president of the Cross Timbers Shrine Club at the annual holiday dinner party last Saturday night at Lone Cedar Country Club. Mr. Jay succeeds Roy G. Hathaway of Cisco who had held the post for the past two years.

Emory Walton of Eastland was elected vice president, and W. C. (Check) Smith of Gorman was elected secretary. The new officers will be installed at a meeting at the Corral Room of Hotel Victor in Cisco on January 10th.

Retiring officers, in addition to Mr. Hathaway, were T. C. Wylie of Ranger, vice president, and Jack Reed of Cisco, secretary and treasurer.

Special guests at the dinner included Ernest Sellers and Arthur Harris of Fort Worth, representing Moslah Temple, parent organization of the Eastland County Shrine Club. Some 40 people attended the party and enjoyed a turkey dinner and bingo games.

SANTA VISITS IN GORMAN

Santa Claus took time out from his busy activities to stop over in Gorman Saturday and visit with some of the children.

He arrived in town about 2:30 p. m. via airplane and after waving from the plane to the crowd below he was picked up at the airstrip by the fire truck. Giving candy to the kids and waving to all, he was met by a good crowd in downtown Gorman. His visit was short, but because of the energy crisis, Gorman was very lucky that he was able to make a stop here this year.

He wished everyone a very "Merry Christmas" and cautioned the little ones to be sure to go to bed early Christmas Eve as he cannot visit their home until they are asleep.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The First National Bank will not be open for business Monday noon, December 24th until Wednesday, December 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Justice will hold open house at their home on Star Route, Carbon, Texas on Sunday, December 23 from 2 to 5 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The business firms will be closed Tuesday, December 25th in observance of Christmas.

New Hope Baptist Christmas program will be held at 6:00 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 23. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Social Security Representative will be in Gorman Thursday, Dec. 20 at 10 a. m. at the City Office.

GORMAN FIREMEN BATTLE TRUCK FIRE

The Gorman Firemen battled a truck fire at the 7-11 Store from 11 p. m. to 2 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 19th.

The transport truck was loaded with rockwood and was afire when the driver stopped at the 7-11 Store for help.

Firemen fighting this fire were Vardie Huff, Kim Cockerham, Gene Foster, Randy Wright and Rev. Kent Marrs.

GORMAN TEAMS SPLIT GAMES WITH EASTLAND

On Tuesday evening the Gorman cage teams hosted the Eastland team.

In the first game the Gorman B team boys won over Eastland 49 to 47 with Tony Ripley leading Gorman with 21 points.

In the girls game the Eastland girls won 61 to 56 with Krista Henderso hitting 36 for high point honors, Charlene Self hit 16 and Kerrie Jolley 4. Ann Haun scored 18 for Eastland.

In the boys game Gorman won by a 77 to 43 margin with Kris Brown hitting the nets for 33 points. Boles and Morren each had 12 for Eastland.

THURSDAY GAMES BEGIN AT 3:30 P. M. On Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. the B team games will begin between Gorman and Dublin on the local court, followed by the A team games with four games slated. These games were moved up from Friday to Thursday.

MILES M. DAVIS FINAL RITES FOR HELD TUESDAY

Funeral services for Miles M. Davis, a resident of Houston for several years, were held Monday, December 10 at 10 a. m. in Waltrip Funeral Chapel in Houston. Services were held Tuesday, December 11 at 2:00 p. m. in Nabors Memorial Chapel in De Leon with Rev. Billy Spencer officiating. Music was rendered by Mrs. C. L. Mohon, Sr. at the piano.

Palbearers were Willie Forrest, Don Mitchell, Dennis Graham, Elton Chupp, Louis Warren, Mac Bradford, and Jon Coan. Interment was in the De Leon Cemetery.

He was born on September 6, 1936, in Pampa, and passed away in Houston on Dec. 3, 1973, at the age of 37 years, 3 months, and 2 days. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cypress.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lynita Boswell of the home; one daughter, Alana of the home; his mother, Mrs. Virginia Harris of Seattle, Washington; one brother, Burrell Davis of Houston; a half-sister, Mrs. Claudene Monson of Bellingham, Washington; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graham of Gorman and a number of other relatives and friends.

Jiggs Rainey Home Destroyed By Fire

The T. J. (Jiggs) Rainey six room home five miles west of Desdemona was destroyed by fire around 11 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The six room home and contents were completely destroyed. The Gorman and De Leon Fire Departments answered the call. Due to the very high winds (approximately 35 miles per hour) and the late call, the fire department's received made it impossible to save any part of the house or contents.

Cause of the fire has not been determined. The family had left the house around 7 a. m. to go to Desdemona and were sure no fires were left on.

They have a mobil home in Desdemona where they will be staying for the time being. —GP— Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker returned Friday from a weeks visit in Fountain Valley and San Diego, Calif. with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom F. Reese and grandchildren.

Gorman - De Leon Win Jr. Hi Tournney Honors

This year there were only four teams entered in our Junior High Tournament. We had what you would call a round robin tournament where everyone plays each other.

Thursday night Gorman played Cisco and Carbon played De Leon. Carbon girls won over De Leon 43 to 18. The De Leon boys won over Carbon 33 to 14. In the third game Gorman girls played Cisco and won by a score of 41 to 11. Lisa Warren was high scorer with 23 points with Donna Lewis hitting 12. Deliah Eaves scored 6, but left the game before halftime with five fouls.

The Gorman boys defeated Cisco by the score of 40 to 29. Leedin scorer for Gorman was David Good with 12, and Stacy Webb, 9, and Tim Martin, 8.

Friday night Gorman girls opened play against De Leon. Gorman won 52 to 28. Warren was high with 20 points. Eaves had 18, Ridens, 8 and Lewis 6. The girls played an exceptional game both offensively and defensively. Teresa Underwood, Diane Kent and Carman Longoria did an outstanding job against Cisco and De Leon.

Gorman boys lost to De Leon 43 to 19. De Leon had a much taller team than Gorman and out rebounded us on the boards. Good was high for Gorman with 10 points and Hammit and Rogers each had 10 for De Leon.

Carbon girls defeated Cisco by 43-16. Norris led Carbon with 20 points, Pack 13 and Kim Rodgers 10. Brillbrey and Madison led Cisco with 8 each.

Cisco boys won over Carbon 33-28. High for Cisco was Way with 14 points and Morgan had 20 for Carbon.

Saturday night the Gorman girls played Carbon for first place. It was a very happy bunch of Junior High girls that won the first place trophy, by defeating Carbon 46 to 32. It was a much closer game than the final score indicates as Gorman only went ahead in the final minutes. Lisa Warren led Gorman with 24 points, Eaves had 16 and Lewis 6. High for Carbon was Pack with 16 and Norris with 12.

The Gorman boys won second place by defeating Carbon 36-18. David Good had 19 Stacy Webb and Billy Simpson each had 6. Morgan led Carbon with 12. Carbon won the boy's consolation trophy.

De Leon girls won third place by defeating Cisco 31-20. Number 33 from De Leon had 22 points with Brillbrey hitting 16 for Cisco. Cisco girls won the consolation trophy.

The De Leon boys won first place by winning over Cisco 34 to 20. Hammit was high for De Leon with 20 and Cermin had 6 for Cisco. Cisco boys won third place trophy.

Gorman-Ranger To Play Benefit Football Game

The Gorman Outsiders football team will play the Ranger Outsiders team at the Bulldog Stadium in Ranger at 7:30 p. m. Friday, Dec. 21.

Miss Martha Davis Is Gift Shower Honoree Saturday

Miss Martha Davis, bride-elect of Russell Fuller, were honoree at a bridal gift party Saturday, December 15 in the home of Mrs. Donald Bolt.

Receiving guests with the honoree were her mother, Mrs. C. T. Davis of De Leon, and Mrs. Q. D. Fuller, mother of the bride-elect's fiance.

Miss Davis and Mr. Fuller will be married December 22 in the North Side Baptist Church in De Leon.

Co-hostesses for the pre-nuptial event were Mesdames Ray Rankin, Kenneth Good, R. W. Hampton, Bill Brown, Glenn Jordan, E. N. Higginbottom, Graydon Baze, Billy Earl Simpson.

Miss Lynn Davis of De Leon, niece of the honoree, registered guests.

The serving table was laid with a white satin cloth with white net overlay and centered with a white palm mum arrangement.

Mrs. Alma Davis of De Leon, sister-in-law of Miss Davis, and Mrs. Bill Lindsey of De Leon served the white petit fours decorated with white roses and punch. Appointments were crystal and silver.

Mrs. Burl Harper Honored with Pink and Blue Shower

Mrs. Burl Harper of Mesquite was honored with a pink and blue gift coffee in the home of Mrs. Frank Rhymes on Saturday, December 15th from 9 to 11 a. m.

Co-hostesses were Mesdames C. O. Revels, Bruce Hirst, J. W. Brown, Ray Rankin, Daryl Hirst, Arnold Butler and Estelle Craddock.

Receiving guests with the honoree were her mother, Mrs. R. L. Sharp of Desdemona and Mrs. Lendon Shipman of Gorman, mother-in-law, and sister, Mrs. Larry Majors, Kelli and Kim, of Desdemona.

Mrs. David Ervin registered guests and Mrs. C. O. Revels and Mrs. Jim Guthery served hot spiced tea and coffee, assorted breads from a table centered with a stork arrangement. Appointments were crystal and silver.

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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our friends for everything they did for us during our time of bereavement of our Daddy and husband. H. J. (Dick) Pennington. Thanks for the food that was brought and for the words of comfort. Words cannot express our gratitude to each of you.

May the Lord bless you all.
Bernice Pennington
Glenda and Ray Price

—GP—
CARD OF THANKS
We want to express our thanks to Dr. Canut, Dr. Pino, the nurses and hospital staff for the wonderful care and to friends for the visits, cards, flowers and gifts during my stay in Blackwell Hospital. May God bless each of you.
Jack and Coda Revels

WSC ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY

There was just enough nip in the breeze last Monday evening to make it feel like the Christmas season. And when members and guests of the Woman's Study Club arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons, it looked just like a Christmas Party was about to happen, as indeed it was. The welcome warmth of brightly burning logs in the fireplace and the lovely Christmas tree and other decorations in the party rooms created the perfect setting. Everyone brought gifts to exchange, so the tree was soon heaped with gayly wrapped packages. And the long dining table was soon loaded with good food, for each lady had prepared her specialty.

As soon as everyone arrived, Mr. Dick Foster asked the blessing. There was so much good food, it was difficult to choose, so plates were quite full. And soon, to get another hot roll was the excuse for a second pass by the table for a bit of anything missed the first time. Ham, with all the trimmings, and it was topped off with assorted pies and coffee.

It was likely just as well that a bit of program had been planned—none were energetic enough to move anyway. Mrs. Dick Foster read poetry written by a co-worker Fay Hull. So timely, the story in poetry of the unexpected arrival of Jesus at his birthday party, thus reminding of the real meaning of Christmas celebrations.

Mrs. Simmons led the singing of Christmas songs, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Joy to the World." Mrs. Claude Fuller, president, then asked for roll call.

Roll call was calculated to create fun and laughter, as indeed it did. Response was to read a "Dear Abby" letter and let someone in the group suggest an answer. Then Abby's answer was read. Needless to say, answers from the group were sometimes quite good (and humorous).

Santa time was noisy, confusing, fun, paper tearing and ribbon popping. Then gifts were displayed amid oh's and ah's!

Too soon it was time to say good-night to guests, Miss

Desdemona News

By HATTIE TATE

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL"

Christmas is almost here. We wonder if we will realize the meaning of the holiday and keep it safe and sane.

Miss Lizzie Moore is in Eastland to spend several months with her brother, George and Opal Moore.

Christmas seems to be in the air as some parties have taken place.

The Homemakers had their Christmas in Stephenville by having dinner at Jake and Dorothy's Cafe. We wonder how come so many have been slightly ill since Monday evening?

Faithful Workers Class had their Christmas social in Fellowship Hall at the church. Thirteen ladies enjoyed the devotional, story, songs, games and the exchanging of gifts and a delicious plate of refreshments was served by Neta Gee and Myrtle Reid.

The Church of Christ entertained 32 children from the "Foster Home" in Stephenville on Friday night in the community center. There was food galore for the families and all the visitors. Isn't it wonderful to know we live in a community where we remember other people at Christmas?

Vivian Pack, who is a student in Lubbock Christian College will be home until the tenth of January. She is the daughter of Rim and Dixie Pack.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Sparks, Ella Tidwell and Inez Heeter were in Breckenridge Thursday morning for the funeral of Bernice Rosenbaum. She

Sha Rogers, Messers. Dick Foster, C. O. Revels, Claude Fuller, Graydon Baze, James Mears, Houston Jolley, and to each other. It had been a lovely birthday party for Jesus—Christian love, joy and fellowship. But it was time to say "I really had a good time" to hosts, Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons.

was a sister to the late J. E. Heeter.

Albert Johnson's daughter, Earline Wells, wife of Frank Wells of Racine, Wisconsin, passed away this week from injuries received in a car wreck several weeks ago. Albert and his son, Howard, were in Wisconsin a week, but had returned home and did not attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wood and Eva Williams of Stephen-

ville, were in Lamesa this past week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Melvin Rankin, nee Lillie Hogg. She was the eldest daughter of the late John and Emma Hogg. She has many relatives in this community. Her mother was formerly Emma Roberts.

Wedding bells rang out last week in Austin when Darwin Shipman and Reta Shaw of Houston were united in marriage. Darwin is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Neldon Shipman of Ranger.

The annual monthly musical was well attended Saturday night at the community center. Inspirational talks were given by Bro. L. C. Landers and Bro. Young and Christmas carols were led by Leland Warren with Mrs. Murrah Foote at the piano. We thank the people for being so nice to come to our community and enjoy get-togethers with us. What would the community be if we didn't all enjoy fellowship with each other.

Evah Sparkman had the pleasure of entertaining her two great-grandsons over the weekend.

Latest report on Mrs. Mae Eldridge is that she is doing nicely since having a heart attack. She remains in the De Leon Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Onus Dick of Olden and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hilliard of Gordon had Sunday dinner with Mrs. Alta Park.

Um, um! How good those red beans and cornbread did taste. That is a meal good

enough for a king with the onion on the side.

The First Baptist Church was a scene of beauty Sunday night with a beautiful Christmas tree and so many nice gifts. After the song service, Bro. Landers gave a short talk on sharing. Thanks to Hazel Koonce, Pat Buckley and Jerry Majors for their work in making all this a success.

The refreshments were served in Fellowship Hall.

Thanks again.

Have you noticed as I have, all the pretty colored pickups that are being driven? You never know what color will come out next.

Breddern, we must do something to remedy the "status quo" said a colored preacher to his congregation. Budder Jones, what am de "status qua?"

Dat my Budder, said the preacher, am de "Latin" for the mess we're in.



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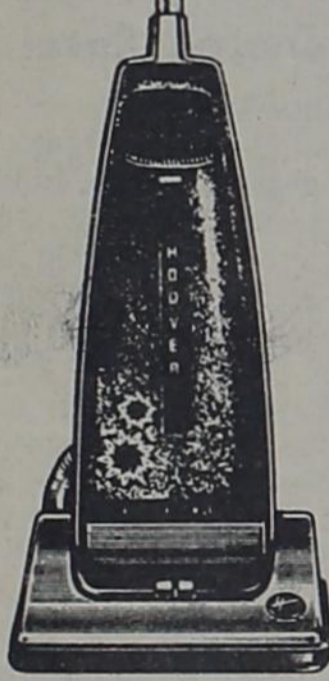
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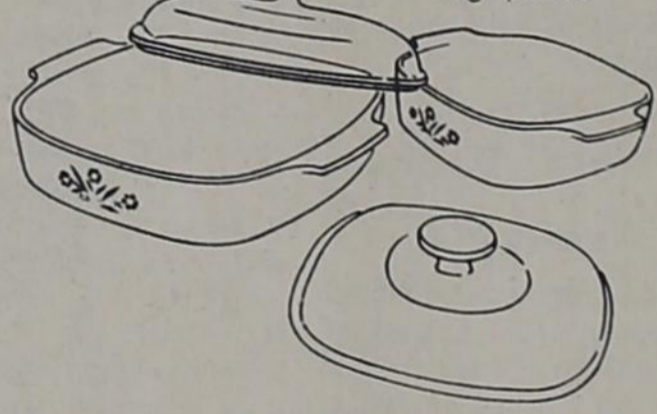
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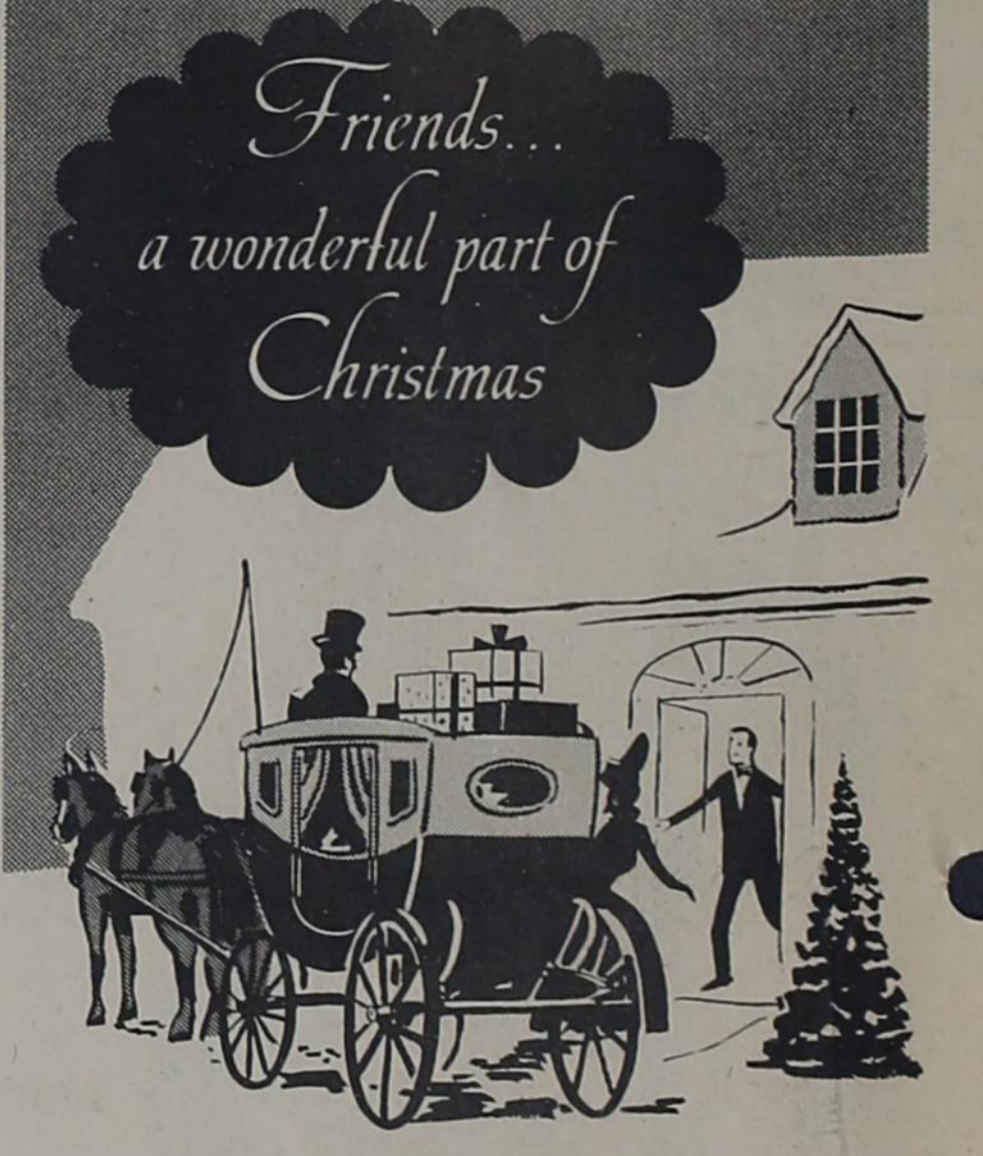
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During this season of good will, Christmas reflections and merry making, we want to extend our holiday wishes... special thanks to friends and patrons.

The **First National Bank** GORMAN TEXAS

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EASTLAND DUE TWO PROJECTS

Staked as an Eastland County wildcat was Tex-Cal Co., operating from Abilene, No. 4 D. V. Rodgers Estate. The planned 3,500 foot venture is four miles southwest of Gorman on a 503 acre lease. It spots 467 feet from the south and west lines of the east half of Section 11, D&-

DAL Survey, Bedford Oil & Gas Inc. of Bedford will drill No. 2' O. E. Meador in the regular field four miles southeast of Ranger. Having a proposed depth of 4,000 feet, it spots 5,550 feet from the south and 1,350 feet from the west lines of Spires Dooley Survey, A-77. The lease is composed of 383 acres.

Hill's Drilling & Producing Co. of Ranger filed application to re-enter to 3,598 feet a regular field project in Ranger townsite. It is No. 1 C. A. Bobo, located on a 77 acre lease. Site is 1,500 feet from the north and 1,700 feet from the west lines of F. Blundell Survey, A-10. **FOR SALE — All Steel 7" Scissors, \$1.50 pr. Progress office.**

Friendly Ladies Enjoy Christmas Tree and Coffee

It is the season of magic and beauty, and it was everywhere evident last Monday evening when the Friendly Ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Bill Chandler for Christmas Coffee. The Chandler Christmas tree is indeed unique and beautiful — all the ornaments are handmade. The balls of many colors are velvet, and they sparkle and shine with jewels and braids. And the magic had brought Christmas beauty throughout.

Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter gave the devotional. Beginning with thoughts from Luke and John, Mrs. Fairbetter then continued with some of the prayers written by a seven year old girl, Amy, whose idea was to write prayers kids could understand. Amy's version of the Nativity was clever and humorous, but yet, right to the point. Mrs. Fairbetter then presented the story of the "Magic Stairway", a beautiful story of the construction of a church in Santa Fe, N. M. sometime before 1900. As the building progressed, it was discovered that there was no stair to the choir loft, indeed, no way to get there. When Christmas was still some weeks away, the head of the order had to be away, thus delaying a decision about the stairway. When she returned on Christmas eve, a mute child led her to a beautiful spiral stairway rising to the choir loft. It had no visible means of supports, and the wood used was one not common to the New Mexico area. But who had built it? The mute child said just one word, "Jose." Joseph? The Magic Stairway containing thirty-three steps (one for each year Jesus lived on earth) is still there in Santa Fe, and many people visit the church each year to see it.

Time to have the Christmas tree? No matter the age, people are children all at Santatime. Everyone talking, showing gifts, saying thanks—it is a gay and happy time.

And amid it all, the aroma of coffee hinted of good things to come. Refreshments of chicken salad and crackers, cranberry gelatin, and the cake topped with whipped cream were soon being enjoyed with that coffee, hot apple punch, or spiced tea — all so delicious. Our Lord must have intended for His followers to enjoy celebrating the season of Jesus birth, for He certainly has provided well for us so that we may. Those enjoying the fellowship

were Mmes. M. H. Fairbetter, Gertrude Wallace, C. O. Revels, Frank Rhymes, Charles Day, W. O. Parr, Don Moorman, Charles Duran, Estelle Craddock, Gene Baker, Donald Bolt, H. W. Gilbert, Mary Mehaffey, E. N. Higginbottom, Charlie Garrett, Dorothy Hatcher, Othell Clark, Kent Marrs, and Darin and Cory Marrs.

CARD OF THANKS

We are humbly grateful to friends who were so comforting during the time of loss of my mother, Mrs. Ola Monroe. Our thanks for the flowers, food, visits and cards. May God bless each of you: Mrs. Ollie Eaves and family

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1. Use flat bottomed pans for better contact with the electric unit. Also, use tight-fitting lids to reduce cooking time and moisture loss. And match pan size to unit size to avoid heat loss.

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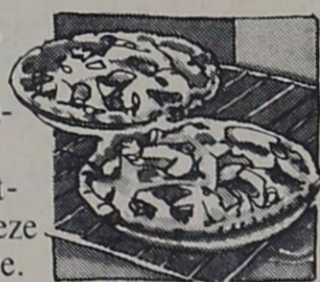
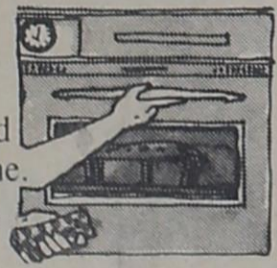
3. Use a minimum amount of water. The more water you use, the

longer it takes to get hot. Many foods can be cooked with little or no water.

4. Bake two cakes or pies, or make double recipes of foods like stews and spaghetti sauce. Then freeze one for future use.

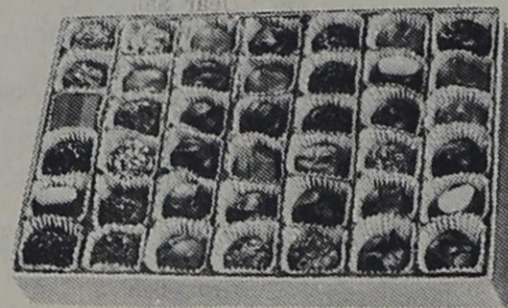
5. Thawing meats before cooking reduces cooking time. When recipes call for a pre-heated oven, don't turn it on too far in advance — usually 10 to 15 minutes will do.

For more tips, get our free booklet, "Tips to help you use electricity more efficiently throughout your home." They're available in our office, or you can request one on the comment portion of your electric service bill.



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Gorman, Texas

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:
I would like a doll, bike and jump rope.
Leslie Sikes

Dear Santa:
I would like a go-cart, bicycle.
Jarrell McClearen

Dear Santa:
I want a walkie-talkie and doll.
Kathrine Turner

Dear Santa:
I want a bicycle with a gear.
Jule Shugart

Dear Santa:
I would like a stuffed dog.
Love, Ronda Hudson

Dear Santa:
I would like a play-gun for Christmas.
John Zugg

Dear Santa:
I would like a bicycle and doll.
Paula Gibson

Dear Santa:
I would like an electric train.
Joe Underwood

Dear Santa:
I would like a walkie-talkie and B-B gun.
Neil Campbell

Dear Santa:
I want an electric train.
Aurturo Gonzales

Dear Santa:
I have been good. I would like a snow cone machine and popcorn machine.
Love, Angie Plaunty

Dear Santa:
I would like a trampoline and a play gun set.
from John Broom

Dear Santa:
For Christmas I would like a snowmaker set.
Clay Chandler

Dear Santa:
I have been good. I would like a B-B gun.
Love, Michiel Perez

Dear Santa:
I am asking for a pellet gun, tractor and candy machine.
Olin Harrington

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—GP—

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To all my friends and neighbors: Many thanks for the gifts, flowers, visits and cards and all kindnesses shown me during my stay in Blackwell Hospital. A special thanks to Dr. Canu and Dr. Pino, the nurses and hospital staff for the good care and attention. Our hospital is such a wonderful place to go when you are sick.
Mrs. C. O. Alsabrook

Dear Santa:
I have been good. Could you bring me a pellet gun and bicycle.
Jeffery Paul Ripley

Dear Santa:
I have been good this year. I would like a Barbie Beauty Center.
Love, Lisa Foster

Dear Santa:
I would like a candy machine.
Stephen Slampa

Dear Santa:
I would like a baton, lunch pail, beauty center and Raggedy Ann doll.
Love, Angela Burgess

Dear Santa:
This year I would like dishes and a bicycle.
Love, Genny Davis

Dear Santa:
I would like a go-cart and snow maker.
Love, Russ Gressett

Dear Santa:
I would like a bicycle and a pellet gun.
Love, Breck Daniels

Dear Santa:
I would like a bicycle.
Love, Erby Reyes



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REINDEER APPEARED LATER



Most of the legends and beliefs about Christmas animals are very ancient. The animal that came into prominence later is the Christmas reindeer. It is difficult to determine exactly when he made his first appearance, or why. One story has it that the Christ Child told St. Nicholas he might choose any animal he wished to draw his gift-laden sleigh on Christmas Eve. But it was Santa Claus, and not St. Nicholas, with whom the legend of the reindeer grew up. We find many animals taking their unforgettable parts in the Christmas scene. The barnyard beasts who serve mankind so well are there. The camels and the horses and the goats, as well as birds are in the Christmas picture. The reindeer are there too, and likely to remain.

TRY THIS CHRISTMAS QUIZ

You decorate your home with holly and enjoy kisses under the mistletoe...celebrate Christmas on December 25...and even if you're past believing in Santa Claus, except to see him drawn and painted as a jolly, bearded old elf. But did you ever stop to think of why you do these things?



Q. What are some of the most popular Christmas gifts?

A. After exhaustive studies of consumer tastes, GiftAmerica has selected and made available to thoughtful people everywhere, the 16 most-wanted items for men and silverplate bowls and tote bags for women. Christmas givers can send tasteful, beautifully gift wrapped presents through GiftAmerica to anyone almost anywhere in the 48 contiguous states within hours. Most major credit cards are accepted when you dial the toll-free number 800-325-5000 (in Missouri only 800-342-5777). It's the most conveniently devised way of sending a gift, second only to Santa Claus!

Q. Which settlers brought Santa Claus to the New World, and which three men created today's popular image of Santa Claus?

A. Kissing under the mistletoe is said to have begun by the ancient Romans, who viewed the plants as a symbol of peace. Enemies, meeting under the mistletoe, were supposed to embrace and declare a truce. The Romans were also first to use holly, at their December Saturnalia festival. The poinsettia comes from Mexico. Joel Poinsett, first American minister to Mexico, brought it here in 1836. The traditional cherry tree, according to the well-known "Cherry Tree Carol," bent its bough so that the Virgin Mary could pluck its fruit.

Q. Who fixed the date of Christmas on December 25th? In what century was Christmas first declared a legal holiday?

A. Pope Julius, about the year 349 A.D., decreed that Christmas should be celebrated on December 25th. In the 6th century--the year 543, to be exact--Christmas was made a legal holiday in Rome.

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A. The Dutch brought Saint Nicolas (Sinter Klaas, for short) to the New World; later his name became Americanized to Santa Claus. Author Washington Irving first described Santa as riding through the skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. Clement C. Moore described Santa as fat and jolly, with a snowy beard, in his famous poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas." Cartoonist Thomas Nast drew him that way.

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AWAY IN A Manger



"AWAY IN A MANGER", the beautiful hymn, is the favorite of young children, and has often been called "THE CHILDREN'S CAROL". The simplicity of the words, the picture they bring to mind, the adaptability of the music - these things have contributed to its popularity. There has been great controversy over its authorship. An argument over who wrote this favorite of the children has been going on for years.

Away in a manger
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay
The cattle are lowing,
The poor baby wails,
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes;
I Love Thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle
Till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me, I pray,
Bless all the dear children
In thy tender care,
And take me to heaven
To live with Thee there.

FROM LUKE
AND THE ANGELS SAID
UNTO THEM, FEAR NOT:
FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING
YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF
GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL
BE TO ALL PEOPLE. FOR
UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS
DAY IN THE CITY OF DA-
VID A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS
CHRIST THE LORD. . . . AND
SUDDENLY THERE WAS
WITH THE ANGEL A MUL-
TITUDE OF THE HEAVEN-
LY HOST PRAISING GOD,
AND SAYING, GLORY TO
GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND
ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD
WILL TOWARD MEN.
LUKE 2:10-14.

GIFTED IDEAS FROM THE ORIENT

America is rediscovering all things Chinese--from art to acupuncture, cookery to Kung Fu.

The graceful line of the "Cheongsam"--the traditional Chinese dress--has found its way into contemporary fashion. Furniture and household accessories as well reflect the recurring Chinese theme. In fact, gifted ideas from the Orient will be turning up under many American Christmas trees this year.

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SHEPHERDS RECEIVE GOOD NEWS

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"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Savior--yes, the Messiah, the Lord--has been born tonight in Bethlehem! How will you recognize him? You will find a baby wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger!"

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others--the armies of heaven--praising God:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven," they sang, "and peace on earth for all those pleasing him."

When this great army of angels had returned again to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Come on! Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They ran to the village and found their way to Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger." (Luke 2:8-16)

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Defendants, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU)

ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court, Eastland, Texas, of Eastland County at the Courthouse thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 31st day of December A. D. 1973, to Plaintiff's First Amended Petition filed in said court, on the 14th day of November A. D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 26,020 on the docket of said court and styled C. M. Kelly, Et Ux, Plaintiffs, vs. R. E. Douglas and wife, Lucyle Douglas, Rosie Thomas and husband, C. R. Thomas, Mae Schneeberger, Carrie White Dale, and husband, James Dale, N. E. Douglas and wife, Marguerite Douglas, W. H. Douglas and wife, Mary Douglas, Ezra F. Mathis and wife, Lida P. Mathis, Nettie Flovin and husband, J. B. Flovin, Della Mathis and husband, Olie Mathis, Margaret Barr and husband, Sam Barr, B. J. Evans, J. Afton Burke, J. LeRoy Arnold, N. F. Haygood, A. G. Gowan and J. L. Evans, their unknown heirs and the unknown heirs of their unknown heirs, if they or any of them be deceased, and for cause of action would respectfully show the Court the following: Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

That the land owned in common by the Plaintiffs and Defendants is described as follows:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Eastland County, Texas, and known as the NE 1/4 of Section 24, Block H, H&TC Ry Co. Survey of lands in Eastland County, Texas, Certificate No. 261547, Abstract No. 1946, about two miles N., 25 degrees W. from the City of Eastland, and bought and fully paid for on the application of S. R. Dickey filed in the General Land Office, Feb. 3, 1900, under laws regulating the sale of public free school land and more fully described by met-

es and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a rock set in ground, the N.E. corner of Sec. 24, Blk. 4, H&TC Ry Co. Survey in Eastland County, a P. O. stump brs. S. 14 deg. W. 4 vrs.; a P. O. 18" dia. brs. N. 60 deg. E. 20.4 vrs. (both old brs.); new br., a B. J. 8" dia., brs. S. 1 deg. 35' W. 33.7 vrs.; Thence N. 89 deg. 50' W. 944 vrs. to stake for corner, (old br.), a P. O. brs. S. 32 W. 5-15 vrs.; Thence S. 0 deg. 19' E. 945.4 vrs. a limestone rock set in ground for corner, a P. O. stump brs. S. 15 deg. E. 10.5 vrs., do. S. 9.5 W. 10 vrs. (both old brs.), new brs. P. O. 6" dia. N. 45.25 E. 17.7 vrs. do. 8" brs. S. 56.5 deg. E. 18.8 vrs.; Thence S. 89 deg. 30' E. 976.3 vrs. to Ford axle driven in ground, 7.92 vrs. N. of ctr. of r.r. tract for S. E. corner of this survey, from which a P. O. 12" dia. brs. N. 41 E. 10.8 vrs. a P. O. 14" brs. S. 0 deg. 45' W. 62.3 vrs.; Thence N. 0 deg. 45' E. 950.9 vrs. to the place of beginning and containing 165.2 acres of land, more or less.

Plaintiffs would further show the court that the land and premises above described is capable of being fairly divided in kind and that it is to the best interest of all parties to this suit that the land and premises be so divided, as to surface rights only, according to the respective interests of said parties. Plaintiffs do not seek a partition of the mineral estate. There are no liens or encumbrances thereon, appearing of record, and no person other than the Plaintiffs and the Defendants are interested in said premises as owners of the surface rights only.

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Witness Joe T. Gray, Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this the 19th day of November A. D. 1973.

Joe T. Gray, Clerk,
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By Mary Jane Rowch
Deputy
4-12-20c

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M. H. Fairbatters Host Methodist Children's Party

'Twas the season of Christmas, and all through the house were beautiful decorations reminding of the real reason for a Christmas party when the Methodist children gathered at the M. H. Fairbatter home last Friday evening. First sight greeting the eyes on entering was the lighted manger scene, then a lighted candle drew attention to the Bible opened at John beginning, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son . . ." In other areas, the children saw an angel surrounded by a glow of light and then as they sought the sound of music, they found the little church with its lighted windows bidding welcome. And, of course, the beautiful tree with gifts underneath caught young attention, too.

After everyone had arrived, a short program was enjoyed. Milton Fairbatter, Jr. played "Joy To The World" on his accordion, followed by a record story about the coming of Baby Jesus. As the record story was heard, Mrs. Kent Marrs showed the storybook pictures. Mrs. Charlie Torres read a Christmas story about the Christ Child coming to visit the cobbler. The cobbler had a dream that He was coming, so he made his little shop ready. But the visitors who came were not what the cobbler expected, until he heard Jesus say, "I came, and you gave me shoes; I came, and you gave me food, I came . . ." Singing of Christmas carols were led by Mrs. Marrs.

James Lynn Kasinger asked the blessing, and then it was time for refreshments. Sandwiches, olives, pickles, assorted chips, cookies and punch were served. And there were plenty of seconds — have another sandwich, more punch, or cookie? In the hustle and bustle of hurrying to the party, most had not taken time for supper, so the delicious food was really enjoyed by all.

How long can little ones really wait to "have the Christmas tree?" Not another minute, so the packages heaped under the lovely tree were given out. Soon cars were buzzing around over the car-

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens met at the Fire Hall at 11 a. m. on December 12th for an early Christmas dinner. We played 42, 84 and dominoes.

My, what a dinner, including turkey and dressing and all the trimmings, possum and taters, armadillo stew, pies and cakes of every kind.

The following were present: Howard and Golda Lancaster, Pass Mae Quinn, Fats and Somebody Littlefield (over her grieving), Baldy and Ora Easter, Tongue-Tied Kent, Eunice Lasater, Ruth Kendrick, Leta Hicks, Cleo Greenwood, Henry McClesky, Nola Underwood, Smiley Shipman, Ethel Lovell, Honest and Bossy Bennett, Mabel Greer, Slim and Talking Henderson, Queen Bee Herweck, Rufus Hicks, Newton and Double Six Bennett, Gene Morris, Denny Moss, Maud Morris, Eura Martin, Lillie Meene, Bill and Ora Haynes and Pearl Greenwood.

We had such a wonderful time visiting and playing.

Oh! I almost forgot! Little Jack Mauney and Talking Monroe. Not much missed though.

Honest (I cannot help it)
Reporter

pet while others opened gifts of paint sets, squeak toys and balls.

The little children enjoying the evening and the big children who may have enjoyed it even more, were as follows: Jimmy, Katherine, and Gloria, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Turner; Anthony and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson James Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Torres; Johnny, and Mrs. Miles Ervin; Darin and Cory, Rev. and Mrs. Kent Marrs; Estelle Craddock, Dorothy Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbatter, and Milton, Jr. It had been a lovely way for the little folks of the Methodist Church Sunday School to enjoy celebrating the birth of the Christ child.



Young Peoples Class Enjoy Christmas Dinner

The Young Peoples Class of the First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas Party with a covered dish turkey dinner on Tuesday, December 12 in Fellowship Hall of the church with 40 young people present.

Invocation was given by Rev. Huron Polnac, pastor of the church.

Guest speaker for the evening was Rev. Lannie Spruill, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Entertainment was provided by Brent Foster, Tony Rip-

ARL LASATERS HOST FOR EARLY CHRISTMAS FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Arl Lasater of Carbon were hosts for the Lasater families Christmas dinner at their home on December 12th.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stuart, Farrell and Warrrel of Ducan, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lasater of Abilene, Mrs. Trannie Lasater Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lasater, Mr. and Mrs. George Lasater, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lasater and Lori, Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. John Lasater, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Caraway, Mr. and Mrs. Bo Caraway, Shannon and Tonya, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scitern, Becca, Allen and Stephen of Kokomo, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern, Brenda, Nita and Amy of Gorman.

Also attending were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Arl Lasater, Lyndon and Terry.

—GP—

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to our many relatives and friends for all of the many kind deeds and every expression of sympathy that you have given us. Our special thanks to Rev. Billy Spencer for the comforting message, Mrs. C. L. Mohon, Sr. for the music, the pallbearers and Nabors Funrela Home.

May God bless you is our prayer.

Mrs. Miles Davis and Alana The Burrell Davis Family
The Carl Graham family
The Dale Boswell Family

ley and Ricky Park, who played the guitar, banjo and sang several numbers. This was followed with group singing of Christmas carols.
Sponsors of the Young Peo-

ples Class is Mrs. Dean Bennett, superintendent, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Miller, teachers.
Special guests were Rev. and Mrs. Huron Polnac.

In lieu of exchanging gifts with each other, each brought a towel and wash cloth for the senior citizens at Lawn-dale Home. This was their Christmas project.

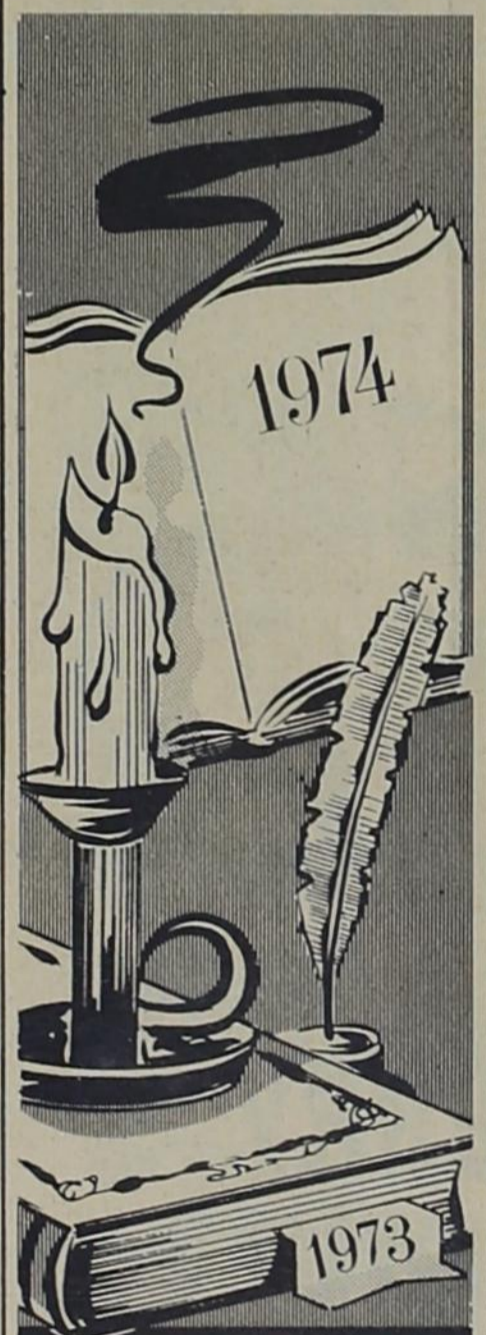


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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. R. M. Curb has returned home from a three and a half months vacation and

visit with her son, Chief and Mrs. Riley M. Curb in Fort Myers, Arlington, Virginia. While there she visited in Baltimore, Md., the White House at Washington, D. C., the Capitol Building, the Ford Theatre in Washington, and

the Washington Monument and the Amish community in Penn., Jefferson's home at Montecello and Washington's home at M. Vernon and many other places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watson were in Eastland Sunday visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watson and family and attended the band concert in which two of their grandsons participated.

Milford Fuller of Arlington, Va. is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. D. Fuller, and will attend the wedding of his brother, Russell.

Mrs. Lou Ellen Holmes of Arvada, Colo., who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Florence Underwood since Thanksgiving, will remain with her until after the Christmas holidays.

-GP-

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank all those who remembered me with cards, flowers, gifts and visits during my stay in the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Your friendship is appreciated so much.

Betty Overstreet

-GP-

Our Children May Get Too Tired At Christmas

All of us have a tendency to let our children get too tired at Christmas. Keep their normal schedule. If they are used to taking a nap, be sure they get one, and don't let them stay up later at night than usual.

The key to keeping sanity in the home during the Christmas season is to prevent the children from becoming over-stimulated.

Parents can help make their children feel more a part of the family's Christmas celebration and at the same time provide them with creative activities, by letting them make holiday decorations. Simple tree ornaments can be made by dipping yarn in liquid starch, dropping the yarn on a piece of wax paper, then setting aside to dry for about three days. Before cutting out to hang on tree, decorate with glitter.

Children can make puppets by taking a child's-size sock, sewing or gluing on yarn for the hair and buttons for the face.



A Christmas Wish



May you follow your own Christmas star to find the answer to your own dreams. And may the peace of the season be yours . . . today and evermore. Best of holiday wishes!

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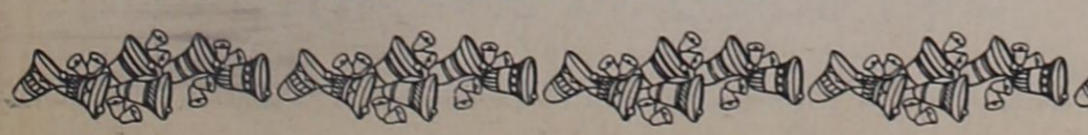
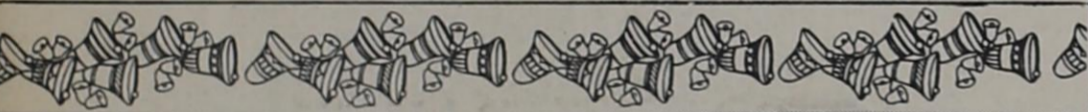
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KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN
Mrs. J. C. Clearman was in charge of the Lottie Moon Mission program at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Others on the program were Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning, Mrs. J. N. Jordan, Mrs. Odis Rodgers and Mrs. Glenn Jordan.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rollins of Bisbee, Ariz. were visitors with her mother, Mrs. Rosie McNeely, in the morning service.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rollins of Bisbee and Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Noell of Oklahoma City have been visiting with Mrs. Rosie McNeely and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeely. The Noells also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks on Thursday.
The family of Mrs. Vern Garrett report that she is feeling much better now and has hopes of being able to return home from the hospital at Eastlan in time for Christmas.
Mrs. Roddy Miles, Joe and Sheri of Abilene visited on Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan, and Teddy, and they all attended the graduation exercises at Tarleton State University in the afternoon. Teddy Jordan and Louann Crawford were among the graduates receiving degrees. Others from Kokomo attending the exercises were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller.
Rev. and Mrs. George of

California spent Sunday night with her sister, Rev. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal.
Jamie Lewallen of Floydada spent Wednesday and Thursday nights with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan, last week while in this area on business.
News is short this week. Everyone is very busy getting ready for the holiday season. But don't let us ever get too busy to remember what the Christmas season really is, the celebration of our Christ's birthday.
Happy Holidays to all!
—GP—
Christmas Party Held at Kokomo
Members of the Kokomo Community Club and Kokomo HD Club met at the community center on Monday night for a joint Christmas party.
While most of the men attended the peanut meeting at Gorman, the ladies set up the Christmas tree with the gifts around it, and decorated the refreshment table with the Christmas theme.
A short business meeting was held by the Community Club with chairman Glenn Jordan presiding. Then it was time for the exchange of gifts and partaking of all the goodies on the refreshment table.
Games of 42 were also enjoyed.
The next meeting of the Community Club will be on Monday night, January 21.
Lawndale Visitors
Mrs. W. C. Browning and Mike Snider, and Golda Lancaster visited in the home.

Mrs. Wallace Cook, Kelli and Karla of De Leon visited Mrs. Sanders.
Doris Clark of De Leon visited Mrs. Macon.
Mrs. Dewey Lindley visited Mr. and Mrs. Davis.
Mrs. Vic Edwards of Eastland visited Mrs. W. L. Wood.
Ann and Ronnie Cagle of Breckenridge, Linda and Chip White of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Almos Lasater of De Leon visited Mrs. Overstreet.
Mrs. Odis Rodgers of Gorman visited Mrs. Timmons and Mrs. Boney.
Ethel Williams and Eva Wright visited Mrs. Craig.
The First United Methodist Church held services at the Home Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. Gene Baker led the singing of Christmas carols with Mrs. Donald Bolt at the piano. Rev. Kent Marrs gave the sermon and prayer.
Other members of the congregation attending were Mimes, Charles Duran, C. O. Revels, M. H. Fairbetter, Velma Bennett, Ruby Acrea, Florence Underwood, Lou Ellen Holmes, Mary Mehaffey, Estelle Craddock, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Garrett, Ois Thompson, Speedy Clark, M. F. Allen Mrs. Kent Marrs, Darin and Cory.
CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 23
The residents of Lawndale Nursing Home are having their Christmas party at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, December 23. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.
We will have our monthly birthday party along with our Christmas party. The ones that have a birthday in December will be recognized and will receive a birthday gift also.



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