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### Texas Farmers Union Annual Meeting

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The Eastland - Comanche - Erath Counties District of the Texas Farmers Union will hold its annual meeting at the Corner Restaurant in Cisco, Texas at 6:30 PM Feb. 12, 2001. All area Farmers Union members are invited to attend this informative and interesting meeting. A free steak dinner will be provided to all members, and some of the huge challenges that are confronting family farmers will be addressed.

Mr. Dan Hunter, head of the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association will be the featured speaker with vital information for area peanut growers. Wes Sims, president of Texas Farmers Union is also expected to speak on a variety of issues facing area and state farmers. Come and hear these two outstanding leaders of agriculture and en-

The Corner Restaurant in Cisco is rather new and is owned by the Bill Garys of Cisco. It is easy to find--from IH-20, exit at the first Cisco exit, turn right (north) on Conrad Hilton Avenue (Cisco's main street) go to the second traffic light (at 6th St.) turn right, and the Restaurant is located on the right side of the street one block from the light.

#### **Police Report**

Police Monthly Activity Report for January 2001--Therewere 16 arrests made this month for the following: 2--DWI, 3-Warrants, 1--Assault, 2--Fleeing Police, 1--Disorderly Conduct, 1--Possession Drug Paraphernalia, 1--Possession Marijuana, 4--Public Intoxication, 1--Loitering.

There were 25 citations written this month covering 13 violations as follows: 1--Passing on the right, 2--Stop Sign, 1--Simple Assault, 1--Possession of Marijuana, 7--Exibation Speed, 1--Public Intoxication, 2--Disorderly Conduct, 1--No Driver's License, 4--Minor in Possession, 2--Dog Running Loose, 1--Speeding

There were 15 investigateable offenses report.

There were 41 other contacts made with the public, where investigations, information or assistance was required. Animal calls-14, Medical emergencies--3, Background checks-1, Accident--2, Disturbances--5, Suspicious vehicle/person-9, Locked vehicle--1, Prowlers--2, Juvenile--4

Four (4) burglaries--1-Hotel, 1-Drug Store, 2-Gorman High School--All Under Investigation.

Doug Caffey,

hief of Police

# Animal Control Officer Monthly Report

Animal Control Officer Monthly Report--January 2001. Calls placed to City Office--25, calls, calls placed to Eastland County Coop. Dis.--14, 6 of dogs running at large, 6 of animals were picked up by ACO, 5 of animals claimed by owners, 1 of dogs or cats (or other animal) euthanized.

Frank Fenley, Animal Control Officer

## Parent's Night Out for a Valentine Date Feb. 17th

Would you like to go out for a Valentine's date, but have nowhere to leave the kids? Problem is solved! Saturday, February 17th, FBC Youth Group will be providing babysitting from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. There will be adults present to provide a safe, supervised evening. We will feed your child dinner and have an organized evening of fun and games for them. Cost will be \$10 for one child or a \$20 flat rate if more than one child in a family. We will keep kids up to age 12.

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## Feed Contamination Issue Resolved by FDA

The following statement was issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Tuesday, January 30, 2001. The FDA is the federal agency in charge of regulating feed components. The cattle involved are to be rendered and the resulting material will not enter ruminant or human food channels. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will provided assistance to the FDA as requested.

#### FDA Announces Test Results From Texas Feed Lot

Today the Food and Drug Administration announced the results of tests taken on feed used at a Texas feedlot that was suspected of containing meat and bone meal from other domestic cattle — a violation of FDA's 1997 prohibition on using ruminant material in feed for other ruminants. Results indicate that a very low level of prohibited material was found in the feed fed to the cattle.

FDA has determined that each animal could have consumed, at most and in total, five-and-one-half grams — approximately a quarter ounce — of prohibited material. These animals weigh approximately 600 pounds each.

It is important to note that the prohibited material was domestic in origin (therefore not likely to contain infected material because there is no evidence of BSE in U.S. cattle), fed at a very low level, and fed only once. The potential risk of BSE to such cattle is therefore exceedingly low, even if the feed were contaminated.

According to Dr. Bernard Schwetz, FDA's Acting Principal Deputy Commissioner, "The challenge to regulators and industry is to keep this disease out of the United States. One important defense is to prohibit the use of any ruminant animal materials in feed for other ruminant animals. Combined with other steps, like U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) ban on the importation of live ruminant animals from affected countries, these steps represent a series of protections, to keep American cattle free of BSE."

Despite this negligible risk, Purina Mills, Inc., is nonetheless announcing that it is voluntarily purchasing all 1,222 of the animals held in Texas and mistakenly fed the animal feed containing the prohibited material. Therefore, meat from those animals will not enter the human food supply. FDA believes any cattle that did not consume feed containing the prohibited material are unaffected by this incident, and should be handled in the beef supply clearance process as usual.

FDA believes that Purina Mills has behaved responsibly by first reporting the human error that resulted in the misformulation of the animal feed supplement and then by working closely with State and Federal authorities.

This episode indicates that the multi-layered safeguard system put into place is essential for protecting the food supply and that continued vigilance needs to be taken, by all concerned, to ensure these rules are followed routinely.

FDA will continue working with USDA as well as state and local officials to ensure that companies and individuals comply with all laws and regulations designed to protect the U.S. food supply.

### Thank You

Thank you so very much for the cards, visits, and prayers while I was in Hendrick Medical Center. Each one is appreciated more than words can every say.

May God continue to Bless our friends here in the Big Country.

s/ J.E. Porter & family

#### WINTER CARNIVAL

February 12, 2001 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Gorman Junior High

# Christina Mauney Wins Gold at Childress Invitational



Christina Mauney went to Childress on January 27th and came away with the Gold medal in her weight class. She competed against 7 other girls in her weight class representing Class 5A on down. She had a grand total lift of 805.

#### Gorman Students Inducted Into Alpha Chi

Two Tarleton State University students from Gorman were inducted into the Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi during the fall 2000 semester. Alpha Chi is a national collegiate honor society.

Among those inducted into Tarleton's chapter of Alpha Chi were Kimberly D. Campbell and William E. Hagood.

A graduate of Gorman High School, Campbell is the daughter of Brad Campbell of Gorman and Vicki Doyle of Ranger. She is a Human Sciences major at Tarleton. Hagood is majoring in History; he is the husband of Kathleen Hagood and the son of Howard and Pat Hagood of Gorman.

Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to members of the junior and senior classes who excel academically. Grade point average must be 3.60 or better. The objectives of Alpha Chi are to promote and to recognize superior scholarship and those elements of character that make for effective service.

Founded in 1922, the society has more than 300 chapters in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Alpha Chi represents the highest academic honor on any member campus and since its inception, over 255,000 students have been inducted.

#### **TSU Fall Honor Roll**

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Fall 2000 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Dr. B.J. Alexander, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and are taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and

are in good standing.

Students from the area making the Honor Roll were:

Gorman--Kimberly Diane Campbell-- A,D; Sharla Clark--A,D; Marlena Jayde Guthery--D; William E. Hagood--D

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

**GARAGE SALE** — Desdemona Community Center Garage Sale will continue thru, Saturday, February 10th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Several New Items Added. Lots of Stuff. Proceeds go for new roof on entire building.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every other week at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

#### FOOD PANTRY Second Thursday of Each Month

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Roy Lipson, Worshipful Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Nell Ragland, Worthy Matron and Elwood Ragland, Worthy Patron.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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#### S.W. 'Buddy' Little Laid to Rest

S. W. 'Buddy' Little, 85, of DeLeon passed away on Friday, February 2, 2001 at the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Sunday, February 4, 2001 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jace Waller officiating. Cremation; burial at a later date at Sunset Memorial in Odessa, Texas.

Mr. Little was born on January 14, 1916 in Tipton, Oklahoma to the late Jeff J. Little and Ethel B. Wheeler Little. He married Lucille Harper on October 29, 1933 in Seymour, Texas. Mr. Little was a farmer/rancher and had lived in DeLeon 19 years, coming from Odessa. He previously lived in Brownfield and Littlefield for 22 years. He was a toolpusher and driller for 20 years, superintendent and rig builder for M.G.F. Drilling Company. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Ollie J. Little of DeLeon and Buddie E. Little of Tatum, New Mexico; grandson, Justin Little of DeLeon; daughters, Gloria V. Crites of Midland, Demeris Wheeler of Dallas, and Sandra Hand of San Antonio; brother W.E. Little of Ashville, North Carolina; 15 grandchildren and 22 greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded by his wife, Lucille Little, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

## Peanut Festival Meeting

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#### Pause To Think

Mankind is constantly involved in some type of quest. Some are looking for ways to make more money, some are searching for fame, some are in search of the ultimate knowledge, some are looking for the ultimate pleasure, and then there are those in search of power. Ultimately, we the human race simply desire fulfillment.

Adam and Eve thought they could find it in the fruit of the forbidden tree. The serpent beguiled them into thinking that if they ate of the tree, they would become as wise as gods. It is significant that the word here is gods spelled with a lower case (g). The serpent deceived Eve by telling her that she and Adam would become as gods, and that their eyes would be opened. Genesis 3.5

There is always an element of truth in deception, otherwise no one would take the bait. Please remember that Adam and Eve were created in the image and the likeness of God. Satan, by deceiving them into disobedience, robbed them and replaced what he took with a characterization so far inferior to God's plan for them that the one could never compare to the other.

He is still playing the same game today. It is his game plan to keep people from finding fulfillment in Christ. In Colossians 2:10, Paul declares that we are complete when we are in Christ. Keep in mind that we are not truly in Christ unless he is also in us.

Therefore, when Satan can convince us to seek satisfaction in areas other than Christ, we will never meet the full potential of Christ's plan for our lives, as well as bringing spiritual danger and ultimate damnation to our own souls.

Each of us should seek satisfaction only in Christ, first. He has promised to add to our lives from there. Even as the world in their wisdom scan the horizon for new and better things, we should scan the spiritual horizon for things in the Spirit that we have not experiences and places in the Spirit that we have never gone.

Most Christians are comfortable with Christianity as long as it stays within the boundaries that are familiar. That way of thinking effectively places God in a box and limits him from doing in our lives what he truly desires to do in us. The Bible says that his ways are past finding out. Romans 11:33

In II Corinthians 12:1-6, Paul speaks of a man who entered the third Heaven and heard and saw things that are unlawful to utter. What do we know of the third Heaven? We know very little about it. This was a phenomenon that was unheard of in that day, and

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## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona has started a remodeling project for the classrooms and auditorium. Services will be held at the church annex during this time. Bro. Dwayne Brawner, pastor and members would like to invite visitors to attend each service. Special music last Sunday was presented by the children's choir led by Annette Cummings. Visitor on Sunday morning was Corinne Buckley Waldon of Clyde.

Bro. Doyle Welch was guest speaker last Sunday night at the First Baptist Church. His wife, Melba presented the special music. This couple recently purchased the home of the late Carrie Carr in the Jakehamon Community.

Desdemona Community Center Garage Sale was a big success. Thanks to those who donated items for this sale. Also thanks to those who donated food. desserts and drinks for the concession stand. This sale will continue on Saturday, February 10th with several new items added. Please contact Vonnie Guthery 758-2665 if you would like to donate to this sale. All proceeds go to replace the roof for the entire building. Sale will start at 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Corinne Buckley Waldon of Clyde visited the past weekend with her niece, Leo and Eloise Williams.

Homer Joe Sparkman of Stephenville is slowly recovering from heart bypass surgery on Monday at Harris hospital in Fort Worth.

Bill Collum is feeling better since his recent surgery.

something that no one else had ever experienced.

Before the 1960's, man had never been on the moon, but that did not mean that it could not happen, and NASA proved that man could go there. Why did we want to go to the moon in the first place? Mankind is always in search of a new frontier; a place or experience that they have never experi-

So, why should we as Christians not have the same ambition, except in spiritual matters rather than carnal. For instance, just because you have never received the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues, does not mean that you can not or that no one else can. Truthfully, receiving the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit is just the start of what God can do and desires to do in

For the next few weeks, I want to discuss Spiritual Frontiers, and issue a challenge to you. I challenge you to remove the parameters that you have erected with regard to Christianity, and seek God with an open heart to him, allowing him to do in you what he desires. The sky is the limit!

More next week. Address comments or questions to:

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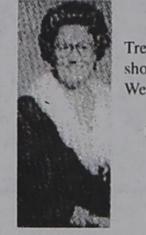
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Benton Echols is in the DeLeon Hospital at this time. Our get well wishes goes out to

these and others who are on the sick list in our area.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Neil Maltby who was buried last Sunday in Kingsville. Neil attended school in Desdemona where he graduated with the Class of 1941.

Have a nice day--Vonnie Rue



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## Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

A Note from the Administrator February 5, 2001

IT'S A BOY! Hi Folks,

When I first started in August I mentioned that my wife and I were expecting a baby in January 2001. I'm very pleased to announce that Austin Brent Hagood was born at 11:39 p.m. on January 30, 2001 at the hospital in rownwood. He was 9 pounds 12 bunces and 22 1/2 inches long. We are very proud of him as well as his big sister Madison who is 4 1/2 years old. Both Austin and my wife, Leann are doing well and we're very thankful. Just wanted to let you share in this blessing that our family has received. Have a great weak!!!!!

Sincerely, Brent

The February Birthday Party will be Friday, February 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Honorees are Ollie Halcomb, Frankie Jarrett, Ora Mae Atchison, and Patti Whitehorn. Relatives and guests are welcome. There will be refreshments.

On Sunday morning, Tootie Campsell and Bobby Rich from First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson for Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Ava Rodgers, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb, Mildred Bellows, S.D. Gilmore and Richard Kinser, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Sara Rodgers were Frank and Ella Reeves of Irving, George Rodgers, Harvey Winn of Carbon, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, and Bro. Paul Denton.

On Sunday afternoon, Bro. Paul Denton came from the Church of Christ. Residents were Inez Rogers, S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett.

Visiting Muriel Prewitt were Johnnie and Pattie Waters of Amarillo, Bro. Paul Denton, Durwood Webb, Amy Fraley, Mayvis Lasater and Eunice Love.

On Monday morning Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Sara Rodgers, Patti Whitehorn, Modess Self, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, S.D. Gilmore and Inez Rogers.

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Some of Richard Kinser guests were Rev. Bill Campbell, Harvey Winn of Carbon, James Kinser, Wilbur Overstreet, Howard and Pat Hagood, Rex Kinser.

Heritage Manor is happy to report Dean Pounds has returned after a few days in the DeLeon Hospital. Some of his guests have been Harvey Winn of Carbon, Winston Brown, Roger Pounds, Gladys Pounds, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Mary Williams were Maxine Frasier, Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Amy Fraley, Howard and Pat Hagood, Bro. Paul Denton, Ima Brown, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Mayvis Lasater, Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love.

Some of Mildred Bellows guests were Darrell and Pat Graham, Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Monday afternoon those coming for the Singing were Ernestine Campbell, Daisy Slaton, Zelda Jordan, Rev. Bill Campbell, Ruth Bryant, and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were A.V. Seay, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Patti Whitehorn, Ava Rodgers, Modess Self, Robin Taylor, Richard Kinser and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Cynthia Earles and Modess Self were Dave and Laneta Freeman, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Vardie Huff, Mayvis Lasater, Donnie Mathison of Carbon, Denzel and Fay Ables, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Mayvis Lasater, Pat and Howard Hagood.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke and Leo Williams came and played music and led singing for Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Ora Mae Atchison, Modess Self, Frankie Jarrett, Iola Johnson, and Richard Kinser.

Some of Clifton and Frankie Jarrett guests were Dub and Lavelle Crowley of Comfort, Donnie Mathison, Mary Watson, Laneta and Dave Freeman, Kay Watson, Mark Watson, Bill Johnson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables, Mayvis Lasater, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Veno Hale and Iola Johnson were Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables, Howard and Pat Hagood.

"Let's Make Ice Cream" was sure enjoyable when Ina Smith helped ev-

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eryone make homemade ice cream They were Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Modess Self, A.V. Seay and Patti Whitehorn.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Dub and Lavelle Crowley of Comfort, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Mayvis Lasater, Fay and Denzel Ables, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

Guests visiting Ola Walker were Denzel and Fay Ables, Pat Hagood, Eunice Love.

G.W. (Jack) Stewart Passes Away

Heritage Manor regrets to report Mr. Jack Stewart, 87 years, died Sunday, January 28, 2001. Services were at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday in Lacy Funeral Home Chapel in Stephenville. Burial was in Oak Dale Cemetery in Erath County. His son, Larry, and wife, Ramona Stewart live in Gorman. Heritage Manor extends sincere sympathy to Larry and Ramona and all the family members.

Visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were David and Denna Halcomb, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Wednesday, Bro. Paul Denton from Church of Christ brought the devotional for Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Ora Mae Atchison, Muriel Prewitt, Modess Self, A.V. Seay and S.D. Gilmore.

Some of Hallie Clark guests were Mayvis Lasater, Jo Ann Fraley, Brice and Bradi Campbell, Pat and Howard Hagood.

Visiting Robin Taylor were Barbara Tucker, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Art Class was making tree decorations for the month of February. Some that were painting were A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles.

Visiting Bea O'Neal were Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had "Horse Racing" for Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, and S.D. Gilmore.

Some of Patti Whitehorn guests were Marie Cook, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Mary Estes and Sylvia Estes of Carbon, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Fay and Denzel Ables.

Thursday afternoon, Ina Smith had Arts and Crafts for S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, and A.V. Seay.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Eunice Love, and Mayvis Lasater.

Some of Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison guests were Chessley Atchison, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Fred Rogers, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables, Leo Williams, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood and Donnie Mathison of Carbon.

On Friday morning, Ina Smith had bingo for Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, S.D. Gilmore, Ava Rodgers, Patti Whitehorn, A.V.

#### KOKOMO

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Well, I guess that we are in for six more weeks of winter weather according to the tale of the ground hog seeing his shadow. We really didn't think that winter was over anyway, did we?

Daryl Hirst and Glenda Black rendered the special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Gary and Rebecca Browning of Graham, Glenda Black of Abilene, and Maggie Nelson of Fort Worth were

There will be a Valentine Banquet at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday night, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. The food will be furnished and all members were urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson visited with Joyce Eaves on Wednesday evening.

Delmon and Joyce Eaves and Verda Jean Eaves attended the funeral of Hugh Clearman at Lawn on Thursday, February 1. Mr. Clearman lived in Kokomo as a child. He was a brother of the late J.C. Clearman. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

Beverly and Bob Pharris of Haskell and Modell Crawley of Gorman were recent visitors with Betty and Larry Strube.

Seay, Cynthia Earles, Mildred Bellows, Iola Johnson, Modess Self, and Ora Mae Atchison.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore were Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Durwood Webb, Howard and Love, Denzel and Fay Ables, Harvey Winn of Carbon.

On Friday afternoon, Ina Smith had Resident Council Meeting for S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, and Modess Self.

Visiting Stella Files were Harvey Winn of Carbon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater.

Guests visiting Buddy Winn and Ed Johnson were Debbie Phillips of Idaho, Andrea Cunningham of Oklahoma, Harvey Winn of Carbon, Fay Johnson, Dale Johnson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Wilbur Overstreet.

Relatives and friends at Heritage Manor were sad when they learned the death of Mrs. Juanita Files. Mrs. Files was a regular visitor and donated many many good magazines for the residents

Sylvia Buchanan spent last week in the home of her son, Kelly Buchanan at West Columbia. She also visited in Houston with Don and Lani O'Neal and attended the funeral of Mrs .. O'Neal's mother, Mrs. June Lee.

Danny, Dianne, and Sandra Snider and Audri and Isaac Segura of Gorman visited with Hazel and La Von Snider on Saturday and Sandra spent the afternoon with her grandmother and aunt. Ted and Charlotte Snider also visited with Hazel and La Von.

Hazel Snider's brother, Winsford Jumper of Houston received a pace maker at a Houston hospital last week, and at this writing is still in the hospital, but is doing well and expects to return to his home soon. Mr. Jumper formerly lived at Carbon and has visited her many times with Mrs. Snider and family. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Sylvia Buchanan, Martha Bryant, Ruth Bryant, and Darlene Hampton.

Gary and Rebecca Browning of Graham visited during the weekend with his parents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Joe and Glynda Bond attended the Gaither Homecoming Concert in Fort Worth on Saturday night.

Zelda Jordan and Daisy Slaton were in Abilene on Tuesday for Zelda's checkup on her shoulder and met Glenda Black for lunch. They also met Sunny, Black and Mark, Tanya, and Evan Harrison at Abilene Regional Pat Hagood, Wilbur Overstreet, Eunice Medical Center to see the Harrison's twin daughters, Darby and Sydney who were bone January 24th. The expect the babies to be released from the hospital soon.

> Oren and Norma Webb were in Comanche on Friday night to see their granddaughter, Kaci Webb play basket-

> Erlene Blakney of Lubbock, Gladys Morrow of Levelland, Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains, Lance Morrow of Abilene, Layne Morrow of Plains and Lenny and Rachelle Morrow of Weatherford visited here during the weekend with Naoma Morrow. They also visited with Imogene Norris.

> James and Jill Little were in Plano last week for medical tests for James.

Glenda Black of Abilene spent the weekend with her mother, Zelda Jor

dan. Nancy Hendricks also visited with Zelda.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Forrest, Brodi and Cydni of DeLeon visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Sunday af-

#### Kathy Collum Honored with **Birthday Supper**

Gene and Kay Snider honored their daughter, Kathy Collum, with a birthday supper in their home on Saturday night. Kathy's birthday was January 31. Others enjoying the party and helping Kathy celebrate were Kathy's husband and sons, Dale, Scott, and Matt Collum of Huckabay and Mike and Crystal Snider of Gorman.

#### Shorty Treadway honored with **Birthday Celebration**

Shorty Treadway of Eastland, whose birthday was February 4, was honored with an early celebration on Friday night with supper at the Catfish Corner in Carbon. Those attending to help Shorty celebrate were Bill and Marilyn Rogers and Amy Rogers of Eastland, Ken and Mary Nell Rogers of Eastland, Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon, Zelda Jordan of Kokomo and Clemmie Strong of Ranger.

Following the supper there was birthday cake and coffee at the home of Ken and Mary Nell Rogers and games of dominoes.

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## STENHOLM PUSHES "TRUTH IN BUGETING" RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Congressman Charlie Stenholm and Congressman Dennis Moore of Kansas, co-chairmen of the Blue Dog Coalition Task Force on the Budget and Social Security, today introduced a "sense of Congress" resolution urging budgetary restraint and the continuation of fiscal discipline. The resolution was introduced in anticipation of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) release of its semi-annual budget and economic outlook on Wednesday.

"These projections will have a major impact in framing the debate on tax and spending issues in the coming months," said Stenholm. "Both sides will pickand-choose assumptions to produce a baseline surplus figure that reflects positively on their agendas. My resolution asks that Congress agree on a bipartisan basis to a set of principles that allow us to debate specific policy proposals with everyone on the same page."

"We need to keep in mind that these rosy budget scenarios are just projections that may or may not materialize," said Stenholm. "Congress needs to look at the entire context of obligations and promises, and then agree on reasonable surplus figures as well as their future use among competing priorities."

Most mainstream economists agree that CBO's baseline figures can be inaccurate over longer periods, and that economic circumstances could quickly change these projections from surplus to deficit. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan indicated in testimony before the Senate Budget Committee last week that "...the risk of adverse movements in receipts is still real, and the probability of dropping back into deficit as a consequence of imprudent fiscal policies is not negligible.' -MORE-

The nonpartisan budget watchdog group The Concord Coalition was quick to praise the effort. "Congressmen Moore and Stenholm are to be commended for focusing their colleagues' attention on the most important fiscal issue facing the Congress, which is how to effectively manage the projected budget surplus," said Corey Davidson, Concord's Midwest Regional Director.

"Eight years ago, the CBO predicted there would be a \$513 billion deficit in 2001, but the reality is that we now have a \$256 billion surplus," said Stenholm. "I'm glad those projections were wrong, because it has meant great prosperity for our country. At the very least, this should serve as a cautionary tale for future planning. Last week I sent a letter to CBO director Dan Crippen asking that he help in this process by providing additional data to congressional policy makers."

"If Congress can show a little prudence now, our nation can have the economic benefits of tax cuts, national debt reduction, and taking care of basic needs, like the future of Social Security and improved public education," said Stenholm. "With our resolution, we're just asking Congress to acknowledge the need for reasonable and comprehensive budget assumptions before jumping into a course of action our nation may later regret.'

Among other concerns, the resolution notes budget projections are often inaccurate, that spending caps are set to expire in fiscal year 2002, and that Social Security and Medicare trust funds continue to be counted in general fund revenue. Stenholm's resolution seeks to build support for prudent budget assumptions by calling for agreement that:

The size of the available surplus should exclude Social Security and Medicare trust funds;

The uncertainty of long-term economic forecasts should be recognized; Realistic assumptions for the growth in discretionary spending should be accounted for;

The projected surplus should be adjusted to recognize that scoring conventions do not incorporate the costs of policies that Congress historically reauthorizes;

There should be a recognition that the federal government will incur sizable, future obligations due to demographic pressures set to occur upon the retirement of our baby-boom generation.

## AG TALK

By Charlie Stenholm February 2, 2001

#### Commission on 21rst Century Agriculture

The Commission on 21rst Century Agriculture appeared before the House Agriculture Committee this past Wednesday to discuss their report, "Directions For Future Farm Policy."

The commission was formed to take a hard look at what role the government should have in support of production agriculture. In particular, the members of the commission studied the 1996 Farm Bill, "Freedom to Farm," and conducted a review of the nation's agriculture programs.

Some disappointment was expressed at the commission's failure to make specific policy recommendations. Nevertheless, the report can be viewed as a foundation to work from as the House Agriculture Committee begins work on the 2002 Farm Bill.

#### **Disaster Assistance**

Sign up for disaster payments began on January 18. Payments will be sent out after the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) certifies the regulations and the Office of Management and Budget completes the clearance process. In the event there is a delay, it is hopeful Agriculture Secretary Veneman

would consider giving folks a partial payment. I would emphasize, however, that there is currently no indication that Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices will encounter difficulties in mailing out checks by March 1.

Some help for the Ag sector came this week as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan cut interest rates by half a point. This should help the export demand for agriculture products and lead to higher prices for domestic producers. Even better news is the amount of moisture we have been re ceiving in the Big Country this fall and winter. Hopefully, this precipitation will continue and we will

#### Texas. **Livestock Prices**

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We are also still experiencing strong cattle prices. The USDA reported Wednesday that cattle prices are up 6 percent from last year, and hog prices are up 31 percent. This is a big help to producers who have been hard hit by depressed prices over the last few years.

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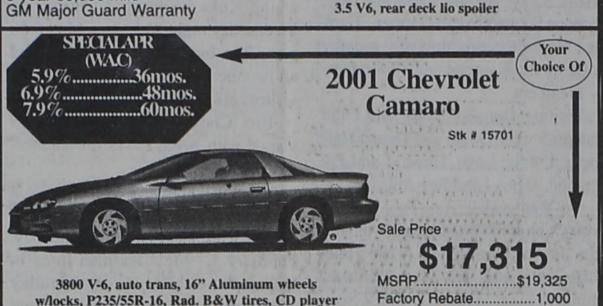


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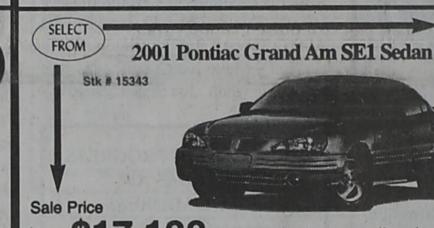
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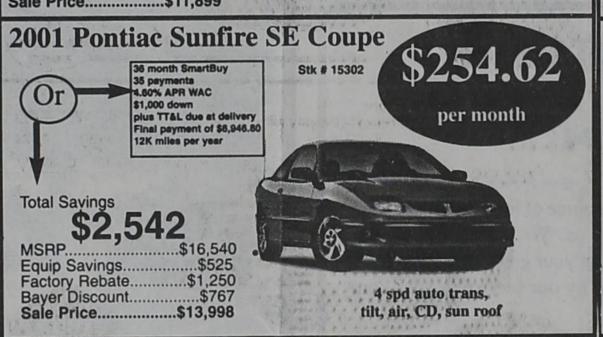
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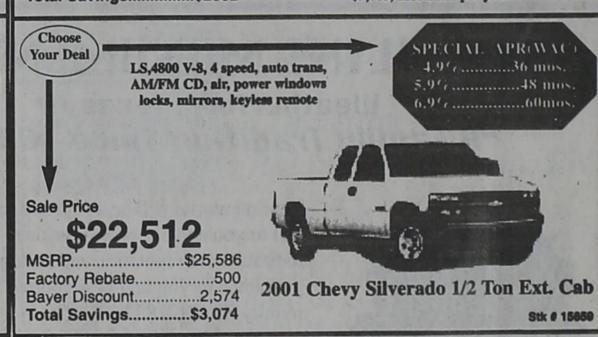
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