



PRESS POINTS

By JOE BENNETT, Publisher

Must start this weeks column with the biggest "Thank You" that's possible to muster to the fine people for the many prayers offered in behalf of the wife's father, Clayton Rhyne, who is in the hospital at this time in Corpus Christi, and for all the kind deeds done and all the offers of help we have received. He is doing as well as can be expected at this time but is expected to remain in the hospital there for several days. He underwent surgery on Monday morning.

Our wait at the hospital during the operation was made easier just knowing that you folks were concerned enough to offer words of prayer in his behalf. We sincerely appreciate it.

One just never seems to know of all the illness and sickness that goes on in this world until they are faced with the difficulty of awaiting word of a loved one who is ill. It sure gives you a different outlook about life. We found this out last year when another relative was near death in a hospital. You really feel for doctors as they must relay the word to the family, both good and bad, about the patient. I believe if they were not able to give the happy news to the families, that they surely couldn't stand the pressure of the bad news all the time. They really have a very tough job when you really get down to it.

He is in the Memorial East Hospital.

Anyway, the family sincerely appreciates your words and deeds in our behalf and will ask the Lord to bless your in our prayers.

And lo and behold, when we returned home late Tuesday afternoon and dropped by the shop to see what was going on, Kernel Gene told me of the bad news that Mrs. Baker had fallen and broke her hip around noon Tuesday. She underwent surgery at Blackwell Hospital on Wednesday morning and is expected to be hospitalized several days. We wish you a speedy recovery, Tess. Poor old Kernel will have to batch for awhile and will probably starve, or learn to cook one.

Most of the peanut farmers have gotten what was left of their crops in during the past couple of weeks of good weather. The crop is really short in comparison to previous years, but we should all be thankful for the crop that was harvested. In most cases it could have been a lot worse. All we can do is hope and pray for a better harvest and crop next year.

Received the following letter this week:

I don't know who took the lead in arranging the gospel singing at Lawndale Home but I would like to say it was a wonderful idea. I think I can speak for everyone at the home. They really do look forward to every Thursday night. My mother (Mrs. Josie McClearen) lives there and I have had the opportunity to hear the gospel singing twice and it was beautiful. I received a blessing out of it and the singers are to be commended for taking time out to help bring a little happiness into this home.

I hope this will continue and the singers will be blessed for bringing enjoyment to our older folks.

Mrs. Alvin Frasier
Thanks, Mrs. Frasier, and I add my appreciation to those who are responsible for this fine deed. And it was very thoughtful for you to write us

SANTA TO BE IN GORMAN SATURDAY DECEMBER 14 AT 3 P M

INVITATIONAL TOURNNEY SET HERE FOR DECEMBER 12-13-14

The Annual Gorman Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held at the local gym this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 12-13-14 with eight boys and eight girls teams participating.

Action will begin at 10 a. m. both Thursday and Friday mornings and the opening game on Saturday will be at 1 p. m.

Teams entered in the girls bracket are Moran, Eastland, Carbon, Priddy, De Leon, Dublin, Ranger and Gorman. Teams in the boys bracket include Moran, Eastland, Carbon, Priddy, Dublin, Ranger, Gorman "A" and Gorman "B" team, which is substituting for a team that was unable to attend.

There will be trophies for

consolation, third place, second and championship in each bracket.

Consolation finals will begin at 1 p. m. Saturday, followed by the girls and boys third place games, then the finals for championship trophies on Saturday night.

Gorman teams placed third in the Dublin tourney last weekend. The girls beat Glen Rose, lost to Priddy and beat Tolar fir third place. The boys beat Comanche, lost to Priddy, then beat Gustine for third place honors.

Phyllis Guthery, Kris Brown and Mel Maxfield received All-Tournament trophies. Krista Henderson received Most Valuable Player trophy.

In Tuesday night's action on the local court, the Panther B team won over Lingleville by the score of 44-43 in a thriller.

In the second game the Pantherettes won over the Lingleville girls by the margin of 54 to 43. Krista Henderson hit 30 points, Kerrie Jolley had 14 and Charlene Self, 10.

In the boys game Van Stacy led the Panthers to a one point come-from-behind victory in a very thrilling 65 to 64 game. This was a fine victory for the Panthers.

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Band Tribute to George Broom

This week's Panther Band tribute is to a young man who has done a lot for the band.

This fine trombone player is our drum major for this year of 1974-75. His name... George Broom. George is a senior this year and out of his total five years in band, he has been president for three.

Just recently, George traveled to Cisco where he talked with Douglas Fry, the CJC Wrangler Band director. As a result of this interview-try-out, George won a \$300-a-year scholarship for music. He plans to attend Cisco Junior College this coming fall and major in art. The CJC Wrangler Band and Wrangler Belles is the only group in Texas that goes to the Macy's Thanks giving Day Parade on a regular basis.

We, in the Big Red Panther Band, are proud to have had a fine person like George to be our leader. He has really been an inspiration to all of us and we will be sad to see him go.

Norma Dennis, Reporter

more punch and perhaps one (or two) more cookies. Mrs. C. O. Revels assisted in serving the punch from time to time.

It was truly a lovely Christmas Party. Visiting with each other, seeing the Clark's new home, hearing again the Christmas Story from Luke, and remembering together, "Why Christmas?" - all setting the mood for a happy time as the Christmas season begins. Goodnight time came too soon. Presently, however, "had a good time" and "Merry Christmas" was heard as Mmes. W. O. Parr, W. T. Shell, Gene Baker, H. M. Gilbert, M. H. Fairbetter, Jimmy Turner, A. A. Brown, Edgar Higginbottom, Charlie Garrett, Frank Rhymes, G. C. Acree, F. R. Haile, L. D. Scott, Dorothy Hatcher, J. R. Snelson, George Hollifield, and those previously mentioned, hurried off to the many errands to be done before Christmas Day. Co-Hostesses with Mrs. Clark were Mrs. Jerry Shugart, Gorman Minnie Bennet, Gorman

Craddock.

Statement to Southwest Peanut Growers Released

The National Peanut Growers Group Steering Committee met in Washington on Tuesday December 3, the day prior to a meeting called by Rep. Walter Jones, Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee for Oilseeds and Rice. The meeting called by Rep. Jones had been prompted by a visit to him on Nov. 25 by Asst. Ag. Secretary Clayton Vautter and ASCS Administrator Kenneth Frick at which time the USDA officials advised Jones that USDA would announce 1975 program administrative changes during the week, Dec 4-13. Jones asked them to delay announcing administrative program changes until he could call together all interested parties for a last try to resolve differences between industry and USDA on legislation to modify the peanut program.

On December 3 NPGG resolved to into the meeting the following day completely open-minded and prepared to discuss any type of peanut program modifications with USDA and the Congress except that we were non-negotiable with respect to a target price plan and any legislation that did not contain a provision to revert to the present program in the event of non-renewal of temporary legislation at the expiration of any given period.

In the December 4 meeting about seven members of the Jones' subcommittee were present, approximately equally divided between Democrats and Republicans. Asst. Secy. Vautter made it perfectly clear that USDA wanted to change the peanut program to a target price mechanism and stated that USDA intended to introduce legislation to this effect next year with or without industry cooperation. Detailed explanation by members of NPGG as to why the target price plan would not work for peanuts apparently completely failed to dissuade Mr. Vautter from the target price direction. However at the close of the meeting Vautter stated that USDA probably would postpone announcement of administrative program changes for 1975 until USDA and industry had further opportunity to resolve existing differences.

Chrm. Jones indicated he would like to be in on future discussions between industry and USDA. House Ag. Committee Chairman W. R. Poage made a similar request through one of his staff members. Upon advice from key Congressmen the NPGG has selected a small committee that will meet with Asst. Secy. Vautter either later this month or in January, 1975 to further discuss this entire matter.

The following points are believed to be what the Department is considering by way of a target plan:

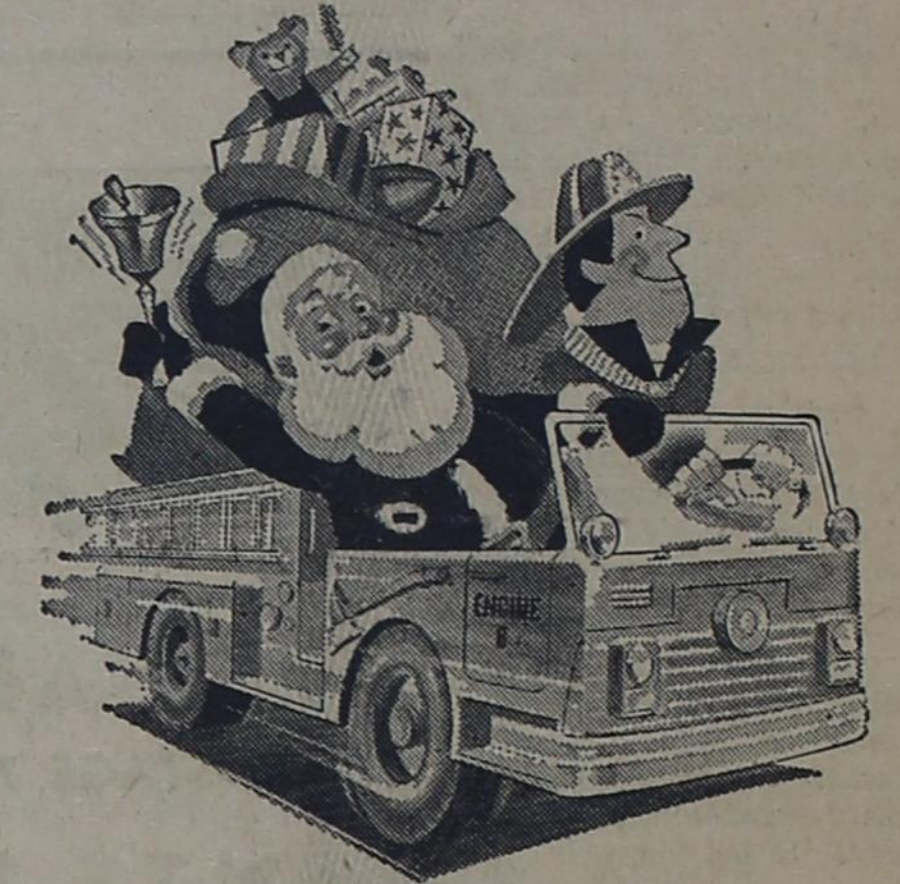
1. \$300 per ton target price.
2. Allotment acreage at 1,200,000 acres rather than the present 1,600,000 acres.
3. Complete freedom of production for anyone wishing to grow peanuts (excess peanuts produced beyond the 1.2-million acres would compete in the open market with peanuts produced on allotted acreage).
4. The only purpose of the allotment would be in calculating deficiency payments.
5. Deficiency payments would be the amount per ton or per pound that the target price exceeded the average market price of \$250 per ton, allotment producers would receive a deficiency payment of \$40 per ton. The \$40 per ton would apply equally to a grower who received only \$230 in the market place and to the grower who received \$300 in the market place. In other words, some producers would receive substantially more than the target price and some less considerably less.

As you know NPGG is looking at several variations of a two price plan which would achieve 70% net parity to allotment producers while permitting unlimited production to be restricted to export and crushing uses at price support level of about 43% of parity. We will keep you posted.

ROSS WILSON, Manager
Southwestern Peanut Growers Association

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Mr. and Mrs. Snooks Craddock of Sundown are visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawley, and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater, and brother, Wade Craddock, and other relatives.



Christmas Season will officially get underway Saturday, December 14, when Santa Claus makes his annual visit to Gorman at 3:00 p. m.

He will arrive riding on the New Fire Truck and will have gifts of candy for the children and young in heart.

He will be visiting with all the young boys and girls and listening to their wishes for Christmas morning.

This will be a grand time also for Mom and Dad to check the many, many outstanding buys in the local stores for Christmas.

Swine Production Course Set Dec. 16-19 at Carbon

A swine production short course for adult farmers will be held Dec. 16-19 under the sponsorship of the Carbon High School Vocational Agriculture Department according to Mr. Rufus Carr, Superintendent, and Mr. John E. Rodgers, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture.



Robert S. Cohen, Swine Production Specialist with the Vocational Agriculture Division of the Texas Education Agency and the Dept. of Animal Science of Texas A&M Univ., will be the instructor for the course. He is headquartered at Texas A&M University.

Mr. Cohen received a BS degree in Animal Science in 1965, and a MS degree in Animal Nutrition in 1972 from Texas A&M. He has completed course work for PH. D. degree in Animal Nutrition, also from Texas A&M.

He was raised on a Swine and beef cattle ranch in South eastern Lime County, Texas, and was very active in FFA and 4-H programs During the early 1960's, Mr. Cohen was employed at the Texas A&M Univ. Swine Center. Between periods of formal training, he worked for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Williamson and Eastland Counties and completed active duty with the U. S. Air Force Reserve.

The shortcourse at Carbon is scheduled to begin Dec. 16 at 6: 30 P. M. in the Vocational Ag Bldg. During the dates the shortcourse is in progress, Mr. Cohen will be available to assist Swine producers with individual problems and to provide on-the-farm instruction, according to John E. Rodgers, Ag Teacher.

Producers interested in attending the shortcourse should write or call the superintendent of Schools, Rufus Carr or the teacher of vocational agriculture, Mr. Rodgers. An enrollment fee of \$3 will be charged.

FINAL RITES FOR JOSEPH FRY HELD IN DE LEON

Joseph Charles Fry, 72, of De Leon and formerly of Gorman, died Monday, December 9, 1974 at the North Park Manor Nursing Home in De Leon after a lengthy illness. Grave-side rites were held at Copperas Cove Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

He was born June 24, 1902. Mr. Fry was a Baptist.

Survivors include two brothers, Roy Albert of Midland and Bill of Temple; two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Waggoner of Lubbock and Mrs. Vera Miller of Albuquerque, N. M., three nephews and two nieces.

Swine Production Shortcourse certificates will be presented to each Swine producer who attends all the traing sessions.

Mr. Cohen states that pork producers must make a serious effort to increase efficiency of production in the future. Increasing costs of equipment and services purchased, accompanied by fluctuating prices received at the market are contributing factors.

The number of pigs produced per sow per year and the amount of weight gain from a pound of feed are two important measures of productivity to be evaluated. Mr. Cohen indicates the swine production shortcourse will deal with methods to increase efficiency of production. He also states the course will include such important topics as swine selection and breeding programs, feeds and feeding, housing and equipment, diseases and parasites, management for profitable production, marketing and records.

"Shortcourse in swine production, as well as in other areas, are now available to farmers throughout the state under the cooperative program between the Texas Education Agency and Texas A&M Univ.," States Bob Jaska associate professor, Dept. of Agricultural Education at Texas A&M, who coordinates the program for Texas A&M.

"This cooperative program" states Jaska, "is designed to make the services of specialists available to conduct short courses under the supervision of public schools. Such a program will enable teachers of vocational agriculture to provide improved educational services to farm people."

Specialists are now available in the fields of Swine Production, Beef Production, Farm Electric Wiring and Safety, Farm Electric Motors, Arc Welding, Tractor Maintenance, Pasture, and Oxy-Ectylene Welding.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

NOTICE TO ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mid Semester tests will be given next week and all past due school accounts and lunch room bill are to be paid by mid-semester or make arrangement at the school office.

Singing at Rock Bluff will be held Saturday night, December 14th.

Lawndale Hime is in need of a magazine rack. If anyone has one they do not use or want, it would be appreciated by the residents of Lawndale for use in the main lobby.

The Gorman Fire Department will meet Monday, December 15th.

The Gorman Lions Club will meet Tuesday, December 16th at noon at the Band Hall.

The City Commission will meet Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 p. m.

The Desdemona Community Musical will be held Saturday night, December 21 at the Community Building. All musicians and those who enjoy good music and fellowship are invited to attend.

Singing at the Congregational Methodist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, December 15th.

The Christmas Party for Lawndale residents will be held at 3 p. m. December 15. Anyone having gifts, etc., are asked to have them at the home by 1 p. m. Sunday.

Christmas Gift Idea — The Gorman Chamber of Commerce have several Eastland County Centennial Books and would be an ideal Christmas gift for only \$2.50 plus 15c tax. May be purchased at the Progress Office or Chamber of Commerce.

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HOSPITAL REPORT

Wednesday, December 11: Mrs. Gene Baker, Gorman Willie Barrett, Gorman Thursie Johnson, De Leon Cora Harlow, Eastland Vesta Bryan, Gorman Edward Macon, Gorman Marie Graham, Gorman Georgia McCrea, Cisco Ivan Ross, De Leon Mamie Hancock, De Leon Nena Rodgers, Ranger Ruth Shupp, De Leon Trudy Parker, Gorman Arland Watson, Gorman W. W. Davis, Gorman John King, Gorman Jerry Shugart, Gorman Minnie Bennet, Gorman

PECAN & BAKE SHOW WINNERS ANNOUNCED

EASTLAND — At least two men walked away from the 22nd annual Eastland County Pecan and Bake Show here feeling a bit nutty—they judged by taste, among other qualities, 153 pecan entries.

The judges, Dr. Arlie Powell of Texas A&M University, and Tom Denman, Stephenville horticulturist, judged the three division pecan show on the basis of the size of the nut, percentage kernel, color, uniformity and taste.

Results follow:

In Shell Pecan Division Champion was a Mohawk variety by the Ranger Church of Christ. Reserve Champion was a Choctaw Pecan by Marq Gordon of Eastland.

Champion in the shelling pecan division was a Sioux variety by Scott Gordon of Eastland. Reserve champion was a Shawnee by C. T. Barton of Rising Star.

The Native Pecan Division Champion was Dalton Hardin, Jr. of Eastland. The Reserve Champion was James Alexander of Rising Star.

There were a total of 33 entries in the Pecan Bake Show, held in conjunction with the Pecan Show.

Grand Champion in the Adult Division was Mrs. Herbert Winde of Cisco. The Reserve Champion was Mrs. Eileen Reddeck of Eastland.

Centerpiece Division winners were Mrs. E. V. Stacy of Carbon, first; Mrs. Dick Yielding, Eastland, second; and Mrs. Ray Judie of Cisco, third.

Adult Cake Division winners were Mrs. Herbert Wende of Cisco, first; Mrs. Herman Schaefer, Nimrod, second; and Mrs. Eugene Perrier of Carbon, third.

Winners of the Candy Division were Mrs. Letha Robertson, Eastland, first; Mrs. Walter Hall, Cisco, second; and Mrs. John Rodgers, Carbon, third.

Winners of the Cookie Division were Mrs. E. V. Stacy, Carbon first; Mrs. Nancy Hendricks, Gorman, second.

Winners of the Nut Bread Division were Mrs. D. D. Sandlin, Carbon, first; Mrs. John Rodgers, Carbon, second; and Mrs. Ruby Cavanaugh, Eastland, third.

Winners of the Pie Division were Mrs. Ellen Reddick, Eastland, first; Mrs. John Rodgers, Carbon, second; and Mrs. Herman Schaefer, Nimrod, third.

Grand Champion of the Youth Division was Karen Plowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Plowman of Eastland. Reserve Champion was Kim Rodgers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rodgers of Carbon.

There were 15 entries in the division.

Winners in the Cake Division were Karen Plowman, first; Kim Rodgers, second; and Joyce Van Dyke, third.

Winners of the Candy Division were Brenda Kidd, Eastland, first; Kim Rodgers, second; and Joyce Van Dyke, Eastland, third.

Winners of the Cookie Division were Shirley Kidd, Eastland, first; Diana McCaghren, Cisco, second; and Terri Woods, Carbon, third.

Kim Rodgers also won the Nutbread Division.

Winners of the Pie Division were Diana McCaghren, first; Kim Rodgers, second; and Debbie Van Dyke, third.

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THOUGHTS

From The Living Bible

When the other disciples discovered what James and John had asked, they were very indignant. So Jesus called them to him and said, "As you know, the kings and great men of the earth lord it over the people; but among you it is different. Whoever wants to be great among you must be the slave of all. For even I, the Messiah, am not here to be served, but to help others, and to give my life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:41-45
Religious Heritage of America

Kokomo HD Club Meets in Home of Cullen Rodgers

The Kokomo Home Demonstration Club met December 9 at 2:00 p. m. for a regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Cullen Rodgers.

Plans were made to cater a dinner for the Comanche

County Coop. December 19th at 7 p. m. at the Community Center building.

The club also planned to go to Lawndale Sunday, December 15th for the December birthday party for the residents having December birthdays. The birthdays will be observed at 2:30 before the annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Rodgers served delicious refreshments.

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Desdemona News

By HATTIE TATE
December made its debut calm, clear and cold in our area. As each month of 1974 things happened beyond our - things too numerous to mention."

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FOR SALE - Used Elec. Victor adding machine, \$50. Used Victor manual adding machine, \$38. Underwood Five Typewriter, Smith Corona Typewriter, \$25. Estelle Craddock, Gorman Progress, 734-5410.

Guy Owens has returned to our town. He has been living near Houston for several years. Guy does carpentry work and painting and general work on buildings. He will be glad to serve the people of our community. He is the youngest son of Dick and Agnes Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brisco of Stephenville visited Walter and Cora Greenhaw Tuesday. Several ladies met at Mary's "Puttering House" Thursday afternoon and made several Christmas Center pieces. Don't ever throw away anything you would be surprised what can be made from scraps. Come on down and get new idea.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Collum and little daughter Shelly and Stacy of Lubbock spent the

FOR SALE - Day At Glance Books for 1975. Give one for Christmas. Progress Office.

FOR SALE - 1973 Kirby Vacuum Cleaner with attachments \$250.00. Larry Campbell, Call 647-1019. 2-12-19c

week end deer hunting and visiting their gradparents Walter and Cora Greenhaw. Albert Johnson received word last Sunday that his son-in-law, Milton (M. E.) Snow of Copperas Cove passed away suddenly. Funeral was pending with Lacy Funeral Home in Stephenville.

We are glad to report that Larry and Jerry Majors have moved back to their home here. They have been living in Stephenville for several months.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powers Saturday was his sister, Mrs. Janie Terry her son and wife, Mr. and Temple Terry and two sons of Dallas.

Mrs. Hattie Cook and Mrs.

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Inez Heeter spent last week in Eastland visiting Mrs. Luna (Foote) Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crumbley have had the pleasure of having their son Don and wife Mary and little daughter with them for several weeks. Don is on furlough of the U S Army and has been in the Phillipines for the past 3 years. They will be in California after returning to duty. While here Don and family with his mother, Mrs. Ed Crumbley, visited his grandfather, Mr. Fowler and other relatives in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Byars of Canyon came by Sunday to visit his sister Mrs. Sam Powers and Mr. Powers after attending an O. E. S. meeting in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ragland were in Pasadena on Saturday mixing pleasure with business.

REMEMBER Saturday night December 21. It's music time. Ladies bring on more pies and especially Sand w-

ACTEEN ACTIVITIES

By AMY WARREN

Last week at Acteens, Carla Good was in charge of the program. She selected girls to read aloud about our Lottie Moon Christmas offering. She is also our study leader.

Some of the girls read a short skit and some read about Lottie Moon and then told in their own words what it meant. Debra Barnett read a part about children needing homes. We ask everyone to please help and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Girls attending were Cindy Burleson, Sandy Porter, Sarah Porter, Stephanie Slampa, Debra Barnett, Melinda Harrington, Carla and Darla Good, Paulette Baze, Sherrie Wright, Debbie Hambrick, Rebecca Craine, Ellen Gressett, Janey Needham and Amy Warren.



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CARBON NEWS

By **VELMA HASTINGS**
Carbon School Cafeteria Menu for week of Dec. 16 - 20
Monday - Johnny Knows it, Blackeyed Peas, Carrots, and cornbread, Genie bars, Milk
Tuesday - Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, green beans, lettuce and tomato salad, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Cake and Milk.
Wednesday - Turkey and dressing, peas, Cranberry Sauce, Buttered Rice, Milk
Thursday - Corny Dogs, Pork and Beans, Slaw Orange Juice, corn bread, Milk
Friday - Hamburger, Lettuce, tomato pickles, Potato Chips, Jello.

The ladies from the cafeteria wish everyone A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School will dismiss Dec. 20 for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Marvin Hale is visiting her new granddaughter, Kelley Bryant, daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryant of Mozelle this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Bryant and Candi visited Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Clower and family of Sweetwater Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Mabel Payne visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Payne of San Angelo last weekend.

Mrs. Ruth Reece spent last weekend with the Dean Turners of Levelland and Don Bennets of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields and Lindell of Kokomo visited the Buster Johnsons Sunday evening.

Mrs. Clara Brooker has returned home after a stay in an Eastland Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tucker and Barbara of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tucker Sunday.

Mrs. Billie Daniel of Odessa and Mrs. Bess Nichols of McKinney visited Mrs. Bess Green last weekend.

Mrs. Dulin Sandlin and Mrs. Jim Sandlin visited in the Fred Coburn home n Glenrose Saturday.

O. J. Nowlin of Ft. Worth visited his sister Mrs. Mabel Payne on Tuesday.

To friends who remember Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, formerly of Carbon, a note comes that she is able to be at home again in Houston after staying in the hospital and she is feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harley and Charline visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harle of Henretta Sunday.

Lawndale Visitors

Alvin and Jean Fraser and sons visited Josie McClearen. Mattie Shackelford, of Kerit visited Beulah Harper.

Lillie Carl Perrin visited Hattie Love, Jessie Lemley and Beulah Milton.

Doris Clark of De Leon visited Mrs. Edward Macon. Nita Burress of Post visited

LeLa Leach and Jessie Lemley.

Monie Warren of Carbon visited Lexie Wright.

Mrs. George Bell, Gorman, Mrs. Wallace Cook and Karla and Gay Alexander of Lubbock visited Etta Sanders.

Ida Bell of Breckenridge visited Jessie Lemley.

Mrs. Frank Gilman of Bryan visited Mrs. Edward Macon. Mrs. D. R. Holliday. Nor-

mangee, Texas visited Mrs. Edna Kirk.

Mrs. Odis Rodgers, Gorman

visited Mary Timmons and Lillie Boney.

Mrs. L. D. Holliday, Gorman visited CuBell Jay and Edna Kirk.

Lila Bennett Johnson, Ardmore, Okla. visited Mrs. Minnie Bennett.

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Old forked tongue is still arguing and snapping at every one. It makes Mae so nervous too. I think she believes what Kent says at times. Old Big Foot nearly took off in flight. He spread his chair and flopped his arms - though his big feet held him down. Mamma just looked goggled eyed and said, "Do not fly away yet". Bossy just laughed and cried and cried. I was just an innocent observer. Muriel is planning on a squirrel pie for Christmas from those kittens. Fats is getting a good lot of Christmas spirits brewing. He thinks they will right by that time. He says they will really really sharpen his teeth for that squirrel pie. Good eating. [flightwlo.rkrqarry?h

Easters are still hunting Santa and having a lot of car trouble. Olr Lester and Double Six have been traveling a lot lately. boarding place.

Now for our office report All are going strong. Poor Digger won one-fourth game the entire week. Luke's neighbor won one game. He has been having a lot of trouble with his old Ford.

Doc has not collected his bills yet. He found out it was just "give me" all the time with no pay. Doc is still in need of a bird bah for his neighbors birds.

The Fisher man is still going strong. He helped Luke's neighbor lose 3 games.

Luke just uses one pack of tobacco to ease his tooth ache now. Judge Uncle Sam is back again. It is fun to hear him and Floyd argue over the game. Chewing Clyde helped out this week. He has a fresh chew now. Tater Bat ran out of gum before the first. Thou he is going stronger now. Doy is on the job some now, though that strong cigar nearly stifles him at times. I admit it does not improve with age. Our sideline coaches are going strong now. I finally won one game, with the help of Tennessee. We helped Luke

lose two games in a hurry. Hickey is there with his fresh air and laughing. Though he had just as soon lose as to win, so he says.

Luke's neighbor is always in trouble with his Banker. Several years ago, about one year after I moved to town, I visited my daughter in Abilene. When I returned home, there was a For Sale sign in front yard. It had Banker Duran's name on it, as agent. I just left the sign there. That evening I heard a pecking on the wall next to a window. I went out to see about it and a lady was examining around the window. I asked her what she wanted. She said she saw the sign in the yard and was looking over the house. She asked me what I knew about the house. I just told her I lived here and all I know was what the sign said. So she went to see Duran. That was the third one that day. He told her that a half wit had put the sign there. Told her where he lived. So she went to see Monroe. Then came back to my house and asked me if I owned the house. I told her I had a deed to it. She said the banker called him a half wit. She said he is a whole wit and as crazy as a loon. The banker called Monroe and told him to go take that darn sign down.

So Hook Nose came over to see about the sign. He was mad and asked me why I did not take the sign down. I told him I didn't put it up and I wasn't taking it down. You see, I was enjoying my visitors and listening to them brag on my house. He shook his fist and gnashed his teeth, gathered up the sign and left very ill tempered. I felt sorry for him.

The sick folks are doing fair. So much flu for the old folks. Though Smley and Nola Underwood are still enjoying their stay at the "Rest Home."

We are all looking forward to Christmas. Many have put in requests for 100 lb. sacks of sugar this year. Though some will be disappointed as that will be too heavy a load for Old Santa this time. Hope he brings Frosty plenty of money for those poor peanut farmers and cattlemen. If not I am afraid somebody may go hungry.

Smile, it is catching. So healthful.

Honest, (Oh! It is so easy for me to be hat way - sometimes) Reporter

School Menu

Following is the menu list for the Gorman School Lunch room for the week of December 16-20:

Monday - Fish sticks with french fries, combination salad, milk, bread and gingerbread.

Tuesday - Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, candied yams, green beans, cranberry

sauce, bread, milk and fruit salad.

Wednesday - Pinto beans, spinach, corn, cornbread and apple cobbler.

Thursday - Roast beef and gravy, creamed potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, butter, bread syrup and milk.

Friday - Pork salad sandwiches, vegetable soup, potato chips, crackers and milk.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Duske Purchase Bennett Property

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Duske have purchased the Velma Bennett property on Lexington Ave. near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett. The property and two houses was formerly part of the B. E. Wilson estate.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holliday and Debbie and Mrs. Roy Holliday of Normangee. Mrs. Holliday and Debbie, Mrs. Roy Holliday, and Mrs. Glenn Glasson shepherded in Abilene Monday.

Velma Bennett and Carie Atchison attended the Rebekah School of Instruction held in Stephenville last Monday.

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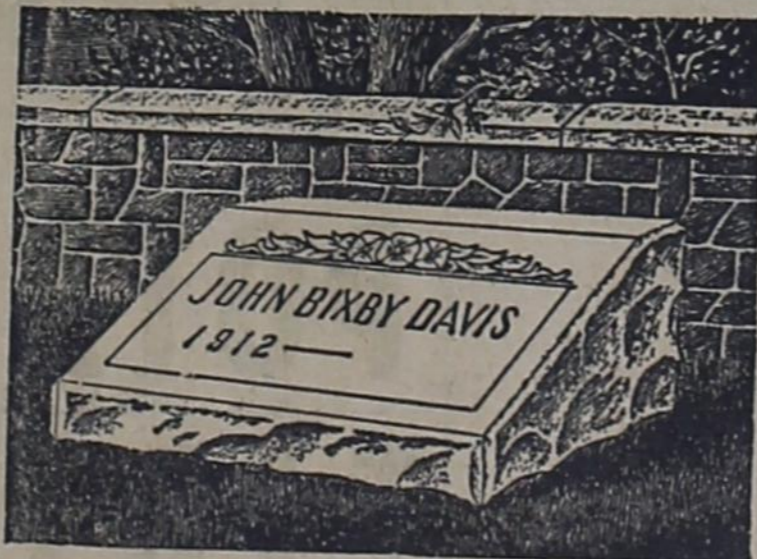
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The gift table held a small yellow tree decorated with diaper pins, booties, pacifiers, baby rattlers, baby comb and vitamin dispenser.

The serving table was adorned with a bud vase of dried flowers and on the wall behind the table was a miniature baby doll wrapped in a blue diaper hung by pink bows.

The honoree was presented a corsage of yellow bows arranged around a small doll with a baby rattle and small baby bottle on the streamers.

Receiving guests with Mrs. Jobe were her mother, Mrs. Durwood Webb, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Doyle Lee Jobe. Other honored guests were grandmothers, Mrs. Claude Webb of Lueders, Mrs. Ed Patton of Merkel, Mrs. Alton Watson and Mrs. D. J. Jobe, also Mrs. Bobbie Lavett, Miss Danna Levett and Mrs. David Van Winkle, all of Abilene.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Simmons were Mesdames Fred Rogers, Fred Lightfoot, Glenn Glasson, Ray Williams, Larry Campbell, Nathan Files, Dick Foster, David Ervin, James Mears, Leo P. Vaughn, Vernon Files, and Miss Debbie Holliday and Miss Laneta Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Willy Gilbert and Carey of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barnes were her children, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. "Corky" McMillan and children. They also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles McMillan in Eastland, and Joe Barnes, son of Mr. Barnes, who recently was discharged from the service and now in college at Fort Collins, Colo., and Don and Donna Barnes of Dallas.

LOCAL NEWS

School Hill News

By Mrs. Bill Riddell

Tena Ward and Ethelda Stephens of Haltom City spent last weekend with Giff and Linda Johnson and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Armstrong and Melani of Highland had supper one night this week with J. C. and Patsy Moon and family.

Tommy and Jane Musick of Purves spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riddell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Pilgrim of Eastland visited Friday with Renia Hogg.

Rodger and Joan Elston and girls of Lingleville had supper Tuesday night with Ralph and Aline Elston.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Hare of Lingleville visited one night this week with Blake and Delilah Morrison.

Giff and Linda Johnson attended the Farm Bureau Convention a couple of days last week in Dallas. Giff is the Erath County president of the Farm Bureau.

Janie Hogg spent last Thursday with Mrs. T. C. Fisher of Ranger.

Bill and Oma Lee Riddell and children visited Friday night with W. T. and Evelyn Yardley of Stephenville. We visited Saturday night with Leo and Eloise Williams of Desdemona and on Sunday with Ruby and Shorty Stokes of Lingleville. Others there were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stokes and family of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Grimshaw and Niki of Kokomo.

Mrs. J. O. Staude of Fort Worth is spending a couple of weeks with Joe and Ann Staude and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ross of Austin spent a few days with her sister, Ruby Johnson.

Gifford Johnson visited Saturday with Bill and Oma Lee Riddell and family.

Mrs. Mary Emerson reports that her son, Jack, an employee of General Dynamics in Fort Worth, left Saturday on a business trip to Amsterdam, Holland and will return on December 19th.



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HISTORICAL MARKER FOR ELLISON SPRING

An official Texas Historical Marker was erected for Ellison Springs on FM 8, 3 miles NE of Gorman in September. Made of cast aluminum with Swedish steel effect, the marker measures 27 x 42 inches and is sponsored by the Eastland County Historical Survey Committee and County Commissioners.

The inscription on the marker reads:

**ELLISON SPRINGS
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Used for centuries by Indians inhabiting the region. Named for James Madison Ellison (1840-1923), a native of Alabama, who was the first settler in this area of Eastland County, erecting a cabin near the springs in October 1958. He soon married Eliza McGough, a member of another pioneer family, and had 3 children.

During the Civil War, frontiersmen organized militia companies for mutual protection against the Indians. Ellison joined the company mustered from Eastland, Shackelford, and Callahan Counties. On August 9, 1864, a group of 12 scouts from the company was attacked near the springs, and took refuge in Ellison's Cabin. The commander, Capt. Singleton Gilbert, and Leroy "Button" Keith were killed, and Ellison, Tom Gilbert and Tom Caddenhead wounded. Ellison was disabled for life.

After cessation of Indian activity, Ellison Springs became the center of social and cultural functions for the scattered settlers in the area. Picnics, community gatherings, and brush arbor camp meetings were held at the site. In the early 1870's a Baptist Church was constructed, with the Rev. C. Brashears as minister. A cemetery was begun in the mid 1870's. The present frame house at the Springs was built by Ellison in 1886.

The marking of local historic sites and landmarks is part of the Texas Historical Commission's program of preservation activities. These include archeological investigations, small museum consultation, and administering the National Historic Preservation Act in Texas. As of 1970 the Historical Commission had erected more than 5,000 official markers.

The name and location of the present marker will appear in the next edition of the Guide to Official Historical Markers in order to stimulate tourist travel in this area, to arouse interest in historical tours, and to acquaint the people of this locale with their unique heritage.

File and Huff Win Gun Club Trophies

The Gorman Gun Club ended the season with a shoot on Sunday, December 8 with Nathan Files and Wayne Huff tying for the trophy given for the most points scored for the year. The men tied for the most first places won in each of the shoots held during the year.

Results of last week's shoot is as follows:

26 Caliber and over: 1. Wayne Huff; 2. Nathan Files; 3. Tim Porter.

25 Caliber and under: 150 yds. Scope Rifle: 1. Tim Porter; 2. Nathan Files; 3. Dennis Frasier.

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Give Meat, Poultry and Dairy Products For Christmas

Farmers and Ranchers in Eastland County are promoting a unique idea for Christmas -- gift certificates redeemable in meat, poultry, and dairy products.

Mr. C. H. Guthery of Desdemona, president of Eastland County Farm Bureau which is coordinating the effort in this county, says the idea is for people to give these "foodstuffs instead of, for example, a bottle of perfume, tie or after shave lotion."

"Not that we're knocking these other gift ideas, Mr. Guthery said, we just believe that a gift of food -- especially these commodities that are in over supply at this time -- will not only benefit the recipient, but also help the hard-hit producers of these products."

The idea is for people to go to their favorite grocery store and buy a gift certificate redeemable in these foodstuffs in any amount they wish, the farm leader said.

"Some large chains have their own gift certificates, he said and these are usable in our promotion. We are furnishing these stores with a colorful message insert that tactfully suggests which products to buy."

Mr. Guthery said that other stores participating in the promotion are being furnished gift certificates along with colorful gift envelopes.

He added that people who prefer to give checks or money orders can obtain gift envelopes and message inserts which explain the idea behind the gift. These are available free of charge at the Eastland County Farm Bureau office in Eastland.

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