

# NEW YEAR GREETINGS



## Tamilyn Simpson & Bill Underwood Say Vows

Miss Tamilyn Ann Simpson and Mr. Billy Glen Underwood were united in marriage on Saturday, December 20, 1974 at 6:00 p. m. in the Gorman Church of Christ with Mr. Durwood Webb, Church of Christ minister of Carbon officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Earl Simpson of Route 1, Box 101, Rush Springs, Oklahoma, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Underwood of Route 1, Gorman.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length gown of poise de soie, featuring a high neckline, lace-trimmed ruffled sleeves, empire waist, with a short train, lace motifs and lace bottom, and a veil of tulle and lace headpiece.

The attendants' gowns were of apricot crushed silk overlaid in off-white antique lace with long, wide cuffs and lace trimmed ruffles at the bottom.

The Maid of Honor was Miss Sha Rogers of Gorman; the bridesmaid was Miss Debra Hutson of Gorman; and junior bridesmaids were Miss Tacy Simpson, sister of the bride, and Miss Diane Jackson, both of Gorman.

Serving as best man was Mr. Jim Jackson of Gorman, and Mr. Steve Stinnett, also of Gorman was the groomsman.

Ushers were Billy Simpson, brother of the bride, and Bob

Underwood, brother of the groom, of Gorman.

Miss Mendy Carr and Mr. Dwaine Brown were the singers.

The reception was hosted by the bride's parents following the ceremony in Fellowship Hall of the church. Reception servers were Misses Donna Tate, Patty Wallace, Kellye Stewart, and Nelda Little.

The rehearsal dinner held at The Pantry in Gorman was hosted by the groom's parents.

Following a wedding trip to Abilene, the couple are at home on Route 3, Gorman.

The bride attended Gorman High School.

The bridegroom attended Gorman High School and is employed by Roy Hufstutler of Comanche.

—GP—

Mrs. Ruby Bennett had all of her children home for the annual early Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 20th. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bennett of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett and Deb of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett, Gary, Mike and Mark of Cleburne, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett, Lonnie and Joetta of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett of Freer and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynn Bennett and Terry of Gardendale. Also Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pool of Gorman.



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**HATTIE TATE LAID TO REST ON DEC. 24**

Mrs. Hattie Ethel Tate, 82, of Desdemona died in Blackwell Hospital on Tuesday, December 23, 1975 following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with the Rev. L. C. Landers, pastor of the First Baptist Church (Desdemona), officiating. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home. Born Hattie Greenhaw Oct. 30, 1893, in Henderson County, she married Gordon Tate in 1915. She was a Baptist. Survivors include her hus-

**Services for Edgar Brinson Held Tuesday**

Edgar Brinson, 72, of De Leon, owner and operator of the Weeping Oak Drive In Theatre, passed away at 9:30 p. m. Sunday, December 21, 1975, in the De Leon Hospital following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church with the band a son, L. Z. of Ruidoso, N. M.; two brothers, Walter Greenhaw of Desdemona and Charlie of Cisco; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. (Editor's Note: Mrs. Tate was the Desdemona News correspondent for the Progress for several years.)

**Rec. Elvis Fielding of Comanche officiating. Burial was in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Comanche, directed by Nowlin Funeral Home of De Leon.**

Born November 14, 1903 in Comanche County, he was a lifelong Comanche County resident. He married Edyth Harris December 15, 1928, in Comanche County. Mr. Brinson was a member of the Gartman View Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Harris of San Angelo and Clyde of Kerrville; four sisters, Lois Collins of Winters, Belle Easley of Comanche, Mrs. Herman Wilson of Stephenville and Pearl Smith of Hurst, and five grandchildren. —GP—

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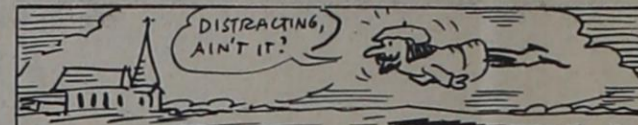
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Entry blanks should be returned with entry money. The netry fee is as follows: Steers & Heifers - \$1.20 each; Swine Barrows or Gilts - 60c each; Lambs or Breeding Sheep - 60c each.

If you have any questions concerning the entry or livestock show please contact Mr. Brown.

The County Stock Show is slated for March 18, 19 & 20.

Also the annual local 4-H and F.F.A. Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 17th from 8 a. m. till 12 noon. The site for the show has not been set.

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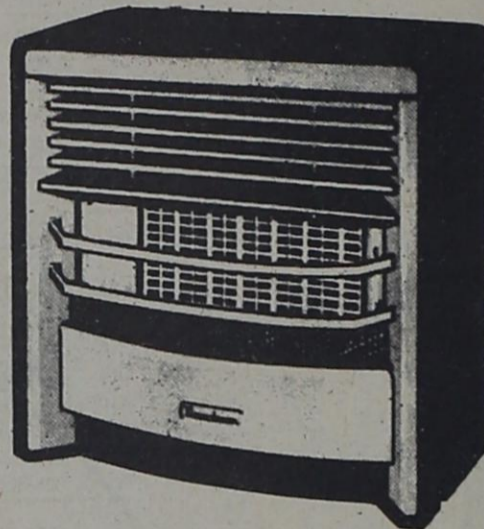
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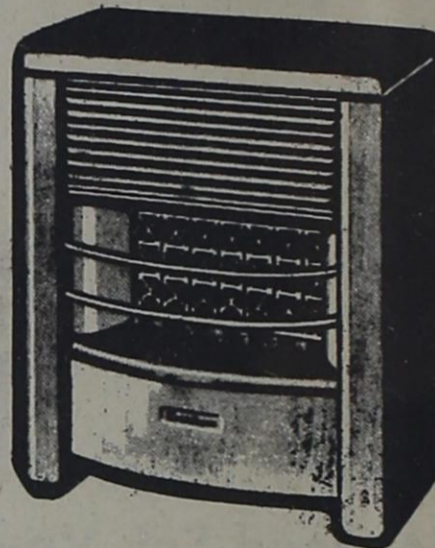
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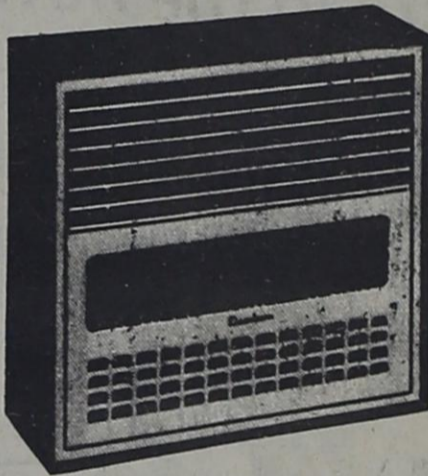


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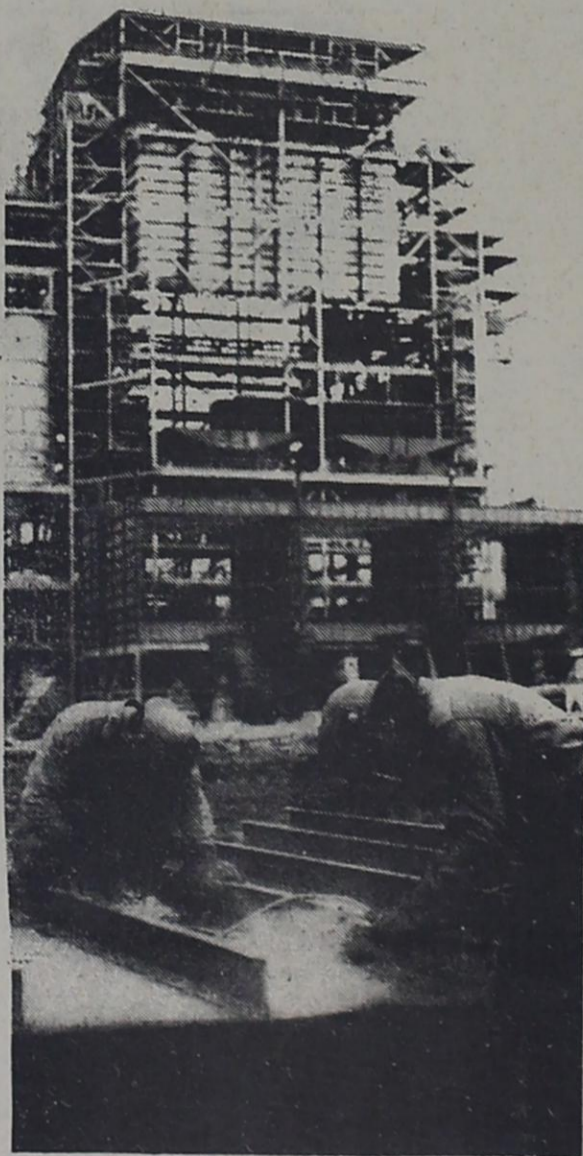
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# Desdemona News

**By KOONE GUTHERY**  
Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Hattie Tate, who passed away on Dec. 22 in the Blackwell Hospital. Hattie was a long time resident of our community. She wrote this news column for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Rim Pack visited their children, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Pack and Mr. and Mrs. Lelan Pack of Lubbock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Creed and Holly visited with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wayne Mears in Fort Worth, on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Winnie Paulk of De Leon visited her daughter, Ola Mae, too.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Yardley who recently built a new home here, had their son, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Yardley and daughter home for Christmas week. Darrell took his Ph degree in Georgia last May. He now teaches in Clemson University in South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Koonce, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Koonce, and Mrs. Beulah DeGuire had Christmas dinner in the home of Mrs. Vera (Koonce) Brown in De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Young and family had Christmas dinner with their families in Cleburne. Clayton ("Grasshopper") is home visiting the Young's this week.

Mrs. Ann Keith of Odessa and Mrs. Vonnie Guthery visited Mrs. Mattie Newton in De Leon on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Weaver and Heather of Smithville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Roberts and Jeff during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Guthery

# LOCAL NEWS

Edward Sutton of Kuala Belait, Brunei arrived home last week. He was met at D-FW Airport by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton, and brother, Ricky. Edward spent a week of his six weeks vacation on the island of Bali enroute home. He visited last week in Austin with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sutton. Edward is employed by Halliburton Oil Servicing Co. Tom and Jennie Gray of Richardson accompanied Kay Ann Craddock to Gorman last Friday for the school holidays visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunn. Kay is visiting with her mother, Estelle Craddock, until January 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray and family of Raton, N. M. are spending the school holidays and Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Marguta, Eula Beth and Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Foreman, Ricky and friend, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garrett and Tiffany of Irving. Mrs. Tommie Guthery, Deborah and Shari, Mr. and Mrs. David Guthery, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Guthery, Mrs. Hillary Seay and Eddie Martin of Gorman, and Mrs. Nannie Guthery, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Creed and Holly, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pug uthery and Belinda for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morgan Elizabeth and Harold of Webster, Mini Sue Snow and Rcky, Snow of Copperas Cove, John Shaw of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Shipman and Jerry of Lavene, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shirley and Tiffany of Irving visited with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Pug uthery visited Sunday evening with her aunt, Mrs. Middle Eoff of Dublin.

# ITEMS

Tournament of Roses Parade will be televised January 1. This is one of the world's largest and most beautiful parades. The FTD Float in the parade will be sponsored by our local florist, Foster Floral, an FTD member.

**TOWN HOLIDAY** - All business houses will be closed all day Thursday, January 1, New Year's Day.

**Kokomo Primitive Baptist Church** will services Saturday night, January 3 and Sunday, January 4th.

**Gorman School Board** will meet Monday, January 5th.

**Carbon School Board** will meet Monday, January 5th.

**Gorman Lions Club** will meet Tuesday, January 6th at noon at the Band Hall.

**City Commission** will meet Thursday, January 8th, at the City Office.

# CITIZEN OF THE WEEK AT LAWDALE

Our Citizen of the Week at Lawndale Home this week is Mr. J. B. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was born to Jeff R. and Mary Jane Johnson in Coryell County October 28, 1879. All his brothers and sisters are deceased.

He was a farmer, rancher, and oil field worker for many years. He married Alice Clem entire Baskam June 12, 1902 at Carbon, Texas. He has four sons, J. J. (Buster) Johnson of Carbon, O. A. of Aztec, N. M., Fred of Midland, and Alvin of Fort Stockton; six daughters, Sibyl Underwood, Velma Maynard, Lenis Rice, Iola Johnson and Ina Reynolds, all of Carbon, and Lenora Brackman of Pasadena.

Mr. Johnson is a Methodist and has been at Lawndale since February 2, 1975. He is the oldest resident at Lawndale, being 97 years of age.

# PERSONALS

Mrs. W. D. Smith spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Westmoreland, in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hudson and Patricia spent the pre-Christmas holidays in Houston visiting with his mother, Mrs. Dellas Hudson, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gattlieb, and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gattlieb, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hudson.

E. D. Clark of Corpus Christi returned home Thursday after a week's visit with his brothers and sisters, the Speedy Clarks, D. R. Clarks, George Hollifields, and Lorena Clark and Estelle Craddock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ragland and Gary of Andrews are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ragland of Desdemona. The Raglands had spent the Christmas holidays with their children, J. D. and another son, Billy Jack of New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Russell and children of Everman and Airman and Mrs. Steve Russell of Clovis, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fairbetter and children of Abilene visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fairbetter and Milton Jr. during the holidays and the Russells visited with his family in the J. E. Porter home on Christmas.



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identical twins.

The triplets were born at the Stephenville Hospital on December 25, 1975.

They were welcomed by a big sister, Tammy Michele, age 34.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCrum of De Leon and Bob Fisher of Gatesville. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Weston of Carbon and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. McCrum of De Leon.

Billie Lightfoot of Rucker is a great aunt.

**Southwestern Apperal Buys Hensley-Russell**

Southwestern Apparel, Inc., of Dallas, Texas manufacturer of junior and young missy sportswear, has signed a contract to purchase the building equipment formerly operated by Hensley-Russell, Inc. at 403 E. Blackjack St. in Dublin. Southwestern Apparel, Inc. is an 8 year old firm with manufacturing facilities in Stamford, Texas, Eldorado, Okla., and Athens, Ga. Southwestern Apparel products are distributed nationally through national mass merchandising chains and through the company's own sales force.

Southwestern Apparel, Inc. management selected this location due to the excellent work force available. They will start operations the week of January 5, 1976 hoping to employ the whole work force previously employed by Hensley-Russell. Expansion plans for the immediate future will include building the work force to an estimated capacity of 180 employees. The company currently employs 12 outside contract plants, part of whose production will be replaced by the Dublin production facility. The company estimates an immediate payroll in Dublin of approximately \$500,000 per year and building to a \$1,000,000 annual payroll in 18 months.

Mr. Larry Hosey, who managed the plant for Hensley-Russell, is with Southwestern Apparel, on start-up assignment working in conjunction

with C. R. (Chuck) Noegel, vice president of manufacturing. Mrs. Louise Brown of Dublin will remain as office and personnel manager.

All plant personnel and all other experienced operators in the area are invited to attend a meeting on Monday, January 5, 1976 at 9 a. m. to meet Southwestern Apparel officials and arrange for continuing

The saying, "Happy as a clam at high tide," stems from the fact that clams are gathered only when the tide is out.

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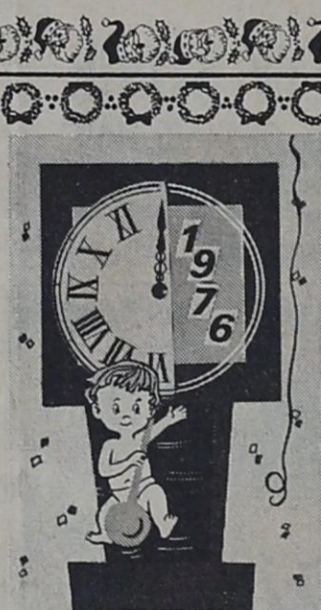
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# Lawndale News

The residents have had lots of visitors this week.

Robbie Overstreet of Crane Mary Le Cagle of Eastland and Annis Lasater visited Mary Overstreet.

Edna Morgan, Ethel Lovell, R. Lee McDaniel, all of Carbon visited Ila Pulley.

Dorothy Henson of Ranger visited Sadie Burns.

Velma Pool visited in the home and brought packages for some of the residents.

Harry Overstreet of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Overstreet of Abernathy, Virgil and Frances Overstreet of Abernathy visited Mary Overstreet also.

Lodea and Leo Cobb of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Harper.

Mrs. Stude Robinson of Fort Worth visited Mrs. W. J. Ormsby.

Add and W. L. Trammell

of Benbrook and Mrs. Robert Chapman of Breckenridge visited Mable Trammell.

Mrs. Truitt Norris, Lennis Rice and Sibyl Underwood of Carbon, Edna Powell of Sugar land, Iola Pohnson and Ina Reynolds of Carbon visited J. B. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powers of Desdemona visited friends at the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McClearen of Perryton visited Buddy McClearen and Mrs. Elia Maxey. Jennie Ramey and kids also visited Buddy and Mrs. Maxey.

Gloria Morrow visited in the home.

Mrs. Bill Greenhaw of Desdemona and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard of Ft Worth visited in the home.

Frankie Jarrett of Gorman visited Cora Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Henderson of Be Leon visited Luther Harper.

Add Trammell of Ft Worth, Jeggy Payne, Jo Ann Day, Vivian Scott, June Scott, June

Fairbetter, Lucretia Fairbetter visited Mable Trammell. Billie Stacy, Gayle Stacy and girls of Carbon visited Mary Timmons.

Cecil, Rena and Ken Robertson of Odessa, Vernon Wright of Eastland, Debbie and Julia Stacy of Carbon visited Lexie Wright.

On Monday the GA's of the Kokomo Baptist Church brought Christmas cards they had made. Tuesday night we had the employee's Christmas party at the Bank. All had real nice time, with plenty of food, and exchanged gifts. We appreciate the bank for letting us use the Currency Room. It was very nice.

Wednesday afternoon we usually have Bible Study. All were tide up, so we had bingo instead. At 6:30 GA's from First Baptist Church sang for the residents. Thursday night we had singing at 6:30. It was real good as always. After singing Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Preston invited all singers to their home for refreshments. Thanks to them and all who are so faithful to come and help out, as the residents enjoy this so much. We hope to have lots of singers in the new year.

The Girls Scouts came at 4:30 Friday and sang for the residents, with the help of their leaders, Mrs. True and Ruthie Plaunty. Sunday afternoon at 2:30 we had the resident's Christmas party. All had a very nice time. We had the tree up front and back. A large crowd of relatives and lots of gifts. Also Santa appeared at both trees. Thanks Santa, we appreciate you. Also the H. D. Club of Kokomo helped serve the refreshments and thanks to them as they help me all year with the birthday parties. We also celebrated the December birthdays, which were Rena Parker, 15th, Mary Overstreet, 16th, Susie Wharton, 21st, Edna Kirk, 29th. Those helping with the party were Mmes. J. O. Jackson, Jr., Nancy Hendricks, Joyce Eaves, Anna Laura Clearman, J. C. Rodgers, Odis Rodgers, Billie Stacy, and Mamie Little. Also thanks to all who helped me with the party. It was pretty hard to be at the front and back at the same time.

The Church of Christ had services at 6:00.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from Monie Warren, the residents and employees at Lawndale Home, for which we are very proud.

## Senior Citizens

Our game has slowed down due to the Christmas holidays and bad weather. Though we really have a fighter in Murel. She really has her bluff in on tongue-tied Florence. You know those two really believe that their snuff just grows in

those bottles. They are looking forward for Mae to bring them a fresh supply. Fats took them out after the show-er and helped them get some extra hackberry roots for snuff brushes. Bgg Foot is still teaching those dogs new tricks. Mama just encourages him on. She is so glad he has a new talent being developed. Good luck! My Boss has tightened the strings on my spend-

ing. When we play at the hotel, Windy just rubs my curly hair. It seems to inspire him to compliment Kent on her boyfriend and at the same time she just smiles and says "I lost my Waho partner, so I may try Velma's plan and kidnap someone myself." Stay in their Kent.

Our office is fairly quiet. I guess the Yuletide Season makes everyone feel more humbly and think why these days are set aside. Luke left of chewing that hay for fifteen minutes one time this week. Tater Bats vines must be awful juicy, as he averages spitting twice per second, nearly. It slows his playing very much at times. Bald Headed Jack is still taking the fisherman and Doc in Doc's fishing car. Slim Pickens is on the payroll at times, as well as Kid Collins. Bud and Speck just look at each other and grit their teeth. That would be a real chewing match. It is getting to where you have to beg Uncle Sam to play. It seems that he does not like to play over four hours. Judge Gilbert is almost the same, too. Cat Fuzz is still in there very regular.

It seems that I bragged on my eye being better too soon. On Christmas evening at my son's house here in town, I failed to see one concrete step so I fell on the concrete walk broad sided. It did not even crack the concrete. I am so thankful it did not break my hip or leg. It is so frustrating to be wheer you cannot see those steps. I have fallen on concrete stps like that so many, many times. Though it seems that an eye is watching and keeping me from breaking any bones.

I want to tell of another incident that happened on Sapan. My son, Vernon, was with bombers there. About the time the war ended Jack Crawley arrived nearby. He was Vernon's school mate and basketball team mate. He knew where Vernon was, so he went there to see him and other boys from this area.

They were visiting in Vernon's tent and a large rat about 2 1/2 feet long (this is no exaggeration, as I have seen two on display from Saipan, body about 1 ft., tail 1 1/2 ft.) started around the tent and Jack had his 45 in his holster so he pulled it out and shot at the rat. The bullet just missed a man's head in the next tent. The O. D. came to investigate the shooting. No one in the tent had heard the shot, even if there was a bullet hole in the tent. The O. D. saw that Jack was the only one in there with a gun. You see, Jack his Gold Bars on his shoulder, so the O. D. advised them to be very careful. The men in the tent saluted and said "Yes, Sir." Lucky Jack.

Wasn't the Christmas Eve present a wonderful thing. The blessings of a good shower, though at midnight or early Christmas morning a white Christmas until about 5 a. m.

Look up and smile. Remember that a smile will help you win. Remember the sun is shining just behind the darkest cloud. So watch for it to help bring happiness to you and yours.

A Happy New Year to one and all!

Honest Reporter  
-GP-

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Burnice Daniels wish to invite all friends and relatives and neighbors to a House Warming Saturday, December 27 from 2 to 5 p. m. at their home in Gorman, (first house behind the Fina Service Station off Hwy. 6)

Gorman Lodge 716, Stated meetings, 2nd. Tuesday of every month. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

New Years' Singing at the New Hope Baptist Church will be held Dec. 31, beginning at 8:00 p. m. Everyone is welcome to come and join in singing out the old year and singing in the new. Refreshments will be served.



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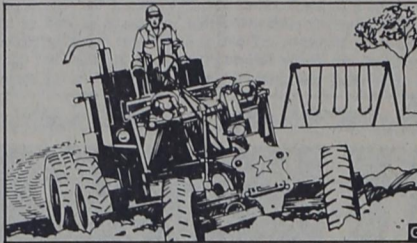
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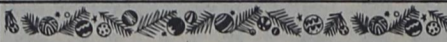
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