

Merry Christmas



For the third consecutive year, the Christmas story in the Texas Co-op Power, publication of Texas Electric Co-operatives, Inc., has a Gorman tie-in.

All three stories are by Dr. Dick King, Gorman native who is now professor of journalism at The University of Texas at Austin.

This year's Christmas story is about the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. John T. Neill, particularly how three of the daughters of the family had their waith in Santa Claus strengthened. Two of the characters of the story, Mrs. Millie Slaton of Breckenridge and Mrs. Clyde S. King of Stephenville, are frequent visitors.

The cover illustration for the Texas Co-op Power this year features Ed Foote's Jewelry Store, once located in Gorman.

In 1968 the cover and story, "The Night Santa Stuck in the Chimney," was about a Christmas celebration in the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gray.

In 1967 the Yule story was about the Santa Claus bandit of Cisco but made mention of former residents of Gorman who were in Cisco the day the bank was robbed.

The two cover illustrations involving Gorman are by Don Collins of Austin.

Author of the stories lived in Gorman until he was 5. He is the son of Mrs. Clyde S. King of Stephenville and a nephew of Mrs. Ethel Harrell of Gorman.

NO SANTA CLAUS?

By Dick King

Christmas, generally, is tinsel and glitter and love and hope.

For those of a certain age, however, Christmas is a headful of doubt and a stockingful of reassurance.

My aunt Millie, now 82, recalls her Christmas of doubt.

Was there a Santa Claus?

Youngsters in her class had whispered denials of his existence, and Millie had determined to find out for sure. She confided in her father. If Santa came down the chimney as she believed, wouldn't he leave a footprint in the ashes?

Early the next morning, long before the rooster took his usual perch on the lot fence, Millie

slipped from her feather-tressed bed, tiptoed down the stairs and into the living room. She held her kerosene lamp in the fireplace.

The century turned, but doubts continued to take root when the air grew crisp, oak trees pitched their gold coins, and the stores became as fascinating as the satulogues that bulged mail boxes.

My mother and her younger sister Tot conferred over the question a classmate had raised. Still believe in Santa Claus?

As they detoured through downtown Gorman on their way home from school, mother and Tot were attracted to the doll display in Ed Foote's jewelry store window. Of particular appeal were two dolls — both with china heads, arms and shoes and with sawdust-filled cloth bodies.

"Look at the black-haired one," mother said, her longing unhidden.

"Look at the blonde," Tot said with a sigh, paying no attention to the storekeeper who observed the interest in his merchandise.

"Tell you what! If there's really a Santa Claus, we'll find out. I'll wish for that black-haired doll and you pray for the blonde. And, if they're in our stockings Christmas morning, we'll know there is a Santa."

"And we won't tell anybody about our wishes."

Thus agreed, the girls skipped home.

Daily until the school holidays came, mother and Tot walked by the jewelry store window. Daily, they gazed on the most beautiful dolls in the world. Daily, they hoped. But, daily they feared.

Christmas came. A doll with wavy black hair stuck her china head from the stocking mother had tacked to the mantel; a blonde friend rested her fragile china arms on the rim of Tot's sock.

A Santa Claus? Mother and Tot had no doubt.

The 'Twenties roared and slid into the 'Thirties. A question as bleak as the eagle of store window signs disturbed my brother-in-law Jack and his brother, Frank. For a while, they brooded over the rumors. Finally, they presented their problem to their dad.

Jack and Frank were sleeping soundly when their father hurried into the room. "Santa's here," he called.

Jack and Frank bounded the bed, dashed into the living room, and as they gazed on the cedar tree, the front door slammed shut.

"Santa got away. You just missed him," their father said. And undetected, he slipped a string from the front door.

Their faith restored, Jack and Frank enjoyed Christmas.

Years and years ago, an eight-year-old New York girl, upset by the talk of her friends, asked her father about Santa Claus. The parent told her to write the newspaper. "If you see it in the sun, it's so," he said.

Francis P. Church's answer to Virginia O'Hanlon became a classic, for in answering Virginia he eased the doubts of generations who would ask, "Is there really a Santa Claus?"

"Yes, Virginia," the editor wrote, "there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist

and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest joy.

"Alas! How dreary the world would be if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve

to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that show?"

"Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria).

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.



For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace. good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

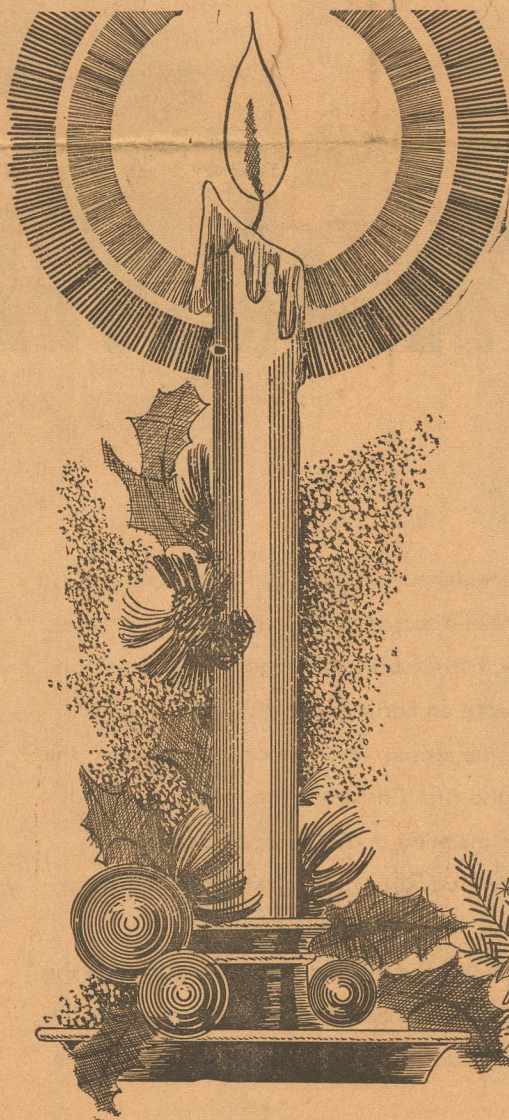
And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen as it was told unto them.



Christmas Party In Fairbetter Home

The Junior and Intermediate Classes of the First United Meth-

odist Church enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of their teacher, Mrs. Milton Fairbetter, on Wednesday afternoon.

The fun began when all crowded into the car for the short trip up the hill from the school to the Fairbetter home.

On arrival each boy and girl were given a small piece of a jig saw puzzle. All other pieces were then strewn on the floor.

Seven Christmas scenes were the results of the scramble. First prize went to Joetta Bennett, second to Alice Perez and booby prize to Patti Wallace, all because she was kind enough to help Effie before completing her own puzzle.

A second game causing a lively frolic and suggested by Scott Marble was "Spoon." Victoria Perez was soon out. Pat Duran stayed in for seven rounds, but Effie Turner was winner all the way.

When Christmas Carols had been sung all gathered around the dining room table or Hawaiian punch, cookies and brownies.

Almost sundown, it was time to get back home, safe and sound, and full-up as one party-goer had said.

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Kay Ann Craddock of Plano arrived Thursday for a two-weeks visit with her mother, Estelle

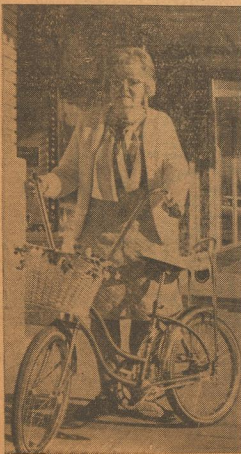
ITEMS OF INTEREST

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.



LUCKY WINNER — Mrs. Mary Emerson is shown with the girls bicycle she won at the drawing last Saturday sponsored by Gorman Merchants. This will make a grandchild happy, I'm sure.



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Present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cozart, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fry, Mr. Winfred Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimmell, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schaefer, all of Cisco;

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Justice, Mr. Buddy Aaron and daughter, Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Terrell, Mr. Johnnie Aaron, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stephens, all of Eastland;

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Campbell of Carbon; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Palmer of Gorman; Mr. and Mrs. Cowan Hutton of Rising Star; and Pete Hathcock, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Kirk, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Adams and son, all of Ranger.



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We want to take this means of saying "Thanks" to each and every one who were so thoughtful and kind to us during the loss of our loved one, J. M. (Jim) Stacy. A special thanks goes to the entire hospital staff for every deed and kindness they showed. We hope to leave no one out when we say thanks for all the food, beautiful flowers, cards and letters and phone calls.

Thanks to the funeral directors for their wonderful service and kind words of sympathy. We shall never forget how nice every one has been.

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like many other aspects of modern living, is international. THE UNITED STATES BELONGS TO an international police organization known as Interpol. Modern and developed nations of the World belong to the International Criminal Police Organization which, to a high degree, is effective in detecting and reporting world-wide law violations. Originally it was conceived to detect against smuggling, particularly narcotics, stolen contraband and other law violations which have been a problem for many years. The secret bank account is a comparatively new innovation.



CENT YEARS SOME MOST complicated and intriguing practices have grown up around foreign secret bank accounts.

SWISS BANKS USE ONLY A NUMBER and the individual de-

positor is not identified. Testimony from Justice Department and Treasury officials indicates that techniques in many instances are used for avoiding taxes, and supporting illicit activities. Crime

LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to clarify the obligation of banks and other financial institutions to maintain certain practices to enable the identification of those in unlawful activities from being able to conceal secret accounts in foreign banks.

THERE ARE PROBLEMS INVOLVED in framing legislation so as not to place burdens on our own financial agencies to report the movement of currency in and out of the country and the problem of not restricting legitimate transactions.

OFFICIALS OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, Treasury and the Securities and Exchange Commission have testified to widespread avoidance of U. S. laws by the use of secret foreign bank accounts. It is known that secret accounts in foreign banks, particularly in Switzerland, are used by the organized underworld as a repository for the fruits of their criminal activities. Foreign institutions cloaked with their secrecy laws serve as a clearing house for "hot money." Through a variety of means funds which have been "cleansed" in foreign deposits are transferred back into this Country, sometimes in the form of a loan from the foreign bank, sometimes through phony corporations and in most all cases, in a manner unlikely to raise questions as to the source of income or whether taxes have been paid.

SECRET FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNTS are not used exclusively by criminals but also by ordinary legitimate Americans who wish to conceal transactions

where the public interest requires disclosure; to avoid the payment of income taxes or to buy stock on the American market without following the rules imposed on the American businessman not dealing in secret accounts abroad.

THESE PRACTICES UNDERMINE BASIC LAW enforcement in the United States; shake the confidence of the taxpayer in our system; disturb the stability of the American stock market and raise a serious question over foreign based influence over American industry.

IN TRYING TO FORMULATE LEGISLATION care should be taken not to burden legitimate channels of international commerce or attempt restrictions which will not stand up in strictest justifications.

THERE DOES APPEAR, HOWEVER, TO BE A VERY GREAT need to cope with these practices which are evidently expanding at a tremendous rate.

Dorothy Hatcher Host For Friendly Ladies Yule Party

At this time of season the parties are in harmony with the holiday spirit of the world at large. The glittering perennial world of cheer and caroling and good will, inspired the setting for the Friendly Ladies Class Christmas Party in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Hatcher on Wednesday evening.

The jolly Saint Nicholas mood prevailed from the beautifully Santa decorated deer entrance door with its cherry Hi, Come On In inscription to the tall green tree with its blinking lights and red shiny balls, laden with beautifully wrapped gift packages, to the red covered serving table centered with a white madona and white tapers. Santa head stockings lined the mantel, graced with red Christmas candles.

The setting was also perfect for the devotional of the Christmas Story of the birth of Jesus taken from Bible chapters of Luke and Mathews read by the hostess.

A short business session was held at which time Mrs. Othell Clark read a poem entitled The Story of the Christmas Guest from a Christmas acrd from one of Bill's nurses that attended him during his stay in Sanit Joseph Hospital. She also told of the need of certain articles that is needed at the Warm Springs Hospital at Gonzales where Bill is a patient. The club voted to send a box of assorted face tissue, paper towels and straws, and that each individual would also bring one or more of the items to be taken to the hospital. Items may be left at the Progress office and will be taken to the hospital by Mrs. Clark.

Food was next order of business and the hostess had prepared all sorts of Christmas goodies, sandwiches, dips and chips, fruit cake, lemon pound cake, pecan roll, fudge, divinity patience candles and spiced hot apple cider. There were no calorie watchers at this party, so second and even third trips to the refreshment table were not unusual.

The best, or almost best part of the party was the exchanging of gifts, with Mrs. Louise Clark acting as Santa. After much ohing and ahing over each others gifts and much more visitation guests bid their hostess good night with a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Funeral Services Nancy Fountain Held at Rising Star

Mrs. Nancy Canzada Fountain, 91, died at 7:10 p. m. Wednesday in the Lawndale Nursing Home in Gorman.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Rising Star with the Rev. D. H. Anderson of Breckenridge officiating, assisted by John W. Henderson of Gorman. Burial was in Amity Cemetery.

Mrs. Fountain was born January 8, 1878 in Moody. She married Samuel W. Fountain in December, 1905, in Comanche County. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Fountain was a member of the Methodist Church and had lived in Eastland County 45 years.

Survivors include two daughters, rMs. Alice Harris of Rising Star and Mrs. Edna Petzell of Brownwood; and one grandson.

Pallbearers were Robert Butler, C. M. Carroll, Clifford Watkins, Norman Ray, A. W. Bailey, Buck Collins, Everett Parker and Herbert Henry.

a Christmas Blessing

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Between them they composed the world's most simple and beautiful Christmas song—"Silent Night, Holy Night."

The song is sung in practically all civilized tongues. Yet, little or no thoughts, are given to the poet and composer and the little town and country in which they worked and lived.

World at Peace

Europe was at peace on Christmas eve, 1818. The Napoleonic wars were over and there was much happiness in the little town of Oberndorf, Austria.

There was one minor note of sadness. The organ in the little church had finally given out and there would be no music for the traditional midnight mass.

But the people of Oberndorf did not know that Mohr had written a poem and given it to his organist Gruber. In a few hours during the afternoon and evening of December 23, 1818, Gruber set the words to music.

Accompanied

And strange as it may seem, Gruber used a guitar to provide the musical accompaniment.

Thus was born the song that is universally loved and which has made Mohr and Gruber immortal.

Mohr died as vicar on December 4, 1845, in Wagrain, Salzburg. He was greatly loved and respected, but so poor that the town had to pay the funeral expenses.

Franz Gruber fared a little better, but according to our standards both author and composer were as poor as the shepherds on the fields near Bethlehem.

The church of St. Nicola at Oberndorf no longer stands. A simple memorial chapel has been built there and is a shrine receiving pilgrims from all parts of the world.

CHRISTMAS IDEAS

Is your Christmas budget running low? Here are three excellent gift ideas that cost very little more than the time it takes you to make them.

1. Copies of favorite recipes can be put on file cards and made into a scrap book.

2. If there is a flower lover on your list, carefully selected bulbs and seeds would make an ideal gift. Bulbs can be packed in small cookie boxes or old egg cartons, covered with gay wrapping paper.

3. One group of gifts can be certificates of service such as baby sitting coupons.

Christkindl-Austrian Mailing Center

The postmarks, "Christmas, Fla." and "Santa Claus, Ind." are well known in the United States, as thousands of Americans like to send their holiday gifts to others bearing seasonal postmarks. But, other countries have such holiday mailing centers, too, and a typical one is the "Christkindl" (Christ Child) Post Office in Austria.

Since it was established 11 years ago, the Christkindl Post Office has enjoyed great popularity inside the country and out. It is a special post office, open to the public only between December 6 and January 6 each year. All mail is cancelled with a special slogan. The office handles about 797,000 letters and packages a year, many of which are sent abroad.

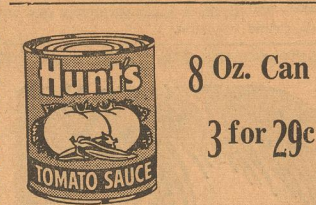


How bright are the lights that shine at Christmas; the colors of the rainbow, the forest and the lake. They shine and they beam, they blink and they bob; their reflections are captured in plate glass and passing car windows. But where are they brighter still? Capture, if you will, the reflection in the eyes of the very young... eyes so alive with excitement and anticipation, so full of joy and brimful of hope and eagerness.

Christmas lights the eyes of the young, but it is not a mere reflection. It is a light that comes from deep within, from the realization that there is something deeply wonderful about the season of Christmas; that there is a significant meaning about to be grasped and yet to be realized. This is the light that shines in the eyes of the young. It is hope; it is anticipation—and eagerness—to grasp the meaning of Christmas, completely, fully. May the true spirit of Christmas come to each and every one.



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Greetings



We wish for you all the sincere sentiments so appropriately expressed at holiday time.

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Sincere wishes for a happy heart-warming Christmas

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

NOTICE
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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. 11-12-fnc

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

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

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. 12-18-fnc

LIKE 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. 12-18-fnc

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 Begal 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. 1-12-25p



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GREETINGS



May the spirit of Christmas reach into every heart.

Davis Laundry
MR. & MRS. V. L. DAVIS



'Tis the season to be joyful- Most happy holidays to all.

THE ROGERS
FRED, JOY, WESLEY AND SHA



GREETINGS... may the wonderful blessings of Christmas be yours this holiday season.

LAWDALE HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

DIAL RE 4-5720 GORMAN

holiday greetings 1969



Our spirits soar and seek to wish you all that will bring happiness and joy.

NABORS FUNERAL HOME
DE LEON, TEXAS

Johnnie Baze Wins First Place Award In Lighting Contest

Mrs. Johnnie Baze was the first place winner in the Christmas lighting contest, followed closely by Dale Brightwell, second, and Jo Ann White, third place. Out-of-town judges scored all thirteen entries on the basis of lighting techniques, ingenuity, artistic merit and originality.

As shown by the score sheets we have some beautifully decorated homes in Gorman. While driving around this Christmas season be sure to go by the winners homes and also those of Fred Rogers, L. M. Wooten, Dorothy Hatcher, Hazel Decker, Bill Simmons, Hulon Lasater, James

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY:

FOR SALE - House and Garage to be moved. Living room suit, coffee table and end table. Mrs. R. H. Able, Phone 758-2241, Desdemona. 2-1-1p



With our very best wishes and very many thanks.

BROWN'S FEED STORE

Dial RE 4-5516 Gorman



We extend sincere Christmas wishes to you.

Nathan's Barber Shop
Closed on Monday
Nathan Files, Owner



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

THE TRAVIS SMITH'S and **MR. AND MRS. J. L. MORROW**

The Smith and Morrow families are using this method of saying Merry Christmas to their friends in lieu of sending Christmas cards and the Smiths have made a contribution to the Bill Clark Fund. The Morrrows have made a contribution to the Hospital Fund.

Mears, Brent Lasater, Berenice Jeffs, and Mrs. Gene Baker. They have all done a splendid job and contributed to the beauty of our town and our Christmas spirit. The judges remarked that all the people had done a marvelous job.

Mrs. Baze will be selecting her Reddy Light from Texas Electric Service Company, who awarded the first place prize. Mr. Brightwell will receive a \$15.00 check and Mrs. Jo Ann White will get a \$10.00 check from the Gorman Chamber of Commerce, who sponsor the contest each year and also give second and third place

Deadline Date For Voter Registration Is Drawing Nearer

January 31, 1970 will be the last day for registering to vote in the 1970 elections.

The new voter registration law requires that each person wishing to vote must first fill out and sign an application form and present in person or mail to the Tax Assessor-Collector's office and certificates will be written and given to persons or mailed to address given on the applications.

These application forms are in Chamber of Commerce offices and many business places over the county, or can be obtained by writing to the Tax Collector's office, Box 389, Eastland, Texas, and asking that one be mailed. —GP—

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and Robert Whitt of Austin will spend the Christmas Holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Whitt

Randy Stone of Fort Worth is spending this week with his grandmother, Mrs. H. H. Pullig and Mrs. Earl Stone, Sr., and an aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Check Smith.

Carolyn Gilbert of Seattle, Washington and John Gilbert of ACC arrived Wednesday for the Christmas Holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert.

George Holifield and Mrs. Henry Capens visited Friday in Rising Star with their sister, Mrs. Joe Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Denman Stanfield and Randy of Apartado, Mexico, are visiting this week with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter.

Mr. Larry Anderson left Friday to join her husband in El Toro, California who is stationed there with the U. S. Marines. They are presently staying with her brother in Garden Grove, Cal.

awards. Many other homes over the area are decorated, although they did not enter the contest, so all you folks bundle up the kiddos some night during the next week and see the bright lights here in Gorman. The home lighting has certainly complimented our new street lighting and made all of us proud to say we live in GORMAN!

LAST MINUTE XMAS SHOPPERS GIFT SALE

ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS & CHRISTMAS CARDS

1/2 OFF

3 PC. CORNING WARE SET

Regular \$17.85 Value

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Complete Selection of TOYS & GIFTWEAR To Choose From

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OF ALL KINDS!

SEATON'S VARIETY STORE

GIFT & SCHOOL SUPPLY HEADQUARTERS

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Gorman, Texas



During this especially glad time of Christmas - We extend our best wishes to you and yours.

TRACE ELEMENTS INC.

FARM CENTER
Gorman, Texas

THE GORDON SPOT

By DeMarquis Gordon
County Agricultural Agent

of entries in all the pecan shows were down this year because of the small pecan crop. Many county shows had less than 100 entries, and some had as many as 145. We had hoped to have at least 150 entries. After all entries had been officially entered in the show December 12, we Pecan Show had some surprises. We had heard that the number

Chamber of Commerce, checked to see if he could go get one more entry before the 12:00 noon deadline, so we could have 200 entries. Grover came back in about fifteen minutes with entry number 200 and said the pecans probably would not win a ribbon. He got the pecans from Mrs. Bessie Beaty of Eastland and entered them for her. When the judging was completed, Mrs. Beaty had won a third place ribbon on entry number 200. Mr. T. C. Blankenship of Hamlin won first place ribbons on his Western Schley and Wichita entries, both in large classes. He told me that both entries had been produced on the same tree; in fact, he said the same tree produces five different varieties of pecans.

An article in the December issue of Farmer-Stockman magazine tells a brief history of the pecan industry in Texas. In this article, B. G. Hancock says that county pecan shows have played a big role in focusing attention on the pecan. He further states that the first county show was held in Eastland County in 1952 under the direction of County Agent J. M. Cooper.

The new Farmer's Tax Guides are now available in my office. These guides are very helpful to farmers when making income tax reports. The booklet explains, among other things, what income is to be reported; what farm expenses may be deducted; how to claim depreciation; and how to report your self-employment tax.

The explanations are easy to read and understand. Numerous examples throughout the book show how the tax rules apply to actual farming situations.

The tax guides are free to anyone who can use them. A meeting on the farmer's income tax reporting will be held on January 23rd in Eastland. A farm management specialist will be here to discuss the tax reporting.



Joy to all this holy season.

WE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

BO'S GRILL & COFFEE SHOP

BO & ROMA JEWEL HOOD, Owners
On East Roberts Next Door To Texas Electric
PHONE 734-5730 GORMAN

MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE GORMAN PROGRESS CORRESPONDENCE FAMILIES:

- The Glenn Jordans
- Ethel Keith
- The Homer Richardsons
- The Gerald Sciterns



Season's Greetings and the best of good wishes to all
THE GRAYDON BAZE FAMILY



To you and yours with gentleness abounding!

MR. AND MRS. ADRIAN BRYANT AND WESLEY



Mr. and Mrs. George W. Porter Observe 69th Anniversary With Family Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Porter celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Fire Hall Thursday, December 11th.

The former Millie Ellen Powell and George W. Porter were married December 11, 1900 in Breckenridge.

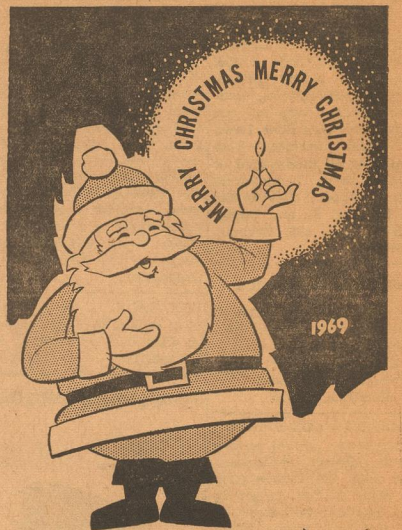
Mrs. Porter is a native of Alvarado and Mr. Porter was born near Glen Rose. He moved to Comanche County at Indian Mountain at an early age with his late parents, Ben and Tina Porter, who had chosen a home-stand now known as the "Old Porter Place" south of Frank A. Gray Memorial Park.

The couple built their first home in this community and a small log barn built by Mr. Porter still stands on the Gabe Wright farm. They lived at this place for a number of years before moving to Lampasas County where they reared their family. They returned to the

"Old Place" in the early thirties, living there until 1950 when the place was sold and they moved into Gorman.

Despite their 89 years of age they continue to lead active lives.

All of their children were present for the happy occasion, including Mr. and Mrs. Sam Porter of Lometa, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Porter, Tim and Sherry of Gorman, Mrs. Willie B. Cornwell of New Orleans, La., Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hall of Goldthwaite and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kinser and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Richard Kinser of Gorman. Also a grandson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Porter, Sarah and Sandy of Gorman; Mrs. Lula Porter and Mrs. Georgia Porter, both daughter-in-laws, of Lometa; a niece, Mrs. Lucy Stoker of Eastland; and Friends, Mrs. Effie Crews, Rev. and Mrs. Marion Dennis of Gorman, and Mrs. I. D. McMaster of Desdemona.



We're joining Santa in sending season's greetings to our community one and all!

WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 - 26 - 27

HI FASHION BEAUTY SALON

MRS. ELNORA LINDLEY - MRS. FAYE TUCKER
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Located Second Door from Jay's Grocery
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Merry Christmas



The miracle of Christmas will live forever in the hearts of men. May this Yule be a source of great happiness for you.

We Will Be Closed Dec. 29 & 30 for Inventory

HIGGINBOTHAM'S

STORE RE 4-2227 - LUMBER YARD RE 4-5419
Day or Night - PHONE RE 4-2272
FUNERAL HOME - AMBULANCE



1969

May the light and love of the Christmas season radiate blessings upon all.

SOUTHWESTERN PEANUT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

ROSS WILSON, Manager

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STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS 76401

1969 SCHEDULE GORMAN HIGH

- 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



When you are a confirmed optimist, you can believe in strange things. Take Ted Yates, for example. Ted believed that the spirit of Christmas was so highly contagious that even the meanest man in town was not immune.

Ted had argued the point for two Christmas seasons past. Why, he asked fellow members of the Dale City Saturday Night Club, exclude old man Barlowe when the club went about town asking citizens to make some kind of a donation to the Annual Kiddie Christmas Party?

Fellow club members shrugged off the suggestion. Ted could be excused. He had only been in Dale City for five years. He should not be expected to know everything.

Try Again

Yet, Ted was a persistent one. "Now look, fellas," he pleaded, "just because Barlowe is a recluse that you never see... does this mean that he is really so different from the rest of us? Maybe he thinks nobody cares about him. Don't you think he should at least get the opportunity to help his community?"



"He's had the opportunity for two years," Sam Bates said. "He's had that opportunity for years," spoke up Sam Bates. "The last time anyone saw him was nearly seven years ago. He came to town the day of the Founder's Day Parade and his nutty chauffeur almost ran over the brass band."

"He didn't even stay for the parade," added Caleb Day. "Okay, okay," said Ted. "What if he came in and offered to help with the party—say, a cash donation, maybe some gifts for the kids?"

"Which he could well afford," Caleb commented. "But, that will never happen."

"What if someone went to him and asked if he wanted to help in any way?" persisted Ted.

"Someone like who?" came a chorus.

"Like me, I guess," said Ted. **Small Chance**

And, so it was. With a few assorted bets for the price of tomorrow's cup of coffee at The Dinner Bell, Ted Yates was off to Greenvale, home of the mysterious Mr. Barlowe. Sam Bates offered 10-1 Ted would never get inside the door, and found no takers.

Ted was ushered into the drawing room by a tall, mannerly butler, who informed him Mr. Barlowe would be along shortly and then returned to the task of decorating the tree Ted had ever seen.

Mr. Barlowe came—in an electric wheel chair. "Mr Bates"—he paused to look at Ted's card—"I mean, Mr. Yates, I will answer some questions you might have in your mind but do not dare ask. I became paralytic several years ago after a stroke. My world has since been confined to this house and its gardens. I have asked nothing of my neighbors because I neither asked nor gave when I was a healthy man. I ask nothing now, nor do I promise to give anything. Yet, since you are here, you obviously want to ask something of me. What is it?"

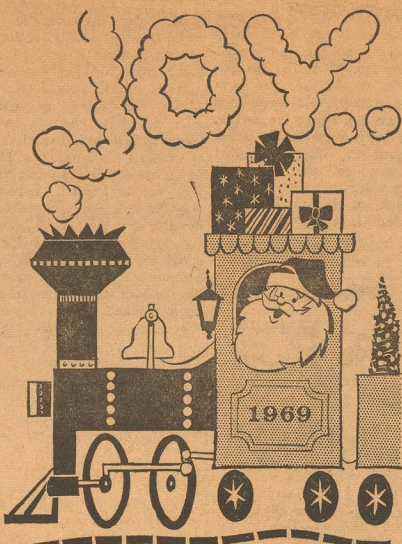
Ted cleared his throat. "I came, in the name of the community, to ask you to participate in our Christmas party for the kids."

Surprise
Mr. Barlowe studied the floor, the ceiling, every object in the room before his firm eyes rested again on Ted. "Young man," he began slowly, "let me tell you a thing or two..." He paused, for a moment which seemed an eternity... "it would displease me very much if I came and were not allowed to play the role of Santa Claus. Let me have a list of the toys and gifts you now have. I will supplement the list as necessary."

An hour later, as he rose to leave, Ted could not resist. "Mr. Barlowe, why have you never participated in community affairs before?"

The old man smiled. "I think, Ted, no one ever asked me before."

Swingline Stapler and Staples for sale at the Gorman Progress Office, File Folders, Letter and Legal Size - Progress Office.



...and greetings! He will find a way into your home and with him come our best wishes.

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Foster and Family



May the blessings of the season be shared by one and all.

Todd's Variety Store



To all of you and yours - an abundance of Christmas tidings.

MEHAFFEY GROCERY & STATION

JOE & LINDA MEHAFFEY HWY. 6 EAST RE 4-5765 GORMAN

Something for Christmas

Jed Cranford turned his back on the small gathering and walked back to his foxhole. Settling down, he lit a cigarette and looked upward at a cloudy Vietnam sky.

He brought his gaze down, to the distant hills. The Communist-infested hills. They were still the enemy. Tomorrow's mission would beseech and destroy. If anything, he knew, tomorrow he would be a better soldier. He would lead his men, firmly, with cautious deliberation, as a good sergeant should, but tonight he would sleep a sleep of peace. Within himself, violent hate had been replaced by a spirit of quiet determination.

Jed Cranford was not a man given to impulse. He was always certain just where he would make his next footprint. He had stayed for a long time in the foxhole, watching the crowd gather on the protected side of the knoll. He had envied the men on the hill, their eagerness, their patient waiting, the something they had to believe in that set them a bit apart from the rest. But he had never thought he wanted even a small part of it.



He saw the men on the hillside stir into movement.

What Jed had wanted, and what he had achieved, was the life of a career Army man. He didn't always know where he would be come tomorrow, but he knew what he would be doing. He would be working at a job that suited him, leading men, instructing, training.

This was Jed's third war. He didn't like to admit it, but he was a bit bothered by the hate that had been born within him during this one—in the rice fields and on the scarred hillsides. It was not what he had seen; he had seen worse. It was something within, born on the inside and nourished by no outside elements.

He had wondered, only yesterday, if it might be that he was getting too old for this kind of a life. Perhaps, unconsciously, he was rejecting everything that so long had been habit and custom.

He saw the men on the hillside stir into movement and without hearing or seeing he knew the helicopter was on the way in.

Visitor

Jed lit another cigarette, watching idly as a short, stocky man stepped down from the helicopter and made his way to the group on the hill. Those who had waited sat down again, circling the newcomer, who removed his helmet and began to speak.

It was a scene Jed had seen many times. It had never interested him before. Yet, somehow, this time, he felt the need to be a part of something. Not just because it was Christmas Eve, but because Jed suddenly felt alone and friendless.

He made his way to the edge of the group, not sitting, but standing somewhat to the side, near enough to hear the words of the stocky one.

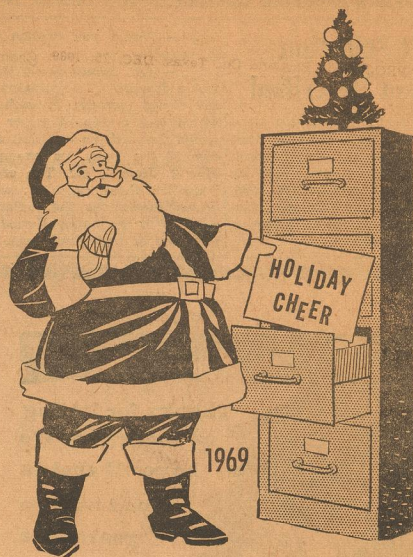
"And, you may be inclined to despair and not remember that it is the Christmas season. Tell yourself that this is a dirty business and that it is unfair for you to be here in this dirty business, doing a dirty job that you don't like to do. Why were you called upon to make this sacrifice? Why you, and not someone else? If you do this, perhaps you can understand why you have reason to find some joy this Christmas Eve. Tomorrow we shall observe the birthday of One who knew a lifetime of sacrifice. Because of that sacrifice, the world has known much joy and peace and hope. Make no mistake about it: despite the unpleasantness of the situation you men find yourself in on this present day, tomorrow you will have cause to know peace, and joy and hope."

Back in his foxhole, Jed Cranford relaxed. It had taken only a moment, yet he had found something he needed. A reason for joy and peace and hope. Or, was faith a better word for it? Perhaps. Perhaps, faith in tomorrow.

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AN OPEN MOUTH AIN'T ALWAYS THE SIGN OF AN OPEN MIND



Our sincere thanks—we appreciate the opportunity the season brings to say "Thank You" and to wish you a Merry Christmas.

LONE STAR GAS CO.

Gorman, Texas

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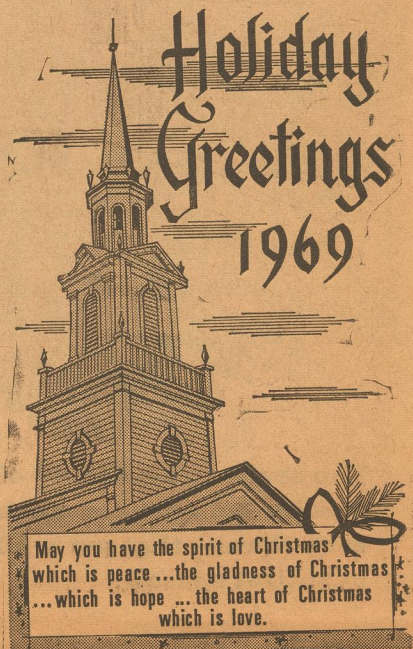


This Christmas we double last year's best.

GORMAN INSURANCE AGENCY

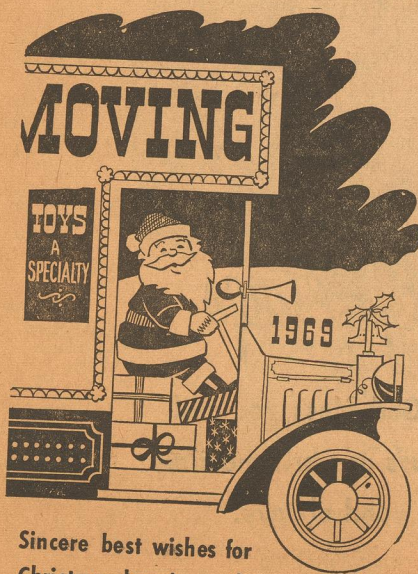
Berenice Jeffs Charles Duran PHONE RE 4-5312 Gorman, Texas

Holiday Greetings 1969



May you have the spirit of Christmas which is peace...the gladness of Christmas...which is hope...the heart of Christmas which is love.

Acra Auto Service



Sincere best wishes for Christmas happiness this happy season.

STACY GULF SERVICE STATION

Draft Selection System Described

Editor's note: Below are questions now being asked at draft boards about the new Random Selection System prescribed by the resident November 26, 1969. The answer are by Colonel Morris S. Schwartz, State Selective Service Director.

Q — Would you explain the drawing?
 A — On December 1, there was a drawing in Washington of 366 closed capsules in each of which was a slip of paper on which was written a month and day of the year, for example, May 2, June 1, etc. The order in which these capsules were drawn determines the relative position in the national random sequence of registrants born on

all the dates of the year including February 29. As September 14 was drawn first, all men born on September 14 are No. 1 in the national random sequence. As June 8 was drawn last, all men with that birthday are No. 366 in the national random sequence.
 Q — How will this sequence be used by local boards?
 A — Each local board will assign numbers to its registrants who are in I-A or who become I-A in accord with the national sequence. Some local boards may not have at any one time men with birthdays on every day. In such a case the local board would go to the next number. For instance, it might call numbers 1 through 5, then 7 and 8 because it had no men whose birthdays were on the day drawn sixth in the drawing.
 Q — Why is there a drawing of the alphabet?
 A — This drawing randomized the alphabet so that in case a local board had two or more men with the same birthday and was required to order one but not all of them for a call, it has a way to determine which comes first, second, etc., by applying the random alphabet to the names. In the drawing of December 1, 1969, the letter "J" was drawn first. So men whose names begin with "J" would be called first by the local board among men with the same number from the birthday drawing.
 Q — Does everybody get a number out of the first lottery?
 A — No - the first drawing will determine the random sequence number only for those when how prior to January 1, 1970, had attained age 19, and not 26. Besides that, the number in which his birthday is drawn will not mean anything until he is classified IIA or I-A-O. Some men in the group who eventually will get a number out of the first drawing may not become I-A until next year or later. In that case, his number will determine his order in the national sequence in use that year. For example, if his birthday is drawn No. 80, and he is now deferred for college, but loses his college deferment in June 1971, he will be No. 80 in the national random sequence in use that year.
 Q — How do new 19-year-olds get a number?
 A — Before the end of 1970, a drawing of the 366 days of the year will be held. This drawing will determine the national random sequence to be used in 1971. The only registrants who would look to that drawing to determine where they stand in the national random sequence are those who turned 19 during 1970.
 Q — How do you use more than one drawing?
 A — The date of November 9, was drawn No. 80 in the first lottery. This may be the number of a man who was in college

during 1970, but graduated and lost his deferment in June 1971. The date of September 11 may be drawn No. 80 in the next lottery. A man born on September 11 who was available in 1971 would be No. 80 in the random order. So would the first man whose birthday of November 9 was drawn No. 80 a year earlier. If both men were in the same local board they would be called on the same call or if one, but not both were required, the random alphabet would determine which one went first.
 Q — Doesn't the registrant who is in college most of the

year have an advantage over the one who can't go to college and is in I-A throughout the year?
 A — No. The key in both cases is whether his random sequence number is reached in his local board. If the random sequence number has been reached in the case of a registrant who becomes I-A late in the year, he will be inducted as soon as appeals, examinations and so forth, are concluded, even though the year has ended. There is no way he can gain an advantage by delaying his actual induction through time required for personal appearance, appeals, examination or dother processing if his random sequence number has been reached.
 Q — What about the registrant who loses a deferment or exemption just before age 26?
 A — This is like the case in the previous question. If his number has been or is reached, and he loses his deferment just before his 26th birthday, he will, if his deferment extended his liability to age 35 as most do, be inducted at the end of all the processing steps - if he remains in Class I-A or I-A-O and is qualified, even though he has turned 26 during this period of delay.
 Q — How does this system help a registrant know with more certainty his chances of serving?
 A — First of all, his period of greatest vulnerability is one year, rather than seven. Second, the order in which his birthday is drawn will tell him where he stands in the national random selection sequence. If his birthday is drawn early he knows that when he is classified I-A and found acceptable, he is almost certain to be called. He can plan his career to accommodate that possibility. If his birthday is drawn near the end, he has relative certainty he may not be called short of unusual circumstances. He can plan accordingly. For the registrant whose birthday is drawn in the middle range it is not so clear, but in any event the system will give much greater certainty than is possible under the former system.
 Q — Will registrants now postponed be in the random selection?
 A — No. The postponed registrant has already been ordered for induction under the old system and will be inducted when the postponement ends.
 Q — Can a man whose birthday is drawn early in the drawing still join the Reserve?
 A — Yes. Just as now, he can join a Reserve Unit any time before the induction order is issued.

Q — What about volunteering for active duty?
 A — The policy is to authorize enlistment for active duty at any time up to the day of induction.
 Q — What is the situation of a registrant who is in I-A for the first part of the year, but enters college in September and requests and gets a student deferment?
 A — If his random sequence number has not been reached he goes out of the group to re-

turn when no longer deferred to the current group. If his random sequence number has been reached, but he has not been issued an order to report or induction, the local board may defer him for college and he would then reenter the selection group in the year he again lost his deferment.
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