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By KERNEL GENE, aPe

### RICHES UNTOLD!

Thanks to each of you for the part you have played in making me the richest man in Eastland and Comanche Counties.

No, money has nothing to do with all of this. Money is necessary but not too important. My riches have come from the privilege of sharing with you - - your joys, sorrows, and problems.

Some people think it strange that I am never too busy to stop and talk with youngsters, regardless of age, when they need scratch paper, cardboard or information. The few who have taken me into their confidence have filled my



treasure chest to overflowing.

Santa Claus emptied his sack in my stocking. Thanks, Santa.

May the New Year fill your life with all the joys and pleasures of new and old friends.

In the year to come I hope each of you will have occasion to visit the Progress office and say hello.

Theresa, Joe Bennett and Estelle Craddock wish you A Happy New Year too.

## Miss Linda Harrison Becomes Bride Of Don Brumbelow In Church Ceremony

Miss Linda Jean Harrison became the bride of Don Brumbelow of Fort Gordon, Georgia, in a double-ring ceremony read Wednesday, December 23 at ten o'clock in the morning in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church in Gorman.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harrison of Gorman, and the parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brumbelow of De Leon.

Reverend John Basham, pastor of the First Methodist Church, De Leon, conducted the ceremony before an arch covered with white foliage, with white wedding bells tied with Christmas red bows. Illuminating the altar were six pyramid candelabras tied with red bows. Baskets of white stock flanked the arch, and the altar, and the white satin kneeling bench.

Mrs. Charles Brown of Abilene presented organ selections before the ceremony and as special music during the ceremony, she played "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride chose a gown of candlelight silk peau de soie. The tightly molded bodice was fashioned with a princess waistline and the bateau neckline was edged with alencon lace. The elbow length sleeves were complimented by wrist length kid gloves. The bell skirt was street length. Her veil of silk illusion hung from a crown of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses atop a white Bible. The Bible was a gift of a friend, Miss Grace Sanders of Dallas.

Escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Miss Sylvia Hendricks as maid of honor. Mrs. Joe Harrison of Stephenville and sister-in-law of the bride, was bridesmaid. Paula Sue Eppler of San Angelo, cousin of the bride, was junior bridesmaid. Connie Jean Braudt of Amarillo, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. The attendants wore dresses of red velvet with red velvet bows in their hair. They carried long-stemmed white rose buds.

Attending the bridegroom as best man was Carl Rollwitz of Ballinger and Troy Belyeu of De Leon was groomsmen.

Ushers were Joe Harrison of Stephenville, brother of the bride, and Kenny Keith of De Leon, brother-in-law of the groom.

Candlelighters were Billy Braudt and Tommy Braudt of Amarillo, cousins of the bride, and Ring Bearer was Glenn Braudt of Amarillo.

Immediately following the ceremony the bride's parents hosted a reception in Fellowship Hall.

The bride's table was laid with red net over white satin, and a bouquet of red roses centered the table. The cake was four-tiered and topped with a miniature bride and groom.

At the bride's book was Mrs. Larry Anderson of Huntsville. Serving guests were Misses Linda Shell, Grace Sanders, Mrs. Bob Browning of Austin, and Mrs. Jim Rodgers.

The bride is a graduate of Gorman High School and attended

## John Suttons Win First Prize In The Lighting Contest

Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton won first prize in the Residential Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Business Men's Club of Gorman, Texas Electric Service Company furnished the first prize, a Reddy-Lite, installed.

Second place winner and cash award of \$15 went to Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Huddleston. Third place winner was Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett who were awarded \$10. Winning fourth place and \$5.00 was Mr. and Mrs. Landrum Wooten.

The cash awards were furnished by the Business Men's Club and entries were judged on Tuesday evening, December 22.

## Mr. & Mrs. Buss Collins To Mark 50th. Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. (Buss) Collins of Gorman will mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary on January 10 when their children will honor them with open house from two to five p. m. at their home on Route Two, Gorman.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

The Collins children hosting the event will be Mrs. Bill Andry, W. R. Collins of Gorman, Jimmy Don Collins of De Leon, Cecil Collins of Roswell, N. M. and T. A. Collins of Midland.

## TRUITT COFFMAN ENTERS DALLAS VETERAN HOSPITAL

Mr. Truitt Coffman entered the Veterans Hospital in Dallas on Wednesday where he is to undergo surgery.

His wife, Rose, and Mr. Ernest Weaver accompanied Mr. Coffman to Dallas.

North Texas State University. The groom is a graduate of De Leon High School and is with the U. S. Army in Fort Gordon, Georgia.

For traveling the bride chose a suit of powder blue wool. Her hat was white feathers and her shoes and bag were white lizard. Her corsage of white roses completed her ensemble.

The mother of the bride wore a white looped wool suit with a box jacket. Her hat was white velvet and her accessories were black. She wore a corsage of pink baby orchids. The groom's mother wore a pink wool suit with a white hat and a corsage of white baby orchids.

Out of town guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Oran Clark of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Braudt of Amarillo; Mrs. Kenny Keith of De Leon; Mrs. Jackie Auvenshine of De Leon; Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Brogdon, Nan, Martin, Steven and Lynn of Weatherford; Mrs. Henry Davis of Austin; Judy Mehaffey of Slaton; Paul Basham of De Leon; Mrs. Lee Dendy of De Leon; Dr. and Mrs. Almus Blackwell of Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Braudt of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson of Huntsville; Terry Shell of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Browning of Austin; Carol Ramsey of Fort Worth; Grace Sanders of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Kent Burban of Lubbock; Dr. and Mrs. Jack G. Bishop and Julia of Dallas; Mrs. Sallie B. Bishop of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Abilene; Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Cole, Don and Joe of Dublin; Mrs. George Eppler, Billy and Edward of San Angelo; and Dr. and Mrs. Harlan Raley of Dublin.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**New Year's Eve Singing at Oliver Springs** will be held on Thursday, December 31. Everyone is invited.

Refreshments will be served. Come and bring your friends.

**Sing out the old year and sing in the New at Sand Hill** Thursday night, December 31.

A great crowd is expected and refreshments will be served.

**The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department** will meet at 6:00 p. m. Monday, January 4th.

**Gorman Chapter No. 443, Order of the Eastern Star**, will meet on Monday, January 4th.

**Rev. B. C. Huddleston**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will be at the altar and will serve Holy Communion from 6 to 8 p. m. New Year's Eve, Thursday.

**Higginbotham Brother's store** in Gorman will be closed on Thursday and Friday for inventory.

**The Social Security Representative** will be in Gorman Monday, January 4 at 10 a. m. at the City Office.

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

## Special Meeting Of Co. Commissioners Court Set January 1

Eastland County Judge Scott Bailey has announced a special meeting of the Eastland County Commissioners Court to be held at 10:00 a. m. January 1, 1965 for the purpose of considering and approving public official bonds for the newly elected county and precinct officials. In a letter to each of these officers-elect, Judge Bailey advised them concerning Article 8.43 of the Texas Election Code which provides that "On or Immediately After January 1, 1965 each County Judge shall make out and certify to the Secretary of State a statement showing who were elected, and to what office and the date of qualification together with the \$2.00 statutory fee as provided in Article 3914.

In connection with the announcement Judge Bailey emphasized that the families and friends of the newly elected officers, as well as the general public are cordially invited to be present to witness this proceeding.

Eleven officers are included in this group that are: From Eastland: Edgar Altom, L. E. Sublett, Danny Woods, and Porter O. Woods; from Ranger: Ralph W. Veal; from Gorman: Albert E. White; from Cisco: O. L. Stamey and A. W. Dawson; from Rising Star: Perry T. Brown, L. J. Collins and W. H. Koregay, making a total of 11 officers, four of which are now in office and 7 are taking their oath of office for the first time.

Christmas holidays visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rone were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rhodes and boys of Baird, Mrs. Thelma Bingham and Burney and Pearl Underwood of Gorman, Mrs. Lou Eubanks of Tresscott and Mrs. Lota Mae Montgomery of Lubbock.

## Fire Chief Urges Citizens To Observe Fire Regulations

Gabe Wright, Fire Chief for the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department, urges all citizens to observe the fire fighting rules and please do not follow the fire trucks to the scene of the fire. This blocks streets and hampers the speed of firemen to attach hoses to fire hydrants.

At a recent fire spectators blocked the streets where fire trucks could not even get through.

Mr. Wright stated the department always welcomes help and assistance in fighting fires, but unless a person is able to help, they should stay away from the scene of the fire and should pull their cars to the curb and remain there until the fire truck has passed.

Observing these courtesy rules will be appreciated by the entire fire department.

## Oscar E. Castillon To Address Group At EC-65 Meeting

Oscar E. Castillon, Manager of the Area Development Division of Texas Electric Service Company, will be one of the principle speakers at the second EC-65 Training Seminar, according to an announcement by the Texas Industrial Commission. The meeting will be held in Eastland on January 6 at the White Elephant Restaurant at 9 a. m. This will be the second in a series of five seminars sponsored by the Texas Industrial Commission in conjunction with EC-65, the industrial development pilot project for Eastland County. This second seminar is called "Research and Analysis." There will be three other training sessions in the coming months.

Castillon has been associated with Texas Electric Service Company since 1956. He is a graduate of Texas Christian University and the Industrial Development Institute at Oklahoma University. He has been manager of the division since January, 1964. The topic



## Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Norris Honored With Open House On Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Norris marked their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, December 20 at their home on Route Two, Carbon, when their children and grandchildren honored them with open house from two to five p. m.

of his talk will be "Favorable Economic Factors for Eastland County."

Other speakers scheduled for the seminar are Dr. W. L. Fisher, Research Scientist and Lecturer for the University of Texas, and James Bradley, Head of the Industrial Economics Research Division, Texas A&M University. Harry W. Clark, Executive Director of the Texas Industrial Commission, will be in charge of the session.

Mrs. George Eppler, Paula, Edward and Billy of San Angelo, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Barton Eppler and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal during the holidays and through New Year's. Mr. Maurice Currie, brother of Mrs. Barton Eppler and Mr. Edward Harrison, is spending the holidays with them and other relatives, Dr. and Mrs. D. V. Rodgers and Mrs. George Blackwell.

The serving table was centered with a two-tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom, inscribed with 50th. Anniversary in gold.

Arrangement for the registering table was of gold bells and ribbon streamers with 50th. inscribed in gold flanked by three white tapers.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Norris hosting the open house were Mrs. H. H. Hogan of Fort Worth, Mrs. L. D. Holliday of Gorman and Mrs. Truitt Norris of Carbon. Granddaughters were Mrs. Z. O. Keller of Olden and Mrs. Jim Bonner of Texarkana.

## Local Merchants To Observe Holiday On Friday, Jan. 1

Gorman merchants will observe Friday, January 1, New Year's Day, as a legal holiday and will not be open for business on that date.

January 1st. is one of six holidays observed during the year by local business firms.

## J. E. Ramseys Mark Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary Dec. 27



Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ramsey of Carbon marked their 60th. wedding anniversary Sunday, December 27th. when their children held open house at their home from two to five p. m.

The couple were married in the Romney Community December 27, 1904 and have lived in the Carbon area for the past 60 years. Children and grandchildren on hand to help celebrate the occasion (pictured above) were Mr. and

Mrs. J. W. Ramsey of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. John Black and Jay of Irving, Miss Carol Ramsey of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hallmark of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hallmark and Robert Karl of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Guy and Lisa of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Ramsey of Morenci, Ariz., Jimmie Ramsey of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ramsey and Ronnie of Morenci, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Ramsey and Jan of

Tucson, Arizona. The refreshment table was laid with a white cloth centered with an arrangement of white chrysanthemums with silver ribbon. The three-tiered cake was topped with a miniature bride and groom with 60th. Anniversary written in silver with the dates 1904 and 1964 in silver on the sides.

Some 75 guests called during the afternoon.





## LVNA Christmas Party Held In Cisco

The LVNA of Texas, Division No. 64, met December 14 in Cisco at the Parrish Hall, guests of the Cisco nurses. Each guest was presented a lovely corsage.

Following a brief business session conducted by the division president, Mrs. Gertrude Wallace, Mr. Otto Pugliese, lab technician of the Cisco Hospital, made an in-

teresting talk on lab test procedures. He introduced Harris Miller of the USNH Navy No. 115 Hospital of Guantanamo Bay, a corpsman, who is working in the hospital there. He gave a very interesting question and answer discussion of the work being done there.

A lovely refreshment plate was served to 18 members and three guests.

Eastland nurses will host the next meeting.

Mrs. Dave Fulberg, David Wayne and John Edward Clark of Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Skaggs and Bill of De Leon visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. George Hollifield and Miss Lorena Clark. John Edward remained for a visit through Tuesday.

## FAMILY NEW YEAR

Fred Anderson slammed the kitchen door and flopped down in a chair. "Well, there goes the New Year's Eve party for us. I'll not go if the Smiths are invited, and you know they are."

Eve looked up from her cake preparations. "Fred, you made too much of nothing. Boys are always getting into arguments and little fights. Parents should try to settle these things, not lash out the way you did at Bob Smith. I don't blame him for telling you off the way he did."

"He should have admitted it was all Teddy's fault. You know our Stevie. He never started trouble with anyone."

Eve smiled. "The way I heard it, they both started it. I think they are equally to blame."

"Well, I punished Steve. Why shouldn't he do the same with his boy?"

"Maybe he did. But it certainly wasn't your place to go over there and tell him what the punishment should be."



"O.K.," he said. "Maybe I did go too far."

Fred poured himself a cup of coffee. "O.K., maybe I did go too far. But it burned me up. I don't care if we have been friends for two years. I'll never fish or golf with the man again. And I won't go to the neighborhood New Year party, either. I don't even want to see him."

Eve shoved the cake into the oven. "You're just punishing yourself. You know Bob won't bring the subject up at the party."

"He might. And I'd sure hate to lose my temper again."

"I'd hate it, too, if you intend to make as big a fool of yourself as you just did a moment ago."

Fred put down the cup of coffee, unfinished, and stormed out of the room without another word.

Ann Smith finished setting the table and smiled at her husband who had already taken his customary seat and was busy fixing plates for the children. "Feeling better, dear?"

"I'm still mad. How could Fred act like that? I knew he was a dotting parent, but I never expected anything like that."

"You were not a very good picture of the good humor man yourself, you know."

### Not a Chance

"We're not going to the party. I don't want to be in the same room with that man again. I'd prefer not to be in the same block or town with him, but I can't change that. I can stay away from the party."

It was almost dark when Stevie Anderson knocked on the Smith's door. "Hi, Mrs. Smith. Is Teddy home? We made up this afternoon and I wanted to talk to him some more. I'm real sorry about the whole thing."

"Teddy's playing somewhere, Stevie. Probably in the back yard. But it's almost dark. Why don't you see him tomorrow? I'm sure your parents are wondering where you are."

### The News

Stevie smiled. "They know I won't go far. They said I could stay out a while, if I didn't get too far away. But, I will have to go home soon. Dad says we will celebrate the New Year by getting to bed early tonight. Some celebration."

Ann Smith smiled and shut the door, wondering what she would wear to the New Year's gathering.

As was the neighborhood tradition, the couples began to gather at the community center at 10 p.m. The Smith's were among the last to arrive and the first persons they encountered were the Andersons.

Fred Anderson coughed. Bob Smith took out his handkerchief and blew his nose.

"Hello, Fred."

"Bob."

"Stevie told us you weren't coming tonight."

Fred Anderson blushed. "Teddy told us the same thing about you."

Together they said, "Well, I'll be . . ."

Ann and Eve both laughed heartily. "And we put 'em up to it," they both said.

And then all four said, "Happy New Year, one and all."



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## Greetings and

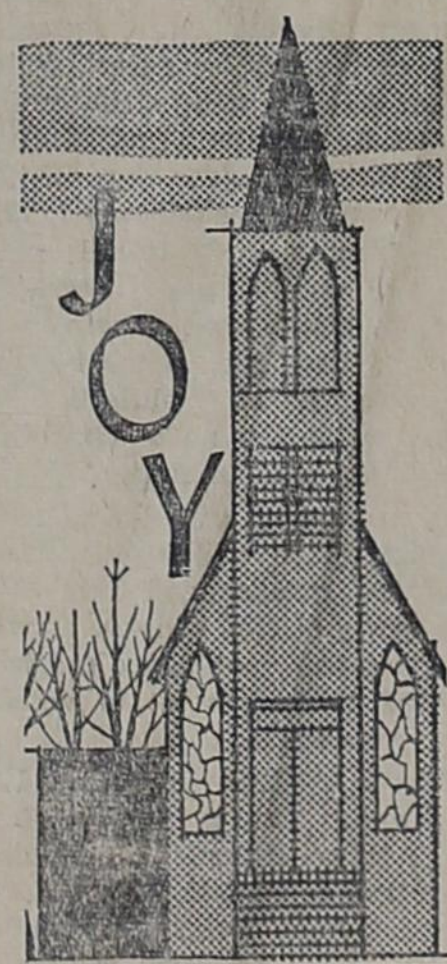


best wishes!

As the clock strikes the hour we send you our thoughts.

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1965 to all!

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Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Yarbrough were their children, Mr. and Mrs. William Becharner, Kay Don and Brenda of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Smith, Debbie and Billy of Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Yarbrough of Stephenville.

## New Year DECISION

It began to snow just as they left Pleasureville and turned on Route 24. Jim Davis muttered an ugly word and took a quick side glance at his wife. "Wouldn't you just know it! Weather's clear for 60 miles on Interstate and it begins to snow when we turn on this wagon trail."

Francis Davis laughed shortly. "Remember, dear, this trip is your idea. I wanted to spend a nice, quiet New Year at home by the fireside. Oh, no, not you. The whole family is getting together at mother's, so we must go too."

"You know we have to go. Everyone will be there. Mother wants to talk about some new ideas for the business. If I am to take over as general manager when she retires, I have to know what is going on. I can't learn anything about the management of the business just calling on customers."

"There'll be plenty of time for that when the change is made, Jim. This meeting could have been held at some other time. The rest of the family live within 20 miles of Carterville. It's no effort for them to get together."

They shouldn't expect us to drive nearly 200 miles, particularly during the holidays.

Jim slowed down as the spray from a passing truck covered the windshield with a mixture of water and ice.

"I am not a child. But, I am realistic. Mother made a success of Davis Brothers after father died. She raised a big family. She built something for them, and for their children. She has the right to be a bit domineering."

"Then, dear husband, what makes you think she will not continue to be domineering for the rest of her life? Do you think she is just going to one day give it all up and say, 'O.K. children, you're on your own?'"

"She intends to retire next month. She'll be out of the picture then."

"She will give up her office, perhaps. My bet is that future company business will be conducted in the family parlor and you'll be making the pilgrimage quite regularly."

"All right, all right." Jim pulled into a service station. "There's a cafe next door. Let's get a cup of coffee while they fill the car with gas."

They were silent over the coffee. Finally Jim looked across the table at his wife. "Everything you say is true, Francis. I've thought about it for a long time. I have had offers from other companies. I almost took a job with Daugherty Associates. I may yet. It's still open. I love my mother and my family. But I don't think things will change. On the other hand, I don't really want to get out. The company needs me. I have established excellent relationships with all our customers. It will take someone else years to achieve as much, just as it has taken me a long time."

Frances winked across the table. "You have a way of getting things done, so why say things won't change, or can't be . . ."

"You mean I can change things?"

"Can't you?"

Jim Davis was silent for a long time. "Come on. There is a motel next door. I'll not drive another mile tonight."

Relaxing in a plush chair, Jim Davis reached for the telephone. "Take off my shoes, will you, hon? I'm bushed."

### Silence

Dutifully, Frances removed his shoes. Then listened attentively as he placed the call.

"Mother? Jim. I've decided not to drive the rest of the way tonight. Weather's rotten and I'm bushed. We're checked into a motel near Pleasureville." He paused, listened for a moment. "Well, you just go right ahead. But remember, if I am to be general manager, I intend to have my say. I'll be there sometime tomorrow; not sure just when. We may sleep in a while tomorrow."

He put down the phone and turned to his wife. "Happy New Year, darling."

Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Shipman and family of Marshall visited during the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gowan and Mr. W. M. Shipman, and other relatives.

Mrs. Beatrice Mayhon of El Paso visited her mother, Mrs. Etha Pittman, over the Christmas holidays and Rev. and Mrs. Clyde

Pittman of Pettus visited with them on Saturday. Rev. Pittman was a former pastor of the Gorman First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Dona Moorman and her daughter, Don, of Fort Worth spent the Christmas holidays in Beaumont with her grandson, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Moorman and family.



May the New Year as it unfolds—bring you happiness and peace.

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# Joyous New Year

As the last grains of sand fall through the hourglass for 1964 — we extend to our many friends, our sincerest wishes for a happy and prosperous 1965.

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## Our Calendar Should Last For A Long Time Yet

Every once in a while someone comes up with what they consider a better method of marking time, yet experts believe our present Gregorian calendar will not likely be replaced for a long time to come. Mathematicians estimate it will be accurate until at least 2500 A.D.

People have always been fussy about time. Daylight Saving Time annually causes a stir in some sections of the country and things can get confusing for the individual who lives near the edge of a time zone.

Perhaps the first fairly accurate calendar was devised by the Ancient Egyptians. It consisted of 12 periods of 30 days each, with five days added to the last period just to keep things straight.

This method is somewhat similar to the Gregorian Calendar, except that years divisible by four, excluding the years numbering the centuries, shall have 366 days, and the century-marking years are leap years only if divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed.

Leap years thusly make it unnecessary for us to "tack on" those extra five days and keeps us in tune with the solar year, which actually consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds.

As the experts say, we're in good shape until 2500 A.D. Who can say what method of counting time will evolve by then? Perhaps some will come up with a perfect method of marking time.



May the lights of peace and joy always shine on your path.

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Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Brown  
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## Who Started Holiday Toast?

Whether with egg nog, coffee or whatever, nearly everyone offers a toast to the New Year. Just who started the custom of offering a "toast" is open to question.

We do know however, that the ancients indulged in the custom of celebrating a fine harvest or a fine hunt with a "toast", although the word itself goes back only to the 17th century when it was English custom to place a bit of toasted bread in a cup of wine.

The "broken glass" toast, or the habit of breaking the glass after the toast was made, originated with the military practice of offering a toast to the queen and throwing the glass into the fireplace. We can speculate that breaking the glass prevented someone unlucky from spilling the wish for good health by drinking from the same glass.

### UNIQUE CALENDAR

The Moslem calendar is unique in that the twelve months of the year begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. Thus the months, and New Years, too — retrograde through the entire year in about 33½ years.

## New Year Customs Many In Japan

The most popular illustrations on Japanese Christmas cards are of the stork and the turtle. These represent the wish for a long and healthy life, apparently, as the stork is supposed to live 1,000 years and the turtle said to live for 10,000 years.

Also popular are illustrations of the Seven Gods of Good Fortune and the Pine tree, which symbolizes good fortune.

Most Japanese merchants send cards to their customers.

It is also traditional for bells to welcome the Japanese New Year. The bells ring out 108 times on New Year's Eve, reminding the people of the 108 commandments of Buddha.

One interesting old Japanese custom is the spreading of parched beans about the house, in the belief that such drives away evil spirits and invites good luck to enter the household.

### ROMAN CALEND

The word calendar comes to us from the Romans. On the first day of the month, known as Calends, the priests assembled the people for a review of the sacred days and festivals that would be observed in the months ahead. The people marked important days on their "fasti", so we must speculate why it is we wound up with a calendar rather than a "fasti."

## Take Happy Outlook For A Good Year

Thinking about that New Year resolution, or whether or not to make any promises for 1965?

Why not resolve, simply, to try to make it a happy year for yourself and for those with whom you come in contact.

Begin by making an effort to know yourself better. Sit down for a moment and think about the things you like about yourself and the things you would like to change.

### Look for Good

Think about the people about you — your family, your friends. Consider their good points and consider as well the things about them that displease you. Ask yourself why this is so, and what can be done about it.

Promise yourself to make an effort in the year ahead to be understanding of the problems of others, to think about the other fellow as well as yourself. Sometimes, if we just make an effort to put ourselves in the other fellow's shoes, we get a better understanding of why he does certain things or acts a certain way.

### Resolve

Resolve, in the months ahead, to do the things you like to do. Spend more time pursuing a favorite hobby, whether it be reading, woodworking, or what-have-you.

Make an effort to change the things you don't like — and the best starting point is to change the things about yourself that you know should be changed.

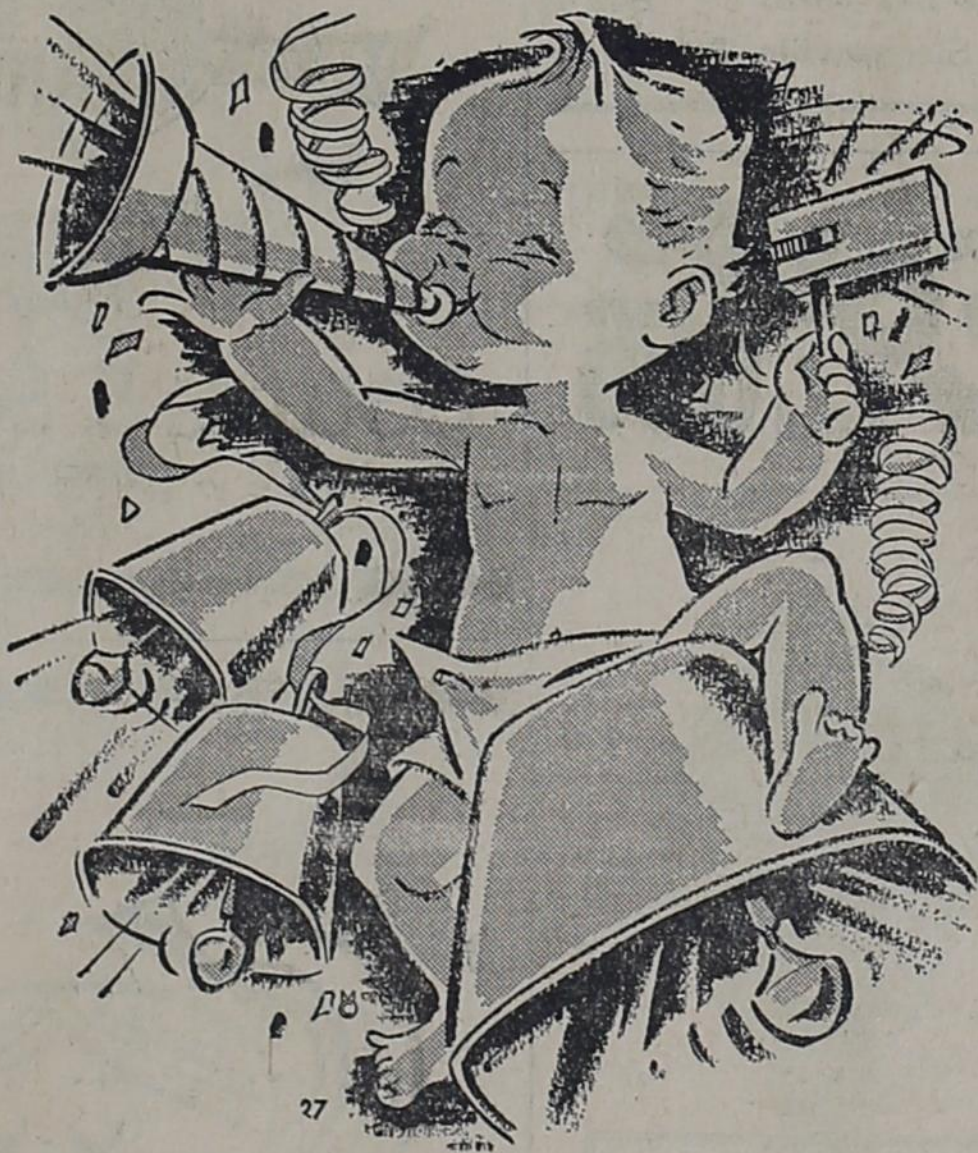
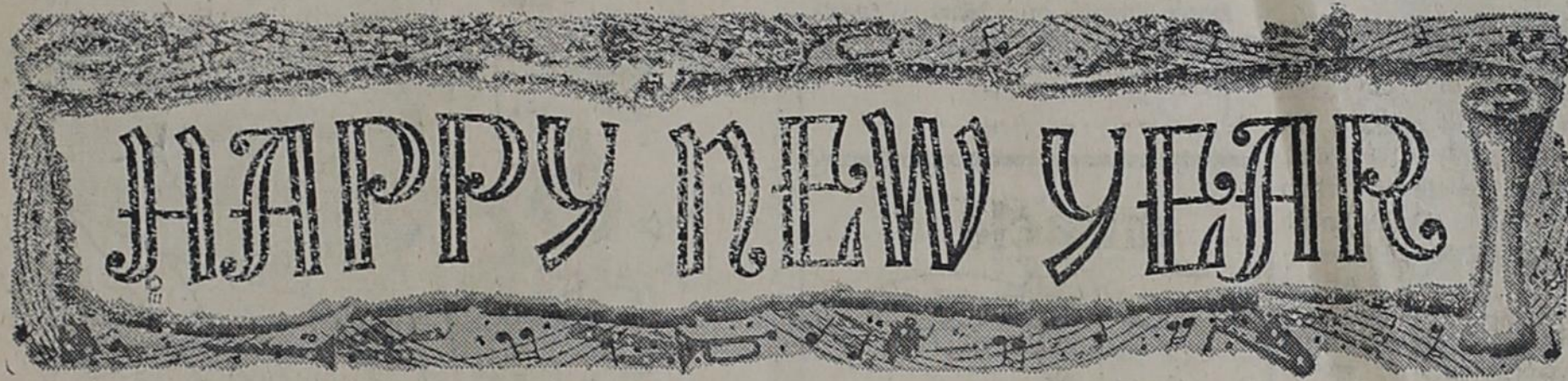
And — learn to live with the things that you cannot change. Be realistic. Accept what must be, and make the best of everything.



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**CARL GRAHAM ATTENDS FUNERAL OF BROTHER ON SATURDAY IN HOUSTON**

Mr. Carl Graham attended the funeral of his brother, Jim Graham, on Saturday, December 26 in Houston.

Mr. Graham was a former resident of Gorman, having moved from here in 1919.

Surviving are the wife and two sons, Kenneth and Bob of Houston.

Carl Davis Graham accompanied his grandfather back to Gorman and remained for a weekend visit.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We would like to take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation to everyone for each kindness shown during the illness and passing of our loved one, Mrs. W. L. Thomas.

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**FOR RENT** - Four-room house, furnished or unfurnished. T. L. Acree, RE 4-2295. **12-17fnc**

**SINGER ZIG-ZAG** - does decorative stitching, blind hem, sews on buttons, etc. with dial control, no attachments needed. Will sell for \$56.03 or pick up payments of \$5.00 per month. Write Box 68 in care of this paper. **12-17fnc**

**WANTED:** Real Estate Listings on farms, ranches, business property and dwellings. Don E. Rodgers Real Estate, Gorman, Phone RE 4-5563. **10-29fnc**

**1964 ZIG-ZAG:** Makes button-holes, sews on buttons, fancy patterns without attachments. Need party with good credit to take over payments of \$6.86 or \$41.25 cash. Write box 68 in care of this paper. **3-11-26c**

**FOR SALE** - Bedroom Suite, good condition. Lorena Clark, RE 4-5311. **4-12-10c**

**PLUMBING WANTED** - For your plumbing needs call Garvice Hattox at Higginbothams. Phone RE 4-5319. **11-64fnc**

**WATER WELL DRILLING** - Domestic or Irrigation. Experienced Driller of irrigation wells in this area. Curtis Alford, Phone 643-2394, Rising Star. **6-12-31p**

**FOR SALE** - Bobtail Trucks: 56 Chevrolet with 18 ft. bed and 5 ft. sideboards. '53 Ford with nice cattle bed. 1 1/2 ton International with 16 ft. grain bed. '60 F350 Ford with 8 ft. bed. '58 Chevrolet with stake bed. Many trucks and tractors, grain and cattle trailers. New pickups and scouts. See us, we buy, sell and trade. Johnson Truck and Supply, Cross Plains. **5-12-31c**

**FOR SALE** - 1953 Chevrolet School Bus. Good tires, body and chassis, and motor fair. Submit written bids to W. R. Taylor, Supt. Gorman Public Schools, Gorman, Texas, by Dec. 14, 1964. **12-3fnc**

**FOR RENT** - One five-room unfurnished apartment at 103 Crescent St. in Gorman. Call Mrs. Ina Hanson, Phone 2085, De Leon, Texas. **12-10fnc**

**FOR SALE** - Frame House in Gorman at 307 Fisher St. Good location, reasonable price. Small down payment, balance in monthly payments with low interest rate. Calvin Brown, Route 3, Gorman, Phone RE 4-5596. **12-10fnc**

**FOR SALE** - B-Flat Clarinet. Excellent condition. Mrs. Jess Richardson, RE 4-5639. **12-10fnc**

**OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS**

By FLORENCE RICHARDSON

Our Thought For The Week:

A smile creates happiness in the home. It is rest for the weary, brings sunshine to the sad and discouraged, and is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Well the Christmas has come and gone. 64 is behind us and the New Year is just ahead. We hope the New Year will bring to each of you a carload of success and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Henderson spent the holidays in Odessa with their granddaughter and family.

The L. F. Miears and James Miears families spent Christmas in Austin with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Daniels' home Sunday was the scene of a big Celebration for her sisters and families from various places.

The Lee Arvil Miears family of Houston, the Cooter Ramseys of Arizona, the A. D. Bryans and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miears of Arlington were visitors in the S. E. Miears home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lindley and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Atchison spent Christmas day in Gold-

**FOR SALE** - 1950 Chevrolet Pickup, A-1 Condition. Also Stock Trailer, almost new. J. H. Barbee Gorman. **4-1-21p**

**WANTED** - Car salesman, experience good but not necessary. Smith Bros. Chevrolet Co., Gorman. RE 4-2233 **121-31 fnc**

**LOST** - Roll of telephone wire between hospital and hotel. Will appreciate its return. George Rodgers, RE 4-5364 **12-31fnc**

**FOR SALE BY OWNER:** - 1040 acre black land stock farm, everlasting water, good grass, cross-fenced, 60' x 80' barn. Good roads. On Sabbano River, 4 miles S. W. of Gorman. Will sell all or part, with or without cattle and farm equipment. Terms. J. Davis Smith Box 83, Gorman, Texas, Phone 4-5313 **12-31 fnc**

**FARM FOR SALE** - 164 acres, well improved, plenty of water. MA 9-1826, Eastland. **4-1-7p**

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thwaite with their mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cook and children have returned from Porta Rica where they have been stationed for three years. They spent Christmas with Mrs. Cook's parents, the Johnnie Burns. They will be making their home in Ft Worth. Mrs. Cook is the former Betty Jean Burns.

The Clyde Setzler home was a place of gaiety and activities during the holidays with the children, grand and great-grandchildren enjoying the Christmas season.

Mr. E. K. Miears and daughter of Clifton have been visiting the S. E. Miears.

Visiting in the Dominey home through the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dominey of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Lett and family of Newark, Texas, the Harry Stark family, Lester Ross and the Joe Dominey families, all of Fort Worth.

The Bond family met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bassed Hirst for the Christmas day meal. Those present were Mrs. Bond, the Jess Goodins, the R. H. Watsons, Miss Margaret Porter, Harvie O'Neals, the Bruce Hirst family, Mr. Wallace, the Buel Bryans, and the Homer Richardsons.

The Harry Cooper family of Odessa and the Bill Lockes of Austin, and Jim Carter were visitors in the H. T. Rawls home.

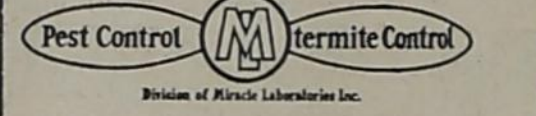
Mr. Elvin Miears of Hamilton spent Sunday with his parents, the L. F. Miears.

The Buel Bryans spent Saturday and Sunday in Houston with their son and family.

Mrs. Morris of De Leon and Larry Pullin of Austin were visiting their parents, the Gene Pullins, and grandmother Gowan, on Sunday.

Don't forget our New Year's Singing Thursday night at Oliver Springs.

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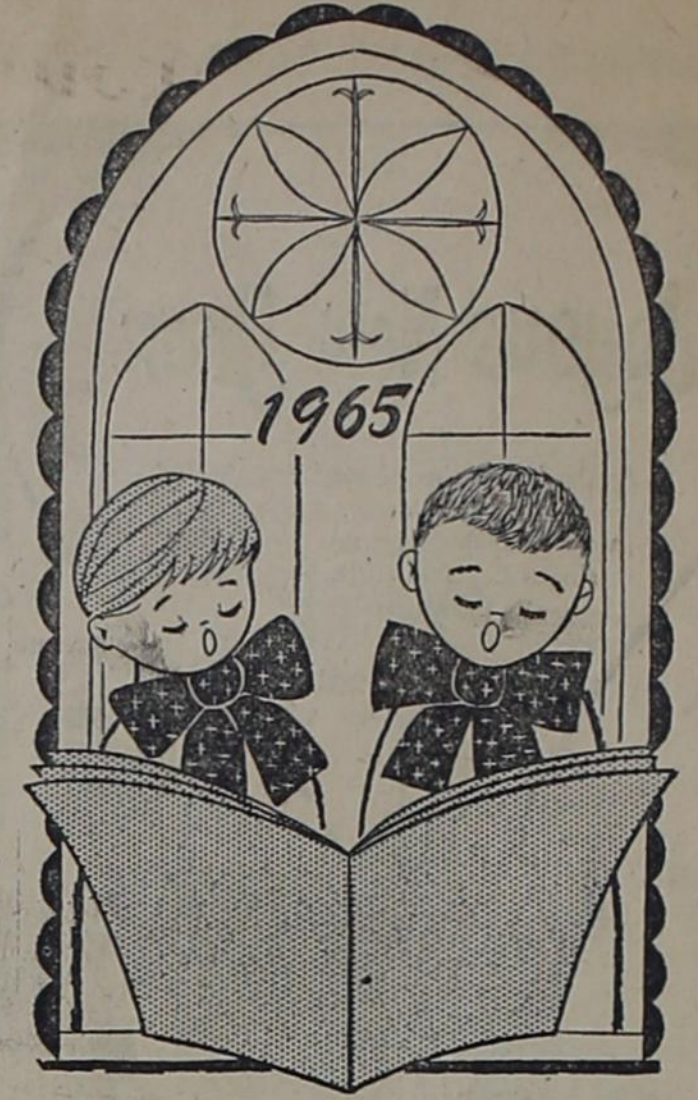
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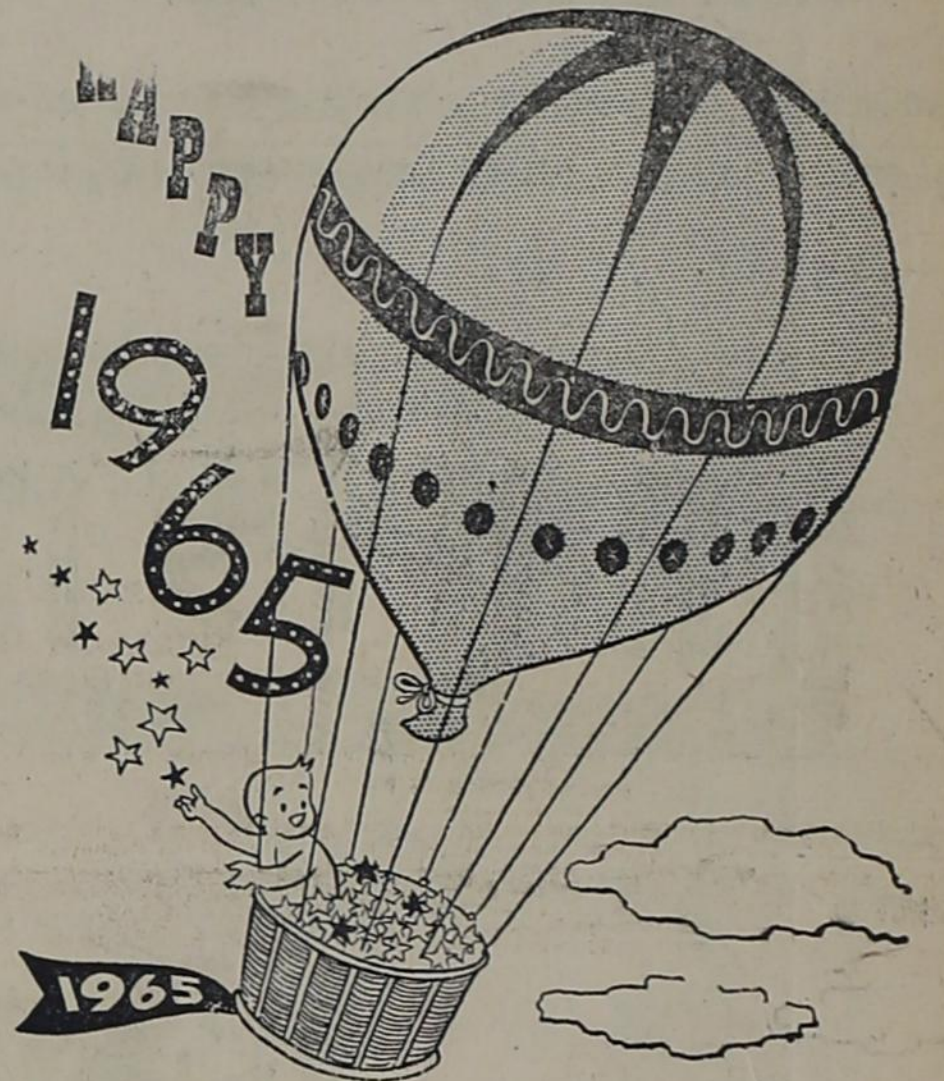


OUR OLD ACQUAINTANCES ARE NOT FORGOTTEN, WE SEND YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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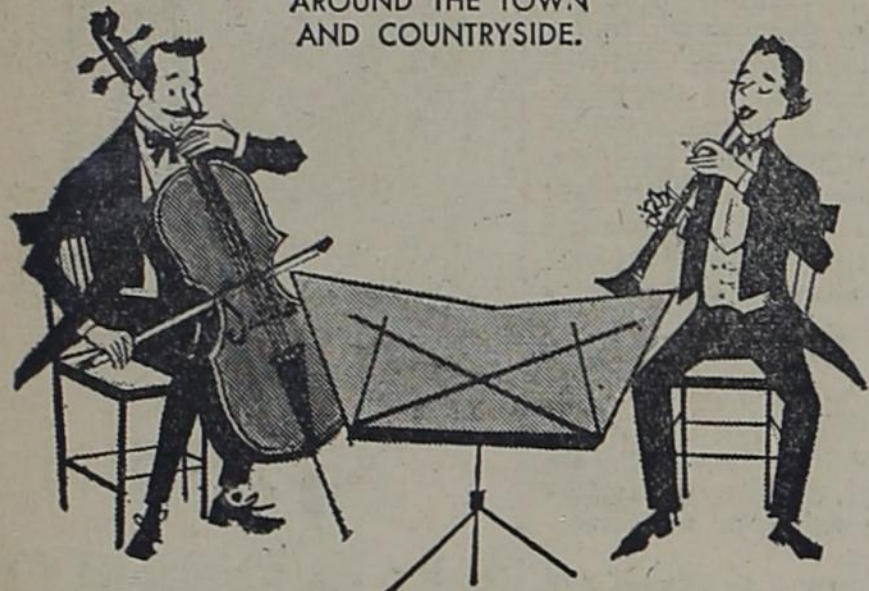


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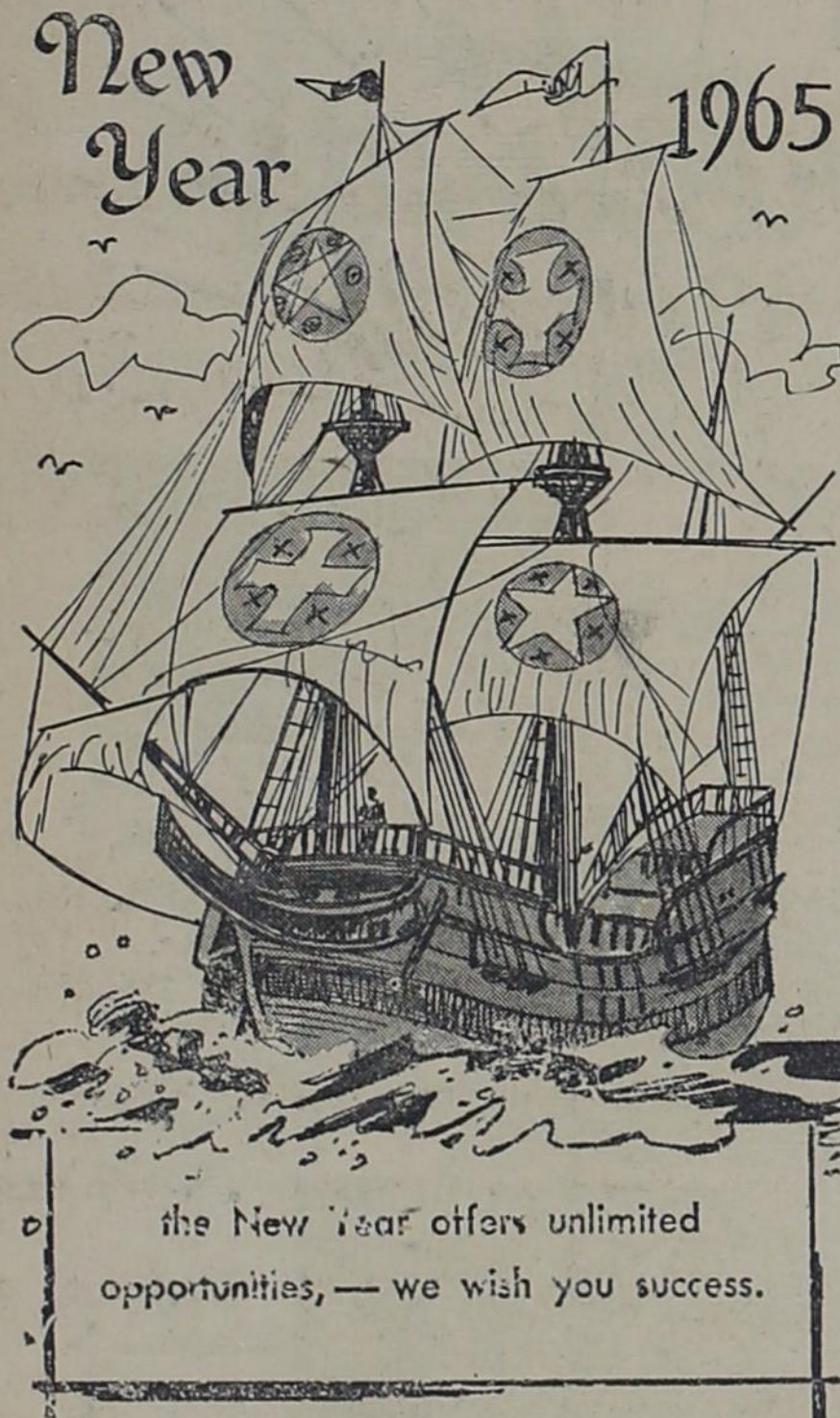
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CITY OF GORMAN



# DESDEMONA NEWS

By MRS. ETHEL KEITH

Quite a number of visitors attended services at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Vandergriff of

Hobbs, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Nichols were weekend visitors with their daughter and sister, Rev. and Mrs. Derral Dossey and family, and attended church services.

The Johnnie Dean Ragland family of Crane and Durwood Ragland family of Big Lake spent the past weekend here with the C. E. Raglands and attended church services.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grisham and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Belyeu, all of Abilene, spent the weekend here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Belyeu.

Mrs. Myrtle Reid had two of her three children home for the weekend. They were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Reid and son of Alvin and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Townsend and sons, Cliff and Brad, of Baton Rouge, La.

Ethel Keith spent a couple of days last week in Azle and Fort Worth with her sister, Mrs. Roy Jones, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fonville announce the arrival of a new daughter early Saturday in the Gorman hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burleson and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burleson of Amarillo spent part of the past week here visiting with the Burlesons and Williamsons.

Several of the Craig children were home for Christmas. They are Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Whitley and children of Everman, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cornwell and girls and one of the girls boy friend, Larry Chapman of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Allen and children of Pasadena, Mr. and Mrs. James Craig and children of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Hall and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lawless and children of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craig of Comanche. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hall of Carlsbad N. M., parents of Buddie Hall.

Mrs. W. H. Davis is home again after spending a few days in Lingleville with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Henslee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Whitlock and children of Olden spent the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Georgia Whitlock.

C. W. O. and Mrs. Richard Dove and children, Ricky, Linda and Jimmy of Columbia, Ga. visited here during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Russ Burleson. They are friends of Major and Mrs. Bobby Burleson of Amarillo, who, with their son, Jerrel, were here for the holidays. The Richard Doves and the Burlesons became friends when both families lived in Hannau, Germany.

Mrs. Lena Rogers of Pampa is here for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Emma Quinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Guthery had their children home for Christmas dinner.

Visitors the past Sunday with Mrs. Matt Davis, Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Phopphet, Nadine and Gary Lee of Buffalo, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Iley and sons of Fort Worth, Mrs. Ruth Haley and sons of Olden, and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Davis, Jr.

Miss Annie B. Rainey left Monday night for Monahan for an extended visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Keith and sons, Mike, Stevie and Larry.

A film strip of "Three Nice Boys" was shown at the First Baptist Church along with a well decorated Christmas tree on Sunday night, Dec. 20. Loads and loads of gifts were handed out. But proudest of all were the Derrill Dosseys when the church presented them with a miniature automatic washer with money inside to buy the real washer with.

A "Come As You Are" Coffee was given Monday morning, Dec. 21st. at the local cafe, sponsored by the owner, Mrs. Bobbie Glasson. First prize went to Mrs. Fritz Murrel and a close second was

Mrs. Maud Fuqua.

Coffee, cold drinks, fruit cake with whipped cream were served to the following: Mmes. Polly Brown, Dorothy Roberts, Myrtle Reid, Bunny Lane, Helen Arnold, Leona Allen, Maud Fuqua, Eloise Lewis, Evah Sparkman, Bobbie McKillup, Fritz Murrel, Verda Love, Lora Abel, Ethel Keith, Dixie Pack, Louise McMaster and Inez Heeler.

Typical for the season, the long table was decorated with a miniature tree, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, and Santa Claus.

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In Color

- PLUS -

JEFFREY HUNTER & RON RANDELL In "GOLD FOR THE CAESARS"

In Color

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SUNDAY - MONDAY & TUESDAY

JACK LEMMON & RONY SCHNEIDER In "GOOD NEIGHBOR SAM"

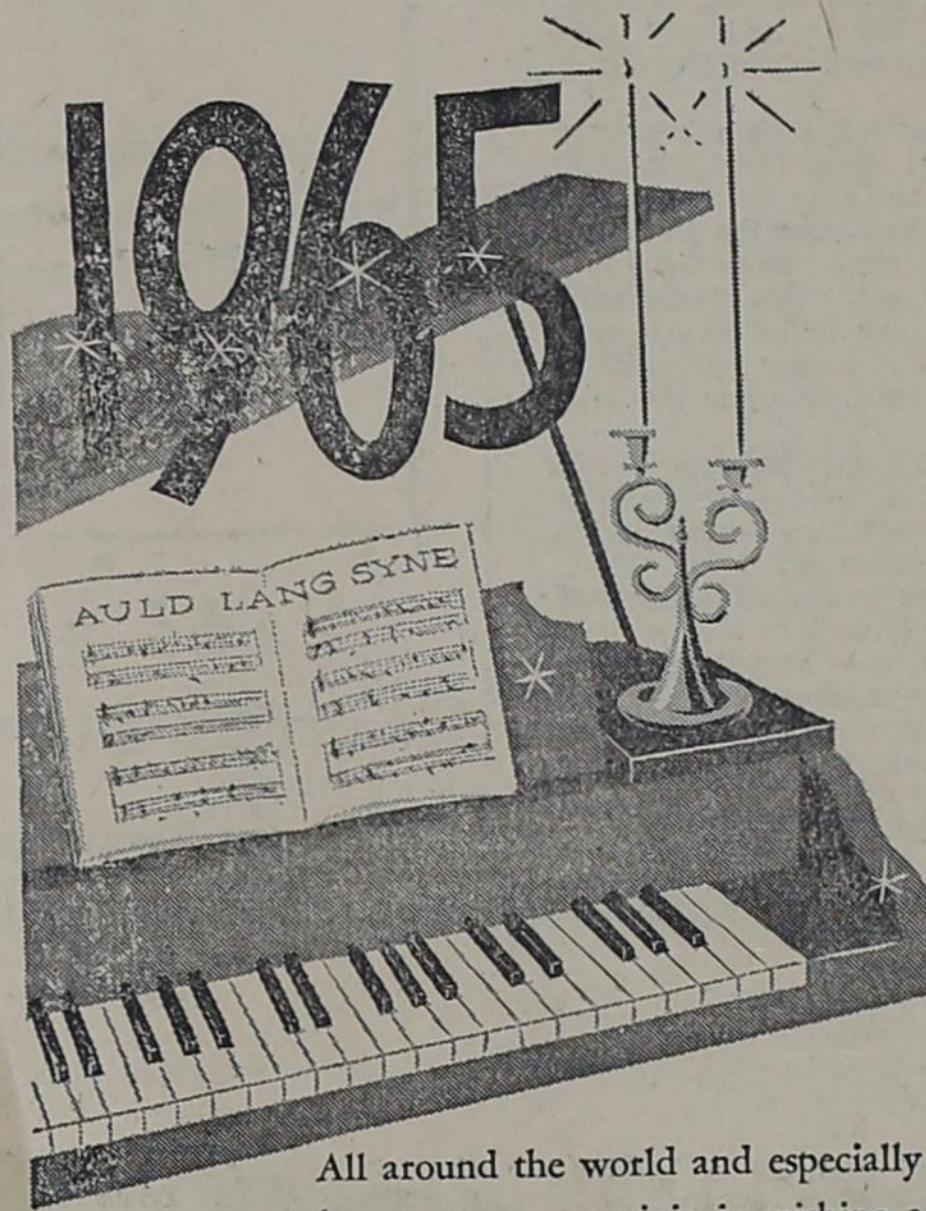
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WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY & FRIDAY

WILLIAM HOLDEN & SUSANNAH YORK In "THE SEVENTH DAWN"

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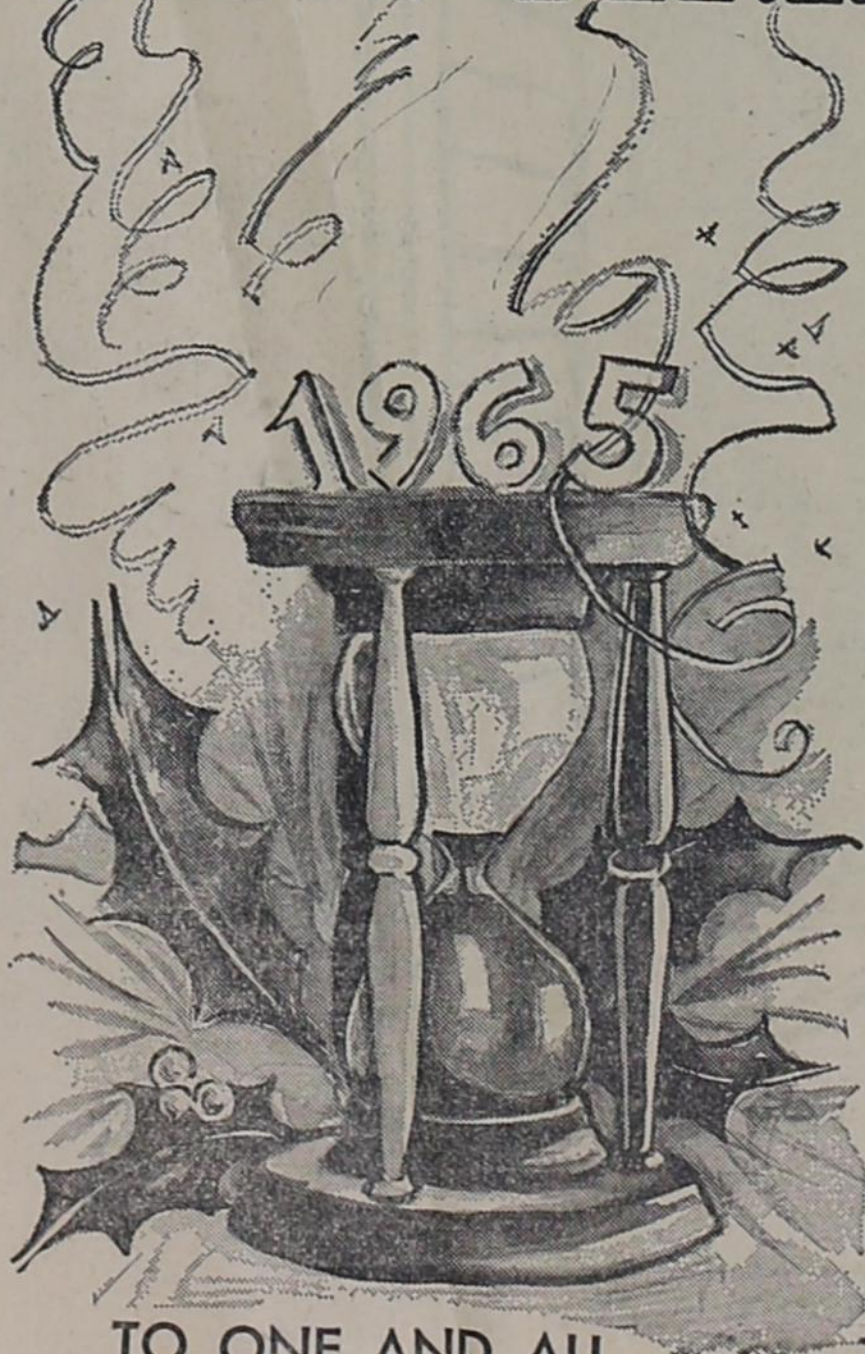
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TO ONE AND ALL

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**LT. JG. BILLY GRAHAM IN U. S.-FRENCH EXERCISES**

CORSICA (FHTNC) Dec. 14—Navy Lieutenant (junior grade) Billy Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Graham of Route 1, Gorman, Texas, participated in a joint U. S.-French amphibious assault landing exercise conducted on the Island of Corsica off the coast of Italy while serving

aboard the attack transport USS Cambria.

Boat exercises, practice amphibious landings, UDT training (Underwater Demolition Teams) and field operations were the highlights of the six day amphibious assault.

The operation provided French and U. S. personnel with experience in conducting joint amphibious exercises.

**JEAN COLLINS WINS AFGHAN GIVEN BY REBEKAH LODGE**

Miss Jean Collins won the wool Afghan given by the Gorman Rebekah Lodge. The drawing was held Thursday, December 24.

The lovely afghan was knitted by lodge member, Mrs. J. D. Caldwell.

**New Year**

Greetings  
1965

to  
all

Dairy King

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hallmark  
And Family

**THE YEAR 1965**



The coming of a New Year serves to remind us that, as it has been so often said, time is like money. We are suddenly made aware that we have wasted some of this precious commodity during the year that is fast drawing to a close.

Without this New Year to remind us, we might be unimpressed with the monotonous passage of time and the endless pattern of days and nights might have no special meaning.

We are optimistic, nearly all of us. We look upon the New Year as a time of bright hope and promise. We expect more from 1965 than was achieved during 1964. Amid the gaiety that traditionally ushers in the new season, we find the time to be serious with ourselves. We reflect somewhat upon the year that will soon be history. We think of the things we shall do differently in the days, weeks and months ahead.

This is as it should be. If we are to do better for ourselves in 1965, we must realize that our experiences of 1964 — our achievements, successes, failures and unfinished endeavors — provide the starting point for efforts toward a better tomorrow.

We shall have this better tomorrow if we remember the kind of world that we live in. Our modern world is used to change. It is a competitive world. It is a world of contrast — luxuries, gadgets, and playthings on one hand, poverty and unhappiness on the other. It is a world not completely at peace with itself. Much can be done in the cause of brotherhood and in the effort to achieve better relations between all peoples and all nations.

Let us hope that 1965 will be a better year for us all.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Accept our best wishes for a successful New Year.

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Todd's  
Variety Store

**Rose Oldest Of Gridiron Bowls**

It used to be that any armchair sports fan could name without any difficulty the bowl games to be traditionally contested on New Year's Day. In fact it was possible in previous years to watch part, if not all, of more than one of these great gridiron battles. Now they are numerous.

The "daddy" of all the bowl games, however, is the fabulous Rose Bowl, which started as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses in 1902. Michigan walloped Stanford 49-0 that year.

Chariot races were substituted for football the following year and not until 1916 when Washington State beat Brown University did collegiate grid action at its finest return to the Tournament of Roses.

Since that time the Rose Bowl has remained the number 1 New Year's Day sports attraction, and besides the thousands who watch from their living-rooms, annually attracts crowds in excess of 100,000.

**Cannon Welcomed Russian New Year**

In pre-revolutionary Russia, booming cannon welcomed in the New Year and the evening of December 31, known as St. Sylvester's Eve, was cause for great fun and enjoyment.

It was custom for Russian boys to go from house to house encouraging everyone across the gulf from past to present. While so doing, they scattered oats and other grains in petition for a bountiful harvest.

A mythical symbol was Ovsen, pictured astride a boar, symbolically associated with pork served for New Year dinner and the symbolism of Aryan descent.



New Year...

We join in with all your friends wishing you a best of luck in the New Year.

**GORMAN INSURANCE AGENCY**

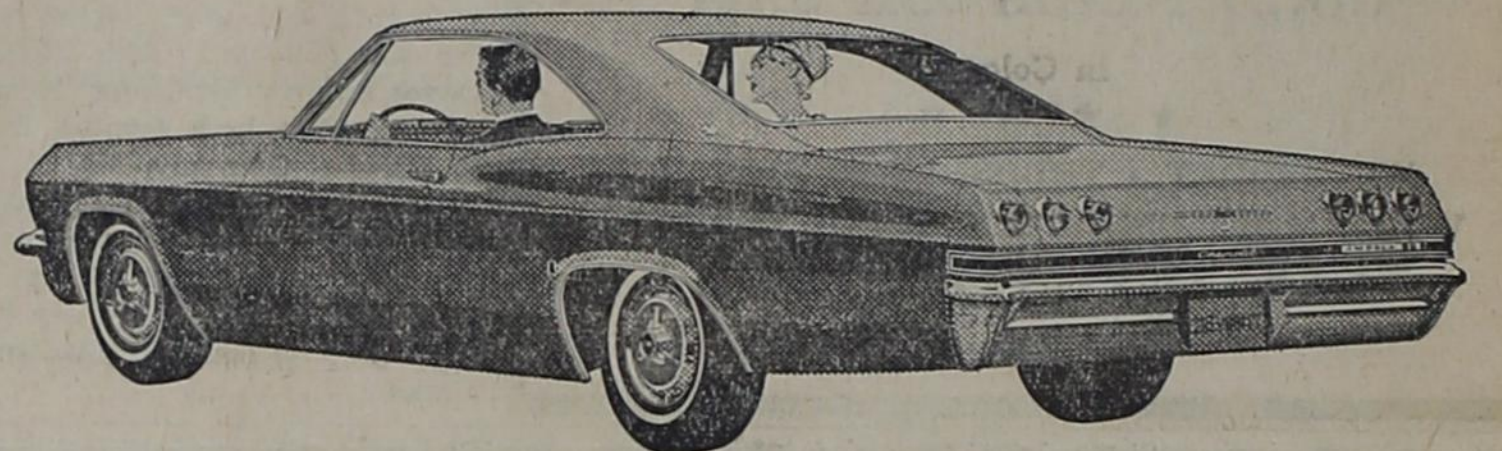
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Happy New Year

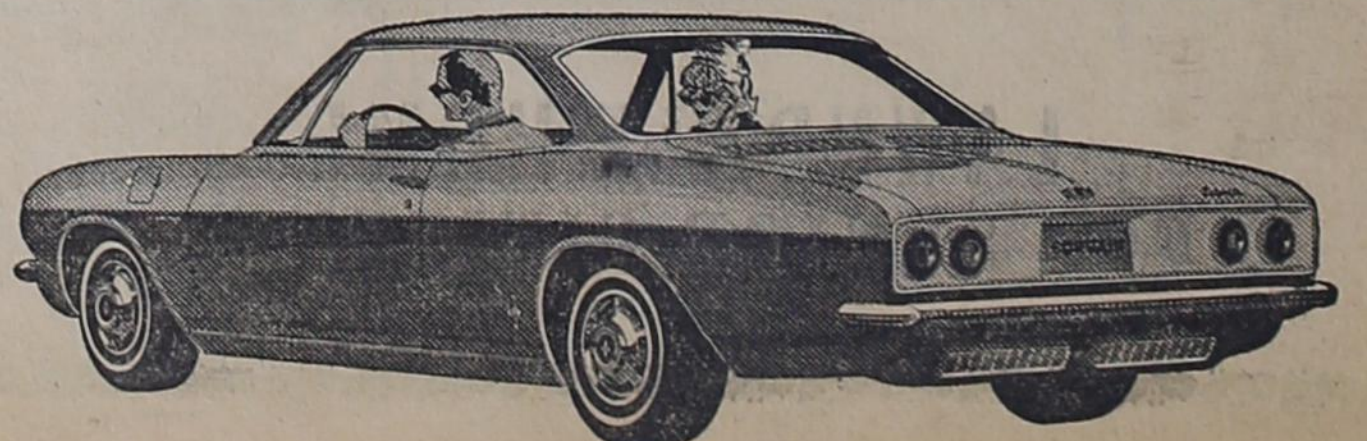
We hope your  
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Sparkle of Laughter  
and the  
Freshness of Youth



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### Excelsiors Enjoy Christmas Party

The Excelsior Club, an organization of some fifty years standing, gathered at the home of Mrs. Eugene Baker for the annual Christmas party, an event which has become traditional.

The Baker home can well be termed THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL during the Christmas-New Year's season. Every year sees something new added or replacing decorations, most of which are originals by Theresa. This year's was an arrangement which she designed from permanent white flowers and icy silver leaves on styrofoam to form a centerpiece.

Mrs. Baker presided for a brief business session in the absence of the president, Mrs. Dona Moorman, who is spending the holidays in Beaumont. The resignation of Mrs. John Sutton, who since becoming a member has joined the Blackwell Hospital Staff, was accepted with regret. And a Christmas Card from a former member, Mrs. George Riley, who now lives in Fort Worth, was read.

Mrs. George Blackwell gave a Christmas Story, "Silent Night." And carols were heard from the stereo.

A pretty and delicious party plate was served by the hostess. Gifts were exchanged.

### HALLMARK CHRISTMAS REUNION HELD IN BK'RIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hallmark of Breckenridge were hosts for a family Christmas dinner reunion at their home for the families of Mr. and Mrs. George Hallmark of Gorman.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. George Hallmark and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers and family of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Alldridge and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cagle and family of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. George Burrows of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hallmark and family of De Leon. Grandchildren were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Singleton and Ronnie of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Armstrong of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Alldridge and Sandy of Shreveport, La.

Hallmark children unable to attend were Bob Hallmark of Philadelphia, Penn. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds of Odessa.

### City Officials And Employees Enjoy Christmas Dinner

The City of Gorman officials and employees held their Christmas dinner party in the banquet room of the Hotel Coffee Shop on Wednesday, December 23rd.

Guests were wives and husbands of the officials and employees. Banquet tables were covered with red cloths and centered with Christmas arrangements of candles and greenery.

Those attending were Mayor and Mrs. Ross Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhymes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Todd, Arlon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Buntin, Mr. R. M. Curb, Mr. Rex Yarbrough and Mr. J. T. Grice.

### Final Rites Held Saturday For Sister Of Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Dora Batchelor of Haynes City, Florida, sister of Mrs. T. A. Thompson of Gorman, died December 24th.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 26.

Mrs. Batchelor was reared in Gorman and will be remembered as the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pritchard.

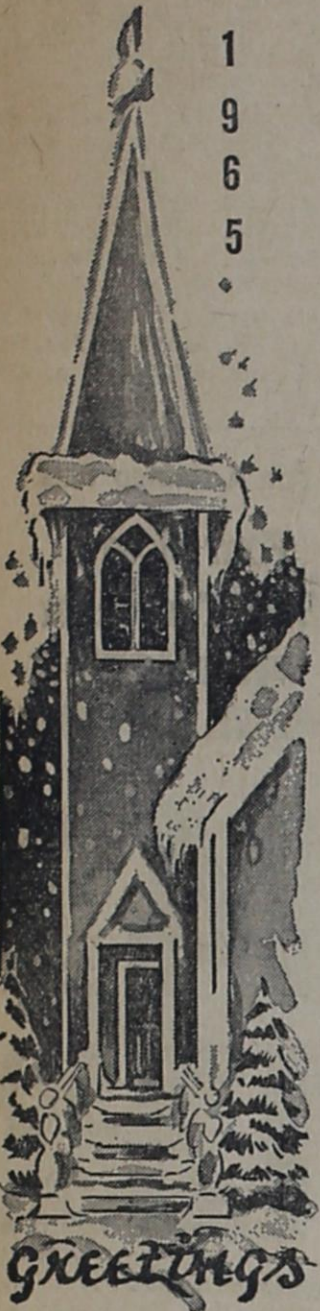
Survivors include two sons, Arlis and Orval Batchelor of Haynes City, Florida; two daughters, Mrs. Walter Pipkins, also of Haynes City, and Mrs. Bama Peacock of Interprise, Alabama; one sister, Mrs. T. A. Thompson of Gorman; and one half-brother, Mr. Bobby Pritchard of Corpus Christi.

### HOPE DECKER AND MRS. G. F. NUNLEY WIN MISS CURITY DOLLS AT SHELBY'S

Miss Hope Decker was the lucky young lady to win one of the Miss Curity Nurse Dolls given away Christmas Eve by Shelby's Corner Drug.

This was an ideal gift for Hope and she and her twin sister, Faith, collect dolls as a hobby and they now have a collection of 300.

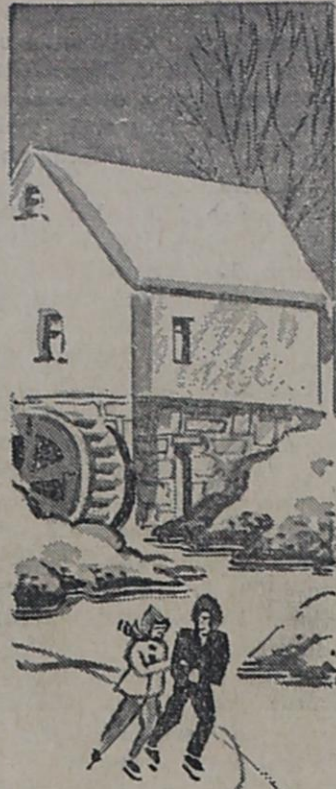
Mrs. G. F. Nunley was the recipient of the second Miss Curity Nurse Doll.



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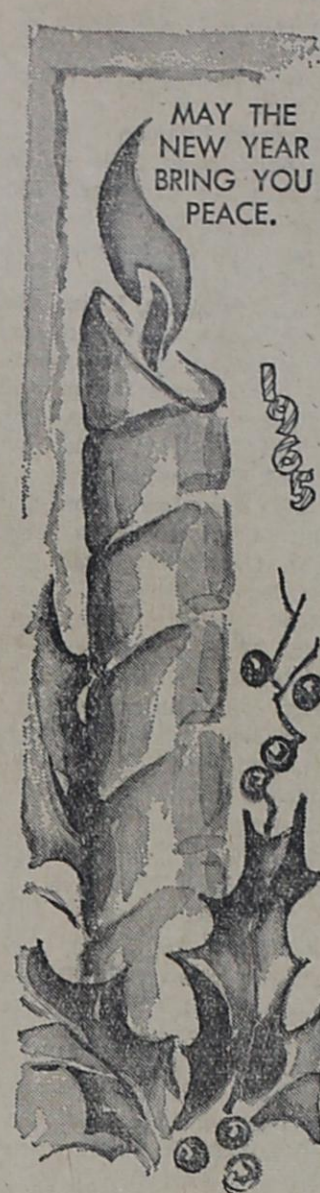


Best Wishes

FOR A HAPPY 1965.



Glenn Justice and family



NEW YEAR'S DINNER WILL BE SERVED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 WE WILL BE CLOSED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY - JAN. 1  
Hotel Coffee Shop

### Gabe Wright Wins Trip To Mexico City

Christmas will be around a little longer this year for Mr. Gaylon Wright of Gorman. He is packing for a fiesta trip to Mexico City the middle of January. Mr. Wright of Wright Implement Co., the local Massey-Ferguson dealer, paid his way to Mexico by his sales performance during the past year.

As part of one of the most complicated industrial air charters ever carried out, they will be airlifted into Mexico in company with 300 other dealers from more than 40 take-off points in Canada and the United States. Each group will stay in Mexico four days and then return to their hometowns in aircraft that a few hours before delivered another 300 to attend the product demonstration.

More than 5000 leading Massey-Ferguson dealers and sales personnel from all over North America will visit Mexico City during January and February to view a complete new line of agricultural tractors the company will introduce early in 1965.

Christmas reunion of the Mrs. Mary Lee Jay family included the entire family with the exception of Mrs. Buck Jay and Mrs. Gloria Evans of Sioux Falls, N. D. and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fred Jay of Houston. Those enjoying the festivities were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Lasater and Hal, Mr. and Mrs. George Warren and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jay, Bobby Jay, Floyd Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Short, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lasater, all of Gorman, Lt. and Mrs. Brent Lasater of Sewart AFB, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rodgers and family of Midlothian, Miss Dorothy Jackson of Roswell, N. M. Miss Marjorie Warren of Midland, Miss Lorene Jay of Fort Worth, Mrs. Mary Mendon of Los Angeles, Calif. Dinners for the group during the holidays were held in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Lasater, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jay and Mr. and Mrs. George Warren.



may 1965, be a bountiful year for you.

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

# Annual Clearance Sale Starts Today

**WINTER FABRICS**  
Woolens - 50" to 60" wide  
were 7.98 yd. - Now \$4.98 yd.  
were 5.98 yd. - Now \$3.98 yd.  
were 4.98 yd. - Now \$3.29 yd.  
were 3.98 yd. - Now \$2.79 yd.  
were 2.98 yd. - Now \$2.39 yd.

ONE TABLE  
**Wamsutta & Other Prints**  
36" TO 45" WIDE - WERE 79c TO \$1.29 YD.  
Now 2 Yards for \$1.00

DACRON & COTTON  
**Prints & Plaids**  
FINE COTTON PRINTS - 45" WIDE  
WERE 1.29 TO \$1.59 YARD  
Now Only 79c yard

**Bobbie Brooks Shirts**  
WERE \$3.98 TO \$5.98  
Now \$1.98 to \$2.98

**Bobbie Brooks Skirts**  
WERE \$7.98 TO \$15.98  
Now \$3.98 to \$10.98

**Bobbie Brooks Sweaters**  
WERE \$4.98 TO \$15.95  
Now \$2.98 to \$10.98

**Bobbie Brooks Taper Pants**  
WERE \$9.98 TO \$11.98  
Now \$5.98 to \$7.98

**Fieldcrest Towel Sets**  
HAND TOWEL \$1.98 - BATH TOWEL \$2.98  
WASH CLOTH 69c  
5.65 value for \$3.98 Set

**Men's Sport Shirts**  
ARROW - CAMPUS & E&W BRANDS  
were 7.98 - Now \$5.98  
were 6.98 - Now \$4.98  
were 5.98 - Now \$3.98  
were 4.98 - Now \$3.59  
were 3.98 - Now \$2.89  
were 2.98 - Now \$2.39  
Others \$1.98 Each

**Slightly Irregular Men's Socks**  
BY GOLD TOE - USUALLY \$1.25 PAIR  
Now 59c Pair  
USUALLY \$1.00 PAIR  
Now 2 Pairs for \$1.00

**Men's Dress Pants**  
WERE \$8.98 TO \$22.50  
Now \$6.98 to \$15.95  
Some One-Half Price

**GIRL'S SCAMPEROO & POLL PARROT**  
Velvet Pumps - Sale \$2.98 pr.  
Counter Shoes - \$1.00 to \$3.98

**Fieldcrest - Morgan Jones and Bates Bedspreads**  
WERE \$8.98 TO \$32.50  
Now \$6.98 to \$25.98

LARGE SELECTION OF DOUBLE SIZE BEDSPREADS

**All Table Cloths - Napkins - Place Mats**  
One-Fourth Off Reg. Price

ONE GROUP  
**Men's & Boy's Casual Pants**  
WERE \$4.59 TO \$7.98  
Now \$2.98 & \$3.98 Pair

## JANUARY WHITE SALE Starts Jan. 4 - 8 a. m.

See Our Big Circular On Your Door or Mailbox Saturday

**Fancy Suitings - Eston Prints**  
Shantung Weaves  
WERE \$1.79 TO \$2.98  
Now \$1.29 & \$1.49 Yard

**Wide Wale Corduroy**  
45" WIDE - WAS \$1.59 YARD  
Now \$1.19 Yard

ONE GROUP - LADIES & CHILDREN'S  
**Slips - Gowns - Pajamas**  
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**Hallmark Christmas Cards**  
Notes - Centerpieces  
One-Half Price

**Ladies Fall Hats**  
REDUCED

**Trim Tred Shoes**  
DRESS SHOES & CASUALS  
STACK HEELS & DRESS HEELS  
VALUES TO \$10.99  
Sale - \$3.98 - \$4.98 - \$5.98

**Men's & Boy's Suits**  
Coats - Jackets - Sweaters  
Reduced Up To 50%

**Ladies Hanes Seamless Hose**  
were 1.75 - Sale \$1.40 Pair  
were 1.65 - Sale \$1.35 Pair  
were 1.50 - Sale \$1.20 Pair

**Beauty Mist Hose**  
USUALLY \$1.00 PAIR  
Sale Price - 79c pair

**Vanette Seamless Hose**  
usually 1.35 pr. - Now \$1.00

**Boy's Sweaters - Pants**  
Sport Shirts Reduced  
were 6.98 - Now \$4.98  
were 5.98 - Now \$3.98  
were 4.98 - Now \$3.59  
were 3.98 - Now \$2.89  
were 2.98 - Now \$2.39  
were 2.49 - Now \$1.98  
were 1.98 - Now \$1.59

**Men's Flannel Pajamas**  
WERE \$3.98 PAIR  
Now \$2.79 Pair

**Kate Greenaway Dresses**  
SIZES 1 TO 14  
All Reduced - Some 1/2 Price



## KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Richard and Deborah Pittman of Lubbock are visiting this week with friends in Gorman.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens of Odessa spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. George Harwell, Tracy Harwell and Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Clark.  
Mrs. T. F. Morrow spent the holidays in Fort Worth with her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Huddleston

of Fort Worth spent the weekend with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Huddleston.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Hollifield and Mrs. Henry Capers visited Saturday in Rising Star with Mrs. Joe Barnes and Roy.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Weigman and grandsons, Jack and Hal Bingham of Corpus Christi, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wallace during the Christmas holidays. Jack and Hal remained for an extended visit with the Wallaces and will return home January 3rd.  
Visiting in the home of Mr. C. R. Rogers over the Christmas holidays were his children, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Craddock of Grand Prairie and son, Wade, Jr. of Houston, and Mrs. Veda Burns and family of McGregor.

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ed Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lasater.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Huff for the Christmas holidays were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fry of Temple. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Vardie Huff.

Mrs. Norman Lehman is spending the holidays in Jacksonville, Florida with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Turner, Lorene and Kathy. She expects to return on January 2nd.

Mrs. William Eakin, Elaine and Randy of Pleasanton, visited during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Broom, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Eakin. Rex Broom and Butch of Goldsmith also visited his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eison and Lea Ann of Wichita Falls spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burnet Eison.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Claitor were their children, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Corky) McMillan and children of Gruver, her mother, Mrs. Eula Jamison, and sister Mrs. Dona Bell Mitchell of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Acree and Anita spent Christmas with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jan Acree and family in Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bond, Toni, Terry, Tracy, Toby and "Toofer" of Mission spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Doy Reynolds, and grandmother, Mrs. Lela Leach. Other relatives visiting Christmas Day in the Reynolds and Leach homes were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leach of McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown of Ben Hur, Arkansas.

Visiting in the home of A. C. Files during the holidays were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Files and family of Fort Worth, Mrs. Dorothy Mayfield and Chester and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Files and Rickey of Wichita Falls. Dale is now a member of the Wichita Falls Police Department and received the position by the good recommendations he received from the business men of Gorman, for which he is very grateful.  
Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Isabell

and family of Corpus Christi, Mrs. D. E. Hennis and family of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Payne and family of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. James Isabell and family of Brady and Mr. and Mrs. John Brownlee and family of De Leon spent Christmas Day with their mother, Mrs. Nettie Isabell, and sister, Frances.

Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gibson, Bonnie Cox, Mrs. Emory Hill, Mrs. Albert Taylor and Billy spent the Christmas holidays in Irving with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hays. A brother, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hill of Mineral Wells, met them there. Mrs. Allens other son, Billy Ray Gibson and family, flew in from Glendora, Calif. and are here until next week with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gibson went from Irving to Tyler to spend Christmas Day with Mrs. Gibson's father and sisters.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mrs. Fanny Burkett were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burkett of Kerrville, Mrs. Dorothy Palmie and Dee of Austin, and Mrs. Margaret Ellison and Jeanne of Abilene.

Mrs. Ed Wyatt returned Monday from Fort Worth where she spent the holidays with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welch. She also visited in Dallas with a sister, Mrs. R. E. S. Schmid.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben De La Fosse of Groveton and son, Pierre of Houston, H. L. Todd, Jr. of Odessa visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Todd during the holidays.

Mrs. J. W. Johnson of Breckenridge visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Caldwell.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter and Milton were Mr. and Mrs. Manning Fairbetter and family of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Russell and family of Mineral Wells. The Wade Russells also visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Russell.

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Tuesday, December 29 Sale Report

598 CATTLE SOLD — 113 HOGS

91 SHEEP AND GOATS

201 Consignors — 56 Buyers

BUTCHER BULLS	\$15.00 to \$16.80
STOCKER BULLS	\$14.00 to \$19.00
BUTCHER COWS	\$12.00 to \$14.60
STOCKER COWS	\$11.00 to \$15.00
CANNERS & CUTTERS	\$9.00 to \$14.00
BUTCHER CALVES	\$17.00 to \$19.00
STOCKER CALVES (Lt. choice)	\$16.00 to \$21.00
STOCKER CALVES (Hvy. choice)	\$16.00 to \$20.00
PAIRS OF COWS & CALVES	\$110 to \$170.00
BUTCHER HOGS	\$15.50 to \$16.30
SOWS	\$12.00 to \$15.00

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gooch of Corsicana visited over the weekend with Mrs. H. R. Gilbert.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Robertson over the Christmas holidays were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robertson, Mike and Ken of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. George Warren, Rodney, Doug, Lissa, Amy and Curtis of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Hagood, Bill, Donna, Ruth and Bub of Freeport, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Mauney, Gary, Kelly and Scotty of Tolar, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fred Jeffs, Terrye and Bud of Gorman. The Hagood family are staying over for this week.

Also a new addition to the family, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Boucher of Cromwell, Oklahoma announce the arrival of a son, Danny Joe, on December 16th, weighing six pounds and fourteen and one-half ounces. He has 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

Kay Ann Craddock of Grand Prairie spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Estelle Craddock. They visited in Lake Whitney on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Thompson and Jim and Lt. and Mrs. David Sanchez of Topeka, Kansas, who are spending the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis of Austin were Christmas holiday visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Whitt and Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Browning of Austin are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shell and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson of Huntsville are holiday visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhymes and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Brown and family of Kankakee, Ill. visited during the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Winnie Brown, brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, and sister Mr. and Mrs. Ardith Pittman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Revels and Mr. and Mrs. Ardith Pittman spent Christmas Day in Arlington with their children, Mr. and Mrs. David Revels and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Linder of Waco spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. S. E. Linder, and

sister Mrs. Gordon C. Miller. Visiting with Mrs. Miller were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Seckling and Johnny Weldon Miller of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Linder of Wichita Falls will be here this weekend for a visit with his mother.

Mrs. R. L. Kirk had 30 of her family home for a Christmas family reunion, which included Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Kirk, Donna and friend, Ronnie Burgoon of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Kirk, Janette and Laura Lee of Pasadena, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Cox, Jr. of College Station, Mr. and Mrs. W.

G. Kirk and family of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kirk and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Higginbottom and Teddy, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Kirk, Lisa and Paul of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Ruby Bennett had all her children home during the holidays. They are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bennett and Joe Lynn of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett, Charles, Earnest Lee and Debra of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett, Gary and Mike of Ranger and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett, Lonnie and Joetta of Gorman.



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