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by KERNEL GENE, aPe

Christmas Day — 30,000 feet above the earth, cruising at 600 or so miles per hour toward Los Angeles, my thoughts turned to the Astronauts who were preparing for their journey home. I, like many others, was skeptical about their returning to earth until I heard a voice saying, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Almost like the Three Wise Men who followed the Star to Bethlehem, the Astronauts are blessed with a strength and belief that some mortals on earth have no way of understanding. These men will never know how many people uttered a small prayer of thanks to them for remembering our Creator.

Nearing California our pilot announced that we were running into rough weather and might not be able to land on time. However, there was nothing to worry about. I was looking out the window when a white curtain covered the pane. We were also alone in space. No one seemed worried as we all knew our pilot was being guided by an invisible beam to our destination. . . and it is good to know our Astronauts were tied to an invisible beam just a little stronger than the one which was guiding them back to earth.

Theresa and I enjoyed our trip to California but it's wonderful being back in Gorman.

Loring, Maine

Gene Baker
I am sure that there will be many times that our daughter will complain about our giving her such a boyish name. I will simply show her your clipping and tell her that her problems started early.

But those are the only problems she has — as of today, December 12, she weighs 4 pounds and 8 ounces and should come home on Christmas — which has to be the nicest Christmas present possible.

Now to the real reason for writing. If I am not mistaken I was born in the Gorman Hospital — at any rate I was treated there for the multitude of things that happen to children growing up — broken bones and bad appendix (Now I shouldn't have written that word plural because I don't know how to make it plural; appendices).

Much good fortune on your project; it is good to know that the community is working together to help itself rather than start looking up the small print in government grants to see if any cover the situation.

Sincerely,
Patricia Morrison Harrington
(Mrs. H. G.)

P. S. — Dec. 15 - 4 lbs., 13 ounces - the delay in mailing gave her growing time.

Dear Pat: Glad to know the nger is doing well. At this rate we should be announcing her engagement or maybe graduation before too long.

Thank you, teenagers and teenagers to be.

Regret that I couldn't publish individual pictures. It's difficult to get everyone in a group picture. If you notice in the left of one picture there is an arm in a white sleeve and just back of this is a shoulder in a dark dress.

The arm is attached to Bill Baze, who I understand thought up this idea of this group giving to the hospital fund — and the shoulder is that of Mrs. Donald Bolt who literally works 24 hours a day striving to help the youth of our community and all others who might cross her path. From New York, Mrs. Bolt sometimes imagines us Rebels just don't cotton to Yankees. The Kernel is one Rebel who would like for more Yankees like Mrs. Bolt to move to Gorman. Come to think of it, the Kernel was born north of the Mason-Dixon line.

As the news spreads about our clubs more dollars are being mailed or brought into the Progress office.

Mrs. D. J. Jobe handed the Kernel a dollar and stated she wanted to join the Appendix Club as Dr. Rodgers was serving his internship at the time of ation.

Mrs. J. E. Ramsey, of parents of Pete Ramsey, and the Operation Club.

HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL

Forty Attend - \$21,100.00 Pledged

GORMAN'S INDUSTRIAL TEAM RECEIVE CERTIFICATES DEC. 18



PEANUTS FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS — Principals in the December 18 graduation of Gorman's Industrial trainees were from left to right, back row: James Mears, C of C President; Oscar Castillon, Area Development Manager; Frank Sayre, Eastland Division Manager; Burl B. Hulsey, Texas Electric Service Co. President; and E. G. Henderson, C of C Industrial Committee Chairman. Seated (l to r): Vance Gilmore, Information Director, and W. G. Mardquat, Vice President of Operations. Each of the Texas Electric Service Co. employees were presented a box of peanuts.



Burl Hulsey, Jr., President and general manager of Texas Electric Service Co., and Bill Brown, local TESCO manager, present certificates to Industrial trainees at graduation ceremonies held on December 18. Five of the recipients shown are seated, left to right: W. C. Browning, Jack Brown, Buddy Blair and Graydon Baze.

Members of Gorman's new Industrial Team were graduated Wednesday, December 18. Certificates of completion and words of praise by Mr. Burl B. Hulsey, Jr., President and General Manager of Texas Electric Service Company, of Fort Worth, who came out especially to salute those who had competed the recent extensive training, highlighted the occasion.

Certificates were presented to those who had worked in the study from October 7 to November 22 in the informal ceremonies at the Brown Jug Steak House formal dining room. Several C of C members and interested citizens attended the 9:45 a. m. program.

The team training project was sponsored jointly by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce and Texas Electric in an effort, Mr. Hulsey said, to improve conditions in those areas served by the company.

"We find Gorman has great possibilities to attract peanut industries because of the natural resources of abundance of peanuts and peanut facilities already here," He cited the Industrial Foundation and other assets that



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENT HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS — James Mears, Chamber of Commerce President, accepts funds from high school students for the Hospital Fund. The gift was given to the fund in lieu of exchanging gifts at their school Christmas party. Making the presentations were left to right: Steve Patterson, Reggie Underwood, Doyle S. . . man and Sherry Jobe. The gift totaled \$112.60 from the . . . high school classes.

HOLLAND KIRK LAID TO REST AT OAKLAND

Henry Holland Kirk, 77, a life-long resident of the Gorman area, died at 5:45 a. m. December 25 in the VA Hospital in Big Spring. He had been ill approximately four years, and a patient in the VA Hospital in Big Spring since June 23, 1968.

Born November 30, 1891 in Comanche County near Gorman, he was married to Gertrude Lee Boykin September 14, 1921 at the home of her parents in Comanche County, near Gorman. She preceded him in death May 11, 1963.

He was a veteran of World War I, a member of the Congregational Methodist Church, and the American Legion.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p. m. Friday, December 27 in the Congregational Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. Marion Dennis, officiating, assisted by Audy Moore, minister of the Gorman Church of Christ. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Survivors include three sons, Dale of Midland, Homer of Missouri, and Frank Kirk of Mineral Wells; one daughter, Mrs. Herman Bennett of Gorman; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three sisters, Mrs. Irene Hare, De Leon, Mrs. Drucilla Baker, Munday, and Mrs. Pearl Gilmore, Gorman; four brothers, Hoyle C. Kirk, Rialto, Cal., Frank N. Kirk, Oxnard, Calif., Handley Kirk of Gorman, and George Alton Kirk of Fort Worth.

Pallbearers were E. N. Higginbotham, J. E. Porter, Graydon Baze, E. G. Henderson, Orville Battenfield and Bill Parr.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On December 31, Tuesday night we will sing out the old year and sing in the new at Sand Hill. Many good singers have promised to be with us. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Bob Scott

Don't forget the New Year's Singing at Oliver Springs. Come one, come all! and sing with us. Refreshments will be served.

Florence Richardson

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department will meet Monday, January 6th.

The Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 443 will meet Monday, January 6th.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White are using this method of saying Happy New Year to their friends and have made a contribution to the City of Gorman Hospital Fund.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere thanks for all the kindness shown us and our Daddy in his long time of illness. Especially to all the doctors and nurses at the Dallas VA Hospital, Blackwell Hospital, Gorman Nursing Home, Eastland Hospital and Eastland Nursing Home and the Big Spring VA Hospital. Also to the Higginbotham Funeral Home and to the many friends for their kindness, cards, flowers and food sent.

We deeply appreciate every deed of kindness and pray that God will bless each of you in some special way.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett and family
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kirk and family
Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Kirk and family
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk and family

W. DEE SMITH LAID TO REST HERE ON FRIDAY

William Dee Smith, 85, died at 11:45 a. m. December 25 in the Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa, from a short illness. He had gone to Lamesa to spend the Christmas holidays with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Westmoreland.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. Friday, December 27 in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Gorman with Audy Moore, minister of the Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Gorman Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Born December 15, 1883 in Ellis County, he was a retired farmer and had been a resident of Eastland County for 30 years. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Exia of Gorman; two daughters, Mrs. Opal Sands, Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Hazel Schessow of Nevada, and one step-daughter, Mrs. Pearl Westmoreland of Lamesa; two brothers, Walter Smith, Rising Star, and Andy Smith, Amarillo; a sister, Mrs. Julia Barron, Oklahoma City; two grandchildren; 2 step-great-grandchildren; and 1 step-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were E. G. Hen-

Christmas Lighting Contest Winners Are Announced

Christie Duran was first place winner in the Christmas Lighting contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. She was awarded an Electric Reddy Lite by Texas Electric Service Co.

The Graydon Baze home received second place prize. They were awarded \$15.00. Third place prize went to Mrs. Gene Baker. She received an award of \$10. Both second and third place prizes were presented by the Chamber of Commerce.

Three homes tied for 4th. place. They were Dale Brightwell, Ray Williams and Fred Rogers. Out of town judges named the winning selections in the event.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of T. G. Gray wish to express their sincere appreciation for all the courtesies shown at the time of father's death.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Maddocks
Mr. and Mrs. James R. Matthews
Mr. and Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Allen spent the holidays in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Pittman and family.

erson, Graydon Baze, C. O. Revels, Othell Clark, Jerry Mehaffey and D. R. Clark.

HOSPITAL FUND HAS REACHED \$27,236.07 MARK

The City of Gorman Hospital Fund has reached a total of \$27,236.07 as of Tuesday morning.

The Farmers and Ranchers in a meeting held Monday night, raised \$21,100.00 with approximately 40 farmers attending.

Contributions from several different sources continue to come in. A barometer is soon to be erected at the Bank building to show the public progress being made for the \$100,000 mark to be reached by May 31st.

FUNERAL RITES MRS. RODGERS SET WED. AT 2

Mrs. Don E. Rodgers died at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday at her home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, January 1, in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Leighton K. Farrell of Dallas officiating. Interment will be in the De Leon Cemetery.

A complete obituary will be published in next week's issue of the Progress.

FINAL RITES FOR GILFORD GRAY HELD SUNDAY

Thomas Gilford Gray, 93, a pioneer resident of Eastland County, and city and county commissioner, died at Blackwell Hospital Friday after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Huron Polnac, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial in Gorman Cemetery was under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Born January 16, 1875, in Arkansas, he had lived in Eastland County most of his life, where he had been a buyer for Gorman Peanut Company for several years. He had served as a county commissioner, member of Gorman School Board and the Gorman City Commission. He was a member of Woodmen of the World and Gorman Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Arthur Maddocks of Denton, Mrs. James Matthews of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot of Sweetwater; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. George Ann Bennett of Cross Plains and Mrs. Kate Murphy of El Paso. He was preceded in death by his wife, one son and one daughter.

LAST RITES FOR LESLIE WALLACE DECEMBER 23

William Leslie Wallace, 69, died at 5:40 a. m. Sunday, December 22 in Blackwell Hospital following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Monday, December 23 in the First United Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. Joe S. Davis, officiating, assisted by Rev. Marion Dennis, pastor of the Congregational Methodist Church. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Born October 16, 1899 at Holland, Texas, he was married to Winnona Gertrude Parr June 27, 1932 in Oklahoma.

He was a retired ironworker, retiring in 1946, at which time he moved to Gorman where he operated a pecan orchard. He had won numerous trophies and ribbons in area county pecan shows.

A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the American Legion, serving as assistant Eastland County Service Officer and an honorary member of International Association of Bridge Structural Ornamental Ironworkers.

He is survived by his wife, and one sister, Mrs. Miriam Christine Wilson of Killeen.

Pallbearers were Othell Clark, Charlie Underwood, Oda Monroe, Jack Brown, Doyle Welch, Ronnie Page, E. L. Dennis and Thurman Jay.

Honorary Pallbearers were Dr. D. V. Rodgers, Dr. Eugene Foster, Check Smith, Dick Jay, Dick Foster, Larry Farrow, Larry Womack, Rayford Burgess, Frank Kirk, Sr. and D. J. Jobe.

Sweater Winners Are Announced

Mrs. Clyde Porter was winner of the first sweater given away Saturday, December 21 by the Gorman Rebekah Lodge. Mrs. Charlie Goodwin was winner of the second sweater.

The knitted sweaters were the Christmas project of the lodge to raise money for the City of Gorman Hospital Fund.

The exact amount of the project was not known at press time Tuesday, but it was estimated to be between \$260 and \$275.00.



CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR HOSPITAL FUND — Mrs. Estelle Craddock accepts the Seventh Grade Christmas Party check for the City of Gorman Hospital Fund. Making the presentation were students, Rebecca Parker and La Vonne Highsmith. The class raised \$31.55. Teacher, John Smith, is shown on left in the back row. Home room teacher, Mrs. Donald Bolt, and student Bill Baze, were present but missed by the camera.



IT'S BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE — From the smiles of this group of Eighth Graders as they presented their Christmas gift to Joe Bennett for the Hospital Fund, they were much happier by sacrificing their Christmas gift exchange with each other in order to make a contribution to the Hospital Fund. The group raised \$35.27. Making the presentation was Jeanette Jackson. Seated in front of the group is home room teacher Mr. R. D. Patterson. Mr. Patterson stated that the wonderful thing about the whole idea is that it was the student's idea and that they planned and worked it all out on their own without the assistance of the teachers.

From little acorns, oak trees grow, the students in Gorman Schools believe, and hope that their small contributions will help build a hospital in Gorman. And in the true spirit of Christmas they contributed many dollars toward the City of Gorman Hospital Fund for the building of a new hospital. Instead of exchanging Christmas gifts at their school parties, they contributed the money they would have spent for gifts and put it in the hospital fund. The idea was presented to the seventh grade class by student Bill Baze, and the other classes adopted the same plan. The Seventh Grade raised \$31.55 and the Eighth Grade, \$35.27. The Sixth Grade gave \$4.00. High School raised \$112.60. With the spirit and intention that everyone has shown thus far in the campaign to raise the \$100,000 needed by May 1 in order to make application for the Hill-Burton Act for 1969, it will be raised by the deadline date.

DESDEMONA NEWS

By MRS. ETHEL KEITH

Following a seige of illness and a stay in the Eastland Hospital, I now try to write up some news on our little community.

Mrs. Ethel Riggs is a patient in the hospital and is considered quite ill at this writing.

Word was received here a few days ago that Charlie Fonville, husband of Mrs. Paula Branham Fonville, was wounded in Vietnam last week. Charlie is the youngest of the children of Mrs. Murrell Fonville of De Leon.

Mr. C. E. Ragland, who has been a hospital patient in Abilene for quite a while, has been at his home for several days.

Mrs. Myrtle Reid had two of her children and their families for the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Moody Smith and children of Lamesa spent one night during the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Koonce.

Alsa Coleman Wier spent the holidays with the Bob Koonces.

Mrs. Nannie Guthery had all of her children home for Christmas dinner. They were Mr. and Mrs. Rob Guthery, Mr. and Mrs. Hillery Seay, Mr. and Mrs. Pug Guthery and family, Mrs. Tommie Guthery and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Chubbie Forman and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Craig had several of their children home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lane spent the holidays in Eastland with their daughter and family and other relatives.

Young Miss Pam Williams of Corpus Christi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Less Williams, was visiting here for the holidays.

Mrs. Maud Fuque has purchased the Bible Baptist parsonage and will have some work done on the place before she occupies it.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson spent Christmas Day in Strawn with Rev. and Mrs. Neldon Shipman.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jeffreys spent the holidays visiting relatives and friends in South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Abel had Christmas dinner in Comanche with his sister, Mrs. Myrtle Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. David Deguire were in Lubbock the day after Christmas to visit his daughter.

The Horace Kullenburgs of Austin were here during the holidays and visited Eva Northcutt and at the rest home in Dublin with her mother, Granny Northcutt.

Mr. Raymond Joiner is now at a rest home in Dublin.

The Hubert Rainey's had their children and families in for a holiday get-together on the Sunday after Christmas.

Mrs. Ina Jones and three of her adult grandchildren of Azle were here during the holidays and visited Ethel Keith.

The Stanley Bakers had their son, Lanny Baker, in for the holidays. Lanny is a student at McMurry in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold have returned home after spending the holidays in West Texas with their children and other relatives.

Major and Mrs. V. B. Tate and little daughter of Fargo, N. D. and his mother, Mrs. Ted Tate of Stephenville, visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Blankenship visited one evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. Pug Guthery and other friends here.

Mrs. Wess Majors lost her home in Cleburne by fire and there is a box at the Baptist Church for anything you might care to give between now and Sunday next.

There will be a Bible study class at the First Baptist Church January 6, Monday through Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anse Brown had as Christmas guests their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herc Ficklen, and Mrs. Malley Ficklen, all of Dallas.

Mrs. Carman Gene Grimshaw will leave Wednesday to join her husband in Germany.

Mr. David Guthery, son of Mrs. Tommie Guthery, left Saturday for Germany to be stationed at the same place as the Grimshaws.

Visiting the Morgan Roberts for Christmas were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Horan of Dallas.

The Tommy Irwins of Nashville visited here during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore.

WITH FRIENDS KEEPING UP

Visitors in the J. C. Claitor home last weekend were a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Corkey) McMillan and family of Perryton. They also visited with his parents, the Miles McMillans. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jamison of Sweetwater, a brother of Mrs. Claitor, who also attended the Gilford Gray funeral on Sunday, Mrs. Dona Belle Mitchell of San Angelo, a sister of Mrs. Claitor, visited on Sunday.

Mr. John C. Claitor, who is in the Dublin Hospital, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Gaston Gooch of Corsicana spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ida Gilbert.

John Howard Claitor of Falls Church, Va. is visiting his father, J. C. Claitor, in the Dublin Hospital.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holliday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holliday of Throckmorton, Mrs. Morgan Bennett and Becky of Temple, Mrs. Rachel Johnson and Sondra Hillton of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Norris of Carbon.

Mrs. Lee Kirk had all of her children home for the Christmas holidays. They were Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Higginbottom and Teddy, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kirk, David, Tom, Sarah, Mary, Karan and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Kirk, Larry and Ann of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Kirk of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Kirk, Laura Lee and Jeanette of Pasadena, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Kirk, Paul and Lisa of Sweetwater.

Christmas Day guests of Mrs. Velma Bennett were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dixon of Comanche, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bennett of Eastland, Mrs. Ora Evans of Hasse, Mrs. Ruby Bennett, Mrs. B. E. Wilson, Mrs. Viola Eaker and Tana, and Mrs. Bill Burns, all of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jamison of Sweetwater visited her aunt, Mrs. Frank Morrow, and attended the funeral of T. G. Gray Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Haley of Eastland and T. C. Haley of Washington, D. C. spent the Christmas holidays with the J. E. Walker family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter spent the holidays in Dallas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Clement and Michele.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation to everyone for their every kindness extended us in our time of sorrow and passing of our loved one, W. Dee Smith. You were so kind to send flowers, cards, food and words of sympathy. A special thanks to Audrey Moore, the pallbearers, the choir and those who sat at the funeral home.

May God richly bless each of you.

Mrs. W. Dee Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Westmoreland & family
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sands and family
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Schoessow and family
Dick McInnis and family

Mrs. T. F. Morrow spent the holidays in Fort Worth with her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Underwood. She accompanied Mrs. Morrow home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Allen of Bryan spent the weekend with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rodgers.

Mrs. Frank Dean spent the Christmas holidays in Dallas with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dean. Jimmie Dean accompanied her home for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Shell.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Anderson of Arlington visited Christmas Day with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Shell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. York and Gay of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seay, Terry Shannon and Michelle of Comanche visited Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Burns during the holidays.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Nettie Isbell were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Payne, Jean and Ronnie of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Isbell, Debbie and Patty, and Mr. and Mrs. John Brownlee and Lee and Mrs. Browning of De Leon. Mrs. Isbell and Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee visited Friday in Wichita Falls with Frances Isbell.

Estelle and Kay Ann Craddock visited in Sundown from Friday to Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Snooks Craddock, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Craddock and family, and Lonnie Craddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker spent the holidays in Redonda Beach, Calif. with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reece.

Five Gorman Pecan Growers Win In County Pecan Show

Five pecan growers from the Gorman area won ribbons at the 16th annual pecan show held in Eastland December 13 and 14. County Agent DeMarquis Gordon said the top quality pecans exhibited by Gorman growers was another indication the soil and climate in this area are ideal for pecan production.

D. J. Jobe won first place ribbons with entries of Texas Prolific and Western Schley. Charlie Underwood won first place ribbons with his entries of Barton and Desirable. His Comanches won second and Choctaws were named third.

An entry of Desirables exhibited by Les Wallace won second. Chester Joiner's Shelling seedlings won third and Ray Williams' Inshell seedlings won third.

The Champion pecan entry was Wichita exhibited by Bill Roundtree of Hamlin. C. E. Smith's entry of Siouxs were named Champion shelling pecans and the Champion natives were exhibited by R. L. Ricks of Scranton.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the many deeds of kindness extended to us during the lengthy illness and loss of our beloved mother, Buna Abernathy. Each word of sympathy, the many beautiful floral tributes, the delicious food and most of all your prayers, were appreciated more than you will ever know. Your love and concern expressed in so many ways will always be cherished by us.

May God richly bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Abernathy and family
Mrs. L. R. Alread and family
Mrs. J. J. Sparkman and family

TYPEWRITER REPAIR - For All Your Typewriter, Adding Machine repairs and cleaning, or a new typewriter, contact Estelle Craddock at the Gorman Progress office. RE 4-5410

David Kirk Wins Watch Drawing

David Kirk was winner of the ladies watch given away Saturday, December 21 by the Woman's Study Club. The proceeds from the project were placed in the City of Gorman Hospital Fund. \$404.25 was netted on the project.

Mrs. Otis Wright has donated a hand-crocheted afagan to the club for their next project which will begin in a short time.

CARBON GRADE SCHOOL

Jan. 6 - at Olden
Jan. 20 - at Moran
Jan. 27 - at Desdemona
Feb. 3 - at Gorman
Feb. 10 - Rising Star at Carbon
Feb. 13 - Putnam at Carbon
Feb. 17 - Olden at Carbon



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GORMAN INSURANCE AGENCY

HEREFORD SHOW & SALE

We have 55 head of cattle consigned for our 1969 sale, 43 bulls and 12 females. All cattle have been checked and are free of dwarfism to the best of our knowledge. Sale date is Monday, January 6, 1969 at the Stephenville Auction Barn.

Mr. H. A. Moseley, registered Hereford breeder of Hico, Texas, will judge the cattle prior to the sale. Erath County Home Demonstration Clubs will sell lunch at the event.

For a catalog write Richard B. Gary, P. O. Box 145, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

Consignors for the sale are J. E. Bogg Scott, Jr., Cleburne; Lee Campbell, Dublin; D. T. Carter, Goldthwaite; G. M. Cook, Stephenville; McBride Hereford Ranch Blanket; Paul C. Murphey, Jr., Meridian; Parks Hereford Ranch, Clifton; Charles Niblett, Jr., Stephenville; Floyd W. Prather, Comanche; C. M. Ulmer, Morgan Mill; Oscar L. Wilkerson, Grandview; Weldon Williams & Sons, Stephenville; and Ross Wilson, Gorman.

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NEWS FROM LAWNDALE

Vernice, David, Debra and Laura and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunt of Fort Worth and Schmidt Ramsay visited Ethel Ramsay. Nathan Sherrard of Albany visited Elma Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Huff and Wayne of Gorman visited J. C. Webb and Otis Thompson. Eddy Brooks of Abilene visited Mamie Brooks. Ida DeVoll of Abilene visited Alma Craig. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brossard of Colorado City and Edward Brossard of Cisco visited Gertrude Ussery. Karen Reynolds of Carbon, Carolyn and Billy Carson of Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Johnson, Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Johnson and Roxan Smith of Axtex, N. M., Winette

and Jan Maynard of Eastland and Linda Rice of Eastland visited Alice Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Joe of Tyler and Mrs. Jeannie Poe of Eastland visited Mrs. S. N. Poe. Mrs. B. A. Petzell of Brownwood, Alice and Everett Harris of Rising Star visited Mrs. Nancy Fountain. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Axe and Mrs. Charles Axe of Garland visited Virginia Griffith. Lois Treadway of Mercury, Joyce, Doyce and Kay Wood of California, Doris and Vera Mull of Comanche visited W. B. Mull. E. D. Overstreet and Randy of Elmer, Okla. and Wilbur and Ruby Overstreet visited Mary Overstreet. Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Akers and Brenda of Fort Worth visited Cora Bowles. Mrs. J. H. Fickler of Dallas, Frank Genoway, Mrs. N. O. Whitfield of Desdemona, W. B. Richards and Billy of Stephenville visited Katy May.

Mark Cain of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bailey of Mt. Pleasant visited Floyd McCormack. Mrs. J. H. Fickler of Desdemona, Doris Belyeu, Tonya Box and Kathy Ripley of Gorman visited Allie Seay. Doris Belyeu of Gorman, C. V. Tunnell, Paula Mauney of Florida visited Daisy Grisham. Vada Lewis of Desdemona visited Alton Brown. Myrtle Tumlinson and children of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cosper of Tye and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Claborn of Cisco, Mrs. Virgil Haile of Baird, Mrs. Herbert Tumlinson of Corpus Christi, and Mr. and Mrs. James Cosper of Tye visited Willie Cosper. Mrs. Otho Jones of Clifton, Dee Burleson of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Overstreet visited Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mearns. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. W. Otis Sipe of San Angelo visited Eula Narry.

Don Rodgers visited in the home. The Junior Class of the Kokomo Baptist Church visited everyone in the home and gave each patient a package of fruit. Carl Bohannon visited Elizabeth Carver. Joe O'Neal of Kokomo visited in the home. Kelly Vanetta of De Leon visited Mrs. Emma McKeehan. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sorley of Stanton visited Nina Mearns. Mrs. R. L. McAdo and Dorothy Phillips of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Stanley Underwood of Eastland visited Clemmie Phillips. Mrs. Hubbard Gilbert of Gorman and Mrs. Verda Gooch of Corsicana visited Nina Tate. Sherry Hamrick of De Leon visited in the home. Peggy and Carol Armstrong of Abilene visited Nancy Payne. Mr. and Mrs. Edward May of Abilene visited Katy May. Vicky Chambers and Jarrell visited Daisy Grisham.

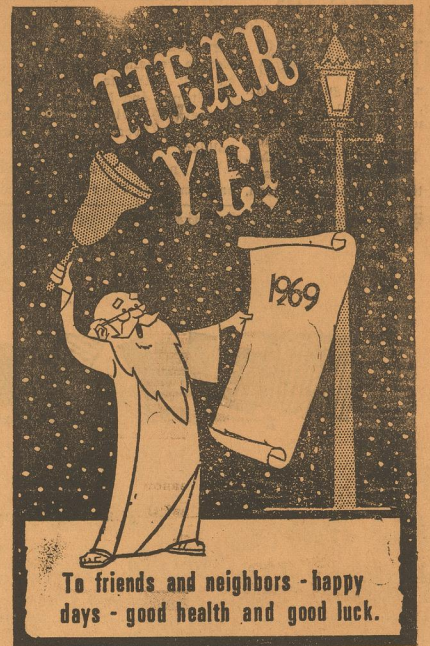
Jane, Jean, Bobby and Donna Hall of Brownwood, Martha Hillens and Frank Angerstein of Brownwood visited Helen Claxton. Tonya Box and Kathy Ripley visited Rosa Potter. Mrs. Willie Jackson visited Georgia Eaker. Mrs. Ted Touchstone visited Vera Hamrick. Miss Margaret Dupuy and Miss Oran Dupuy visited Ollie Sims. Mr. S. L. Craighead of Odessa visited Maude Craighead. Ollie May and Gattis Duckett visited Willie Cosper.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to express my thanks to all that were so nice to me during my illness. For all the prayers in my behalf, flowers, gifts and visits, I shall always remember. For such good care given to me at the hospital by Dr. Rodgers, Dr. Foster, and all the personnel. May the Heavenly Father bless each of you is my prayer. Claude Fuller

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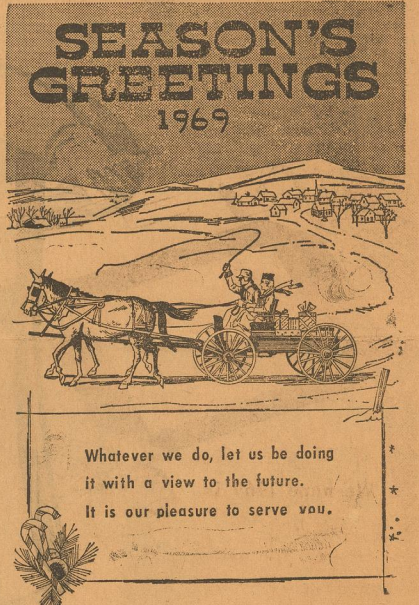
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Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean Stacy were his mother, Mrs. Maude Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stacy and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Whitt and Stacy Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Revels and children were here over the Christmas holidays. Julia and the children, Davie, Stevie, Marie and Kennie, remained for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Revels. David will come for the family over the New Years holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Goodwin and family of Tolar and Mr. and

Mrs. James Mears and family of Gorman visited during the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Bertha Mehaffey at Lake Leon. The Goodwins also visited his mother, Mrs. Vera Goodwin. On Tuesday Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Mehaffey, Mrs. Mears and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bryan attended the funeral of Guy Taylor, a cousin, held in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Askew, Jr., John David, Anthony and Ava Jeanette of Lynchburg, Va., spent

the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Askew, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Quince Eakin left Tuesday for Temple to attend the funeral January 1 of his sister, Mrs. Sudie Daniels. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean Stacy will also attend the funeral.

Jean Phillips and her fiance, Eddie Winfers of Pasadena, spent the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Harrell. Sunday guests in the home of

Mrs. Myrna Winters were her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Mason of Fort Worth, and Jack Mason of Belize, British Honduras, Central Amer.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stewart, Marilyn and Kelly, spent the weekend in Sundown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart, and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holly.

Mrs. Fa Nell Jones and Jan of Waco spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Richardson.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS



Best Wishes for the New Year!

TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS...

... At the turn of the year, we look in Two Directions ... Back to 1968, with deep appreciation for all the good things it brought us (particularly your valued patronage) ... Forward into 1969, with deep anticipation for many more opportunities to serve you!

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"First Footer" May Bring Luck

Perhaps one of the most widespread of the early New Year's superstitions concerned the "first-footer", the first person to cross the threshold on New Year morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky "first-footers", as were people who walked pigeon-toed.

The superstition in some villages was taken so seriously that a dark haired man was given the job of acting as first-footer. Going from house to house, he would be the first to cross over the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.

The Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year burst in, often climbed upon the roof on New Year's Eve so as to have a good view of such event.

We moderns make plenty of noise, presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences away.



Miss Annette Jackson who recently visited the Progress office to join the Hospital Birth Club, seated herself at the Editor's desk. Her personality and interest in school and local activities would make her an asset to any newspaper staff.

FOR SALE - Three bedroom home, recently redecorated inside, two baths, den and kitchen combination. Living room. One car garage, large lot, few fruit trees. Three blocks from school. Call after 5 p. m. Don Laminack, RE 4-2254. 1-1-fnc

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- Jan. 7 - Olden - Here - 7:00
- Jan. 10 - Carbon - There - 7:00
- Jan. 14 - Moran - There - 7:00
- Jan. 17 - Desdemona - There - 7:00
- Jan. 21 - May - Here - 5:30
A&B Girls, A Boys
- Jan. 24 - Rising Star - Here - 7:00
- Jan. 28 - Putnam - There - 7:00
- Jan. 31 - Olden - There - 7:00
- Feb. 4 - Carbon - Here - 7:00
- Feb. 7 - Moran - Here - 7:00
- Feb. 11 - Desdemona - Here - 7:00
- Feb. 18 - Rising Star - There - 7:00

Family FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Policyholder Questions Answered by the Health Insurance Institute, 277 Park Ave., N. Y., N. Y., 10017

Q. A friend of mine was talking the other day about the costs of medical care and the rising hospital and physician charges. I started thinking to myself about my own health insurance policy I took out on my family eight years ago. Is there any kind of checklist to use in finding out what I need?

A. Although each individual's circumstances are different regarding health insurance coverage, there are several points everyone should consider in taking out a policy, or adding benefits to his present coverage. The Health Insurance Institute recommends this checklist: 1) Is surgery paid for? 2) Are benefit amounts comparable to surgeons' fees in your area? 3) Does the hospital policy pay for at



least 80 percent of semi-private room charges at the local hospital? 4) How many days of hospital care are provided? (30-90 is a suggested minimum) 5) Does the insurance pay for physician's visits to the hospital or at home? 6) To what age are your children covered? 7) Are there any waiting periods mentioned? 8) Is there a deductible to pay before benefits begin? 9) Do you know what your policy specifically excludes? 10) Have you eliminated all benefits no longer needed?

Q. Do all insurance companies provide coverage for mental and nervous disorders?

A. While some individual and family major medical policies exclude this coverage, many such policies today make some provision for in-hospital coverage of these conditions. Employer group plans, however, generally provide treatment for both in and out of hospital coverage. This coverage is also provided in many disability income insurance policies.

Lone Cedar Has Point Session

EASTLAND - The Lone Cedar Duplicate Bridge Club was host for Master Point session at Lone Cedar Country Club Saturday, December 21, beginning at 1:30 p. m. Players were from Eastland, Cisco, Gorman and Stephenville.

Winners were, First, Mrs. Joe Stephen of Eastland and Mrs. Melvin Shell of Gorman; second, Dr. D. V. Rodgers and Mrs. E. G. Henderson, both of Gorman. Tied for third and fourth were Mrs. John Collins and Mrs. James Horton, both of Eastland, and Mrs. John Kimble of Gorman and Mrs. Irene Long of Stephenville.

OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

By FLORENCE RICHARDSON

Our Thought For The Week:
Duty makes us do things well, but Love makes us do them beautifully.

Well, we will soon start another New Year, and we wish all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones were visiting the A. D. Bryans on Christmas night.

The Dewey Lindleys and Jessie Atchisons were visiting in Goldthwaite this week with their mother, who celebrated her 93rd birthday on the 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Young of Ranger were visiting the Jim Johnsons Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Setzler and children of Clyde visited the Clyde Setzlers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bryan, Mrs. James Mears and Mrs. Mertha Mehaffey attended the funeral of a relative in Hamilton Tuesday.

Those that were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Buel Bryan Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bryan, Lizzie, Susie and Little Jimmie, Mrs. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watson, Mrs. Jess Goodin, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Waller and the Homer Richardsons.



At the New Year, we extend our greetings and good wishes to you. As the frontiers of achievement and opportunity move ever outward, may all of us in this community reach out to a future of greater endeavor...higher accomplishment.

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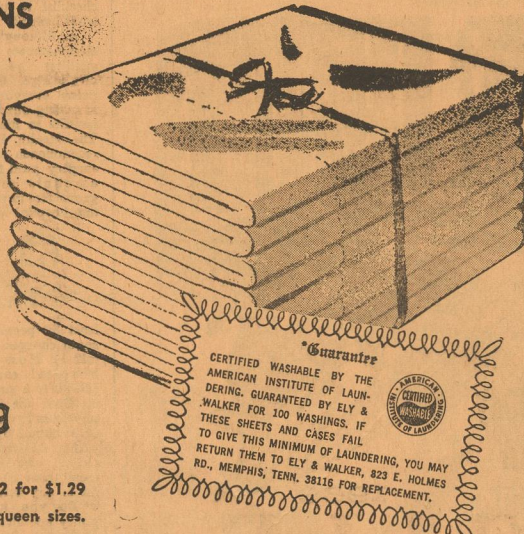
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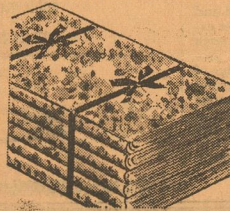
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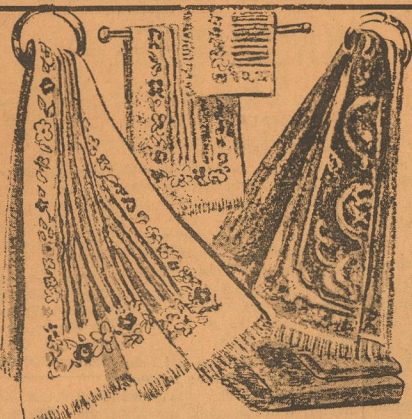


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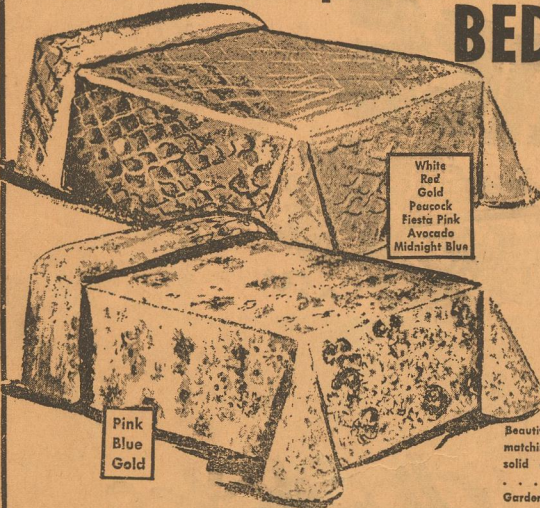
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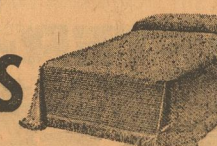
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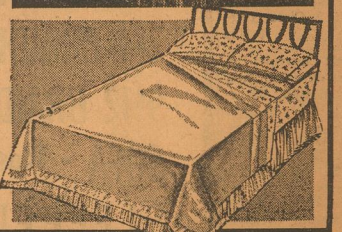
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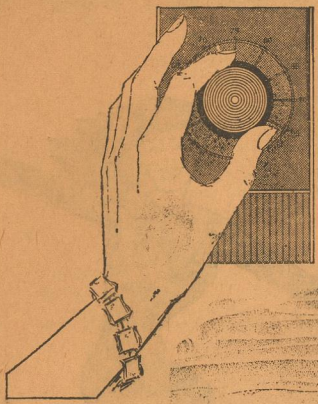
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Mr. and Mrs. J. Leland Hamilton are at home at 307 N.W. Third St. in Mineral Wells following their marriage of November 16th.

Mrs. Hamilton is the former Carolyn Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Moseley of Dublin, former residents of Gorman, and parents of Mr. Hamilton are Mr. and Mrs. Doc Hamilton of Gorman.

Mr. Hamilton is a 1963 graduate of Gorman High School and is employed by Southern Airways in Mineral Wells.

The Late Roy Baskin Is Honored

Baskin Hall was recently dedicated to H. L. (familarly known as "Roy") Baskin. This building on the Odessa College campus houses personnel office and computer equipment and student files. The McIntosh Laboratories are also housed in this building.

Baskin, a native of the Gorman area, was grade school principal at Cooper in Ranger and in High School he was head of the social science department, and in 1927 he joined the Ranger Junior College as Dean and professor of History and Government. In 1946 he moved to Odessa and was a charter member of the Odessa faculty, serving as registrar and social science department head.

At the time of his death in 1956 he had completed a tenure of ten years with the college.

His widow, Mrs. Mattie Baskin, is librarian at Gonzales Elementary in Odessa.

Their son, Roy Baskin, is a college student at Odessa College.

The other Baskin children, H. L., Jr. and his wife are teaching in the Kermit Schools, and M. L. Baskin is attending Machinist School at Odessa College and a daughter, Mrs. Vashti Yonker, is in the English department of the Moran School.



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Mrs. C. Alsabrook Hosts Darcus Class Christmas Party

Mrs. C. O. Alsabrook was hostess to the Darcus Class Christmas Party held in her home on Thursday, December 19th.

Mrs. Alsabrook, class president, presided at the brief business meeting. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. J. A. Baze.

Mrs. Ethel Harrell gave the devotional, using the second chapter of Luke. Since we are about to finish our new church building Mrs. Harrell gave a paper entitled "Church Holds Own Sermon." Often the building is more impressive. The steeple, pointing into the sky to remind us to look up and think of God. Atop the steeple there is a cross which causes us to remember Him who said "if I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." The doors of the church represents the invitation of Christ. They also represent the Christ who said I am the door.

The vestibule of the church is a place of preparation, a space separating the secular from the sacred. There is an usher to greet

us with a program of service. The sanctuary is a large room to turn ones mind toward the Lord as one enters and should feel the Lord is in his Holy Temple. High above is an arched ceiling which seems as though it is splitting the sky to let God come through. The aisles represents the opportunity of all to walk freely into the presence of God. The pews remind us of our promise when we joined the church to attend the services. The altar represents our prayers. The Communion table is where the bread and wine is placed representing the broken body and shed blood of Christ. The pulpit, which holds the Bible, radiates a message of hope for the despondent, courage for the weak, comfort for the sorrowing, light for those who are in darkness, humility for the proud and inspiration to all. The preachers is there to bring a message from God. The choir, the organist, the hymn book reminds us to sing unto the Lord.

We should all be able to say with the Psalmist, I was glad when they said unto me, Let Us Go Into The House of the Lord.

A contribution was made to the Lottie Moon offering and a contribution was also made to the church building fund.

Mrs. Carlton Basset of Odessa was guest and also gave a contribution to the building fund.

Following the program, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes were served to class members: Mmes. J. A. Baze, Frank Dean, Fanny Burkett, D. L. Bond, Flora Perrin, Ethel Harrell, Jess Richardson and Grace Skiles.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Fanny Burkett.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

In ancient China, the observance of the New Year lasted not a day, but for 15 days. Festivities began on the first day of the new moon and were climaxed two weeks later by "Teng Chieh," the Feast of Lanterns.



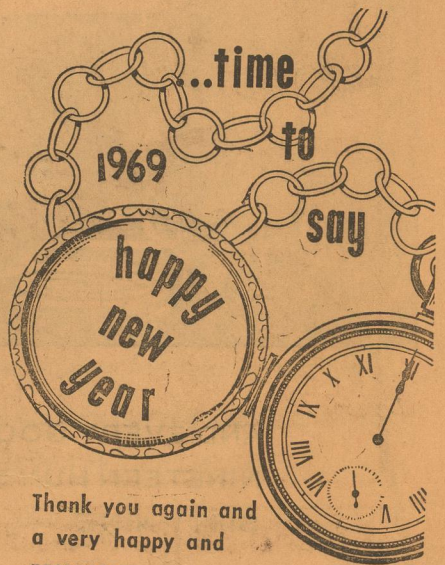
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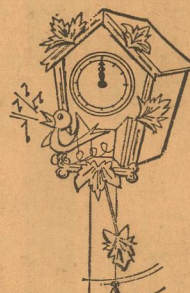


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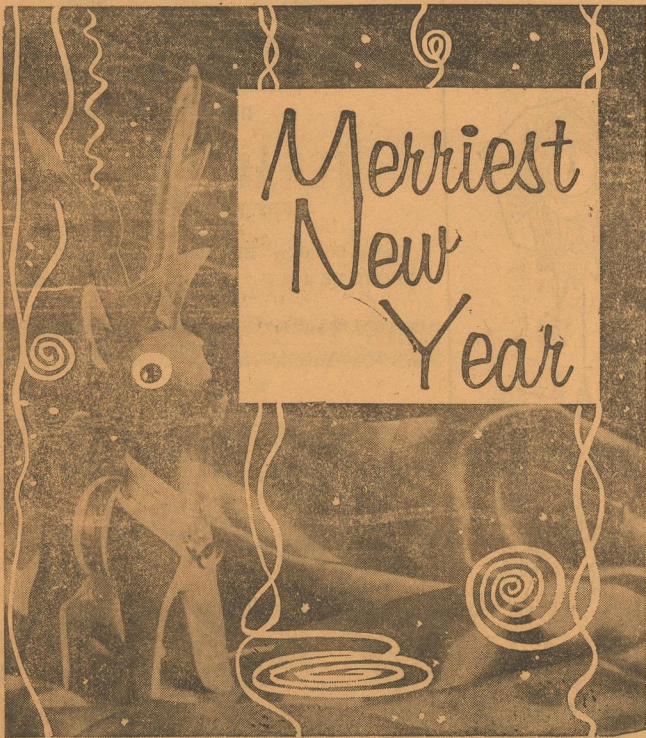
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THE GORDON SPOT

By Dee Gordon.

I have heard a lot of compliments on the county pecan show recently held in Eastland. Credit should be given the officers and directors of the pecan growers association and the Eastland Chamber of Commerce.

It has already been mentioned that this was the first time for the county show to be held in Eastland. The Eastland Chamber of Commerce went all out to make it a good pecan show just as the other towns have done in past years.

There were so many people who contributed to the success of the show that I hesitate to mention any names because I would probably leave out someone. However, I do want to say that Grover Hallmark did a tremendous amount of work for the pecan show. Grover served as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce special events committee. Many of the Chamber members helped in one way or another. On Friday morning when we were shelling and weighing the pecans about 45 C of C members came and helped for at least one hour each. Other members helped clean the building; provided floral arrangements and provided recorded music. Our thanks certainly go out to all these people who had a part in putting on the show.

I would also like to thank the Eastland Jaycees for sponsoring the Pecan Queen contest and the Eastland National Bank for sponsoring the queen's luncheon. We are real proud of our new queen, Mary Letha Hubbard and the runner-up, Darlene Lovelace.

The pecan growers exhibited some of the best quality pecans I have seen in a county show. The judges said the quality of pecans was higher than those they have seen in other areas this year. We couldn't have a pecan show without the growers who enter their pecans, so I would like to thank each person who took the time to select an entry of pecans and send them to the show.

The 1969 edition of the Farmer's Tax Guide is now available. I have a supply in my office. If you would like to have a copy come by, write or call the county agent, and we will see that you get a copy. The guide has been redesigned to make it easier to use and

Increased Second Class Rates Are Effective Jan. 1st

Postal rates for newspapers and magazines and other material mailed at the second-class rate will be increased January 1. Postmaster Graydon Baze reminded second class mailers today.

The increase results from the postage rate law enacted in December, 1967, which raised most second-class rates in three annual steps. Postmaster Baze pointed out. The January 1, 1969 hike is the second phase of the increase. The first phase took effect January 7, 1968, and the third step will go into effect January 1, 1970.

The second class rate increase affects general interest, non-profit and classroom publications.

Rates also will go up January 1 for controlled circulation publications. These are primarily the trade, technical and industrial

more helpful to you in preparing and filing your 1968 Federal income tax return. Provisions of the tax law that apply to farmers are explained in everyday language, and examples throughout the booklet show how these rules are applied to actual farming situations.

Filled-in samples of a Federal income tax return and the accompanying schedules farmers normally use are included.

We plan to have a farmer's income tax school in Eastland January 8. This is a good opportunity to get some of your questions answered.

PVT. CARMAN G. GRIMSHAW NOW SERVING IN GERMANY

GELNHAUSEN, GERMANY - (AHTNC)— Army Private Carman G. Grimshaw, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. Grimshaw, Route 1, Desdemona, Texas, was assigned November 20th to the 3rd Armored Division near Gelnhausen, Germany, as a driver. His wife, Iris, lives in Desdemona, Texas.

journals which generally do not charge a subscription fee and are not eligible for second class rates. The 1967 postal rate law called for a three-step raise for controlled circulation publications, to be effective the same dates as the second class increases. Except for home-county mailings, postal rates for newspapers and magazines mailed second class are based on the weight of the publication, the amount of advertising it contains, and the distance it is mailed.

Effective January 1, rates for editorial or non-advertising matter in commercial publications will be increased from 3 to 3.2 cents per pound. Rates for advertising content depend on the distance the publication is mailed. These zone rates now range from 4.6 to 15 cents per pound of advertising content. The new advertising zone rate range will be 4.9 to 16 cents.

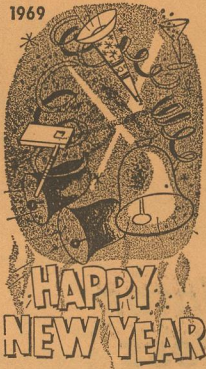
There are special lower second class rates for classroom publications and publications of non-profit organizations. These rates also will be increased January 1.

Postmaster Baze said that second class or controlled circulation mailers who need more detailed information on the new rates should contact the Post Office where their publications are mailed.

1968 CUB SCHEDULE

Jan. 20 - Putnam - There
Jan. 27 - Olden - There
Feb. 3 - Carbon - There
Feb. 10 - Moran - Here
Feb. 13 - Desdemona - There
Feb. 24 - Rising Star - There
All games will begin at 6:30.

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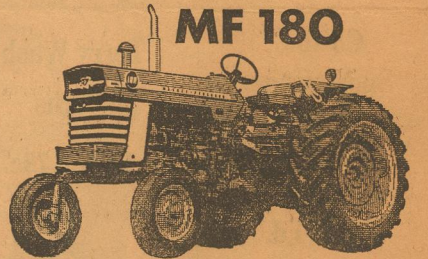
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