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GORMAN, EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS 76454

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SANTA COMING TO GORMAN SATURDAY AT 2



Saturday, December 19th Santa Claus will be here in Gorman. He will arrive at 2 p.m. on the Fire Truck in Downtown Gorman. He will then go to the Senior Citizens Center for a visit with all the kids.

Santa will listen to the wishes of the children and will hand out Candy which has been furnished by Sav-On Foods.

Make plans to bring your kids to see Santa! This annual event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Don Underwood To Seek Re-Election



Sheriff Don Underwood has announced that he has filed for re-election as Eastland County Sheriff.

Don has been involved in law enforcement for the last 21 years. He is a native of Eastland County, having lived in the Gorman, Carbon and Eastland areas, and graduated from Carbon High School in 1959. Don is 46 years old. He and his wife, Dolores, live in Eastland at this time. They have three sons, Lyndall and Connie and their sons, Jady and Jody, live in Eastland, where Lyndall is chief of Police. Greg and Dawn live in Clifton where Greg is employed by Texas New Mexico Power and Light. Daryl lives in Stephenville where he is employed by Erath County Sheriff's Office.

Don has experience as a highway patrolman, juvenile officer, detective and has 10 years combined experience as Sheriff of Eastland and Nolan Counties. Don feels his experience as sheriff of both counties and his training in criminal investigation, drug enforcement, and civil process more than qualify him as a candidate for re-election in the March 8th Democratic Primary.

Don will issue a formal statement at a later date.

—GP—

Commodities To Be Given Out December 30th

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will distribute USDA Commodities at Gorman from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on December 30th. Items available are butter, cheese, cornmeal, dry milk and rice.

All eligible persons will receive emergency food assistance without regard to race, sex, political belief, age, national origin, or handicap. Shut-ins are encouraged to designate an authorized representative to pick up for them. Commodities will be distributed on a first come - first served basis.

—GP—

NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to say a big "THANK YOU" to the Volunteer Firemen of Gorman and De Leon and others who helped with the fire behind our home on Friday. Without their help the damage could have been very severe. But thanks to their quick response, the damage was minor.

Thanks again.

Bert and Bonnie Witt
—GP—

dear santa

I am a good boy.
Please bring me a Pogo Ball.

Cody Simpson

DEAR SANTA

I am a good boy.
Please bring me a Pogo Ball and some candy.

Casey Simpson

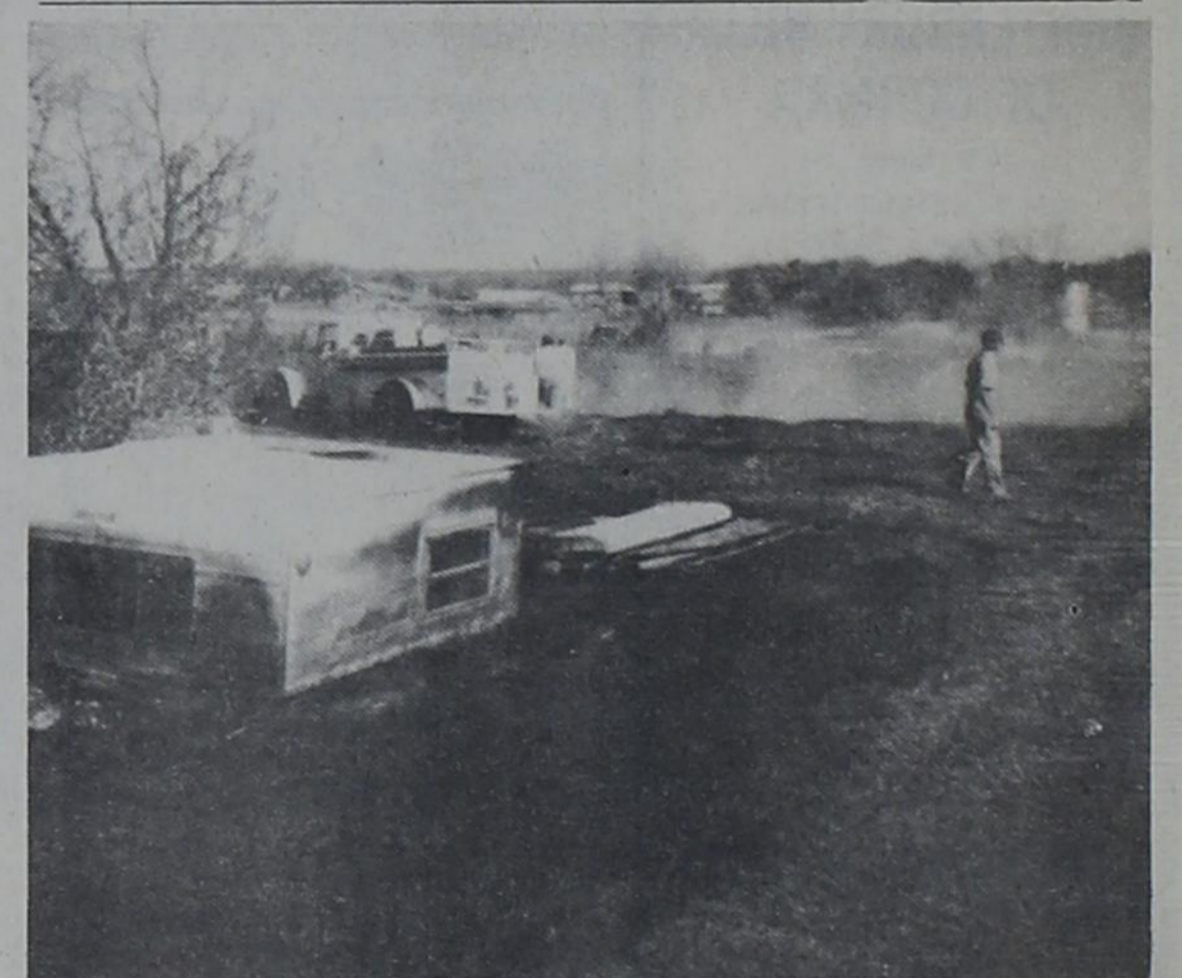
Mr. and Mrs. Verlan Overstreet To Mark Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Verlan Overstreet will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary at a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 20th, at the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ.

Hosting the celebration will be their children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Overstreet, Chuck, Cheri and Tiffany Troutman all of Gorman, Mrs. Barbara Morrison and Ricky of Gorman.

Faye Locke and Verlan Overstreet were married December 23, 1987 in Gorman by Justice of the Peace John Chapman. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the celebration. Your friendship is a treasured gift. No other gifts, please.



A BIG FIRE — Shown above is a camper shell burned in the big grass fire in Gorman on Thursday. In the background is the De Leon Fire Truck as they had responded quickly to a call for help from the Gorman Firemen.

GORMAN TRADIN DAY SET SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

Saturday, December 19 is Tradin Day in Gorman. Vendors may have free space for sidewalk sales. The Gorman Business Alliance will be serving those good Grilled Hamburgers again during the lunch time at the concession stand.

ITEM OF INTEREST

The Gorman 4-H and FFA Booster Club will be having a **Pre-Christmas Bake Sale** on Wednesday, December 23, 1987 starting at 8:00 a.m. in front of the Post Office. Let us help you with some of your Christmas baking and help support our local youth.

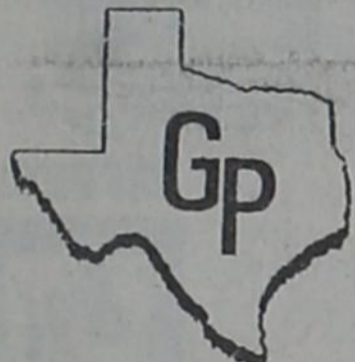
ALCOHOL AND DRUG PREVENTION COUNCIL - 595 Vanderbilt, Stephenville, Texas 76401. Phone 817-965-5515.

GORMAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Senior Citizens Center. Everyone Invited.

FUND STARTED FOR EDNA JOYCE BRINEGAR. A fund has been set up at Citizens State Bank in Gorman to help with expenses due to illness and hospitalization of Edna Joyce.

Information needed on the Morgan Cemetery established in 1882. We are looking for the deed. New fence being put in. Also need help with expenses or work. The Cemetery is located Windham Ranch. Call 817-734-2063.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC at the Senior Center every 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Press Points Joe Bennett, Publisher

Well it happened again on Tuesday night when folks turned out in good numbers to help out a "neighbor". The benefit supper for Edna Joyce Brinegar drew a lot of folks out for the hamburger or barbecue supper with side orders of beans, cornbread and tea and the fixins. The total count on funds following the event was over \$1800. The final count will not be known until the expenses for the food (other than that donated) have been paid. But the total will sound good to the family as it did to those volunteers helping with the benefit. And help was in abundance at the school cafeteria, as folks were ready and willing to pitch in and help out a friend. We had extra beans running out our ears when the serving was finished. Guess folks just didn't eat enough of the "brown beauties". Anyway, there is no way that the civic groups and other organizations can thank folks enough for their response, both with help and money, for Edna Joyce's benefit. And I know she would want us to express her thanks and love to folks in this area for their love and concern.

We will try and have a total on the benefit for next week.

—J—

The Chamber of Commerce has voted to donate \$400 toward the purchase of street signs for Gorman to go with the \$400 the Lions Club had voted to give to the fund. There hasn't been a awful lot of response to the call for help from residents on donating toward putting up the signs on their block. Donations may be sent to the City Office or carried by when you are in town. Any amount will help to make it possible to purchase the signs. The signs are expected to cost about \$40 for each sign. It is the belief that it will take more than 100 signs to name the streets.

Received the following letters.

Dear Joe
Gee, Gorman is a lively little town. Wonderful, Gorman has so many activities for the people to enjoy. I have enjoyed the Gorman Progress this year very much. It was given to me for a "Christmas gift" from a cousin, Barbara (Bennett) Tucker. I

can keep up with friends in Canterbury Villa. They are about the only ones I know in Gorman now. I left Gorman in 1945.

Nice to read what a few cousins are doing to entertain the ones in Canterbury Villa. I know they like to hear Velma Bennett (cousin) play the harmonica. "Have a Merry Christmas".

Enclosed is a check for a subscription for the Progress.

Thank you very much.

Modell (Montgomery) McFadden
1734 Hillside Drive
Fort Worth, Tx 76114

Dear Joe:

I just wanted to drop you a note to let you and the people of Gorman know what kind of young folks we have in our community. During a time of mostly bad news on TV and in the other news media, it is a pleasure to see what I saw today.

This morning, we had a large grass fire on the north side of town that was endangering at least six houses, and our fire department was in desperate need of help in fighting the fire. As I wiped some of the smoke and ashes from my eyes, I saw Bo Caraway and Bill Sandlin drive up with a group of high school boys.

The smoke was so thick that I could not see who all the boys were, but some of them I recognized. It wouldn't be necessary to name them, because they represented the entire age group in my eyes. The boys jumped from the vehicles, ran toward the fire, and helped to save the endangered houses.

Without the help they provided, the loss of property would have been much worse. I felt very proud of them, and I think that the community should realize that our young people are the "cream of the crop." They are more than just "all right" in my book!

Thanks.

Cecil Funderburgh
—J—

Thanks for the good words on our young folk Cecil. I have always said that we have the greatest young people in Gorman that you could find anywhere in the whole world. And, as you say, its nice to have some good words about our youth when all you general hear about is the bad stuff.

—J—

The work on the expansion project out at the Peanut Corporation of America is coming right along with the heavy beams already in place and the support braces being installed. Company people called us on Tuesday to come out and get a picture of the heavy crane that was to be used to lift the heavy peanut butter machinery in place. The

picture turned out a little dark, but maybe we can get a better one when the day is brighter so we can get more light. This company is really expanding and on the move.

—J—

Noticed in an article for this weeks paper where the County Commissioners of Eastland County had voted to limit the width of the right-of-way on the Oliver Springs highway. The right-of-way is in the City Limits of Gorman and it was one of the hold-ups on securing the right-of-way for the proposed highway. This will alleviate some of the problems on getting things ready for the project to go forward.

—J—

Don't forget to be in Gorman on Saturday afternoon for Santa's visit with the kids. Santa will be available to visit with the children and give them some candy which was donated by Sav-On Foods. Santa will be downtown at 2 p.m. and will visit with children in the Senior Citizens Center.

—J—

We anticipate on publishing the Christmas edition at the usual time next week. But if you have any news to be published, please send it on in as early as possible. It's not many days now before Old Santa comes.

—J—

We received the following information on the peanut production in Eastland County. The report will be updated periodically as additional producers report their production.

Total Planted Acres	- 26,965.2
Planted Acres Reporting	- 4,778.8
Pounds Harvested	- 6,627,832
Average Yield Per Acre	- 1,386.9

—J—

Our policy regarding political announcements is:

For a fee, depending on the post for which a candidate is seeking, the Progress will publish a picture and information about a candidate, plus the candidate's name will appear in a political calendar which will remain in the paper each week until election time. Candidates will be allowed an announcement to seek office, then a statement at a later date.

The Primary Election will be on March 8th next year rather than May, so everyone's schedule has been moved up somewhat.

—J—

And remember to smile -- because God Loves You!

—GP—

School Holidays

The Christmas and New Years holidays at the Gorman Schools will begin when classes are dismissed on Tuesday, December 22nd, and will resume on Monday, January 4th.

your advertising dollars do better in THE CLASSIFIEDS!!!

ELECTRICAL WORK WANTED: Call 734-2954 after 5:30 p.m. Donald Laminack. 2-14-FNC.

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5-7-FNC.

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FOR RENT: Mobile Home, fully furnished, 3 bedroom, close to school. Call 734-2578 or 893-2097. 1-17-FNC.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3-2-2 in 2.25 acres on Desdemona Highway just outside the city limits. No payment for owners equity, pay off bank note. Call 915-695-3665. 9-5-FNC.

FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS AND CONVENIENCE, STOP IN AT SEARS CATALOG AGENCY IN DE LEON OR CALL 893-2086. 11-21-FNC.

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POSTMASTER: Please Send Change of Address to Gorman Progress, P. O. Box 68, Gorman, Texas 76454.

YEAR END SALE: New 20" 7ga. Tandem Discs - \$12.00; New 22" 7 ga. Tandem Discs - \$15.50; Chisel Points - \$5.25; Chisel Shanks - \$25.00; 6" Box Blades 3 pt. - \$275.00; 6" Blades 3 pt. - \$175.00; Tool Bar Spacers - \$15.00; Corner Post - \$6.00 and UP; Paper Shell Pecans - 75¢; Troyat Underwood, Call 734-2643. 2-12-17P.

FOR SALE: Small frame house. Needs repair. ¾ acre lot. On Houston Street behind Birdsong Peanuts. Price negotiable. Call 512-653-3315 after 6:00 p.m. 4-12-31 C.

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FOR SALE: 1980 F-150 ½ ton pickup, blue and white, good condition. Call Shirley Eaves, 734-2254 Weekdays or 734-2592. 2-12-24 C.

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10-29-FNC.

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OAK FIREWOOD FOR SALE: \$50.00 per cord picked up; \$65.00 per cord Delivered. Call 647-1717 or 647-1072. 4-12-24 P.

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CITY CHIT CHAT

By Charlie Garrett, Mayor

I want to take a few minutes to again praise the people of Gorman who so freely give of their time to help people. I attended a party of two of those groups last week and it was great to see so many who were helping. One group was the volunteers who help at Canterbury Villa. These people give many hours of their time to a very worthy cause. The other group was those who serve as volunteers at the Senior Center. They help in the kitchen, in serving of the meals, in home deliveries, quilting, and any other chore that needs to be done. In addition to these two groups, there are many more who do so much for those who need help. I want to give all of the volunteers of Gorman a great big "THANK YOU", for what you do.

So many people took part in the Edna Brinegar Benefit that helped to

Memorial and Tribute Pages Available in County History Book

Persons wishing to honor their parents, grandparents, a favorite teacher, preacher, or dear friend, can do so by purchasing a page in the forthcoming Eastland County History Book. A full page is \$250; half page is \$175, or a quarter page is \$100.

Approximately 2100 family stories have been submitted for the book. Even though the book will not be published by Christmas, gift certificates are available to be given for Christmas. This will be a treasured gift for a lifetime. The price of the book is \$52.50, plus \$3.28 sales tax.

The book may be paid for through a payment plan: \$20 down and three monthly payments of \$13 each. Persons wishing to order gift certificates for Christmas should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Eastland County History Book, P. O. Box 856, Eastland, Tx. 76448 to obtain an order blank.

Persons having questions about the book should contact Ron Bailey at 629-2365 after 6 p. m. each evening.

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FUR BUYER
will be in GORMAN at BROWN'S FEED STORE at 9:15 a.m. til 10:00 a.m. every TUESDAY. Buyer COWBOY BAKER, He pays CASH.

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make it a success. The City, the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Alliance, and the Joy Class, along with many, many others who pitched in and helped. To all of these I also say, "THANK YOU". Isn't it great to live in a town where people care. Keep up the good work.

At the last Commission meeting, Dr. Ek met with the Commission and

expressed that he has an interest in moving to Gorman and running the Clinic. He would be the resident doctor at the clinic. He wants to know what the feelings of the people are about such an arrangement. If you have any comments, let me know.

Please be very careful with your burning. If you want to burn your lot, do so in the early morning when the

breeze is still and the grass is damp and be sure you have it under control at all times. The fire we had last week north of Rogan Street could have been tragic. Please, please be careful.

Many, many thanks to our Volunteer Firemen for their unselfish service to the community. They are always ready to protect our property when the call comes.

Gift Specials

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CANTERBURY VILLA OF GORMAN

NANCY HENDRICKS - Reporter

We will have our annual Christmas party at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday, December 20th. Family members, friends and guests are invited and welcome. The First United Methodist Church will have the program.

The December birthday party will be at 2 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 31st. Jenny and Orvil Newcomb and the Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club will come and help. Those having December birthdays include Thelma O'Neal, Mary Harrell, Garnet Adams, Mary Emerson and Veno Hale.

There will be a country and western musical on Thursday at 7 p. m. Come and enjoy the good music these fine musicians bring.

James and Ruby Lee Kinser came on Sunday and took Berta Poyner for an outing. Berta Poyner's guests included James and Ruby Lee, Rhonda Mae Barney, Richard Kinser Eastland, Bro. Marion Dennis, Barbara and L. T. Haygood of Comanche.

Mamie Little of Eastland visited Annie and Veno Hale on Sunday.

Lily M. Printess of Whitney, Billie and Ann Haynes visited Berneice Haynes.

Lois Marie McDaniels of Eastland visited Ruby.

Agatha Nance of Desdemona visited Mary Harrell.

Vernon and Delbert Kidd of Huntsville visited Doll Hickey on Tuesday.

Monday bingo winners were game 1 - Iola Johnson; game 2 - Bernice Haynes; game 3 - Cynthia Earles. Nancy Holloway blacked out.

Those coming to the 2 p. m. Tuesday singing were Melba Frasier Opal Mauney, Willo Rice, Estelle Ervin, Nina Joiner, Oma Dee Garrett Estelle Dickey, Nancy Hendricks, Joe O'Neal, Bruce Thomas and Billie Stacy of Carbon.

Visiting with Dessie Cooper were E. Cooper, Bonnie Ham and Merle Hankins of Glen Rose, Vernon Hankins of Houston, Sherry Count, Angie and Christina of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martinez of De Leon visited Orvil and Emma Doyle Boyd on Thursday.

On Thursday at 1:30 p. m. Irene West, Joe O'Neal and Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo. Winners were: game 1 - Cynthia Earles; game 2 - Iola Johnson; game 3 - Charlotte O'Neal. Blackouts were Lonzo Coffman and Cynthia Earles.

It is good to report Eulon Perry is back after a stay in the De Leon Hospital.

Mr. Frank Hagood of Gorman came to live with us on November 20th. He was formerly employed by

Terminal Allied of Fort Worth. He has four children, Howard of Gorman, L. T. Hagood of Comanche, Billie Marble of Jackson, Calif., and Charlie Featherhaff. He moved here from the Hotel Apartments.

We are happy to have three new residents, Mrs. Mary Arwood of Ranger, who is the aunt of Mrs. Mary Moseley of Ranger; Jess Hallmark of Gorman, whose wife is Irene Hallmark. They have four children, Wilma Cordell and Carolyn Moore of Gorman, Jimmy Hallmark of Rankin and Verle Hallmark of Austin.

On Wednesday Hazel Smith, Gladys Chambliss, Nancy Hendricks and Lily M. Prentiss of Whitney helped us play bingo. Anna Rush, Opal Mauney sent red apples and Velma Bennett gave Christmas corsages for prizes. Winners were game 1 - Lonzo Coffman; game 2 - Bernice Haynes; game 3 - Cynthia Earles. Those who blacked out were Nancy Holloway, Doc Hamilton, Iola Johnson, Lonzo Coffman, Bernice Haynes Berta Poyner, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, and Gertie Leeoer. We appreciated all the gifts.

At 2:30 on Sunday coming from the First Baptist Church were Bro. Ron Carroll, Brent Lasater, Nina Joiner, Ruby Lee Kinser, Era Maupin, Frankie Jo Shipman, J. A. Carter, Nora Carter and Guest, Joe O'Neal.

At 4 p. m. members of the Church of Christ were Bro. T. A. Grice, Zina Simpson, Jessie Lee Jones, Pernia Faye Smith, Dora Faye Brewer, Janda and Tracey Taylor, Frankie and Georgie Stacy, Fred and Gena Rogers, Floydene Gilbert, Dee Smith, Stella Scott, Floy Morrison, Gene and Jessie Lee Falls, Lorene Foster, Gregg, Kathy, Symantha, Tana and Jeannie Goode.

We sure have enjoyed and appreciate the blue and white bibs the Baptist Homemakers Class gave.

Visiting with Carroll and Leta Hogan were Harold, Bea, Blessing and Jacob Schkade of Albany, Elaine Jeremy, Joshua and Milenda Eaves.

-GP-

SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

Monday - Oatmeal, juice and milk.
Tuesday - Cereal, juice and milk.

LUNCH

Monday - Chicken nuggets and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey and milk.

Tuesday - Turkey, salad and pimento cheese sandwiches, french fries, lettuce and tomato salad, ice cream and milk.

CAPTOL UPDATE

By JIM PARKER

Several weeks ago I discussed the status of SB 595, a bill that passed last session which would have included agricultural vehicles under the definition of "commercial" vehicle and HB 908 which would have set minimum liability insurance levels for those vehicles at \$500,000. At that time I had received many calls and visits from farmers and ranchers who were, to put it very mildly, concerned about these new requirements. I had hoped that my discussion would have eased some minds; however, apparently, there are many folks who are just now becoming aware of the new laws. For them and as an update, I thought I would review the situation as it stands now.

The Railroad Commission, in an effort to address the many complaints and concerns of farmers and ranchers, published two proposals in the Texas Register relating to these bills. One proposal would exempt agricultural vehicles carrying equipment, supplies or livestock to or from the owner's farm or ranch from the "commercial" vehicle definition. The other proposal would reduce the minimum amount of required insurance for vehicles having three axles or less or weighing under 26,000 pounds from \$500,000 to that amount required by the Safety-Responsibility Act. (Again I want to commend the Railroad Commission for their quick action to remedy a terrible situation.)

In the normal course of action following the publication of proposed new rules, there is a 30 day period

CARBON NEWS

DOROTHY JACKSON
Phone 639-2540

Everywhere you go people are in a tither trying to get their last minute shopping done and attend all the activities that take place before Christmas. We live in a society that requires us to take precautions as we shop. Also as we leave our homes. Be careful of people we come in contact with, especially this time of year, because there are con artists out there waiting to find a victim. We hear of this every day. Just use your common sense if someone offers you something and it sounds too good to

for public comment. For the entire process to run its course, the new rules could not be finally adopted until the last of January or the first of February. However, in order to avoid having farmers and ranchers comply with rules that the Commissioners are trying to change, they plan to consider the proposals for emergency adoption in the next week or ten days. Should the proposals for this pass as expected, they will go into effect immediately on an emergency basis, thus absolving farmers and ranchers of the need to comply with the laws as passed by the Legislature. There should be a "collective sigh of relief" from all of us who are farmers or ranchers and who then will not be required to meet the same insurance standard as that of true commercial haulers.

If there are questions remaining for any of you on this topic, don't hesitate to contact me; but, the Railroad Commission, at least on this issue at this time, is on top of the situation. That's more than can be said for many government agencies.

be true, most likely it is. JUST BE AWARE! No matter how busy we get lets not forget the real meaning of this holiday season.

What did I say last week about mother nature not knowing that it was winter time. I think she finally got the message. We do need the moisture very badly.

The streets of Carbon are clear of peanut equipment. Maybe that's a sign the harvest is finished. Now comes the time of fence mending, shop work and all other maintenance that was put off til a later date.

This being the last week of school till after the holidays, school will dismiss Friday at 2:30 and students come back on Monday, January 4. The last basketball game till after the holidays will be with Eastland JV Dec. 18th at 5:30 at Carbon. Saturday, Jan. 2 Carbon will travel to Blanket for a basketball game.

Carbon senior citizens and shut-ins want to say a big Thank You to the Carbon Country Hicks 4-H Club for the fruit sacks that were delivered to them this past week. This is a very nice and thoughtful thing to do for the older people in Carbon.

Bro. T. D. Whitehorn of Carbon brought the morning and evening services at the Baptist Church in the absence of our pastor, Bro. Sherl Taylor. Sunday night, Dec. 20, there will be the annual Christmas program at the Baptist Church. All friends and neighbors are invited. Also "Santa" will make an appearance. Wednesday, Dec. 23rd there will be no prayer services at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDaniel visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster McDaniel of Granbury over the weekend.

Not much visiting going on this week. All are making preparations for company next week.

SCHOOL HONOR ROLL KINDERGARTEN

A Honor Roll
Jessica Daniels, Cole Sandlin,

Bobby Joe Grissom, Josie Thacker-son, Amber Lay and Kristy Isborn.

A-B Honor Roll

Joshua Whitson and Jack Worsham.

FIRST GRADE

A Honor Roll
Scottie Whitt, Jashua Jarvis, Scott Kanady and Melissa Lewis.

A-B Honor Roll

Diana Rackaw and Cody Carlton.

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll
Tracy Hardin, Tracy Cozart, Clay Sandlin, Mary Estes, Jennifer Rice and John Worsham.

A-B Honor Roll

Trisha Bowles, Jason Dale, Justin Johnson, Lane Gourley, and Jeff Kanady.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll
Amanda Kanady and Adam Loy

A-B Honor Roll

Felicia Blackwell
FOURTH GRADE
A Honor Roll
Justin Blwoes, Kelly Gourley, Chad Kanady, Brad Stacy and Heather Sandlin.

A-B Honor Roll

Steve Gideon, Zack Rice, Brandy White, Sandy Jones and Jason Johnson.

FIFTH GRADE

A-B Honor Roll
Lillian Lewis

JUNIOR HIGH

A-B Honor Roll
Jancey Hamilton, Robbie Daskevich, Brandy Scott, Tracy Emerson, Kevin Kanady, Angela Stacy, Brian Tucker, and Sherlee Whitson.

HIGH SCHOOL

A Honor Roll
Wendy Clower, Holly Tucker, Kyle Bryant and Michael W. Norris.

A-B Honor Roll

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FIRST DEER — Darlene Hattox of Bureson, Texas shot her first deer, November 27, 1987, on her parents, James and Myra Wood's property, Southwest of Gorman. It was an 8 point, excellent trophy rack, which she is having shoulder mounted. It weighed 96 pounds field dressed.

Helen Chandler Host For UMW

The United Methodist Women met in the home of Helen Chandler. We always have a great time at our Christmas Party in the festive home and beautiful candles of all colors.

The December 14th meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Ruby Acrea for all those who are ill and we all need prayer and special needs of those not able to come be with us.

She then told the story of Jesus' birth from the 2nd chapter of Luke. She gave the story history of the carol as it rose and fell in favor with the church and in popular tradition.

The service of lessons and carols is

a joining of three elements that have been present at winter solstice celebrations from the beginning of the Christian era. One element is Vigil, another is caroling, and the third is festival season. The character of the service of lessons and carols. From Christmas Eve until Epifany there is an almost unbroken procession of holy days. At the close of the story everyone helped wrap the gifts for the residents of Canterbury Villa and take them to the home following the party.

We wrote Christmas cards to all the shut-in members of the United Methodist Church.

Helen Chandler served delicious refreshments of cherry coffee cake, chips, dips, fruit cake, candy, spiced tea and coffee to all those present.

Those attending were Ruby Acrea, Pauline Dennis, Velma Bennett, Mildred Whitt, Ruth Higginbottom, Nellie Lucky, Bobbie Brown, Tom-mye Haile, and Theresa Parker.

Everyone enjoyed the party and fellowship, and the group will meet again in January of next year.

Gorman FFA To Sell Fruit and Meat This Season

The Gorman FFA will be selling fruit and meat again this year. If you need an order, please contact an FFA member or call 734-2505 during school hours.

The fruit will be delivered about Dec. 17th or 18th. The meat will be delivered Dec. 19th.

We have always appreciated your support as a community.

—GP—

Betty Arnold Honored with Farewell Coffee

Mrs. Mozelle Rhymes entertained with a Christmas farewell coffee on Saturday at 10 a. m. for Betty Arnold. Betty and her husband, Erich, are in the process of moving to Granbury.

Co-hostesses were France Simpson, Zena Simpson, Joy Rogers, Beryl Rodgers, Betty Henderson, Lana Sharp, and Carole Ervin.

The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas candles and poinsettia arrangements. The serving table was covered with a lovely Christmas decorated cloth and was centered with an arrangement of candles and loinetias and was laden with many Christmas sweet treats.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Larry Anderson of Cranfills Gap, Mrs. Wesley Rogers, Gina, Miriam and Lesley of Granbury.

The Arnolds will be missed and we wish them the very best in their new home.

—GP—

Senior Citizens Center Volunteers Are Honored

The volunteers and quilters at the Senior Citizens Center were honored at an annual Christmas breakfast on Saturday at 7:30 a. m. in the home of Mozelle Rhymes, center director, with Wynnogene Smith, Green Thumb employee, as co-hostess.

Guests were greeted with the aroma of fresh brewed coffee as they entered the beautifully decorated home.

Coffee, orange juice, homemade sweet rolls and sausage balls were served to the many guests in attendance.

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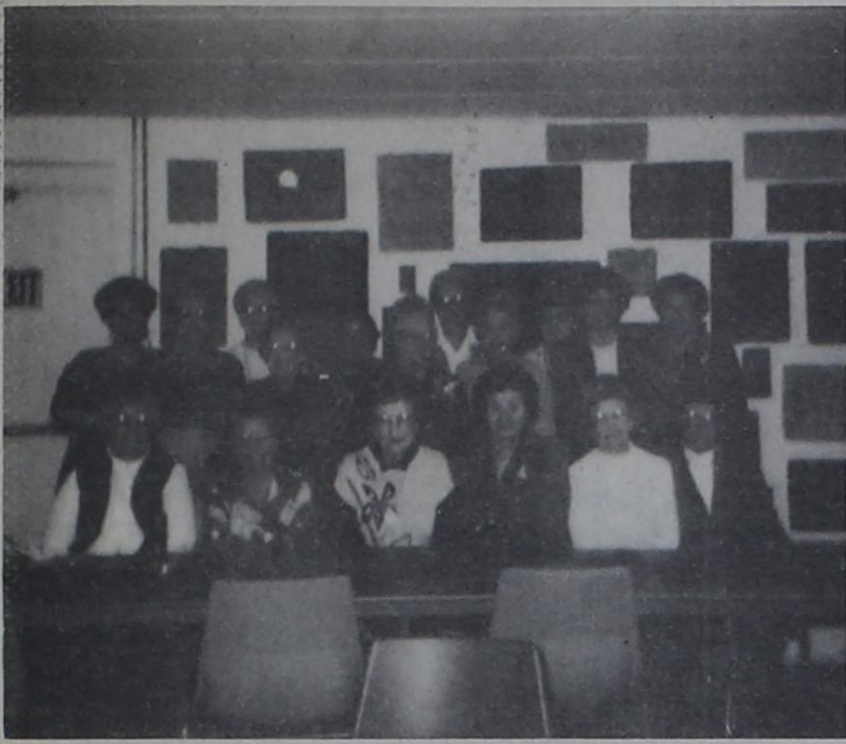
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Canterbury Villa Volunteers House Party Held



Bottom row - left to right: Estelle Ervin, Bernice Rodgers, Dora Daye Brewer, Nancy Hendricks, Berta Gregory and Iris Preston. Back row - left to right: Leta Hogan, Anna Rush, Oma Dee Garrett, Ava Rodgers, Opal Mauney, Melba Frasier, Mozelle Rhymes, Willo Rice, Hazel Smith and Gladys Chambless. Attending not pictured were Charlie Garrett, Leland Warren, Carroll Hogan, and John Rice. Mrs. John Rice hosted a party honoring the Canterbury Villa Volunteers at the Gorman Senior Citizens Center at 5:00 p.m. on December 11th.

Instead of exchanging Christmas gifts every one donated to buy Christmas presents for the Canterbury Villa residents.

There were chips, dips, sandwiches, pickles, stuffed celery, cakes, cookies, doughnuts, iced tea, and cokes. Everyone had a great time.

Action of County Commissioners Monday

County Commissioners of Eastland County may have to borrow \$75,000 to pay for the property of the jail expansion. A spokeswoman for the County Auditor's office told county commissioners on Monday that the general fund does not contain the money to meet the purchase price.

Eastland County is slated to take possession of the property within 90 days of more than half a block of land

FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP HITS ALL TIME HIGH

Eastland County Far Bureau ended its membership year with a total of 2,003 member families to help push the Texas Farm Bureau's statewide membership total to an all-time high of 334,162, according to Joe Frank McCollum of Okra, president.

"The local organization had a gain of 23 member families over last year," the local president said.

In the fiscal year ended Oct. 31, the TFB showed a gain of 10,363 member families, marking the 35th consecutive year to gain. Texas continues to be the largest state FB in the nation.

In expressing appreciation for Eastland County FB's contribution to the state total, S. M. True, president of the TFB, said membership growth along with other achievements, have made this a banner year."

—GP—



Breckenridge; a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Carr and boys of Stephenville; and a son, Johnny and Jo Ann Scitern and family of Kokomo.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary Sunday with a family dinner at Zentner's Daughter in Abilene. They were married December 14, 1951. Family members were Mr. and Mrs. James Schuman and Jacquelynn of Eastland and Lonnie Bennett and friend, Becky McGlothlin of Gorman. They also enjoyed the Ice Capades at Taylor County Coliseum.

adjoining the jail on the north side. Commissioners were notified on Monday that there were only eight prisoners housed in the jail at that time.

In other business commissioners passed a resolution limiting the width of the right-of-way of 595 feet of county road 2921 to 80 feet.

Width of right-of-way usually is 100 feet, but this property is inside the City of Gorman has property on each side that makes the extra footage expensive. Safety and convenience of the public will not be affected, commissioners stated.

The commission also authorized Jerry Mathews, Department of Public Safety sergeant, to advertise for applicants to fill the position of court clerk for the justice of the peace. The former clerk has moved.



A LOT OF FIRE AND SMOKE — Shown above is a view from the back side of the fire area at the grass fire Thursday. The damage could have been severe without all the help and cooperation of all the folks.

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This contest open to two age groups:

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NEWS

Visiting with John and Troy Scitern during the holidays were her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rich of Laramie, Wyo.; her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Welch of Lake Leon; a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Welch of

Keith attended the wedding of Derick Middleton and Choyia Holder last Sunday, December 13th at the Rocky Point Baptist Church in Stephenville. Her parents are Bonnie Jean and Ray Haynes and grandmother is Berneice Partain, all of Stephenville.

"Congratulations" to Christal Koonce, Angela Creed and Carol Ann Lewis on their first piano recital in De Leon last Sunday. Their teacher is Vicki Robinett of De Leon. Several from this area attended the recital at the Canterbury Villa.

Delinda Osborne of Fort Worth has visited the past several days with her grandmother, Elva Lewis.

Thought For Today — Flattery is like soap. Ninety percent lie.

DESDEMONA NEWS

VONNIE GUTHERY
Phone 758-2665

Bro. R. D. Phillely, a retired minister of Comanche, is the new interim pastor at the First Baptist Church of Desdemona.

Otis Goforth, a former resident of Desdemona, is confined to his home with a severe illness. He would enjoy hearing from his friends in this area. The address is 1204 East 44th St., Odessa, Texas 79762. His wife is the former Betty Westmoreland of the Gorman area.

Remember all the sick ones and shut-ins this holiday season with your cards and prayers. It is only a small thing of ours to send cards, but to the sick, it is knowing that you care.

Vonnie Guthery, Bernard and Ann



We are thinking of you today
Because it's Christmas
And we wish you joy,
And tomorrow
Because it's the day after Christmas
We shall wish you joy.
Perhaps we can't tell you about it
From day to day
For you may be far away
Or we may be entangled
With the things of life
But it makes no difference.
Our thoughts and our wishes
Will be with you.
Whatever joy or success comes to you,
We shall be glad clear through the year.

Without pretense
We wish you the spirit of Christmas.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

National Peanut Poundage Quota and Support Level Announced by USDA

WASHINGTON* D.C.* Dec. 1 — The U. S. Department of Agriculture today proposed a national poundage quota of 1, 402,200 short tons (2,804 million pounds) for the 1988 marketing year, up 46,700 short tons (93 million pounds) from the 1987 level.

Milton Hertz, administrator of the USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said that USDA is also proposing a 1988 national average price support level for quota peanuts of \$615.87 per short ton, up \$8.40 from the 1987 crop. The support level would increase by this amount based on current estimates of the cost of

producing 1987 crop quota peanuts. Hertz said that USDA is required by law to announce the final national poundage quota for 1988 marketing year peanuts by Dec. 15, and the final price support level for quota peanuts by Feb. 15, 1988.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, requires the national poundage quota for the 1988 crop of peanuts to be equal to the quantity of peanuts that the secretary of agriculture estimates will be devoted to domestic edible, seed and related use in the 1988 marketing year. The marketing year begins August 1, 1988. The quota may be no less than 1,100,000 short tons.

Steve Slampa Playing With HSU Cowboy Band

ABILENE — Steve Slampa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slampa of Gorman, has become part of a Hardin-Simmons University tradition that is over 60 years old as he participates in HSU's World Famous Cowboy Band.

The Cowboy Band, in which Slampa is a tuba player, has enter-

tained crowds in the United States and abroad with their unique western style and flair including five European tours, five presidential inaugurations and countless rodeos across the United States.

The band is supported by the Cowboy Band Foundation whose financial assistance built the Cowboy Band Hall and helped send the band to Europe in 1984 and Nice, France in 1986.

Slampa is also a member of HSU's Concert Band, which is a large ensemble designed for the study and performance of a wide variety of band literature.

Commodity Recertification Set For Eastland County

It is that time of the year when Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., which sponsors the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, must recertify the clients who participate in this much-needed program.

The Texas Department of Human Services' guidelines state that to receive USDA commodities, households must apply once a year in the contracted service area where they live.

Peggy Roberts, Eastland County Center Director, and CTO staff will be in the following locations during the month of January, 1988 to assist clients in filling out their applications. Gorman: Senior Citizens Center - 1-13 - 1 to 4 p. m.

Carbon: Downtown - 1-6 - 9 to 11 a. m.

Desdemona: Community Center - 1-6 - 1 to 3 p. m.

Eastland: Senior Citizens Center - 1-12 - 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Clients MUST provide proof of identity, residency and income.

THE GORDON SPOT

Thirty-three first place winners in the Eastland County Pecan Show were sent to the Central Texas Regional Pecan Show to compete with other county winners last week.

Mrs. Lorene Jennings' Mohawk pecans that were in-shell champions in our county show were named first place Mohawk pecan at the regional show. Dan Childress Caddo pecans, also won second place with entries of Chickasaw pecans, and Harper pecans. Also, winning second place were Rudolph Little with Halbert pecans, James Alexander with San Saba Improved pecans, and Ruby Jones with Texas Prolific pecans. Eastland County third place pecans were Childress' Cherokee pecans, T. E. Robertson's John Garner pecans and Childress' Texhan pecans.

Congratulations to all the Eastland County winners.

A forage test is the best way to evaluate the quality of hay and what supplements, if any, will be needed to meet nutritional requirements of livestock consuming that hay. Producers can mail forage samples to the Extension Service's Forage Testing Laboratory at Texas A&M or the Cross Timbers Feed and Forage Lab in Stephenville and get results within a week.

Information sheets and guidelines for collecting forage samples and interpreting analysis are available at the county extension office. So take a few minutes now to collect a hay sample and get it tested. It could make a big difference in your livestock feeding program this winter.

—GP—

COUNTY EXTENSION NEWS

Those 4-H members planning to exhibit an animal project at the Eastland County Livestock Show MUST have an animal project form on file in the County Extension Office. Forms must be turned in BEFORE January 1, 1988. If not, you will not be eligible to show during the county livestock show.

How many times have you heard a sad story about an animal project dying before or during the county livestock show and the 4-H member loses all the money put into the animal? These things happen all the time and the best way to make sure you don't lose any money is to insure your animal. A local insurance company will insure 4-H and FFA projects including sheep, goats, calves, swine and horses. Rates are different for each and depend on the value of your animal. I highly recommend insuring your project and if you have any questions concerning this coverage, please call 629-1093.

'Tis the Season To Be Cautious



NOTICE!!

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Kids have you got your lists made out? Have you been good? Well, Santa Claus is coming to Gorman on Saturday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. He will arrive in Gorman on the fire truck and will be at the Senior Citizens Center afterwards to visit with all of the kids. Parents make plans to bring your children out to this Annual event which is sponsored by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce.