

# The Gorman Progress

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## QUOTES FROM AN AMATEUR PUBLISHER-EDITOR — Gene.

"Senator Jones from Arkansas" is the name. Such was the inimitable greeting I received from Frank Dean when I first moved to Gorman. I was impressed then with his sincere friendliness to all. As the months rolled by after his tragic accident and his courage and genial personality remained unchanged, I often pondered as to why a man with such faith had to suffer such agony. My only solution was that weaker men coming in contact with him would be strengthened by his faith and will to overcome pain. Who, after meeting and talking with Frank, could have any fear of death... he made one's own troubles aches and pains almost disappear with his indomitable will to live and enjoy life. And I can almost hear him now when he answers the roll call, with a twinkle in his eye — "Senator Jones is the name" and another place will be made brighter by his presence.

If possible we will publish our Christmas paper early again this year so the Progress force can have a few days off. What has happened to the Christmas letters — or have little boys and girls quit writing to Santa Claus? And just in case I get too busy bringing you Christmas Greetings from other folks, I am going to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year now... the Progress force has worked hard this year to give you a hometown paper to be proud of, and we pledge ourselves to even greater effort next year.

## WANTED A DOG...

Wanted at once dog whose chief diet is hog ears. Ears must be taken out by the roots so they will not come back and if possible hog satisfied so he will not come back. Can furnish an abundance of ears and will pay such dog good salary during fall and winter months and summer vacation with pay. When he is old and toothless and utterly useless will seek amendment to the State Constitution or make application to the local justice of the peace (which ever is handier) guaranteeing a comfortable retirement that he may eat toast made of California light bread and gravy the balance of his days. Anyone knowing the availability of such dog call L. E. Clark, collect day or night at Desdemona, Texas.

With the extremely dry weather we have had the past two years, our land needs all of the cover crops it can produce to keep the soil from blowing away. A number of farmers have been complaining about hogs and other livestock being turned loose to graze at will on anybody's property. If you have livestock, respect your neighbor's property by keeping it on your own land. Indirectly this will help you as much as the other man.

In case some of you have overlooked it, there is a good parking lot next to the Locker Plant and also one back of the Hotel. Both are well lighted and patrolled. If you plan on spending several hours in town please use these parking lots and help us relieve traffic congestion on the streets. Constructive suggestions on our traffic problems and other civic affairs will be appreciated as the City Commission is striving to improve our parking and other problems and only by your cooperation can they succeed.

Talked to Check Smith just before press time and he told me of the fine trip he had attending the International Air Convention at El Paso. Aside from winning second place in a navigation flight over a 250 mile course, his ship was chosen to fly the message of good will from Governor Jester to the Governor of Chihuahua, Mexico. Check missed first place in the Navigation flight by ten seconds. Details of this trip will be in next week's Progress.

The party having the book on Fireside Christmas Stories from the Progress Library please contact us as others want to get some Christmas stories from this book.

## J. Frank Dean, Prominent Citizen Dies After Long Illness

Mr. J. Frank Dean, age 66, a retired cotton buyer and long-time resident of Gorman, passed away suddenly Thursday, December 2 at 11 p. m. Mr. Dean had suffered a prolonged illness for the past three and half years, during which time he has been a semi-invalid. The illness was due to an injury received when he fell from a highway bridge near Dublin, at which time he was enroute to market to buy furniture for Higginbotham's.

Mr. Dean came to Gorman from Pine Bluff, Arkansas about forty years ago, and was regarded as a valuable citizen. His friendships covered his range of acquaintance. Mr. Dean has served as Mayor of Gorman and also been a member of the City Commission for a number of years. He was a trustee on the local schoolboard for three terms and county trustee for a period of twelve years.

In the First Baptist Church Mr. Dean was most active, having served for thirty years as Superintendent of the Sunday School. In recognition of his service the church observed Frank Dean Day in 1947.

In the Masonic Lodge, Mr. Dean had taken the Shrine by the routes of Knights of Templar at Cisco and the Scottish Rite at Hellah Temple, Dallas, Texas.

Surviving Mr. Dean are: his widow, Mrs. Mollie Dean; two daughters, Msdms. Paul Ormsby and Neal Rose of Gorman; a son, Jimmy Dean of Waco; his mother,

five sisters and four brothers all of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. There are four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Church. Rev. Taylor Henley, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. W. F. Smith of Gorman and Rev. H. H. Stephens of Abilene officiated at the funeral.

Acting as pallbearers were Dr. J. B. Brandon, John Kimble, J. E. Walker, Brooks Ross, T. O. Shelley and Weldon Glasgow.

Out of town people, whose names appeared on the register were: Msrs. and Msdms. Carl Elliott, J. O. Hirst, Cyrus Frost, Jack Frost, Billy Frost, F. Caton, Judge Geo. Davenport, Judge Louis Crossley, Rep. Turner Collie and Mrs. Collie, Msdms. Jim Blackwell and Sallie Bishop, Paul Creech and B. H. Perry of Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood of Waco, Msrs. and Msdms. O. P. Newberry, Albert S. Jones, and Bill Hefley of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Herrington and W. M. Collie of Dallas; Congressman Omar Burleson and Mrs. Burleson of Anson; Msrs. and Msdms. J. E. Brewer, Roy Skaggs, Theodor Curry, J. Albert Smith, Sam Huckabee of Abilene.

Msdms. Earl Pittman, T. C. Wiley of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hicks and J. F. Bennett of Brownwood; Dr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Stewart, Mrs. Pearl Duncan and Mrs. Carlton Bassett of De Leon.

## County Crew Complete Three Months Work

Favorable reports are being received on the work being done by Commissioner Thurman and his men who are working the roads in Precinct Two.

According to Judge Thurman there are about 500 miles of roads in his precinct which is the south east part of the county. The high winds and the sand have kept the crew of seven busy clearing the roading and keeping them open for traffic. Mr. Thurman oversees all work.

One-half mile near Alameda and one-fourth mile at Desdemona have been clay-topped. A bridge at Kokomo is being repaired and drainage is being taken care of where there is need.

Carbon, Staff, Kokomo, Alameda, Desdemona and Gorman are in the precinct.

Mr. Thurman spoke of working with the city. The propositions of mutual benefit in the swapping out on work and machinery.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. B. J. Duske is doing nicely after suffering a heart attack November 8th. She will remain in bed until December 23rd. I want to thank Mrs. Z. O. Mehaffey for the beautiful flowers she brought while I was in the hospital. And also I want to thank the doctors and nurses for being so kind. And also for the get well cards I received.

Mrs. B. G. Duske, Wanda, Willie Fred and wife and Terry McCormack

## Marketing Quotas Announced For 1948 Peanut Crop

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced a marketing quota of 850,000 tons of 1948-crop peanuts and a national allotment of 2,611,367 acres. This is a 200 percent reduction from the national average acreage of peanuts picked and threshed during the period 1943-1947 and is 22 percent below the 1948 national acreage of 3,340,000 acres.

State acreage allotments will be announced about December 15, Department officials said. The proclamation of quotas on peanuts is required by the Agriculture Adjustment Act of 1938. In a referendum held in December 1947, peanut producers voted 87 percent in favor of quotas and acreage allot-

## Gilmer-Aikens Committee It's Origin And Purpose

The Gilmer-Aiken Committee had its origin in the Texas State Legislature at the insistence of progressive school minded people. Its work of investigation began in July, 1947.

Its purpose was and is to find out just what the existing conditions were which held and hold Texas, a state having 2,000,000 school children so far down the list of rank in education. The continued purpose was to find out what could be done to eliminate such conditions and start Texas up to the top where she rightfully belongs.

This committee with sub-committee who served under them are now presenting their proposals for better education in Texas. They are trying to let the people know how their plan can be accomplished.

Their proposals need consideration whether it be for approval or partial rejection. No one can doubt that the educational system of Texas is weak and that it is not functioning in a way which can give the best results for the pupils.

The following is a list of a few of the things which are being proposed: 1. Control of public schools by a single agency. 2. State Board of Education, nine laymen, to be elected by popular vote from different sections of the state to serve for a period of three years. 3. A State Commissioner of Education to be selected by the State Board. 4. A State Department of Education. Each of these are to be awarded different functions.

In regard to finance, there is a proposal for re-districting the state by the permission of the various constituents. Following regular business procedure each dis-

## Baptist To Hold Open House Sunday

The First Baptist Church will hold open house Sunday afternoon 3 p. m. to 4 p. m., the date having been set forward due to the funeral services of J. Frank Dean on December 5th.

All friends are invited to see the new educational building in which the formal opening will be held.

## Postmasters Honor Congressman - Wife

Postmasters of the 17th Congressional District honored Congressman Omar Burleson and Mrs. Burleson with a dinner Saturday evening, December 4th at Cisco.

The banquet meal was served at a hall at the Cisco Junior College. Mrs. Maurine Stewart, toast master for the evening presented the distinguished guests. Postmaster Luther McRae of Cisco gave the welcome address. Judge Sam Russell of Stephenville, introduced the Congressman and Mrs. Burleson. The Congressman responded with an interesting and informative address on national and world affairs.

Those in attendance from Gorman were Postmaster Donna Moorman, Mrs. T. F. Morrow, Othell Clark and Mrs. Bob Boucher. Mrs. Boucher, a former postmaster of Gorman was the invited guest of Mrs. Stewart the postmaster at Blackwell.

## Local Masons Aid Winters Order In Giving Degrees

The following article appeared in the Abilene Reporter-News December 6.

"Two master degrees were given at the meeting of the Masonic Lodge (Winters, Texas) on Thursday night with a degree team from Gorman attending to confer one of the degrees.

The visiting group was headed by 75-year old Ben F. Pendarvis, agent for the Katy Railroad in Gorman, secretary of the lodge there, and recently appointed deputy grand master of District 72. Pendarvis is reported to be second in seniority on the Katy lines in Texas and is planning to try to continue working until he reaches top seniority.

Others of the group attending were M. F. Boston, W. O. Parr, who is retired from the Navy after 20 years service, Hubert Craddock, Cody Love, B. M. Bennett and J. M. Nix.

Mr. W. I. Dixon, formerly of Gorman and a former secretary of the local chapter had invited the Gorman Masons to the meeting. Mr. Dixon is the secretary of the Winters lodge and deputy grand master of District 105.

## JERRY DON ROY SERVICES HELD

Jerry Don Roy, age six weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy of the Oliver Springs Community, died Friday, November 28th at 2 P. M.

Funeral services for the child were held Saturday, 2 p. m. November 27th at the Ramsey Church of Christ. The Rev. Barney Welch held the service.

Interment was in the Oliver Springs Cemetery.

tract will be required to provide funds as conditions indicate they are able. Then help from the State will be forthcoming, to the districts on equal basis.

The second part of the method of finance has to deal with the investment of the State Educational Funds for present and future provision.

They propose to take politics out of the book selection and purchase.

Fairminded citizens should make opportunity to give this Committee's report consideration.

## Businessmen - Farmers Hear Benefits Of Soil Conservation

Gorman business men and farmers heard the State and National Plan of Soil Conservation, Monday evening, Dec. 6th. The business men were host for a bountiful meal which preceded the program.

Among the various group leaders and supervisors who attended, some of whom spoke, were: Caraway of the 5th Dist., De Leon; R. L. Higginbottom of 4th Dist.; J. W. Brown, Alvis Rodgers, George Bennett and Vocational Instructor E. C. Bramlett, local men. A College Station man, whose name was not available, out-lined the plan.

It was stated that practically 80 percent of Texas has adopted a plan of soil conservation. Two practices recommended for this area are the strip crop and the planting of cover crop, vetch. A number of the local farmers have already adopted both of these measures.

Dallas Jobe, a successful farmer in this vicinity, was not in attendance Friday evening but he is one of the progressive farmers who has sat in on like meeting at Dublin, Brownwood, and other towns. He pushes soil conservation every day in his contact with the patrons his store. The Jobe farms show that soil conservation pays off.

The following quotes are from Mayor Brandon, the impressions which he credits largely to the speakers of the evening. They were given at an interview.

## Cong. Burleson Addresses R. L. C. On World Affairs

Addressing the 17th District Rural Letter carriers at their annual banquet Friday, December 3rd, Congressman Omar Burleson cited existing conditions in Europe. Mr. Burleson has recently returned from a visit to the continent. His visit in company with several other congressmen was a Congressional mission.

In speaking of the various people, he said that Italy, a former aggression nation, has an over supply of man-power, a thing which other nations are sadly in need of. The Italians, however, cannot find employment in the countries that have the shortage. No one wants Italian labor. About 60 percent of Italy has gone communistic. The labor situation needs a solution.

France is producing, as are some of the other countries. Black markets are flourishing. Some of western and southern Europe are beginning to help themselves. No one can say as to just what extent the Marshall plan is helping the situation.

The plight of the Greek, Burleson described as pitiful. Families are forced to live in towns for protection, else the men will be kidnapped by the Communist that swarm in the hills. A meager living, only, can be had in the overcrowded cities.

England continues a rationing program, similar to that exercised during the war. The parliament feels that rationing is the answer to shortages, but the people have apparently despaired of the idea. They have lapsed into the attitude of "why produce, turn in and buy back." The cycle, definitely, does

## Carbon High Students To Present Operetta "The Shepherd's Christmas"

TIDWELLS RE-BUILD TURKEY FARM - READY FOR NEW SEASON

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tidwell visited recently in the office of the Progress. They were enthusiastic in their praise of neighbors and friends who had been of so much assistance in helping them to rebuild their turkey farm. The farm was demolished as was the Tidwell's home near Desdemona when a cyclone invaded that area earlier in the year.

The Tidwells who produce turkeys for the market use eggs exclusively from their own flock.

Potter and Alsbrook et al No. 2 Kleiner drilling at 3000 feet on a 4000 foot test.

"To me Soil Conservation is one of the greatest, if not the greatest problem facing the people of our country today. Especially is this true in our own area. The present fall has brought, because of the continued drought and high winds, the longest period of erosion Gorman has experienced to my knowledge. The farms are being robbed.

There is no doubt in my mind that had we our virgin soil, farm land would be worth \$250 an acre and the population of Gorman would reach 10,000.

This area, as many others, has been negligent and tardy in the initiation of a Soil Conservation Program. The type of land in this area is gram which will prevent erosion, limited-- the soil which grows peanuts, fruit and truck. It is increasing. Just so much was created.

The land was God-given. It is our one inalienable thing. Indestructible-but soil unpreserved will blow and wash away. Tillable soil is a precious thing."

Mayor Bandon also spoke in the continued interview of the population, consumption and supply graf which showed that a consistent and effective plan of soil conservation is an early imperative in the supply meets the demand.

Farmers will consult with their group, leaders and other information will be available. The program is ready for the farmer who is ready to adopt.

## Our Library

LUCRETIA FAIRBETTER ANTI-CHOC ACTRESS

"Antioch Actress" is the second novel from the pen of J. R. Perkins, which has its setting in parts of the old Roman Empire. Antioch will be remembered by Bible Students as the first place in which the followers of Christ were called Christians. Cynthia Mamuta, the girl in the story, was a native of Antioch.

Although, Cynthia was reared as a Christian, she had wandered far from her early training. Because of an old grudge against a church leader, Cynthia allows herself to become the instrument of Emperor Trajan, when he chooses to ridicule, to persecute and to destroy the church.

She learns that "Vengeance does not pay." She loses her lover and finds that she has paid a great price only to realize that her goal achieved brings bitter grief.

The climax is strong but the concluding paragraphs are weak and unreal. However, the book is well worth reading, especially at this season of the year.

not encourage production. Another problem — England must produce before she or the world can have peace.

Mr. Burleson climaxed his remarks with the statement (paraphrased) "Never in the history of the world was there a time when the world needed, so much, Divine Guidance." The congressman explained that it is the individual, whose opinions will be reflected in the progress toward Peace. For that reason the individual should become informed and should seek Divine Guidance.

## Carbon High Students To Present Operetta "The Shepherd's Christmas"

Thursday night, December 16, at 7:30 a Christmas operetta, "The Shepherd's Christmas" will be presented at the Carbon High School. The Boy's Glee Club and the Girl's Choral Club will furnish the music with Mrs. T. E. Robertson at the piano.

The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission charges. If you enjoy the Christmas carols, you should attend. The music of the operetta is made up of new songs with the exception of two songs but a group of old carols will be sung preceding the operetta.

Mrs. D. E. Frazer, Mrs. Ray Norris and Mr. J. W. Turner are directing the pupils in the presentation of "The Shepherd's Christmas."



## OIL NEWS and PERSONNEL In and Around GORMAN

Griffin and St. John No. 1B Cal-lowy are drilling from under the surface pipe.

Kirk and Haynes No. 1 Glover will acidize Saturday possibly. Kirk and Sessions No. 3 Wood is locating 660 feet from the N. 2 location on the Wood, and 330 feet from the North line on the lease. Aubrey Gregg has moved one rig in on the tract and is rigging up to begin operations on the No. 3. Gregg has the contract to drill No. and No. 4 also.

Luling Oil and Gas No. 1 Rumph treated the Caddo Formation from 2550-2600, that is the location of the pay in this formation, and they have about the same findings which Joe Mellard and Associates have in the Moseley which offsets this well diagonally to the Northwest — they have both oil and gas. Mr. Riley states that a separator is on the way so that he is expecting a dual recovery from the one formation as is Joe Mellard.

D. D. Feldman No. 2 Cooper Groceries are clearing away brush, etc. making preparations to begin rigging up on the No. 2 operation Martin Harris Drilling Co. is to drill No. 2 also, they have drilled No. 1 for D. D. Feldman.

Eaglestone No. 1 Thorpe is rigging up for a Strawn test to approximately 2000 feet depth at Le Ray with B. F. Gilchrist, contractor for the operation.

Haynes B. Ownby No. 1 Lindley have opened up this operation and taken a potential test. The results show 19 BBLs on a 16/64 choke for four hour test, however Mr. Boyd says that is all it will make for 14 or 24 hours until you shut it in and let it rest for a while. Then it will make 19 to 20 BBLs on a four hour run as before.

Coast Oil No. A4 Griffin have run a potential test. The well gauged 240 BBLs under a 16/64 choke in a 24 hour test. The oil was 42 gravity and there was 550 lbs pressure on casing and 210 lbs pressure on tubing. The pay formation ran from 2743-2785. This proves what has so often shown up in the Kirk field, that the higher formation in the Marble Falls comes through the best in production.

Kadane and Sons No. 1 Whitesides are setting pipe and were WOC Tuesday night. The show seems good, according to Mr. St. John who was the contractor on the job.

The show out on the Whitesides is making at least one operator who holds adjoining leases begin to cast around for Drilling Contractors and to prepare to drill his obligations out.

## KING THEATRE

Thursday - Friday  
Estehr Williams - Peter Lawford  
In  
On An Island With You  
Also  
Two Color Cartoons

Saturday  
George O'Brien  
In  
Trouble in Sundown  
And  
Roland Winter, as Charlie Chan  
In  
"Docks of New Orleans"  
Also

Jesse James Rides, No. 9  
Sunday and Monday  
Robert Montgomery - Bette Davis  
In  
June Bride  
Also  
All Star Comedy

Tuesday and Wednesday  
Robert Hutton - Joyce Reynolds  
In  
Wallflower  
Also  
Color Cartoon - Comedy

Thursday and Friday  
Glenn Ford - Ellen Drew  
William Holden  
In  
The Man From Colorado  
Also  
Two Color Cartoons

### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Kirk of Sweetwater visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirk last week end.

Ennis Joiner and Wade Russell, Tarleton students were home for the weekend.

Joe Brandon of Abilene visited his parents Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. J. B. Brandon was a visitor in Abilene Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. John C. Claitor has recently visited his sister, Mrs. J. T. Singleton of Cone and his nephew at Ralls. He also visited his daughter, Louise, Mrs. Fitzgerald of Denver City, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Claitor visited his brother, Gordon Claitor and family in Dublin on Sunday. Mrs. Joe McNeely was brought to the Blackwell Hospital on Sunday and is seriously ill. Prior to entering Blackwell's, she was a patient in the Ranger Hospital.

Her daughter, Mrs. Tommie Townsend of Amarillo, is at her bedside. Mr. and Mrs. John Lasater and G. W. Cole spent Sunday in Hamilton visiting relatives.

Those attending the 17th District Postmaster's banquet in Cisco Saturday evening were: Mrs. Dona Moorman; Othel Clark; Mrs. Stella Morrow; and Mrs. Rosa Boucher.

Mrs. Bill Parr spent Monday and Tuesday in Fort Worth with friends.

Mrs. Albert Butler and Mrs. Jimmie Ellison were business visitors in Eastland Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton and Johnnie Mack of Long Beach, Calif are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Capers.

### Desdemona News

Paul Arnold of Kermit visited with his parents a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Irwin of Kermit visited friends here this week. "Little" Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Branham of Dallas and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore was released from the Gorman hospital Tuesday where she had been a patient since Sunday.

Mrs. T. R. Wilcoxson and children, Randal and Judy, also Bernard Keith of Odessa returned home Sunday after spending several day with their father who is a patient at the Blackwell Sanitarium in Gorman.

Mrs. Lem Macon who underwent a major operation 10 days ago, was released from the Gorman hospital at Gorman Tuesday.

Mrs. R. D. Lewis returned home Sunday after having undergone a major surgery at the Gorman Sanitarium.

### SENIOR SEZ

One of the main intrests now between the Juniors and Seniors is "Lena Rivers". This as many may know, is the Junior-Senior play which will be presented Dec. 17th, combining the so-called talent of the two classes. A cast of thirteen has been selected. Since this is the first play that will have been presented in quite a while by these two classes we hope as many of you as possible will come. Some of the points of interest in this play are -Raymond Emerson portraying the part of father and husband. Gene Rodgers and Betty Mason the two good hearted and talented children of Raymond's. Janette Isabelle the sophisticated and heartless wife and the daughter, spoiled and very much like her mother, Mack Bryant. There is also romance in this play with Jerry Mehaffey, the good looking school master, courting his scholar. Roy Rawls courting the favorite grand daughter, Jo Olive Greer. Dearl Pittman a meek and kind hearted husband of Ruth Helen Warren, a "gossip" if there ever was one. There is also a colored couple, Carolyn Harrell and Raymond Hattox. And please, please dont miss our favorite grandmother Patsy Ogle who talks of nothing but Nancy Schouendike and has a remedy for every pain. She also guarantees her remedies to be good.

This play has been arranged to please everyone, so please come and see it. You can't ever tell -- one of these days in the far, far future you may go to the movie and be able to say, "Why I saw that star when they played in the Gorman Junior - Senior play of "Lena Rivers" way back in 1948." Hope to see every one there.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Martin left Sunday to visit their daughter, Lee at Kerrville who has been ill a long time.

### Hospital Notes

Msdms. Jack Wilson, Ellen Oldham, May Bunting, Joe McNeely and Miss Johnnie Hale are patients in the Blackwell Sanitarium.

MASONS OF GORMAN ASSIST IN CONFERRING DEGREES IN DE LEON

Messrs. B. F. Pendarvis and M. F. Boston were in De Leon Tuesday evening attending the Masonic Lodge where they assist in conferring the E. A. Degree.

REBECCA LODGE PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY

At the regular meeting of the Rebecca Lodge Tuesday evening plans were made for the annual Christmas Dinner and Tree to be held Friday evening of this week in the hall. Every member is invited to be present to greet Santa Claus.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Regular stated meeting of Gorman Lodge No. 716 AF and AM will be held in the Lodge room Tuesday Dec. 14th Work on the M. M. Degree. All members are urged to be present. Visitors are welcome.

B. F. Pendarvis, secy.

JOHN EDWARD MAY STATIONED IN SO' CAROLINA

John Edward May, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. May left Tuesday for the army. He will be stationed in South Carolina for training.

MR. AND MRS. ED JONES AT BEDSIDE OF HIS SISTER

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones were called to Plainview Wednesday morning where Mr. Jones sister, Mrs. Carlisle is seriously ill.

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Mrs. Elsie E. Gates

### Carbon News

The ladies of the T. B. C. Club met in the home of Mrs. Collin Campbell last Wednesday to quilt a quilt for Mr. and Mrs. Otis Guy who lost their home by fire several weeks ago.

Mrs. J. W. Vaughn is spending the winter with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Payne of Baird.

Mrs. Henry Lovell is in the home of Mrs. Will Lovell. She is recovering from a major operation.

Mrs. Dave Campbell is spending the winter with her daughter Mrs. Liles of La Port.

Buster Ables and family of Mertzon visited relatives last week.

Sexton Martin and family of Cisco visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. McGlothen went to Fort Worth Monday on business.

Mrs. Frances Yancey visited relatives in Brownwood last week.

Mrs. L. P. Barnett and Mrs. W. S. Maxwell were shopping in Ranger last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Reed visited their daughter Jaunice in Breckenridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hazelwood of Comanche were in Carbon Sat.

Buster McDaniel and wife of Abilene visited his mother Mrs. C. N. McDaniel and Charles over the week end.

Mrs. J. M. Thurman is at home from the Ranger Hospital where she is recovering from a major operation.

Mr. George Putnam has gone to Temple where he has employment in a hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Rhyne and family attended the funeral of her mother Mrs. Sallie Taylor who died suddenly last week. She was buried in Eastland last Sunday.

### Kokomo News

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson accompanied by his mother Mrs. Ollie Nelson of Gorman spent part of last week in Odessa visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler and Jackie visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Snider Thursday evening.

Mrs. Carra Sessum visited Mr. and Mrs. John Kiker of near Carbon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Guy were attending business in Eastland and Ranger Thursday.

Sorry to report Mrs. T. S. Richberg has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Richberg of Duster visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Richberg Friday.

Mrs. John Wheeler, Mrs. Thear-an Gilmore and Mrs. Billy Paul Lewis visited Mrs. Buford Parker last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Scitern and children of Alameda visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scitern.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hendrick and children, Mrs. Floyd Wood and sons were guests in the Hendricks home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson were in Ranger Monday.

Orville Johnson and children of Eastland visited Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Johnson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks were in Eastland and Ranger last Thursday.

Sunday school was well attended last Sunday morning. We wish to extend a cordial welcome to every one to be present for church and Sunday School next Sunday. Rev. Willie Skaggs will fill his regular appointment following Sunday School.

After Sunday School it was decided to have a Christmas tree and Program Wednesday, December 22 at 7 p. m. A committee composed of Mmes. John Timmons, W. A. O'Neal, Buddy Eaves, and Jim Jordan were appointed to decorate the tree and make arrangements for gifts.

Each class drew names to exchange gifts. The Junior Class will render the program for the evening. Those to take part on the program are Danny Donaldson, Teddy Snider, Nina Sue Frasier, Donald Joiner, Bulene Kiker, Ruth Elaine Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Verna Lee Garrett, Jackie Wheeler, David Joiner, Tommy Eaves, Betty Crawley, Jimmy Dean Rodgers, Mary Eaves, Lindal Morrow, and Johnny Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude McBeth and sons of Cisco were Gorman visitors Sunday.

### Cheaney News

The Cheaney Home Demonstration Club met on Friday afternoon Dec. 3rd with Mrs. Electra Hattox as hostess. Eleven members were present. Roll call was followed by the last business session of the club for the year, presided over by Mrs. Agnes Rodgers. The next meeting will be the annual Christmas Party, at which time secret pal names will be revealed.

Members expressed their intentions to attend the Annual County Council Christmas Party at Eastland on Dec. 8th and planned a menu for the occasion.

The afternoon lesson was a round table of Gift Ideas and decorations for Christmas and favorite recipes.

Anniversary Gifts were presented Mrs. Della Galloway, Mrs. Annie Rainey and Miss Aline Fonville which completes the year's lineup of Anniversary and Birthday dates which each club member has so thoroughly enjoyed as the months have rolled by.

Light and dark cakes with hot cocoa were served; Leona Perrin, Alene Fonville, Mesdames Rodgers, Pepper, Weekes, Love, Tucker, Wilson, Yancey, Galloway and the hostess.

Next meeting will be on December 17th. Our Christmas Party and the hostess will be Mrs. Amizon Highsmith.

With the Churches

Attendance at the Saturday night Bible Study at the Alameda Church of Christ has been very gratifying. Morning Services on Sunday were well attended, and an even greater number on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston and Howard Wade or Desdemona were visitors at the evening services.

Salem, Grandview, Alameda and Cheaney representatives attended the Singing at the Ranger Church of Christ Sunday afternoon, which included Harry Payne, the Arthur Loves, Hudson's, Rodgers, Blackwells, Womacks and others.

Mrs. Lena Jones has been returned to the Ranger Hospital for treatment again, and will stay for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Highsmith was reported ill over the week end.

### Fish Bait

This week has gone rather slow thus far. It seems the only real school activity we have had is the basketball games which we were proud to win. Glenna Sue and Bobby Jack are mad again but it won't last. Jack, our class president, has been silent all this week. The dating situation is getting along fine so I guess we will let it take care of itself this week. Four of our Fish girls are on the basketball team, at least for a while. They're showing fine forms too, if we do say so ourselves. (The class that is.) Two of our boys are on the team too. So all around we are having ourselves a good time. Patsy, we are going to miss you but our loss is De Leon's gain. We are going to have to get used to not seeing your red head around. We hope

Kenneth Brown accidentally let his hand get caught in a Hammer mill while grinding feed last Thursday, mangling it badly. He was rushed to Ranger for treatment.

Sharon Brown, his small daughter was ill for several days the past week.

We wish people wouldn't tell us how nice Mrs. Bill Reid's pecan sheller is, when a week's effort on our part at cracking 'em with a hammer has produced about enough for one pie.

Minister Harry Payne ate Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Love.

Mrs. Lillie Wallace spent Sunday night with her brother Mr. and Mrs. Melva Love and family.

Mrs. Bill Logan was ill with Flu the past week.

you will remember us now and then. Come back to see us sometime.

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### BAND NEWS

Shirley Broom, Reporter

Our band had a nice meeting on December 7th. The Bulldogs and December 7th. The Bulldogs and band are working for a contest.

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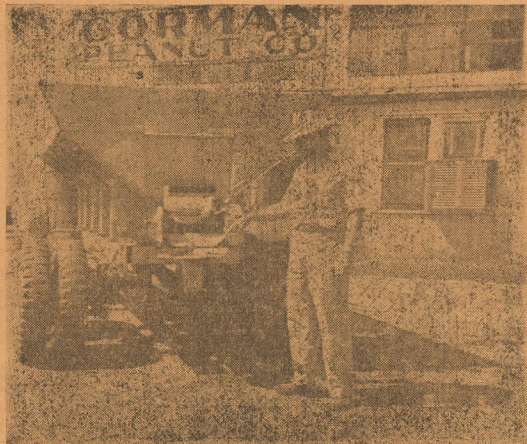
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These trees have come to us from the spruce forests, which are to be found in many sections of our country.

Rafe Gibbs has a timely article in the December 4th edition of the Collier's Magazine titled, "Christmas Tree Capital." Eureka, Montana lays claim to that title. This town it is said ships annually to virtually every state in the union about three hundred carloads which carry 1,800,000 trees.

The cutting of Christmas trees is in most places considered an economy rather than a waste for the cutting is simply a supervised thinning which gives the trees that are left a chance to become timber. In the article, Christmas Tree

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GORMANITES HUNT IN  
STONEWALL COUNTY

Speck Clark, Stub Poyner, Ben R. Townley and Aubrey Bennett complete list of the cast will be given in next week's edition.

hunted birds in Stonewall County around Swenson. They took off Tuesday afternoon and came in Thursday. They had bagged their limit of quail for each day of the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Leal and baby from Laredo visited Mrs. T. L. Stephens, Thanksgiving; also Mrs. L. Y. Morris from Grandbury and Mr. T. T. Stephens and wife of Brownwood.

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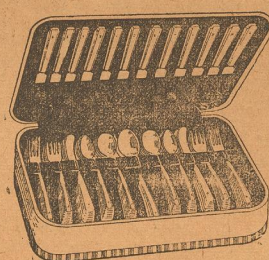
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Honeysuckle at the end of the piazza entwined a lattice screen and you could really suck the honey. Uncle Clem—who wasn't really my uncle—had shown me how. Cannas grew funnel-shape way up past the piazza railing. Mother's round peony garden on the side lawn by the swing that my father had made (I never remembered him) grew luscious creamy pink and white flowers.

Inside was the brick fireplace before which the three of us would sit in the winter, Uncle Clem taking care of the fire and telling us stories while

Mother sewed, and I would watch the picture of Nero's Horses over the mantel until I saw their eyes roll and breath steam out of their nostrils.

This was the house I was born in. It was big and it was old and it was full of strange nooks from cellar to attic. I knew Mother liked it for she often said she hoped some day to buy it.

Considering she was a widow, my mother did well in providing for the two of us until Mr. Hale came. That was Uncle Clem's real name. She didn't need the small amount he paid her. It was just from the kindness of her heart that she gave him a home. He was old, feeble, bent over; he carried a cane most of the time. I know those things now. But strangely I remembered him as spry, full of pep and fun. He was good and kind and always thinking of things to do.

MOTHER never knew where he came from, until after he was gone. The first I ever saw of him was when he appeared at the door into the living room and "entertained" him until Mother came in from the chicken coop.

Mother was cool to him at first. She was always suspicious of strangers. But I saw the kind of fellow he was right away. He told her his family was gone and asked if she had a room to spare. He said he had a little money, enough to pay for his room and board.

Uncle Clem spent nearly all his time with me. Sometimes he would forget what we were playing, and sit with a kind of dreamy, faraway look. Then he would snap back into what we were doing. He got to calling my mother Mom and I guess she didn't mind.

Once I heard him tell her that his working days were over and he enjoyed trying to be a boy again.

But there were some things I couldn't understand about him.



His will was made out to Mother, leaving her enough to buy the house.

When we played hiding games he'd seem to have an uncanny sense of where to look. He knew about the flat stone over the abandoned well behind the chicken coop before I showed it to him, the loose board on the floor of my closet, the recesses over the eaves in the attic, and the door to the unused cold storage vault in the cellar. He even knocked on one of the inside walls where it sounded hollow, and he said: "There was a window there once."

When Uncle Clem died I cried all night. Mother had to go into his personal things. His will was made out to her, leaving her enough to buy the house. I'll never forget her cry of surprise when she came across an old newspaper clipping he had saved. It was about his retirement from business. I have it now.

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Mrs. J. W. Vaughn is spending the winter with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Payne of Baird.

Mrs. Henry Lovell is in the home of Mrs. Will Lovell. She is recovering from a major operation.

Mrs. Dave Campbell is spending the winter with her daughter Mrs. Liles of La Port.

Buster Ables and family of Martzon visited relatives last week.

Sexton Martin and family of Cisco visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. McGlothen went to Fort Worth Monday on business.

Mrs. Frances Yancey visited relatives in Brownwood last week.

Mrs. L. P. Barnett and Mrs. W. S. Maxwell were shopping in Ranger last Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Rhyne and family attended the funeral of her mother Mrs. Sallie Taylor who died suddenly last week. She was buried in Eastland last Sunday.

### Kokomo News

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson accompanied by his mother Mrs. Ollie Nelson of Gorman spent part of last week in Odessa visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler and Jackie visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Snider Thursday evening.

Mrs. Carra Sessum visited Mr. and Mrs. John Kiker of near Carbon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Guy were attending business in Eastland and Ranger Thursday.

Sorry to report Mrs. T. S. Richberg has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Richberg of Duster visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Richberg Friday.

Mrs. John Wheeler, Mrs. Thearain Gilmore and Mrs. Billy Paul Lewis visited Mrs. Buford Parker last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Scitern and children of Alameda visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scitern.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hendrick and children, Mrs. Floyd Wood and sons were guests in the Hendricks home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson were in Ranger Monday.

Orville Johnson and children of Eastland visited Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Johnson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks were in Eastland and Ranger last Thursday.

### Cheaney News

The Cheaney Home Demonstration Club met on Friday afternoon Dec. 3rd with Mrs. Electra Hattox as hostess. Eleven members were present. Roll call was followed by the last business session of the club for the year, presided over by Mrs. Agnes Rodgers. The next meeting will be the annual Christmas Party at Eastland on Dec. 8th and planned a menu for the occasion.

Members expressed their intentions to attend the Annual County Council Christmas Party at Eastland on Dec. 8th and planned a menu for the occasion.

The afternoon lesson was a round table of Gift Ideas and decorations for Christmas and favorite recipes.

Anniversary Gifts were presented Mrs. Della Galloway, Mrs. Annie Rainey and Miss Aline Fonville which completes the year's lineup of Anniversary and Birthday dates which each club member has so thoroughly enjoyed as the months have rolled by.

Light and dark cakes with hot cocoa were served: Leona Perrin, Alene Fonville, Mesdames Rodgers Pepper, Weekes, Love, Tucker, Wilson, Yancey, Galloway and the hostess.

Next meeting will be on December 17th. Our Christmas Party and the hostess will be Mrs. Amizon Highsmith.

### Fish Bait

This week has gone rather slow thus far. It seems the only real school activity we have had is the basketball games which we were proud to win. Glenna Sue and Bobby Jack are mad again but it won't last. Jack, our class president, has been silent all this week. The dating situation is getting along fine so I guess we will let it take care of itself this week. Four of our Fish girls are on the basketball team, at least for a while. They're showing fine forms too, if we do say so ourselves. (The class that is.) Two of our boys are on the team too. So all around we are having ourselves a good time. Patsy, we are going to miss you but our loss is De Leon's gain. We are going to have to get used to not seeing your red head around. We hope

Kenneth Brown accidentally let his hand get caught in a Hammer mill while grinding feed last Thursday, mangling it badly. He was rushed to Ranger for treatment.

Sharon Brown, his small daughter was ill for several days the past week.

We wish people wouldn't tell us how nice Mrs. Bill Reid's pecan sheller is, when a week's effort on our part at cracking 'em with a hammer has produced about enough for one pie.

Minister Harry Payne ate Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Love.

Mrs. Lillie Wallace spent Sunday night with her brother Mr. and Mrs. Melva Love and family.

Mrs. Bill Logan was ill with Flu the past week.

you will remember us now and then. Come back to see us sometime.

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### BAND NEWS

Shirley Broom, Reporter

Our band had a nice meeting on December 7th. The Bulldogs and December 7th. The Bulldogs and band are working for a contest.

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Sunday school was well attended last Sunday morning. We wish to extend a cordial welcome to every one to be present for church and Sunday School next Sunday. Rev. Willie Skaggs will fill his regular appointment following Sunday School.

After Sunday School it was decided to have a Christmas tree and Program Wednesday, December 22 at 7 p. m. A committee composed of Mmes. John Timmons, W. A. O'Neal, Buddy Eaves, and Jim Jordan were appointed to decorate the tree and make arrangements for gifts.

Each class drew names to exchange gifts. The Junior Class will render the program for the evening. Those to take part on the program are Danny Donaldson, Teddy Snider, Nina Sue Frasier, Donald Joiner, Bulene Kiker, Ruth Elaine Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Verna Lee Garrett, Jackie Wheeler, David Joiner, Tommy Eaves, Betty Crawley, Jimmy Dean Rodgers, Mary Eaves, Lindal Morrow, and Johnny Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude McBeth and sons of Cisco were Gorman visitors Sunday.

With the Churches

Attendance at the Saturday night Bible Study at the Alameda Church of Christ has been very gratifying. Morning Services on Sunday were well attended, and an even greater number on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston and Howard Wage or Desdemona were visitors at the evening services.

Salem, Grandview, Alameda and Cheaney representatives attended the Singing at the Ranger Church of Christ Sunday afternoon, which included Harry Payne, the Arthur Loves, Hudson's, Rodgers, Blackwells, Womacks and others.

Mrs. Lena Jones has been returned to the Ranger Hospital for treatment again, and will stay for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Highsmith was reported ill over the week end.

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FAITH FOR FAMILY LIVING TOPIC FOR STUDY OF PROGRESSIVE CLUB

Members of the Progressive Study Club answered Roll Call 'My Favorite Scripture' on Thursday evening December 2nd when the club met in the home of Mrs. J. L. Deavenport.

Mrs. A. E. Westmoreland was leader for the program. She presented Mrs. Junie Leazer who spoke on Religion in the Family. She told of the need for early training.

Mrs. Taylor Henley, the second speaker, was a guest speaker. Mrs. Henley cautioned that parents must live their religion. Children require concrete examples. She compared the ideas of religion which are taught to children and the ideas which are caught by children. The ideas which should be taught she said were of a loving Father, one who is ever near. The thoughts which should be taught would be comforting while the thoughts which are caught have the element of fear. Children should be given correct and Christian conceptions at an early age.

Refreshments of fruit cake and spiced tea were served to those present. Plans were made for the Christmas Party of the club.

CHRISTMAS-OLD CUSTOMS THEME OF PROGRAM FOR BASS LAKE H. D. CLUB

The timely topic of "Christmas - Old Customs and Celebrations" was presented at the Friday, December 3rd meeting of the Bass Lake Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. E. E. Todd, hostess for the evening, was also the leader of the program. She told of customs and decorations which have become obsolete. The women enjoyed the comparison with modern celebrations.

Following the celebration Mrs. E. Barron, the club's president announced a Christmas Theater party on December 17th. The husbands of the women will be guests at that time. After the movie the group will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Todd at their home.

LEADER FOR W. S. C. S. MRS. SAM ORMSBY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Mrs. Sam Ormsby appeared as a guest program leader Monday afternoon when the Woman's Society of Christian Service heard the program, "Christmas in Mining Areas."

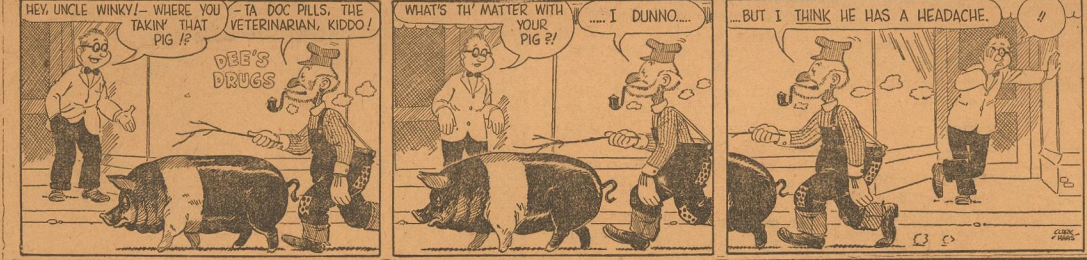
The devotional was given by Mrs. Mary Kimble who told of the real Christmas Giving, the giving of self.

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Mrs. Ormsby read the Christmas scripture from St. Mathew. She directed the singing of the carols and presented a playlet, the character parts of which were read by Msdms. Erin Haile and J. W. Ramsay.

The conditions and the need for community centers and workers in the mining area was related in the material given.

Announcement was made of the annual Christmas Party which is to be hosted by Msdms. J. E. Walker and W. F. Smith in the home of the latter. Each member will bring a gift to be exchanged and love gifts for shut-ins.

ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER

The Women of the Baptist W. M. S. are this week observing the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer. On Monday the ladies met at the church where Mrs. E. Y. Dabney had charge of the devotional followed by the program led by Mrs. Speck Clark. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Jack Bennett gave talks on the missions and their need in the Orient, namely China and Japan. Afterward there was a session of prayer for the missions.

On Thursday the women will convene again and the week will

be concluded at a covered dish luncheon followed by a program and prayer session on Friday. The ladies are asked to come with their lunch at ten o'clock for the last meeting.

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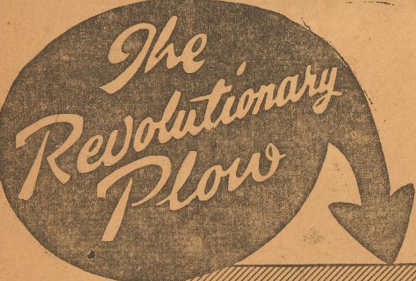
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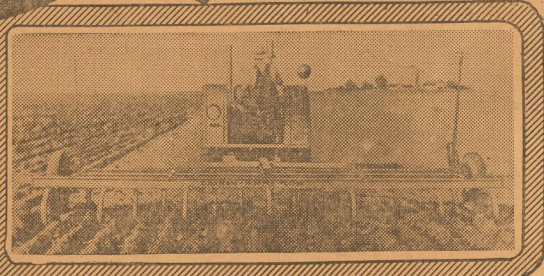


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DEPUTY GRAND MATRON GUEST OF EASTERN STAR

At the regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star, Monday evening, Mrs. Velma Van Hoy of Eastland was guest of the Order.

Mrs. Cody Love, Worthy Matron presented Mrs. Van Hoy, who is the Deputy Grand Matron. The visit of this officer is an annual event at which time she speaks on the work of the women and gives the Order instructions on procedure.

Mrs. Van Hoy has a splendid delivery and is well fitted for her work.

Impromptu talks were made by members following the address by Mrs. Van Hoy.

Visitors from De Leon and Eastland attended the meeting.

The hall had been made beautiful with decorations of potted and cut plants in keeping with the Christmas Season.

The women are looking forward to their Christmas Party when their husbands will be their guests

SCOUT EXPANSION PLANS MAPPED AT ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

A 1949 expansion program and \$21,000 budget were adopted for the eight county, Comanche Trail Boy Scout Council Monday, December 6, at the business session of the Annual Meeting held in Stephenville. The budget provides for employment of an additional field executive and other expansion activities. The budget is \$4,000 more than the \$17,000 for the present year.

"Uncle" John Gibbons, Richland Springs rancher who with his wife gave the 100-acre wilderness site for its beautiful new Camp Gibbons on Brady Creek in San Saba County, was awarded the Silver Beaver, Scouting's coveted nobility award, presented by O. E. Winebrenner, Brownwood, vice-president, at the Annual Banquet in the dining hall of John Tarleton College.

E. J. Howell, Stephenville, President of John Tarleton College, was elected Council President, succeeding Grady Pipkin, Eastland. The retiring president, and Ressie Jones, Stephenville, was elected National Council Representative, succeeding Johnny Bates, Ranger and Dr. N. B. Taylor, Lampasas.

Vice-presidents re-elected were - O. E. Winebrenner, Brownwood, John Bailey, Breckenridge; Oren H. Ellis, Stephenville; W. B. Pickens, Eastland; L. C. Ward, San Saba and John Gibbons, Richland Springs. Rio Cox, Council Commissioner and C. L. Pouncey, Treasurer, both of Brownwood were also re-elected.

George Peddy, Houston, recent candidate for U. S. Senator, spoke

THOMAS FAMILY HOLD REUNION

Taking advantage of the short enroute visit of Mrs. W. E. Thomas, age 83, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, the Thomas family met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas for a reunion at a Sunday dinner.

Members of the family attending were: Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Thomas of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thomas with their children Othine, Lola and Garland of De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Flynn of Tyler, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas, their children, La Moyne Jerry Pat, and Von Sharon and Miss Peggy Fowler, all of Seymour, Texas; Mrs. N. F. Sweden of Hobbs, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wolkenbarger and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wolfenbarger of De Leon, Gaynelle Thomas and R. G. Warren of Gorman. The latter is the great-grandson, which made the fourth generation present.

on "Americanism" in the principal address at the banquet.

The A Capella Choir and string orchestra of John Tarleton College furnished music for the banquet. Fred Brown, Eastland was toastmaster. Stephenville boy scouts officiated at the opening and closing ceremonies.

Young Violinist Guest Artist Of Rural Carriers

At the annual banquet of the Rural Letter Carriers held in Eastland Friday, December 3, Sylvia Brummett appeared as guest artist. For her violin numbers she chose "Manzanillo" and "Bells of St. Mary's". Sylvia was accompanied by the pianist, Robert Clinton Jr., who is the Director of Music for the Methodist Church where the banquet was held.

Attending the banquet from Gorman were Mr. and Mrs. Brummett and Sylvia, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parr Mrs. Dona Moorman, who was guest of the local carriers, and Messrs. M. H. Fairbetter and Walter Underwood, a retired carrier.

NOTICE

E. Glenn McNatt, field representative of the Abilene office of the Social Security Administration will be at the Eastland Army Recruiting Office at 10 A. M. on Thursday December 16. On the same day he will be at the Cisco Postoffice at 2 P. M.

Persons wishing to file retirement or death claims, or having social security problems to discuss should call at whichever point is most convenient.

BABY GIRL

A daughter, Barbara Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brockwell, 417 Pine St., Abilene, Texas at 7:10 P. M. Saturday, December 4th, at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Mrs. Brockwell is the former Syble McMullen, daughter of Mrs. Lou McMullen.

NOTICE

The Gorman Postoffice will be open Saturday afternoons of December 11th and Dec. 18th for mailing Christmas Packages. Mail early and avoid the rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland Kirk, Mildred and Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Porter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Handley Kirk visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kirk in Eastland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kirk spent Monday with his parents in Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Handley Kirk, Mrs. Holland Kirk, Mildred and Frank were in Eastland Monday night.

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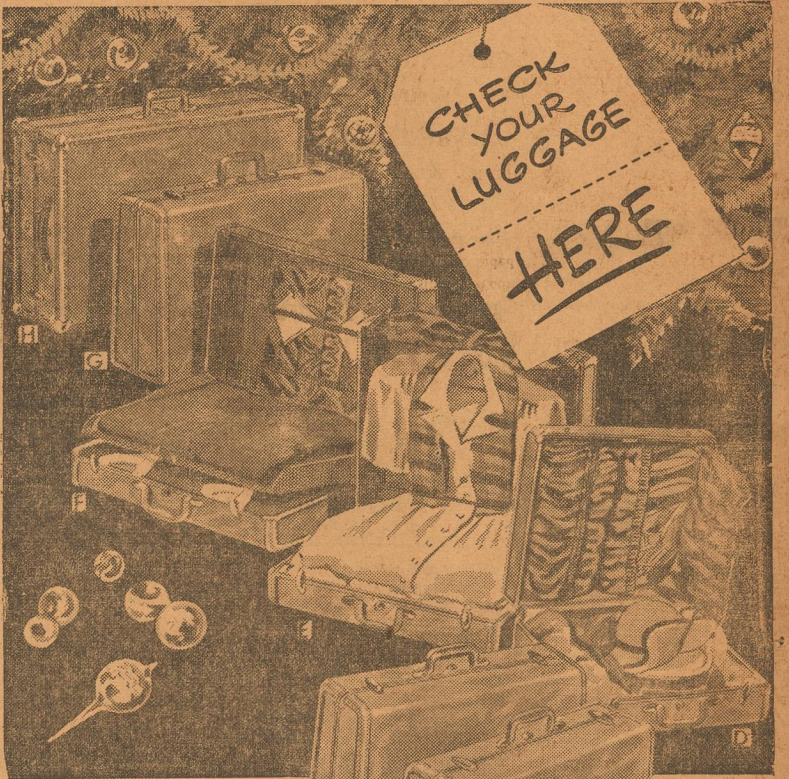
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