

Christmas is just around the corner. Selection and buying of gifts is in many people's minds these days. Popular and always welcomed gift are the homemade goodies from the kitchen.

One pound fruit cakes and larger, decorated with candied fruits and nuts, and wrapped in cellophane are beautiful and most acceptable. A box of homemade jams, preserves, or jellies put up in uniform jars and wrapped in holiday attire would be hard to resist.

Other ideas for Christmas gifts are wooden bowls with Texas or better yet, Eastland County, pecans and a nutcracker. I have written below some hints on fruit cakes. Since fruit cakes are the popular holiday cake, I felt this information might be of help.

Decorating Fruit Cakes

Cakes may be decorated by placing extra pieces of fruit or nuts on the top either scattered or in a set design. Decorations should be added when the cake is almost finished cooking, because some fruits tend to discolor in the oven. If the surface of the cake is dry, dip the decorations in egg white or corn syrup to make them stick.

To glaze a fruit cake, brush the surface of dark fruit cakes, with a mixture of molasses and water or a light fruit cake with a mixture of honey and water or egg white and water about 1 hour before baking time is completed.

Eastland County Home Demonstration club ladies closed out the old year this week with their annual Christmas party held at the First Baptist Church, Eastland. During the morning some 45 ladies attended the monthly Council meeting with the new yearbooks being distributed to each club.

A 9 noon luncheon was followed by a Christmas story told by Mrs. Gene Bone of Eastland.

Mrs. Joe Bond, of Olden, was in charge of the recreation during the day which was enjoyed by some 55 ladies in attendance.

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A Look At Eastland
Co. Agriculture

USDA-ASCS
By Jesse G. Meredith

Last week I spent 3 days at our state office in College Station. I carried all 1966 aerial photographs for Eastland County to photocopy individual farms to be used for certification of acreages

in 1968. I returned with 44,000 prints of farms and part farms in Eastland County. I was able to visit with section heads in the state office, which I am always happy to do, so that we can discuss our farm program problems. The State Office Compliance Division has been most helpful in working with the Eastland County Committee to try to have the tolerance provision for 1968 changed. They were of the opin-

ion, last week, that the tolerance provision would not be changed for 1968.

1968 peanut allotments were mailed out last week and several producers have been to the office inquiring about them. The peanut allotment factor was just in excess of 100 percent and small increases resulted in individual farms. The 1968 allotment for Eastland County is 39,004 acres.

Several producers have inquired about sale and lease of peanut allotment for 1968. So far as we know this bill has not been approved by Congress. If it is approved producers will be notified as quickly as possible.

Applications for 1968 new farm allotments are currently being accepted by this office. Details on eligibility are available and will be furnished interested applicants.

I would estimate that peanut harvest is better than 90 percent complete as of December 7, and should be complete by December 15 if the weather remains clear. Yields on the average are a little better than our 5-year average of 749 pounds. Marketing of peanuts will continue and should be about complete by January 15, 1968.

It looks like a record for cover crops planted this year. The final date to plant and report the cover crop is December 20. Some 150 farms have not sent their report back to this office.

I visited the new peanut drying and storage plant in Pioneer last Sunday. The visit was most interesting. The Pioneer Co-op was organized by about 50 farmers in that area. The latest equipment has been installed. It was noted that lots of peanuts from counties as far away as Jones County were being received. The construction of this facility is certainly an asset to the Pioneer Community and to Eastland County.

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The biggest railroad contribution was to the school systems throughout the state. Large sums were also distributed to city, village and county governments and for road and bridge funds.

In addition, of course, was the large total in taxes the railroads' 33,410 Texas employees contributed on their own property. The vast majority of rail workers, many of whom live in Eastland County, own their own homes.

"With the future of our country and state depending to a great extent upon the education of our youth, I am delighted that nearly half of the taxes paid by

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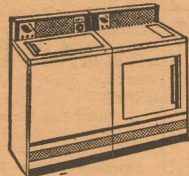
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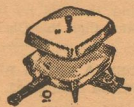
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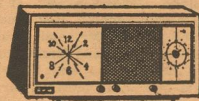
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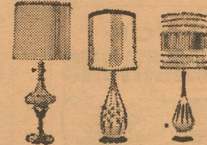
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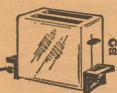
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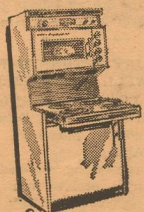
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... busy last week.
... afternoon, Dec. 5,
... row and Mrs. Glenn
... were in Eastland to help
... the basement of the
... Baptist Church and the
... Christmas tree for the annual
... Council Christmas party. In East-
... land on Wednesday, Dec. 6 for

Hendricks, Morrow and Jordan
attended the Pecan Show and
helped in the concession stand
on Friday, December 8th. Mmes.
Wayne White, J. W. O'Neal, Lee
Bishop Bertha Hazard and J. L.
Morrow sent cakes and pies for
the concession stand.
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dean Rod-
gers and sons of Midlothian were
recent visitors of his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers.
Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers
spent the weekend in Austin
with their son and daughter-in-
law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rod-
gers.
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. O'Neal
and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hen-
dricks from the Kokomo Baptist
Church, helped with the service
at the Lawndale Home for Sen-
ior Citizens on Sunday. Mrs. Ida

Powell was the pianist.
Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Eaves and
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eaves spent
Sunday night and Monday in
Fort Worth. D. F. Eaves was on
business trip for Texas Electric
and the others visited with Mr.
and Mrs. Paul Norris and Jackie,
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith and
Tonja and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pil-
low.
Mark and Deliah Eaves were
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oren
Webb and family on Sunday
night.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and
Teddy spent Sunday in Abilene
in the home of their daughter
and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.
Roddy Miles. Also visiting in the
Miles' home were Mrs. Jordan's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lew-
allen of Floydada.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks
were visiting with Mr. and Mrs.
Claude Fuller, Christi and Ricky,
on Sunday night after church.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks
and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. O'Neal
visited on Sunday afternoon in
Gorman with Mrs. W. A. O'Neal.
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nelson
of Arlington were visiting dur-
ing the weekend with his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nelson
and Cassie. They also visited in
Clyde with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Westbrook, and with a bro-
ther who has just returned home
from a tour of duty with the
Army in Germany.
Members of the Kokomo Bap-
tist Church will meet with the
members of the Congregational
Methodist Church at Gorman on
Sunday night, December 17th. A
musical program is being plan-
ned. Everyone has a cordial in-
vitation to attend.
Mrs. William Mae Hendricks
of Eastland visited with Mr. and
Mrs. Albert Hendricks on Mon-
day night.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow and
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Morrow vis-
ited in Huckaby on Sunday af-
ternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. A.
Elston and Charles, and Mr. and
Mrs. Mack Elston and Rowdy.
Mack Elston returned home from
Vietnam last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow
were in Stephenville on Monday
at the bedside of a nephew, Char-
les Elston, who underwent major
surgery at a hospital there.
A Christmas program is being

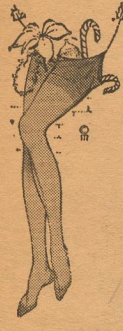
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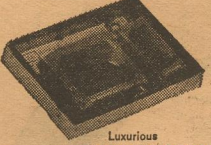
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Louise Hall of Brownwood visited Helen Claxton.
Curley Craig and Albert Johnston of Desdemona visited Katie May.
Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Miears of De Leon visited Vera Hamrick. Alice and Everett Harris of Rising Star visited Nancy Fountain.
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Craighead of Gorman visited Maude Craighead.
J. B. and Iola Johnson and Lennis Rice of Carbon visited Alice Johnson.
Mrs. R. E. Boucher of Gorman and Mrs. Chas. Kearney of Columbus visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Boswell.
Cleo Clement of Gorman and Sherley and Marie White of De Leon visited Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Skaggs.
Lucy Hogan of Cisco and Gene Fields of Carbon visited W. S. McGaha.
Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and Bob of Merkel, Mrs. Virgil Halle of Baird and Dorothy Deatherage of Abilene visited Willie Cosper.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brasher and baby and Mrs. Ida Brasher of Eastland visited Nancy Brownlee.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Akers of Odessa visited Cora Bowles.
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B&B

The following is a list of all the bowl games we have heard about:

December 16

Liberty Bowl, Memphis — No. Carolina State (8-2) vs. Georgia (7-3).

Pecan Bowl, Abilene — North Dakota State (9-0) vs. UT of Arlington.

December 23

Bluebonnet Bowl, Houston — Colorado (8-2) vs. Miami (Fla.).

NFL Division Playoffs
December 24 - Cotton Bowl - Dallas Cowboys vs. Cleveland Browns.

December 25 - The Green Bay Packers vs. winner of the Baltimore Colt-LA Rams game Sunday.

December 25

North-South College All Stars, played in Orange Bowl.

December 30

Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. — Florida State (7-2-1) vs. Penn State (8-2).

Sun Bowl, El Paso — Mississippi (5-3-1) vs. Texas-El Paso (6-2-1)

December 30th - East-West Shrine Game - San Francisco.

December 31st - AFL Division Playoff for Super Bowl and NFL Division Playoff for Super Bowl.

January 1

Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif. — Southern California (9-1) vs. Indiana (9-1).

Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla. — Oklahoma (8-1) vs. Tenn. (8-1).

Sugar Bowl — Wyoming (10-0) vs. Louisiana State (6-3-1).

Cotton Bowl, Dallas — Alabama (7-1-1) vs. Texas A&M (6-4).

January 6th - Senior Bowl at Mobile, Alabama.

January 7th - Super Bowl in the Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla.

January 21st - AFL All-Pro Bowl.

B&B

The B&B finished the season two weeks ago with Joe having a 90% for the week and Herman an 80. This brought their season averages to 84% for Joe and 78 for Herman. Both our averages would have been higher except for TV games. In the 14 or 15 weeks of TV games, we lost 12 or 14 weeks.



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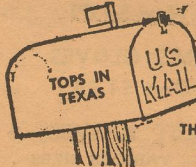
Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Norris spent the weekend in Friona and attended the funeral Saturday of R. S. Henderson, a brother-in-law of Mr. Norris. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Norris of Carbon and Mrs. Ethel Levens of Eastland and Mrs. Trannie McNally of Koko-mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ogle of Ranger visited Sunday with Lorena Clark.



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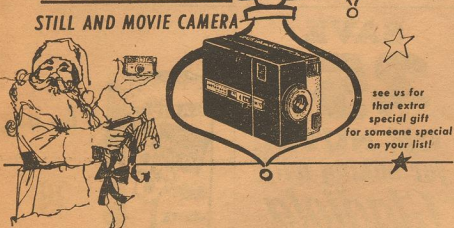
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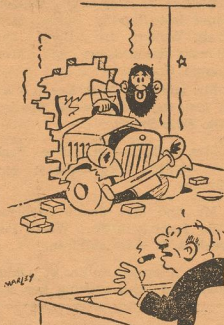
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Jottings 'N Dottings

By Judy Dedeck
 Asst. Co. Home Dem. Agent
 and Robert S. Cohen,
 Asst. Co. Agric. Agent

The Eastland County 4-H Adult Leaders Association elected officers for the coming year at their meeting held recently. Mr. Bob Browder of Gorman will serve as president. Vice-President will be Bill Claborn of Eastland. Mrs. Jo Ann Young of Olden will serve as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. O. L. McDonald of Eastland will represent Eastland County on the District 4-H Adult Leaders Council.

The Eastland County 4-H Council will sponsor a county-wide Christmas Party on Monday, December 18th. The party will be held at the First Christian Church Annex in Eastland beginning at 7:00 p. m. Each 4-H club member in the county should make plans to attend the party.

Committees for the party include: Recreation - Cynthia and Carter Housnel, Tommie Lee, Lynne Pippen, Kay Green, and Bobby Lee. Refreshments - Brenda Browder, Jeanette Jackson and Bobby Williams. Decorations - Suzanne Harbin, Scott Miller, Frank Claborn, Sharon Stedum, and Katie Capers.

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Stella Jarrett and Mrs. C. H. Everett of Olden. The Olden 4-H Club adopted these ladies as their Club Grandmothers. They will serve as the Olden 4-H Club Grandmothers for 1968. We feel as if this is a good way to honor the people who help the 4-H Club Program in the county.

All livestock show entries are due in their respective offices by Friday, December 15, except Houston, San Angelo, Eastland, Cisco, and Abilene. The Houston entries, however, are due by December 31st.

If your animal hasn't been entered in these shows and you wish to do so, then contact the Asst. County Agric. Agent on or before December 14th.

You boys and girls who plan to show in the county livestock show need to be sure you have your lambs and pigs on feed. You can still put a lamb or pig on feed; however, you will want to select larger animals than you would ordinarily do so. The time at which you can no longer place an animal on feed is rapidly approaching. It is already too late to put a calf on feed because, according to show rules, the calves must be on feed by November 1st.

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OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

By FLORENCE RICHARDSON
 Our Thought For The Week:
 He who dwells in the past grows old before his time; He who lives in the future remains forever young.

I guess all are busy getting ready for the holidays. Fruit cakes, candies and plum puddings, getting ready for the tables on Christmas Day. Let's all stop long enough to count our many blessings.

Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wallis of Borger spent last Tuesday night with the A. D. Bryans.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Northcutt and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson were shopping in Abilene Friday.

Mrs. Lillie Gann and Mrs. Hardie Parker of Eastland spent last Sunday with the B. A. Hirsts.

Visiting in the R. H. Watson home last Sunday were Mrs. Craig Waller, Mrs. Bond, the Homer Richardsons and Miss Connie Coan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bryan were in Comanche last week visiting Mrs. Evie Smith.

Mrs. J. C. Goodin of Iowa Park was visiting here Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Atchison were visiting in Fort Worth last week with their children.

Mrs. Maggie Pullin of Oklahoma has been visiting her son

and family the Gene Pullins. Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace have been visiting his parents, the Joe Wallace family.

Don't forget the New Year's Singing Sunday, December 31, starting at 8 p. m. at Oliver Springs. Come, bring someone with you. Refreshments will be served. Come one, Come All!

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