



Martha Foster And Gary Overstreet Exchange Vows

A peaked altar of greenery, flanked by bouquets of white gladiolus formed the background for the wedding of Miss Martha Lynn Foster to Pvt. James Gary Overstreet in the home of the bride's parents Monday, December 18. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Don Turner, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Mineral Wells.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Foster of Gorman. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Overstreet of Route 3, Gorman.

Mrs. Joy Mason was organist and Miss Becky Foster, sister of the bride, was soloist.

Maid of honor was Miss Pam Foster, sister of the bride.

Mr. Neil Overstreet of Madisonville, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an empire gown of white satin overlaid with chantilly lace, long sleeves, scooped neckline and controlled A-line skirt. A crown of pearls held her shoulder-length veil of tulle. She carried a bridal bouquet of white carnations.

The maid of honor wore an empire gown of blue bonded crepe fashioned in the same design as the bride's. She carried a long stemmed white rose.

A graduate of Gorman High School, the bride is a graduate of Draughtons Business College in Abilene.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Gorman High School and attended Ranger Junior College and Texas Christian University. He is stationed in Fort Polk, La. with the U. S. Army.

Reception was held in the home of the bride's parents.

Only immediate members of the families attended the wedding.

TESCO Christmas Party Held Dec. 14 At Brown Jug

Texas Electric Service Company employees of Gorman and De Leon enjoyed a Christmas dinner and Christmas Tree on Thursday evening at the Brown Jug Steak House. The formal dining room was decorated with greenery and a traditional Christmas tree. Arrangements of poinsettias and red tapers graced the tables.

Area Sales Rep., W. C. Browning, served as master of ceremonies and presented Mr. Bill Brown, De Leon and Gorman manager, who welcomed employees and guests and commended the employees for a job well done during the past year.

Gifts were exchanged by the employees and guests. They were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and Rex, Mr. and Mrs. John Locke, Don, Teresa and Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nabors, Wanda Sue, Janice and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ripley and special guests, Mrs. Tom Hallmark and Tony, all of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ripley, Kathy, Tony and Jeff, and Miss Ozella Pulley.

Lone Star Gas Employees Enjoy Christmas Party

Lone Star Gas Company employees of the Gorman office joined the Cisco district employees for a Christmas party held Tuesday, December 12 in the Lutheran Church Annex in Cisco.

Those attending from Gorman were Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Burdette, Mr. and Mrs. Hillary Seay and Mrs. Frankie Jo Harper.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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that rekindles Faith and Peace within the
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FINAL RITES FOR R. W. JACKSON ON SATURDAY

Funeral services for Ronald Wayne Jackson, 31, of 13 Twin Springs Road, Arlington, Texas, were held at 3:00 p. m. Saturday, December 16, in the First Baptist Church of Gorman with Reverend Huron A. Polnac, minister, officiating. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery.

Ronald passed away at his home in Arlington on Friday morning, December 15, 1967 of a heart attack.

He was born June 24, 1936 in Russell, Kansas, and came to Gorman with his parents in July of 1936. He completed high school in Gorman and at the time of his death was employed by the Lighting Supply Co. of Ft. Worth.

He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jerre Jackson of Arlington; one son, Jack of Gorman; two daughters, Jeanette and Annette of Gorman; his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Jackson, Gorman; brother, J. O. Jackson, Jr., Gorman; and a sister, Mrs. W. C. Sloan of Hurst.

He was preceded in death by his father, J. O. Jackson, Sr., in 1959.

Pallbearers were Skip Strickland, Arlington, Frank Kirk, Cleburne, Jack Eison, Everman, Keith Crozier, Fort Worth, and George Warren, Donnie Mauney and Billy Earl Simpson, all of Gorman.

School Holidays

Classes at Gorman Schools will dismiss at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, December 20, following their Christmas program in the afternoon and classes will be resumed on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Junior Department Of First Baptist Visit With Shut-ins

Members of the Junior Class of the First Baptist Church and sponsors held their annual Christmas party Thursday, December 14th. The group met at the church at 7:00 p. m. to bag fruit and candy to deliver to shut-ins. In lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts, they made donations to the Lottie Moon Offering for foreign missions work.

Gift bags of fruit and candy were taken to Lawndale Home, Miss Cora Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Huff, L. D. Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McCormack, Mr. C. L. Curb and Debra Smith. They also sang Christmas Carols at each home.

The Brown Jug Steak House was host for refreshments for the group following the caroling tour.

Those attending were Jack and Annette Jackson, David and Susan Moore, Van Stacy, Kirk Arnold, Scott Marble, Randy and Douglas Warren, Brenda, Sondra Hilton, Tina Sanders, Mike Shipman, Gary Mauney, Krista Henderson and Patti Hirst, and teachers and directors, Mesdames Frankie Jo Harper, Cecil Reeves and Bruce Hirst.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

TOWN HOLIDAYS — Business houses will be closed Monday, December 25, Christmas Day, and Monday, January 1, New Year's Day. These holidays for the business houses are set by the Chamber of Commerce.

Don't forget the New Year's Singing at Oliver Springs on Sunday, December 31st. Come sing with us. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Homer Richardson

Lawndale Home For Senior Citizens Christmas tree will be held on Sunday, December 24th at 2:00 p. m.

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

Voter Registration application blanks are available in all business houses. All persons are required to register to be eligible to vote in the 1968 elections.

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

The Gorman Rebekah Lodge meets each Tuesday evening.

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OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

BY FLORENCE RICHARDSON

Our Thought For The Week:

Without faith we are as stained glass windows in the dark.

We have all been iced in this past week and sometime in the dark, no electricity, but the sun came out once again and today has been a beautiful day.

We had a wonderful singing Sunday afternoon. Had some visitors from Pennsylvania.

Don't know too much news for it has been to bad to get out. Glad to report that Miss Effie Gilmore is able to be at home

Martha Foster Is Shower Honoree On December 12th

Miss Martha Foster, bride-elect of Gary Overstreet, was honored with a gift shower on Tuesday, December 12, in the Educational Building of First Baptist Church.

Co-hostesses were Mesdames Nadine Clement, Esther Espanoza, Virgie Jarrett, Joyce Pence, Ray Rodgers, Frankie Jarrett, Irene West, Virginia Parr, Bertha Bryant, Barbara Love, Lila Pearl Mehaffey, Dorothy Johnson, Hazel Clark and Miss Linda Rodgers.

Receiving guests with the honoree were her mother, Mrs. M. E. Foster, and the mother of the prospective bridegroom, Mrs. Wilburn Overstreet.

The serving table was laid in the bride-elect's chosen colors of white net over blue with single tapers in crystal holders circled with blue flowers. Appointments were of crystal and silver.

Miss Susan Clement registered guests and punch and white cake squares were served by Mrs. Barbara Love and Miss Linda Jarrett.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Almos Lasater and Mrs. J. D. Norris and Mrs. Jana Norris and Dwayne of De Leon.

once again.

Don't forget our New Year's Singing at Oliver Springs on

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Mr. Don Baird, Laboratory Technician at the B&W Clinic in Eastland, and his friend, Dexter, presented the program for the evening. The ventriloquist act was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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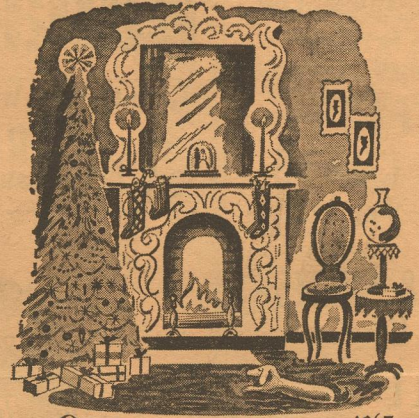
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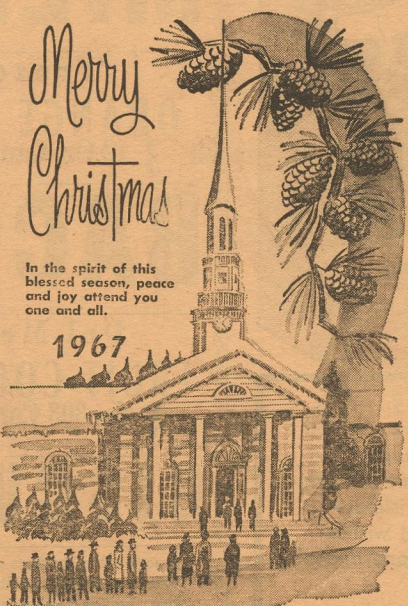
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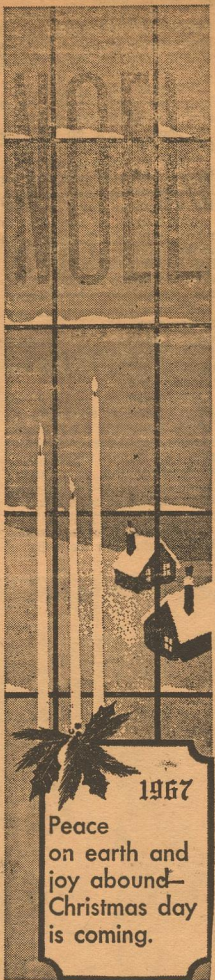
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Christmas

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**Something for
Christmas**

BY SAM POPE

Jed Cranford turned his back on the small gathering and walked back to his foxhole. Settling down, he lit a cigarette and looked upward at a cloudy Vietnam sky. He brought his gaze down, to the distant hills. The Cong-infested hills. They were still the enemy. Tomorrow's mission would be seek and destroy. If anything, he knew, tomorrow he would be a better soldier. He would lead his men, firmly, with cautious deliberation, as a good sergeant should, but tonight he would sleep a sleep of peace. Within himself, violent hate had been replaced by a spirit of quiet determination. Jed Cranford was not a man given to impulse. He was always certain just where he would make his next footprint. He had stayed for a long time in the foxhole, watching the crowd gather on the protected side of the knoll. He had envied the men on the hill, their eagerness, their patient waiting, the something they had to believe in that set them a bit apart from the rest. But he had never thought he wanted even a small part of it.



He saw the men on the hillside stir into movement.

What Jed had wanted, and what he had achieved, was the life of a career Army man. He didn't always know where he would be tomorrow, but he knew what he would be doing. He would be working at a job that suited him, leading men, instructing, training. This was Jed's third war. He didn't like to admit it, but he was a bit bothered by the hate that had been born within him during this one—in the rice fields and on the scarred hillsides. It was not what he had seen; he had seen worse. It was something within, born on the inside and nourished by no outside elements. He had wondered, only yesterday, if it might be that he was getting too old for this kind of a life. Perhaps, unconsciously, he was rejecting everything that so long had been 'abit and custom.

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

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

It was a scene Jed had seen many times. It had never interested him before. Yet, somehow, this time, he felt the need to be a part of something. Not just because it was Christmas Eve, but because Jed suddenly felt alone and friendless. He made his way to the edge of the group, not sitting, but standing somewhat to the side, near enough to hear the words of the stocky one.

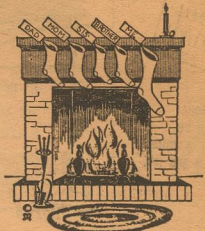
"And, you may be inclined to despair and not remember that it is the Christmas season. Tell yourself that this is a dirty business and that it is unfair for you to be here in this dirty business, doing a dirty job that you don't like to do. Why were you called upon to make this sacrifice? Why you, and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

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



Christmas
A Child born
ger brought to the
a promise of peace and
good will. May this blessing
enhance the lives of
you and yours.

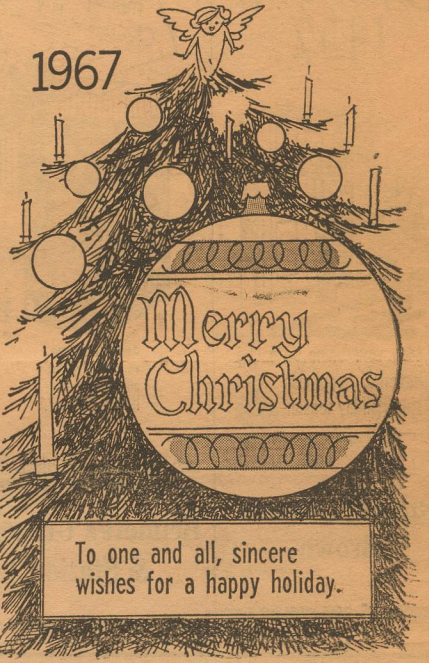
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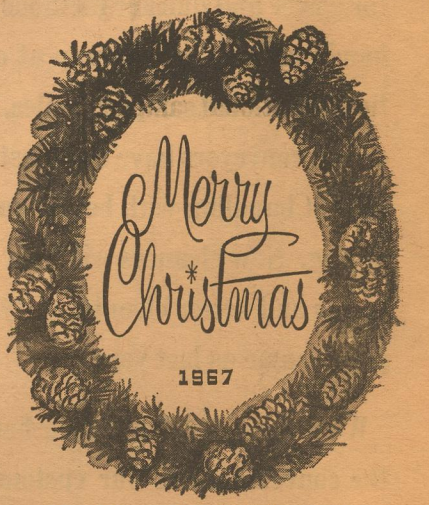
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It was shortly after the turn of the century. My trade was that of a drummer. Today you would call me a salesman. My territory was determined by fancy and, sometimes, by a weatherbeaten horse named Napoleon. Whichever fork of the road suited Napoleon, suited me. Napoleon huffed and puffed along, pulling a wagon load of pots and pans and assorted dry goods. I let him go his way until we came to a lane that led toward a promising farm house.

I had learned, through the years, to make it my business to let darkness catch me only in the vicinity of some sort of habitat which offered the promise of warmth and comfort for the passing of night.

Trouble

On this particular occasion, which just happened to be Christmas Eve, I was in unfamiliar territory, somewhere in southern Mississippi. A broken wagon axle had brought Napoleon to a sudden, groaning halt. I set the animal free while I set about seeing what I could do to make repairs.



I was in unfamiliar territory on Christmas Eve.

As you may imagine, it took me a long time, even though I hurried as fast as I could, spurred on by dark and ominous skies that threatened—even promised a siege of bad weather.

When I had finished with the job—you guessed it—Napoleon was gone. He was nowhere in sight.

I ran up the road, shouting, whistling, until I was forced to sit and rest. I returned to the wagon and looked in the forest on each side of the road. But, Napoleon was gone—and the rain which began slowly at first, came now in torrential fashion.

Shelter

I hastily pulled a tarpaulin over my wares, and myself. For a time, I was dry and warm. Then water seeped around the edges of the tarpaulin . . . a trickle or two at first, then a steady stream, down the side boards and across the wagon bed until I was thoroughly wet.

It was an hour or two before dark when I decided to look up the road for help or assistance, knowing full well it might be 10 or 15 miles to the nearest sign of civilization.

I had not gone far when I met him. He was an old fellow, white-bearded and dressed in tattered clothing, ambling toward me as if it were the brightest day in May. At his heels, following nonchalantly, a very nondescript mule.

"My name is Karl," he said. "And my friend, here, is Dancer."

"Hello," I said. "Have you seen a horse up ahead?"

"Not horse, nor human, for

miles. Dancer and me, we're just headed home."

"I need help," I pleaded. "Shelter for the night, or I'll buy your mule. I have a wagon load of supplies and . . ."

"Dancer will gladly help. But, he's not for sale. He is much too valuable to me."

"Then, you'll go with me to the next house or town?"

"Not I. I have things to do. Dancer will take you. Just set him free when you are there. He will come back to me."

One learns, as they say, to never look a gift mule in the mouth. I hitched up Dancer, bid farewell to old Karl and, after he refused any compensation, started again up the road.

When I reached the next community, Napoleon was waiting patiently. The moment I set Dancer free, off he was, back along the road we had just traveled.

Maybe there's nothing unusual about my story. Except for the fact that no one in the community had ever heard or seen an old man fitting Karl's description. And, in the many later years I traveled the same location, I could never discover or learn anything about him.

I wonder if he had something to do with the Spirit of Christmas.

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CHU LAI, VIETNAM (AHT-NC) — Willard S. Robinett, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard C. Robinett, Route 1, Gorman, was promoted to Army Specialist Four November 27, while serving as a clerk in Company C, 3rd Battalion of the 196th Brigade's 21st Infantry, near Chu Lai, Vietnam.

Spec. Robinett received his B. S. degree in 1967 from Tarleton State College, Stephenville.

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Christmas 1967



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A Look At Eastland Co. Agriculture

USDA-ASCS
By Jesse G. Meredith

The Eastland County Pecan Show held in Cisco last weekend was a real success. Some-

times we fail to see the real value of a show like this. Some real planning was evident. Pecans play an important part to our county's economy and will continue to increase. This is real pecan country and one of the few areas of the state that produce a crop in 1967. Some reports indicate \$100 or better yield per acre in 1967. The growing of

pecans take real planning and a number of years to develop. It was most interesting to me to read the little pamphlet developed by the pecan growers association relative to the food value of pecans.

The peanut harvest is 99 percent complete as of December 15th. Marketing will continue

until well after the first of the year. Marketing cards must be returned to the ASCS Office not later than January 29 as we must send our production report in by February 1.

We believe that we have one of our best cover crops in history on the ground this year. Favorable conditions have attributed

to this success. The cover crop practice is designed to help prevent wind erosion that occurs during the winter months. Several producers have tried winter peas for the first time this year. I noted a real good field of winter peas on the D. B. Warren farm in the Gorman area this week. Peas are especially good as a soil builder and will prepare

the ground for the following year. Producers are reminded that the cover crop must be left on the ground until April 1, 1968 to guard against wind erosion. Federal cost-shares amount to approximately 50 percent of the cost of carrying out the practice.

This office is in the process now of paying cost-shares due on the winter cover crop practices. As in prior years we will not be able to complete payments by January 1, 1968 but we will do so as time permits. We have about 700 applications for the practice which takes time to complete.

H. V. O'Brien, editor of the Eastland Telegram, presented a program on Tuesday, December 12 to the Eastland Lions Club on the agriculture and civic activities of the late J. M. Cooper, retired county agent. The program was most interesting. I shall never forget the fine working relationship with Mr. Cooper. He was most helpful in getting me acquainted with the farmers and ranchers of Eastland County.

The County Committee met on December 13 to tabulate 1968 cotton referendum ballots. A total of 87 producers voted out of an estimated 130 eligible voters. Eastland County cotton producers voted 83 for and 4 against marketing quotas for 1968. Producers who intend to sell or lease their 1968 cotton should remember the deadline is January 2, 1968.

DESDEMONA BOY'S 1967-68 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

There will be no girls basketball team or no Junior High teams at Desdemona this season.

Jan. 2 - Carbon - There
Jan. 5 - Olden - Here
Jan. 9 - Gorman - Here
Jan. 12 - Gorman - There

Conference games begin January 16 to February 16, on Tuesday and Friday night. All games begin at 8:00 p. m.

Conference Games
January 16 - Huckaby - There with "B" game at 7:00
Jan. 19 - Lipan - Here
Jan. 23 - Strawn - There
Jan. 26 - Lingleville - There
Jan. 30 - Gordon - Here
Feb. 2 - Huckaby - Here with "B" game at 7:00
Feb. 6 - Lipan - There
Feb. 9 - Strawn - Here
Feb. 13 - Lingleville - Here
Feb. 16 - Gordon - There

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May The Joy Of The Holiday
Season Bring Peace And Happiness
To Every Heart!

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"Oldest Bank In Eastland County"

Christmas 1967



Peace, joy, and all the blessings of Christmas be yours this holy season.

SOUTHWESTERN PEANUT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

ROSS WILSON, Manager
Gorman, Texas



LOVELY SCENTS FOR HER ON CHRISTMAS

1967

Because Christmas is the time to remember good friends, we are thinking of you and wish you a happy holiday.

ARTISTIC BEAUTY SALON

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Joy to the World



May the spirit of Christmas surround us all and let the deep meaning of this great holiday remain within our hearts. 1967

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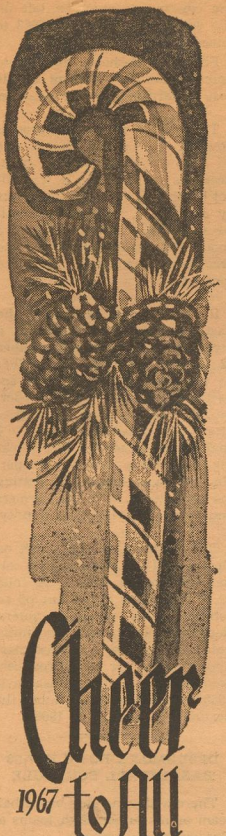


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Joy to the world in this Christmas season. May the blessings of the day reach into every heart.

LAWDALE HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

DIAL RE 4-5720 GORMAN



Cheer to All

And the happiest of holidays to all our good friends.

Weeping Oak Drive In Theatre

Christmas Greetings to All...
1967



We hope you're on the way to a happy, happy holiday.

Stacy Gulf Station

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Dean Stacy, Scott and Julia

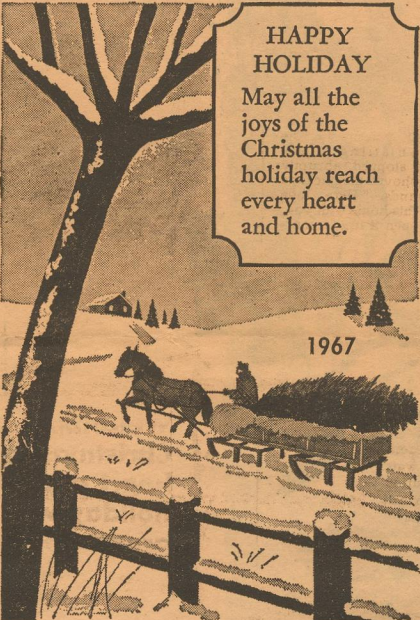
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HAPPY HOLIDAY
May all the joys of the Christmas holiday reach every heart and home.

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Seasons Greetings

May the true spirit of Christmas be with you and yours...

1967

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Annual Christmas Party For WSC Held December 11

There was no snow nor sleigh bells ringing but the Spirit of Christmas was surely present on Monday, December 11, 1967, when 12 members of the Woman's Study Club met for their annual Christmas Party. The Brown Jug Dining Room was the place with the tables very pretty and gay with their Christmas decorations. Under the beautifully decorated Christmas tree went all the White Elephant Gifts concealed in their colorful wrappings.

Mrs. Buel Bryan offered the Prayer of Thanks - for our Country, for our Friends, for our Families, for our God, and for our bountiful table of food.

Each member brought a covered dish for the buffet supper with Mr. Farrow having prepared the ham with pineapple, hot rolls, coffee or tea. Such a variety of dishes to choose from that it was a task to manage to sample everything.

Following the meal each club member present answered roll call with either a Bible verse or a family tradition pertaining to the holiday season.

Now for the Christmas tree - surprisingly enough what one considers a White Elephant someone else is delighted to receive. All this makes for merriment and the money we would have spent buying a gift for each other goes into the Dr. Rodgers Scholarship Fund. This is one of our pet projects and we are looking forward to the day when this fund can come to the aid of some deserving person in advancing their education - preferably in nursing or even in becoming a doctor.

Well fed, delighted with our gift from under the tree, and full of gaiety and happiness, we adjourned until next year wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

1967-68 GORMAN HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 5 - De Leon - There
Jan. 9 - Blanket - Here
Jan. 12 - Desdemona - Here

*Jan. 16 - Moran - Here
*Jan. 19 - Olden - There
*Jan. 23 - Carbon - Here
*Jan. 26 - Putnam - There
*Feb. 2 - Moran - There
*Feb. 6 - Olden - Here
*Feb. 9 - Carbon - There
*Feb. 13 - Putnam - Here

* Denotes District Games

For **COLDS** take **666**



The Christmas tree May yours be bright and gay and surrounded with gifts for and from all of your loved ones.

MR. AND MRS. V. E. OVERSTREET



Merry Christmas

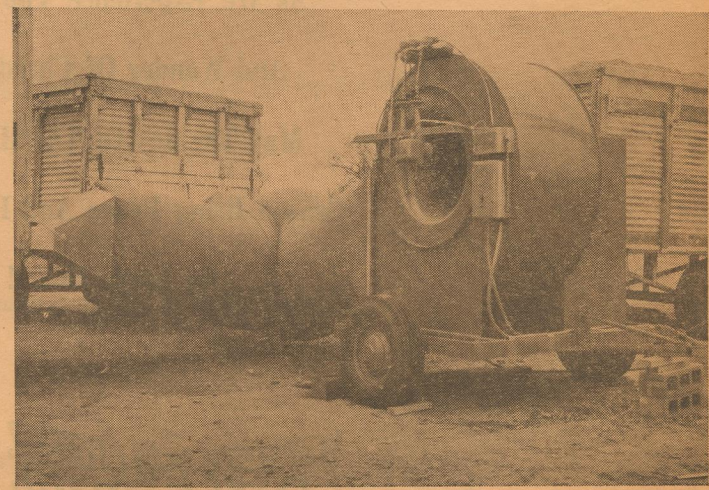
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May the joy of this holy season warm every heart; May the days ahead reflect the peace of this greatest of all holidays.

GORMAN INSURANCE AGENCY

SANTA WON'T HEAR THIS ONE WHEN HE PASSES!

Merry Christmas



Bill Slaton's Southwest Dryer Service

GORMAN, TEXAS 76454



MERRY Christmas

Sincere wishes for a Christmas filled with joy and love. Peace on earth to all good men.

1967

Acree Auto Service

COMMERCIAL Christmas

BY PATRICIA PEEL

Alice Barr stepped behind the notions counter, slipped off her shoes and reached down to soothe the sore muscles of her instep.

Four more hours and it would be all over. Hooray! If she could still move she would surely dance a jig!

"Alice, Alice," came the call. "Change on number two."

"I'm coming. I'm coming. Just a moment."

"Hey, Alice, we need some dimes on five. We can hardly make any change at all."

Alice tossed the hair from her eyes with a shake of her blonde head. "You're next, five. Just cool it for a moment or two."

"The guy who said Christmas is too commercial has my vote", she muttered to herself as she went from two to five, and then to four, and then to pacing the floor again.

People! Alice had been around a long time. She felt she knew people pretty well. Just looking about now, she spotted people that she saw frequently during the year. They always bought the cheapest items in stock — except at Christmas. Then, it seemed, they hardly glanced at price tags. See something, pick



Why can't people be as sensible at Christmas as the rest of the year, she wondered.

It up, look at it, buy it. Many of these people had charge accounts. It took some of them so long to pay up, Alice knew they spent "over their heads" each Christmas season.

Why can't people be as sensible at Christmas as they are the rest of the year, she wondered.

With no one calling for her at the moment, Alice stepped behind the candy counter and took off her shoes. She rubbed sore foot against sore foot. "I wonder, Alice," she said almost aloud, "if you would feel differently if you had someone — anyone — that you cared about." I would not be foolish, she reassured herself. "I'm too level-headed. I'd give a sensible gift. Something inexpensive. Something useful."

"Alice, check on two," came the call.

The hours wore away. Finally, the doors were shut and the shades drawn. One by one, the slow customers were let through and finally the clerks were dashing madly about, each hurrying to be among the first to check out and head for a holiday at home.

Alice, of course, was among the last to finish. She was always among the last. But, she didn't care. She had only the apartment to go to, and no plans for any part of the holiday.

No Hurry The manager let her out the door and for a moment Alice stood watching the shoppers hurrying homeward. She turned and idly looked at the store windows. Some of them were half-empty. Most of the toys were gone — remaining were a drum, a small wagon and a little train set — which someone had failed to disconnect. The engine and three cars scooted merrily around the track.

Alice knocked on the door for several minutes before the manager came. "Mr. Weddle, I want that train set. Please help me box it."

Mr. Weddle wrinkled his brows, and without a word reached under a counter for the box.

Outside again, Alice stood on the corner, hugging the train set as if it were some very precious item. The streets were more deserted now. And, people seemed in more of a hurry than ever.

Finally, an elderly woman and a little boy came by. The lad was whistling "Jingle Bells." He stopped abruptly when Alice shoved the package into his hands. "Here, little boy. Take this home with you, and don't open it until tomorrow."

She turned away, hurrying herself now, suddenly aware that she was whistling "Jingle Bells" and that for some reason, her feet didn't seem to bother her at all.

APPLE PEANUT CAKE SQUARES

- 1 1/2 cup sliced apples
- 3/4 cup cane syrup or molasses
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 2 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 cup shopped roasted peanuts

Peel and slice apples and cook slowly in molasses until tender; cool. Melt shortening in hot water. Add sifted dry ingredients to make a smooth batter. Stir in molasses, apples and chopped nuts that have been floured with 1 tablespoon flour. Turn into a greased and floured pan and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F) 30 to 45 minutes. Serve warm, either plain or with creole fluff.

THE GORMAN PROGRESS, Eastland Co.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Winter scenes, the scent of pine, the sound of children laughing . . . may these and all the other beautiful things that mean Christmas fill your holiday brimful of happiness.

JERRY, LYLA PEARL & LYLA SUE MEHAFFEY

Merry Christmas

And may the true spirit of the season be yours this Yule . . .

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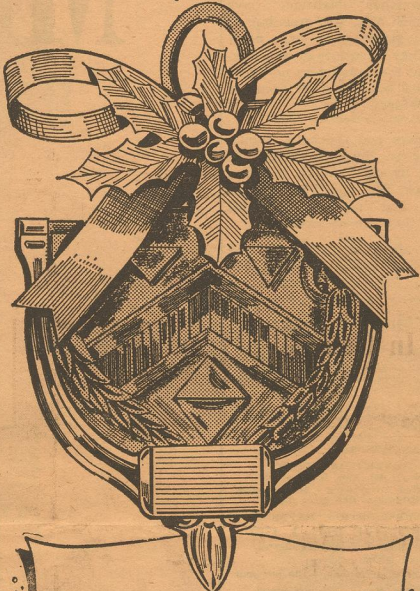


May your holiday season be filled to overflowing with happy hours and good friends.

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

BROWN'S FEED STORE

Best Wishes 1967



Welcome the warmth of Christmas in your heart and indeed your holiday will be greatly blessed.

Lo's Beauty Shop



CHRISTMAS JOY

1967

And may the true spirit of the season be yours this Yule . . .

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FOR CHILDREN -

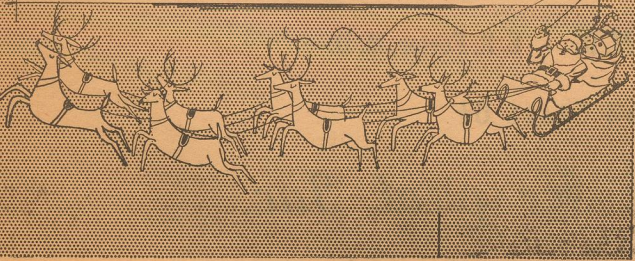
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Merry Christmas 1967

We wish for you all the traditional joy and happiness of the Yuletide season.



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Holiday Greetings



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THE GORDON SPOT

By Dee Gordon,
County Agricultural Agent
Eastland County

Many people had a part in making the pecan show and queen's contest a success last week. We wish we could thank everyone personally for their help and contribution.

Eighty-five winning pecan entries were sent to the West Texas Regional pecan show in Abilene to compete with the best pecans in West Texas December 15-16.

Mrs. Fred Butler of the Cook community near Sabanno brought some of the largest turnips to my office that I have ever seen. They were perfectly shaped and weighed about three pounds each. She said they had a big turnip crop this year.

Greenbugs and winter grain mites are building up in large numbers in wheat and oat fields in many areas of the state. I have not heard of any reports of insects in Eastland County small grain. The small grain should be carefully watched and particular attention should be given in detecting these insects. Farmers should be on the lookout for yellow spots appearing in their small grain fields which may indicate the presence of the greenbug. The weather conditions have been such that the greenbug is able to build up in large numbers. They reproduce in cool weather but their predators normally live and reproduce in warmer temperatures.

Farmers and ranchers should also be on the lookout for the annual invasion of lice on their livestock. These pests will reduce profits and increase feed bills unless they are controlled.

You might like to have a copy of MP-691, "Texas Guide for Controlling External Parasites of

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MYF Enjoy Party On Wednesday - To Go Caroling 24th

Eighteen Methodist youth gathered in Fellowship Hall last Wednesday evening for their annual Christmas party.

As each one entered they were requested to make a cap of red and green crepe paper and wear it during the entire evening. There were several unique ones

constructed but the winner in the boy's division was Joel Sayers, and the winner in the girl's division was Sherry Jobe. Christmas carols were played during the meal, which was of the Mexican variety and touched off with pop corn balls. A large Christmas tree was decorated and gifts exchanged and Rev. Joe Davis supplied the gang with games that were thoroughly en-

joyed by everyone. Those in attendance at the gala event were Bill Clark, Mike Duran, David Armstrong, Joel Sayers, Tresa Duran, Karen Kirk, Christi Duran, Brenda Weldon, Mary Kirk, Doyle Shipman, Linda Rodgers, Sherry Jobe, Cathy Parr, Kathy Wright, Sarah Kirk, Rev. Joe Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Othell Clark. The MYF group will sing at

the Lawndale Home and will go Caroling Sunday evening after worship services.



GREETINGS

The meaning of the first Christmas Eve lights up the holiday with peace and good will. Our Best wishes.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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

Let Us All Remember The True Spirit Of
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