

HULLS

By KERNEL GENE, aPe

Mrs. Frank Dean visited the Progress office Tuesday to show us a clipping she had received from Mrs. Henry G. Swenson of Yucaipa, Calif. The Yucaipa news paper had reprinted our "Hulls" on the Police Action in Chicago. Mrs. Swenson is the former Naomi Barron whose family resided in Gorman many years ago.

Mrs. Swenson and Mrs. Dean keep in touch through correspondence.

Received a note from Sidney Mason, Arcadia, Calif., enclosing a picture and money, stating he had an operation in 1937 at Blackwell Hospital. He hasn't been back in a long time but would like to see a new hospital here.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Harris of Rising Star visited the Progress office Tuesday. Mr. Harris had surgery twice and Mrs. Harris had her tonsils removed at Blackwell's. They had received a refund check for \$5.17 from the Comanche County Elec. Coop. which they placed in the Hospital Fund. Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. Nancy Fountain, is in the Lawndale Nursing Home.

Vickie Collins Harrison of Eastland has joined the Operation Club.

Terri Kay and "Bud", children of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jeffs - Birth Club.

Mrs. W. C. (Miss Mary) Emerson, Appendix Club.

Johnny Mack, William Edward and Richard Jeffrey, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton - Birth Club.

Don Brumbelow and Mrs. Don (Linda Harrison) Brumbelow and their daughter, Sherry Lynn, members of the Birth Club.

Linda (Mason) Files, and Jamie Mason, children of Mr. and Mrs. George Mason of De Leon - Birth.

Mrs. Martha (Foster) Overstreet, Pamela Kay and Rebecca Dean Foster, children of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Foster - Birth Club.

Albert Hendricks and Nancy Hendricks, Operation Club.

Sylvia (Hendricks) Buchanan - Birth and Tonsil Club.

A. D. and Doris Bryan - Operation Club.

Jimmie Bryan - Birth and Tonsil Clubs.

Linda Waller - Birth and Tonsil Clubs.

Lavelle (Watson) Jobe and Dwaine Watson, Tonsil Club, children of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Watson. Grandson, Nerall Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Watson, Operation Club . . . all performed by Dr. Rodgers.

Verlon (Eakin) Stacy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Eakin, one of the youngest children (age 2½, weighed 18 lbs.) Dr. Rodgers had ever removed tonsils from.

Fred and Billy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gray - Birth Club.

Mrs. Grace Gray - Appendix Club.

Barbara Joy Setzler Lamb and Edith Darline Setzler Morris and Merna Vee Setzler.

Note: Not sure whether the last three names were births or operations - - anyway welcome to the club.

The following have brought or mailed contributions to the Progress Office for the Hospital Fund:

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Snider.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith.

Mrs. L. F. Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lightfoot, De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, (in memory of Doctor George and Doctor Ed Blackwell.)

Eddie and Charles White picked up three gallons of pecans which were sold and money placed in Hospital Fund.

Mrs. May Dunn, 85, gathered pecans from trees she planted many years ago. She sold the pecans and placed the money in the Hospital Fund.

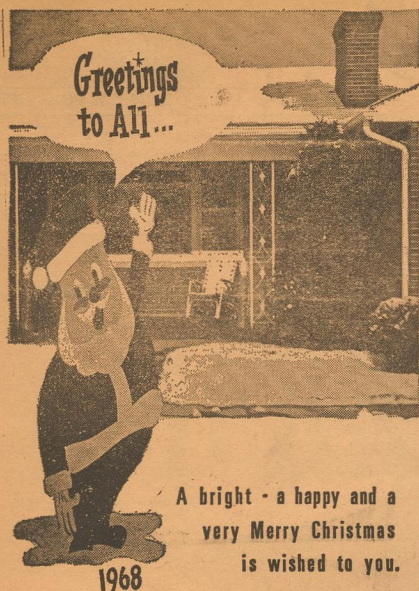
Over three hundred dollars has been received at the Progress office to date and deposited in the Hospital Fund.

The Kokomo Home Demonstration Club had a Money Tree at their Christmas Party last week. \$37 was placed on the tree - \$5 of which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks in memory of Buel Bryan.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Birthday of the Saviour is here,
and we are once again reminded that
Christmas is a family day . . . a
day of reunions and feasting, and
a day of joyous gifting. But let us
not forget, as we fill the stockings
and surround the tree with packages,
the most important gifts of all
. . . the gifts that bear neither
price tags nor gay wrappings, yet are
of infinite value. These are the
gifts of kindness, tolerance,
consideration and compassion. Let us
hope that this Christmas will revive
the true spirit of giving that began
with the Birth of a Holy Child . . .
to bring peace and good will to all.

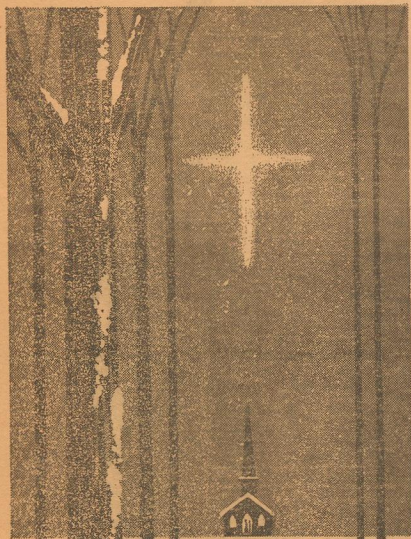




A bright - a happy and a very Merry Christmas is wished to you.

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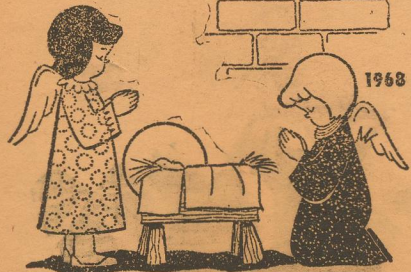
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CHRISTMAS SALE

Biff Coleman eased the pressure of his foot and watched the speedometer needle drop down to 35 miles-per-hour. Central City was probably a speed trap and he didn't want to get started off on the wrong foot.

Anyway, he mused, if I go too fast I might pass right on through before I realize it. Top-drawer inefficiency, Biff thought, to start a branch office in such a small town. And just his luck to draw the assignment. Exiled, and at Christmas, too.

He saw the faint flow of red in his mirror. Yep, he had guessed right. Cops. Good thing he wasn't speeding. Or was he? That guy had his siren on. He's tailgating me, signaling me to move over, Biff thought. "What the . . . brother, I couldn't have been doing over thirty. What's the limit in this burg, anyhow? I'll fight through every court in this state before I pay a cent."

Meeting
He pulled over, the squad car edging up behind him. A young, smiling officer emerged from the car. The type that likes his work, Biff guessed.



A young, smiling officer emerged from the car.

"Now, listen officer, I want you to know . . ."
"Never mind, sir. Please step out of the car. I am Officer Paul McGrath, Central City police force. May I see your driver's license?"

Biff had it in his hand, all ready. "Here you are, but I would like to say . . ."
"Mr. Coleman, from River City. Mr. Coleman, welcome to Central City. Are you just passing through?"

"I had planned to stay. I . . ."
"It doesn't matter, sir. May I ask that you come with me? We won't be gone long. You can lock your car and leave it where it is. It will be all right."
"Come where with you? What am I supposed to have done? Can't I just go on my way?"

"You can refuse to go. You have the right. Have you some urgent appointment?"
"I just want to check into the hotel and . . ."
"You can do that later. If you have nothing urgent, will you come with me?"

"O.K.", Biff gave in. "O.K., I'll come with you. Let's go and get it over with."

Noisy
Biff stepped into the car. The officer started the motor and headed up the street, red dome light flashing, siren going full blast.

The squad car came to an almost screeching stop in front of a building which appeared more like a church than a police station.

"This is our community center," the officer said. "We use it for just about every meeting we have in this town."

Biff allowed himself to be pushed through the door. "Meeting?"

"Sure, meeting. Look." Crowd

Biff looked. The place was alive with people. Little groups standing around, talking, eating cake and sipping punch.

"Meeting," Officer McGrath said. "We do this every Christmas. We choose someone apparently passing through and bring them here to meet the friendly folks of Calvert City." He gave Biff another friendly shove. "Here he is, Mayor."

The big man grasped Biff's hand. "Your name, sir?"
Biff stammered, "Uh, Uh, Biff, Biff Coleman."

The mayor raised his hands. "Ladies and gentlemen. Step up, if you will and meet Mr. Biff Coleman. Mr. Coleman is passing through and just stopped to let us wish him a Merry Christmas."

Biff found his voice. "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. But, I'm not passing through. I have come to stay. You know that building on the corner of First and Main just remodeled? Now, my company is opening a branch office there and I want to invite . . ."

He was drowned by a chorus of voices, "Merry Christmas, Biff."

OVER A MILLION

It is estimated that over a million and a half watch both the parade and the Rose Bowl football game between eastern and western teams, which was instituted in 1916 and has become a permanent feature on New Year's Day.

HOGMANAY

In Scotland, New Year, or Hogmanay, is the great festival of the year, far exceeding Christmas in importance. Many explanations have been suggested for the name "Hogmanay". It has been variously derived by scholars from French, Greek, Norse or Spanish words connected with the season, but no general agreement on the subject has been reached yet. Whatever the true origin of its name, the feast itself reigns supreme throughout Scotland, and is annually celebrated by cheerful customs and merrymaking.

84 Players In Dup. Bridge Meet

Lone Cedar Duplicate Bridge Club was host Sunday afternoon

to eighty-four players from Ranger, Eastland, Cisco, Gorman, Brownwood, Stephenville, Dallas, Graham, Breckenridge, Irving, Blanket, Lake Leon, Olney, Abilene and Newcastle.

Ranger Jr. College Becomes Member Of Southern Ass'n.

Ranger Junior College is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges, according to Dr. E. W. Mince. This is the highest accredited goal a college can attain.

A committee from the association visited Ranger last Spring and gave the college a favorable

Play began at 2 p. m. with Lloyd London of Cisco directing Dinner, compliments of the club, was served at 6 p. m. in Lone Cedar Country Club.

Winners north-south were: 1st. place, Roger O'Conner of Ranger and Jerry Turnell of Irving; 2nd. Ann Beck and Burley Richman, both of Brownwood; 3rd., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesner, Brownwood; 4th., Mrs. James Horton of Eastland and Mrs. Angie McDonald of Stephenville.

Winners eastwest were 1st. Dr. D. V. Rodgers and Mrs. Betty Henderson, both of Gorman; 2nd. Gus Frossard of Gorman and Mrs. Dick Dearman of Lake Leon; 3rd., Mrs. William P. Stephens and Doris Ellison, both of Graham; 4th., Mrs. Joe Stephens of Eastland and Mrs. Luther McCrea of Cisco.

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report, Dr. Mince said. The school president was in Atlanta, Ga. in October to answer questions from the screening committee concerning the report. Application for membership was made in 1966.

Ranger Junior College was admitted along with four other junior colleges and one senior college.

The attitude of both community and campus did much to influence the report of the committee, a college spokesman said.

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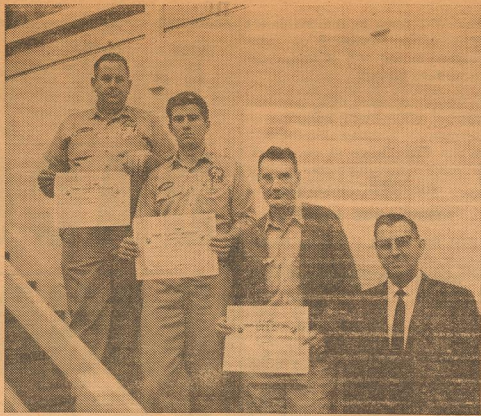
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Herman Bennett Receives Award

Herman Bennett, employee of U. S. Army Primary Helicopter Center School for Fort Walters at Southern Airways at Palo Pinto has received the Zero Defects Award. The award is given for non-errors in paper work in the supply department where Herman is an employee.

Defects Award given in the supply service since the origin of the award.

Shown with Bennett are co-workers who also received the award on November 21. Each was presented a certificate and pen. Herman is a former employee of the Gorman Progress and is the son of Mrs. Velma Bennett.



AWARD WINNERS — Zero Defects Award winners at the Southern Airways supply at Palo Pinto are (left to right): Herman Bennett, Gorman; Ray Million, Strawn, Vernon Garrison, De Leon, and W. M. "Mickey" Marlow of Mineral Wells.

RECIPE FOR BIBLE CAKE

Mrs. Sam Broom has so much fun looking up the ingredients in this unusual cake recipe that we thought our readers may enjoy it also. She said the cake is also quite tasty.

3/4 cup Judges 5:25
1 1/2 cup Jerrimiah 6:20
3/4 cup Judges 4:19
3 whole Jerrimiah 17:11
1 tbs. First Samuel 14:25
3 cups First Kings 4:22
1 teaspoon Amos 4:5
1 1/2 cup Nahum 3:12
2 cups First Samuel 30:12
Flavor with Second Chronical 9:9

Mix as written and bake in loaf.

For COLDS take 666



It was shortly after the turn of the century. My trade was that of a drummer. Today you would call me a salesman. My territory was determined by fancy and, sometimes, by a weatherbeaten horse named Napoleon. Whichever fork of the road suited Napoleon, suited me. Napoleon huffed and puffed along, pulling a wagon load of pots and pans and assorted dry goods. I let him go his way until he came to a lane that led toward a promising farm house.

I had learned, through the years, to make it my business to let darkness catch me only in the vicinity of some sort of habitat which offered the promise of warmth and comfort for the passing of night.

Trouble
On this particular occasion, which just happened to be Christmas Eve, I was in unfamiliar territory, somewhere in southern Mississippi. A broken wagon axle had brought Napoleon to a sudden, groaning halt. I set the animal free while I set about seeing what I could do to make repairs.



I was in unfamiliar territory on Christmas Eve.

As you may imagine, it took me a long time, even though I hurried as fast as I could, spurred on by dark and ominous skies that threatened—even promised a siege of bad weather.

When I had finished with the job—you guessed it—Napoleon was gone. He was nowhere in sight.

I ran up the road, shouting, whistling, until I was forced to sit and rest. I returned to the wagon and looked in the forest on each side of the road. But, Napoleon was gone—and the rain which began slowly at first, came now in torrential fashion.

Shelter

I hastily pulled a tarpaulin over my wares, and myself. For a time, I was dry and warm. Then water seeped around the edges of the tarpaulin... a trickle or two at first, then a steady stream, down the side boards and across the wagon bed until I was thoroughly wet.

It was an hour or two before dark when I decided to look up the road for help or assistance, knowing full well it might be 10 or 15 miles to the nearest sign of civilization.

I had not gone far when I met him. He was an old fellow, white-bearded and dressed in tattered clothing, ambling toward me as if it were the brightest day in May. At his heels, following nonchalantly, a very nondescript mule.

"My name is Karl," he said. "And my friend, here, is Dancer."

"Hello," I said. "Have you seen a horse up ahead?"

"Not horse, nor human, for miles. Dancer and me, we're just headed home."

"I need help," I pleaded. "Shelter for the night, or I'll buy your mule. I have a wagon load of supplies and..."

"Dancer will gladly help. But, he's not for sale. He is much too valuable to me."

"Then, you'll go with me to the next house or town?"

"Not I. I have things to do. Dancer will take you. Just set him free when you are there. He will come back to me."

One learns, as they say, to never look a gift mule in the mouth. I hitched up Dancer, bid farewell to old Karl and, after he refused any compensation, started again up the road.

When I reached the next community, Napoleon was waiting patiently. The moment I set Dancer free, off he was, back along the road we had just traveled.

Maybe there's nothing unusual about my story. Except for the fact that no one in the community had ever heard or seen an old man fitting Karl's description. And, in the many later years I traveled the same location, I could never discover or learn anything about him.

I wonder if he had something to do with the Spirit of Christmas.

THE ISLE OF MAN

Long ago on the Isle of Man, women sprinkled ashes on the kitchen floors on New Years Eve. Next morning they looked carefully to see whether there were any footsteps among them. If they saw prints leading toward the door, it was a sign there would be a death in the home. If the steps were reversed, it portended an addition to the family.

1968 CUB SCHEDULE

Jan. 20 - Putnam - There
Jan. 27 - Olden - There
Feb. 3 - Carbon - Here
Feb. 10 - Moran - Here
Feb. 13 - Desdemona - There
Feb. 24 - Rising Star - There

All games will begin at 6:30.



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CHRISTMAS

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At Christmas, we gladly greet our friends, with all good wishes for health, happiness and a holiday season filled with many joys and blessings.

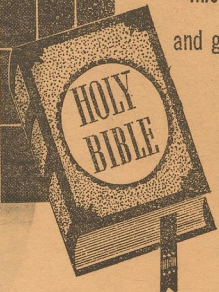
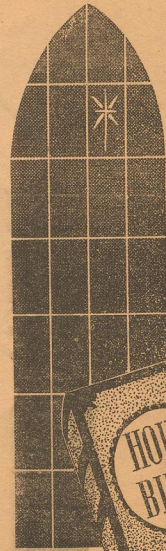
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Social Security Ask You For Proofs Of Age, Earnings

Social Security benefits don't start automatically for you and your family when you retire. This may seem strange since the social security contribution comes out

of the pay check without the worker requesting it, but the monthly retirement benefits do have to be requested. Along with the application certain proofs have to be furnished, according to R. R. Tuley, Jr., district manager for the Social Security Administration. What does a person need to get his retirement check started? Proof of a person's age should always be brought with

him when he files, says Tuley. Most people decide to file a claim the first trip to see a social security representative after they see how simple it is, he went on, even though they were just inquiring about how to file. If the spouse and children are also claiming benefits, they will need proof of their age and relationship.

Since most people in this area don't have a birth certificate recorded near the time of birth

they usually need two old documents showing their age - the older the document the better. Baptismal records, family Bibles, school records, insurance policies, marriage licenses, and practically any other old document showing the person's age can be used to establish his date of birth.

Tuley says that your last year's W-2 Form, or tax return, if you were self-employed, should also be brought with you when you plan to apply for social security.

The W-2 form is the statement of earnings furnished to employees at the end of each year by the employer.

A representative of the Abilene district office will next be in Gorman on Monday, December 9 at the City Office at 10 o'clock.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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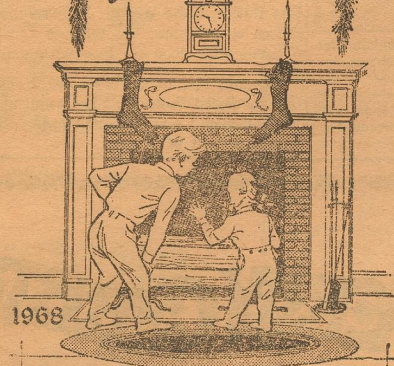
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W. Heathingtons Proud Of Record Of Granddaughters

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Heathington, who reside in the Gorman Hotel Apartments, are quite proud of their granddaughters, and rightly so, for each have been honored recently for their scholastic achievements.



Carol Heathington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cled Heathington of Denver, Colorado, has been named as a semi-finalist in the 1968-69 National Merit Scholarship Program. She will compete for about 3000 merit scholarships with some 15,000 of the nation's most intellectually able high school seniors.

The finalists will be announced next spring.

Carol was among the highest scoring students in the state on the qualifying test given last Feb. in 17,500 schools nationwide. She is a member of the 21's, an entertaining group, who sing and present programs when asked. She is also one of the Big Sisters, a service organization.

She attends Cherry Creek High School in Denver, Colorado.



We're sending you a special wish to hope your holiday joys are many. Do have a really wonderful, happy season.

The following families are using this method of saying Merry Christmas to their friends in lieu of sending Christmas Cards, and have made a contribution to the City of Gorman Hospital Fund:

- Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson
- Mrs. Pete Snider
- Mr. and Mrs. Sam Broom
- Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jordan
- Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow
- Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hirst, Daryl and Patty
- Glenn, Zelda and Teddy Jordan
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and Kris



Paula Heathington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Heathington, has been selected as "Good

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for the deeds of kindness shown us after our automobile accident and stay in Blackwell Hospital.

A special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff, to those who sent cards, flowers and gifts, for those who visited us. Each act of kindness was deeply appreciated.

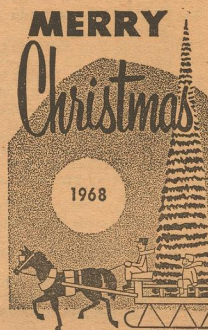
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Citizen" of Rotan High School, based on the qualifications recommended by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution - dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Paula will be sponsored by the Nancy Harper Chapter of DAR, and will be eligible to enter the State Good Citizen Contest. She will compete in the National contest.

Paula will be honored guest of Nancy Harper Chapter at their December meeting. At this time she will be presented a DAR Good Citizen pin.

Paula's activities in high school have been: won district in Persuasive Speaking, freshman year; won district in debate, sophomore year; R.E.A. Speaking Contest, sophomore and junior years; one act play, three years; best supporting actress in district UIL, sophomore year; student parliamentarian, sophomore year; vice-president of FHA, senior year; "Bue Notes", girls sextet, four years; band four years, head majorette, freshman year and drum major four years.



Greeting you and wishing you happiness at Christmas.

The Nathan Files Family

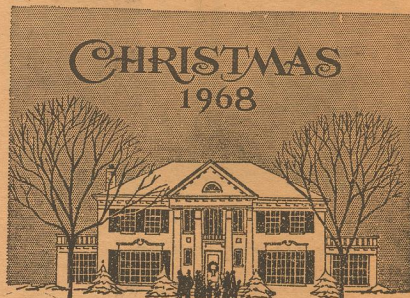
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GORMAN'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM members are: (seated, left to right) E. E. Todd, Mrs. Ray Williams, Mrs. Bernice Jeffs, Charlie L. Garrett, W. C. Browning, Sr.; (standing, left to right) L. Ross Wilson, Roy D. Blair, E. G. Stafford, Jr., Jack Brown, W. J. Robertson, M. E. Shell, G. W. Baze, James W. Mears, E. G. Henderson, W. M. Brown, Jr. Other team members (not shown) are Wayne Eaves, Rodney Stephens and Donnie Mauney.

These members of the Gorman industrial team recently completed an industrial team training course, prepared by Texas Electric Service Company and presented with the cooperation of the Texas Industrial Commission.

Through their efforts in this program, the members of the team have shown their interest in community progress and are now

better prepared to sell the advantages of this area to prospective new industries.

The industrial team concept is a modern and effective method of organizing community efforts for attracting industry.

The Texas Electric Service Company training course, which combines many of the most productive features of successful programs in other areas of the

nation, recently won the top award in its category among programs from 22 states which are included in the Southern Industrial Development Council.

Texas Electric Service Company pledges its support to the industrial team and other community workers in their efforts directed toward community growth and progress.

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RIGHT FOR CHRISTMAS
BY MIKE DOHERTY

Somehow or other, Mary told herself, everything will be all right by tomorrow. Things were always right for Christmas.

She looked into the living-room. Bob was a study in concentration, sprawled across the floor in front of the fireplace, reading the newspaper. He didn't seem too concerned, but Mary knew he was as unhappy as she about the situation.

She went back to the sink and, even though she tried, she could not stop her eyes from seeking out the window, across the few yards that separated the house next door.

By Chance
Suzy was at the sink, too. And, their eyes met, almost. In times past, this had been the signal for a wave or a friendly smile, but both women quickly looked away.

It had started with the kids, some silly thing. No one really knew exactly what started it. But, it grew, from an incident to a situation. After several years of friendship, the Smiths and the Browns were not speaking. At Christmas time, too.

"Bob," Mary called out. "Don't you think we should call Bill and Suzy and . . ."
"We'll do no such thing," came the quick response. "If Bill Brown wants to apologize, then . . ."



The laughter increased with each new arrival.

"It's not entirely their fault, you know. We all rather agreed to disagree. I think it is only a matter of our getting together and talking this thing out."

"Bill did enough talking when he said our kids started it all. They didn't. It takes two sides to make up any kind of an argument."

"Well," Mary interjected, "I think it is amusing. The kids aren't mad at one another any longer. Aren't we being a bit foolish?"

"Maybe so. If you want to go over there and humble yourself, you have my permission. Not me."

An Idea
Mary turned silent, but a faint smile turned the corners of her mouth. Bob had not been so occupied with his reading as he seemed to appear.

Mary finished in the kitchen and stepped out to the patio. It had started to snow, gently, adding fluffy flakes to the hard crust that was last night's snowfall.

Reaching out, Mary tested the snow with her foot. "Just right," she said approvingly.

Returning to the house, she dressed quickly and without a word to anyone, went to the basement and picked up the sled. Through the den where the children watched television, across the living room where Bob gave her only a casual look, she marched out the front door and to the vacant lot across the street. It was gently sloped, just right, and if you started at the top you could ride the sled from one end to the other.

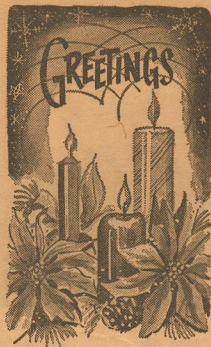
"One . . . two . . . three . . ." Mary counted the trips she had made. She was ready for trip four when Bobby said, "Hi, mom. Looks like fun. Let me ride, too. Will you?"

More Success
On trip six they were joined by two of the Brown children. The laughter increased with each new arrival. Bill Brown came out with a sled. Suzy wheeled up and stood nearby. A simple "Hi" and both sleds were off, rolling along to the sound of laughter.

And then Bob was there, saying nothing, just joining in the laughter. And then came Betty Smith and Susan Brown and finally the neighbors from up the street.

The parents tired first, as parents usually do. The children hardly knew they had gone, until they heard the sounds of adult laughter ringing from the Brown kitchen.

The children didn't think too much of it. Laughter, after all, is very much a part of the Christmas holiday.



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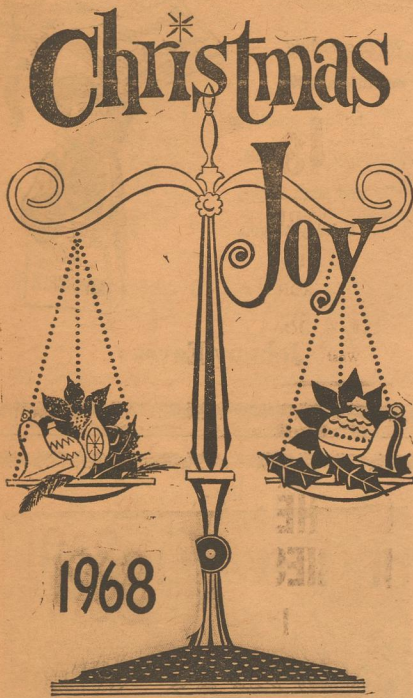
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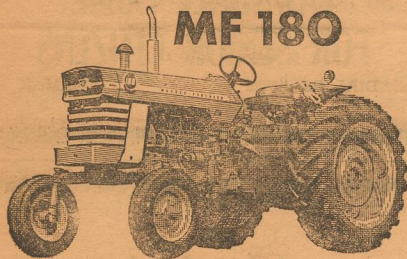


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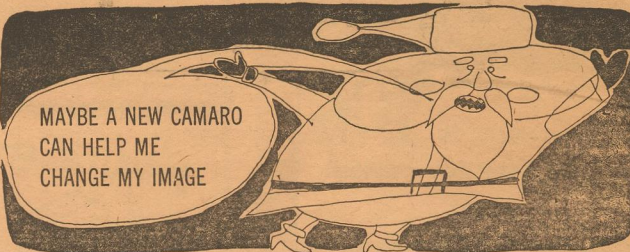
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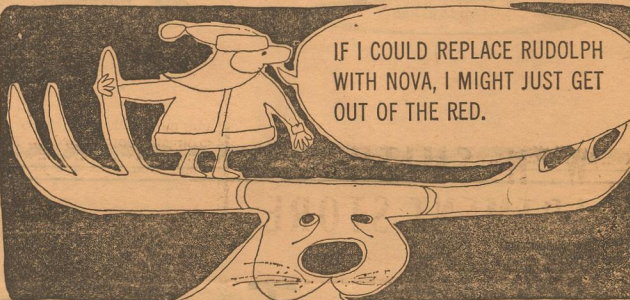
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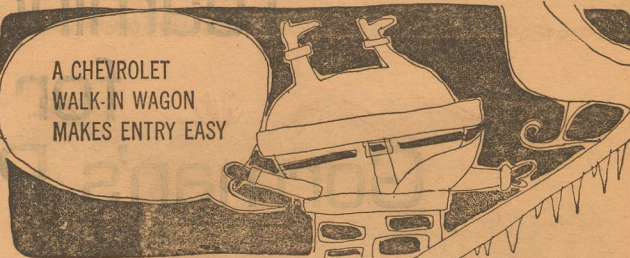
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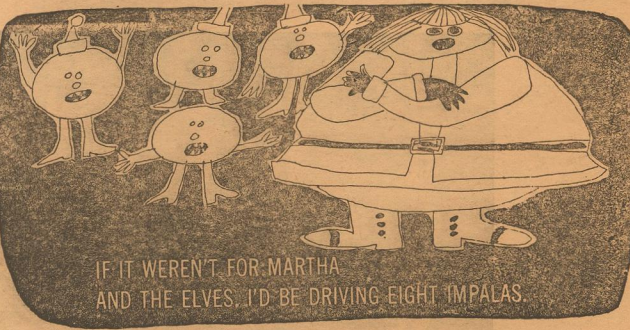
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 Pvt. Charles R. Fonville, 20, of Desdemona, was wounded in action December 14 at Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam. Fonville, a member of C Company, 1st. Battalion, 6th Marines, 1st. Marine Division, is being treated at 1st. Medical Battalion in a Nang for gunshot wounds to the chest and abdomen. He is a graduate of Desdemona High School and a member of the Desdemona Baptist Church. Fonville's wife, Paula, resides in Desdemona.

County Home Dem. Christmas Dinner Held December 4

The annual Home Demonstration Christmas luncheon and program was held on December 4 in the First Baptist Church in Eastland.

Preceding the noon luncheon, the county Home Demonstration Council met and conducted business for the month. Mrs. Ray Judia, Council Chairman, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Glenn Jordan, of Kokomo, called the roll with 39 council members and visitors present. Mrs. R. W. Gordon, County THDA Chairman, reported that the District Home Demonstration meeting would be held on March 25 with the place to be announced at a later date.

The 1969 yearbooks were distributed to the club members and all were happy to have them and preview the 1969 club year.

Approximately 70 guests and Home Demonstration members enjoyed a delicious covered dish luncheon. Special guests included Rev. and Mrs. Haston Brewer, Judge Scott Bailey, Commissioner L. J. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Cohen, and Mrs. James Horton.

The program was most interesting and enjoyed by all as Mrs. James Horton, of Eastland, showed slides of the Holy Land and told Biblical and current day history of the country.

The Christmas tree followed with fun and much laughter as a skit was presented by Mrs. Joe Bond, Mrs. Jack Lusk, Mrs. Ray Judia, and Miss Willie Word. Ol' Santa brought many goodies and pretty gifts to all during the afternoon. Mrs. Arlin Bint, of Lake Cisco Home Demonstration Club, closed the day with a most meaningful poem on "faith" which she illustrated beautifully.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the doctors and entire staff at Blackwell Hospital and all our friends and neighbors who showed such great concern for me during my illness, and for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts and visits. They were so greatly appreciated.

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This is a time for children, and it is a time too, for all men and women in all lands to remember the wonder of the Lord's birth on the first Christmas nearly 2,000 years ago. It is the power of this happening that puts magic in this season and lends the light of hope and understanding to all the world's people.

Let this Christmas be for children — may it bring them the warmth of a fire, the smell of a tree, the excitement of waiting for Santa's visit. Let it bring visions of sugar plums on Christmas eve, and above all as the hour approaches, let it bring the warmth of knowing that the babe born in Bethlehem so long ago is very close to us all this night.



With friendly thoughts and wishes too, that Christmas brings the best to you.

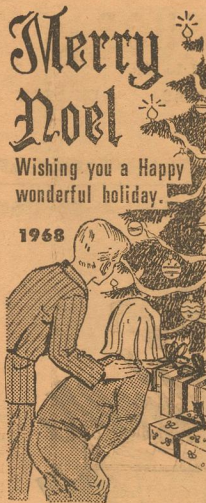
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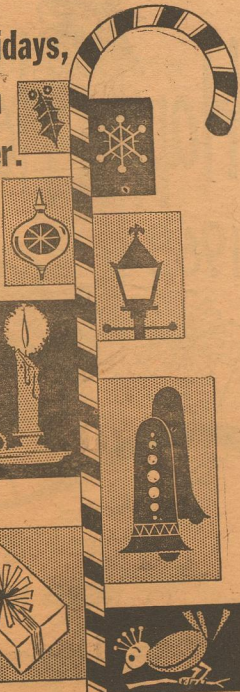
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The Spirit of Christmas

By Bro. Audy Moore

December 25th is recognized by many as the birth date of our Lord, but we do not know the birth date of Jesus. I think it is significant that God has seen fit to strike from the annals of time the date of this momentous event. We DO believe, however, that Jesus WAS born - that he was born of a virgin named Mary; we also believe that it was necessary for him to be born of flesh that he might die for sinful man.

Although God has not taught us to have any service in memory of Jesus birth, He does teach us to remember his death and suffering for us. The Lord instituted a memorial service of that, the Lords Supper, and affectionately ask that we eat and drink in memory of him, Lk. 22:19-20. And the Apostle Paul said, "For as oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup you do show (shew) forth his death until he comes." 1 Cor. 11:22.

But at this season of the year there is a very FINE SPIRIT which prevails, and it is of this we speak at this time.

THERE IS THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

It is a season of exchanging gifts and giving to the poor and to the elderly (and in some instances lonely). In this we learn, and teach our children to think in terms of others. But let us not think that it is only at this season that the poor are hungry and the lonely are lonely. Parents look forward to presenting gifts to their children; children who have saved their pennies and nickles for weeks remember their dad and mother, brothers, sisters and little friends. Perhaps an elderly, sickly person.

Some even give more into the church treasury during this time, while others spend so lavishly on themselves and their friends they are in the "red" for months.

The entire Christian life is one of giving. Jesus, our example, loved us and gave himself. We are taught to love Him and give our life in service to him. Seek to bring happiness to others not only at Christmas time, but throughout the entire year.

THERE IS THE SPIRIT OF RECEIVING

We all like to receive gifts - it is evidence that others are thinking of us. Gifts are tokens of love from kindred and friends.

We rejoice, and relive the days of our youth, when we see our children open the gifts they receive and utter cries of delight. At this season of the year the gift doesn't have to be much - even if it is a pair of socks that won't fit, we thrill because of the spirit that has prompted the gift and that is the source of our joy. Someone said, "The gift without the giver is bear."

But it is not only at the "yuletide season" that we receive gifts. We receive gifts daily - REAL GIFTS FROM GOD, the evidences of His love for us. Just suppose the sun did not rise to shine upon us, or that it never rained. Then think of the spiritual blessings that come through Jesus Christ. But do we fully appreciate the gifts we receive from God day by day or do we take them for granted? Are we more thoughtful and grateful to friends and loved ones for gifts we have received than to God?

THERE IS ALSO THE SPIRIT OF FORGIVING

It seems that human hearts are somewhat softened at this season of the year. The proverbial "chip on the shoulder" is not so evident. Reconciliations between estranged households - husbands and wives, parents and children are often brought about at this season of the year. Things that would cause petty quarrels and disturbances at any other time of the year are lightly cast aside and laughed off. Isn't that a fine spirit?

A large fat woman had been shopping one Christmas and was coming out of the store with packages as high as she could carry them. As she passed through the revolving doors a man going in bumped into her. She fell flat and packages went everywhere. The crowd collected expecting to see some real excitement, but to their surprise she got up, the man brushed her off - helped collect her packages, and with a smile she went on her way. But if this had happened at some other month of the year the story would likely have been different. The man probably would have received a first class tongue lashing.

It is lamentable indeed that the spirit of forgiving which prevails at this season of the year cannot prevail throughout the year - year after year. Forgiveness is a fundamental doctrine of New Testament Christianity.

Jesus said, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their

trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Mt. 6:14-15. And Peter once said, "How oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times? Jesus said unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, seventy times seven." Mt. 18:21-22.

How happy and thankful we should be that any day of the week or year, if we are willing to obey Gods word, we can obtain forgiveness from God.

AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR THERE IS ALSO A SPIRIT OF LOVE & KINDNESS

At this season of the year we see a fine exhibition of love and kindness - parents for children; children for parents; and business firms for fellow business firms. Selfishness is put in the background and the spirit of love and kindness prevails. Greetings and smiles pass between persons who have not thusly greeted each other in months. Handshakes are evident and a good joke is in order. Isn't it regrettable that this same spirit cannot prevail without limitation of time.

Jesus gave the world a new definition of love. The world had known love before, but here was a love as boundless as the sea - a love beyond which no one could journey. Love begets love. And Solomon said, "A soft answer turneth away wrath." Prov. 15:1. A balky mule can be moved sooner by a pat on the neck and a bundle of hay than by abuse. Love and kindness is one weapon for which there is no shield.

We cannot understand fully the love of God. About the nearest

we can come to it is to go to Calvary. Can we look upon that scene and not be moved?

THE SPIRIT OF HAPPINESS

This season of the year, with some exceptions due to misfortunes and serious illnesses, or wars, happiness prevails.

It is God's holy will that His people be happy at all times. The philosophy of Jesus was, "Be of good cheer." "Let not your hearts be troubled. . . ." One of the key words of the New Testament is "Rejoice". The way of true happiness is to obey God and do good

unto others. The person who seeks happiness most frantically for themselves are the one who never find it. Those who lose themselves in the course of bringing happiness to others, find happiness themselves, not by accident, but through the wisdom of God.

Let us seek earnestly to make "THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS" prevail throughout the entire year.

We wish for each one a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.



JOY

We can but hope that the Christmas glow will linger in your hearts.

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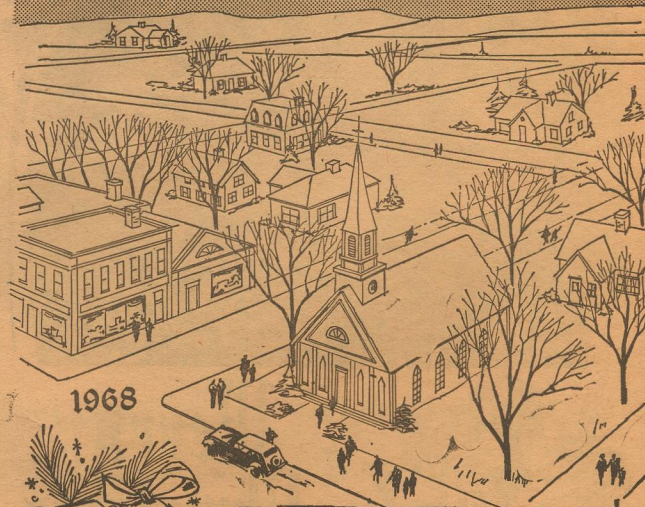
Best Wishes



We're joining Santa in sending season's greetings to one and all. May peace and joy be yours.

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