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# Season's Greetings

# ALL THE BEST!

From the Staff and Correspondents of

*The Gorman Progress*

*Joe - Jake - Elania - Estelle - Zelda - Vonnie - Nancy*

## WEATHER WATCH SCHOOL

National Weather Service to present a Weather Watch School at the De Leon City Hall on January, 6th at 6:30 p.m. The School is being sponsored by De Leon Fire Department.

Public Is Invited To Attend.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**SQUARE DANCE LESSONS** - Dance lessons start Tuesday, January 13, 1998 at Dublin Recreation Hall, Dublin City Park. First 3 lessons are free. Call Dublin Cloverleafs at 254-734-3308 or 734-2178.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Oleta Moseley, Worthy Matron and Pat Moseley, Worthy Patron.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Barry Brown, Pastor - 1st and 3rd Sundays; Elder Dale Majors - 2nd Sunday - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

### Eastland County Hay Show Results

Twenty-eight county hay producers participated in the annual Eastland County Hay Show, December 6, 1997. Growers are increasing their capability to produce consistently high quality hay. Five years ago it was unusual to see coastal protein test above 11 or 12% protein, but today more growers are producing higher quality hay in Eastland county.

The winning coastal entry was produced by Clyde Herring from the Flatwood community. The entry tested 15.1% crude protein and had very high physical characteristics including length of leaf, small stems and good color. Clyde states "that he is the hay grower business to satisfy a need for a good high quality product he can make money from. "I have sold my cows and now concentrate on producing hay" he continued.

Top Sudan entry went to J.L. "Jeri" Cate of Eastland with a 13.1% crude protein test. Very leafy, low stem production and excellent color were combined to make this bale a very top quality one. Jeri has gained the reputation of producing some of the finest coastal hay in the area as well. Jeri has put into production several irrigated coastal fields and markets every round bale he can produce, which numbers in the thousands.

Champion Peanut Hay went to Brad Stacy of Carbon with a 11.8% protein test. Brad's hay was not typical of peanut hay. His bales were very leafy, green and full of peanuts. Brad is in the custom baling business and farms peanuts in the Carbon area.

Producers who had runner up entries included Royce McGaha of Carbon; Jim Kennedy of Olden, Dough Underwood of Eastland and Jim Moylan, Jr. of Eastland. Other quality hay growers and supporters included John Bolt of Flatwood, Fred Winkler of Eastland, Alton Mitchell of Eastland, Betty Clayborn of Eastland, Raymond Threet of Eastland, Tommy Bacon of Cisco, C.W. Williamson of Eastland, Morris Underwood of Eastland, Russell Walker of Eastland, Sandlin Brothers of Carbon, Birdsong & Everton of Gorman, Joe Williamson of Eastland, Bob Kin of Eastland, Gary Tucker of Eastland, Terry Stacy of Carbon, Joe Walraven of Ranger, Terry French of Cross Plains, Don Sherman of Cisco, Weldon Tankersley Farms of Morton Valley and Buck Wheat of Eastland.

The hay marketed from \$19 to \$32 per round bale and \$2.50 to \$5.50 per square bale. Two round bale feeders from Leon Valley were donated and sold for \$55 each for a total Hay Show sale of \$1562. Proceeds go to the Eastland area Ag Boosters for stock show animal purchases.



Top Hay Growers: (left to right) Clyde Herring, J.L. Cate and Thomas Seay representing the Ag Boosters.

### Maxfield Elementary Receives Awards

Gorman - Monetary awards in the amount of \$500 were made to Maxfield Elementary school in the Gorman Independent School District as part of the Texas Successful Schools Awards System (TSSAS), Gene Shackelford, superintendent of the Gorman Independent School District announced today.

The schools are being recognized for gains in student performance on indicators that are part of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), more commonly known as the state's school report card. The Gorman ISD school is among 2,300 cash-winning schools statewide receiving awards for exemplary or recognized performance and 368 schools receiving awards based on comparable improvement.

The awards are based on spring 1997 performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, which measures performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. Schools also had to meet performance standards for dropout and attendance rates.

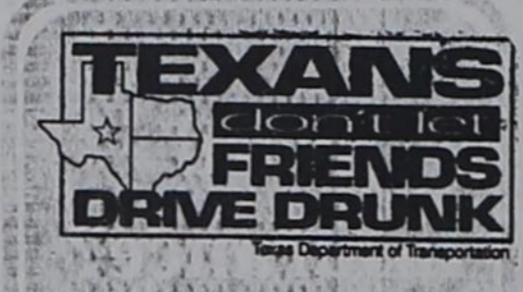
Cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per school were given depending on the number of students served at the school. In the exemplary category, schools had at least 90 percent of all students and students in each student population group (White, African-American, Hispanic, and Economically Disadvantaged) passing each section of the TAAS, 1994-95 dropout rate of 1 percent or less for all students and each student group, and 1994-95 attendance rate of 94 percent or greater.

In the recognized category, schools had at least 75 percent of all students and those in each student group passing each section of the TAAS, a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less for all students and each student group, and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent. Additionally, for each TAAS subject area below 890 percent passing (all students and each student group), actual change between 1997 and 1996

TAAS met or exceeded the change needed to reach 990 percent passing within five years.

Campuses are also, TSSAS award recipients if they ranked in the top 25 percent of all campuses statewide that are in the same category with respect to their performance in reading and math. Campus categories are based on several factors including the percent of students identified as African American, Hispanic, White, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient, and Mobile.

A total of \$2.5 million is being awarded to schools this year under TSSAS.



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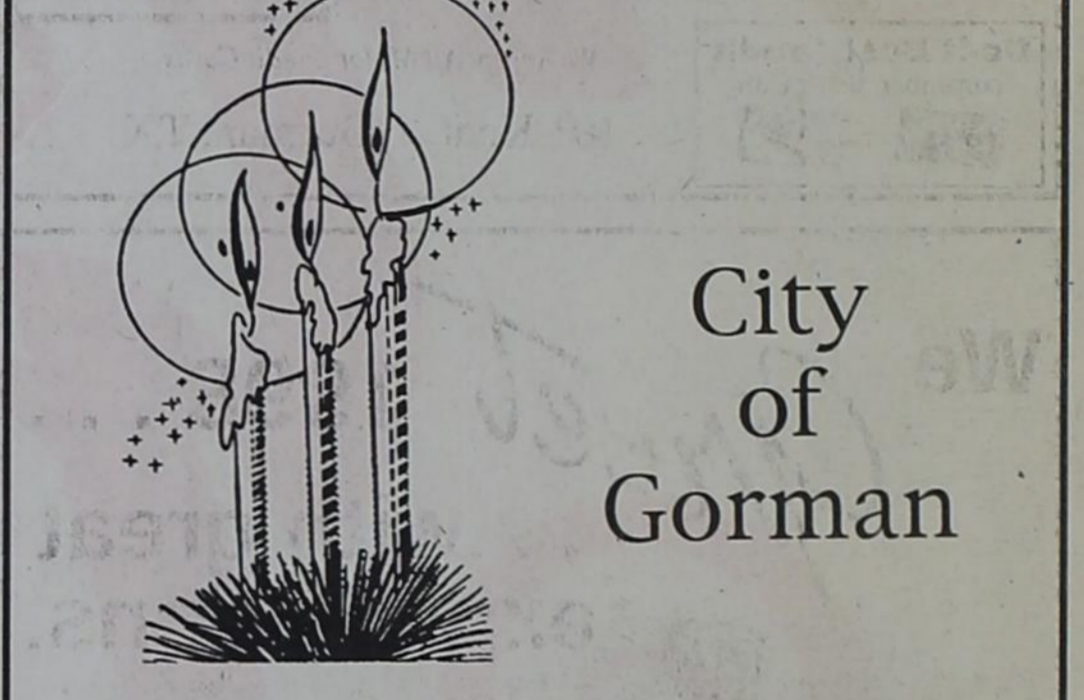
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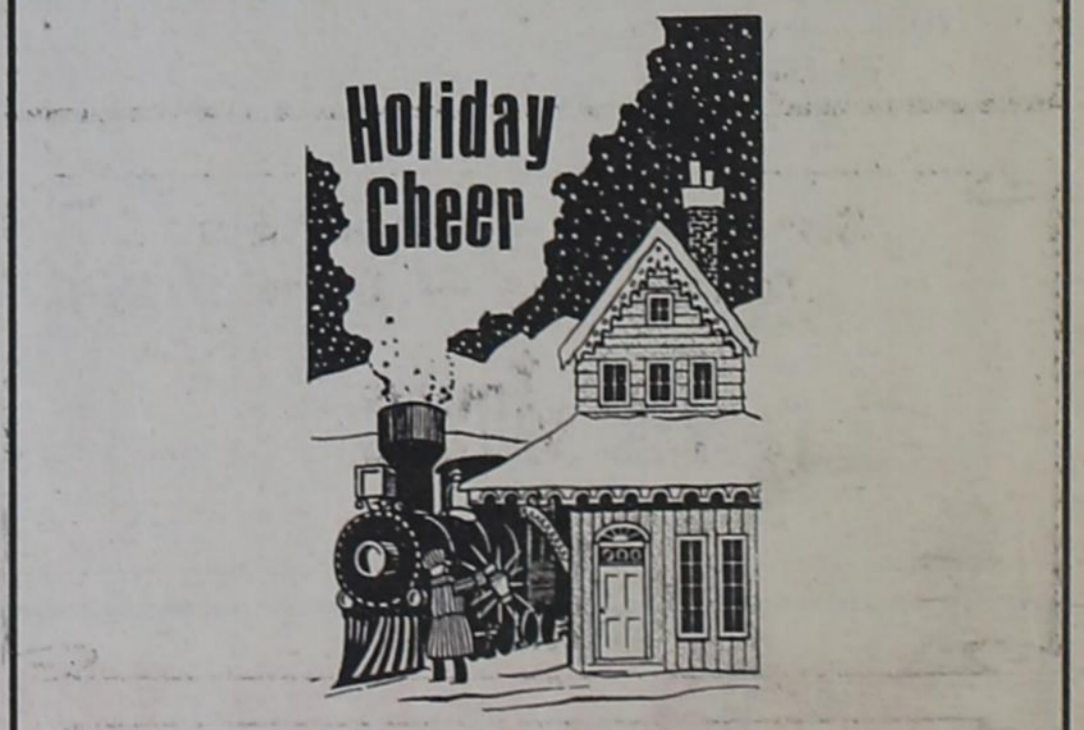


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The family of Shane Burgess would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all the many friends who were so generous with their outpouring of love, food, flowers, prayers, compassion and concern and who took their time to pay respect to Shane.

The outpouring of love from everyone has made our great loss easier to endure.

We would like to thank the Gorman Volunteer Fire Dept., Bimbo Roberts and all the other surrounding area EMS personnel for their efforts.

We would like to thank

**Cox Graduates From Sheppard Air Force Base**

Air Force Airman Misti M. Cox has graduated from the utilities systems

Higginbotham Funeral Home for handling the service, Bro. Bob Beeman for holding the service and his wonderful eulogy, to all the pallbearers who respectfully gave of their time, to the Carbon Community Center and the people of the Community for the wonderful meal served to the family.

Dick & Madge Burgess and family

apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Students studies water and waste treatment processes to operate and maintain treatment system.

Cox is the daughter of Judy D. Brcka of Deltona, Florida and Terry L. Cox of Carbon, Texas.

**Central Texas Melon and Fruit Shortcourse**

The Central Texas Melon and Fruit Shortcourse has been set for Thursday, January 8, 1998 at the De Leon City Hall building in De Leon. The Shortcourse will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. and the program will start at 8:30 a.m. and last till 3:30 p.m. There is no fee but participants are asked to preregister by calling the Texas Agricultural extension office in Comanche at (915) 356-2539. Private, commercial and noncommercial applicators who attend will receive 3 continuing education credits and certified crop Advisors will also be given credit toward license renewal.

**Governor Proclaims January School Board Recognition Month**

**Gorman:** Governor George Bush has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our society.

The GORMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions trustees make to their communities.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas", said Gene Shackelford, Gorman ISD superintendent.

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education" Shackelford said. "They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education."

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show our appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contribution reflect a year-round commitment on their part." Shackelford said. "They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students."

The men and women serving GORMAN ISD and their years of service are:

Windell Treadway	12 yrs	Catherine Eaves	4 yrs
Freddie Gilmore	14 yrs	Glenn Glasson	7 1/2 yrs
Danny Snider	9 yrs	Larry Keith	6 yrs
Bobby Rich	6 yrs		

Leon First Baptist Church Tuesday, December 30, 1997 with Tom Satterwhite officiating. Music was by C.L. Mohon, Jr. and Lajoyce Johnson. Pallbearers were Lonnie Painter, David Goddard, Bill Painter, Edward Sanders, David Scott, Dale Scott, Donald Scott and Lloyd E. Sanders, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were Jimmie Smith, Jack Barnes, Herhall Barnes, Bill Barnes and Tommy Barnes. Burial was in the Erath Gardens of Memory.

Survivors include: wife, Elsie Barnes of De Leon; one son, Terry Barnes and wife, Janet of Dallas; two grandsons, Douglas A. Barnes of Austin, Bradley J. Barnes and his wife Amanda of Dallas; one sister, Hazel Dahlgren of Stanwood, Washington.

Preceding him in death were: five children, Claudia Janice Barnes, twins, Merri and Cheri Barnes, John David Barnes, and Beverly Anne Barnes; two brothers, Thurman Barnes and John Barnes; seven sisters, Ethel Barnes, Ivor Painter, Audie Chandler, Naomi Freeman, Claudia Oliver, Cressie Goddard and Pauline Painter.

**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank everyone for the food and flowers. We would like to thank the Home Health Care people, Heritage Manor people, Higginbotham Funeral Home, De Leon Hospital and staff for all their help during the long illness and passing of our loved one, Mabel Reynolds. Also thanks to Jeff Smith for his message of comfort.

Thanks,  
Edgar Reynolds  
Johnny Stuard,  
Marjorie Churchill  
and family

**Retired Teachers Association Meets**

Eastland County Retired Teachers and Associates will meet January 12, 1998 at Jordan's Steak House at 11 a.m.

The speaker will be Wanda Skinner, speaking on Genealogy.

It would be to your advantage to join the association so you will have advanced knowledge of any changes the Legislature plans for our Texas retirees states Jacque Fick, Publicity Chairman.

**New Hope Baptist Church will be having their annual New Years Eve Singing 8:00 p.m. till midnight Come help us sing in the New Year! Everyone is welcome!**

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**William Thomas Barnes Laid to Rest Tuesday**

William Thomas "Dub" Barnes, 84, of De Leon passed away Saturday, December 27, 1997, in Dallas.

He was born February 16, 1913 in Comyn to the late John Sylvester and Effie Reid Barnes. He married Elsie Sanders on February 14, 1940 in De Leon and was a member of De Leon First Baptist Church. He was past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of Armstrong Masonic Lodge #445, Charter member of the De Leon Lions Club and a member of the Lumberman's Association of Texas. He owned and operated the Barnes Lumber Company since 1946.

Funeral services were held at De

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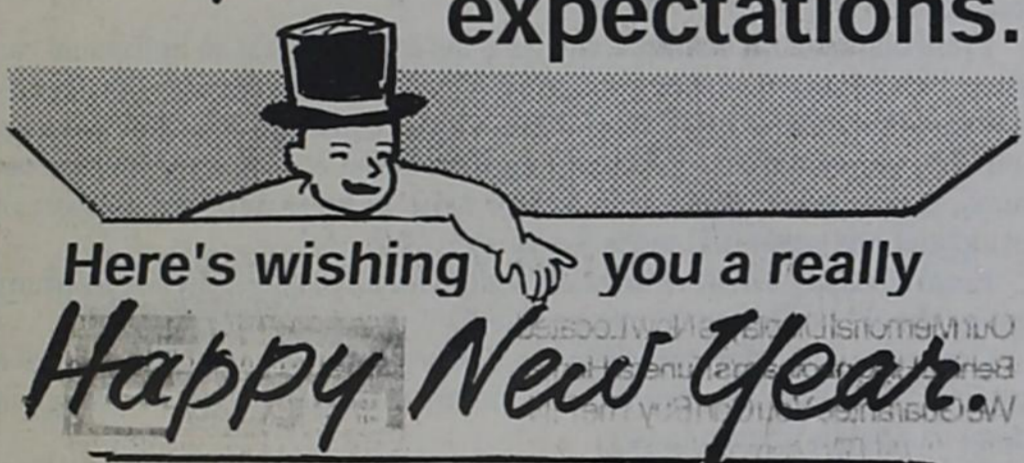
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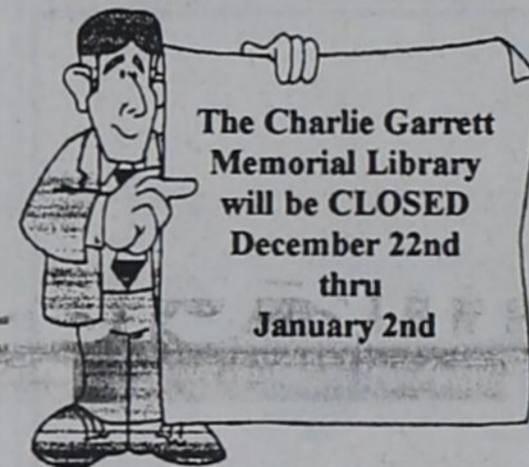
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**Love Poems Sought**

Love poems are being sought in a free poetry contest sponsored by the Reno Fine Arts Institute. Grand prize is \$1,000.00, with 28 prizes in all, and the contest is open to everyone.

"We think love poems can inspire happiness," says Mark Mearns, the organization's Poetry Contest Director. "We're especially happy to inspire beginning poets and we think this competition will do just that. Texas has produced many sensitive poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from among the Gorman area

grassroots poets." To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Contests, 316 California Ave., Suite 626, Reno, Nevada 89509-1669, or enter on-line www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for entering is January 15, 1998. Poems may be written on the subject of love, using any style. Winners will be notified by the end of March and will be invited for free publication. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

**USDA Farm Service Agency Sign Low-interest Loans**

For the second time this year, officials from USDA's Farm Service Agency were in Abilene to sign low-interest loans to assist the Texas boll weevil eradication effort, according to Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

During a ceremony at the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation state headquarters, USDA officials signed low-interest loans in the amount of \$10 million from the Boll Weevil Loan Program (BWLP) to assist with the state wide eradication effort.

"The Boll Weevil Loan Program is a perfect example of a successful partnership between the public and private sectors," said Stenholm. "I am encouraged by the potential this innovative program has for eradicating the boll weevil from Texas."

The Boll Weevil Eradication Program has traditionally operated on a 70/30 cost share basis, with producers contributing 70% of the cost. The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) administers the program and contributes the remaining 30%.

Unfortunately, federal budget constraints have prevented the federal cost share from keeping pace with program expansion. Because APHIS does not have sufficient funds, the \$10 million loans from the BWLP will help producers finance their share of the eradication effort.

"Texas producers have had to pay a higher cost-share than the traditional 70%, which is one of the reasons this program is so important," said Stenholm. "Without the BWLP, a comprehensive and coordinated eradication program would be too costly for producers."

**"Thou Shalt Have No Other Gods Before Me"**

by Rev. Dane Gressett

The Ten Commandments are given to us by God as a self inventory tool. The first commandment is, "You shall have no other Gods before Me." (Exodus 20:3) God expects to be the first priority in our lives. After all it was He who created the world and all of its fullness. He gives us air to breath. Why shouldn't He expect to have first place in our lives? It seems only logical.

What comes first in your life? For most the answer is "Self". Placing our own selfish desires and goals ahead of God's purpose is out right treason against Deity. It matters not how innocent or good the competing god seems to be in our eyes. In God's eyes it is rebellion.

Some people worship their work. Others focus on their families. Others serve television and rented movies. Many worship the sports gods of our age. Others worship sex and drugs and alcohol. Others live for fine food. Still others worship a church or denomination or preacher or pope. What about you? Who (or what) has first place in your life?

Remember, the Dallas Cowboys cannot forgive your sins. Your money cannot buy God's favor. Your sexual fantasies will haunt you on the day of judgment. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the only one who is worthy to be served and worshiped. He offers forgiveness and sins to all who will trust Him and truly worship and serve Him? Think about it.



**CAPITOL COMMENT**  
U.S. SENATOR  
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**TEXANS WEIGH IN ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

In large margins, Texans strongly support reforming federal campaign finance laws by imposing limits on a broad range of contributions. My annual questionnaire, which your newspaper published last August, asked Texans to tell me how they feel about the ongoing campaign finance reform debate.

Of those who responded, 87 percent favor stricter limits on contributions from non-citizen permanent U.S. residents; 86 percent favor stricter limits on labor unions' contributions and 71 percent said they support imposing stricter limits on contributions by individuals.

Asked if you think there should be limits on the amount of money individuals or organizations can spend to support or oppose candidates or specific issues, 74 percent of Texans answered yes. But only 22 percent of you favor government funding of campaigns.

Here are some of your comments on this perplexing issue: From Arcadia: "Individual contributions should be unlimited because restricting them would be a limit on free speech. I am against government funding of any campaigns."

From Lake Jackson: "No contributions should be allowed by any entity except a (single) qualified voter. Contributions should only be acceptable from an individual's current personal earnings or savings. Corporations, foreign countries, labor unions, trade associations, etc. are not voters and should be prohibited from giving financial support to anyone or any party. The U.S. Constitution is clear about qualifications to vote, and the same should apply to contributors to political campaigns."

From Aledo: "We are not even enforcing our current laws. Deregulate individual contributions, but require full, immediate disclosure. Forbid business and political action committee (PAC) contributions, including unions."

From Port Isabel: "There should be a clear-cut cap on campaign contributions to level the playing field. Special interests should not be allowed to influence government this way. Capping contributions would allow them to represent us, not whoever has the most money. Right now, when money talks, government listens."

From Vernon: "I think non-citizen permanent residents should not be allowed to contribute toward campaigns. If they are not willing to become legal citizens, they should not have a say in any area of government...The buying of candidates needs to be stopped. Candidates need to focus on what is best for the United States instead of pleasing special interest groups."

From San Antonio: "The cost of campaigns should be borne by the candidate entirely, but with free TV and radio time. That way the candidates would not be influenced by corporate interests."

From Hurst: "There shouldn't be any limits on spending or donations, but we should require contributions and expenditures to be reported within three days on a web site, so everyone will know where support comes from."

From Blanco: "Public campaign finance is a misuse of tax dollars. If you're not a U.S. citizen, you have no right to participate. The whole system is out of control."

From Garland: "It's simple. Increase the limit on what an individual can donate (either individually or through a PAC or corporation) to \$5,000 for any legitimate candidate or party. All congressional candidates should be required to raise 75 percent of their funds within their home state. On the income tax returns, people could select \$10, \$25 or write in up to \$100 for support of presidential and senatorial races."

From El Paso: "I believe in total freedom for all people. Anyone from any country should be able to donate or vote."

Congress will take up campaign finance reform next spring. I have introduced a bill designed to remedy the most significant shortcomings in federal campaign finance laws.

These new rules would help return control of federal campaigns and elections to individual voters. My bill:

- \* Limits to \$250,000 the amount a Senate campaign may reimburse a candidate for loans the candidate makes to his or her own campaign.
  - \* Requires at least 60 percent of a Senate candidate's campaign funds to come from individual residents of his or her home state.
  - \* Curtails the congressional franking privilege for mass mailings during election years.
  - \* Limits PAC contributions to the same level as allowed for individuals; indexes this uniform limit to the rate of inflation.
  - \* Prohibits contributions from non-U.S. citizens.
- These are clear, workable reforms designed to encourage greater political participation while curbing the abuses that are undermining public confidence.



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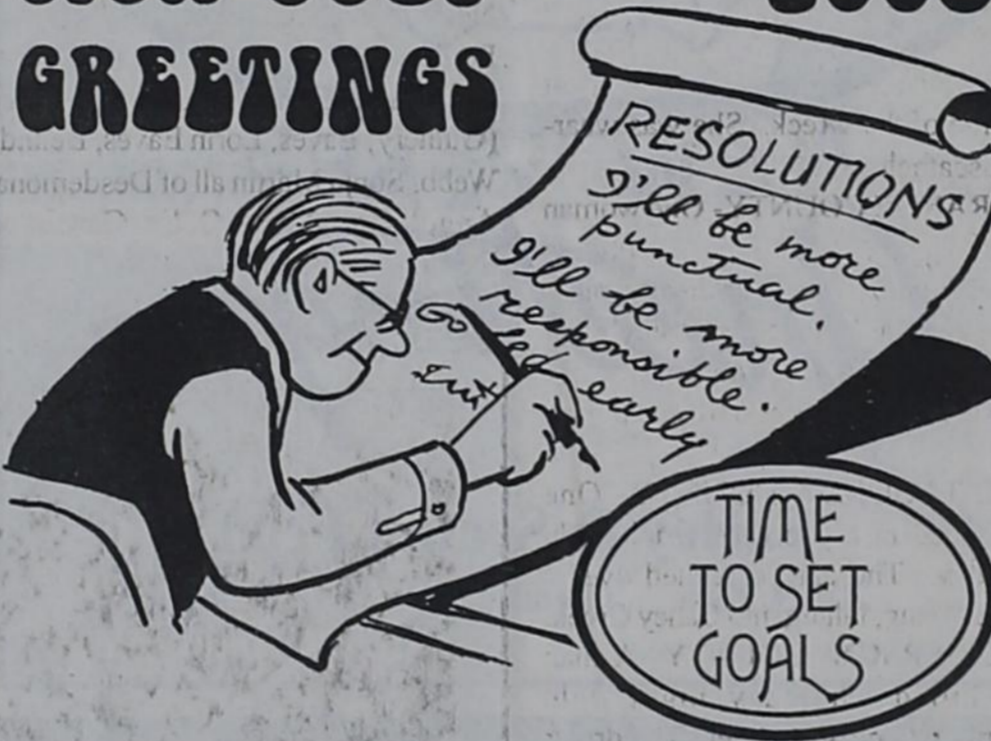
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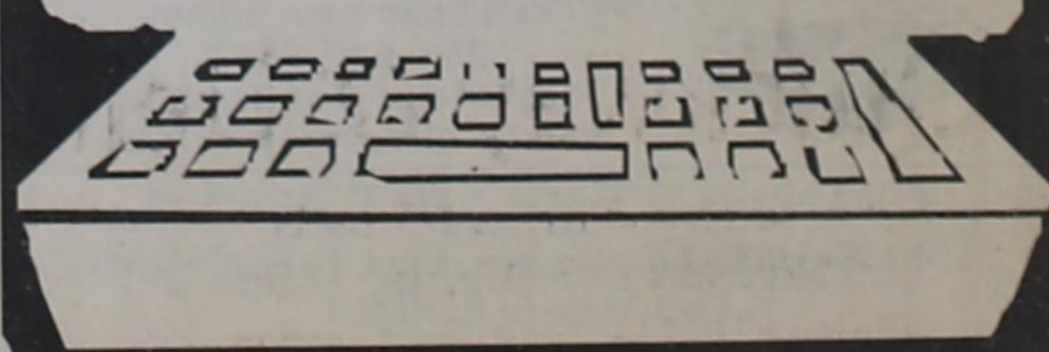
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**DESDEMONA NEWS**  
By **Vonnie Guthery**

Holiday visitors with Bernard and Ann Keith were De and Vicki Robinett, Nikki and Derek Robinett of De Leon, Keitha Robinett of Sweetwater, Bill and Tami Sanders, Robyn Griffith of Chicota, Brad and Priscilla Keith of Louisville, Kentucky.

Bethel Clark hosted the De Leon Garden Club in her home on Thursday, December 18 for breakfast. There were sixteen members present and one visitor. Everyone enjoyed the breakfast served by Shirley Shirley and Ruth Shugart and the exchanging of gifts. A regular business meeting was held following the meal.

Bethel Clark hosted a Christmas family luncheon in her home on Sunday, December 21. Those attending were all her children, Jerry and Sina Roe, Peggy Anderson, Ron and Ann all of Austin, John Roe and Debbie Roe of Desdemona; Sean and Lori Simms, and Braden, Mike and Donna Ford, Donald Stutsman all of Wichita Falls; Carl and Jimmie Sluter, Dee and Gretchen Brown, Adrain and Eileen all of Rhome.

Bethel Clark is happy to announce that her grandson, Donald Stutsman recently graduated from Midwestern College and will moving to Dallas

soon.

Jimmie Sluter, daughter of Bethel Clark spent several days in the Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. She is reported better at the present time.

Bethel Clark spent Christmas holidays in Taylor, Texas with her sister, Blanche Martin and Joyce Grabowski.

Bernard and Ann Keith and their daughter, Tami Sanders and Robyn Griffith of Chicota was in Odessa on Sunday to visit the new baby, Nicholas James, born to David and Serena Griffith. Nicholas is first grandson for Tami Sanders and first great grandson of Bernard and Ann Keith.

Bernard and Ann Keith took their daughter, Tami Sanders and Robyn Griffith to Denton on Monday to meet Bill Sanders who met them half way from Chicota.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Webb, Kandice Martin, Sonja Holland, Bernard and Ann Keith all of Desdemona, Holly Creed, Angela Creed and Colin, George Garcia all of Dublin enjoyed dinner on Christmas day in the home of Wayne and Karen Eaves and Lorin Kaye.

Dorothy Roberts spent Christmas in Fort Worth with her daughter, Kevin and Ulenda Weaver. Others present were Ashley Weaver and Tanner, Shawn and Heather Weaver and Kelsey, Heath Weaver, Mark and Emily Williams and Kena, Shelly Horan and Jeff Roberts.

**Christmas Fatality**

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimated there would be approximately 42 fatalities this Christmas holiday.

The holiday officially ended Monday. As of Monday, the death toll amounted to 37 which is up 7 from last year's report.

FANNIN COUNTY- Two people were killed and two people injured in a two care wreck Friday. Everyone was wearing seatbelts.

SAN JACINTO COUNTY- One woman was killed and four people injured in a two vehicle wreck Friday morning. The woman killed was not wearing a seatbelt nor was a woman passenger. A 2 year old boy also in the care was in a child safety seat.

LYNN COUNTY- One woman was killed and three people injured in a three vehicle wreck Friday afternoon. Ice and snow were reported on the roadway at the time of the wreck. She was wearing a seatbelt.

ORANGE COUNTY- One woman was killed and three people injured in a three vehicle wreck Friday evening. Everyone was wearing a seatbelt. A 10 month old girl was in a child safety seat in one of the cars and was not injured.

MATAGORDA COUNTY- One man killed in a one care wrick early Saturday. The care careened over a bridge railing, falling into Caney Creek.

JEFFERSON COUNTY- A man was killed Thursday night while attempting to cross a street. The driver of the car was drinking alcohol.

SMITH COUNTY- A man was killed early Saturday when he was struck by a car while attempting to cross IH-20.

ELLIS COUNTY- Two people were killed on a one vehicle wrick Sunday morning. Neither was wearing seatbelts.

DALLAS COUNTY- One woman was killed and two others injured in a one vehicle crash Saturday morning.

TOM GREEN COUNTY- An intoxicated man was killed early Sunday as he walked on a road and was struck by a car.

Sparky Dean, Senior Trooper of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Abilene stated there were no fatalities listed in Eastland or Comanche Counties over the holiday.

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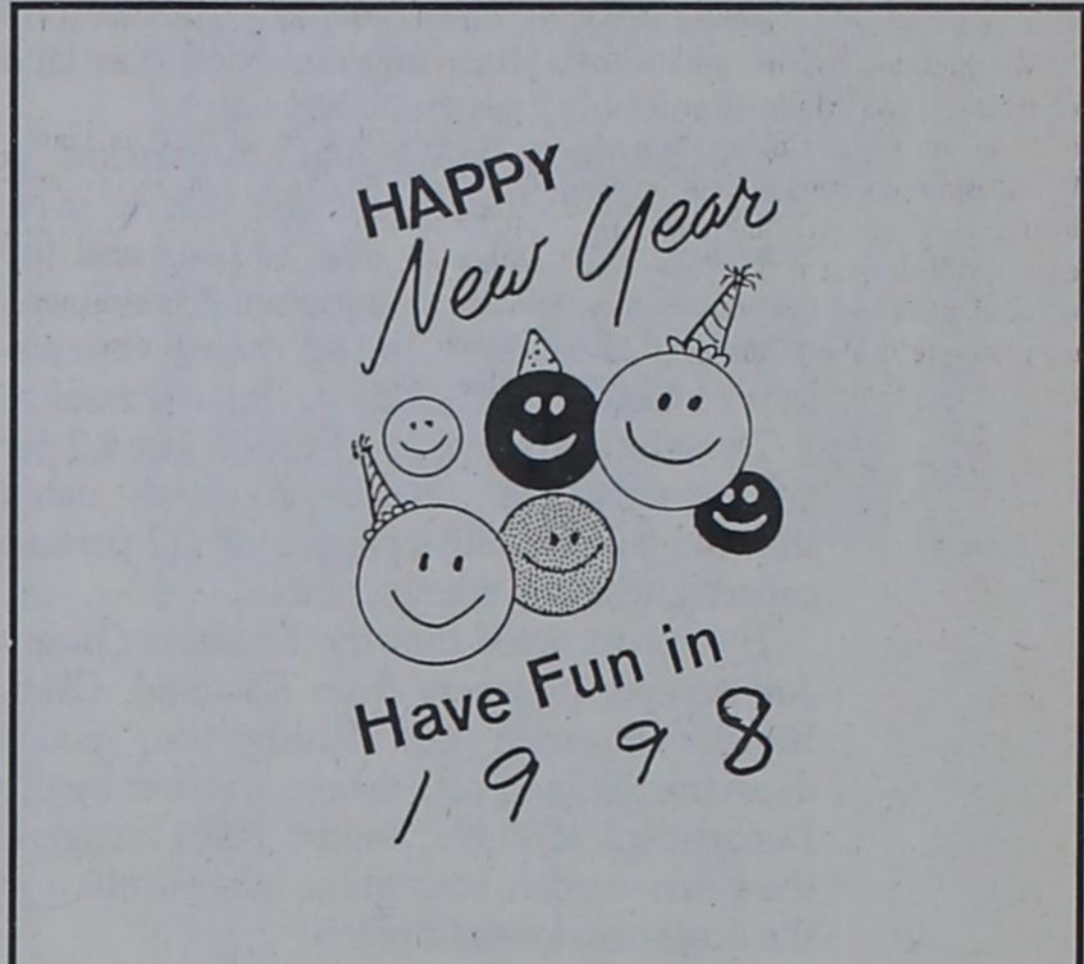
Iner (Sharp) Fuqua, 90, former resident of Desdemona was buried Saturday, December 27 in the Desdemona Cemetery. She was the widow of Ollie Fuqua. Survived by several nieces and nephews. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Guthery family holiday dinner was on Sunday, December 28 at the Baptist Annex. Those attending was A.V. (Guthery) Seay, Thomas and Vicki Seay, Tommy Seay David and Martha Guthery, Marlena and Emerald Guthery, Jim and Karen Guthery, Nicholas Guthery, Blake Guthery, and a friend all of Gorman, Frank and Ella (Guthery) Reeves of Clyde, Richard and Glenda Garrett, Tiffany Garrett of North Richland Hills; Ricky and Nenell Foreman of Marbleton, Wyoming; Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Wayne and Karen (Guthery) Eaves, Lorin Eaves, Belinda Webb, Sonja Martin all of Desdemona; Angel Creed and Colin Garcia of Dublin.

Desdemona monthly musical will

be on Saturday, January 24th (always on 4th Saturday each month). Area musicians and visitors are always welcome. concession stand will open early with sandwiches, home-make pie and

drinks. "Happy New Year" to all of our friends and neighbors from Pug and Koone Guthery--Your Desdemona News Reporters




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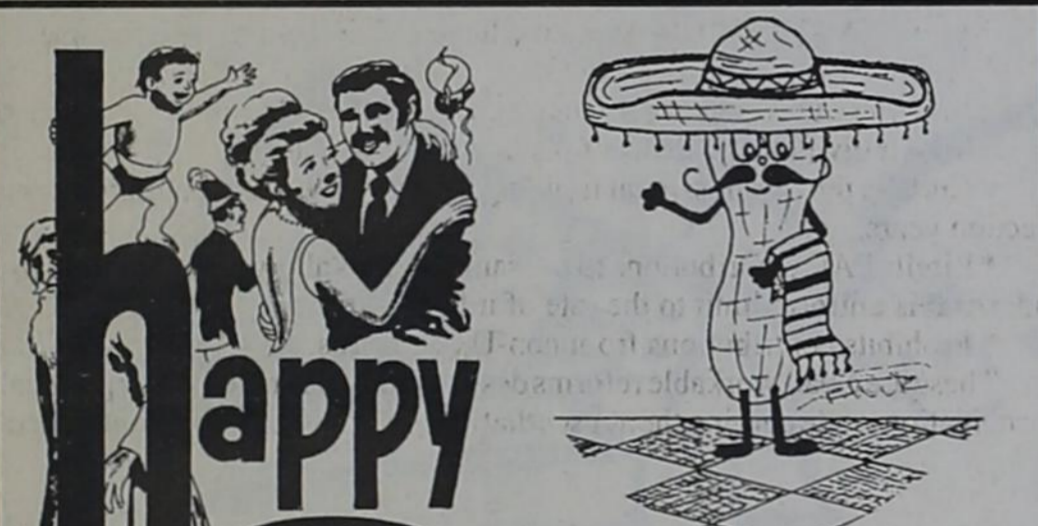
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# County told to make more jail room

By **MAYBELLE TROUT**  
Correspondent

**EASTLAND** — The Texas Commission on Jail Standards has recommended Eastland County double its current capacity.

The Eastland County Jail, constructed in 1980, failed its last inspection due to overcrowding. The jail now has 24 beds and the commission's recommendation of 48 beds was a topic of discussion among county commissioners Monday as they met in regular session.

Though the county arrest rate is just 1.2 per 1,000 people, the commission's study noted that the jail normally operates at 117 percent capacity, which is not acceptable.

The report noted that the Eastland County Jail accepts prisoners from Eastland, Cisco, Ranger, Gorman and Rising Star police departments, and also people arrested by the Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers, the game warden, constables, lake patrols and the license and weight officer.

The commission's report said the presence of Interstate 20 and other highways, seasonal workers, industry workers, junior college students, vacationers and hunters also contributed to overcrowding.

"It's in the cards to expand the jail," concluded County Judge Scott Bailey, who noted that designers and builders already had been in contact.

Commissioners agreed that designs for adding needed beds, including projected costs would be sought. Financing would also be studied, they said.

In other business, commissioners voted to observe Columbus Day, Oct. 12, 1998, as a holiday, rather than Independence Day, because Independence Day falls on Saturday.

Lastly, auditor Cameron Gulley reported the county finished the year in good financial condition.

"You had a year you've needed to have for some time," he said.

## Geneva Bailey Laid to Rest December 16, 1997

Geneva Bailey, a former Gorman resident passed away December 14, 1997 in Clinton, OK.

Mrs. Bailey was born September 26, 1908 in Gorman, Texas.

Services were held Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at the Church of Christ in Clinton, OK, with Pat Peters officiating. Interment was in Butler, OK.

**TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**

## A&M researchers say TB still a threat

**COLLEGE STATION** - A team of Texas A&M University researchers is trying to stay one step ahead of tuberculosis as they develop new drugs to combat the deadly disease.

Biochemistry professor James Sacchetti is working with Bill Jacobs of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York to devise better methods of creating and testing anti-tuberculosis drugs.

One-third of the earth's population is infected with the disease, which kills three million people each year. TB is most prevalent among society's poor and homeless and among those people with compromised immune systems. Though it can infect any organ in the body, the disease is most often found infecting the

lungs where it eats away at the tissues.

And the disease isn't going away. The emergence of AIDS and drug-resistant bacteria have energized a disease many thought the medical community had licked.

"Diseases like tuberculosis are a major problem in developing countries," Sacchetti said. "But if you talk to average people on the street, they'll tell you tuberculosis was cured many years ago. That's really a myth."



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**HERITAGE MANOR NEWS**

By Nancy Hendricks

Hello to everyone,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Cheri Troutman for the apples that she brought to our residents and to all of the volunteers that have contributed so much to our residents, their time, their gifts, their assistance has meant so much to us.

Come visit us or call. Merry Christmas to all of you and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Deane Christian McNeill  
Administrator

Carroll Hogan stated the Hogan band would not give the January concert but would be back the first Tuesday in February at 6:30 p.m.

Some of Myrtle Hale's guests were Thurman and Sallie Hale, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Argie and Marjorie Hale, Mayvis Lasater, Pat and Howard Hagood, David Glover, Linda Glover, Diana Glover and Steve Joiner.

On Sunday morning Harold and Beth Welch taught the Sunday School lesson for Velma Bennett, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Bea O'Neal, Cynthia Earles, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Hazel Wisdom were Chris Johnson of Lovington N.M., Audrey Pond, bob and Merlene Wisdom, Leo and Eloise Williams, Eric and pat Kincannon of Hico, Marsha and Linda Johnson.

Those coming from the Abundant Life Church were John and Charlotte

Howard, Lacy Howard, Tara Howard, Lana Howard, K'Ann Howard, and Trey Howard. Residents were Effie Mae brown, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Irene Heathington, Velma Bennett, Cynthia Earles, Patty Whitehorn, Aletha Yarborough, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor, Jack and Mildred Bellows, and guest Rev. T.D. Whitehorn.

Some of Bea O'Neal's guest were Linda Waller of De Leon, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Hoard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Ricky, David, Connie and Jena Rone.

On Sunday those coming from the First United Methodist Church were Rev. Bob Beeman, Pat Hagood and Della Galloway. Residents were Ora Mae Atchison, Velma Bennett, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, Maggie Snider, Patty Whitehorn, Cynthia Earles, and guest T.D. Whitehorn.

Visiting Patty Whitehorn and Rubye Jones were Lyndal and Lynda Cook of Snyder, T.D. Whitehorn and Marie Cook of Carbon, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Corkey and Jerry Brown and Sylvia Estes of San Antonio.

Some of Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb's guests were Juanita Spence and Jean Story of Little Elm, Alvis and Helen Denton of San Angelo, David and Denna Halcomb, Howard and Pat

Hagood.

On Friday, Dec. 19th at 1:30 p.m. was Heritage Manor Christmas Open House. Santa Claus came and gave each one a stocking of candy. Betty Duke and granddaughters Elise and Katie Duke entertained.

Residents were Sibyl Urban, Rubye Jones, Ora Mae Atchison, Levenia Blair, Travis SMith, Frank Skiles, Cynthia Earles, Patty Whitehorn, Varona Taylor, Inez Rogers, Maggie Snider, Iola Johnson, Irene Heathington, Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Myrtle Hale, Annie Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ollie Halcomb, Velma Bennett, Dorothy Beaty, Ola Walker, Jack and Mildred Bellows. Guests were Pat and Darrell Graham, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Linda Glover, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Fred Rogers, Louise Hollywood, Nancy Hendricks, Wynogene Smith, Mabel Miller, Ina Scitem, Tommy and Vicki Seay.

Some of Maggie Snider's guests were Bob and Maudie Isbell, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Diana Snider, Jewel Snider, Larry Snider, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Pat and Howard Hagood.

On Sunday the Church of Christ came and brought all residents a sack full of "Christmas goodies." They were Cody Foster, Tasha Rogers, Samantha Goode, Tiffany Rogers, Fred and Joy Rogers, Bro. Scott and Ruth Sheppard, Amber Stewart and Wynogene Smith. Residents were Travis Smith, Varona Taylor, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Eulon Perry were Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Varona Taylor were Billy and Janda Taylor, Pauline Allen, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love and Bonnie Cox.

Mabel Leona Reynolds, 73, wife of Edgar Reynolds died Friday, Dec. 19th. Graveside services were Sunday, Dec. 21st in Simpson-Kokomo Cemetery with Jeff Smith officiating, directed by Higginbothams Funeral Home of Gorman. Mrs. Reynolds married Edgar Reynolds in 1958. Survivors include: husband, one son, John W. Stuard of Saginaw, one daughter, Marjorie Chruhchill of Formington, Conn; one brother Treeman Maynard of Cisco; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Some of Ava Rodgers' guests were Benny and Deanna Chupp of Houston, Ima Brown, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Kay Snider, Hope Joiner, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.

On Monday those coming for the sing-a-long were Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Alpha Mae Andry, Ethel Weaver, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Nancy Hendricks, T.D. Whitehorn, Willo Rice, Marie Cook, Lyndal and Lynda Cook and Pat Hagood. Residents were Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Patty Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Varona Taylor, Ruby Vandergriff, A.V. Seay, Myrtle Hale, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Some of Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchisons guests were Quida and Casey Gartman of Camay, William Atchison, Wvelyn Atchison, Fred and Joy, Della Galloway, Pat and Howard Hagood, Chesley Atchison, Edie Nichols, Gladys Seay and Viola Bayer of Ranger, Eunice Love.

Visiting A.V. Seay were Gladys Seay, Viola Bayer, Thomas, Vicki and Tommy Seay, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Pat and Howard Hagood and Ella Reeves.

Ina Sictern had bingo for Iola Johnson, Velma Bennett, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Patty Whitehorn.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Dr.'s Ken and Betty Sue Heathington of Tenn., Howard and Pat Hagood, Nancy Hendricks, Eunice Love.

Visiting Ed Johnson were Dale Johnson, Fay Johnson, Edgar Reynolds, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Friday the Gorman Cub Scouts and leaders came and sang 10 Christmas songs and gave everyone a gift. The little elves were Shealee Norris and Megan Lewis.

Those were Jordan Perry, Matt Underwood, Tyson Swanner, Paula Lewis, Trey Underwood, Marc Gillen, Aaron Keith, Tony Perez, Carlos Guitierrez, Linda Norris, Macon Norris, Ty Vaughn, Chance Underwood, Josh Cox, Micheal Marin, Chuck Abbe, Andy Abbe, Kevin Lewis, Jesse Simpson, Zachary Bryan, Tim Patel, Sterling McCauley, Justin Willey, Nathan Ritter, David Wilkins, Gerry Mendoza, Scott Lewis and Blake Turner.

Guests were Pauline Allen, Brad Lewis, Daisy Slaton, Wynogene Smith, Kenneth and Nancy Lewis and Jackie Guitierrez. Residents were Velma Bennett, Irene Heathington, Veno Hale,

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Gene Foster, our local florist and owner of Foster Floral in Gorman, will be in Abilene and January 6th to undergo heart surgery. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Varona Taylor, Inez Rogers, Travis Smith, A.V. Seay, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, patty Whitehorn, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Effie Mae Brown and S.D. Gilmore were Idell Warren, Louise Hollywood, Alpha Mae Andry, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Durwood Webb.

Visiting Cynthia Earles were Fay Johnson, Ken and Betty Heathington, Nancy Hendricks, Alpha Mae Andry, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Pat and Howard Hagood, Louise Rich, Janie and Nathan Ettinger.

Some of Iola Johnson's guests were Don and nell Sherman, Della Galloway, Ina Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. T.T. Fair of Stephenville visited Ruby Vandergriff.

On Wednesday Ina Scitem showed emu eggs and talked about the different sizes of eggs, how and when they lay eggs. Then they broke a big egg and the cook scrambled it. Those eating and enjoying emu eggs were Velma Bennett, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Veno Hale, Patty Whitehorn and Inez Rogers.

Visiting Sibyl Urban were Don and Nell Sherman and Ina Reynolds.

Ina Scitem had gift bingo for S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae, Frank Skiles, Velma Bennett, Iola Johnson, Patty Whitehorn, Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, Ora Mae Atchison, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Velma Bennett were Howard and Pat Hagood, Amanda Overstreet, Mayvis Lasater, Marjorie Hale, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant.

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On Sunday, Dec. 21, Jack and Mildred Bellows had their annual Christmas party. They exchanged Christmas gifts and enjoyed snacks and drinks at Heritage Manor in the North Hall. Present were Jack and Mildred Bellows, Darrell and pat Graham of Gorman, Bruce, Dena, Brett, Chase and Grant Tidmore of Midlothian, Eddie, Shelia Jamison and Alyssa Smith, Rick and BreAnn Simms of Garland, Tim, Gena, Cody, Jake and Chad Earley of Ft. Worth and Ronnie Bellows of Lewisville. they reported a wonderful time.

Alpha Mae Andry, Mayvis Lasater and Eunice Love visited Veno and Annie Hale.

Mayvis Lasater visited Ina Mae Tarrance.



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**Private Pesticide Applicators Need**

Private pesticide applicators who still hold "grandfathered" certificates can reinstate their certificate by obtaining continuing education units (CEUs), Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

Prior to Jan. 10, 1989, applicators were issued certificates that were "grandfathered", meaning they never

expire. However effective Jan. 1, 1991, the Texas Pesticide Regulations require certificate holders to earn 15 CEUs every five years if they want to apply restricted use and state limited use pesticides. "Grandfathered" certificate holders can renew their certificate at any time if they complete their CEU requirements. Private certificate holders can-

**Continuing Education Credits**

not supervise an employee in the use of pesticides.

"Applicators who need CEUs can check with their Texas Agricultural Extension Service office for courses or call the Texas Department of Agriculture," Perry said. "Certificate holders still have time to bring their CEUs up-to-date."

Certificate holders have the option

of obtaining a private applicator license which means they have to renew it every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form, which they should receive by the end of January.

Applicators can get a list of approved courses by calling TDA at 1-

(DM)—As winter approaches, many Americans vow to exercise regularly to make it through the Holidays and start the year without a few extra pounds. Yet according to the American Council on Exercise, more than half will quit regular exercise within the first few months. One reason Americans find it difficult to stick with an exercise program is

800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7548, or contact TDA web page <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/index.htm>.

they have unrealistic expectations and get discouraged too easily.

The fitness experts at Tanita Corporation, global manufacturers of precision body fat monitors and scales, offer these tips on getting fit:

**Understand what it means to be "fit."** Body fat and muscle composition are key factors in determining overall health and fitness. Experts recommend that body fat levels for men generally not exceed 24 percent, and levels for women not exceed 27 percent. Exercise increases the body's muscle mass, which is the second most metabolically active tissue in the body, aside from nervous tissue. As metabolism increases, their body uses more calories faster. In order to maintain a proper energy balance, the body begins burning its stored fat supply, which results in fat loss. People with high metabolism even burn more calories while at rest.

**Don't rely on appearance alone.** A person who appears "thin" may actually have too much "inner" body fat, whereas someone who is very muscular and weighs more may be more fit.

**Tailor your exercise program.** Just as height and weight varies among healthy adults, so too does an appropriate exercise program. Your program should be developed to fit your own individual fitness needs, whether it's maintaining or increasing strength and flexibility, losing weight and body fat, or both.

**Be patient.** You probably won't be able to see a difference for up to 12 weeks. However, exercise will make you feel better physically and emotionally almost immediately.

**Monitor your progress.** In order to know whether or not an exercise program is helping you achieve your goals, monitor your fitness progress. Because muscle weighs more than fat, regular exercise may actually increase your weight. Monitoring both weight and body fat on a regular basis provides a truer picture of how your fitness level is improving.

Reducing body fat can mean a much slower process than dropping pounds. It takes about a month of proper diet and active exercise to drop one percentage point of body fat. However, each percentage drop in fat can mean significant improvement in both appearance and health.

Tanita's TBF series of body fat monitor/scales is the only line of products available to measure both body fat and body weight simultaneously in the privacy of the user's own home. Those interested in a free brochure about fitness and body fat, or for the nearest dealer referral, call Tanita's body fat information line at 1-800-9TANITA.

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**Make Your Party Perfect With Tips From The Experts**

(DM)—When the cooler weather hits, your home becomes the center of attention. Don't fret. Today's entertaining is more relaxed than ever, with a host of gourmet convenience foods and services to help you plan the perfect affair — without the hassle. For creative party-planning tips, we went to the experts at The HoneyBaked Ham Company. The company, which has been serving up great food at parties for three generations, is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Here's what they had to say:

- Don't be conventional. Instead, do what you like best. If brunch is your specialty, plan a mid-morning affair. Serve a delicious egg casserole and rum baked grapefruit halves (see recipes below) alongside bagels, pastries and fresh fruit. Encourage each guest to bring copies of their favorite breakfast or muffin recipes to share.

- To create a delicious aroma in your home, have an international coffee station stocked with flavored coffees, creams, milks, liqueurs and fine chocolates. For an added touch, hire a neighborhood teen to whip up cappuccinos and don't forget the chocolate powder and whipping cream.

- For evening parties, pull out all the twinkle lights stored in the attic and scatter them in planters, along window seals and around banisters. The soft glow will instantly make your home more charming.

- Plan a party with a theme. Instead of paper invitations, purchase small items that represent your theme, attach a note and mail them in a box to your guests. Some ideas include sending candy canes for a holiday party; bottle toppers for a wine and cheese party; noise makers for a New Year's Eve party; and peanuts or pennants for a football party.

- Enjoy yourself! Don't let your party planning be a hassle. For the main course, serve ready-made gourmet foods. A fully cooked HoneyBaked ham or turkey breast is



Ready-to-serve gourmet foods make party planning easy, according to experts at The HoneyBaked Ham Company. Keep your event simple, plan ahead and relax so that everyone can have fun, including you.

ideal and can be purchased several days in advance. For information about what to serve at your party, call any one of the 260 HoneyBaked Ham Company stores nationwide.

**EGG CASSEROLE**

- 3 C chopped HoneyBaked® Ham
- 4 Slices white bread, cubed
- 8 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded
- 3 tbs. butter or margarine, melted
- 3 tbs. flour
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 3 C milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease 9 x 13 pan. Place bread evenly in pan; top with ham and cheese, drizzle butter on top. Mix together flour and mustard, sprinkle on top. In medium bowl, combine eggs and milk, beat well; pour over ham and cheese. Sprinkle with paprika. Cover

and refrigerate for 6 hours or overnight. Bake for 1 hour or until browned and puffy.

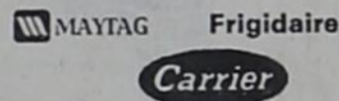
**RUM BAKED GRAPEFRUIT HALVES**

- ½ grapefruit (pink, if possible) per person
- 1 tbs. white rum per half
- 1 tsp. sugar per half
- 1 maraschino cherry and ½ tsp. of maraschino juice

Cut grapefruits in half. Run a sharp knife around edge of each half to loosen pulp. Remove the center pulp with corer. Sprinkle each half with sugar; add a cherry to the center and place in a 350° oven for a few minutes to heat through. While grapefruit is warming, mix rum and maraschino juice and warm over low heat. Remove grapefruit from oven and pour an even amount of warmed juice mixture over each half.

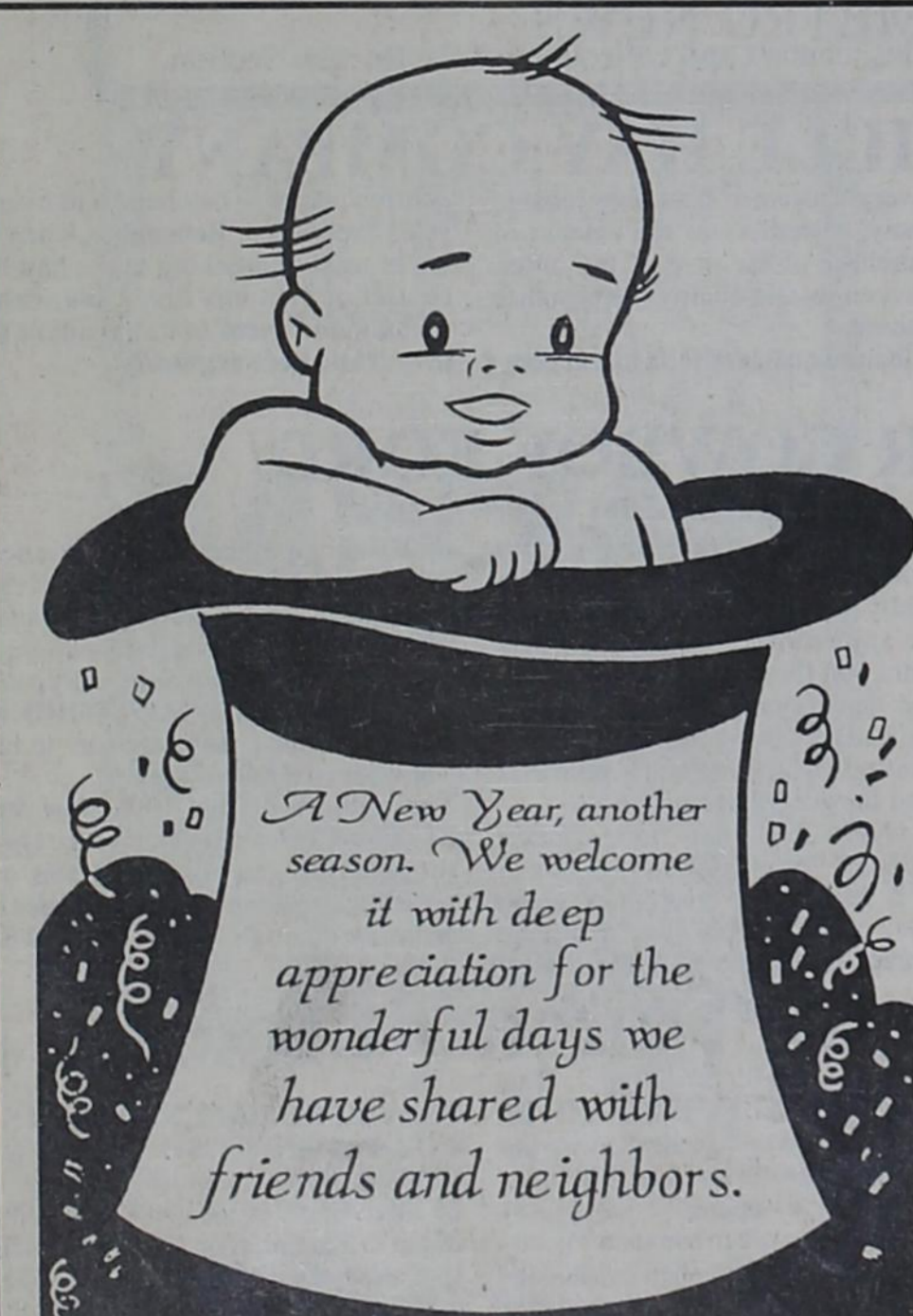


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