

Santa Claus To Visit In Gorman Saturday Afternoon

GORMAN INVITATIONAL TOURNEY SLATED FOR DECEMBER 8-9-10

Gorman High School will hold its annual Invitational Basketball Tournament here December 8-9-10.

Large crowds are expected to fill the gym Thursday at 1 p. m. when Desdemona meets the Moran girls.

Gorman Gagers Split Games With De Leon Here Tuesday Night

The Gorman boys basketball team, under the direction of coach Leroy Duke, defeated the De Leon boys by a score of 52-37 in a game played in the Gorman gym Tuesday night. Tommy Clark was high point winner with 15. Daryl Hirst hit for 14, Jackie Harrison, 13. Kevin Weaver was high point man for De Leon with 16 points.

The Gorman B team also won over the De Leon B team with a close score of 28 to 25. John Shell was high point winner with 13 and Creed led the De Leon team in scoring with 12.

The De Leon girls won over the Pantherettes by a score of 58 to 16.

1966 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 8-9-10 - Gorman Tourney
Dec. 12 - Ranger - Here - 6:00 A&B Boys-Girls
Dec. 15-16-17 - Carbon Tourney
Dec. 20 - Blanket - There - 7:00
Jan. 3 - Blanket - Here - 7:00
Jan. 6 - De Leon - There - 6:00 A&B Boys-Girls
Jan. 10 - Rising Star - There
Jan. 13 - Carbon * - There
Jan. 17 - Putnam * - Here
Jan. 20 - Olden * - There
Jan. 24 - Moran * - Here
Jan. 31 - Carbon * - Here
Feb. 3 - Jutnam * - There
Feb. 7 - Olden * - Here
Feb. 10 - Moran * - There

* Denotes District Games

All games after Jan. 10 will begin at 7 p. m.

Gorman Fire Dept. Re-elect Officers

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department has elected officers for the new year. All officers were re-elected, including Vardie Huff, Fire Chief, and Elbert Bennett, Secretary-Treasurer.

Gorman Insurance Agency donated \$50 to the Fire Department to purchase Trickle Battery Chargers. This instrument keeps batteries fully charged all the time according to Fire Chief Huff.

OUR APOLOGIES

Our apologies to Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Joiner and Joyce and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bramlett, Sr. and E. C. for the error in the wedding announcement date of Joyce and E. C. that appeared in last week's issue of the Progress. It should have read that vows will be read on Saturday, January 28 instead of January 14.



THE INSPIRATIONS — Pictured left to right: Don Nichols, Ray Edwards, pianist, Alvie Allison, Thomas Seay, and Daryl Hirst, a group of local singers, have formed a quartet called The Inspirations, which has become a very popular group in the surrounding areas.

Other teams playing Thursday afternoon will be Desdemona and Moran boys at 2:30 p. m.; Ranger girls vs. Carbon at 4 p. m.; Ranger boys vs. Carbon at 5:30. At 7 p. m. the Gorman girls will play the Olden girls and the Olden boys will meet the Gorman boys at 8:30 p. m.

Six games will be played Friday with games starting at 1 p. m. Saturday games will start at 8:30 a. m. and will continue to the finals Saturday night.

Area schools entered in the tournament are Moran, Ranger, De Leon, Carbon, Gordon, Olden and Gorman.

Winner and consolation trophies will be awarded the winning teams following the Saturday night finals.

Band Boosters Club To Purchase New Stage Band Uniforms

The Band Boosters Club met Monday, December 5 with 16 members present. The club discussed new stage band uniforms and voted to buy material and have 18 stage band uniforms made.

A new by-law book was ordered and the club will observe the rules of the book in their future meetings.

The Stage Band Festival to be held the latter part of January in Nacogdoches was discussed and the possibility of chartering a bus for transportation.

The students reported a net of \$61 on the car wash held last Saturday. This money is to be used for the band trip. The club voted to hold a bake sale some time before Christmas as further means of raising money to make the trip possible.

Following the meeting Mr. Herman Alsop, Director of Bands, showed the film of the Brady Marching Contest in which Gorman won a second division. He was host for a social hour and served drinks and cookies.

PERSIMMON PUDDING

By Kay Reese

Following is the Persimmon Pudding Recipe that everyone has been asking for:

- 2 cups persimmon pulp
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 2 tps. soda
- 2 tps. baking powder
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tps. vanilla
- 3 tbsps. melted butter
- 2 cups dates, chopped
- 2 cups walnuts, chopped

Mix and sift all dry ingredients. All other ingredients and mix well. Pour into 2 greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees F for 1 1/2 hours or until set in center. Delicious served warm with whipped cream or sliced and served cold.

Gorman Lions Club To Distribute Christmas Baskets This Season

The Gorman Lions Club, meeting at the Brown Jug Cafe on Tuesday at noon, voted to donate grocery baskets to the needy this year. Allen Morris, Club Vice-President, was named as chairman of the committee, with James Brown as vice-chairman and all Lions as assistants. The club collected \$34.75 in donations at the noon meeting from its twelve members and eight guests present.

Canisters will be placed in local stores for donations for these baskets. Santa Claus will be in front of the Post Office Saturday morning to collect contributions at that time.

A list will be turned in to the club for distribution purposes. Mrs. Louise Rankin is assisting Mr. Morris in completing a list of deserving people. Any help in reaching our goal, from anyone, will be greatly appreciated. Anyone desiring to mail a contribution may mail same to Mr. Allen Morris at P. O. Box 674, Gorman, Texas 76454, or the Club secretary, Herman Bennett, P. O. Box 103, Gorman.

The drive will close on Saturday, December 17. All donations should be in by this time as the canisters will be collected on that date.

The baskets will be distributed on Thursday, December 22nd.

A motion was made for each member to bring a visitor to the next meeting to be held on December 20th.

Mr. Allen Morris had the program for the day. R. D. (Skinny) Lewis, Phillip and Vicki, of Desdemona, presented a musical program, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Wesley Bryant Honored At Wedding Shower On Tuesday

Mrs. Wesley Don Bryant, the former Linda Sue Lloyd of Strawn, was honored with a wedding shower Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. D. R. Clark between the hours of two and four o'clock.

Co-hostesses for the courtesy were Mesdames D. B. Warren, Ray Rodgers, Fred Rogers, Bill Slaton, Carl Dean Stacy, Ray Williams, Frankie Jo Harper, and Rayford Burgess.

Mrs. Clark greeted guests and presented them to the honoree, her step mother, Mrs. Bill Lloyd, and Mrs. Adren Bryant, her mother-in-law.

Guests were shown to the serving room by Mrs. Ray Williams. The serving table was laid with a yellow cloth overlaid with white lace and centered with a yellow and bronze arrangement. Crystal and silver appointments completed the setting. Mrs. Warren presided at the punch service and Mrs. Burgess served cake.

Mrs. Slaton presided at the guest register and the remaining hostesses assisted at the gift display.

WMU Are Observing Week Of Prayer

Members of the Woman's Missionary Union are observing Week of Prayer this week for Foreign Missions at the First Baptist Church here, according to Mrs. Leroy Duke, Prayer Chairman.

The theme for the series of meetings is "Behold The Lamb of God."

Goal for the Gorman Church has been set for \$500 and a map is displayed in the church with lights representing each \$70 raised.

Members of the WMU have alternated as leaders in the daily meetings.

FINAL RITES FOR MRS. DOVIE MOUNCE HELD ON SATURDAY

Mrs. Dovie Elvira Mounce, 74, a long time resident of the Kokomo Community, died at 2 a. m. Friday in Lawndale Home For Senior Citizens. She had been ill since September and a resident of the home for the past three years.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, December 3 in Gorman First Baptist Church with Rev. J. W. O'Neal, pastor of the Kokomo Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Huron A. Polnac, pastor of the Gorman First Baptist Church, and Audy Moore, minister of the Gorman Church of Christ, Burial was in Simpson Cemetery.

Born May 5, 1892 at Kokomo, she was married to John Willie Mounce September 4, 1910 at Kokomo. They moved to Gorman in 1959. Mr. Mounce died January 2, 1961.

Survivors are her five daughters, Mrs. Lucille Graham, Lubbock, Mrs. Adeal Partney, McCamey, Mrs. Merelene Boykin, DeSoto, Mrs. Zelta Bryant, Dallas, and Mrs. Addie Collins, Clyde; one son, Aubry Mounce of Oxbow, Oregon; 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Era Wallace, Abilene, Mrs. Vera Henderson and Mrs. Donnie Parker, both of Gorman, and Mrs. Avery Crawley of Eastland.

Pallbearers were Claude Dennis, Ernest Weaver, Buck Foster, Parker McDaniel, Odie Rodgers and D. R. Clark.

W. L. Wallace Places Grand Champion In G'manche Pecan Show

Mr. W. L. Wallace of Gorman won the Grand Champion trophy at the Comanche County Pecan Show with his Choctaw in-shell. The show was held Saturday, December 3 in Comanche.

Wallace also won a second place on the Comanche variety and second on the Mahan at the show. Approximately 100 entries were shown in the Saturday event. Wallace won the Grand Champion trophy in 1964 with his Mahan variety, and his trophy case displays many winning ribbons he has won over the past three years with the various varieties grown in his orchard on the outskirts of Gorman.

Wallace will have entries in the Eastland County Show to be held in Rising Star on December 9th and 10th.

Top place entries in all varieties will be entered in the regional pecan show at Abilene.

Judges coming from Texas A&M Horticultural Department will place entries on size, color, appearance, cracking quality, percent of kernel and other factors.

A county pecan queen contest at the Rising Star High School gym on Thursday night, December 8, under the sponsorship of Mrs. George Steel and the Saturday Club, will kick off the activities of the two-day affair. Miss Mary Jay will be a queen candidate and is sponsored by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce.

The bake show division will be under the supervision of the Eastland County HD Council.

Mrs. M. L. Dobbins To Speak Sunday Night At First Methodist

Mrs. M. L. Dobbins of Winters, president of the Brownwood District Woman's Society of Christian Service, will be guest speaker at the First Methodist Church of Gorman on Sunday, December 11 at the 6 p. m. service. She will show slides of her trip to the 7th. Assembly of W.S.C.S. and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Dobbins is a niece of the pastor, Rev. S. A. Baker.

14th Annual Eastland County Pecan Show Dec. 9-10, Rising Star

All entries of nuts at the 14th Annual Eastland County Pecan Show at Rising Star, December 9th and 10th, must be entered by noon on the first day of the show, according to A. D. Ellington, Cisco, president of the Pecan Growers Association.

A total of 40 nuts of any variety constitutes an entry, he said. Top place entries in all varieties will be entered in the regional pecan show at Abilene the next weekend. Entries of nuts from any place in the state may be entered in the show to be held in the Youth Center in Rising Star.

In spite of a short crop, entries are expected in more than 25 different papershell or improved varieties including those developed by Government horticulturists at the pecan research station at Brownwood. These include the Choctaw, Wichita, Sioux and others named after Indian tribes. Pecans were an important item of diet for the red man prior to the coming of the white man.

Judges from the Texas A&M Horticultural Department will place the entries on size, color, appearance, shell thickness, cracking quality, percent of kernel, and other factors.

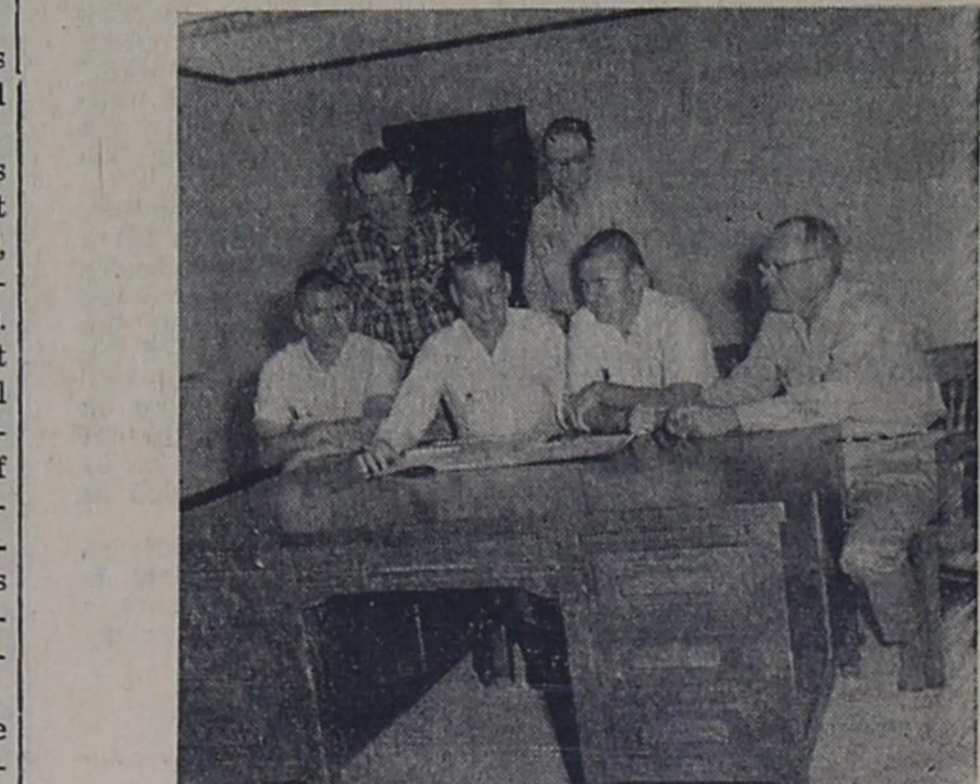
A county pecan queen contest at the high school gym on Thursday night, December 8th, under the sponsorship of Mrs. George Steel and the Saturday Club, will kick off activities of the two-day affair. A luncheon in honor of the new queen, the runner up and the old queen will be held in the American Legion Hall at noon on Saturday. Mrs. Lee Burkhead and the North Star Home Demonstration Club will prepare and serve the food.

The bake show division of the show will be under the supervision of the County Home Demonstration Council.

A. D. Jenkins, manager of the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsor, issued a special invitation to both county and out of county residents to view the exhibits at the two day show.

Mr. and Mrs. Denman Stanfield and son, Randy of Costa Rico, visited this week from Sunday to Wednesday with his sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter and Mrs. Effie Broom.

Mrs. Effie Broom received word that her son, Bob Broom, received a foot injury in a gun accident while deer hunting near Fredericksburg last week.



Standing (left to right): N. S. Ward, Jr., Emery Weir Joiner. Sitting (left to right): Walter C. Cleveland, Arneal Scott, Robert L. Price, and Alvis E. Rodgers.

The Abilene Work Unit Staff of the Soil Conservation Service was presented a Certificate of Merit November 16, 1966 by Paul Larson, Area Conservatorist, Arneal Scott, Robert L. Price, N. S. Ward, Jr., Alvis E. Rodgers, Walter C. Cleveland and Emery Weir Joiner were cited for their Superior Performance during 1966 fiscal year in providing technical assistance to the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District in the planning and application of soil, water and plant conservation practices. In addition to

Santa Claus is coming to Gorman Saturday, December 10 at 2:30 p. m. for a pre-Christmas visit with all the little boys and girls in the area. All are invited to be here and ride the fire truck with Santa.

The merchants have been informed of Santa's visit and have volunteered to help Santa provide goodies for the little boys and girls. We hope all the little folk get to talk with Santa personally and tell him their wishes for Christmas morning.

We know Santa will be looking forward to seeing all the little boys and girls, so don't disappoint him and be on hand when he arrives at 2:30 p. m. downtown.

December 21 Deadline For Entering X-mas Lighting Contest

Remember, Wednesday, December 21 at 12 noon is the deadline for entering the Residential Christmas Lighting Contest. Entries will be judged December 22. No entry fee is required and entry blanks are available at the Texas Electric Service Co. office and the Progress office, or you may clip the entry blank printed elsewhere in this weeks issue of the Progress, fill it out and return it to the Progress office.

Remember also, that decorations do not have to be elaborate to win. Regardless of how small your lighting decorations, enter the contest, they may be the ones chosen by the judges.

Lights must stay on from 6 to 10 p. m. December 22. Out of town judges will place the winners and the awards they will receive.

Mrs. Bob Green Gives Christmas Story At Joy Matrons Party

Mrs. Bob Green was guest and gave the Christmas Story from St. Luke for the Joy Matrons Class Christmas Party when they met at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, December 1 in the home of Mrs. Erich Arnold.

Instead of exchanging gifts the class members brought gifts for the First Baptist Church nursery.

Refreshments of assorted sweets punch and coffee were served to Mrs. Velma Grady, Frankie Jo Harper, Homer D. Sanders, Leroy Duke, Joe Bob Browning, and the above mentioned guest.

GIFT DRAWINGS
Following Santa's visit a drawing will be held for a number of gifts from several of the local merchants.

Merchants participating in the drawing are Henderson's Variety Store, Frossard's Dept. Store, Higginbotham Bros., Rankin Army-Navy Surplus, Mehaffey Drug, Bill Ormsby, Shelby Corner Drug, Burfeind Novelty Shop, Bennett Grocery and Station, and Jay's Grocery and Market. Friendly Service Agency and Ray's Electric. No purchase is necessary to register. Just go into one of these stores and register for the free gifts.

You must be present to win. If a name is called and the person is not present, the drawing will continue until the gift is given away.

So, be sure and be in Gorman on Saturday afternoon for Santa's visit and the drawing for gifts.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716, AF&AM, will meet Tuesday, December 13th.

The Gorman Ind. School District Board of Trustees will meet Monday, December 12 at 7:30.

The Social Security Representative will be in Gorman Monday, December 12 at 10 a. m. at the City Office.

The Gorman 4-H Club will not meet Monday, December 12, the regular meeting date, but will meet at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, December 13 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams for a Christmas Party. The Williams family now reside in the former Gorman Nursing Home.

The Senior Class will sponsor a bake sale Saturday, December 10 - downtown.

Dates for distribution of USDA Surplus Foods in Eastland County for the month of December will be as follows:

Monday, December 12 - Eastland, Olden and Ranger.

Tuesday, December 13 - Pioneer, Rising Star, Okra, Carbon, Gorman and Desdemona.

Wednesday, December 14 - Cisco, Scranton and Nimrod.

Persons who cannot come to the center on these dates can come on Thursday or Friday, December 15 and 16th.

The Senior Class will sponsor a Christmas Supper at the school cafeteria on Monday, December 19, from 5:30 to 7:00 p. m. Adult tickets are 98c and children in 8th Grade and below, 59c.

The menu will consist of baked ham, potato salad, lettuce and tomato salad, baked beans, hot rolls, pie, tea and coffee.

Singing at De Leon Primitive Baptist Church will be held December 11 at 2 p. m. The 4-H Quartet of Brownwood will be present, along with many others. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Worthy Grand Matron, will visit the Desdemona Chapter No. 512, Order of the Eastern Star, Tuesday evening, December 13. All members of the Eastern Star are cordially invited to be present.

Artie Pool, W.M.
M. A. Pool, W.P.

The Woman's Study Club have two good cook books for sale and both are favorite recipes of Texas Club Women. The Texas Desert Cook Books sell for \$1.00 and Texas Favorite Cook Book sells for \$1.95. These cook books would make ideal Christmas gifts. Call Mrs. Berenice Jeffs or one of the club members.

The Gorman Rebekah Lodge meets each Tuesday evening.

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

The Road Report . . . BY ARBA

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A SOLDIER SPEAKS ON AMERICANISM

(Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Arlington Heights High School paper in Ft. Worth published in October and since Lt. Bradshaw is well known in and around Desdemona and Gorman. We are sure his friends would enjoy reading his letter.)

Americanism goes much deeper than saluting the flag or singing the national anthem; it is a pure respect for your country and the willingness to support it.

Outstanding among possessors of this willingness are our soldiers in Viet Nam. One of these Americans is 1st. Lt. Ed Bradshaw, a 1960 Heights graduate, now in An Khe. The Purple Heart awarder holds the Bronze Star for Valor for being one of nine out of fifty-five soldiers to return alive from a mission. He also received both the American and Vietnamese Service Medals. Ed has been in the war-ravaged area for seven months.

As far as he is from his alma mater, Ed has enough interest in his old school and her students, including his younger brother, Bobby, a junior, to write the following letter:

An Khe, South Vietnam
19 September, 1966

To: The Study Body
Arlington Heights High School
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Students:

First, I want to wish you the best of luck in the forthcoming football season. I would enjoy nothing more than to receive a letter from my brother saying that Heights is the 4-A state champion.

Secondly, I wish to impress upon you how very lucky you are to live in a country like America. Many of you ridicule those who show any sign of nationalism what-so-ever. This I cannot understand, for America is a country to be proud of. She is the mightiest country in the world, and she did not achieve her might from imperialism as did the world powers before her.

America is a place where freedom is not a word that is hoped for, but it is a reality. For centuries men have fought and died for the liberties that you know and enjoy. While I sit and write this letter, men are fighting for the right of Man to choose his own fate.

Many young men, not much older than you, are dying over here, not only for the right of a small country like Viet Nam to choose its own system of government, but to sustain the democratic way of life in America. For if the United States continues to let communism take over country

after country, she will be left standing alone, and our wonderful way of life would soon disappear. As the greatest nation ever to exist on the face of the earth, it is our duty to protect those countries who unable to protect themselves.

Let us all stand and praise God for the life that we have been given, and thank those who have sacrificed their lives that we might retain it. Without faith in God and the thousands of lives given by those brave men, you would not be able to enjoy the pep rallies, football games, and the liberal education that you are now receiving.

Best of luck to each of you, and may this school year be the most successful in the history of Heights.

Yours truly,

Edward G. Bradshaw,
1st. Lt. Infantry
Co. B, 2nd Bn (Airborne)
8th Cav.
1st. Calvary Div. (Airmobile)

The letter speaks for itself and the thousands like Ed who are now realizing the worth of their country's heritage. Many in the United States, including some of the students of this school, do not realize or don't care enough to show that they do. Perhaps it is time all of us took another look at the old-fashioned virtue of love of country.

Lt. Bradshaw is the husband of the former Mackie Dee Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wright of De Leon. Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bradshaw of Fort Worth are parents of Lt. Bradshaw. Other relatives of Mrs. Bradshaw are Mrs. Iva and Lillie Buchanan of Desdemona.

Miss Barbara Williams Models Blue Plaid Suit At Contest In Denton

Miss Barbara Williams, 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams, Gorman, modeled the all wool suit and hat she made at the annual "Make-It-With-Wool" Contest last Saturday in Denton at the Texas Women's University campus. She was one of 200 entered in this district, with approximately 60 entered in the Junior (14 through 16) Division.

Barbara mailed her blue plaid suit with complimenting solid blue bodice and lapels to Denton where top Home Economists and Extension Agents judged the construction last Wednesday. The girls registered early Saturday morning, picked up their garments, repressed them, and went before a panel of top dress designers to be judged for fit, appearance, and personality. That is, does the personality of the girl fit the garment she is modeling.

After a 40 minute session with the judges the girls returned to the dressing room to don accessories they had chosen to wear with their outfits and returned to be scored on their overall appearance and "Total Look."

After another long 40 minutes the girls changed to street clothes. Barbara and her guests, Phyllis Watson, Kathy Wright and Jana Brown, went to the college cafeteria for lunch.

They returned to the household arts building about 1 p. m. and dressed for the revue, or the fashion show held for the public where each contestant models her

ensemble on the stage. Mrs. Wanda Chilton and Miss Janet Meyers, Eastland county's home demonstration agents, commended Barbara for her excellent modeling job and relayed several flattering comments they had heard from their seats in the audience.

The "Make-It-With-Wool" contest is open to any girl who wishes to enter and girls, you can't visualize how wonderful the whole event is. You meet other girls from over the state of Texas and make new friends, and often pick out one girl that you secretly hope wins. It isn't quite so important that you aren't one of the winning 4 when your choice does

not make it either. The National Winner of 1965, who had won the trip to Europe, spoke to all the girls and encouraged them to continue entering as she tried the 4th time before finally making it to the national contest. She explained to all the girls that even though they were not awarded first place they were all winners because they had gained from their experiences and each had a beautiful wool ensemble to wear with pride.

Barbara is already making plans to enter again next year, and we hope other Gorman girls will, also.

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A Hymn Is Born
BY CLINT BONNER

My Country 'Tis Of Thee

A busy youth writes a song in half an hour

Samuel Francis Smith was always busy . . . always on the go. Just like Lowell Mason who was forever buzzing about Boston composing music, publishing song books and directing choirs.

It was early in 1832 that Boston's civic-minded William C. Woodbridge gave Lowell Mason some songs he had brought back from Germany. Woodbridge had come across the songs while studying European school systems and thought Mason might want to translate some of them for his choirs. The music showed promise but, to Mason, the words might as well have been written in Egyptian symbols. Then Mason thought of young Samuel Smith, the ministerial student and Harvard graduate who knew 15 languages.

Samuel Smith lived in the shadow of the church where they hung the lantern that night Paul Revere rode the horse. So he naturally absorbed his share of patriotism. It was, according to Smith's account, a half hour before sundown Feb. 2, 1832, that he got around to translating one of the German songs for Lowell Mason. It was under the patriotic title (in German) "God Bless Our Native

Land." England had also been using the tune to "God Save The King" for a hundred years. But why translate the German words? He took a piece of scrap paper "six inches long and half as wide" and, by the time the sun was down, he had written some verses of his own. The following July 4th Mason's children's choir sang "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" for the first time.

On Nov. 16, 1835, a famous Baptist minister hurried to catch a train. He was on his way to fill a preaching engagement. Besides writing books, teaching languages at Newton Center, and holding important posts in his denomination, he was the author of 150 church hymns. The conductor of the train was about to sing out his traditional "board," but lowered his arm. Something had happened on the platform of one of the coaches. Perhaps the old gentleman had taken the steps too spryly for his 87 years. At any rate, Samuel Francis Smith died as he had lived . . . on the go.

Of all his work, Dr. Smith is best remembered for his missionary hymn "The Morning Light Is Breaking" and for these verses he wrote on a scrap of paper in half an hour when he was 26 years old.

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side,
Let Freedom ring.

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our father's God to Thee,
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B&B SPORTS

Herman and Joe Bennett

With the regular season over, the word now is "Bowl". For the last week in the picks Joe had 7 right and three wrong for a final season average of 73.8, while Herman had 6 right and 4 wrong for a final average of 69.5. Like everyone else, we say "Wait 'Til Next Year!"

B&B

We have a list of the Bowl Games to be played. We are sure these are not all the games left to be played, but they are all we could find.

Saturday, December 10 — NAAI Playoff: University Stadium, Albuquerque, N. M. Wayneburg (Pa.) vs. New Mexico Highlands.

Pecan Bowl — Abilene, Texas (ABC TV): University of North Dakota (7-2) vs. Parsons (Iowa) College (8-1).

Junior Rose Bowl — Pasadena, Calif.: Howard County Junior College (Big Spring) (9-1) vs. Pasadena City College (8-0-1).

Aztec Bowl — Mexico City: Tarleton State (6-3) vs. team to be picked from 5 leading colleges in Mexico.

Wool Bowl — Roswell, N. M.: Cisco Junior College vs. Capps Junior College. (on KERC Radio 1590 - 1 p. m.)

Grantland Rice Bowl — Murfreesboro, Tenn.: Muskingum College (9-0) vs. Tenn. State (10-0).

Camillia Bowl — Sacramento, Calif.: San Diego St. (10-0) vs. Montana State (8-2).

Liberty Bowl — Memphis, Ten.: Miami of Florida (7-2-1) vs. Virginia Tech (8-1-1).

Saturday, December 17 — Bluebonnet Bowl — Houston: Univ. of Texas (6-4) vs. Mississippi (8-2).

Saturday, December 24 — Sun Bowl — El Paso (NBC TV): Wyoming (9-1) vs. Florida State (6-4).

Blue-Gray Game — Montgomery, Alabama. All-Stars.
Monday, December 26 — North-South Game — Miami, Florida. Orange Bowl.

Saturday, December 31 — Gator Bowl — Jacksonville, Fla.: Tennessee (7-3) vs. Syracuse (8-2).

Cotton Bowl — Dallas: Georgia (9-1) vs. Southern Methodist (8-2).
East-West Shrine Game — San Francisco, Calif.

Monday, January 2 — Rose Bowl — Pasadena, Calif.: (NBC TV): Purdue (7-3) vs. So. California (7-3).

Sugar Bowl — New Orleans: (NBC TV): Alabama (10-0) vs. Nebraska (9-1).

Orange Bowl — Miami, Fla.: (NBC TV): Georgia Tech (9-1) vs. Florida (8-2).

Saturday, January 7 — Senior Bowl — Mobile, Ala.

AFL Play-off will be held December 26 or January 2.
NFL Play-off January 8 or 15.
Super Bowl to be held 1 week later.

DESDEMONA NEWS

By MRS. ETHEL KEITH

Mrs. Ethel Riggs, who has been a patient in the hospital at Gorman for several weeks, is reported quite improved.

Several from this community have been on the sick list with colds, flu and virus.

Rev. Derrell Dossey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has been in Hobbs, N. M. at the bedside of his father, who is quite ill and is up for surgery early this week.

Mrs. W. H. Davis and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Henslee, have returned from Huntsville where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Davis' brother-in-law, Mr. F. H.

Andrews, who had passed away suddenly with a heart attack. He was the husband of the former Elizabeth Cotton, sister of Mrs. Davis. Miss Cotton once made her home here. Mr. Andrews was the FHA Director of that area.

Mr. Ted Hall is home again after attending the funeral of his mother in California. They went by way of plane.

Mr. Vandagriff of Hobbs, N. M. is here with his daughter, June Dossey and children, while Rev. Dossey is with his father in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson have returned home from Abilene where they spent the past week redecorating one of their houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carr were honored with a "House Warming" on Monday night of this week hosted by friends and neighbors. Many friends and neighbors called with gifts and good wishes.

Homemaker's Hints

By Janet Meyers
County Home Dem. Agent

If you haven't already baked your holiday fruit cake it should be at the top of the list of your "things to do."

Fruit cakes need time to age and develop the right flavor and texture. There are many modifications of the old fashioned fruit cake because of greater selection of fruits and nuts. Research has developed improved preservation methods for the fruit.

Choose fresh ingredients and high quality when preparing your cake. To cut the cost of the cake, you can add inexpensive raisins and currants for part of the candied fruit. Remember, though, that too many raisins and currants will give your cake a bitter or scorched flavor.

Assorted ready cut candied fruits may be a better choice than buying several different kinds of candied fruits which you have to cut. Compare the cost of shelled and inshell nuts to find which is the best buy — considering the time needed for shelling, too.

If you make your fruit cake, a six pound standard recipe will cost you about \$4.59. You can buy some fruit cakes which are quite well filled with fruits and nuts for \$4. Remember that there is always a good amount of pride and satisfaction in making your own cake.

Be sure to make the best possible use of any leftovers from your holiday feasts in order to keep the food budget in balance. Beef prices remain about the same with a little less demand the past week. Best beef values may be found on chuck roasts and steaks, round steaks and roasts and ground beef.

Some markets are featuring pork loins (half or whole) at attractive prices. Fresh picnics, Boston butt roast, shoulder steaks, bacon and sausage are worthy of your consideration.

Fresh fruit and vegetable items in good supply at moderate price levels include apples, grapefruit, oranges, cranberries, bananas, sweet potatoes, mustard, turnip greens, rutabagas, collards, dry yellow onions and carrots.

The Pecan Show is scheduled for December 9 and 10 in Rising Star. Those interested in entering the Pecan Show - Food and/or centerpiece division - may contact the County Home Dem. Agents Office (MA 9-1729) for contest rules. The Eastland County Home Demonstration Club women are sponsoring the two divisions. Ribbons as well as cash awards will be presented. All food and centerpiece entries must be registered by 11 a. m. on Friday, Dec. 9.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 7 - Home Demonstration Council and Christmas Party at First Baptist Church in Eastland.

December 9 and 10 - Pecan Show in Rising Star at Youth Center Building.

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Santa and Uncle John

By Chuck Pope

The big look on the wall indicated that it was almost closing time for Stanbury's Department Store. No one could be more happy about this situation than Santa. He spent a long and tiring day. He'd talked to so many youngsters, heard so many requests that his head was spinning. Hours ago, it seemed, the children had started to all look the same.

Three more children were in line. Surely he could last through three more. The last one seemed a bit nervous. Maybe he wouldn't stay. Perhaps it would be two more. Yet, for some reason or other, this last one didn't look like all the others. There was something maybe a twinkle in his eye, the half-smile on his lips. Santa felt himself hoping the lad would not leave. Maybe he would catch the day as fresh as he started it.

The lad smiled and extended his hand. "Hello, Santa. My name is Johnny."

"Hello to you, Johnny. Where are your parents? I didn't see them come in with you."

Waiting
"They're in the cafeteria, having coffee. They said I could have ten minutes to visit with you. We have to get back to the airport to see if our plane can fly yet."

"What's wrong with your plane?"
"It really isn't our plane. We're just riding in it. But it was grounded."

Santa smiled. "I'm not surprised. We've had a real winter storm today. Hope it clears before Christmas Eve."



The lad extended his hand. "Hello, Santa. My name is Johnny."

"Yeah, me too. I gotta get back to Three Corners before you get there with my sled and other things."

Santa sat upright. "Three Corners? Sled?"
"Sure, Santa. Remember the letter I wrote to you?"
"Sure, Johnny. I remember. From Three Corners. Is this the same Three Corners I used to know, Johnny? With the paper mill and the canning plant?"
"That's right. Like I told you in my letter, my dad runs the paper mill."

Forgotten
"I forgot about that. Did you tell me about your uncle, too?"
"I don't have any uncle."
"No uncle?" Santa seemed shocked.

"Well, not really. Dad says I have one somewhere. Uncle John. He's pretty rich and all that, but dad says they never got along. Uncle didn't like my mommy, or something. Anyway, dad says it's been more than ten years since he last saw uncle. Probably he ten more, he says."

"Has he tried to reach your uncle?"
"Don't think so. Mom says he's too proud. That he should learn to forgive..."

"Particularly at Christmas time, Johnny. Christmas is the time for forgiving. 'I think I would like your mother.'"

Arrival
John and Mary Carter looked up from their coffee, each hesitatingly extended their hand as Santa was introduced.

Santa sat down without invitation. "I've been talking to your son - Johnny - surprised you named him that. He tells me about your plane."

John Carter smiled. "And Mr. Stanbury just stopped by to tell me about his old friend who likes to play Santa in the department store."

Santa laughed. "No secrets, then?"
John and Mary responded. "No secrets."

"Except maybe one," said Santa. "Someone also told me you folks will have a guest other than Santa this year. What do you think of that?"

The Carters, as one replied, "That would make it a merry Christmas indeed!"

"Uncle John?" asked Johnny. "Indeed," the other three responded.

SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR SECOND SIX WEEKS

Following is the list of students who made the Honor Rolls in the Gorman Schools for the Second Six Weeks period:

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll
Tamilyn Simpson and Kirk Arnold.
A-B Honor Roll
Tony Ripley, Jeffery Shepperd, Debra Hutson and Edward Eppler.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll
Joetta Bennett, Charlene Self, Sherry Porter, Rodney Warren, Billy Underwood, Kris Brown, Billy Eppler, Mark Eaves, Wayne Blair and Kathy Ripley.
A-B Honor Roll
Lupe Torres, Mike Shipman and Krista Henderson.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll
Vickie Simmons
A-B Honor Roll
Bill Baze, George Fraley, Nancy Grady, Vickie Hallmark, Vickie Harvey, Steven Stinnett, and Nanette Williams.

SIXTH GRADE

A Honor Roll
Karan Kirk, Gary Smith and Kelly Henderson.
A-B Honor Roll
Christi Duran, Patricia Hirst, Jeanette Jackson, Chester Joiner, Mike Moore, Brenda Weldon, and Rebecca White.

SEVENTH GRADE

A Honor Roll
Sarah Kirk and Marilyn Thompson.
A-B Honor Roll
Denese Grady, Don Porter, Billy Self, Danny Snider, Bruce Smith, Sharon Welch and Deborah Phillips.

EIGHTH GRADE

A Honor Roll
Wesley Rogers
A-B Honor Roll
Maudine Aston, Bill Clark, Teresa Duran, Paula Eppler, Karen Hallmark, Hal Lasater and Scott Stacy.

FRESHMEN

A Honor Roll
Mike Duran, Randy Underwood and Bill Kirk.
A-B Honor Roll
David Armstrong, Teddy Jordan, Jackie Lawson, Tim Porter, Phyllis Watson, Kathy Wright and Tommy Phillips.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Those listed as patients at the Blackwell Hospital on Wednesday morning were:

Bill Andry - Gorman
Vera Hamrock - Gorman
Mrs. R. A. Barnett - Gorman
Mrs. Nath McMullen - Gorman
James M. Grice - Gorman
Mrs. Don Rodgers - Gorman
Mrs. Stella Reynolds - Gorman
Martha Preston - Gorman
Mrs. Zesta Johnston - Gorman
Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Lasater - Gorman
James Morrison - Gorman
Doc Hamilton - Gorman
Mrs. N. G. Adcock - Gorman
Mrs. Lorena Phelps - Eastland
Mrs. Edney Fox & baby - Eastland
Mrs. H. L. Locke - De Leon
Mrs. Zettie Mathis - De Leon
O. G. Nabors - De Leon
Graydon Kimmell - De Leon
Oma Smith - Rising Star
J. T. Gardner - Rising Star
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Latham - Stephenville
Mrs. W. S. McGaha - Carbon
S. J. Foster - Wingate
Ethel Riggs - Desdemona
Rodger Hitt - Comanche

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Charles Ann Jenkins, Elizabeth Parr and Dwayne Snider.
A-B Honor Roll
Don Burkhalter, Jimmie Dee Belyeu, Carolyn Clark, Ray Edwards and Cecilia Self.

School Lunch Menu

Following is the menu for the Gorman School Lunchroom for the week of December 12-16:
Monday - Tamalies, blackeyed peas, pineapple-cheese salad, peanut butter cookies.
Tuesday - Hot dogs, french fries, and fresh apples.
Wednesday - Pinto beans, mixed greens, buttered corn, and peach cobbler.
Thursday - Spanish rice, green beans, squash and prune cake.
Friday - Pimiento cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, potato chips and fruit and cookies.



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Thanksgiving Dinner Honors

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Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Jay and children were hosts in their home to the following: Mrs. Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Lasater and Hal, Mr. and Mrs. George Warren and children, and Mr. Leland Warren, all of Gorman.

Out-of-town guests included Miss Lorene Jay of Fort Worth, Miss Marjorie Warren of Midland,

Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and children of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Burnet of Eldorado, Okla., Mrs. Idah Kahn of Fort Worth, friend of Lorene Jay, and Albert Lenington.

Following Thanksgiving dinner and birthday cards were opened by the honorees. During the afternoon Mrs. Lasater showed slides of various European countries visited by her son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Brent Lasater, who live in Germany.

Mrs. Jay remarked that it was one of the nicest and most enjoyable of all her many birthdays.

STATE POLICE ASSOCIATION URGES REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS IN CODE

AUSTIN — Texas Police Association President W. E. (Pat) Speir said today he is "most encouraged" by public response to the Association's statement of position recommending removal of unnecessary restrictions on law enforcement from the new Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

"Since our statement was adopted at the annual conference last June, urging certain revisions in the code of procedure, it has been most encouraging to hear and read public statements being made by many members of the Texas Legislature and others indicating that the people are expressing themselves against the trend to afford the criminal undue protection from justice," Speir said.

"Confronted as we are today with a steadily increasing crime rate, it is our position that the law-abiding public needs better protection against crime, and since it is our job to provide that protection, we need the tools with which to do it.

"We feel that our approach to certain problems presented by enactment of the new Code of Criminal Procedure in Texas is a reasonable one. The vast majority of the provisions of the new Code are sound and well developed by those who drafted it. However, as with all things new and untested, experience often shows the way toward improvements."

The TPA president said the organization is operating through two major committees in seeking to bring to the attention of all members of the Legislature and other responsible Texas citizens the urgent need for clarification and relief from the undesirable provisions of the Code.

The Legislative Committee is headed by Richardson Police Chief W. J. Golden; and the Public Relations Committee is headed by C. C. Benson, Southwestern Division Manager of the National Automobile Theft Bureau.

The four main points of concern are:

1. The Texas Code requires the arrested person to be taken "immediately" before a magistrate, while "without unnecessary delay" is the terminology of the federal rules of procedure. It is felt that some investigative time is necessary if for no other reason than to eliminate the innocent.

2. The Code gives defense attorneys the right of "discovery" (to examine the state's evidence and witnesses) — the state should be afforded the same opportunity.

3. The Code requires that a warrant be "in hand" to arrest, whereas federal rules provide legal arrest can be made when the officer has knowledge that the warrant has been issued. A copy can then be furnished as soon as possible.

4. The new Code does not provide for arrest for misdemeanors when committed in view of an officer. It should so provide.



COUNTY AND LOCAL NEWS EVERY DAY - LISTEN IN!

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I wish to thank Dr. Rodgers, the nurses and hospital staff for the good care given me during my recent stay in Blackwell Hospital, and also to those who visited me and sent the beautiful cards and flowers.

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Eastland County Farm Bureau Board Of Directors Meet In Eastland

The Eastland County Farm Bureau board of directors held their regular meeting Monday night, December 5, 1966. President Jack Cozart called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Luke Palmer. Eighteen directors answered the roll call. The minutes were read by the secretary, Ray Norris.

Mrs. Ann Justice gave the agent's report.

Mr. Cozart appointed the following committee chairmen: Membership, B. T. Graham; Policy Development, Luke Palmer; Policy Execution (State), Henry Fry; Policy Execution (National), Henry Fry; Service, John Love; Public Information, K. F. Kirk; Women's Committee, Mrs. Henry

Fry; Young People's Committee, Mrs. Betty Claborn; Burget Committee, Ray Norris; serving on the Burget Committee are R. L. Ricks, Luke Palmer, Teddy Snider, Henry Fry, George Steele and Jack Cozart.

Mr. Cowan Hutton was elected as a new director to fill a vacancy on the board.

The directors voted to order potatoes again this year for the members. Seed potatoes will be \$5.00 and table potatoes will be \$4.50.

Following the business meeting a Christmas Party was held. The directors and their wives and the office staff exchanged gifts. A gift from Mr. Baucum, the agent, was presented to each director. Refreshments were served.

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County Farm Bureau Supporting Nationwide Broiler Promotion Campaign

The Eastland County Farm Bureau is supporting a nationwide broiler promotion campaign, according to Mr. Jack Cozart, president of the local Farm Bureau. "Broilers are currently in oversupply estimated at about 10 percent," Mr. Cozart said. "Farm Bureau is spearheading a nationwide effort to increase consumption of broilers during this critical period."

He said national grocery organizations are following through by requesting member stores and chains to participate in the promotion. Advertising and promotional materials are being furnished by the National Broiler Council.

Mr. Cozart said the Eastland

County Farm Bureau is urging local retail grocery stores and restaurants to promote consumption of broilers in the coming weeks.

The local farm leader said broiler producers are offering housewives a highly nutritious food at bargain prices. He noted that growers are now receiving less than 15 cents a pound for their broilers, as compared to about 33 cents some 18 years ago.

Farm Bureau on the state and national levels this year organized a Broiler Grower Service to assist broiler producers. A part of this service involves helping with sales, including overseas markets, and broiler promotion in periods of oversupply.

NEWS FROM LAWNDALE

Lennis Rice of Carbon visited with Alice Johnson, Rebecca Shirley and Will McGaha.

Arthur and Vesta Bryan of De Leon visited with W. M. Wood, Sarah Tunnell and Allie Seay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reynolds of Carbon visited with Alice Johnson, Will McGaha and Maude Craighead.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Anderson and Kindall of Cisco visited with Will McGaha and Tom Hale.

Mrs. Will Smith of Gorman visited with Rosa Potter, Annie Bell Cain and Helen Claxton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Farn and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mitchell of Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skaggs.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Skaggs of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd West of Abilene, Mrs. Arlin Clement of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Farley of De Leon, Elsie Robinett of Gorman, Bernice Farley of De Leon, and Mrs. May Quinn of Fort Worth visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skaggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Files and Chris and Rebecca of Ponca City, Okla. visited with Mary Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Campbell of Lovington, N. M., Lucy Hogan

of Cisco, Lynn Hogan and Dennis Clower of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hines of Carbon visited with Will McGaha.

Eva Wright of Gorman and Jim Tate of De Leon visited with Alma Craig.

E. G. Daniels of Houston visited with Sarah Tunnell.

Mrs. T. I. Jarrrod of Waco visited with Mr. and Mrs. Will Cozby.

Sam Petzell of Brownwood visited with Nancy Fountain.

Lois Treadway of Mercury, Doris and Vera Mull of Comanche, Mrs. Roy McNutt of Comanche, Anna Ross of Comanche and John and LaTonne Rodgers of Carbon visited with W. B. Mull.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sims of Comanche visited with Ollie Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wood of Gorman visited with W. M. Wood.

Mrs. Clem Rasberry of Eastland, Truman Maynard of Eastland, Ethel Lowell of Eastland and Mrs. Vernon Warren of Gorman visited with Ida Maynard.

Lennis Rice of Carbon and Sibyl Underwood of Carbon visited with Alice Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Johnston of Comanche visited with Emma McKeehan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Prickett of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lowery of Carbon visited with Tom Hale.

KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

There will be a Brotherhood meeting of the men of the Cisco Baptist Association at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Monday night, December 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Reeves of Bradshaw visited last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks.

Other visitors in the Hendricks home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood and Mrs. George Johnson and family of Carbon, Mrs. Willie Mae Hendricks and Mrs. David Willoughby, Scotty and Kristen of Eastland, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and Teddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ven Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little and family were shopping in Abilene on Saturday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hallmark and family.

Mrs. Lola Donaldson of Big Spring visited with friends here over the weekend. She also attended the Kokomo Baptist services on Sunday.

Mrs. Odie Rodgers is visiting in Abilene this week with her daughter, Mrs. Neal Gilbert, and family.

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Jim Cole Brown of Eastland spent the weekend with his cousin, Kris Brown, and attended church services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Flatt of De Leon visited with his daughter, Mrs. Claude Fuller, and family on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan visited in Carbon on Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Heppy Jackson.

The Kokomo H. D. Club Christmas Party will be held in the home of Mrs. Albert Hendricks on Monday night, December 12. Each member and guests will bring a gift to exchange.

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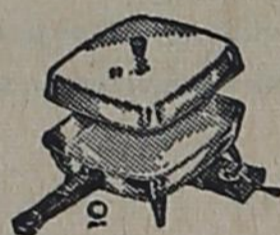
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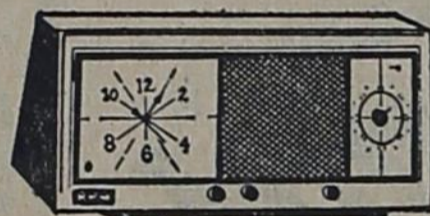
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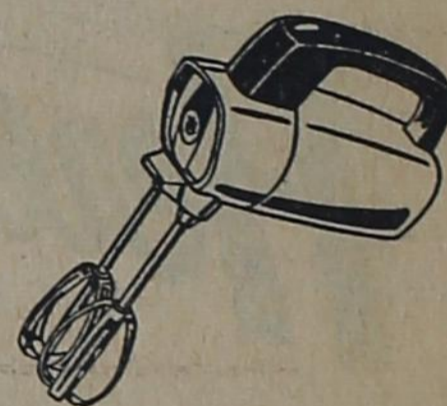
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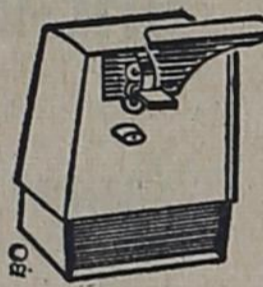
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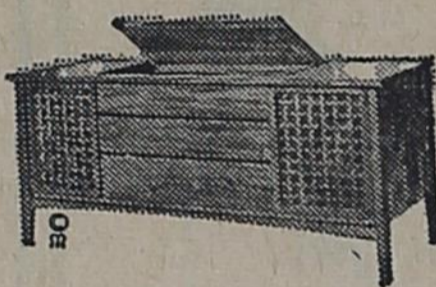
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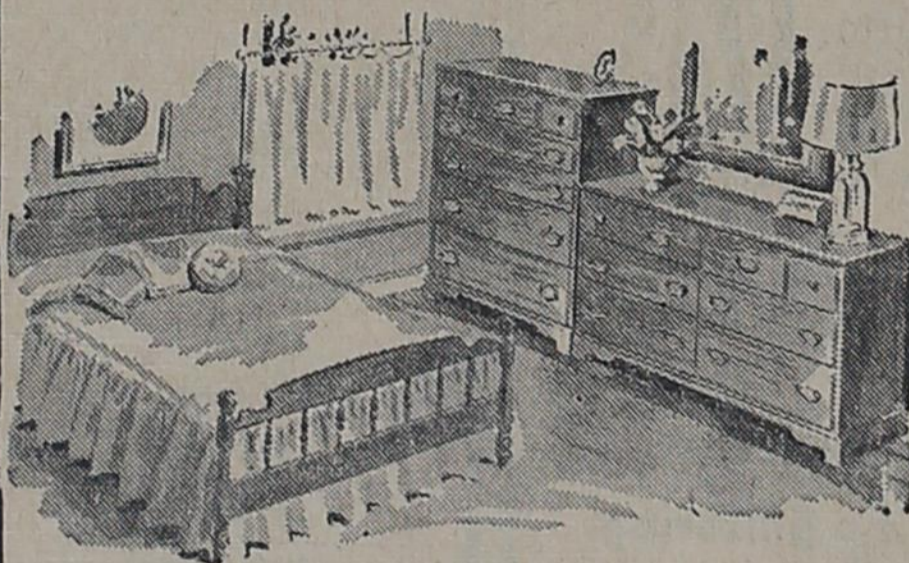
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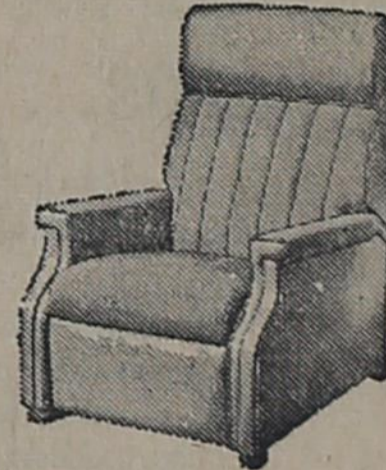
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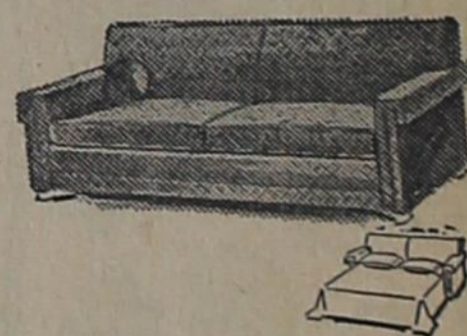
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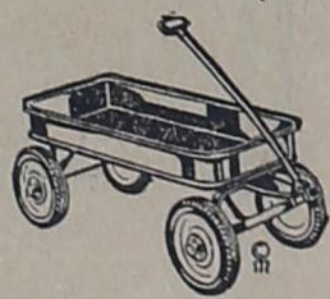


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The Star Spangled Banner

Arrest of drunken British soldiers led to writing of National Anthem

There were no linotype machines. As the printer set each piece of type by hand he started humming the melody of an old English drinking song. It was called "Anacreon in Heaven" and it seemed to just fit the poem he was setting.

On the day before Baltimore's lawyer Francis Scott Key had gone out in Chesapeake Bay in the cartel ship "Minden" with a letter to the British admiral asking the release of American citizen Dr. William Beanes. The Maryland physician was being detained for being instrumental in the arrest of a bunch of drunk English soldiers. Though lawyer Key was treated courteously, his mission was ill-timed. The British were about to bombard Baltimore. So they told lawyer Key he could have his doctor friend but he would have to wait until they bombed the daylight out of Key's home town.

he thought was the destruction of Baltimore and Fort McHenry. But the first thing he saw when dawn broke through the mist that morning of Aug. 15, 1814, was the huge American flag still defiantly floating over the fort two miles away.

In a burst of inspiration he took the letter from his pocket, turned it over and started writing. Released and rowed ashore, Key edited his poem, wrote over it "Defense of Fort McHenry" and hurried to the printer. That afternoon it was circulated on hand-bills all over town. Under the title the printer had set a line suggesting the tune "Anacreon in Heaven" and that night it was sung on the stage of the Holiday Street Theater. Vocalists say it's the hardest tune in the book to sing but for 117 years nobody was able to get away with changing it and, in 1931, Congress officially proclaimed as the National Anthem of the United States...

All night long Francis Scott Key watched what
*Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
 What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming;
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the
 perilous fight,
 O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly
 streaming?
 And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was
 still there.
 Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the
 brave.*

*On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
 Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence
 reposes,
 What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep
 As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
 In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream,
 'Tis the Star-Spangled Banner; oh, long may it wave
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the
 brave.*

*And where is that band, who so vauntingly swore
 That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
 A home and a country should leave us no more?
 Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps'
 pollution,
 No refuge save the hireling and slave
 From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave;
 And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the
 brave.*

*Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
 Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
 Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heaven-rescued
 land
 Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us
 a nation!
 Then conquer we must, when our cause is just;
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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker were in Rising Star Tuesday to attend the funeral of Claude Parker, a cousin of Jesse's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hayes of Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hill of Mineral Wells spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Emory Hill, and sisters, Mrs. Pauline Allen, Bonnie Cox and Mrs. Albert Taylor.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Huff Sunday honoring them on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary were Norman Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lucke of Hawley, Mrs. Ruth Love of Abilene, Mrs. Gladys Lucke, Mrs. Nancy Yolham, Mrs. Cora Richmond, all of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter and Milton are visiting this week in Cleburne with Mrs. J. W. Town send, and in Fort Worth with her sister, Mrs. P. K. Scott, and in Boyd with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Fairbetter, and with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Russell of Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cooper, James and Jana of Karnes City, visited last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper and Mrs. Gladys Lucke. Sunday visitors with Mrs. Lucke were her sister, Mrs. Ruth Love of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lucke of Hawley.

Mrs. Grace Skiles has returned from a visit with her sons, Frank Skiles at Kermit and Bill Skiles at Big Spring, and her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lee of Midland.

Mrs. Wray Guye and daughter, Stacey, left this week for their home in Nashville, Tenn. following a months visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ode Dennis.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Martha Sutton last week were her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Battles of Ruidoso, N. M. and Mrs. M. J. Bennifield of Odessa. Visiting this week has been her son, Mr. and Mrs. Neill Sutton of Bartlesville, Okla. While here

14 YEAR OLD COW HAS TWIN CALVES

A fourteen year old cow owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Caldwell, gave birth to twin calves November 30. This is considered by livestock men to be rare and unusual for a cow this age to be productive and twins are not common. The mother cow is a milking short horn and has been raising two to six calves every year. She was raised from a calf by the Caldwell's and you can believe she is a treasured animal around the farm.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:



W. Goodrich Jones is known as the father of forestry in Texas. He was the sponsor of the Arbor Day movement and principal founder of the Texas Forestry Association. Through the efforts of this Association, the Texas Forest Service was created in 1915.

they visited friends and relatives in Abilene.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holliday were Mrs. John Lasater, Mrs. Donna Day, Earl Norris and grandson of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Norris and Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Norris of Carbon and Davis Smith.

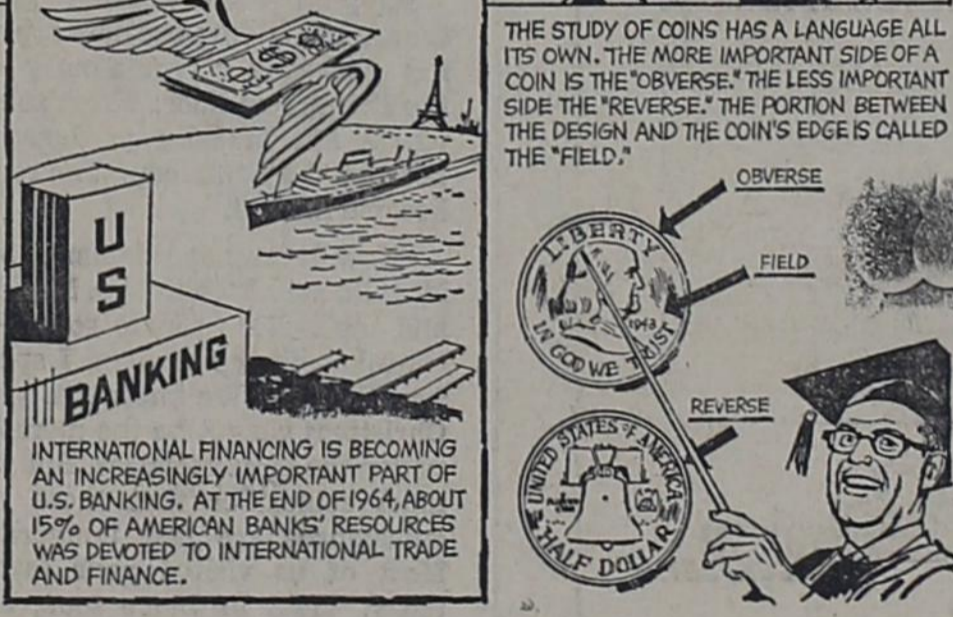
Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Browning and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snider were Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning and Donna Gale of Monahans.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hirst, Patty and Daryl and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett, Lonnie and Joetta attended the Battle of Songs Concert in Fort Worth on Saturday night.

BANK NOTES by Malcolm



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Othell Clark Presents Lay Certificates To Breckenridge Laymen

Othell Clark, District Director of Lay Speaking of the Cisco District of Methodist Churches, attended the District Conference held Wednesday in First Methodist Church, Breckenridge, at which time he presented Certified Lay Speakers Certificates to 16 members of the Breckenridge Methodist Church congregation.

Othell has held various training courses over the district, the most recent being a sub-district course conducted in Cisco and included representatives from the area churches of Ranger, Cisco, Eastland and Gorman.

The Methodist Home Choir of Waco and the McMurry Canters and the First Methodist Church Choir of Breckenridge sang for the conference.

Dr. Kenneth W. Pope, resident Bishop of Dallas, was present for the day's activities and Dr. S. Wayne Reynolds, Cisco District Superintendent, presided.

Others attending the conference from the Gorman First Methodist Church were the pastor, Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Baker, Edgar Higginbottom and Charlie Garrett.

the Christmas Visitors

By Mary Hannah

Jimmy Roberts looked longingly out the window. The snow-covered fields and barns were lovely in the soft moonlight. What a way to spend Christmas Eve, he thought, all alone with a kid brother.

What a Christmas! Dad in the hospital after an automobile accident; mother spending practically every day and night with him, and me, here all alone with a kid that can't even stay awake long enough to welcome Santa Claus.

Jimmy looked at the big clock on the kitchen wall. The kids were probably gathering now for the annual sleigh ride. He could just imagine the laughter ringing about the Macklin farm as the two teams were hitched to the homemade sleigh. He'd miss the ride over the fields, the singing of Christmas Carols and then, the return home to the warmth of the fireside and the welcome sight of mom and dad sitting nearby. That's how Christmas ought to be; how Christmas had always been.

Sounds

Jimmy walked into the living room. Sammy was asleep, sprawled on the rug before the fireplace. Jimmy sat down in an easy chair and studied the room,



Out of the sleigh they came, everyone from miles around.

the flickering fire, the beautifully-lighted tree and the heaping presents beneath. How quiet was the world, except for the crackling of the fire. How quiet, except, for another sound. Sleigh bells! They were coming this way . . . and they were singing. He could hear them.

Nearer and nearer came the voices and the bells. Jimmy dashed to the door, with Sammy, now wide awake, right on his heels.

"Hello, hello. We wish you a Merry Christmas." The voices rang out in chorus and out of the sleigh they came, the Smiths, the Jones, the Atteburys, the Macklins, everyone for miles around.

Bearing Gifts

Happily, each bearing gifts, they marched into the house, placing packages ceremoniously on the livingroom floor. From somewhere Mr. Macklin produced a beard and a Santa cap. The room became hushed.

"Now Jimmy and Sammy," Mr. Macklin said, "while Mrs. Macklin and the ladies prepare some hot chocolate in the kitchen, I speak for all of us. We know that your Christmas cannot be the merriest under the circumstances. But you must remember that these circumstances are just temporary. Most of us visited your father today. He'll be home soon, and good as new. All of us would have loved for you boys to spend Christmas Eve with us, but we decided it would be better if we brought a little of our Christmas spirit to you . . ."

Sammy was fumbling among the presents. Jimmy, a bit uncomfortable and afraid that his emotions were showing, straightened one of the ornaments on the Christmas tree. "I don't know what to say."

Sing Out

"Don't say it," young Ted Macklin shouted, "Sing it." And he led off with a round of "Jingle Bells."

Soon, mom came home; more Christmas Carols. Mr. Macklin passed out the gifts. Each was opened to a chorus of "Oohs" and "Aahs" — except for dad's. These were placed beneath the tree with the rest of the family packages. As Mr. Macklin said, "You can have Christmas again when dad comes home."

Jimmy stood on the porch and watched the sleigh disappear into the night, carrying with it the sounds of merry laughter and jingling bells. Things weren't so bad after all. And, there was still another Christmas yet to come.

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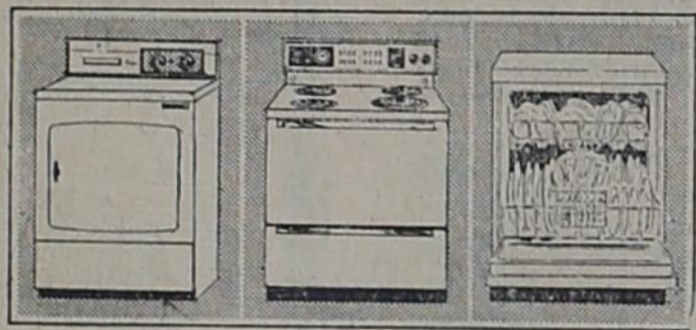
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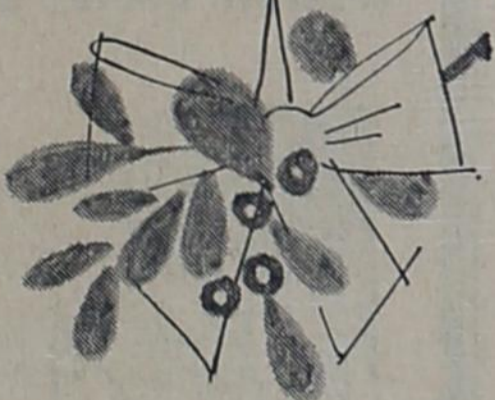
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