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## APPROVE BOND ISSUE HOSPITAL DISTRICT VOTERS

Gorman area residents approved the authorization of the South Eastland County Hospital District to issue the \$312,000 in bonds in the election held Saturday with 216 taxpaying owners voting for the bond sale issue and 78 against. 19 non-property owners cast votes for the issue and 2 against. A total of 315 votes were cast.

Passage of the bond issue now enables the district to complete the acquisition of the Blackwell Hospital from the estate of the late D. V. Rodgers, who put up the collateral to build the facility.

Sale of the bonds will be secured in the very near future and according to E. G. Henderson, vice-president of the Board of Directors, there is no way of knowing how much of the 75 cents tax the district would have to assess. He also stated that the hospital has operated at a profit for the past three months and if this continues taxation may not be necessary. In the event taxation is necessary no taxes will be involved until at least October, 1973.

When the bonds are sold the funds will be used to pay off the amount the hospital owes Stephenville Savings and Loan Assn., the firm which financed its construction. Interest on the loan from the Stephenville firm is nine percent and with the passage of the bond issue Saturday will make it possible for the district to borrow funds to pay off the loan at about six percent.

Area voters had approved creation of the hospital district and granted it taxing authority in 1969 to assess a tax of no more than 75 cents per \$100 valuation. The issuance of bonds was the only issue in the election held on Saturday.

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## Christmas Party For Lawndale Residents Held

Residents of Lawndale Home for Senior Citizens enjoyed their Christmas Party Sunday night, December 17.

All gathered around the lovely tree and decorated lobby of the home for the exchanging of gifts with each receiving three or more gifts. Ladies of the Kokomo Demonstration Club presented the program which included singing of carols and as they were singing Jingle Bells Santa Claus appeared to the delight of everyone, to pass out gifts.

Many of the families of the residents of the home were present for the party.

little contest she pushed in the spring of 1936, a kind of personal challenge to the pupils to see how many books they could read before school ended. I read 16 books! I don't know how many books other kids read, but I do know that today many first graders cannot read even one book through during first grade. We all learned to read, I think. And that is just about the best tribute a teacher can have. There must be hundreds of others who appreciate her for getting them off on the right foot in first grade.

I note that Mrs. Harrell left three grandchildren. I hope they were fortunate enough to have a first grade teacher as special as mine. If they didn't learn to read in school, I'll bet grandmother held a book reading contest at home!

Sincerely yours,  
Joe B. Swan  
Professor, Journalism  
Calif. State University  
San Jose, Calif.

Thanks, Joe. Last time I saw Jimmy Mehaffey he was operating a TV cable company near Tyler, and is doing real well. The obituary on Mrs. Harrell was not sent to us and R. C. Mehaffey didn't tell us.

Gorman is fortunate in continuing to have dedicated teachers. Incidentally, we have a new high school building, new hospital, fine nursing home and many other improvements in our fair city.

## Lighting Contest Winners Named

Out of town judges, new even to the county, but with some experience in balance, colors, lighting, etc., judged the entries in Gorman on Monday night. They were especially pleased to find the competition was so great. Although they gave more points to the ones they thought deserved it, they commented on the great amount of work and cooperation shown by all entries.

First place was Johnnie Baze who will receive a Ready-Lite compliments of Texas Electric Service Co.

Second place, with just one door or window, was Dorenda Underwood, who will receive an electric heater compliments of Texas Electric Service Co.

Third place went to Sue Spivey who received \$15 in cash. Fourth place Sue Simmons who received \$10.00 in cash compliments of Gorman Chamber of Commerce.

The winner in the Commercial division was Ray's Electric who will receive a plaque with his name and the year engraved on it and the privilege of displaying it until the judging takes place next year.

Gene Foster, president of the Chamber of Commerce stated: "I want to thank the people that entered. Everyone was worthy of consideration. The winning entry did not receive the highest number of points in all four categories, but placed very high in all categories, which was originality (maximum of 30 points) Ingenuity (maximum 30 p'ts.) artistic (max. 20 pts.) and lighting techniques (max. 20). Drive by and see all of the pretty homes, some of which were entered, but all are beautiful to see.

Those entered were: Dorothy Hatcher, Donna Jay, Dale Brightwell, Don Spraberry, W. R. Jarrett, Ellen Gressett, Sue Simmons, Johnnie Baze, Bill Simmons, Sue Spivey, Bonnie Zink, Troy Scitern, Beth Anderson, Vicki Redman, Sunny Kellog, James Swanner, Gene Simmons, and Dorenda Underwood.

Thank you for your part in making Gorman more beautiful during this Christmas season.

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## CARD OF THANKS

My wife joins me in thanking Dr. Pino and Dr. Canut and the hospital staff for the fine treatment I received during my stay in Blackwell Hospital. Also to the friends who visited us and those who carried us to and from the hospital and for the cards and many other kindnesses we thank you.

A. V. Littlefield

—GP—

## 3 PANTHERS ON ALL-AREA HM 6-B TEAM

Three Panther Squad men were named this week as receiving honorable mention on the Class B All Area Team. They were David Shipman, offensive guard and defensive linebackers, ends, Kelly Henderson and Ricky Fuller.

Honorable mention on the 6-B All District Football Team were Bimbo Roberts, David Porter and Bill Baze, offense. Stebb Stinnett and James Webb de ensive.

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## EASTLAND COUNTY CENTENNIAL NEWS

Monroe Rollins has announced these additions to the Executive Committee of the Eastland County Centennial organization: Bill Auvenshine of Ranger and Ranger Junior College, Chairman of Spectacle Ticket Sales; Carl Garrett of Eastland, Chairman of Publicity; and George Brazell of Desdemona and Cisco Junior College, Chairman of Special Events.

This completes the filling of all spots on the Executive Committee.

## O. A. Kinney Laid To Rest December 14th

O. A. Kinney, 69, long time Stamford merchant, died at 8:45 p. m. Tuesday at Stamford Memorial Hospital December 12, 1972, where he was taken following an apparent heart attack at his home at 6:30 p. m.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 p. m. Thursday at St. John's United Methodist Church in Stamford with Rev. Jarrell Sharp, pastor, and Rev. Thurman Morgan of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, a retired minister, officiating.

Burial was in Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford under direction of Kinney Funeral Home.

Mr. Kinney was born July 9, 1903 in Docket. He was a 1923 graduate of Abilene

Christian College where he was a member of the Ex-Lettermen's Association.

He married Flora Clark Sept. 8, 1929 at Comanche and went to Stamford in 1932. He was past director of the Retail Furniture Association, a member of the Stamford Rotary Club of which he was past president, a Mason and Shriner and had served as a member of the city council.

He was co-owner with his son in the Kinney Furniture Company. He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church.

Mr. Kinney was reared in Gorman and was a member of Gorman's first football team. He graduated in 1921. His wife was a former teacher in the Gorman schools.

Survivors include his wife, Flora, of Stamford; one son, Ray Kinney of Stamford; two grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Bertie White of Miami, Fla.; two brothers, Henry of Stamford and Frank of Fort Worth.

## RECEIVES DEGREES FROM TARLETON

David Oliver of Plainview, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Etheridge of Gorman received the Bachelor of Science Degree in General Agriculture from Tarleton State College in commencement exercises held on Sunday, Dec. 17 in Wisdom Gymnasium.

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## LAWNDALE NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thanks to th ladies of the Kokomo Home Demonstration Club for their time and devotion in helping each month with the birthday parties and the help they have given to the residents of the home on other occasions.

We also appreciate the members of the Church of Christ, First Baptist Church and the First United Methodist Church for presenting Sunday services and helping in other work with our residents.

Thank you and God bless you.

# Merry Christmas



*Let us share with friends and with family the traditional customs, the decorations, the giving of gifts. Let us take the spirit of Christmas into our heart, with all the joy and the happiness that comes with the Greatest Gift of All.*

*Merry Christmas. Peace on earth. Good will to all. This is the season of seasons. The holiday of holidays. Unto the world a Saviour is born and the hope that came into the heart of mankind on that night long ago in Bethlehem is strengthened anew.*

## Questionnaire On Peanut Diseases Mailed

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced that a questionnaire on peanut diseases is being sent to about 5 percent of the peanut farmers in the Central Texas peanut producing area.

The questionnaire asks farmers to give their opinion on the amount of acreage infested with underground plant diseases.

Commissioner White stated, "I hope the farmers will take an interest in returning the questionnaire to the Texas Department of Agriculture, 301 West Navarro, De Leon, Texas 76444. The information from the questionnaire will be used to guide the Department in developing peanut research projects for the 1973 and 1974 crop years."

## BENEFIT MEXICAN DINNER SET FOR THURSDAY - 6 TO 8 P. M.

The Mexican Dinner, sponsored by the Gorman Community Christian Catholic Organization, will be held from 6 to 8 p. m. Thursday, December 22nd in the Gorman School Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$1.75 for adults and \$1.25 for children. All proceeds from the dinner will be used toward the building of a church in Gorman.

If you have not been contacted by a representative of the organization for a ticket, you may purchase them at the Progress office.

—GP—

Elvy Clark and Mrs. Josephine Hatchett of Corpus Christi will arrive Thursday for a four day visit with his brothers and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. George Hollifield, Mr. and Mrs. Speedy Clark, D. R. Clark, Lorena Clark and Estelle Craddock.



By Kernel Gene Baker, aPo

Thank's to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater for bringing the Kernel a sample of their products.

## 100 PROOF STILL OPERATING IN KOKOMO

As a rule the Kernel does not publicize things of this nature, and I try not to mention names, but times being as they are it should be brought to the public's attention. As most everyone knows Kokomo is noted for its doing things in a big way, and the Kernel has enjoyed many happy hours in their community and partaken of much fine food but my ethics as a publisher requires me to make the following statement: Early in the week, I entered my office and was told there was a fifth of 100 proof in my ice box.

Somewhat surprised I rushed back and opened the door. Sure enough there was a brown paper sack with a bottle inside. I immediately opened the sack, uncorked the bottle, tasted the contents and it was 100 percent pure cow's cream. Being an addict to liquid of this type I drank a third of the fifth. Do you know there are people in big cities that do not know what real cream is.

12-7-72

Dear Mr. Baker:

Mrs. Mary May Mehaffey Harrell died the other day in a Lubbock nursing home, and I read her obituary in the paper I used to work for in Brownwood. And I'm sure you wrote a story about her in the Progress.

She was my teacher in first grade in Gorman when I started to school in 1935. And I did not see her again after first grade that I recall. So my memories are not clouded by anything that happened in her life before or after the 1935-36 school year.

In other words, for me Mrs. Harrell is, was, will always be "my first grade teacher." I am able to put her off in a little corner room of my mind reserved for "my first grade teacher" — a little room from a schoolhouse long since torn down in Gorman (they built the new school while I was in Dorothy Dean's second grade class).

What do I see when I visit that little first grade class room in my mind's eye? I see a widow of seven years raising a son, Charles Edwin Harrell, Jr., on a teacher's salary during the depression, and I recall that as a first grader I knew she had to supplement that salary by selling insurance in the evening. That was one of her tough years, I'm sure.

In the classroom she was a strict disciplinarian. Even her nephew, Jimmy Mehaffey, who called her "Aunt Mary" in class and got away with it, didn't get any other special favors. There was no kindergarten in Gorman Schools. Maybe there isn't even today. So the first grade teacher had a bunch of rowdy kids who got a never been in a class room before. During that first year she was supposed to teach us to read. I recall a



# Merry Christmas

## Holy Night

and all is calm with  
prayers for a peaceful  
earth and love be-  
tween fellowmen. Our  
prayers are with you  
for a wonderful  
Christmas season.



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*Letters To Santa*

Dear Santa Claus  
I would like a bike and a race car set. I would like a walkie talkie.  
Love  
JAMIE

Dear Santa Claus - I would like a pair of house shoes and a coat and a record player and a packages of cake mix and a piano and a pool table and a bottle of glue.  
and a Merry Christmas  
Love, SHAY

Dear Santa: - I want a pivot pool. I want a guns box too.  
Love, EDDIE

Dear Santa Claus: - I want a bike and some glus and a doll and a ball.  
Love - Rosemary  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa - I would like a typewriter and I would like a basketball and I would like a pair of go go boots and I would like a piano and I would like another purse and I would like some kind of game and I would like a pair of pans and I would like 5 sweats.  
Love - SUSAN

Dear Santa Claus  
Baby temler Love  
Baby Carriage  
I want a now pair of shoes  
I want a now snowmaker  
I want a piano  
Love  
BRENDA

Merry Christmas Santa  
Dear Santa Claus  
I want a bb gun and sum b. b. s to. I want a greenhorn badge and gobs of candy canes. and a battle ship game and a walkie talkie and a pivot pool.  
Love  
DANE

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a bow and arrow set, a new football, and a pool table, and a rock'em sock'em robot and boots.  
Love  
RANDY

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a Babby Dear one and a hair Styling head. Love  
KATHY ANN SNIDER

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a house  
Love  
VIRGINIA

Dear Santa Claus  
A plow  
Love  
JOHNNY

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a S S P toy and I hope you have a good Christmas  
Love  
TIMMY

Dear Santa Claus  
Love  
RAY  
a gun sit a car sit a cat

Dear Santa Claus  
I would like a typewriter and go go boots, and a basket ball and a piano and a purse and I want a baton.  
Love  
STACY  
Merry Christmas

**MARVIN NIX UNDERGOES SURGERY IN LONGVIEW**

Marvin Nix, former resident of Gorman and employee of Mobil Oil Company in Desdemona, underwent surgery Tuesday in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview. His condition is considered quite serious.  
Those who may wish to send get well cards may address them to Good Shepherd Hospital, Room A-406, Longview, Texas 75801.  
-GP-

*Greetings*



Best wishes to you at this special holiday time. Peace, good will to you and yours.

MARY MEHAFFEY

**KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS**

Mary Mehaffey left Sunday for an extended visit with her sons, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mehaffey in Old Ocean and Lt. Col. and Mrs. W. L. Mehaffey at Laughlin AFB at Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Miears, Jr. of Austin and Mrs. E. C. Watson and Carl of Midland spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. L. F. Miears, and Mr. and Mrs. James Miears.

Doyle Shipman and his roommate, Mike Crow, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lindon Shipman and attended the graduation exercises of Burl Harper at Tarleton State College Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens of Odessa and Tracy Harwell of Eastland visited Sunday with Speck and Terry Clark.

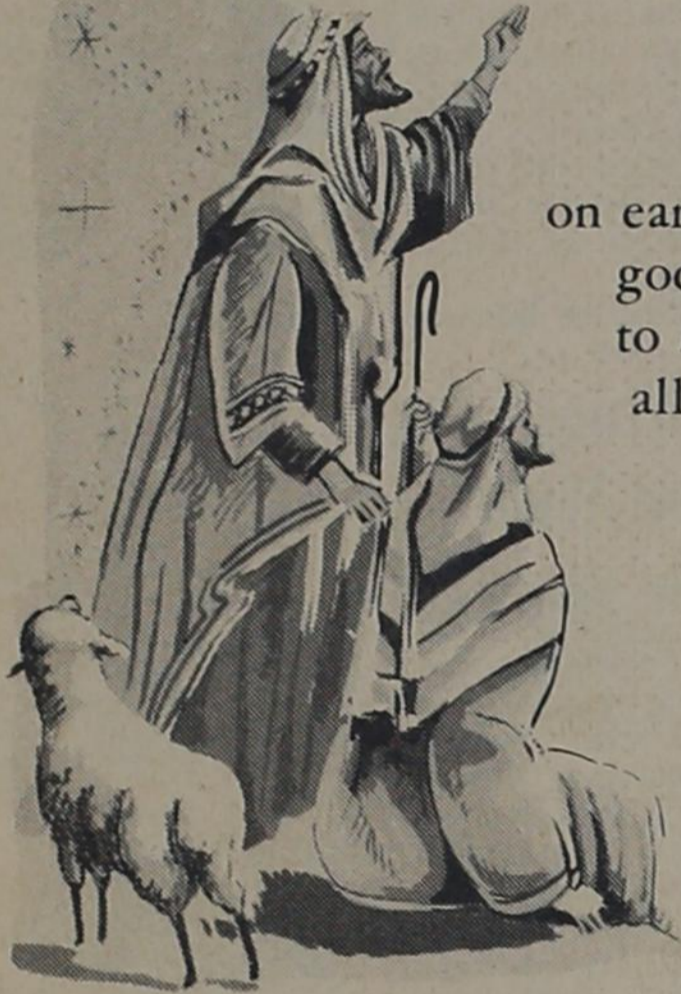
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hulse, Leah and Amy of Denver City spena the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Huppy Morris. Their son, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Morris of Brownfield, will arrive Thursday for a weekend visit.

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**Christmas Joy**



Peace on earth and good will to men of all faiths.

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**NOEL**

Let us rejoice and give praise for all the wonders of this day.

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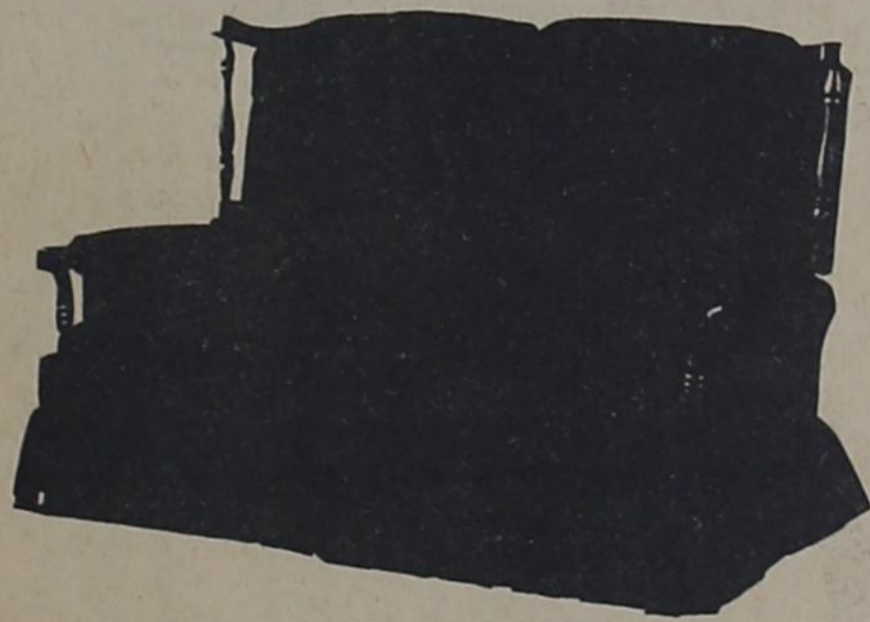
*Merry Christmas*

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

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## The J. E. Daniels Honored Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniels were honored by their children with open house Sunday, December 17, 1972, at the Fire Hall in observance of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary. Children hosting the event were: Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Daniels, Deer Park, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Daniels of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Daniels, Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Scitern and Mrs. Wanda Kimmell, Gorman, Mrs. Lee Skaggs of Big Sandy.

A daughter, Mrs. A. J. Goates of Hobbs, N. M. was unable to attend.

Fall theme was used in decorations for the center pieces for serving and decoration tables of bronze, gold and orange mums. The tables were covered with white lace table cloths, the handy work of Mother Daniels, and each had an underlay of gold. The three tiered white and gold cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Tommy Carr.

Mrs. Joe Pittman of Fort Worth, the oldest daughter, registered guests, grand daughters-in-law, Mrs. Gerald Scitern and Mrs. Kathy Scitern, ladeled punch and served cake.

Out of town relatives and friends attending were: Maxine Skaggs, Big Sandy, Annette Kimmell, Mrs. Dorothy Egglton, both of Mineral Wells, Alma McConnel and Michael of Big Sandy, Travis Skaggs, Corrigan, Sharon Holmes of Angora, Minn., Lois Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Daniels of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wilson, Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wilson, Decatur.

Joe Pittman, Connie and James, Mildred Selby, Lois Goodwin, Bettye Gammon, and Vera Wedekind, Joyce Erhardt, all of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Jordan, Tommy, Zandra and Michael of Eastland; Lonnie Gains of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Daniels, Wendy, Donna, Alvie and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Daniels all of

## Filing Deadline Past Medicare Expenses Noted

If you are a Medicare beneficiary, December 31, 1972 may be a very important date to you. Medicare can pay medicare insurance benefit claims only if the claim is filed within certain limits, and December 31, 1972 is the dead

line date for claiming benefits for services which were received during the period beginning October 1, 1970 through September 30, 1971, advises Bob Tuley, Abilene district manager.

If you need assistance in completing your application for these services, or if you have a question, you should see Don Austin when he is in Gorman on Dec. 21, at 10 a. m. at the City Office.

If a representative of the Social Security Administration will not be in your town before December 31, you should come to the Abilene office located at Room 2321 Federal Building. That office is open 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of Christmas Day. The telephone number for hte Abilene office is (915) 677-5262.

Stephenville.

Mrs. Fran Eaton, Mineral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Daniels and April of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan, Charles Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Morgan, all of De Leon. Sixteen of their twenty grandchildren and sixteen of their 19 great-grandchildren were present.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Sincere wishes for a happy heart-warming Christmas.

THE DICK FOSTERS

## Peanut-ty Good

The Progress is always happy to publicize Gorman industry, especially our new peanut business. Talking with Mrs. Jordan Monday and she said, "Tell all cooks there are makings for good holiday eating at the Nutri-rich Nut House. Besides being very good, peanuts are very nutritious. They are rich in protein, calcium, phosphorous, iron and niacin.

You do not see many skinny peanut farmers, do you? A new item added recently to their sock of peanut goodies is the one pound packages of granulated peanuts for baking and candy making. They are roasted salt-free with the husks removed before being chopped. They are yummy good in candy, cookies, pies, sauces and on ice cream.

A recipe book jut out by the Texas Peanut Producers Board, is yours for the asking, and has many tried and tested recipes using peanuts in main dishes, soups, salads, sandwiches, breads, cakes, cookies and candies.

Kernel Gene is still trying to round up pictures and a detailed story of our new industry.

Maybe after the holidays.  
- GP -

## Becki White Honored With Lingerie Shower

Miss Becki White was honored at a lingerie shower in the home of Miss Jeanette Jackson Wednesday, December 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 p. m.

Co-hostesses were Christi Duran, Bernadean Reeves, Karen Moore and Patty Hirst.

The refreshment table was covered with a white cloth and centered with a red candle arrangement. Punch and cookies were served. Appoints were crystal.

Following the opening of gifts rice bags were made for the December 22 wedding of Miss White and Mr. Quintin Wright. The bags were made from red net and tied with white ribbons, the bride elects chosen colors.

## School Menu

Following is the menu list for the Gorman School Lunch room for the week of Dec. 18-21:

Monday - Boiled wieners, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, milk, bread and chocolate pudding.

Tuesday - Fried chicken, new potatoes, English peas, hot rolls and prune bars.

Wednesday - Pressed ham sandwiches, vegetable soup, potato chips, milk and fruit and cookies.

Thursday - Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, green beans, candied yams, cranberry sauce, milk, bread and Christmas ice cream.

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**Merry Christmas**

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## Christmas Day

This Christmas Season, 1972 the mystery and magic of Christmas night are very real as hundreds of millions of people in small countries and great nations across the breadth of the world join hands in the eternal wish of peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

In this day of instant communications, flashing in words and pictures the sometimes confusing kaleidoscope of the world events, it seems appropriate to give thanks for one gift that has preserved the humanity and the hard-won, accumulated knowledge of man through thousands of years — the gift of the written word. In countless languages, the written word has spanned the whole surface of the Earth making knowledge of God and the teachings of Christ lifelong, everyday companions of men and women everywhere. Through the written word all men know the story of Christmas. These words endure to be read and reread again and

## County Farm Bureau Adopt Protection Plan

Eastland County Farm Bureau has adopted the new

again. How else could the story of Tiny Tim and the name of Charles Dickens have become synonymous with the Spirit of Christmas?

Countless millions of children have listened in breathless wonder as their parents read the fantasy-conjuring words of "The Night Before Christmas" — the reindeer, the fur-trimmed red suit and the jolly cry of, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!" These words, written in 1823 by an American minister and poet, Clement C. Moore, are here today as part of the living legend of Christmas. So, let's give thanks for the written word. Its power has preserved the Spirit of Christmas, and its wisdom may yet save mankind from his own folly.

Property Protection Plan offered by Texas Farm Bureau.

Effective November 1, 1972 all members who have the official "No Trespassing" signs posted on their property will be protected again trespass and other offenses. This reward program is provided by the Texas Farm Bureau and affiliated insurance companies.

Action was taken by the County Board of Directors' monthly meeting to adopt the program.

The new service - to member program - provides for the posting of property according to the new anti-trespass law passed during the last session of the Legislature.

A reward of \$200 is offered by the Texas Farm Bureau and insurance companies leading to the arrest and final conviction of persons committing trespass, felony theft, arson, or malicious mischief as de-

finied by Article 1350, on property of a current Farm Bureau member.

Each member will automatically have protection on the effective dates provided he has properly posted his property. Signs will be available from the county at a cost of \$1.00 each.

In addition to the sign, the member may elect to purchase a name plate that may be attached to the sign. These cost an additional \$1.00 each. Decals for automobiles, trucks and other vehicles will be provided at no cost to the member.

The County Farm Bureau will be responsible for completing a form furnished them for the purpose of reporting information leading to the arrest and final convictions under the program.

The Farm Bureau insurance adjuster will investigate and send the report with further information to the state office. The \$200 check will be sent from Texas Farm Bureau to the County Farm Bureau president, who will deliver it to the reward recipient.

There is no cost to the individual member for the protection except for the signs and optional name plates to be attached to the signs. The County Farm Bureau assumes the cost of the program which

## Texas Poll-Ettes To Award Two Ag Scholarships

Two scholarships will be awarded by the Texas Poll-Ettes, ladies auxiliary of the Texas Polled Hereford Association, this Spring.

The Texas Poll-Ettes, who are deeply interested in young people, offer these scholarships as a means to assist young people in furthering their education in the various fields of agriculture.

All applicants should be High School graduates and residents of Texas. Each applicant must have three recommendations; one of which must be from the County Agent, Club Advisor, FFA Advisor, or High School principal.

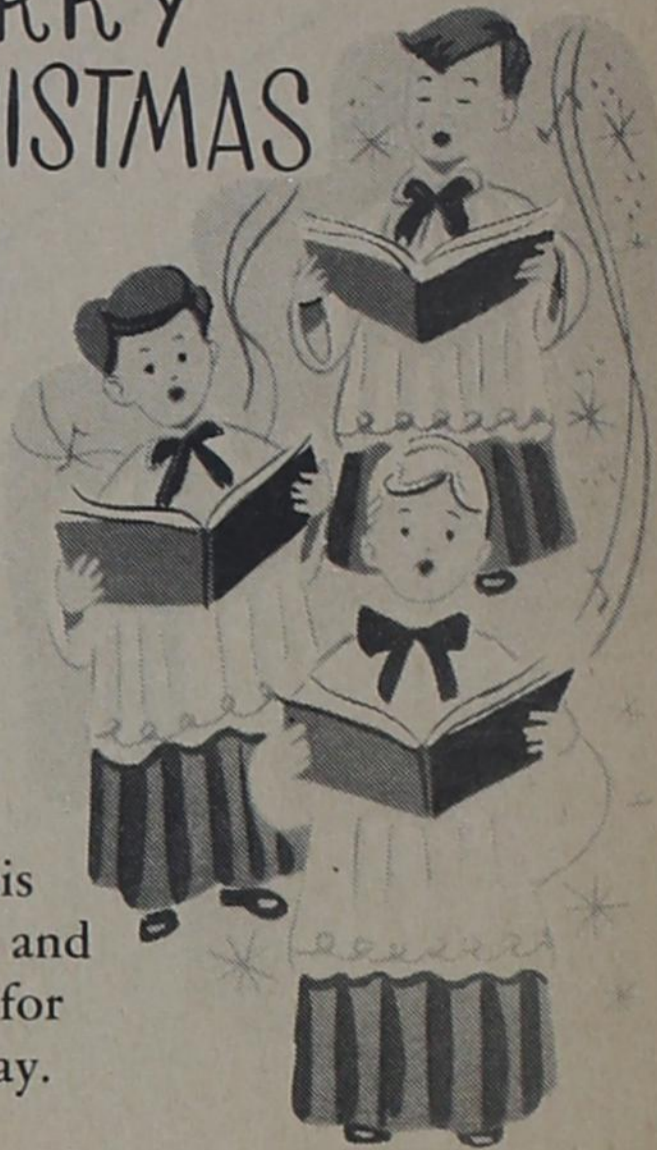
Scholarships may be used at any Junior College, College or University in the state of Texas. Applications must be in no later than March 1, 1973. For further information, contact Mrs. M. D. Arrington, Rt. 1, Jacksonville, Texas 75766.

is 20 cents for each current member of the organization not having a fire or casualty policy with the Texas Farm Bureau insurance companies.

## GREETINGS



## MERRY CHRISTMAS



We sing his praise and glory for this day.

## Foster Floral



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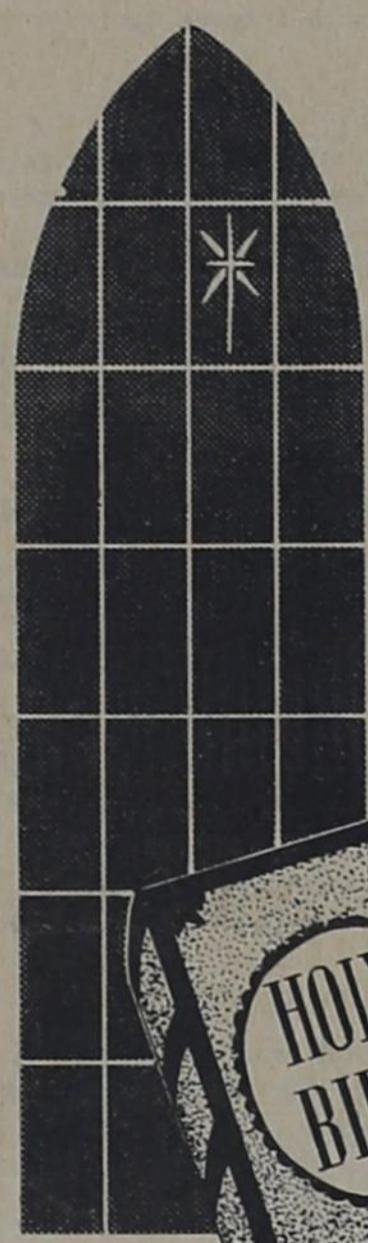
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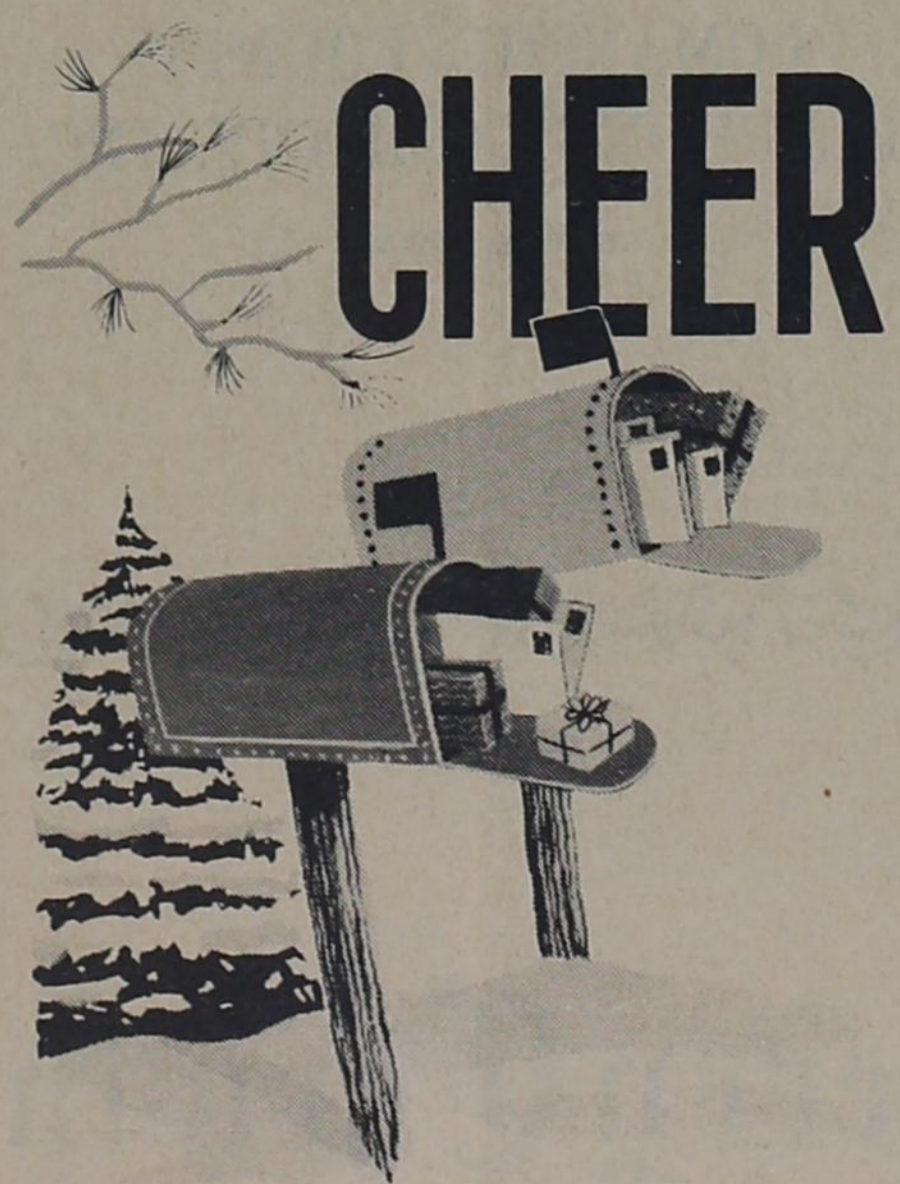
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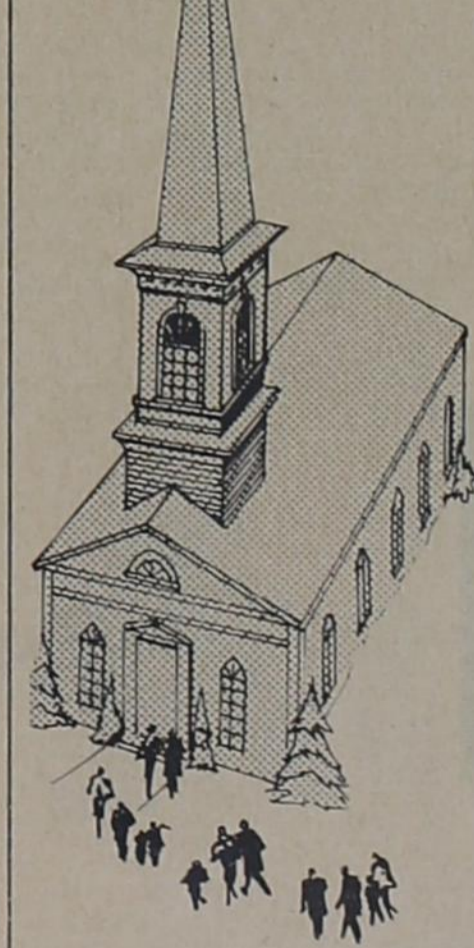
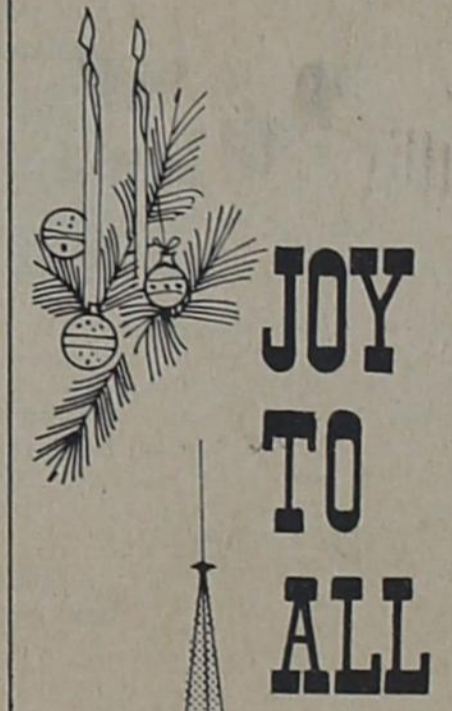
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# The Story of Old Scrooge

ADAPTED FROM A CHRISTMAS CAROL  
IN PROSE  
BY CHARLES DICKENS



With a wife and three children to support, Bob Cratchit hardly made enough money as a clerk in the firm of Scrooge and Marley. When Marley died, Scrooge, his sole administrator, retained the firm's name and continued the business. Scrooge was tight-fisted and grasping. He was also untrusting. One particular Christmas Eve, as Cratchit sat busily copying letters in his cold, drab little corner, he was mindful of the fact that Scrooge, in his counting room nearby, had left open the door in order to keep a cautious eye on his employe.



When the hour for closing arrived at the counting-house, Scrooge grumpily stopped his money-counting, dismounted from his stool and told his clerk, Bob Cratchit, that work was ended for the day. Scrooge didn't approve of the holiday, but he had to recognize that it existed. "You'll want all day tomorrow, I suppose?" "If quite convenient, sir." Look all the more unpleasant, Scrooge said: "It's not convenient, and it's not fair. If I was to stop half-a-crown for it, you'd think yourself ill-used, I'll be bound? And yet, you don't think me ill-used, when I pay a day's wages for no work."



Satisfied with his search, Scrooge locked himself in—double-locked himself in, which was not his custom. Strange sounds were in the air, and strange things happened. A disused bell hung near his bed. It began to swing slowly, then rang loudly, as did every other bell in the house. Scrooge listened intently. Another sound began when the bells ended. It seemed someone was dragging heavy chains over the wine merchant's casks in the cellar below.

The sound grew nearer and nearer. And then, within the room, he stood, Marley, with his pig-tails, his waist-coat, tights and boots. The chain he drew was wrapped around his middle. It was made in steel, but resembled familiar things—cash boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds and heavy purses.

was taken back in spirit, many weary years, to his boyhood home. The Christmases of his youth paraded before him. Some of them were sad, for he was a lonely boy, but others were jolly. Scrooge was amazed as events of the past flew before his eyes. Times and people that he had known and many of them long ago forgotten. The best of these he had not forgotten and he felt pleasure when the spirit took him to a warehouse where he had served as an apprentice.



When they peered into the window, Scrooge saw an old gentleman in a Welsh wig, sitting at a high desk and he exclaimed, "Why, it's old Fezziwig! Bless his heart, it's Fezziwig alive again!" As they looked, Old Fezziwig laid down his pen. He looked at the clock. "Yo, ho, there! Ebenezer! (that's me, thought Scrooge), Dick! (Ah, Dick, Wilkins, to be sure), no more work tonight, Christmas Eve, Dick, Christmas, Ebenezer. Let's have the shutters up."

Suddenly, the two of them stood in the city streets on Christmas morning. All the sights and sounds that Scrooge had refused to recognize were there—people in the streets, greeting one another, the smell of good food and fruits, the church bells calling good people to church and chapel. Scrooge and the jolly giant went on, invisible, through the streets, to the very door of Bob Cratchit's house. Scrooge stood in awe as the Spirit blessed the small dwelling. Inside, Mrs. Cratchit, her daughter Belinda and Martha, and son Peter, awaited the return of their father. In he came, carrying Tiny Tim upon his shoulder. Tiny Tim, bearing a crutch, and his limbs supported by an iron frame.



When the third Spirit had gone, Scrooge kept the memory of the sight of his own name upon a tombstone, and no mourners in sight. When he awakened, he renewed his promise, "I will live in the past, the present and the future."

Scrooge dressed in his very best and went into the streets. People were everywhere. Many of them he had seen during the time of his visit with the Ghost of Christmas Present. Scrooge looked so pleasant that people spoke to him and, afterwards, he confessed, their voices were music to his ears. One gentleman, only days before rudely refused when he asked Scrooge for a donation to a fund for the poor, was surprised when Scrooge presented to him a healthy sum of money.



Scrooge continued to watch as the Cratchits busily prepared their small Christmas feast. Everyone joined in preparation of the meal. Excitement mounted as they gathered about the table and Mrs. Cratchit approached the roast goose with a carving knife. A murmur of delight arose and even Tiny Tim shouted Hurrah! A pudding, much too small for so large a family, was a wonderful treat. Dinner over, the family gathered round the hearth. Bob Cratchit raised a toast: "Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us." The family re-echoed the sentiment and Tiny Tim, the last of all, said "God bless us every one!"



Scrooge journeyed on, to his nephew's house. He passed the door a dozen times before he had the courage to knock. Then he made a dash to the door, and did it.

"Fred," he said when his nephew appeared.

"Why, bless my soul!" cried Fred.

"It's I. Your Uncle Scrooge. I've come to dinner. Will you let me in, Fred?"

He was made so heartily welcome. He thought his nephew would shake his arm off. He was perfectly at home within minutes.



Next morning, Scrooge hurried to the office, much earlier than usual. . . he wanted to be there before Bob Cratchit, to catch Cratchit coming late to work. He did. Bob was nearly twenty minutes late. He had his hat in his hand, awaiting the wrath of Scrooge. It never came.

Instead, Scrooge greeted him cheerfully—and told him that he was to receive a raise in pay. Cratchit was amazed. But he knew, finally, that Scrooge was sincere. The old man patted him on the back. "A Merry Christmas, Bob! A Merry Christmas—a merrier Christmas, Bob than I've given you in many a year."



In the years that followed, Scrooge kept his word and his promises. Tiny Tim did not die and to the gentle lad Scrooge became a second father. He also became a good friend, a master and a man as the city ever knew. A few people laughed to see the change in him, but Scrooge let them laugh and paid little heed. His own heart was laughing, with joy and happiness, and he gave joy to all who knew him.

Scrooge never encountered another Spirit. And, long years after, it was often said of him that he truly knew how to keep the Christmas. May that be true of each of us and, always, as Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us every one!"



Scrooge, ill-tempered as usual, seemed annoyed when his nephew entered with a cheery greeting. "A Merry Christmas, uncle! God save you!"

"Bah," said Scrooge. "Humbug!" So much as the nephew tried, so hard did Scrooge resist the idea of Christmas. He denounced it and wouldn't say a good word about it or about anybody or anything.



"Christmas a humbug, uncle? You don't mean that, I'm sure." "I do," said Scrooge. "Merry Christmas! What reason have you to be merry? You're poor enough." What Scrooge failed to understand is that being rich or poor isn't the most important thing in the world.

The friendly nephew said, "Don't be cross, uncle."

But Scrooge continued: "What else can I be when I live in such a world of fools as this? Merry Christmas! Out upon Merry Christmas! What's Christmas time to you but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older; but not an hour richer? Bah! Keep Christmas in your own way and let me keep it in mine."



The friendly nephew left and went out into the fog and darkness. It was very cold. Workmen repairing gas-pipes had built a fire and stood around it to warm their hands.

The shops were still bright and holly sprigs and berries were in the windows. Merchants were busy as everyone prepared for Christmas.

The Lord Mayor in his Mighty Mansion gave orders to his fifty cooks and butlers to keep Christmas in a proper way.

The little tailor busied himself stirring tomorrow's pudding while his wife and baby went to the market to buy the beef.



Tactfully as he could, Cratchit reminded his employer that Christmas came but once a year.

"A poor excuse for picking a man's pocket every twenty-fifth of December!" said Scrooge. "But I suppose you must have the whole day. Be here all the earlier next morning." Buttoning his greatcoat to the chin, Scrooge growled to himself as he walked out the door. He was hardly out of sight before the clerk had closed the office and headed homeward to Camden Town. Because it was Christmas Eve, he paused long enough to go down a slide on Cornhill, twenty times, behind a lane of boys.



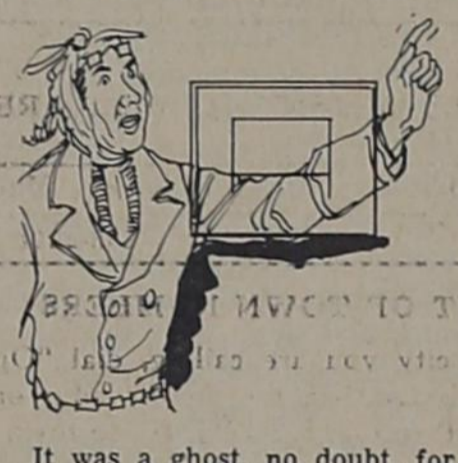
Scrooge took his usual lonely dinner in a melancholy tavern, read all the newspapers in the place, then turned homeward to bed. He lived in chambers that once had belonged to his deceased partner. It was a dreary place. No one else lived there, although some rooms were let out as offices.

The fog lay heavy and the yard was dark, but Scrooge knew every stone and soon was putting his key into the door lock.

There was, upon the door, a huge knocker. There was nothing unusual about it except, at this very moment, it appeared not as a knocker but to the startled Scrooge as the face of his late partner, Marley's face, plain as could be.



Scrooge felt a terrible sensation within himself. He had never had such a feeling before. He stared until the sight before his eyes became only a door knocker again, turned the key and let himself into the room. Once inside, he paused, looking behind the door as if he expected to see Marley standing there. He closed



It was a ghost, no doubt, for Scrooge could see right through the waistcoat, the two buttons on the back clearly visible. A ghost that talked. The ghost told Scrooge that the chain represented all the misdeeds and unkind acts of a lifetime and that he, Scrooge, was fashioning his own chain, a heavy weight that would bear upon him when he was dead. But, all was not hopeless, the ghost reminded. He told Scrooge that other visitors would follow throughout the night. Three spirits in all would come, each with a message of importance. If Scrooge were wise, the ghost cautioned, he would listen carefully and see clearly all the visitors would show him.



When the ghost vanished, Scrooge checked his door. It was still double-locked. Wearily he put himself to bed and eventually fell asleep. He awoke, not knowing the time, to find it was still dark. The curtains beside his bed were drawn back by a hand and the first vision appeared. It was a strange figure, like a child, and yet again like an old man. It's hair was white, yet the face was smooth as that of a child. It held a branch of fresh green holly in its hand and, in contradiction, its dress was trimmed with summer flowers. Strangest of all, however, was a bright, clear crown of light that surrounded the head.



The visitor told Scrooge that he was the Ghost of Christmas Past and, before Scrooge knew it, he



In came a fiddler, who sat on a lofty desk and began to play. In came Mrs. Fizzwig and the three Miss Fizzwigs and six young followers. In came all the young men and women employed in the business, the housemaid, with her cousin, the baker.

The party began. Scrooge relived every moment of it. Yet, ever-conscious that the Ghost of Christmas Past still had eyes upon him. Other scenes of his past life were re-lived, until at last he felt he could bear no more.

Scrooge cried out, "Leave me! Take me back. Haunt me no longer!" Again, he was in his own bedroom, exhausted, drowsy, and eventually to sleep.



Again, in the dark, Scrooge found himself awake. No vision appeared within the room. He waited. When he could restrain himself no longer, he reached for his slippers, put them on, and walked cautiously to the door. As he reached for the lock, a voice on the other side called his name and bade him enter. He complied.

It was his own room, no doubt, but it was changed. It was gaily decorated, with holly, mistletoe, and ivy. In the center of the room, heaped together to form a throne, were turkeys, geese, game, sausages, mince pies and much more. In the center of the room, too, a jolly giant. "I am the ghost of Christmas Present. Look upon me!"



The robed spirit seemed to incline its head. It quickly showed Scrooge how his own death might be, with one to mourn his loss; in fact, some seemed happy at his passing. It also showed him how Tiny Tim might die and leave countless friends to mourn and sorrow for him.

Scrooge assured the Spirit that he was a changed man, and that the shadows that had passed before him had altered his life. He said: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present, and the future. . . . Oh, tell me I may sponge away the writing on this stone!"

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## Lots of Goodies At Bake Show

"Tis the season for baked goods" and many were on display at the 20th annual Eastland County Pecan Bake Show held December 1 and 2 in the Eastland Courthouse lobby. The Adult and Youth Bake Show featured over 70 entries

Legislation provides that the Secretary of Agriculture proclaims a national marketing quota and a national acreage allotment each year. The legislation further provides that the marketing quota be established at the higher of either (1) the average quantity of peanuts harvested for nuts during the 5 years immediately preceding the year in which the quota is proclaimed, adjusted for current trends and prospective demand conditions, or (2) that quantity sufficient to provide a national acreage allotment of 1,610,000 acres.

On the basis of the prospective need for peanuts for food uses (peanut butter, salting, candy manufacturing and related uses) the national marketing quota would be 984,000 tons, which would result in a national acreage allotment of 1,004,546 for 1973. The Agricultural Act of 1938, as amended, however, provides for a minimum national allotment of 1,610,000 acres.

In determining the marketing quota for the 1973 crop of peanuts, a "normal" yield of 2,200 pounds per acre was used. This yield, multiplied by the minimum national acreage allotment of 1,610,000 acres, results in the 1973 national peanut marketing quota of 1,771,000 tons.

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this year which was the biggest show held in recent years. The Bake Show divisions were sponsored by the Eastland County HD Council. Entries consisted of pies, cakes, candy, cookies, and nut bread. Winning top honors were the following:

**ADULT DIVISION**  
Candy: 1. Mrs. Lon Horn, Eastland; 2. Mrs. Marion Thomas, Sr., Ranger; 3. Mrs. Glenn Jordan, Kokomo.  
Cookies: 1. Mrs. Cullen Rodgers, Kokomo; 2. Mrs. Albert Hendricks, Kokomo; 3. Mrs. Ray Judia, Cisco.  
Cakes: 1. Mrs. Lon Morn; 2. Mrs. Zelma Lusk, Eastland 3. Mrs. Edward Stacy, Carbon.

Pies: 1. Mrs. J. L. Morrow, Kokomo; 2. Mrs. Johnson Smith, Eastland; 3. Mrs. Herman Chaefer, Cisco.

Nut Bread: 1. Mrs. Ruby Cavanaugh, Eastland; 2. Mrs. Odie Rodgers, Kokomo; 3. Mrs. Ray Judia, Cisco.

Grand Champion of the Adult Division was Mrs. J. L. Morrow of Kokomo. Reserve Grand Champion was Mrs. Ruby Cavanaugh of Eastland.

**YOUTH DIVISION**  
Nut Bread: 1. Theresa Scott Rising Star 4-H; 2. Konnie Harris, Rising Star; 3. Sherry Smallwood, Cisco 4-H.

Cookies: 1. Terri Wood of Carbon; 2. Theresa Scott, Rising Star; 3. Konnie Harris, Rising Star.

Cakes: 1. Kim Rodgers, Carbon; 2. Karen Plowman, Eastland; and 3. Patty Weathers, Cisco.

Candy: 1. Konnie Harris, Rising Star; 2. and 3. Theresa Scott, Rising Star.

Pies: 1. Leshia Claborn, Cisco 4-H.

Grand Champion of the Youth Division was Terri Wood of Carbon 4-H and Reserve Grand Champion was Konnie Harris of Rising Star.

**CENTERPIECE DIVISION**  
Pecan centerpieces and arrangements were highlighted at the 20th annual Eastland County Pecan Show on December 1 and 2. All the centerpieces featured pecans or some part of the pecan plant such as leaves. A record total of thirteen entries were on display this year.

Winners in this division were: 1. Mrs. Marie Owens of Cisco; 2. Mrs. Lon Horn, Eastland; and 3. Mrs. Dale Carlile of Cisco.

Other individual entries were Mrs. Odie Rodgers, Kokomo; Mrs. D. D. Sandlin, Carbon; Mrs. Zelma Lusk, Eastland; Mrs. Dick Yielding, Eastland; Mrs. Herman Schaefer, Cisco; Her man Schaefer, Mrs. Ray Judia, Mrs. Wayne Carlile, all of Cisco; Mrs. Edward Stacy, Carbon; and Mrs. Don Haley of Clyde.

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From Mini to Maxi, that's where the skirts have gone, not forgetting the detour via pants suits.

Colorful Maxies, long sleeve blouses, complimentary wide belts, knee slits, gold braids, ruffles with lace were on parade when Mrs. Gene Baker was host for the Friendly Ladies Christmas Party in her home Wednesday, December 13th.

All twenty-four being present and accounted for, president, Mr. Charlie Garrett, put on the soft pedal and it was time for the devotional.

The devotional, given by Mrs. Milton Fairbetter, was titled, "The Story of the Angel." Gabriel, the angel of the Lord, had in times long past come to the aid of the prophet Daniel, but the story has to do with later times when Gabriel was sent to Zacharia to tell him that a son, John, the forerunner of Christ, would be born to him and Elizabeth, his wife. And then of his visits to Mary, the virgin, and Joseph, to whom she was engaged.

Was Gabriel with the Heavenly host as shepherds heard them sing? Did he guide the wise men? Both the shepherds and the wise men were among those who have sought and found Him. "If with all your hearts you truly seek Him, ye shall surely find Him." Deut. 4:24.

The devotional was concluded with the reading of "The Day Christmas Broke Into Prison," by Sgt. E. L. Allen.

Time for the social hour had arrived with Christmas giving and getting and buffet dinner.

Weight watching and waistlines were forgotten when lovely plates filled with chicken salad, cranberry salad, cheese bits, chips and dips, hot rolls, and pound cake were served with hot punch.

All of this by Christmas candlelight and time to say

### Crop Rotation Is Important To Producers

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner John C. White noted the increased interest in crop rotations in the peanut producing area of Central Texas and pointed out that crop rotations are of special importance where fields have been continuously planted in peanuts.

"Crop rotations help to reduce crop damage from diseases, insects, and nematodes," he said. However, Commissioner White warned that it is possible new land being put in peanuts may be infested with crop-damaging nematodes. Research workers have proven that some kinds of lesion nematodes can live in land where sorghums, corn and Common and Coastal Bermuda grass have been grown. Commissioner White urged

Merry Christmas, good night. Those attending were Meses. A. E. Pino, Charlie Torrez, Jim Turner, W. O. Parr, H. M. Gilbert, C. R. Day, Charlie Garrett, M. H. Fairbetter, Bill Chandler, J. W. Hodges, F. R. Haile, Dorothy Hatcher, Velma Bennett, Mary Mehaffey, Charles Duran, G. C. Acrea, Othell Clark, Estelle Craddock, Ralph Dunn, Edgar Higginbottom, W. T. Shell, Joe Collins, and Miss Don Moorman, and the host, Mrs. Baker.

### LAWNDALE VISITORS

Doris Clark of De Leon visited Mrs. Edward Macan. Mrs. R. M. Curb visited Mr. Claude Curb. Mrs. Alton Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Clea Echols visited

all farmers who are putting in new land to have soil samples analyzed for nematodes before peanut crops are planted in 1973. He said that root-knot nematode may live in other crops besides peanuts. When peanuts are planted in land infested with certain kinds of root-knot nematodes, then damage to the peanut crop usually follows. On regularly cropped land it is to the farmer's best interest to have his fields analyzed for nematodes at least each two years.

For some unknown reason, nematode populations can practically disappear from a field that has a history of high nematode damage to crops. Conversely, fields with low populations of nematodes may suddenly have damaging numbers of nematodes.

Nematode samples can be sent to the Texas Department of Agriculture, De Leon Research Lab, 301 West Navarro De Leon, Texas 76444, for analysis. The samples should be received at least two months in advance of planting time. The samples must be moist, in plastic bags, and properly identified.

Mary Ann Echols. Thomas and Elizabeth Lee of Cisco visited Ed Meglasson. Mrs. Dorthy Henson and Mrs. Ricky Henson and baby of Ranger visited Sadie Burns. Ruthie and Sherry Porter visited George Porter. Dorenda Harper, Gorman and Lavona Sharp, Desdemona visited William Shipman. Jeff Watson visited Lela Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLearn of Cisco visited Mrs. Eilza Maxey.

Minnie Sparks, So. Houston and Charlie Stedum, So. Houston visited Floyd McCormack.

Mrs. Bill Wood of Waco visited Hiram Clay.

Minnie Watson of Brownwood visited Hattie Love.

Mrs. Bill Skiles of Big Springs visited Grace Skiles.

Mrs. Elma Brown, Gorman Mrs. Jack Newland, Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Anderson of Houston and Mrs. L. D. Holliday visited the home.

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### Mrs. Ray Rankin Host Hom'akers Christmas Party

Mrs. Ray Rankin was host for the annual Christmas Party for the Homemakers Class of First Baptist Church with Mrs. Doyle Preston co-hostess on Thursday, December 15.

Candles, holly and Christmas theme was used in decorations through the house.

Gifts for exchanging were placed under the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

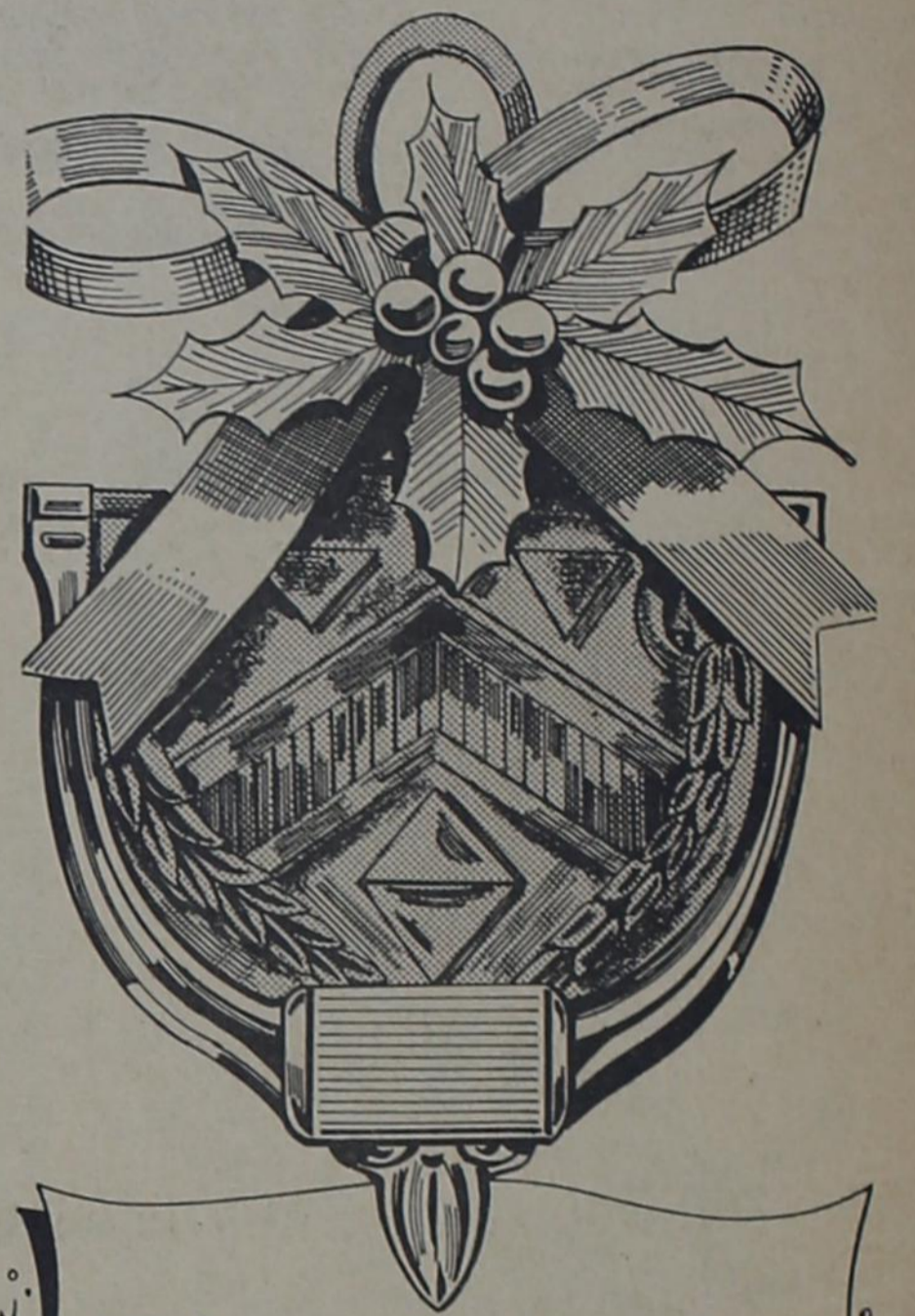
The evening program was under direction of the Class president, Mrs. M. E. Foster. Mrs. Lindon Shipman gave the Christmas Story, using the second chapter of Luke, verses 1-14.

Invocation was given by Mrs. O. R. Buchanan.

The Hostess served a delicious sandwich plate, spiced tea with fruit and cake.

Attending were: Mesdames Lindon Shipman, Stanley Porter, John West, Huron Polnac, M. E. Foster, J. E. Lawrence, O. R. Buchanan, R. M. Curb and L. D. Holliday.

## Best Wishes



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

### LAWNDALE HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



### Merry Christmas

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As the season's glow spreads its magic, we wish for you and your family all the best the season has to offer. Happy holidays!

### DAVIS COIN LAUNDRY

Mrs. V. L. Davis



### MERRY Christmas

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



## The Merriest Christmas

May the happiness of the season be yours in great abundance.

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**GORMAN INSURANCE AGENCY**

# KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

There will be a Christmas Program (tree and gift exchange) at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7 P. M. Visitors are invited by the Pastor, Bro. Joe O'Neal, and members of the church.

The Young People's and Immediate Sunday School classes will have a party in the fellowship hall following the Program and tree.

## MISSION PROGRAM

Mrs. J. S. Clearman, Chairman, of Missions, was in charge of the Lottie Moon Mission Christmas Program at the Kokomo Baptists Church on Sunday morning, Dec. 17. Mrs. Woodrow Browning and Mary Jo Clearman, with Mrs. Claude Fuller at the piano, rendered the special music. Others on the program were Woodrow Browning, Mrs. Odis Rodgers, Mrs. Glenn Jordan, Mrs. J. O. Jackson, Jr., Teresa Fields, Mrs. Lee Bishop and Christi Fuller and Jimmy Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning, Albert Hendricks, Jimmy Little, and Mrs. Claud Fuller rendered the special

## THE GORDON SPOT

By DeMarquis Gordon  
County Agricultural Agent

Several have called my attention to a mistake made in the news article which gave the results of the pecan show. I made the mistake. We had 217 instead of 117 entries in our county show. This was one of our largest pecan shows, but not quite as large as the 1970 show. That year we had 219 entries. Last year there were 200 entries. We had pecans of all sizes and shapes. The largest pecans

music at the evening services. Mrs. J. L. Morrow remains in Mineral Wells at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. L. R. Higginbottom, who is in a hospital there. Mr. Morrow visited with them on Sunday. Kevin Rodgers of Brownwood spent Sunday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers and was a visitor at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday night.

Mary Jo Clearman of Howard Payne has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman. Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Snider of Texas Tech arrived on Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mrs. Hazel Snider and Mrs. Norman Park.

Christi Fuller, Teresa Fields and Teddy Jordan will finish semester finals at Tarleton on Tuesday and spend the holidays with their parents, the Claude Fullers, Vernon Fields and Glenn Jordans. Sorry that the news is short this week, but time is very limited during this time of preparations for Christmas. Merry Christmas to all!

—GP—

## LAWDALE HAS OWN DECORATING CONTEST

Something new was added at Lawndale Home this Christmas, "A Resident Door Decoration Contest." Employees assigned certain doors and if you visited the home, you know all of them are beautiful.

Gene Foster, judge of the contest, said it was a very difficult project to judge as all were so good! He did choose five. First place was won by employee Dewey Logan; second place Mrs. Roy Kinser; third place Mrs. Vada Fields; fourth place Jo Ann White and fifth place Inez Ingram.

Christmas Party for the employees of Lawndale was held Tuesday Dec. 19th.

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Aaron Stewart, Jr., Defendant, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court, Eastland, Texas of Eastland County at the Courthouse thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 1st day of January A. D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 12th day of October A. D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 25,957 on the docket of said court and styled Eddie Mae Stewart, Plaintiff, vs. Aaron Stewart, Jr., Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

**Divorce and Child Custody**  
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness Joe T. Gray, Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this 17th day of November, A. D. 1972.

Joe T. Gray, Clerk,  
91st District Court  
Eastland County, Texas  
By Mary Jane Rouch,  
Deputy  
4-12-21c

(SEAL)

a Choctaw entry, weighed 31 1-2 nuts per pound. They were owned by Mrs. C. E. Smith of Rising Star. In contrast the smallest pecans were so small that it took 907 to weigh a pound. They were entered by Mrs. Clyde Garrett of Eastland.

Thanks to the Eastland C. of C. and all the people who helped shell pecans and process each entry. Our volunteers shelled 2140 pecans or approximately 40 pounds.

## PECAN BAKE SHOW

Mrs. J. L. Morrow of Kokomo, was overall Grand Champion of the Adult Bake Show Division. Mrs. Moran took top honors on her pecan pie.

## GRAND CHAMPION

1 c. white corn syrup  
3 tssp. butter  
1 cup sugar  
3 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup pecans (chopped)  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Heat syrup and butter until butter melts. Beat eggs lightly and add sugar and then eggs to syrup and butter. Beat well (and then add salt, vanilla and pecans. Bake in 350 d. F. oven until done. Do not over bake.

PIE CRUST (single crust for 9 inch pie)

1 1/3 cups sifted reg. flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup shortening  
3 tablespoons water

Preheat oven to 425. Sift flour before measuring; spoon lightly into measuring cup and level without shaking or packing down. Combine flour and salt in a mixing bowl. With a pastry blender or two knives, cut in shortening until uniform; mixture should be fairly coarse. Sprinkle with water a tablespoonful at a time; toss with a fork. Work dough

## ANITA SCITERN HONORED ON 7TH BIRTHDAY DEC. 14

Anita Scitern was honored on her 7th birthday by her mother, Mrs. Gerald Scitern, with a party at the Fire Hall on Thursday, December 14.

Her birthday cake was baked in the shape of a Christmas tree and decorated with red Christmas balls. Red punch was served with the cake to her guests, all students in the first grade.

Party favors were popcorn balls, candy canes and balloons.

Those attending were Lisa

into a firm ball with your hands. Press dough into a flat circle with smooth edges. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough into a circle about 1-1/2 inches larger than inverted pie plate.

Gently press dough into plate. Be careful not to stretch the dough. Trim 1/2 inch beyond the edge of plate; fold under to make a double thickness of dough around rim and flute with fingers or fork.

Mrs. Jeff Cavanaugh Eastland, won Reserve Champion this year at the Pecan Bake Show. Pumpkin Bread was the winning reserve champion Mrs. Cavanaugh stated that one year she baked 39 loaves of pumpkin bread.

## PUMPKIN BREAD

2 tsp. soda  
1-1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp nutmeg  
4 eggs  
1 can pumpkin  
3 1/2 cups of flour  
3 cups sugar  
2 3/4 cup water  
2 cup chopped pecans  
1 cup oil  
1 tsp vanilla

Mix well together and pour into 3 greased loaf pans. Bake at 350 oven for 1 1/2 hours or until it passes toothpick test.

Terri Woods of Carbon 4-H Club, top overall Grand Champion honors at the recently held Eastland County Pecan Show. Terri, 13 years old, won top prizes on her Hello Dolly Bars.

## HELLO DOLLY! BAR

1 stick oleo melted  
1 c. graham cracker crumbs  
1 cup coconut  
1 cup chocolate chips  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1 can Eagle Brand Milk

Do not mix; Spread in pan in the above order as listed in a 9 inch square pan. Bake in 350 oven for 35 minutes.

Foster, Bradley Carr, Noble Laminack, Glen and Angela Burgess, Jimmy, Kathy and Gloria Turner, Becca, Allen and Stephen Scitern, Alphonse Pino, Clifton Pittman, Eddie Pettie, James Wooten, Aline

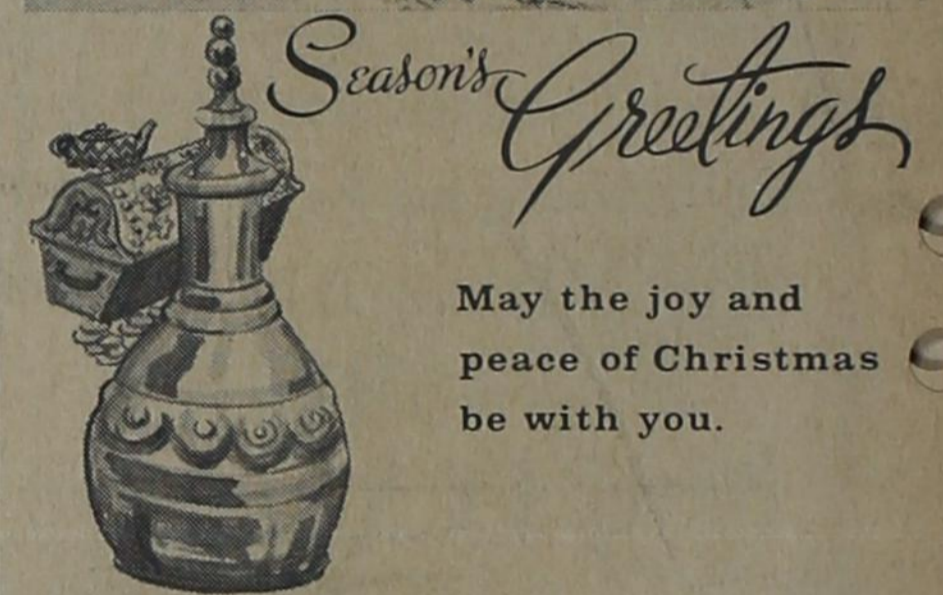
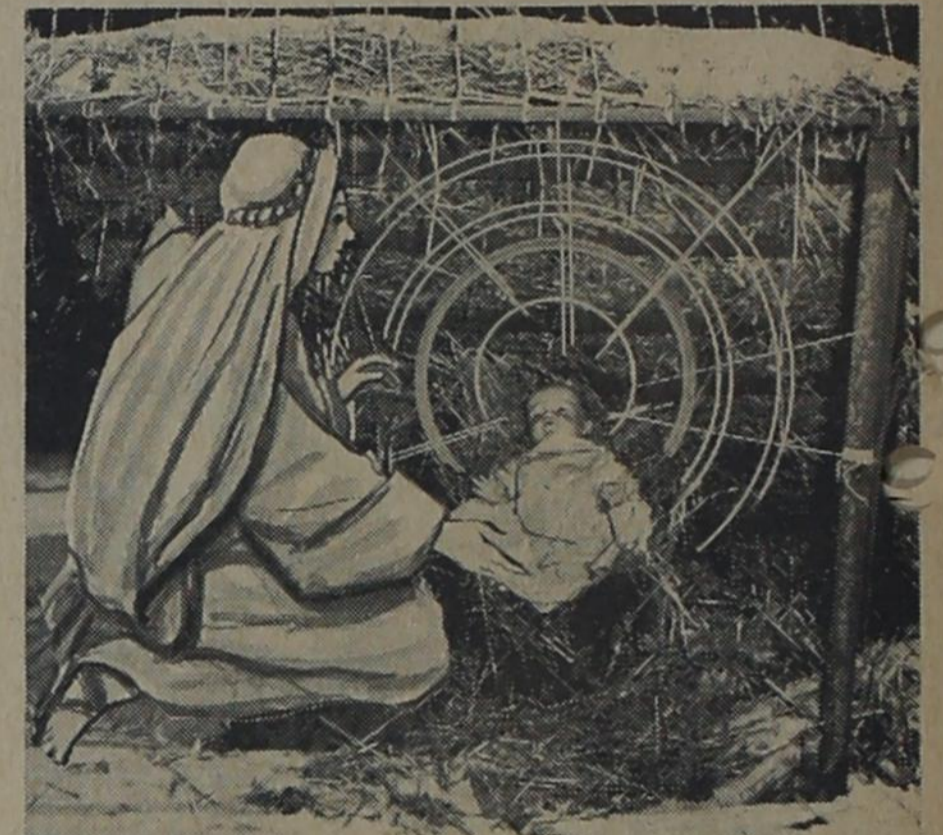
Cates, Kristi Odell and Nita's sisters, Brenda and Amy. Also her grandmothers, Mrs. Alvis Scitern and Mrs. Alvin Lasater, and an aunt, Mrs. Glenn Scitern, and Mrs. Jimmy Turner.



## GREETINGS

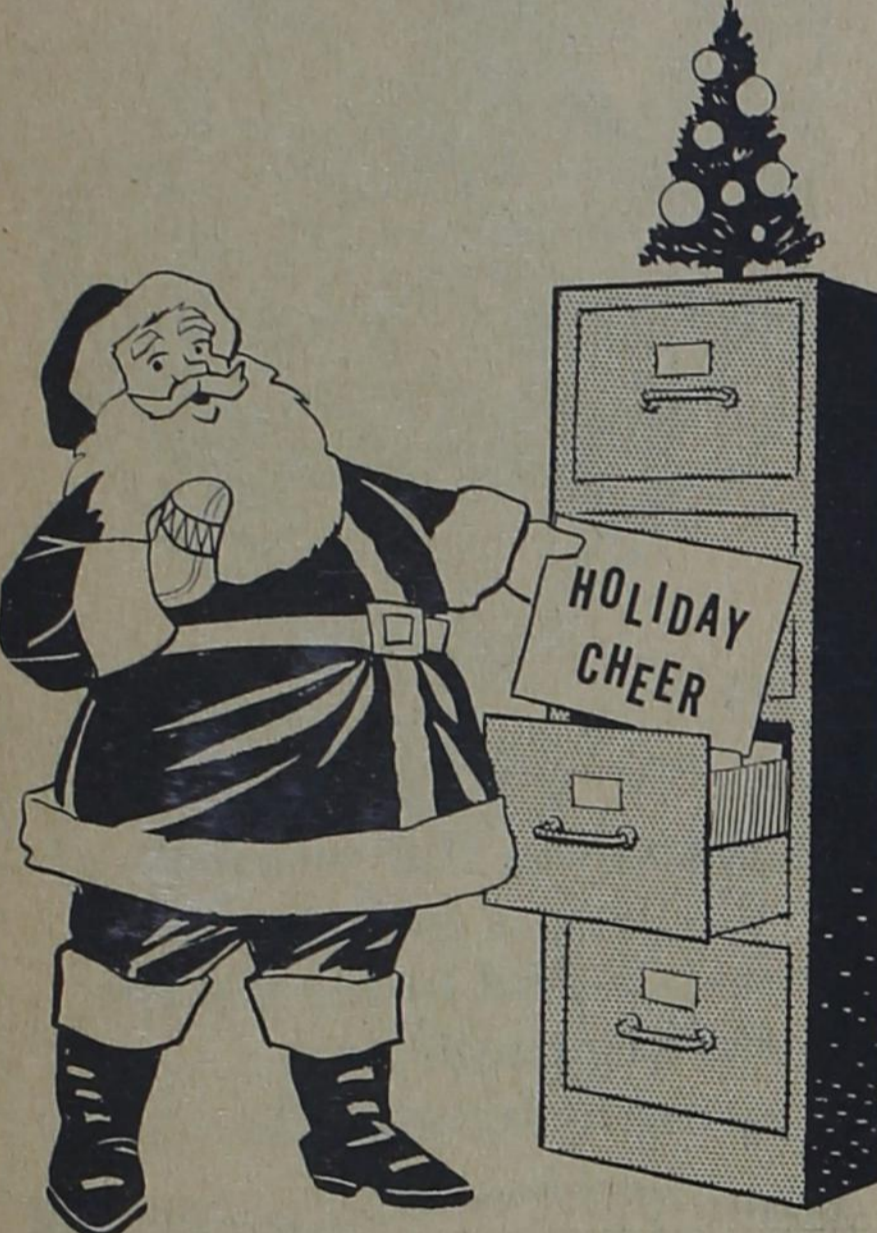
This little wish is our way to bid you good tidings on Christmas Day.

Mr. Mrs. Robbins



May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you.

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## JOBE EQUIPMENT CO.

# Holiday Greetings...



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# JOYOUS CHRISTMAS



We wish all our friends a very joyous and cheerful Christmas season.

## NABORS FUNERAL HOME DE LEON, TEXAS

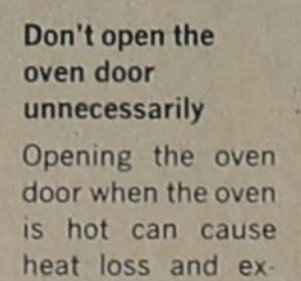
# Tips to help you use electricity more efficiently for cooking.

You can get the most value from your electric range by following these tips.



### Use flat-bottomed pans

The flatter the pan the better the contact with the electric unit. Also, be sure the pans have tight-fitting lids to reduce cooking time and moisture loss. And match pan size to unit size to avoid heat loss.



### Don't open the oven door unnecessarily

Opening the oven door when the oven is hot can cause heat loss and extended cooking time. It also can result in undercooking.



### Use minimum amount of water

The more water you use, the longer it takes to get it hot. Many foods

can be cooked with little or no water. Once water starts to boil, use the lowest heat setting that will keep it boiling.

### Cook and freeze

Bake two cakes or pies, or make double recipes of such foods as stews and spaghetti sauce. Then freeze one for future use. Also, when you're baking, prepare an oven meal at the same time so no surface cooking is necessary—simply choose foods that will cook at about the same temperature.



### Thaw before cooking

Thawing meats before cooking reduces cooking time. Also, when recipes call for a preheated oven, don't turn it on too far in advance—usually 10 to 15 minutes will do.

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