



Santa Claus To Visit Gorman Saturday, 2:30 P. M.

R. C. (Dick) Ashworth Honored With Surprise Retirement Party Thursday



A surprise party was held on Thursday, December 10, 1970 at the Texas Federal Inspection Service office honoring Mr. R. C. (Dick) Ashworth who will be retiring December 31 after forty-one years with the inspection service.

Members of his family present for the party were Mrs. Ashworth and granddaughter, Jackie, at which time he was presented a television set by fellow employees and other friends who joined in the well wishing.

The party was held from 2:30 p. m. until "closing time." Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Jerry Underwood and Mrs. Syble Spies with coffee, cold drinks and cookies being served.

Mr. Ashworth was born in Stephenville in 1899. He attended school there. After high school he attended John Tarleton College. He was a member of the Tarleton football team, graduated in 1918. He was employed by the inspection service in 1929, two years after shipping point inspection was started. His first work was in the Rio Grande Valley. Then many other shipping points over the state and nation. He came to Gorman in 1949, the year the inspection service assumed responsibility for inspection of farmers stock peanuts, and has remained here in a supervisory position since that time.

He was married in 1925 to Miss Anita Thomas. They have one daughter, Mrs. Jerry Lawson of Detroit, Michigan, and one granddaughter, Mrs. Jackie Frasier of Gorman.

So, Dick, from your co-workers and your many friends throughout the peanut industry and the peanut producing area of Texas, we wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a long, happy retirement.

Country Style Musical Slated in Desdemona Dec. 19

Come one, come all to the Country Style Musical to be held in the Desdemona Community Center Saturday night, Dec. 19. Bring your instruments from Jaws Harps to Pipe organs.

Come and bring your neighbors. Let's make a joyful noise.

There will be home made pie, candy, cookies and sandwiches, coffee and tea.

Young Hm'makers Enjoy Family Nite Event at Christmas

"... B12 ... G49 ... G49 ... O66 ... O66 ..."

"Bingo!" called someone from the back of the fire hall last Friday night. This scene was a repeat of the family nite at Christmas held annually by Gorman's Young Homemakers.

Food was everywhere. Ham, cranberry relish, peas, beans, corn, potato salad, sweet potato pie, salad of every description, and dessert ... oh, what a tummy ache!

About fifteen families were served buffet style amid festive decorations. Nearly the entire population of Gorman Grade School, it seemed, played tag within the confines of the fire hall walls. The laughter and joy of the holiday season filled the air as husbands and wives enjoyed getting together one more time before 1971.

The Young Homemakers and their families wish you all the blessings a Christian home can bring as you and yours gather to celebrate the most wonderful gift ever given.

Mrs. Willy Gilbert, Reporter

HERMAN EISON UNDERGOES EYE SURGERY IN FT. WORTH

Herman Eison underwent eye surgery Monday in St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Worth. This is the second time he has had eye surgery in the past year.

He is in Room 510 for those who wish to send greetings and letters.

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CARD OF THANKS

I am grateful to the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department who so willingly extinguished the grass fire at my farm home on Tuesday. Your services were most appreciated and shall not be soon forgotten.

A. V. Gilmore

WSC Christmas Party And Dinner Is Highlight Event

None was falling, but the sky had a snowy look, and it was just about snow-cold last Monday evening. All about town there are lights and decorations creating the mood for Christmas, so it was a fine time for the Woman's Study Club members and guests (husbands) to gather at Bo's Brown Jug for the Christmas Party.

Everyone appeared to be starving, so it seemed logical to begin with dinner. George Simmons asked the blessing. Strange how quiet a group gets after the food is served - about the only conversation seemed to be "pass the salt," and "the ball game starts at eight." Dinner was delicious - tossed salad, T-bone steak, good hot baked potato, hot rolls, and assorted pie, apple, cherry, pineapple. And the Christmas decorations centering the tables were almost as beautiful as the food; tall, slender red candles, tree ornaments shining through greenery, all so pretty and so traditionally Christmas.

Mrs. F. R. Haile presented the program, "Let's Keep Christmas," by Peter Marshall. It seemed to be exactly right, reminding that Christmas is red and green decorations, the baby in the manger, the Christmas story recorded by St. Luke, a second chance for humanity, and the hope of the world. The writings of Peter Marshall are favorites of so many people, and this one was especially appropriate, reminding of all the things that Christmas is, and of quite a few that Christmas isn't. Christmas is love, peace, and good will, hope. "Let's Keep Christmas."

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LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. David Millican of Fort Worth announce the arrival of their son, Steven Todd, born December 9 in All Stains Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds and three and one-half ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Townley of Gorman and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Jessie Millican of Eastland.

Mrs. Gorum Glascock of Gorman is material great-grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Townley were in Fort Worth to visit the baby and family on Wednesday and Mrs. Townley returned on Friday and visited until Tuesday.

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FIVE GORMAN PLAYERS ON ALL DISTRICT TEAM

Seniors Reggie Underwood and Johnny Scitem of Gorman were the only two-way players named to the first team 19-B All District team.

Underwood was picked as a first team offensive guard and defensive nose guard, while Scitem was picked at a running back position and defensive linebacker.

Others selected to the offensive first team were ends Jimmy Guthery, Gorman Junior, and Nathan Kirby, Lometa senior; tackles Rodney Duke, Gorman senior, and Larry Vick, Meridian senior; guard Lee Ramage, Hico junior; center Sexto Felan, Meridian senior; quarterback Jim Williamson, Meridian senior; running backs Galan Lindsey, Hico sophomore, and Russell Crawford, Meridian senior.

Residential X-mas Lighting Contest Entries Are Slow

Many homes have beautiful, original, and inspiring decorations during this wonderful season, but have failed to get their entry in to the Gorman Chamber of Commerce to be judged for the lighting contest. First prize being a Reddy Light donated and installed by Texas Electric Service Co., the second place entry will receive \$15.00 in cash, and third place will be awarded \$10.00, donated by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce.

This contest is intended to encourage people to make our town beautiful during the holiday season and also to reward the ones who do the most through ingenuity and originality. Accordingly the point system is used to judge the entries giving 20 points each for artistic merit and lighting techniques, and 30 points each for originality and ingenuity. Think about this and then pick up the phone and call 5756 and have your home entered. No one will know how it placed other than if it were a winner. It will be judged by out of town judges who will not see how the others are scoring the entries until all are averaged and the winner appears with the highest score.

Also, if you have not already spent a few enjoyable minutes seeing the things people are using to decorate with and how beautiful the results just drive around town some night. Don't forget to watch the downtown area for some unusual attractions, the funeral home, the nursing home, and many others so numerous we would not attempt to name all the outstanding achievements available for our enjoyment if we will but open our eyes and look.

Remember, all entries must be in by 5:00 P. M. December 18th, so if you don't have time to come by, pick up the phone and enter your home.

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Main Street Gets Christmas Glow

Downtown section of Gorman is all aglow again at night time. Colored lights were strung across main street and the tree and star erected at the center of Kent and Roberts Streets last week and now glow gaily each night. The lights will remain up throughout the Christmas season.

Adding additional emphasis to the Yuletide theme are the newly decorated show windows at most local stores. This is the first year for the business windows to be entered in the decoration contest.

Merchants have stocked their shelves with many beautiful gift items for Christmas and shoppers are enjoying the conveniences of shopping at home and avoiding the hustle and bustle of the larger cities.

Ray Williams was in charge of stringing the lights and was aided by Foy True and Vernon Cates. These men worked without pay for stringing the lights and are due a vote of thanks for a tremendous job.

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Rites Held For Cousin of Ernest Barns on Saturday

Funeral services for Cullen Eldon Browning, 39, of Route 3, Sweetwater, were held at 3 p. m. Saturday, December 12 in the Lamar Street Church of Christ in Sweetwater with Larry Fluitt, minister, officiating. Masonic rites were held at Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Patterson-McCoy Funeral Home.

Mr. Browning died early Thursday morning in Simmons Memorial Hospital.

He was born October 19, 1931 in Sweetwater and married the former Barbara Stracener June 18, 1949.

A veteran of World War Two, he had been employed by Big State Welding for seven years.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Kay Reeves of Sweetwater; a son, Chuck of the home; two brothers, James of Hobbs, N. M. and Jerry Wayne of Andrews; and his mother, Mrs. Oren L. Browning of Sweetwater. His father preceded him in death in February of this year.

Pallbearers were Bill Tucker, C. H. (Clyde) Moore, Howard Roundtree, Herman Seale, Bill Lightfoot, Jeff Davies, Pat Patterson, and Cruz Elvera.

Employees of Big State Welding Co. served as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Browning was a cousin of Ernest Barnes of Gorman.

Randy Green, Reporter

HAMILTON GIRLS-DE LEON BOYS WIN HONORS IN LOCAL TOURNEY

The Hamilton girls and the De Leon boys took the top trophies in the annual Gorman Invitational Basketball Tournament held last weekend, December 10-11-12.

The Gorman girls and Gorman boys won the second place trophies in their divisions, with the Hamilton girls winning third place and Eula taking consolation in the girls bracket.

The Hamilton boys won the third place honors while Tolar won the consolation prize.

In the girls bracket De Leon defeated Cisco 46-43. Santo won over Eula 34-30. Hamilton took Tolar by a 59-44 margin, and Gorman won over Gustine 51-30.

In consolation play Tolar girls beat Cisco 57-41 and Eula won over Gustine 64-24. Eula took the consolation finals by a score of 59 to 35 over the Tolar girls.

In championship semi-finals the Hamilton girls outran De Leon 78 to 32. Gorman whipped Santo 58 to 34. Santo beat De Leon for third place. In the championship finals the Hamilton girls took an easy win over the Gorman girls by a margin of 71-25.

On Girls All-Tournament team were guards: Joyce Harris, and Marion Coats of Hamilton, Rose

Anna Bandy of Santo and Joyce Coffman of Eula; and forwards: Karen Wenzel, Hamilton, Paula Thomas, De Leon, Debra Neely, Tolar and Karen Hallmark, Gorman.

In the boys bracket De Leon won over Cisco 60 to 45. Eula edged Santo 50-51. Hamilton beat Tolar 56-43, and Gorman defeated Gustine 52-31.

In consolation play Tolar won over Cisco 65-44 and Santo got by Gustine 60 to 46. In the consolation finals Tolar defeated the Santo boys 75 to 61.

In championship semi-finals De Leon rolled by Hamilton by a score of 81 to 48 and Gorman edged Eula 50-49. Hamilton won over Eula 67-42 in the third place game. In the championship finals the De Leon boys breezed by Gorman by the score of 61 to 41.

Boys named on the All-Tournament team were John Reich of Hamilton, Johnny Robertson, Tolar, Mike Huddleston and Herman Hardin of De Leon, Jerry Holden, Eula, and Jimmy Guthery, Gorman.

This was an exceptionally fine tournament and everyone is looking forward to next year's annual event.

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Commercial X-mas Decoration Contest Has Many Entries

Merry Christmas, bright lights, manger scenes, lighted trees, and even light trees have been installed in most of the business places in Gorman. Competition for the plaque to be awarded to the "best" Commercial Christmas Decoration by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce is very stiff.

ALL businesses in the city limits of Gorman are eligible. If you have not already entered, pick up the phone and call 5756 and ask that your's be entered.

The plaque will be awarded to the one considered by the out of town judges to be the best. It will be given to the winner on December 23rd to hang in his business place until next year. The winner will have their name and year engraved on it. Should a business win it three years in succession they will have earned the right to keep it.

The entries will be judged on the following point system and although we have many, many beautiful places enhancing the Christmas season only one can be a winner and very often what you do with what you have is all it takes.

Artistic merit 20 points
Originality 30 points
Lighting Techniques 20 points
Ingenuity 30 points
Total 100 points

The judging will be done between 6:30 and 10:00 p. m. on December 22nd. Each judge will place each entry according to the point system and then the scores of all judges will be averaged to arrive at the winner.

Remember, be sure to call and get your entry in. If you do not enter your business by 5:00 p. m. December 18th, it will not be considered.

Cub Scout News

DEN 2 MEETING

At our meeting of December 8, 1970, we decorated our Christmas tree. Our tree is a tumbleweed which we sprayed silver. We put blue balls on it.

We will have our Christmas Party next week and then dismiss for Christmas.

Randy Green, Reporter

Free Drawings Slated Here On December 19 & 23

The merchants are sponsoring a drawing at 3:00 p. m. Saturday, December 19th and also on Wednesday, December 23rd. A bicycle for youngsters and a \$25 gift certificate for adults will be given away on each of the dates.

Winner of the bicycle drawing last Saturday was Pat Duran and Doy Reynolds was winner of the \$25 gift certificate.

Merchants sponsoring the drawing are Friendly Service Agency, Daryl's Grocery, Mehauffey Drug, Seaton's Variety, Higginbothams, Brown's Feed Store, Frossard's Dept. Store, Foster Floral, Watson Corner Pharmacy, Shell 7-11, Hi-Fashion Beauty Shop, Todd's Variety, Jay's Grocery & Market, Gorman Insurance Agency, Texas Electric Service Co., The First National Bank, Rice West Side Mobil, Stacy's Gulf Station, Gorman Progress, Lone Star Gas Co., and Smith Bros. Chevrolet Co.

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N. L. Leonards To Mark Golden Anniversary Dec 27

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Leonard will mark their 50th wedding anniversary with open house at their home in Sipe Springs on Sunday, December 27th from 2:00 to 6:00 p. m. Hosting the celebration event will be their children.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Sister of Local Residents Buried Sunday in Loraine

Mrs. P. H. Jones, 77, died about 7 a. m. Saturday at her home in Loraine.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Sunday in Crockett and Smiley St. Church of Christ in Loraine with Lynn Fisher, minister from Snyder, officiating.

Burial was in Loraine Cemetery under direction of Kiker and Son Funeral Home in Colorado City.

Mrs. Jones was born July 31, 1893, in Erath County and married P. H. Jones August 9, 1914 in Eastland County. They had lived in Sweetwater before moving to Loraine. They lived in Gorman in the 1920's.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Prentice of Loraine; five daughters, Mrs. R. D. Ritchey of Loraine, Mrs. Wayne Hodnett of Hamlin, Mrs. H. H. Stevenson of Snyder, Mrs. L. C. Morris of Colorado City and Mrs. Ray Mitchell of Comanche; three brothers, Jim Hallmark of Eastland, George of Gorman and Will of Breckenridge; three sisters, Mrs. Ather Lasater of Eastland, Mrs. Annie Bond of Eastland and Mrs. Dora Wood of Gorman; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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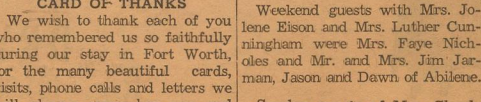
JUMP SHOT - Wesley Rogers goes high for a jump shot in the championship finals Saturday night against De Leon. Jim Guthery (31) watches shot.



UP AND IN - Jackie Selman makes a two pointer in the championship finals Saturday night as De Leon and Gorman players await the results.



PORTER SINKS ANOTHER - Don Porter (45) goes high for a lay-up shot in the De Leon-Gorman game (at left). At right Christie Duran tries for a two-pointer in the championship finals in the girls bracket against Hamilton.



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Santa Claus will be visiting in Gorman Saturday just prior to the merchants drawing for a bicycle and a \$25 gift certificate, according to a special report from the Gorman Chamber of Commerce.

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Progress To Print Early Next Week

The Gorman Progress, due to the Christmas Holidays, will be printed early the week of December 21st.

Your cooperation will be appreciated. All news copy and material for the Christmas paper (December 21st issue) should be in the office no later than Friday, December 18th.

This edition of the paper will be mailed on December 21 or 22.

Christmas Holiday At School Slated December 22-Jan. 4

The Christmas holidays for the students of the Gorman Public Schools will begin on Tuesday afternoon, December 22nd at 2:30 when classes dismiss following the annual class parties.

Classes will resume at the usual time on Monday, January 4th.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Singing at the Congregational Methodist Church will be held Sunday, December 20th at 1:30 p. m.

The Young Farmers Club will meet Monday, December 21 in the Gorman High School Cafeteria at 7:30 p. m. All area farmers are urged to attend.

Lawndale residents will hold their annual Christmas Party at 2:00 p. m. Monday, December 21. Santa Claus is reported to make his appearance at the home for the occasion. The members of the Younger in Action Girls of the First Baptist Church will sing Christmas carols. Employees of Lawndale will have their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 18 at 2:00 p. m.

Friday, December 18 six residents of Lawndale will be honored at a birthday party. They are Anna Bell Cain, Velma Wheeler, Lizzy Carver, James Stanley, Mary Overstreet, and Pinky Pratt. They invite you to help them celebrate their birthdays at 2 p. m. that day.

The Kokomo Community Club will meet at the club house on Saturday night, December 19 at 7:00 p. m. Everyone in the community and those interested in the community are urged to attend.

THE CARBON BASKETBALL TOURNEY is slated for this week end at the Carbon gym with the top area teams entered.

There will be a multi-county Conference for County Program Expansion Committees on Dec. 17 at 9:30 a. m. in the Eastland County Farm Bureau meeting room. The conference will be briefed on program plans being considered by the State Committee in each of the nine program areas and to discuss recommended procedures whereby County Committees may discharge responsibility assigned to them. Representatives from four counties are expected to attend.

The City Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p. m.

A TURKEY SHOOT sponsored by the Gorman Senior Class will be held at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, December 20th at a location just 200 yards past Jobe Equipment Co. on the old Carbon Hwy. Bring your own gun and shells. A concession stand will be open for refreshments.

The Brownies meet each Thursday from 2:30 to 4 p. m. at the Progress Library.

Cub Scouts, Den I, meet at the Fire Hall each Tuesday at 5 p. m. Den II meets at the Progress Library each Tuesday at 5:00.

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Jimmy Guthery pops in a bucket in the De Leon-Gorman game Saturday night.

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Taking time off from his busy workshop Santa will spend some time here Saturday, arriving at 2:30 p. m. He will enter town on the Fire Truck from the north end of town, and will be talking with all the boys and girls and will have bags of candy for each one.

All boys and girls in the Gorman area are invited to visit with Santa and give their Christmas reports to him.

Let's all be on hand to welcome him at 2:30 p. m.

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REAL ESTATE listings wanted.
Call 734-5807, Don Rodgers, Gorman. 4-30fnc

REGISTERED NURSES, interested in part-time employment. Blackwell Hospital needs three RN's for weekend duty, all shifts open. Premium salary. Apply Blackwell Hospital, Gorman, Texas 76454. 5-14fnc

FOR SALE - Jus' arrived - a new shipment of Portable Air Tanks. May be seen at Capers Service Welding, 3 blocks north of Hwy. 6 on Hwy. 8. Lonnie Capers. 3-20-fnc

HELP WANTED - Dish washer for evening shift at Bo's Brown Jug (2 to 10 p. m.). Apply in person. 8-20-fnc

MONUMENTS - When in need of monument service, see or call Ethel Keith, Phone 2313, Desdemona, Texas. fnc

FOR SALE - 210 A. native pasture, good net fences, 2 tanks, creek, pecans \$135 A. \$14,000 loan - 160 A. 97 peanuts, 48 grain, pavement, good level land, \$300 A. 25% down. We want your listings. Cogburn Realty, Hwy. 6, 893-6666, De Leon 10-22fnc

NOTICE - Please remember to listen to HARVESTIME "The Radio Voice of the United Pentecostal Church," every Sunday morning 8-8:30 a. m. on KCOM, 1550, in Comanche. 3-11-12fnc

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN - Someone hunting in my pasture or shooting from the road into my pasture shot one of my cows. Therefore, anyone seen or caught by me will be reported regardless of whom they may be. W. G. Hampton and Gene Underwood. 2-12-24p

FOR SALE OR TRADE - Nice two bedroom home in Gorman, abstract to date. Terms. Can use good late model car and/or pickup, two wheel trailer and/or mobile home. Would consider property in Eastland, Comanche or De Leon. Write Lewis H. Whitely, Box 71, De Leon, Texas 76444. 3-12-31p

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KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Jordan

That was quite a sand storm we had on Tuesday. Seemed like all of West Texas was moving in on us. I believe it's the worst sand storm I've seen since I've been in this part of the country, and I came here in 1944.

Mrs. R. Q. Graham has received word that her son, Bill Graham, has been promoted to Lt. Commander in the U. S. Navy. Bill and family are currently stationed in Porto Rico.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson have received word that their son, Jimmy Nelson, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Jimmy and family are stationed with the U. S. Army in Germany.

We congratulate these fine young men on their accomplishments.

The Christmas program and tree will be held at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday night, Dec. 23 at 7:00 p. m. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend.



By GENE FOSTER

CHILDHOOD FLOWERS

Which flowers do you recall from your childhood? It is surprising how many people remember the simple ones - such as the Morning Glory. Most everyone had Morning Glories, and it was common practice to run strings along the porch for them to climb. Early in the morning there was no more beautiful sight than the blue and purple morning glories in full bloom.

Other remembrance flowers are the lilac and the geranium. The geranium bloomed in abundance in pots on porches, and had a special place in the spare room during the cold winter months, and you always wondered whether they would make it through the cold days.

We can't return to our childhood, but our flowers are just as beautiful, and just as fragrant as you remember them from days gone by.

FOSTER FLORAL

108 North Kent
GORMAN, TEXAS 76454

Kirk Arnold of Gorman and Donna Doyle of Eastland were visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers visited from Monday until Thursday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Gilbert and family in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rodgers returned on Sunday from a visit with their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Spencer and family in San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Chupp and family in Houston. They also visited in Yorktown with Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Rodgers and LaVerle Chamrad.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks visited with Mrs. Geneva Sessum in Cisco on Friday.

Mrs. Wilbourne Wood, Terri and Craig of Carbon, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks on Saturday.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal of Gorman attended an early Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones and Sherry in Abilene. Others there for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neal of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby O'Neal, Judy and Debra of Abilene.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow and Teddy Jordan were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman and Mary Jo on Sunday. The occasion was to honor Mrs. O'Neal on her birthday.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Lawndale Home on Sunday afternoon for the church service were Rev. O'Neal, Mrs. J. C. Clearman, Mrs. J. P. L. Morrow and Mrs. Bill Joiner. Mrs. Mary Black of the home was the pianist for the service. To me this is rather unique, as Mrs. Black is 92 years young.

Mr. Forrest Lane of Abilene will be buried at the Simpson Cemetery on Wednesday. Mr. Lane is a former resident of Kokomo and Gorman and was a cousin to the late W. A. O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman on Sunday night after church services.

Reports from Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bishop are that they are both improving and expected to leave the hospital sometime this week and go to the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barrington, in Houston for a time until they can be released from the doctors care. They are hoping to be able to go to the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bishop in Cross Plains by Christmas.

Kay Ann Craddock of Plano and Estelle Craddock of Gorman visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lasater.

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JEFF RIPLEY HONORED ON FOURTH BIRTHDAY

Jeff Ripley was honored with a party on Thursday, December 10 at his home. The celebration was in observance of his fourth birthday and was hosted by Miss Connie Park.

Christmas decorations were used on the refreshment table, with a Santa Claus decorated table cloth, napkins, cups and plates.

The birthday cake was in the shape of a football field decorated with players and goal posts. Pink slush punch and candy canes were served with the cake. Harmonicas were given as party favors.

Those present were Gigi Neill, Julia Brown, Rachel Watson, Tammy Neill, Scott Campbell, Scotty Mauney, Curtis Warren, Bud Jeffs, Randy, Sammy and Josh Mehauffey, Joe Robert Underwood, Dee Dee, Donna Beth and Dondi Rodgers, Andy Kinser, Bill Townley, Jeff Seaton, Bud and Robin Broom, Sara and Vannie Rodgers, Diane Jackson, and Noble Laminack.

Others present were Jeanice Park, Terry Price, Kathy and Tony Ripley, Krista Henderson, Anna Lee Butler, and mothers attending were Mesdames Jim Rodgers, Tony Beth Underwood, Joy Campbell, George Rodgers, Jerry Lynn Brown, and Joe Neill.

Kokomo HD Club Meets In Glenn

Jordan Home, 14th

The Kokomo Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Glenn Jordan on Monday, Dec. 14. Mrs. Billy Walker, president, presided. Mrs. J. L. Morrow led the opening exercises and gave the devotional from Luke 2.

Roll call was answered by eight members with "What makes Christmas Special to me." Answers were that God sent his son, Jesus Christ, to be the Savior of the world; a special time with family and friends; a mood of happiness and cheer in the air.

Minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Glenn Jordan gave the council report.

Plans for our meetings and work for the next few months were discussed. We will have our annual Stew Supper, probably in February. More on this after our January meeting, which will be in the home of Mrs. D. F. Eaves.

An action game, led by Mrs. Albert Hendricks, was enjoyed by all. The refreshments and table decor were in the Christmas theme.



Lewis Starr of Cisco, Mrs. Billy Walker and Mrs. Albert Hendricks of Kokomo examine Christmas decorations carved of wood by Mr. Starr and shown at the Senior Citizens Bazaar held in Eastland on Nov. 21. Mrs. Walker is president of the Kokomo HD Club and Mrs. Hendricks is a member of the club.

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Senior Citizens Club News

The Senior Citizens met at the Fire Hall at 1:30 p. m. Dec. 15 with games of dominoes, 42 and 84, with time out for drinks and fruit cake.

The following were present: Grace Skiles, Big Boy and Laughing Henderson, Honest and Law Breaker Bennett, Newton and Double Six Bennett, Lovely Kent, Lelia Wyatt, Katie Allen, Nora Stokes, Ray Stokes, Flora Perrin, Nola (Fussy) Underwood, Speck and Will Not Bid Greer, Judge Eula Caldwell, Short Purpose Kirk, Paul Dietz, Denny Moss, and Maxine (Bidder) Ellis, S.O.S. Director.

We will meet Tuesday, Dec. 22 then ship until Tuesday, Jan. 5. Come be with us. Have some fun and see some crazy playing. We need you.

Honest, Reporter

Instruction School Urged by GOP Club

The Republican Women's Club of Eastland met at the home of Mrs. Virginia Russell for a covered dish luncheon. Many of the women had helped with a national election for the first time, either as a clerk or as a poll watcher.

Discussing the election and the electorate, it was felt that many people did not know of the changes that have been made in the paper ballots, and that citizens holding the elections were also not always aware of the changes that have been made.

Believing that the officers of the election should be better informed, one of the projects of the Republican Women's Club will be to ask the Commissioner's Court to conduct a school of in-

struction. Another project will be to urge that all officials of elections should have a copy of the free literature available from the Secretary of State, which deals with new election laws and changes in marking ballots.

A point of interest among the club members was the number of voters who felt that since their grandparents had voted Democratic, they too, should vote a straight Democratic ticket.

A history of the Republican Party and the Democratic Party was outlined by informed members, pointing out that during the Civil War, when the South had been defeated, military rule was imposed on the South, and duly elected officials were deposed and replaced with military appointees, who swore allegiance to the Republican administration.

Had Lincoln lived, it was felt that much of the animosity generated during the Reconstruction period would have been eliminated, because of the compassion of Lincoln, and his reasoning of the need for reconstruction, and helping the South to get back on its feet. But, it is easy to understand the animosity toward the Republican Party in the South in the past, but unfortunately the Civil War is still being fought, even today, in issues clouded by time, and the belief that the Democratic Party has a conservative role, and help for the "little man." Actually today the reverse is true that the roles of the Democratic Party and Republican Party have changed policies.

Today, the compassion is by the Republican Party, trying to overcome the "Spendthrift" attitude of the Democratic Party, to bring a realism to the country, that the Government cannot do everything for everyone, and still keep a solvent economy. This was the hope of the Republican Party and President Nixon that enough could be elected to Congress by the Republican Party, to help hold down the spending, and bring the government into a more solvent and stabilized economy.

The Republican Women's Club under the direction of Mrs. Loretta Bulgerin, president, hope to be able to bring this message to Eastland County in the near future, with meetings, reports and a visit with the electorate at some time during the coming years.

Present at the luncheon were: Mmes. Loretta Bulgerin, Amelia Henderson, Esther Wadley, Virginia Russell, Phyllis Prince, LaVerne Allgood, and Wilma Etheridge of Eastland; Mmes. Pat Gohlke, Sandra Herod, Ella White and Vivian Allen, all of Ranger; and Mrs. Lula Crone of Olden. Mrs. Pat Ray sent flowers for the luncheon, although unable to be present.

Those who would like to work with the Republican Women's Club are asked to contact Mrs. Gordon Wadley, secretary, or Mrs. Virginia Russell, treasurer, or any members of the club.

Regular meetings will be held, with an announcement to be made prior to time and place.



WASHINGTON

"As it looks from here"

OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District

WASHINGTON, D. C. — IN ACTING TO AVERT the railroad strike last week, the Congress placed itself in a position of arbitrating the dispute.

It has been known for months that the strike would likely occur but Congress only got into action on Wednesday and did not pass the Anti-Strike Bill until after the walk-out had begun. Both the House and the Senate completed their action after 1:00 A.M. The President signed the Bill at 2:10, and a District Judge, clad in pajamas and robe, issued a temporary order to restrain the strike at 3:17 in the morning.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE PRESIDENT OF THE Brotherhood of Railway Clerks could not be found and no court order could reach him. The strike went merrily on through the day. What a way to run a railroad or a Nation! IN ITS HASTE, CONGRESS SOUGHT TO SWEETEN THE BITTER PILL that it was about to administer. It legislated a 13 1/2 percent wage increase for the striking employees, which represents the first installment on a 37 percent increase in three years which had been established by a fact-finding board.

TO INCLUDE ANY PART OF THE WAGE INCREASE by Congressional action puts Congress in a position of attempting to settle a labor dispute by setting wages. The basic fact is that Congress can not legislate properly under such circumstances and it is an overpowering argument for not letting crises of this sort come to the Congress. In fact, it is a good bet that in 60 days, the time set by the legislation to settle the dispute, the matter will again be back in our laps.

THE NEXT CONGRESS, IF IT IS TO SAVE ITSELF and the Country from fiascos of this kind, should overhaul the Railroad Labor Act and the Taft-Hartley Act to prevent this sort of thing. Proposals have been before the Congress since February to deal with transportation emergencies which can not be settled under existing law. No hearings have been held and neither House has done anything about it. There is little hope of meeting such emergencies until Congress is ready to buckle down and pass legislation to protect the public interest.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MEASURES INTRODUCED FOR THIS PURPOSE. Several provide for the establishment of a five-man court consisting of judges trained and experienced in law, the economics and industrial relations to handle disputes of this kind. They would, of course, apply to any public service industry such as railroads.

NEWS FROM LAWDALE

W. F. Carter of New York, Mrs. A. C. Hall of Brownwood and Mrs. Joe Green of Midland visited Helen Claxton.

Mrs. Richard Tucker and Betty Tucker of Ranger visited Cora Patterson.

Bob and Joe Boswell and Dwight of Fort Worth visited Carrie Boswell.

Erma Daves of Gorman visited Lillie Neill and Betty Richburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Killian of Rising Star visited Clemmie Phillips.

Mrs. Vic Edwards of Eastland visited Annie Cain, Green Wood and Dora Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wyatt of Odessa visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Eaker of Abilene and Mrs. E. G. Sharp of Eastland visited Georgia Eaker.

Jesse Espinoza of Seagraves visited Dioncia Espinoza.

Mae Richardson and Gorim Glascock of Gorman visited Pearl Roberts.

John, LaTonne, Jonna and Kim Rodgers of Carbon visited W. B. Mull.

Alice and Everett Harris of Rising Star and Carol Regan of Carbon visited in the home.

Mrs. J. C. Clearman, Joe O'Neal and Mrs. J. L. Morrow of Kokomo Baptist Church visited in the home.

Janey Stanton, Billy Gurlin, Girl Scout Troop of Gorman visited in the home.

MOST OF THE SUGGESTIONS PROVIDED that upon the application of the U. S. Attorney General on behalf of the President, and only after all other procedures have been exhausted, the court would settle the controversy. Once the jurisdiction of the court has been invoked, it would be empowered to enjoin any actual or threatened work stoppage for a period of 80 days. During this time collective bargaining between the employer and the employees would continue under the supervision of the court.

IF, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 80-day period, the parties advised the court that a negotiated settlement is not possible, the court may continue the injunction and set the case down for an immediate hearing and final determination. In this procedure, the due process of law will be guaranteed the parties.

FINALLY, A BINDING JUDGMENT WILL BE HANDED DOWN, covering all matters in dispute, including rates of pay, conditions of work and other matters pertinent to the dispute.

IN CASES WHERE THE PUBLIC IS ENTITLED TO PROTECTION, regardless of who is right or who is wrong, there should be legal machinery to quickly and effectively settle strikes. The Congress is neither specialized nor was it ever intended to act as a court or as an arbiter of disputes. There is simply too much politics for it to be effective.

Joy Matrons Enjoy Christmas Lunch

The Joy Matrons Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met at the church Thursday, December 10 for their annual Christmas luncheon from 11:30 to 1:30.

Special offerings were taken for the Building Fund and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Mrs. Cedric Bettis, teacher of the class, was presented a gift of cologne.

A very nice luncheon was enjoyed from the table covered with a red linen cloth and centered by a beautiful Christmas arrangement.

The luncheon was enjoyed by members of the class and their guests. A special guest of the class was Mrs. Huron Polnac.

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School Honor Roll For 2nd Six Weeks

Following is the honor roll lists for the Gorman Public Schools for the Second Six Weeks period:

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll

Paulette Baze and Riley Curb. A-B Honor Roll

Amy Warren, Kelly Mauney, and Paula Eaves.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Debra Barnett and Sarah Jane Slaton.

A-B Honor Roll

Bill Don Simpson, DaVonne Rodgers, Lonnie Hamil, Cheri Overstreet, Sarah Jo Porter, Tammy Neill, Rosanna Parker and Susan Borden.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Cheryl Arnold, Randy Green, Stacy Webb and Prissy Neill.

A-B Honor Roll

Rita Bennett, James Swanner, Deliah Eaves, Janelle Hamil, Bobby Jay, Glenita Seaton, David Swanner, Teresa Underwood, Melissa Warren, and Betty Jo Garrett.

SIXTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

Gary Jackson, Susan Swanner, Jimmie Thompson and Doug Warren.

A-B Honor Roll

Terri Patterson, Billy Burgess, Kathy Hughes, Kelly Jay, Randy Seaton, Patti Wallace, Curtis Whitlock, and Larry Garrett.

SEVENTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

None

EIGHTH GRADE

A Honor Roll

David Eaves and Rodney Warren.

A-B Honor Roll

Joetta Bennett.

FRESHMEN

A Honor Roll

Vickie Simmons

A-B Honor Roll

Nancy Grady, Vicki Harvey and Steven Stinnett.

SOPHOMORES

A Honor Roll

George Ann Bettis

A-B Honor Roll

Becki White, Chester Joiner, Jeanette Jackson, Patty Hirst, and Kelly Henderson.

JUNIORS

A Honor Roll

Marilyn Thompson

A-B Honor Roll

Danny Ervin, Denese Grady, Sarah Kirk, Phillip Lewis, and Danny Snider.

SENIORS

A Honor Roll

None

A-B Honor Roll

Anna Lee Butler, Harold Cottle, Rodney Duke, Tresa Duran, Cheryl Hudson and Reggie Underwood.

NEWS OLIVER SPRINGS

By FLORENCE RICHARDSON

Our Thought For The Week:

A smile happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. It creates happiness in the home, good will in business. It is rest to the weary, sunshine to the discouraged and sad and helps those that are troubled.

Think this over and try it and see if it wont help your own self.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Overby of Waco visited in our home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Atchison visited the Jack Reynolds Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Locke and girls of Port Arthur spent the weekend here with the H. T. Rawls family and the Lockes in De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Burgess spent last weekend in Fort Worth visiting their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson attended the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson in the Beattie Community Sunday afternoon.

HOSPITAL REPORT

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

Carl Bohannon, Gorman
Mrs. George Blackwell, Gorman
Mrs. J. A. Barrett, Dublin
Mrs. Maude Underwood, Gorman
Mrs. Donna Day, Gorman
Mrs. Doyle Birchfield, Cns. Plains
Mrs. B. H. Hallmark, Gorman
Claude Curb, Gorman
E. G. Rome, Gorman
W. M. McMillan, Gorman
Cleo Jenkins, De Leon
L. F. Miers, Gorman
Effie Turner, Gorman
Mrs. Bob Pierce, Gorman
Mrs. B. E. Simpson, Gorman
Mrs. Gertrude Banister, Abilene
Mrs. Electra Tatum, Gorman
Ronnie Richburg, Gorman
R. F. Vann, Eastland
Cora Richmond, Gorman
March C. Cary, Stephenville

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hirst visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parks Sunday afternoon.

Here it is almost Christmas again. We have so much to be thankful for in this wonderful country of ours. No fighting, no riots, and still a peaceful place to live, this little town we call our home "Gorman."

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