

## EULA AND LINGLEVILLE WIN TOP HONORS IN GORMAN TOURNEY

The Gorman High School Invitational Basketball Tournament, held at Panther Gym last weekend, was a big success. Large crowds enjoyed some very exciting games between area teams entered.

Winning the first place trophy in the girls' division was Eula, who defeated the Gorman Panthers in the finals. Gorman received the second place trophy. Cisco won the third place trophy.



Top photo shows Karen Hallmark (32) shooting as Brenda Weldon (52) awaits rebound. Photo below shows Brenda Weldon making a lay-up shot for two points in the game with Eula.

and Hamilton took the consolation girls' trophy.

In the boys division, the Lingleville boys team took the Championship by defeating Tolar in 65-60 finals. Tolar received the second place trophy. Hamilton won the third place trophy, and Eula was the consolation trophy winner.

This was an excellent tournament and the local coaches are to be commended highly for the outstanding job of setting up to event and securing the top area teams who participated. Surely a job well done!



David Ervin (22) looks on while Jimmy Guthery shoots in top photo. Don Porter awaits the rebound. Below Jimmy Guthery shoots while Randy Underwood guards in the Hamilton game at the tourney.

Sherry Jobe (top photo) shows the skill and effort she used to win the Girls "Best Guard" Trophy. Photo below shows Sherry retrieving a rebound in the Eula game.

**Betsy Hendrickson Becomes Bride of Bob Shugart Dec. 4**

Betsy Hendrickson and Bob Shugart were married Friday, December 4, at 4:00 p. m. in Harvey Baptist Church in Stephenville. The Rev. Glenn Little officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Fellows of Stephenville. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shugart of Gorman.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Bennie Matthews of De Leon. Delmer Shugart of Granbury, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride wore a white double knit street length dress and carried a bouquet of white carnations atop a white Bible.

The matron of honor wore a pink double knit dress and carried a single long stemmed carnation.

Parents of the bride were hosts for the wedding reception in their home.

The bride is employed by the Stephenville Telephone Company. The groom is a graduate of Gorman High School and is employed with the Texas Federal Inspection Service.

The couple are making their home in Stephenville.

**LOUISE McMASTER AND JOE MERRILL MARRIED NOVEMBER 26**

Mrs. Louise McMaster and Mr. Joe Merrill of Desdemona were married on November 26 in Comanche. They are making their home in Desdemona.

Mrs. Merrill is employed by Mehahey Drug in Gorman and Mr. Merrill is a retired oil field worker.



Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Stokes of Midland announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathy Ruth, to James Michael Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers of Gorman. They will be married January 30, 1970 at 7:30 p. m. at the Kokomo Baptist Church.

Invitations will not be sent locally, but all friends and relatives are invited to attend the wedding and reception.

## Gorman Floral To Hold Open House on Saturday

Gorman Floral will hold its formal opening this Saturday. The floral shop is located next to the Stacy Gulf Station and is owned and operated by Mrs. Carl Dean Stacy.

Mrs. Stacy feels very fortunate to have Mrs. Roy Park of De Leon as her assistant. Mrs. Park has had many years of experience in floral arranging and designing, and is no stranger to the people of the Gorman area.

Free coffee and donuts will be served all day and a six blossom white poinsettia will be given as a door prize. Registration will be held all day and the plant will be delivered to the winner after the drawing.

Mrs. Stacy states she can wire flowers direct to any destination at any time. She also stated she will be giving S&H Green Stamps on all floral purchases.

## Desdemona HD Christmas Event Set December 18th

Tuesday, December 9, the Desdemona Home Demonstration Club met at the Community Center for their meeting.

Mrs. Lorene Stewart was elected to serve as president for the coming year, as Mrs. Jewel Mc Masters, our president, has accepted work in the nursing home in De Leon.

Report of Council was given by Wanda Lively.

Seven members attended the annual Christmas party held in the basement of the First Baptist Church in Eastland. Some sixty club members from over the county attended the party and all reported a wonderful time.

Plans were made to have a Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 18th. The afternoon will be spent in making place mats.

Saturday, December 13 Mmes. Lorene Stewart, Geneva Hood, Hettie Tate, Pat Buckley, and Theo Barker attended the Pecan Show held in the Eastland County Courthouse. Our club won third place in centerpiece arrangements with an entry created by Theo Barker.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Mary Dietz, Theo Barker, Pat Buckley, Lorene Stewart, Wanda Lively, Geneva Hood and Bobby McKillip.

Mrs. Garden Tate, Reporter

## Friendly Service And Ray's Electric New Location Set

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams have purchased the former Jobe Garage building on the corner of Kent and Ross Street. The building, when completely remodeled, will house the office of Friendly Service Agency and Ray's Electric.

The building will have a new brick face on all sides, and completely remodeled inside. The insurance agency will fea-

## Martha Preston Gift Party Honoree In Porter Home

Martha Preston, bride-elect of Douglas Rainey of Fort Riley, Kansas, was complimented at a bridal gift party Friday, December 12, in the home of Mrs. Stanley Porter, co-hostesses for the pre-nuptial fete honoring the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Preston, were Mesdames Ray Rankin, Graydon Baze, Neil Clark E. R. Arnold, Jr., Bill Parr, Pete Mauney, Luke Wright, J. E. Lawrence, Bobby Underwood, A. E. Wright, Joe Bob Browning, Dean Bennett, Odis Rodgers, O. R. Buchanan, E. C. Bramlett, Sr., E. G. Henderson and Miss Connie Park.

Red and pink, chosen colors of the bride-elect, marked party decor. A Christmas arrangement of pine cones, pine branches and red velvet bows, centered with red tapers in silver candelabra, centered the white cutwork cloth laid serving table. Carol Rankin and Krista Henderson served the pink punch and petits fours decorated with red and pink roses. Appearances were crystal and silver.

Rebecca Rainey, sister of the bridegroom, registered guests at a white covered table graced with an arrangement of white wedding bells and pink ribbon.

Mrs. Preston wore a sheath dress of red bonded knit and a pink corsage.

Her mother, Mrs. Doyle Preston, was special guest. Also her fiancé's mother, Mrs. Q. Z. Rainey of Stephenville.

Out of town guests included Mesdames Loy Preston, Lois Bloyd, Lewis Wilkerson, W. T. Bassett, all of De Leon, all aunts of the bride-elect, also a friend, Mrs. Wilson Kirk of De Leon, Mrs. Freddy Ray of Huckabee, Mrs. T. J. Rainey of Desdemona, aunts of the bridegroom, and Rebecca Rainey of Stephenville, a sister of the bridegroom.

## Verl Hallmark and Donald Wallace To Receive Degrees

Edward V. Hallmark and Donald R. Wallace, both of Gorman, are candidates for graduation at the winter commencement exercises at Tarleton State College in Stephenville.

Hallmark is slated to receive the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Business Administration. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hallmark of Gorman and is presently serving as administrator of Lawndale Home For Senior Citizens.

Wallace is slated to receive the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Agriculture Education. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace of Route 1, Gorman. He is a graduate of Gorman High School.

A record of 131 candidates are scheduled for graduation on December 21. Commencement exercises will be held in the Main Auditorium on the Tarleton campus.

Purpose of the organization is for education and the discussion of mutual problems and training.

## FINAL RITES FOR RENA MAE FRIAR HELD MONDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Rena Mae Haile Friar, 72, were held Monday morning, December 1, in Cuero, Texas.

Mrs. Friar was born in Comanche County near Gorman on July 9, 1897. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Haile, early day settlers of this area.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Henry (Jean Ann) Sheppard, and three grandchildren of Cuero; and three brothers, Frank Haile of Dallas, Rudolph of Gorman and Ardys of Fort Worth.

## SOS Recommends Plans For Sabanno Watershed Project

A planning authorization for the proposed Sabanno Watershed Development Project has been made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service according to an announcement by Congressman Omar Burleson.

The approval provides financial and technical assistance by the Soil and Conservation Service in planning the watershed project.

The project was approved by an informal organization of farmers and ranchers living in the area to control flooding, counter soil damage and erosion and improve the productive capacity of the area.

Water would be conserved and flooding checked by a series of dams on tributaries of the Sabanno.

The project embraces 202,000 acres located in Eastland, Callahan and Comanche counties. It is sponsored by the Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District, The Lower Clear Fork of the Brazos SWCD, and the commissioners courts of Eastland and Comanche counties.

When completed the work plans will be submitted for authorization for actual development.

An extremely large project in the flood control program, the Sabanno project has been in the development stages for many years, the project having failed to receive a high enough priority in an evaluation approximately two years ago.

A public hearing and a barbecue was held here in Brodgon Field at that time to impress the authorities with the citizens concern for authorization of the Sabanno project. At that time it was one of twelve other projects being considered for approval.

Earlier estimates indicate that some 20 structures, some large and some small, would be necessary to implement the project through the south part of the county.

The Eastland County directors include Sam Powers of Desdemona, Joe Criswell, J. T. Gregory E. F. Harrison of Gorman, B. W. McKinnis, W. B. Wright, Glyn Gilliam, A. D. Jenkins, E. G. Henderson, Gorman, Mike Collins of Eastland, Mack Stubblefield of Carbon and Dick Foster, Gorman.

## Eastland Co. Law Enforcement Assn. Initial Meeting

EASTLAND — The initial meeting of the Eastland County Law Enforcement Officers Association was held Friday, December 12 and the gathering elected temporary officers pending the formation of a constitution and by-laws to be accomplished in next month's meeting.

More than 30 persons attended from every town in Eastland County, which included constables, city policemen, game wardens, members of the sheriff's department, mayors and others.

Temporary officers elected are: Johnnie Morren, acting chief of police of Eastland, president; Sheriff Lefty Sublett of Eastland County, vice president; and Mayor of Cisco Dug Fry, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Jack Ragland of Maljamar, N. M. accompanied her mother, Mrs. Neita Lee, home this week for a check up with her doctor. Mrs. Lee has been convalescing in the home of her daughter since undergoing surgery.

## Three Drawings To Be Held Here Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. Clarence Emerson was winner of the bicycle drawing held last Saturday. (Her picture will be published in next weeks issue of the Progress.)



SANTA VISITS GORMAN (Gigi Neill, (top photo), daughter of Coach and Mrs. Joe Neill, gives Santa a list of things she would like to receive on Christmas morning.

Bottom photo shows Susan Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Barnett, shyly telling Santa what she and her three sisters would like to have for Christmas.

Santa talked with the many children on hand and made a note of the things they wished him to bring them on Christmas.

Santa and his helpers gave bags of candy to all the youngsters who visited with him.

## Mrs. Acrea Host For Annual WSCS Christmas Party

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Giff Acrea greeted and welcomed guests at her home to the annual Woman's Society of Christian Service Christmas Party.

A prayer "May Christ be in everyone's heart on Christmas Day," opened the celebration.

The devotional "Christ as a Baby, a Child, a Man, and Holy Spirit," was given by Mrs. Milton Fairbetter.

A spruce tree rising from glittering bed of snow with soft lights glowing made Christmas almost here.

Mrs. Marvin Blair distributed the gifts.

Those present selected shut-ins which will be visited before Christmas Day.

Cranberry Hawaiian punch with date squares, butter cookies and glazed cake slices were served in the den as was traditional coffee.

Mrs. Bob Chandler was a guest.



BAKER FAMILY FOURTH GENERATION — Miss Elizabeth Kathleen Robinson of Houston was center of attraction at the Thanksgiving Day family celebration at the Gene Baker home. Elizabeth Kathleen is shown being held by her mother, Mrs. Miriam Kathleen Robinson, Jr. Shown (left to right) is great-grandmother, Mrs. Gene Baker and proud grandmother, Mrs. Eva Kathleen Poyner of Ranger.

The last drawing for a bicycle will be held Saturday at 3:00 p. m. If you do not have any tickets on this drawing, see any merchant in town. They have plenty of tickets and a purchase is not necessary to receive a ticket.

The drawing, sponsored by the Gorman merchants, has been very successful.

## Peanut Sales Lease Extended One Year

According to the United States Department of Agriculture the Peanut Sales Lease provision has been extended for peanuts one year.

Transfers may be made not later than April 1, 1970. The same limitations will apply as in 1968 and 1969. You may file your requests now for the yield to be established for your farm.

Transfers are based on the yield on the transferring and receiving farms.

## Leon-Bosque Area Receive Planning Authorization

Congressman Omar Burleson announced, in a telegram received recently that the Leon-Bosque Resource Conservation and Development Area has been recommended by the Soil Conservation Service to receive a planning authorization. Burleson said that this recommendation was for final approval by the Senate and House sub-committees on agricultural appropriations.

Burleson sent the notice to Gene Gilbreath, of Dublin, Chairman of the Leon-Bosque Area. Gilbreath said that this is the last hurdle to be passed in order to achieve the goal of local agricultural and business leaders in Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Bosque and Somervell Counties. Work was initiated on this program in 1965.

The recommendation is for the Leon-Bosque Area to be one of twelve Resource Conservation and Development Projects in the United States on which planning will formally proceed. Such resource planning is designated to assist local residents develop this area's resources to provide economic growth as well as develop recreational and industrial potential to benefit all individuals.

Officers of the area in addition to Gilbreath are Joe Fambro, vice-chairman of Stephenville, and Walter Ernst, secretary, of Glen Rose.

Project sponsors are the commissioners courts of the five counties involved along with the Bosque, Upper Leon and Palo Pinto Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The Eastland County directors include Sam Powers, Joe Criswell, J. T. Gregory, E. F. Harrison, B. W. McKinnis, W. B. Wright, Glyn Gilliam, A. D. Jenkins, E. G. Henderson, James Rutherford, Mike Collins, Mack Stubblefield and Dick Foster.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of Gladys Griffith wants to sincerely thank our many friends who remembered our sorrow in the loss of our beloved mother and sister.

May God bless each of you in our sincere prayer.

The Family

Other drawings to be held at 3:00 p. m. in connection with the bicycle drawing will be the drawing for the Afghan by the Womans' Study Club. This is their Hospital Benefit Project.

The Rebekah Lodge of Gorman will also hold a drawing at this time for the crocheted coat which also is their Hospital Benefit project.

This is three good reasons for being at the drawing in Gorman on Saturday.

You do have to be present to win the bicycle, but you do not have to be present for the Afghan or coat drawing to win.

Tickets on both items may be purchased from any member of the Woman's Study Club and Rebekah Lodge members.

## Mrs. Glenn Jordan Is Reserve Pecan Show Champion

The Eastland County 17th Annual Pecan Show was held Friday and Saturday in the lobby of the courthouse.

There were approximately 160 pecan entries, comprising basically 40 varieties of pecans.

In the adult division of the baking contest Mrs. Glenn Jordan of Kokomo was named the reserve champion with her candy. Mrs. Lon Horn of Eastland was named grand champion of the contest with her cake and cookies.

Mrs. C. E. Smith of Rising Star captured both the grand champion and reserve championships with the Choctaw and Beake variety.

The native champion pecan was entered by Reed Campbell of Ranger.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the entire staff of Blackwell Hospital for the wonderful care given me during my recent illness, and stay in the hospital. Also my thanks to the many friends and relatives for the cards, letters and flowers which made my stay more pleasant.

A special thanks to my daughter-in-law who has been so faithful to care for me during my convalescences.

Mrs. Myrtle Chambers

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

The First United Methodist Church will present a Christmas program at the church on Sunday night, December 21st. Mrs. Florence Underwood, chairman of the Board of Education, is in charge of the program planning. Following the program fellowship and refreshments will be enjoyed in Fellowship Hall and a Christmas Tree gift party for the children.

The First Christmas will be presented at 8:00 p. m. Saturday, December 20th in Mexican Baptist Bautista, De Leon, Texas. Pastor is Daniel B. Compos and Buena Van Winkle is director of the pageant.

The public is invited to attend.

Regular Third Sunday singing will be held at the Congregational Methodist Church at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, December 21st. Four quartets are booked for this program. We will get our new 1970 song books this week, and will be singing new songs as well as Christmas Carols. Everyone is invited to attend.

H. A. "Pete" Tyrone  
Mrs. Ruby Lee Kinser

Junior Girl Scouts will meet each Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. in the Gorman Progress Library.

The Brownie Troop 160 will meet each Thursday at 3:30 p. m. in the Progress Library.

The Senior Citizens Recreation Program will be held at 2:00 p. m. each Tuesday at the Fire Hall.

The Gorman Rebekah Lodge meets each Tuesday evening.

The Friday Afternoon Duplicate Bridge Club meets each Friday at 1:30 p. m. at the Fire Hall.

The Gorman Duplicate Bridge Club meets each Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the Fire Hall.

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**MONUMENTS** - When in need of monument service, see or call Ethel Keith, Phone 2313, Desdemona, Texas. fnc

**FOR SALE** - Three bedroom brick home. Speck Clark, RE 4-5441.

**REAL ESTATE** - If you want to buy or sell real estate contact Don Rodgers in the building located next door to Blair Grocery. 10-31fnc

**FOR SALE** - Just arrived - a new shipment of Portable Air Tanks. May be seen at Capers Service Welding, 3 blocks north of Hwy. 6 on Hwy. 8. Lonnie Capers. 3-20-fnc

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**WANTED** - Dozer work, land clearing, tank building and land leveling. Call Fulton Moore, RE 4-5870, Gorman. 11-13fnc

Ready-Built Homes moved to your site. Contact Bowden Lumber Company, Cross Plains, Texas Phone 725-5242. 7-12-25c

**FOR SALE** - Victor manual and electric adding machines. Used and new typewriters. Estelle Craddock, Gorman Progress, RE4 5410. nc

**HELP WANTED** - Relief Cook and full time waitress. Apply in person at Bo's Grill and Coffee Shop, RE 4-5730. 11-20fnc.

**WANTED** for immediate employment - Three registered nurses. Premium salary, insurance holidays and other employee benefits. Write or call Blackwell Hospital, Gorman, Texas 76454. Ph. 817 - 734-2276. 11-20fnc

**FOR SALE** - Six room, two bath house. Call after 6 p. m. Don Laminack, RE 4-2254. Gorman. 11-20fnc

**NOTICE**  
"Now is the time to start planning your next season's irrigation needs. See us for design work, and a complete line of irrigation pumps, pipe, and supplies. We carry the largest stock in Central Texas. Kimmell Irrigation Service & Supply, Hwy. 16 and Bivar, De Leon, Texas, Phone 893-6266." 11-1-29c

**WANTED** - Station attendant. Apply in person at Stacy Gulf Station in Gorman, Phone RE 4-5510. 11-20fnc

**FOR SALE** - Freight damaged hot water heaters, 30 gal. \$37.50. Two apartment size refrigerators \$135.00 each. One large size refrigerator \$185.00. W. T. Barnes Lumber Co., 305 West Labadie St., De Leon. 12-4fnc

**THE BIGGEST SHOW IN TOWN** - Don Rodgers second hand clothes. Located next door to Blair Grocery. Don E. Rodgers. 8-7fnc

**FOR SALE** - 12x46 New Moon Mobil Home, like new, only used few months, priced to sell. See Mrs. Joe Merrill at Mehaffey Drug in Gorman or call 758-2262, Desdemona. 11-12fnc

**FOR SALE** - Small two-wheel stock trailer. Tom Broom, RE 4-2217. 11-12fnc

**NEED**  
An Extra Key - Made While You Wait! Rankin Army-Navy Surplus. 11-29fnc

**FOR SALE** - Three bedroom house, just finished being completely redecorated inside. Approximately two acres land. The house is known as the former Ed Jones home. Contact Billy Walker or call RE 4-568, Gorman. 12-18fnc

**4-H NEWS**

By Brenda Browder

For our December meeting thirteen 4-H members met in the Fire Hall, bagged fruit and delivered it to shut-ins and senior citizens of Gorman. We then traveled to the Lawndale Nursing Home and sang Christmas Carols and visited with the patients.

Upon returning to the Fire Hall gifts were exchanged and games played. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served by Tina Sanders and Brenda Browder.

Members taking part in this gala occasion were Kris Brown, Hardy Browder, Brenda Sanders, Terry Price, Teresa Browder, Gary Mauney, Revise Laminack, Amette Jackson, Brenda Browder, Randy Laminack, Tina Sanders and Jack Jackson.

Adult leaders assisting were Mrs. Bill Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Browder. Also present were our Assistant County HD Agent Judy Cardwell and Assistant County Agriculture Agent Jim Wells.

**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.

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**LKE SWEET ONIONS?** New Blue Ribbon assortment 600 Sweet Onion Plants, 3.60 postpaid (with free planting guide). Remit by check or money order to Texas Onion Plant, care of the Gorman Progress, Box 68, Gorman, Texas 76454. 12-18fnc

**LOST** - New screen door Monday, December 15 between town and my farm home 4 miles northeast of Gorman Desdemona Hwy. Please contact Luke Palmer, Rt. 3, Gorman. 1-12-18p

**LOST** - Diamond engagement and wedding ring, lost December 2 somewhere between the school house and downtown. Reward. Mrs. Herman Bennett, RE 4-5868. 1-12-18c

**FOR SALE** - 50 A, will GI, 5 miles south of Gorman on pavement. 25 A coastal, net fenced. \$200 A. Phone 893-5811, De Leon. 2-12-25p

**LOST** - Male Beagle dog, 1 year old, wearing leather collar. Last seen December 7 at my farm 3 miles south of Desdemona. Call Garth Priddy 758-2612, Desdemona or Ben Koonce, 758-2244, Desdemona. 1-12-18p

**FOR SALE** - Trash barrels, \$4.00 each. Call before 9:00 a. m. or after 6:00 p. m. T. L. Isbell, RE 4-5509. 1-12-18p

**IRS Announce New Tax Form For 1040A Card Users**

Dallas, Texas) - Each of the 18 million taxpayers in the United States who filed the now discontinued card 1040A Form last year, have either received a post card or will receive a post card within the next few days explaining the changes to the consolidated Form 1040, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

This year all taxpayers will receive a larger, complete tax package that includes the one-page basis 1040 and additional pages or schedules, which may or may not be used according to the taxpayer's needs.

Past 1040A users will find that except for a few lines, the new 1040 asks for the same information as the old card form and that they will probably not need to fill out more than one sheet of paper to make out their returns, the card says.

**30th Anniversary Social Security In Abilene on Dec. 18**

The staff of the Abilene Social Security Office will mark the 30th anniversary of its existence with an open house and coffee-cookie affair from 2-5:30 p. m. on Thursday, December 18, according to R. R. Tuley, Jr., District Manager.

Eastland County has been part of the district served by that office for the entire 30 years. Jim Jordan, field representative, makes regular visits here in an attempt to furnish the same quality of service and help afforded in the Abilene headquarters for this 15-County district. Jordan's schedule of visits is always posted at the post offices in the county.

monthly benefits were paid; in fact, none would be paid until February of 1940, when the checks for January would be delivered. In December of 1969, over 5,000 persons received some 400,000 dollars.

In December 1939, only retirement and survivor claims were slated for January payment; today, disability benefits, student benefits from 18-through age 21, Medicare for those past 65, payment as early as age 50 to a disabled widow, or at age 60 if not disabled, retirement benefits at age 62 instead of 65 are possible.

The chief message from the Abilene social security staff as they start their 31st year is, "Don't guess about your social security; get the facts from a representative when in your area or write the office in Abilene."

**DESDEMONA NEWS**

By MRS. ETHEL KEITH

Rev. and Mrs. Rex Ponder and children of Little Rivers, Texas were here Sunday when he filled the pulpit in both morning and evening services.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Hardin, the present interim pastor for the Baptist Church, were away for the weekend at their country home near Carbon.

In the past, taxpayers who used the 1040A could not take advantage of certain tax credits or exclusions and could not itemize their deductions. A principal reason for making the change to the new form is to enable taxpayers to take full advantage of the tax benefits the law provides, the post card says.

Most taxpayers should receive their individual tax forms and instructions by mail the first week of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Robinett visited Sunday evening with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Pug Guthery. Jo Wilcoxson, who is here with the Gutherys attending school at De Leon, went to her home in Odessa for the weekend to visit her parents.

Mrs. Jesse Clark is home again and her daughter, Donna Stutsman, and new baby girl are with her until Donna's husband, who is in service, returns home.

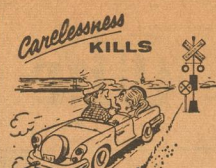
Mrs. Sallie Huffman remains quite ill in the Stephenville Hospital.

Mrs. Albert Johnson has been a patient in the Ranger Hospital for several days.

Eva Northcutt was admitted to the Dublin Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Evah Sparkman was in Stephenville part of the weekend visited her children, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Joe Sparkman and family.

Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ on Thursday for Gladys (Hooper) Griffith, who died of an apparent heart attack while visiting a sister, Mrs. Grace Forrest.



**FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT**  
You go back and forth across the same track daily, perhaps several times a day. You have lived here all your life and know that trains only run at night or at a particular time every day. What about the special or extra train? You and your family will be just as dead when hit by an unscheduled train. Death is waiting whenever awareness stops.

Mrs. Polly Brown was hostess to the Faithful Workers Sunday School Class Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 9 at her home. Games were played and refreshments were served to Mesdames Leota Powers, Maud Fuqua, Gussie Ragland, Lillian Hammonds, Nona Grimshaw, Beulah Deguire, Ethel Keith, Jon Koonce, Evelyn Hammonds, Hattie Tate, Mary Harrell, Ella Tidwell, the hostess and Mrs. Shell.

**Senior Citizens Enjoy Delayed Thks'giving Dinner**

The Senior Citizens Club met at 11:00 a. m. Tuesday, December 2nd for a delayed Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, such a bounteous dinner was enjoyed by all.

Games of 42, 84 and dominoes were the program for the afternoon, along with such laughing and chattering.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dempsey of Ranger, Mrs. Perry, Akron, Ohio, Harley Black, Brownwood, Mildred James, Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Love, San Saba, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stewart, Eunice, N. M., L. M. Black, De Leon, Flora Perrin, Grace Skiles, Nola Underwood, Easy and Annie (pleasant) Henderson, Mac Dean, Honest and Lola (boss) Bennett, Dora Flaye (wild) Brewer, Big Boy (chatting) Henderson, Mr. and Ma Files, Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. Oda Monroe, Mrs. Jess Richardson (slick one), Gyrt Kirkpatrick, Baldy and Mrs. Nick Duggan, Mrs. Ethel Harrell, Mrs. Gene (still bids) Baker, Baby Doll Kent, Mr. and Mrs. (still loading) Gregory, Smoky and Eula Justine, Talking and laughing Everette Harris, Ernest and Ida Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Grayson, Mrs. J. P. Hatchcock of Comanche, Pretty Boy Ellison, Mr. Harris, Gladys Harris, SOS Chairman, Gladys Lloyd, and Mr. and Mrs. (Temper) N. F. Bennett.

Honest, Reporter

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# NEWS FROM LAWDALE

Alice and Everette Harris of Rising Star and Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Petzell of Brownwood visited Nancy Fountain.  
Mrs. A. C. Hall, Ike Hall and

wife, Donna Hall and Louise Hall all of Brownwood, and W. F. Carter of New York visited Helen Claxton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Varner and Addie Bishop of Ranger visited Pinky Pratt.

Bill and Eva Adcock of Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Palmer of Gorman visited Iona Adcock.

## CARD OF THANKS

I would like to express my thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Blackwell Hospital for the good care given me during my recent illness. I also want to thank my friends for the visits, cards, flowers and gifts.

G. T. Leonard

Mrs. Clyde Brymer of Cisco and Mrs. Arlie Brown of Stephenville visited Mrs. Tate.

Debra Hutson and Vicki Simmons of Gorman visited Mary Duke.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper, James and Jana of Karnes City, visited George Cooper

Suellen Wagner of Hamlin visited Mrs. O. L. Howard.

T. T. Stuard of Ranger visited D. C. Stuard.

Vada and Dove Lewis of Desdemona and O. T. and Anna Ross of De Leon, and Jane and Mr. Mull of Lubbock visited W. B. Mull.

Mae Richardson of Gorman visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Roberts.

Mrs. Ocho Jones of Clifton and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill of Waco visited Mrs. S. E. Mearns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stanley of De Leon visited the B. M. Johnstons.

Neita Lee of Gorman and Mary Ragland of Lovington, N. M. visited Alma Craig.

Mrs. Vic Edwards of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Collier and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brock and Donna of Austin visited Mrs. Cain, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wood and Green Wood.

Martha Overstreet of Ft Worth visited Mary Overstreet.

Mrs. Thurmond Carter and Liza of Abilene and Mrs. W. E. Reynolds, Karen and Keith of Carbon, visited Alice Johnson.

## Senior Citizens Club News

The Senior Citizens met at the Fire Hall at 2 p. m. December 16 and enjoyed games of 42, 84, and dominoes.

Refreshments of coffee, punch and cookies were enjoyed by the following: Mrs. Charlie Simmons, Mrs. J. R. Todd, Eula Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter and Milton, Mrs. Jess (easy) Richardson, Honest and Lola Bennett, Polly Glascock, Aubrey and Ma Files, Dora Fay (squealer) Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gregory of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. (still leading) O. C. Gregory, Annie (smiling) Henderson, Baby Doll Kent, (learning to play, oh so slow), Grace Skiles, Nola Underwood, Big Boy Henderson (still trying), Everett (loud) Harris, Mr. and Mrs. (good humored) N. F. Bennett, Charles Harris and Gladys Harris, S.O.S. chairman.

We went to Comanche Wednesday at 11 a. m. for our Christmas Dinner. We will not meet next week on account of Christmas.

Several were absent due to sickness. Hurry back and join us, we need you all.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year to all.

Honest, Reporter



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WASHINGTON, D. C. — THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT AND IN MOST INSTANCES, well documented, that there has never been a war in which there have not been atrocities committed on both sides of the conflict. This has been especially true in civil and revolutionary wars when one side fights with underground guerrilla type tactics. In these cases it becomes impossible to always distinguish between friend and foe or sometimes between men and women, children and adults. It is known that in the guerrilla type operation combatants often masquerade as civilians, use civilians as suppliers, spies, shields and assassins. A mine laid by a school boy shatters the body as if it were laid by an adult soldier.

HISTORY MENTIONS THAT THE BOLSHEVIKS in the Russian Revolution of 1917 - had women out in front of them to first face the Cossacks.

IN WORLD WAR I THE BRITISH were accused of conducting

terrorist campaigns in which atrocities were committed before joined by the Americans against the Germans.

THERE IS, HOWEVER, USUALLY A GREAT DEAL more added than facts support. This may be called the "campaign" of atrocity accusations for propaganda purposes. There were the horror stories about the Nazi, the French in Algeria, the Kuomintang in China, Batista in Cuba and the accusations against the United States that germ warfare was used in the Korean war. The fact remains that there has been some truth about atrocities by the very nature of war. The exception - - the germ warfare in Korea.

THE NEWS MEDIA AROUND THE WORLD described French atrocities during the Algerian war but from all accounts the Algerian revolutionaries were many times worse and were experts at atrocities. Terror inevitably invokes counter-terror whether committed in prior centuries or in the 20th Century of Algeria, Vietnam or in the Middle East between the Israelis and Arabs.

IT IS POSSIBLE AND LIKELY THAT SOME AMERICAN soldiers in Vietnam have committed acts that, whatever the provocation, must be defined as atrocities. The truth should be faced and the individuals judged. It is another thing, however, for American soldiers, whether individually, by platoons, companies or on up to every boy in Vietnam to be judged by ugly sensationalism and used as a front for an attack on US policy and leadership. This type of propaganda is grist for the propaganda mill of our enemy and even shakes up our friends who support our position in Vietnam.

IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE who has not been there to know what they might do under a given circumstance. The individual soldier coming out of the jungle into the clearing of a village known to be occupied by the Viet Cong, weary and afraid, may not always be able to identify an enemy ready to take his life. These overwhelming conditions may well cause an American soldier, whose business it is not to fight in the first place, to act in a way that he would never think of otherwise.

THIS IS A RATIONALE AND NOT AN EXCUSE. Neither is it any justification that the enemy's atrocities in the Vietnam war are so little noticed by those who now are so ready to criticize our side. It is proved that the enemy faced in Vietnam has been the perpetrator of unspeakable atrocities but not sensationalized as has been the accusations against our American men. BEFORE PASSING JUDGMENT ON WHO DID what, where and when, it behooves all, including public communications, to wait for evidence from legal and competent sources to establish guilt.

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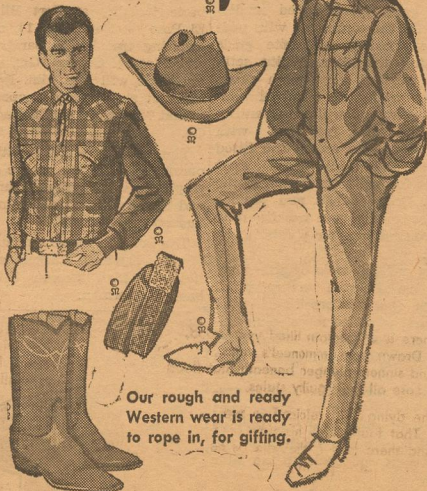
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Speck Clark and Oda Monroe attended the Brownwood-Bonham football game in Fort Worth Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett and family were in Fort Worth on Saturday to attend the Brownwood-Bonham football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Speedy Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Roger George spent the weekend in Gonzales with Bill Clark.

### Miss Marsha Ann Lewis and Pvt. Jack L. Gregg Exchange Wedding Vows



Nuptial vows were exchanged by Miss Marsha Ann Lewis and Pvt. Jack L. Gregg at 8 p. m. Saturday, November 22 at the Grace Baptist Church in Andrews.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Houston Griffin of 702 NE 4th. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gregg of 705 NW 12th Place.

Double ring vows were read by Rev. Don Noble, church pastor, with the father of the bride escorting her down the aisle and giving her in marriage.

Arched candelabra, entwined with greenery, provided candle-light for the ceremony, with pedestaled baskets of white glads flanking the altar. White satin bows marked the church pews. The bride wore a formal wedding gown of white Chantilly lace and satin, fashioned with long sleeves to accent the fitted bodice, and a full tiered skirt which formed a semi-train at the back. Bridal pearls and sequins adorned the square neckline and embroidered scatter points in the skirt.

Her veil of waist-length illusion flowed from a pearlized crown, and she carried a bridal bouquet of white roses surrounding an orchid atop a white Bible. Two long-stemmed red roses were tucked into the bottom of the bouquet, one for the bride to present her mother as she went down the aisle, and one to give the bridegroom's mother as the couple walked back up the altar path.

For her traditional costume, the bride wore a veil borrowed from Mrs. Ricky Loving, carried the new Bible presented to her by her mother, wore a blue garter gifted by her maid of honor, and tucked a six pence and lucky penny in her slippers.

Miss Nelda Ruth Monroe attended the bride as maid of honor, with Miss Tonya Hardy as bridesmaid and Little Miss Tana Hardy as flower girl. They were dressed in identical gowns of purple velvet, styled with empire bodice and "A" line skirt. Orchid velveteen belts marked the high waistlines, and orchid velveteen bows held shoulder-length veils.

Orchid spider mums composed the bouquets or the bride's attendants, while the lower girl carried a nosegay of orchid mums and daisies.

Ring bearer was Master Jimmy Gregg, brother of the bridegroom, who carried the rings on a white pillow made by their grandmother, Mrs. Lula Thompson.

Clifford Yocom attended as best man. Ushers were the couple's brothers, Ricky Griffin, Danny Griffin, Joey Gregg, and Ward Hardy. Bobby Peoples served as groomsman.

Mrs. Weldon Monroe brought traditional wedding music at the organ and accompanied the soloist, Robert Buckley, with the special selection, "Twelfth of Never."

The bride and groom greeted guests at the Green Room annex when their parents entertained with a wedding reception after the ceremony. The wedding cake, tiered with filigree and columns and decorated with purple roses and white doves, was served with punch, nuts and mints.

The couple both are 1968 high school graduates in Andrews where the bride's family has resided for 11 years and the bridegroom's family for the past two and one-half years.

The bridegroom completed his basic training at Fort Bliss in El Paso on November 14, and is awaiting transfer to paratrooper school at Ft. Gordon, Ga., where the bride will join him. Following that study, Gregg expects to attend MP school at Ft. Benning, Ga.

The bride is staying with her parents in Andrews, where she is employed by Andrews Plumbing and Heating, until she joins her husband in Georgia.

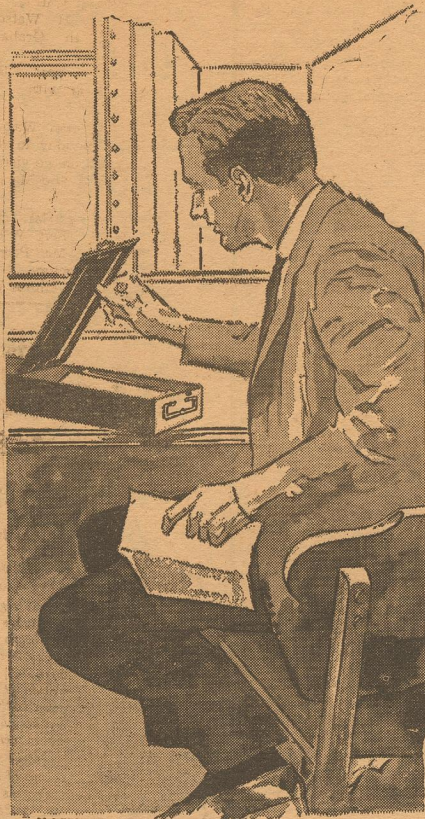
The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. Bueford Parker and a niece of Mrs. Theron Gilmore, both of Gorman.

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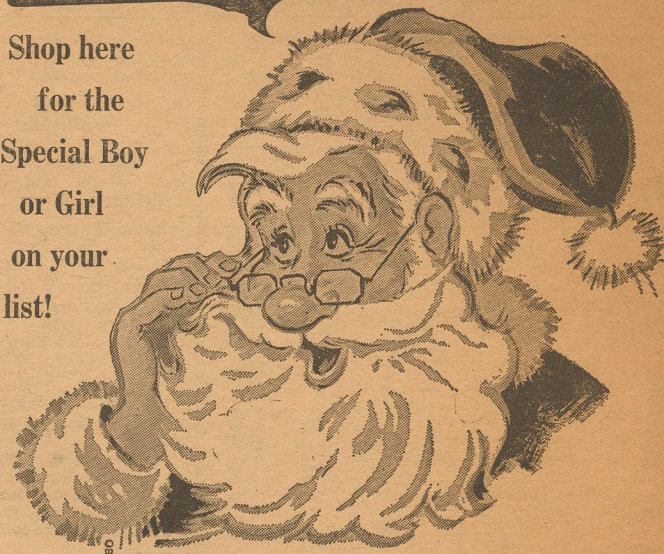
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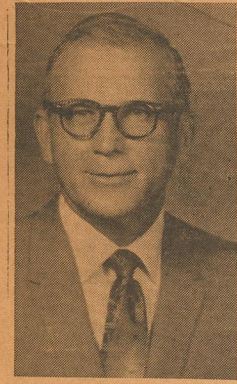
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**Joe C. Hanna To Seek Election As 53rd District Rep.**



Joe C. Hanna announced today that he would be a candidate for State Representative of the 53rd Congressional District in the upcoming election which is composed of Callahan, Eastland, Palo Pinto, Shackelford and Stephens Counties.

In announcing, Hanna, 49-year old Breckenridge business man, stated that he hoped to represent this district in Austin with mature judgment and fair and sensible thought and action.

Hanna recently sold his business, the Stephens County Abstract Company, after 24 successful years in Breckenridge. "For the first time in my life I feel I have the time to become involved in public service rather than private business," Hanna stated.

"I feel very strongly that state government is important, and needs men with sound business judgment who are interested in making it work to the advantage of the people, instead of to the representatives themselves," he added.

Hanna received his higher education from John Tarleton College and the University of Texas.

**Honor Roll For Second Six Weeks**

Following is the honor roll list for the Gorman Public School for the second six weeks period:

**THIRD GRADE**

A Honor Roll  
Renee Townley, Sarah Jo Porter, Davonne Rodgers, Debra Barnett, Tammy Neill, Sarah Jane Slaton and Clay Smith.

**A-B Honor Roll**

Cheri Overstreet, Rosanna Parker, Billy Don Simpson, Dewayne Whitting, Charles White, Ricky Vera and Lonnie Hamil.

**FOURTH GRADE**

A Honor Roll  
Stacy Webb, Katy Priscilla Neill, Deliah Eaves, James Dickerson and Cheryl Arnold.

**A-B Honor Roll**

Melissa Warren, Angelia Underwood, Richard Townley, Darrel Swanner, Glenita Seaton, Kimberley Moore, Robert Jay, Helleene Herridge, Janelle Hamil, Betty Jo Garrett, Robin Dake and Stephen Barbee.

**FIFTH GRADE**

A Honor Roll  
Eligio Arizmendis, Gary Jackson, Jim Thompson, Terri Patterson and Doug Warren.

He went into the Naval Air Corps as a fighter pilot in World War II, and after four years returned to Breckenridge with a wife and a daughter. He bought into the Stephens County Abstract Company and later assumed full control of the business.

Hanna served on the school board 13 years, and has been active in the business and civil life of the area. He has three children, a daughter, Judith, 24, and two sons, Steve and Mark, 21 and 17. His wife the former Betty Elliott, was born in Breckenridge.

Stating that he would make a formal announcement later, Hanna said he planned to meet as many of the people of this district as possible, and personally visit with them.

A-B Honor Roll  
Kathy Hughes, Larry Garrett, Curtis Whitlock and Bill Burgess.

**SIXTH GRADE**

A Honor Roll  
None  
A-B Honor Roll  
Kirk Arnold, Gary Mauney, Tamilyn Simpson, Kellye Stewart and James Webb.

**SEVENTH GRADE**

A Honor Roll  
Kris Brown, David Eaves, Terry Price, Kathy Ripley and Rodney Warren.

**A-B Honor Roll**

Joetta Bennett, Teresa Browder, Mark Eaves, Phyllis Guthery and Bill Underwood.

**EIGHTH GRADE**

A Honor Roll  
Hardy Browder, Bill Baze and Vickie Simmons.

**A-B Honor Roll**

Steven Stinnett and Nancy Grady.

**FRESHMEN**

A Honor Roll  
Phillip Fonville, Jeanette Jackson, George Ann Bettis, Chester Joiner,

**A-B Honor Roll**

Karen Kirk, Patti Hirst and Kelly Henderson.

**SOPHOMORES**

A Honor Roll  
Marilyn Thompson

**A-B Honor Roll**

Sarah Kirk, Denise Grady, Gloria Turner, Lorena and Danny Snider.

**JUNIORS**

A Honor Roll  
Brenda Browder

**A-B Honor Roll**

Rodney Duke, Anna Lee Butler, Tresa Duran and Cheryl Hudson.

**SENIORS**

A Honor Roll  
Kathy Wright

**A-B Honor Roll**

Sherry Jobe, Catherine Parr, Barbara Williams, Jackie Lawson, Bill Kirk, David Ervin and Mike Duran.

**KOKOMO NEWS**

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

Rev. Dick Murray of Carbon was the guest preacher at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Joe O'Neal, due to illness. Other visitors were Mrs. Murray, Kristi Clearman of Eastland and Jim Cole Brown of Eastland on Sunday morning, and Rodney Reynolds of Ranger.

Mmes. Billy Walker, Oren Webb, D. F. Eaves, J. L. Morrow, J. C. Clearman and Glenn Jordan of the Kokomo Home Demonstration Club attended the Eastland County Pecan Show in Eastland on Friday morning and worked in the HD Council concession stand. Mrs. Jordan won Reserve Champion of the Bake Show with candy and Mrs. Walker won second place with cookies and third place with candy.

Albert Hendricks, who underwent surgery in the hospital at Gorman, returned to his home on Saturday. Visiting with the Hendricks during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbourne Wood.

Terri and Craig of Carbon, Mrs. Willie Mae Hendricks and Mrs. David Willoughby, Scotty and Kristeen of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Don Brumbeil and Sherry of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bishop of Lake Leon, and Roy Buchanan of Arlington. Mrs. Buchanan and Kelly had visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks and returned home on Sunday night.

Mr. Walter Henderson, brother of Mr. John W. Henderson, passed away on Friday. We extend sincere sympathy to the Henderson family. Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan attended the funeral in Rising Star on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett attended the funeral of Marvin Hays in Carbon on Monday.

Bill Kelly of Snyder spent Monday night with cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little were in Arkansas from Sunday until Tuesday on business. The Young Adults Sunday School Class of the Kokomo Baptist Church had their Christmas party in the fellowship hall of the church on Tuesday night. A

**Mary Busching Is Named To United Poets Laureate Int.**

Mrs. Mary Busching, who has won many honors with her poetry writing recently, has been appointed to the United Poets Laureate International. This is an honor only designated to a small number of persons.

Mrs. Busching was appointed to the place of honor at a recent meeting of the World Congress of Poets held in Manila, Philippines. It was at this meeting that the United Poets Laureate International was formed. A program that has been in the planning stages for years.

The International Poetry Contest will be held every two years, beginning in 1970. There will be an international exchange of poets of the different nations of the world, details to be handled by the United States Poets Laureate International. The organization will join in the campaign

covered dish supper was enjoyed. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little, Ray Neal and James, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Little, Caye and Charla, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Snider, Jamie and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snider and Kathy, Mrs. Oren Webb, Judy and James, and Mark Eaves.

Mrs. Oren Webb, Judy, James and Stacy, visited from Friday night until Monday in Midland with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan of Arlington visited with the Glenn Jordans on Sunday afternoon.

Mmes. D. F. Eaves, R. Q. Graham and Glenn Jordan were shopping in Abilene on Monday. They were joined by Mrs. Roddy Miles and Joe Glenn.

Mrs. Paul Norris of Fort Worth is visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eaves. Mr. Eaves is a patient in the Ranger Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Jimmy Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson, left Fort Dix, N. J. Monday for his assignment with the Army in Germany. Mrs. Nelson and Tena will be joining her husband as soon as arrangements can be made.

**OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS**

By FLORENCE RICHARDSON

Our thought For The Week: You'll never get eyestrain from looking at the bright side of life.

of World Brotherhood and Peace Through Poetry, and is dedicated to (a) the promotion of friendly relations among nations of the world through exchange of choice poetry of the best living poets and (b) the cultivation of poetry as a most exalted art, irrespective of race, religion and ideology, by giving the most gifted and inspired poets the greatest incentive to write.

Mrs. Busching's appointment will include working with the World Congress of Poets as well as United Poet Laureate International.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wallis of Berger were here last week visiting Mrs. Vesta Bryan.

The Oliver Springs Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Browning last Wednesday night for our Christmas club supper. We had a nice crowd. Baked ham and all the trimmings were served. Those members that were not there, we missed you.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watson spent the weekend in Graham with the Jess Goodins.

Mrs. Doris Bryan spent the weekend in Houston with her son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Warren of Abilene spent Sunday in our home. In the afternoon we visited Mrs. Vesta Bryan in the Marvin Jones home.

Mr. Eulon Perry and Mr. Marvin Jones were in Fort Worth this past week for Mr. Perry's checkup with his doctors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson vis-

ited in Ranger last Sunday with the Ben Youngs. Mr. Young has been a patient in the Ranger Hospital.

Mr. Edward Johnson and son, Dale, were in Lubbock last week visiting the Jack Bice family.

Visiting in our home this past week were the Jim Johnsons, the B. A. Hirsts and H. T. Rawls.

Well the Christmas Holidays are just around the corner again. Time has been so short since last year: Is it time or is it years passing too quickly. This beautiful weather we hope lasts thru the holidays.

We want to wish all the members of the Progress and each reader of our wonderful paper Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas!

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**Silent Night, Holy Night**

A Priest Goes to See a Christmas Play

It was a custom in Austria for roving groups of amateur actors to give plays in the mountain villages. As the organ in the little church at Oberndorf was broken and the mechanic from nearby Salzburg had parts all over the floor, a local shipowner consented for the annual Christmas play to be given at his home. And, of course, Father Joseph Mohr was invited to see the show.

The sincerity of the young actors touched the priest. After the play he went to the top of a hill that overlooked the tiny village. Alone, he pondered the wonders of the universe. It was a still, clear night . . . a silent night.

The next morning Mohr called at the home of Franz Gruber. Besides being schoolmaster, Gruber played the church organ . . . when it was in playing condition. Mohr handed Gruber a carol he had written. He might have it as a Christmas present

. . . and shyly suggested that he try his hand at setting it to music.

That night, December 24, 1818, Father Mohr went to his little church for Christmas Eve services. The organ fixer was there with apologies for not having completed his job. Franz Gruber was there . . . with his guitar and a melody he had written for Mohr's carol. They were young men, the priest and the musician . . . 26 and 31 respectively. Neither had written a song before and, so far as is known, neither wrote another.

Gruber called Mohr to his side. He plunked the strings of his guitar and the two men sang a new Christmas carol. The organ fixer memorized it. Back in Salzburg he sang it for the Strasser sisters. The famous concert singers added it to their collection of native mountain songs . . . and started it around the world. Translated, English speaking countries know it as . . .

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Darkness flies, all is light,  
Shepherds hear the angels sing,  
"Alleluia! hail the King!  
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Silent night, holy night,  
Guiding star, lend thy light;  
See the eastern wise men bring  
Gifts and homage to our King;  
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With the angels let us sing  
"Alleluia to our King!  
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## KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mrs. H. D. Knight of Dallas was a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Knight was honored with a bridge luncheon in the Baker home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krapf of Fort Worth visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Merrill, other Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Merrill, Jr. of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Merrill visited Saturday and were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicks and family.

Mrs. John Kirk returned Saturday from a ten day visit in Hot Springs, Arkansas with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Schackford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Revels spent the weekend in Houston with Mr. and Mrs. David Revels and family. They were accompanied to Houston by Mrs. Buel Bryan who visited with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bryan. A granddaughter, Susan Bryan, returned home with Mrs. Bryan to visit until Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhymes and Scott Marble were weekend visitors in Ponca City, Oklahoma with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rhymes and family.

Visitors in the Holiday home

before L. D. returned to the VA Hospital in Dallas were Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers of Kokomo, Rev. Marion Dennis, Mrs. Rachel Johnson and Bob Walker of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Norris of Carbon.

Mrs. Gerald Walker of Abilene spent the weekend with her father, Mr. J. E. Walker.

Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Overstreet and family of Elmer, Oklahoma visited over the weekend with their parents, Mrs. Mary Overstreet and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohannon.

### 1969 SCHEDULE GORMAN HIGH

Dec. 18-19-20 - Carbon Tourney  
Dec. 23 - Dublin - There - 6:00  
Jan. 1-2-3 - Hawley Tournament  
Jan. 6 - Open Date  
Jan. 9 - Moran\* - There - 7:00  
Jan. 13 - Rising Star\*-Here - 5:45  
Jan. 16 - Olden\* - Here - 7:00  
Jan. 20 - Putnam\* - Here - 7:00  
Jan. 23 - Carbon\* - There - 5:45  
Jan. 27 - Moran\* - Here - 7:00  
Jan. 30 - Rising Star-There - 5:45  
Feb. 3 - Olden\* - There - 7:00  
Feb. 6 - Putnam\* - There - 7:00  
Feb. 10 - Carbon\* - Here - 5:45  
\* Denotes District 24-B Games  
Joe Baze - Boy's Coach  
Joe Neill - Girl's Coach

### 1969 CUB SCHEDULE

Jan. 5 - Putnam at Gorman - 6:30  
Jan. 12 - Gorman at Carbon - 6:30  
Jan. 15 - Ris. Star at Gorman-6:30  
Jan. 19 - Moran at Gorman - 6:30  
Jan. 26 - G'man at Ris. Star - 6:30  
Feb. 2 - Gorman at Olden - 6:30  
Feb. 9 - Gorman at Putnam - 6:30  
Feb. 16 - Carbon at Gorman - 6:30  
Feb. 19-20-21 - Carbon Tourney

## The Christmas Spirit

Theologians and historians may have many interpretations of Christmas. But, in our own country, as in other lands, no matter how it is observed, the power of Christmas makes itself felt in every home. Even the most cynical must bow before the moving experience of Christmas. Perhaps this is the best evidence of the authenticity of the events of nearly 2000 years ago that introduced reverence and humility in the life of man.

Christianity has given man a conscience, a sense of right and wrong and a determination to appear worthy in the eyes of his creator. The tenets of Christianity are the basis of modern civilization. They stand between man and the jungle from which he emerged so long ago. Much of the confusion, much of the strife and intellectual decay we see around us today but reflect a denial of the ancient truths that have guided Christian behavior for some twenty centuries.

As we approach another Christmas Season, we should try to analyze the thing we call the Christmas spirit. It is far more than good cheer, happy Christmas cards and presents under the Christmas tree. The Christmas spirit separates man from the beast. Christmas is a time of renewal, as well as rejoicing. It is the most important moment of the year.

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The Eastland Work Unit of Soil Conservation Service was recently presented cash awards and certificates of merit for meritorious service during the past year. In presenting the awards, Irvin R. Poff, Area Conservationist, Stephenville, complimented the members for their dedicated service in assisting landowners to apply conservation practices on their farms. Pictured are (seated): John Simpson, E. E. McAlister, Rayford Young; (standing): James Fields, Guy Horton and Johnnie Aaron.

### Willing Workers Hold Christmas Party Luncheon

The Willing Workers Class of the First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party with a covered dish luncheon at the church on Thursday, December 11. The menu consisted of chicken and dressing and all

the trimmings.

The group met early and quilted a quilt in the morning.

Special guests for the luncheon were Rev. and Mrs. Huron Polnac.

Mrs. Verna Watson gave the Christmas Story and gifts were exchanged by the twenty members present.

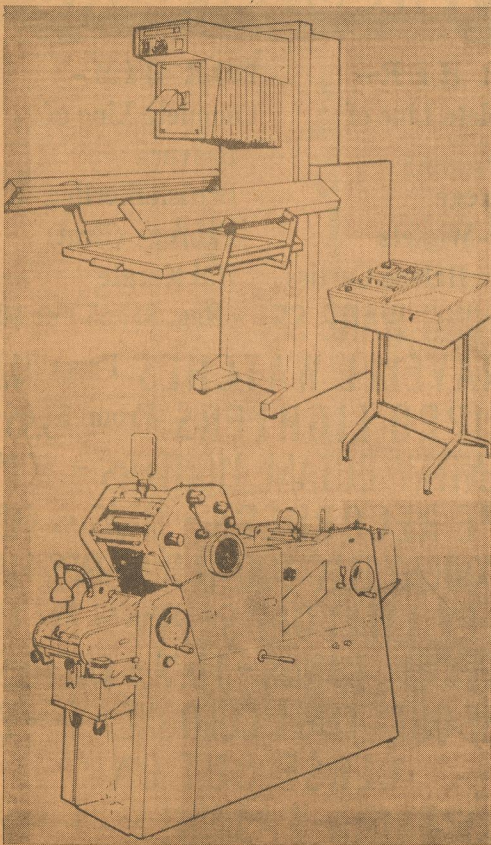
The festivities were closed by the group singing Silent Night.

Reporter, Mrs. R. H. Watson

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