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QUOTES FROM AN AMATEUR PUBLISHER-EDITOR — Gene.

Mr. E. D. David came in the other day with a big box of books for our library. They were a gift from Mrs. O. P. Newberry of Ft. Worth. It seems like once folks have lived in Gorman they just keep right on being a part of the town even when they move away.

Thanks Mrs. Newberry and I hope you and Mr. Newberry will visit the Progress Office someday.

I am still dreaming of the day Jack gets his building all fixed up so I fix a public meeting place for our civic and home demonstration clubs and also expand your library.

Listening to the accounts over the radio and reading of the troubles in other towns over the Christmas Holidays makes me very proud of all the folks in and around Gorman. To the best of my knowledge no cases of rowdyism, reckless driving or accidents were reported for the week. Two drunks were arrested but they immediately paid their fines and went on their way.

Gorman Shows Steady Growth In 1948

During 1948 Gorman has seen the building of the First Baptist Church's Educational Building, the school apartments, the city apartments, Harper duplex apartments, Louie Roberts' shop, H. G. Bennett's store and filling station (by E. E. Wilson) and new houses or moved in houses for C. T. Cole, J. W. Ranson, Mrs. Marcella Brogdon Morgan Bennett, Miss Buena Van Winkle, L. A. McMillian, Dr. G. T. Blackwell (gent house), Levi Belcher, A. L. Underwood, H. P. Kirm, Mrs. Nettie Underwood, J. A. Watson, E. L. Curb, J. C. Grice and Johnnie Turner.

Remodeling has been done by Ed Brown, John Sutton, W. T. Shell, M. E. Shell, I. C. Underwood, Damon Foster, L. A. Ogle, R. L. Bennett, O. T. Shell, Dr. A. A. Brown, Dr. Edward Blackwell (garage apartments), Hospital 4th floor, J. Davis Smith, Texas Electric Office, Bibby Store, Higginbotham Store, Bennett Appliance, Gorman Hotel Coffee Shop, Emerson's Cafe Junior Stacy, C. F. Abies, A. L. Butler apts., Mrs. Ina Hanson, Church of Christ Parsonage, T. W. Beard, Floy Morrison, Sally Jay Hope and Bill Burns.

Capt. Sessum Graduates From Finance School

Capt. Eulice L. Sessum, son of Mrs. Carra L. Sessum, Rt. 1, Gorman, Texas graduated on December 17 from the Army Finance School. This was announced today by Col. Emmett J. Bean, Assistant Chief of Finance and Commanding Officer of the Army Finance Center in St. Louis, Missouri, where the Army Finance School is located.

Capt. Sessum's class included 42 officers, and has been in session for the past thirteen weeks. This course, the Associate Basic Finance Officer Course is held twice a year. Students of this class are primarily reserve officers recalled to active duty for the course, and returned to civilian life after graduation, usually to banking, accounting or other finance positions.

The Army Finance School trains finance personnel to staff the Army's disbursing network, which even at the present continues on a global scale. Wherever troops are stationed finance men are sent to see to it that they receive pay on time. Since all matters of pay and allowance for soldiers are governed by law, the Finance Department men must be well versed in the proper application of such laws. They are in effect spending Uncle Sam's money and are consequently subject to strict accounting for all expenditures of Federal funds. Graduates of the Army Finance School at St. Louis have in the past, and are now discharging their responsibilities at Army installations all over the world in an efficient manner, and are proud of their school and its slogan, which is "Learn To Do By Doing".

L. D. Stewart Honored By Company For 25 Years Of Service



L. D. Stewart, Texas Electric Service Company Manager, was honored at a dinner Tuesday night, December 14th, 1948 at Eastland when 13 veteran employees of the electric company were presented with gold watches. In the above photo, Stewart is receiving his watch from J. E. Thomas, Fort Worth, president of the company, himself a veteran of 36 years service.

L. D. Stewart, manager of the Texas Electric Company, was one of 13 veteran employees of the electric company honored at a dinner Tuesday night, December 14th at the First Methodist Church, Eastland, attended by more than 300 company employees and their wives and husbands. Organization of a Quarter Century Club for the employees who have continuous service records of 25 years or more was completed at the dinner and gold watches were presented to each of the charter members of the quarter century organization by J. B. Thomas, Fort Worth, president of the company and himself a veteran of 36 years of service.

Watches also were presented to J. E. Lewis, district manager of the company, Miss Van Hoose, Earl Woody, H. M. Hart, Albert Fauth, and Roy L. Young, all of

the Eastland office of the company W. W. Laney, A. R. Lowrimore, Guy S. Quinn and O. M. White, all of the Leon Power Plant; A. N. Larson, Ranger; and R. E. Lee, Breckenridge.

President Thomas made a short presentation speech to each veteran employee, recalling early incidents in their careers. "We are particularly proud of these people who have had 25 or more years of continuous service," Mr. Thomas said. "We want these watches to carry a message of the respect and appreciation our company feels for their loyal and skillful services."

Groups of employees from De Leon, Gorman, Ranger, Breckenridge, Graham and the Leon Power Plant attended the dinner, at which W. B. Pickens, assistant district manager of the company at Eastland presided.

March Of Dimes To Stage Appeal January 15 - 31

The annual March of Dimes, spearhead of the fight against infantile paralysis, will be held throughout the nation Jan. 15-31, it was announced by Joe Collins, County Treasurer, who has accepted the chairmanship of the drive for Eastland County.

"The cost of fighting Polio has skyrocketed," Mr. Collins said, in pointing out that rising prices and mounting polio incidence have placed a tremendous burden on the resources of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which this year celebrates the eleventh anniversary of its founding by Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Mr. Collins March of Dimes committees in every community in the county are setting the machinery that will make the 1949 appeal a record demonstration of this county's active interest in helping the stricken children of America on the road to health.

In Eastland County during 1948 more than twice the amount raised during the March of Dimes campaign was spent on cases originating in the county Mr. Collins said. Due to the fact that an appeal had to be made to the National Foundation for additional funds to take care of our own cases here in Eastland County.

"Our committees in every community in the county are bringing into the fight the able assistance of the entire population of that particular community, and we ask for these committees the unhesitating cooperation of every citizen."

Chairmen of the various committees in towns and communities are as follows: Ranger, Mrs. J. A. Bates; Eastland to be selected; Cisco, Mrs. H. N. Lyle; Rising Star E. M. Howard; Carbon, Henry Collins; Gorman, Eugene Baker; Desdemona, L. E. Clark; Olden, Mrs. Stella Jarrett; Pioneer, Miss Mildred Aycock; Morton Valley, Chas. Harris; Scranton, E. T. Elms.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Ross spent the holiday weekend in Plainsview.

February Bridee Honored At Miscellaneous Shower

Anticipating the February wedding of Miss Charlene Cook of Midland and Mr. Billy Dee King of Abilene Miss Effie Butler, Mrs. Berenice Jeffs, and Mrs. John Kirk honored Miss Cook with a miscellaneous wedding shower in the home of Mrs. Kirk. The shower which was one of the nicest affairs of the holiday season was given in the late afternoon Wednesday, December the twenty-ninth.

Mrs. Jeffs greeted the guests and presented them to Mrs. James Clayton Cook, who in turn presented them to her daughter, the honoree. Mrs. Butler, an aunt of the announced bride directed to the bride's register where Miss Katherine Adams of Ranger presided. Mrs. Kirk escorted to Miss Emily Long of Eastland, who served from a lace-covered table having a miniature bride stepping from a yellow and blue (the bride's chosen colors) carnation bed on to a satin bridal path. Russian Tea, cake, nuts and mints were served.

The guests proceeded to the gift display being shown by Miss Anna Louise Butler and Mrs. J. Davis Smith.

Most unusual among the many gifts received was a box of twenty useful house keeping articles. In the box were a silver butter and a unique weather forecaster.

The John Kirk home which is ideal for entertaining was most attractively decorated. The buffet piece repeated the bride's colors and was flanked by white tapers in crystal candelabras.

Floral arrangements in the rooms were placed by Preston Florist.

A New Mother Remembers Christmas In Bavaria

A new mother in Gorman, a young Polish-German, Mrs. Leroy Denton has had her first 'Christmas in America'. She looks at her new born babe, Peggy Ruth, then at her husband with wide eyes that say, "All this and Heaven, too!" America and freedom. But the war and its suffering has not gone from her, though through time and an ocean between. When she talks there are intervals when a strange ness akin to fear comes into her eyes. Her American husband smiles assurance and she speaks again.

As this young woman looks back ward it is not with longing, but with concern; concern for those left behind. How will they fair?

In Bavaria, she tells, St. Nicholas used to come Dec. 6th with loads of gifts and goodies for the children. Now there are no gifts for good St. Nick to bring. There are trees but no trimmings.

Christmas in Bavaria as a Christian celebration begins Dec. 24 and lasts through the 26th. There are church services at midnight Christmas Eve, again Christmas morning and then on the 26th.

Gorman's congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Denton, a soldier returned and his wife.

Gorman Football Team Placed On Tentative List District 11 B

A letter received by Superintendent Beard of the Gorman School last week from Mr. Rhea Williams, Athletic Director of the Interscholastic League of Texas, stated that upon the request of the Gorman School the state executive committee was removing Gorman from the tentative list of the football Dist. 8 A and placing the school (Gorman) on the tentative list, of Football 11 B.

District 11 B has as member teams from Rising Star, Cross Plains, May Early, Bangs, Santa Anna and Gorman.

This ruling is not effective until Sept. 1949. For the spring meet Gorman continues in Dist. 8 A. The tennis tournament will be in Ranger, literary events and one-act play in Dublin; softball in De Leon; track, field and volley-ball in Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Guyer and children of Denton are spending a few days with Miss Callie Lowe and Mr. F. S. Perry and son, Conway.

HONOR ROLL SECOND SIX WEEKS

Gorman Grade School First Grade A HONOR ROLL

Ray Bennett
Bobby Glasgow
Tommie Browning
Judy Parker
Patsy Ann Rawls
Emma Jane Skaggs
Karen Frances Wright

B HONOR ROLL

Harold Wayne Collins
Alfred Lee Grice
Max Grice
Buster Grisham
Mickey Gibbs
James Edwin Hyatt
Vernon Hurst
Neil Overstreet
Larry Poyner
Ryan Preston
Darrell Strickland
Dick Townley
Nolan Lee Treadway
James Edward Whitlock
Norman Ray Woodall
Le Roy Yarbrough
Peggy Adcock
Judy Beth Mehaffey
Patricia Ann Myers
Clyda Rankin
Carolyn Seitem
Dolores Sanders
Shirley Wood

Second Grade A HONOR ROLL

Larry George Barnett
Wesley Beard
Norman Jones
Reece Murray
Shirley Clement
Dena Crawley
Charlotte Hilley
Holly Kinser
Elaine Miller
Kay Lynn Ramsey
Deanna Rodgers
Denise Rose
Johnnie West
Marie Ann Warren
Roscoe Reeves

B HONOR ROLL

Kenneth Crawley
Robert Myers
Raoul Joe Wilson
Sandra Ann Bennett
Wanda Clement
Patricia Ann Gregory
Patsy Lou Gregory
Donna Faye Grisham
Jean Porter
La Venia Rodgers
Glennia Warren
Rebecca Westmoreland

Third Grade A HONOR ROLL

Tommy Glasgow
Billy Gregg
John Henley
Brent Lasater
Wanda Carr
Wilda Carter
Martha Clark
Sylvia Foster
Darlene Henderson
Patsy Rodgers
Ruth Rodgers
Julia Beth Skaggs
Sandra West

B HONOR ROLL

Arnold Anderson
John Edward Browning
Larry Greer
Larry Dale Grice
Billy Ray Grisham
Johnnie Earl Rodgers
Delton Shirley
Bobby Glenn Stanridge
Robert Wallace
Luther Rannels
Raymona Bell
Judy Coffman
Beth Hart
June Jones
Sarah McClellan
Selma Myers
Carol Richardson
Jean Yarbrough

Fourth Grade A HONOR ROLL

Sylvia Brummett
Jimmie Ryan
John Edward Kimble
Jane Thompson
Gaye Watson
Margaret Woodall

B HONOR ROLL

Glenda Sue Clement
Ashley Davis
Burnett Lee Eison
La Joyce Hamilton
Freddie Rodgers
Danny Simpson
Linda Lee Speck
Troyat Underwood
Kenneth Watson

Fifth Grade A HONOR ROLL

Georgie Mauney
Sandra Leazar
Stanley Bell
Jackie Wheeler

Tommy Carl Rainey

Mark Miller
James McGinnis
Robert Jones
David Joiner
Ernestine Todd

B HONOR ROLL

Sue Rodgers
Deanna Rose
Bobbie Coffman
Jeanette Bunting
Patsy Anderson
Thomas Murray
Joe Mehaffey
Henry Marshall
Clyde Files
Yvonne Welch

Sixth Grade A HONOR ROLL

Roland Jones
Jimmie Dean Rodgers
Billy Earl Simpson
Barbara Ruth Bennett
Joyce Rodgers
Oleta Warren

B HONOR ROLL

Woodrow Browning
Donal Carr
Bennie Cate
Howard Hagood
Jack B. Shelley
Shirley Dean Bibby
Martha Ann Lane
Kay Frances Warren
Janie Wooten
Minnie Beth Brightwell

Seventh Grade A HONOR ROLL

Lillian Pearl Beard
Donald Lee Joiner
Mary Evelyn Laminack
Thelma Lou McFatter

B HONOR ROLL

E. J. Grisham
Bob Love
Patricia Morrison
Neal Gilbert
Joyce Graham
Floydene Gilbert
Erma Lilly
George Warren
Manning Fairbetter
Brawner Lee Files
Carson Woodall
Melba Brown

Eighth Grade A HONOR ROLL

La Von Snider
Bettie Sue Harrison
Betty Ruth Presley
Alice Rodgers
Louise Scitem
Mary Beth Watson
Jerry Skaggs
Jimmy Ray Rachel

Duster Grade School First Grade A HONOR ROLL

Roger Nelson
Charlene Cogburn

Second Grade A HONOR ROLL

Sandra Bradford
Billy Paul Stewart

B HONOR ROLL

Harvey Don Parker
Floyd Stokes

Fourth Grade A HONOR ROLL

Dorothy Nelson
Barbara Winkles

B HONOR ROLL

Larry Lasater
Billy Kent

Fifth Grade A HONOR ROLL

Audrey Ann Gray

B HONOR ROLL

Doyle Forrest
James Smith
Miles Davis
Nancy Morrow
Donnie Fay Buchanan

Sixth Grade A HONOR ROLL

Marjorie Smith
Kenneth Heathington

Seventh Grade A HONOR ROLL

Willie Forrest
Glenda Smith

Eighth Grade A HONOR ROLL

Herman Johnson

B HONOR ROLL

Margaret Stokes

Gorman High School Seniors A HONOR ROLL

Joye Echols
Maydell Stewart

B HONOR ROLL

Carolyn Harrell
Juanita Perkins
Shirley Jones
Betty Sullivan
Bobby Moore
Patsy Ogden
Doris

Joe Koonce, Desdemona Enters Steer In Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show

Joe Ben Koonce of Desdemona has entered a shorthorn steer in the Boys Fat Steer Show of the Southwestern and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, Jan. 28 through Feb. 6.

Dr. W. S. Carter of Rising Star will exhibit two Aberdeen-Angus in the breeding class and an Angus in the fat steer, open class department.

Verne Elliott will again produce the rodeo in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum twice daily, bringing with him a string of wild livestock to give trouble to the 300 cowboys who will compete for nearly \$50,000 in prizes. Horse Show events, the Cutting Horse contest and speciality acts will round out the rodeo program.

In adjoining Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium, Olsen and Johnson of "Hellsapoppin" fame will appear nightly in a brand-new, laugh packed comedy show, "Laff-acade of 1949", and at five matinees.

New Year's Eve Midnight Jamboree At King Theatre

Movie goers and New Year's Eve revelers will enjoy the midnight jamboree and show at the King Theater, Dec. 31st which is being sponsored by the Progressive Study Club.

Tickets are being sold in advance by the P. S. C. The price is the regular 25c for admission. The late show will begin with a sing-song the leader appearing on the screen. Following the fun-fest the feature, "Texas, Brooklyn and Heaven."

The midnight jamborees, good clean entertainment are annual features in many cities. In fact some theaters provide such shows for Halloween and Christmas Eve.

The sponsors and the Theater will appreciate the attendance and cooperation of the public. Remember Frank Gray Memorial Park and support the civic activities of the Progressive Study Club, as your last contribution to the New Year.

Elizabeth Ann Born To Bill Parrs

At high noon, December 25th, '48 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parr became the proud parents of a new daughter weighing six pounds, two ounces. Bill, who is now connected with the Gorman Post Office, was passing out cigars to all.

Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hill and Mrs. J. L. Counts are visiting in Dallas.

Mrs. Mattie Jones spent Christmas in Ranger with her sister Mrs. Fuller.

Juniors B HONOR ROLL

Roy Rawls
Juanita Yarbrough
Peggy Bell
Mary Ruth Dennis
Jo Olive Greer
Jerry Mehaffey
Janette Isbell
Parilee Butler
Lucille Joiner
La Velle Watson
Ruth Helen Warren

Sophomores A HONOR ROLL

Betty Marie Beard
Nina Beth Hale
Joy Nell Hampton
Hazel Faye Moore
Ruth Rae Moore

B HONOR ROLL

Wanda Daniels
Ruby Lee Dennis
Fannie Bell O'Neal
Rena Mae Wright

Freshmen A HONOR ROLL

Joy H...
...oate
...burg
...ONOR ROLL
...Westmoreland
...Love
...Warren
...nn Reed
...Rankin

Our Library

LUCRETIA FAIRBETTER

WRAP IT UP

The library shelves have a good number of mysteries. Seldom does a mystery promote character building, if at all. But there is this to the credit of the mystery writer, he rarely relies on the sex element for the holding of his readers interest.

"Wrap It Up" is one of Amber Dean's stories. It is another adventure of Abbie Harris.

Abbie has a problem on her hands in her nephew, Bill Hunt, her summer visitor, who is a Pacific-theater casualty.

Abbie hates to believe the evidence which points to Bill when his friend is murdered. She calls in her friend, Max Johnson, the detective. Max helps Abbie against his own conscience.

It is a second violent death in the community which has the clues leading to the solving of the first murder.

The beer guzzling is overdone

PROGRESSIVE STUDY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Members of the Progressive Study Club with their husbands gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Townely on Thursday evening, Dec. 16th for a Christmas Dinner Party.

The menu of the buffet style dinner consisted of hors d'oeuvre, baked ham, cranberry salad, green beans, carrots with dessert of coffee and pecan pie.

A gift-drawing following the meal netted an hour of merriment. Games of Pinochle and "42" furnished diversion for the remainder of the evening.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank every one that was so nice to us for Christmas, especially the Ladies Study Club. Again we say thank you. Mrs. Murphy and children

but not being the author there's nothing to be done about it.

Carbon News

The Young People of the Methodist Church rendered a beautiful program Thursday night. Mrs. T. E. Robertson at the piano, Mr. Clyde Brimer and W. J. Greer played violins.

Miss Betty Collins and her Sunday School class of little folk sang a Christmas song with Miss Ruth Beaty at the piano.

John Gilbert gave a reading and Ruth Beaty sang "I Am Dreaming of a White Christmas" with Mrs. Robertson at the piano.

A beautiful Christmas Tree was loaded with gifts - a long came Santa Claus and called his helpers to hand out the gifts to the congregation. We were all glad to see Santy, he was a very nice old fellow. Mr. Ben Stephenson received a long stocking filled to the brim and Santy opened it for him.

Miss Blanch Yarbrough is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Yarbrough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dunn visited their daughter, Mrs. L. D. McCracken of Wichita Falls.

D. D. Sandlin and family are spending the holidays with relatives in Springtown.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Robertson and family are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parker of Westover.

Mrs. Mamie Redwine left Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rhyne and family of San Antonio.

Mrs. Nettie Mitchell and Babe Mitchell and family spent Christmas Day with relatives in Cisco.

Ronal Payne who is in the Navy stationed in California, is here visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Payne and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Hall of El Paso are spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall; also their son Abe Hall of Eunice New Mexico.

Mrs. Jim Guy and son of Austin are visiting relatives here.

Bud Clack and family and Basel White and wife of Jal, New Mexico are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Wade White.

W. F. Hale and family of Aqua Dulce are spending their holiday vacation at home here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fenter had their children for Christmas dinner. Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Park and daughter Maryland of Oklahoma City; and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fenter, Dexter, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis and family of Duster; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fenter and children of Seminole and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Fenter and family of De Leon.

Lewis Forgeson and family of San Antonio visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rhyne and Maxine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Arnold had all of their children for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Ed McCall spent Christmas with her son Hugh McCall and family of Waco.

Miss Fay Butler of Lampasas visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ike Butler during the Christmas holidays also Forest Keith of Lubbock visited in the Butler home.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this means to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all who have shown an interest in my welfare since my accident two weeks ago. The cards, visits, telephone calls, gifts and prayers have been greatly appreciated. Not only those of my own church, but many from the other churches of our community have been graciously kind. To each one of you I would like to say, "Thank you." W. F. Smith

CHRISTMAS TREE--SOCIAL FOR WOMAN'S STUDY CLUB

Mrs. Boyd Hilley was hostess for the Woman's Study Club Christmas Social.

The women enjoyed a Christmas Tree and gift-exchange. Sylvia Brummett with her violin accompanied in a group in the singing of Christmas Carols. Afterward Sylvia rendered several special Christmas selections.

Attractive seasonal decorations in the home were a snow arrangement on the mantle and the Nativity on the buffet.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

1948 has been a good year in the history of our church and we are looking forward to a great year in 1949. The forward movement known as the "Advance for Christ and His Church" offers a challenge to each individual member. Some have already expressed an interest in others by an increase in their missionary offerings, included being a gift of \$1,000 by Mrs. Mary F. Kimble for work in China. A similar gift has been made by Mrs. A. E. Askew.

The pastor is planning to be back in his pulpit the first Sunday for the eleven o'clock hour. Our annual Epiphany Service is to be held Sunday evening at 7 o'clock with the W. S. C. S. in charge. All are invited to attend.

WANT ADS

DEAD ANIMAL SERVICE—Free and Sure - Call collect Phone 303 Hamilton, Texas. 2-5FN

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NEW YEAR PRAYER God grant that we may make of this new year a monument of faith in Thee and in our country. Grant us, day by day, the strength and will to build a structure of peace and charity that will be acceptable in Thy sight. Amen

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BIBBY'S DEPARTMENT STORE GORMAN

Desdemona News

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Clayton had as their guests during the holidays their son, Estall Clayton wife and children; also their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keith, all of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Ollie Fien closed her cafe and took a short visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

The High School Gym will be

open Friday and Saturday night to those who wish to skate. If you can't skate come and you will enjoy watching those who can.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Able spent the weekend with her mother Mrs. M. L. Davis of Valley Mills.

Mrs. Hugh Able, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones of Eastland, spent several days last week visiting their children in West Tex.

Mrs. Robert Able of Oil Center, New Mexico is spending this week with her parents.

Mrs. W. A. Saint who spent a few days this week back in the hospital is home again and is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leasure and daughter, Beverly Joe spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold.

The Buck Reeds had as their guests for Christmas their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hammond of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Quinn of Kermitt.

Earl Abernathy left Sunday to visit with his daughters in West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Taylor and children, Darrell and Jean Alene, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newton and boys, Marvin and Harold Dean spent Christmas day with their father, Mr. M. J. Keith and family.

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By JESSIE WEST

AMY looked out at the bright day and was about to decide it was the loveliest New Year's Eve she'd seen in years when she saw Clarabelle Carter crossing the street; and then she thought the day wasn't lovely at all.

She could hear Clarabelle talking to Mille as she had that day in the store when she'd been standing behind shelves lined with groceries deliberately eavesdropping.

"I do declare, it does look like Amy Wells could get someone," Clarabelle had said. "I suppose she'll die an old maid."

Clarabelle hadn't said anything degrading of course. But from that moment forward, Amy had wondered if people generally didn't assume that old maids just couldn't find any takers.

She took her eyes from the window and Clarabelle going down the street to look at her reflection in the dresser mirror. At almost forty-five, she didn't think she was being egotistical in appraising herself as actually looking thirty-five. She had very little gray in her dark hair, and the faint lines on her face were unnoticeable against the startling blue of her eyes and general prettiness of her features.

There'd been a time when she reigned as the most popular girl at Obane; she'd been pictured in the college year-book as "the girl all men want but only one can have."

Of course Clarabelle and the populace of Donovan, a little town of three thousand, didn't know these things.

Amy looked out the window again, and not seeing Clarabelle on the street now, the day resumed some



She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

of the brightness that Clarabelle's presence had blighted, and she got to thinking about a trip that 20 years ago had been scheduled for tomorrow. Memory of the tryst had come to her with the approach of another New Year, but she had not planned to enact a promise that years of separation had cast into youth's frivolous dreaming, disappointments and temperamental pride. Yet, seeing Clarabelle and remembering what she'd said about her somehow filled her with unexpected sentiment.

She had nowhere to go on New Year's day, and thought of the trip suddenly became entrancing. It would be emotionally uplifting to go back to the old haunts, and no one would know of her foolish living just for a day among memories of a past that through her own foolhardy pride, had led her into her present state of lonely maidenhood.

"If anything ever separates us," Lance had said that night long ago, "it'd be fun just to meet again, sort of a tryst affair, 20 years hence. Maybe in Park Rendezvous where we first met. . . ."

They'd talked like that often, then laughed—because they knew they'd never separate. Someday they'd marry. But they didn't marry. Too soon a trivial misunderstanding had risen between them, and she'd had too much pride to admit that she'd been a little wrong, too.

It was almost noon when Amy reached the Park Rendezvous at Obane on New Year's day. She'd have lunch, she decided, then visit about town. But already she was sensing regret for having made the trip. You couldn't live in the past even for a day without returning to the present with greater pain. How well she knew it now!

She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

"Hello," he said.

Amy's heart fluttered in recognizing his voice. She looked up.

"Why, Lance—!" It was all she could manage.

He sat by her at the table and covered her hand with his.

"Looks like we both remembered," he said, chuckling happily.

"But, you married, Lance, I heard." She couldn't help saying it.

"That was false news, dear," he said. "Do you think—but you surely know now! I tried to find you, Amy, but I lost all trace of you."

Amy laughed and her cheeks colored. "I wouldn't have come today," she said wistfully, "but for a person named Clarabelle. . . ."

"Clarabelle?"

Amy nodded. "It's a queer little story, Lance," she said, and then she wondered with a little gloating, what Clarabelle, and all of Donovan for that matter, would think when they heard!

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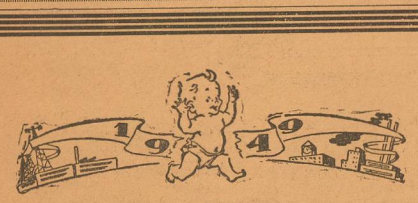
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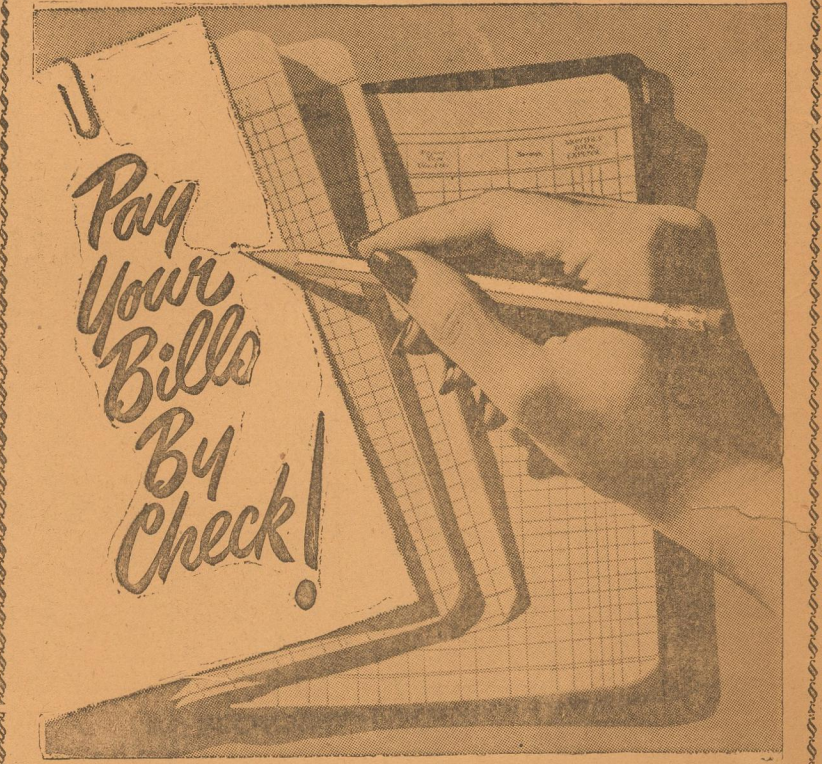
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Cheaney News

A wedding which took place at Strawn last Wednesday will be of interest to a lot of our readers. Lynn Walton, son of Dan Walton, former Cheaneyite, was married to Miss Ruby Wastika of Mobile, Alabama in a simple ceremony and the young couple visited here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Walton during the Christmas week end. The groom is scheduled for induction into the armed services soon. He was numbered among the first draftees but was given time out for the Christmas holidays.

Herman (Frog) Blackwell was carried back to the hospital Friday when his throat began a severe bleeding following a tonsillectomy earlier in the week. Sunday he was much better but still hospitalized. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Blackwell, visited him there. Jack Love of Odessa visited his mother, Mrs. Ann Love, and relatives Sunday and attended church at Cheaney.

Another item of interest is the return of Aubrey Love, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Love of Ranger, who has finished his three year enlistment in the Army of Occupation in Germany. He arrived here Saturday night. Another son, L. C. Love, a student in Plainview College was home for Christmas, also a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Manchester visited the John Tucker family Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miller and daughter, Theo, of Fort Stockton visited the parental Joe Tucker Christmas day. The Millers accompanied by the Tuckers spent Sunday and Monday in Arlington with the Chris Tucker family and in Ft. Worth and Dallas with Miller relatives.

A Christmas tree and exchange of gifts was observed on Thursday night at the Lonzo Melton home, and five of the six children were together. Curtis Melton, who has been in the Northeastern States for several years was here. Zeedie Melton and family, Mrs. Velma Carr and family, Mrs. Dorothy Crouch and family and Betty Lou and Nelda Fern Melton, daughters of Curtis Melton were present. J. P. Melton and family of Stamford could not attend.

Will Underwood, Mrs. Eva Underwood and all the boys, Alton, Morris, Milton and all their families and Choc enjoyed Christmas together.

The Curtis Blackwells, the Jack Blackwells and the Leonard Arterall observed their Christmas dinner Sunday with the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Neger and Chas. burns of Ranger and their families

All the children of Mr. and Mrs. William Melton were home Saturday. There was Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Rodgers of Canton and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Melton of Gatesville, a brother, Noonon Melton, of Avery, Texas who is also here for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Strickler, Clayton and Johnny Mac of Fort Worth spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Strickler and other relatives, the Earl Stricklers, the Elmer Blackwells and the Luther Moody family, a brother, Marcus

Bryan and family, of Truscott, Texas spent Christmas here with Mrs. Moody and Mrs. Oscar Strickler.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Freeman of San Antonio were week-end guests in the home of his brother Ben Freeman and Mrs. Freeman.

Visitors the past week in the Hatley Dean home was his brother Frank Dean, Mrs. Dean and Earnest of Tyler, Texas.

The Hatley Deans and Ben Freemans spent Christmas day with Dick Weekes and family and their father, Cicero Weekes of Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wilson went to Dallas Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. Stewart Seets and husband and to bring her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stamey back to Gorman.

Earl Stickler and Jim Moore, his son-in-law spent several days the past week in the Lubbock area prospecting for a new farming location.

The Rodgers family all met for a Christmas celebration at Cisco. Those attending from this neighborhood were: Dee Rodgers, Pete Rodgers, Leroy Rodgers of Canton Mrs. Florence Yancey, Clyde Rodgers of Ranger together with all their families and mother, Mrs. Rodgers of Ranger. Place of meeting was in the home of a sister, Winnie and her family. Mrs. Linnie Jane Rogers was another of the children present.

Mrs. John Love was hostess on Wednesday to the Alameda Home Dem. Club members and their husbands. Gifts were exchanged and the evening spent in games of Bridge and Forty-Two.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Love, Junior and Betty Jean spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Watkins of Gorman and other members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown and Sharon visited recently in Baird in the Dale Brown home. They report that his grandfather J. L. Brown is having an ill time with rheumatism.

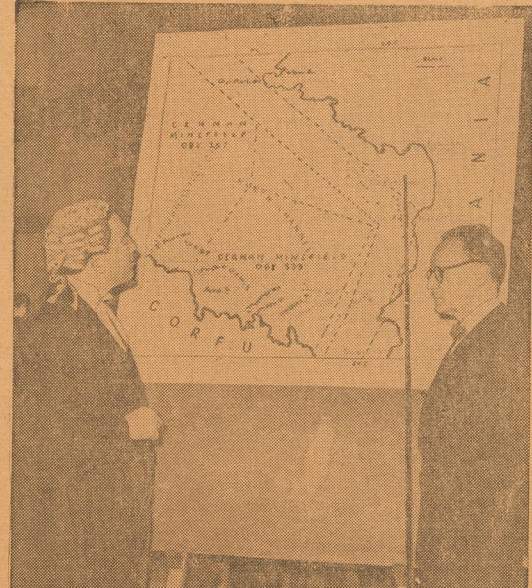
Bill Griffin of Eastland spent Christmas and the holiday season with Billy Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Haile visited her brother who is a hospital patient in Temple Saturday.



DR. JAIME TORRES BODET
Jaime Torres Bodet, Foreign Minister of Mexico, was elected Director-General of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), by its General Conference which met at Beirut, Lebanon, last November.

World Court Hears Corfu Channel Case



Arguments in the first case between nations to come before the International Court of Justice are now being heard at The Hague, The Netherlands. The case involves the United Kingdom's claims for payment from Albania as the result of mine damage to British destroyers and the death of 44 seamen in the Corfu Channel of the Albanian coast. Here Sir Hartley Shawcross (left), U.K. counsel, looks at a map of the channel with Pierre Cot, Albanian counsel.

E. J. HOWELL HEADS COMANCHE TRAIL COUNCIL

President E. J. Howell of John Tarleton College, Stephenville is the new president of the Comanche Trail Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America, with headquarters in Brownwood. The council is launching out on an expansion program for 1949, which includes a Council-wide Campaign for Scout funds during the month of February. The program calls for a \$21,000 budget. With the necessary funds the Council can have a greater program to attract more boys and give to them an experience in the various phases of Scouting, the program in which all boys will participate if given and opportunity to do so. The council is composed of Stephens, Erath, Comanche, Brown, Mills, San Saba and Lampasas Counties. The towns of Eliasville in Young County, Woodson and Lusk in Throckmorton County.

HIGH SCHOOL HARRY

HOW CAN YOU SAY I'M NOT LOYAL TO YOU, AVA, WHEN ALL I DID WAS TO BUY THIS MALTED ACROSS THE STREET? I BROUGHT IT OVER HERE TO DRINK, DIDN'T I?



New Year Resolutions

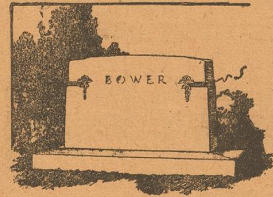


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With Maggie Gone

By CAROLYN GRANT

IT WAS late when old Dan left the laundry where he worked, and snow fell in great flakes from the dark sky. He stopped for a moment on the street, unmindful of the eager passersby and their thoughtless jostling against him in their haste on this last night before Christmas. He lifted his face so that the soft flakes fell against his cheeks and melted in cold little drops of water that sought the deep lines sixty odd years had put there.

Snow was a part of Christmas, and after days of hesitancy it had come just as he and Maggie had allowed it. "Snow makes the night brighter in the store windows and the decorated streets in our home town. We love it for Christmas. It seemed so long ago when I said that. It had been so long since they'd stood at the window looking out at Maggie'd said she'd like a prayer.

and let his chin drop over the collar of his overcoat. He wished the snow would come. With Maggie gone he could hardly bear its soft touch down about him. He wanted to close his eyes against its softness with the street lights shimmering upon it. He wanted to close his ears against the soft music that came from radios along the streets playing Christmas carols, and "White Christmas"—the song Maggie loved best.

Christmas had come again. But for him there'd be no Christmas—



He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there.

There'd be only memories of other Christmases edging about him as the swirling snow, and the plans he and Maggie had made for this Christmas even before they'd carried out the last one. It would pass without realization, now that Maggie wasn't here to help him carry them through.

He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there and was staring without actually seeing the array of Christmas toys behind the big plate glass window. His mind was going back. He was seeing again the glow in Maggie's face as each Christmas they'd shop together for others.

Last year it had been the widow Benson and her six little Bensons, who would have been forgotten by Santa if they hadn't bought them gifts. Long ago they'd begun the ritual. They had no children of their own. But Maggie'd said, "We'll pretend that the children about us are ours." And her whole life had been one of giving at Christmas.

This year they'd planned for the O'Shays. They lived in a little house down back of the old depot. "Little Billy's just four and he's never had a wagon, Dan," Maggie'd said, planning even as they trudged through the snow with their gayly wrapped gifts for the Bensons. "And the Jeep has never had a doll that can talk and go to sleep."

Dan shifted his feet, standing there in front of Carter's, and snow gathered along the stoop of his shoulders. Somewhere among Maggie's belongings was a list of the things she'd planned to buy the O'Shays. He remembered it. Each item came clear to him suddenly as if the ringing of a bell, and it was as if Maggie stood by him then, warm and alive. She touched his arm and together they went into the store with its crowd of excited late shoppers.

A clerk came up to Dan. "Something, sir?" Dan's eyes were filmed, but they were watery from age and being out in the cold wind, the clerk thought.

"Yes," Dan said. "I have a long list of things to buy."

Maggie smiled, he knew he saw her smile, and she got to talking like she used to talk when they went out together to buy gifts on Christmas Eve.

"We're like a house, Dan," she said. "We can close the doors and windows and others can't tell what we have locked inside. We live to bring happiness to others and for the good that we can do."

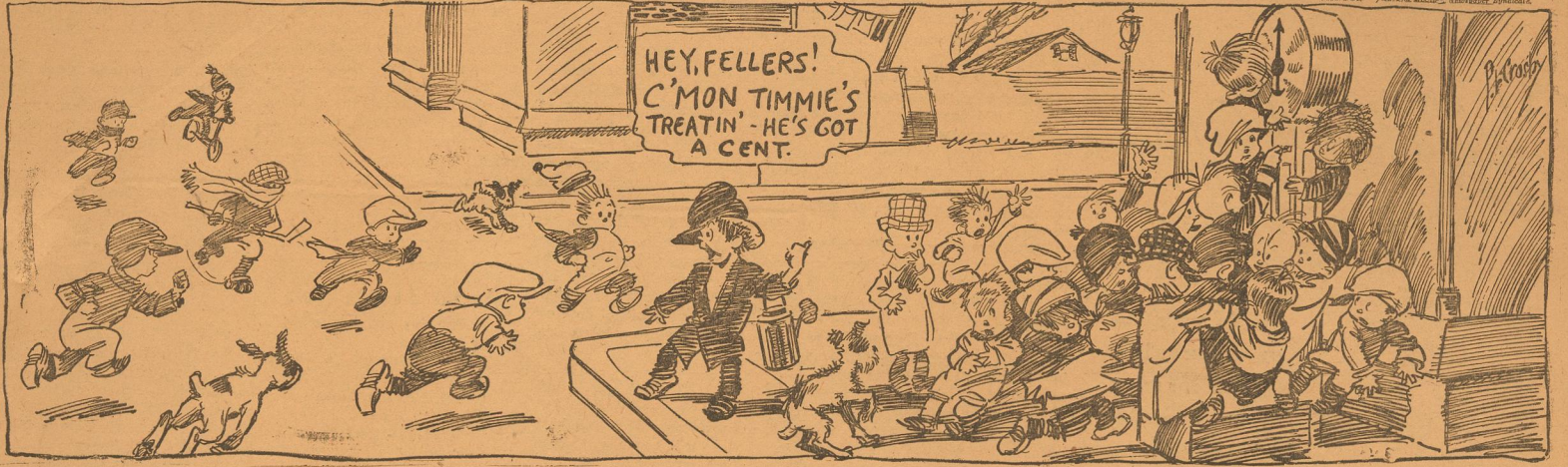
Dan looked up above packages piled high in his arms and smiled. He said to the clerk, "Merry Christmas, and now we'll be on our way."

The clerk looked strange. Old people, he thought, were queer, and he called after Dan, "Merry Christmas to you, too, sir! Merry Christmas!"

THE CLANCY KIDS

What's a Cent Among Friends.

By PERCY L. CROSBY



Personals

Christmas Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Craddock were Mr. Craddock's sisters, Mrs. Dan Daniel of Lubbock, Mrs. E. A. Lasater and Mr. Lasater of Sundown and his brother, Lonnie Craddock Sgt. 1-c of Fort Bliss, El Paso.

Sgt Craddock expects to retire from the army in 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baze and children with Dorothy Baze of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baze and Rayneal Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boucher are spending the Christmas holidays in Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Fairbetter, their daughter, Linda, and granddaughter, Sondra Hunley of Boyd, Texas were Sunday visitors in the M. H. Fairbetter home.

Jana Kay Eldridge of Amarillo has been with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNeely for the holidays. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eldridge joined her Christmas Eve.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Todd and Ernie Todd were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riddle of Houston; the Elmer Todds of Fort Worth; Miss Jo Meador of Stephenville, Charles Walker of Waco; Mr. and Mrs.

Bill Isbell; Mrs. Obera Todd and Bobby; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Todd Jr. all of Abilene.

Many came and went to and from Gorman during the holidays as in all other towns and hamlets. Among those seen about town some time during the week end were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pittman of Ranger. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Smith and sons of De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas and Marcus Hamrick of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop of Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Barbee of Tacoma, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Art Gribbs of Bruni; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burke of Austin; Carlton Stephens of California; the Jimmy Dean family of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Huppy Morris and children of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Frozzard of Longview.

College students home for the holidays included: Bill Brogdon; Bob Brogdon, Wilbur Mehaffey, J. L. Owens; William F. Smith, Jr. and Billie Bob Stewart home in De Leon and visiting in Gorman.

Some went away for a visit and some of them were: the Art Gibbs and Bob Bouchers went to Tyler; C. M. Van Winkle to Henderson to visit his daughter; G. W. Cole visiting his son and family in Kermit; Brother and Mrs. Taylor Henley visited her sister in Abilene and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilhansen returned for a short visit in the

Henley home; the Allen Bibby's enjoyed the day in De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gliford Gray had their daughters; James Matthews and son of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Art Maddox and daughters of Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Lightfoot and son of Abilene. Mrs. Gray and daughters spent Monday in Fort Worth.

Another large family gathering was that of the visitors in the home of Mrs. W. R. Eppler including Mrs. Edna Nunnally and sons Bill and Bob; Mr. and Mrs. Finis Eppler all of Causey, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. B. Earl Smitherman of Alice; Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates Rev. and Mrs. Tom Brandy all of Abilene; Mrs. B. Collie of Austin; Mrs. Delmar Ashworth and Kay of Kingsville; while Mrs. Elsie Gates had as her guests Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Oliver and Ann of Magnolia, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dines and daughter of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Linder and son, John Michael, of Corsicana spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Grisham and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Linder.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mason for Christmas

were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mason of Kingsville, W. B. Mascn and Marilyn of Ballinger. Several of their guests visited the Bryants at Sidney Christmas Day.

A former resident of Gorman, Mr. Mack Thurman of Port Aransas is visiting his brother and sister, Crofford and Miss Katie Thurman.

During Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor were in Dallas visiting Mrs. Taylor's sisters, Msdms. Pauline Allen, Joe Fulce, Cecil Cox and her brother, Basil Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter with Milton and Manning were in Fort Worth Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Whitfield and daughter of Dublin; Judge Dale Harbin, wife and son, Butch of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Oliver and Joyce of Breckenridge; Charlie Whitfield of Abilene Mr. and Mrs. James Ward of Eastland spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Whitfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Claitor's children were home for Christmas. Their daughter, Louise and husband, Edmond Fitzgerald of Denver City, Texas and John Howard of Fort Worth.

HAPPY New Year

We hope your New Year will be as happy as the end of this year has been for us . . . we want to show our appreciation of your friendship and patronage by continuing to serve you delicious, appetizing meals throughout this coming year.

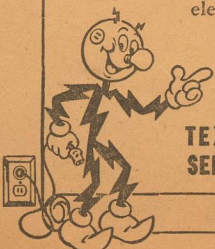
GORMAN HOTEL COFFEE SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Raley Phone 102

NOTICE!

Interest on customers' service deposits is payable Jan. 1, 1949.

For the convenience of our customers, unless payment in cash is requested, all interest will be credited on January electric service bills.



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A Happy and Prosperous New Year -- To Each of You.

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We Deliver

Gorman, Texas



As the hands on the clock meet each other this New Year's Eve—we extend to you our heartfelt good wishes for a very Happy New Year. Along with our felicitations we want to thank you for your past patronage. We look forward to serving you in 1949.

ELITE CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scott

ACROSS THE COUNTRY THEY'RE SAYING,

"This time it's Hudson"



FULLER MOTOR CO.

Phone 531 Ranger Bud Fuller

Stop-Look-Save

AFTER CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE

One Group Gabardine Crepe Dresses

Were 12.95 Now 6.95
Were 9.95 Now 4.95

All Wool Sweaters

Were 4.95 Now 2.95

SKIRTS

Were 6.95 to 8.95 Now 3.95

BLOUSES

Were 3.95 to 4.95 Now 1.00

All Winter Hats

Now \$1.00

Nylon Hose --- \$1.00

BAGS

Were 5.95 Now 2.95
Were 9.95 Now 5.95

Ladies Shoppe

Mrs. Elsie Gates, Owner

PHONE 88

Happy New Year



BIBBY'S Variety Store

And in order that our wish may bear fruit for our many friends, we pledge ourselves to serve you better during this New Year than we ever have.

CANCELLATION OF MAIL REACHES 7000 - DEC. 17TH

December 17th was the peak day for cancellation of mail in the Gorman Postoffice. On that day the cancelling machine showed an output of 7,000 pieces. It would be natural to suppose the majority of the mail was Christmas Cards.

From December 15th to the 25th the meter on the cancelling machine indicated an average of 5000 per day.

The stamp sales for December, 1948 exceeded those for December 1947 by \$147.09. The sales for '48 read \$1,458.56 while those of 1947 read \$1,205.65.

The heavy December mail was efficiently handled and delivered by the Gorman Post Office personnel. Plans are always made in advance for the working of the deluge of Letters and parcel post which comes and goes through the office during the Christmas Season.

The Postmaster, Carriers and Clerks agree that the people of Gorman and patrons on the routes have reduced problems to a minimum with their splendid cooperation.

The P. O. Staff are grateful to the people for their response to suggestions.

F. H. A. CALLS FOR INVENTORY BY FARMERS

A recent letter issued by the Farmers Home Administration to farmer clients calls for an inventory, "a detailed review of this year's income." A knowledge of the year's income, out-go, profit or loss should influence future operations.

According to the contents of the letter all Eastland County Farmers affiliated with the F. H. A. must prepare farming plans. They must keep records. The records must be reported to the Administration agent of Eastland County.

An ideal farm call for (1) the planning of sufficient income to maintain family, (2) year around income comparable to his needs, (3) an income that will enable him to pay his debts, (4) the conservation of his water and soil resources.

Most timely is the consideration of soil conservation and water resources. The drought experienced during the fall of 1948 with the excessive high winds has placed 168,000 acres of Eastland County land on the move.

Services At Rock Bluff Sunday

Rev. H. F. Skaggs will preach at Rock Bluff Church Sunday, January 2nd at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Singing at 2 p. m. We expect to have the new class books, come and enjoy the services.



Once A Year LOOK OVER your insurance policies annually. It is quite likely you may discover that some of your insurance policies do not fully protect you.

Gorman Insurance Agency GLYNN KIRK, BERENICE JEFFS Phone 134 Gorman

BRIDE OF OSCAR HOWARD PRAISES BLACKWELL SANITARIUM

Miss Nola Murrah of Post, formerly of Rising Star, was wedded to Mr. Oscar Howard of Gorman, Tuesday, December 21, 1948 at the Methodist Church in Post, Texas. Mr. Howard moved to Gorman a short time ago and purchased the Denton Place where the couple will make their home.

Mrs. Howard stated that she has always felt close to Gorman because the doctors and nurses of the Blackwell Sanitarium cured her when she was fatally ill. Their friendliness and personal interest in her welfare helped a lot toward her recovery.

NOTICE The following offices and business houses will be closed New Year's Day, January 1, 1949. Texas Electric Service Co. Empire So. Gas Co. City of Gorman Offices

HOLIDAY NOTICE The First National Bank, Gorman will observe New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 1949 as a holiday. You are courteously requested to transact all necessary banking business Friday.

CHRISTMAS HOLLY More Christmas Holly has appeared this year in florist shops and commercial and home decoration than at any previous season. The lucky women who have received corsages may plant the seed after having peeled the pulp from them.

CARD OF THANKS I deeply appreciate the kindness of my many friends and neighbors shown during the recent loss of my home by fire. I want to express my deep and sincere appreciation of the fire department in their effort to save my home.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends, neighbors, doctors and nurses for the many deeds of kindness shown us since October 1, during the long stay at the hospital and since we have moved home. May God bless each of you and may you receive such kindness in return if similar circumstances should come upon you.

KING THEATRE

Thursday and Friday Robert Mitchum - Barbara Bel Geddes In Blod on the Moon Also Cartoon - Comedy Saturday Johnny Mack Brown IN The Fighting Ranger AND Richard Denning IN Disaster ALSO Jesse James Rides No. 12 Sunday and Monday James Stewart - Joan Chandler IN ROPE ALSO Hugh Herbert Comedy Tuesday and Wednesday Wayne Morris - Claire Trevor IN Baileys of the Giants ALSO Cartoon - Comedy - Pro Football Thursday and Friday Dennis O'Keefe - Louise Albritton IN Walk A Crooked Mile ALSO Comedy - Novelty Midnight Preview - 10:30 P. M. Friday, December 31, Sponsored by Progressive Study Club - Proceeds to be used in the Frank A. Gray Memorial Park Horns and Whistles For All Community Singing On the Screen Texas, Brooklyn and Heaven Admission 25c.

New Postal Rates Effective January 1, 1949

3c Postage on Letters and First Class remains the same. Postal Cards and Souvenir Cards remain the same, - 1c anywhere in the U. S. or to Alaska.

AIR MAIL Letters 6c per ounce. Air mail Post Cards 4c each. Either one within the U. S., or anywhere there is U. S. Mail Service; to and from Armed Forces, Fleet P. O., or Civilian Personnel connected with Army or Fleet - anywhere.

THIRD CLASS: (8 oz. or less); Printed Greetings, Announcements, Invitations, circulars, newspapers, merchandise, etc., 2c up to 2 ozs. Plus one cent for each additional ounce. Books, 24 page catalogs, seeds, etc., 1 1/2c for each 2 oz.

PARCELS MAILED ON RURAL ROUTES: The 3c reduction on each parcel mailed on rural routes is withdrawn. Regular parcel post rates apply Jan. 1, 1949. Parcel Post rates are increased. Inquire at Post office or ask carrier.

PERMITS: Beginning January 1, 1949: Permit Fees will be \$10.00 for a calendar year. (Includes Permits to mail with Precanceled stamps, and Permits without stamps affixed. 14c lb on circulars. 10c pound on books or catalogs. Minimum 1c each in either case.)

EXCEPTIONS: - minimum of 3c each for articles more than 9 inches wide or more than 12 inches long; or less than 3 inches wide and 4 in. long; or round, cylindrical, or irregular shaped pieces, or articles in bags or addressed by means of tags.

NEW SPECIAL DELIVERY FEES (In addition to regular postage) Up to 2 lbs. BESEordje 1st cl 2-3 4 cl. Over 2 up to 10 lbs. .25 .35 Up to 2 lbs. .15 .25 Over 10 lbs. .35 .45c

NEW SPECIAL HANDLING FEES (in addition to regular postage) Up to 2 lbs. 15c Over 2 lbs up to 10 lbs. 20c Over 10 lbs. 25c

NEW MONEY ORDER FEES (Money Orders limited to \$100.00) Amt. of order Fee .01 to 5.00 10c 5.01 to 10.00 15c 10.01 to 50.00 25c 50.01 to 100.00 35c

NEW REGISTERED MAIL FEES Indemnity .01 to 5.00 5.01 to 25.00 25.01 to 50.00 50.01 to 75.00 75.01 to 100.00 100.01 to 200.00 200.01 to 300.00 300.01 to 400.01 400.01 to 500.01 500.01 to 600.01 600.01 to 700.00 700.01 to 800.00 800.01 to 900.01 900.01 to 1000.01

NEW DOMESTIC INSURED MAIL Insurance Fee .01 to 5.00 5.01 to 10.00 10.01 to 25.00 25.01 to 50.00 50.01 to 100.00 100.01 to 200.00 200.01 to 300.00 300.01 to 400.01 400.01 to 500.01 500.01 to 600.01 600.01 to 700.00 700.01 to 800.00 800.01 to 900.01 900.01 to 1000.01

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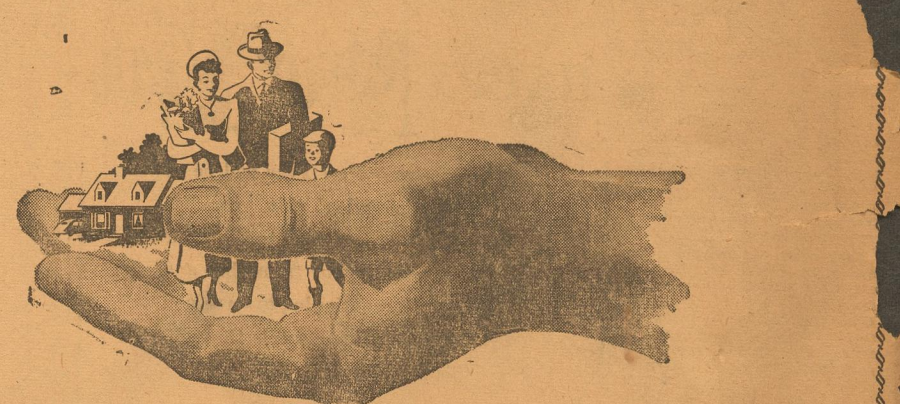
RETURN RECEIPTS. The Fees for Senders Receipt for Domestic Registered and Insured Mail: At time of mailing After mailing Showing to whom, when and where delivered

Resolved This New Year To bend every effort in the direction of improved service for our many friends... W.G. BAKER

A message of welcome to the NEW YEAR OUR 1949 RESOLUTIONS: to try to serve you better... A. SKAGGS Dry Goods and Variety

Happy New Year!! Keep the family happy this year by dining with us regularly. CHICKEN DINNERS - served on Wednesdays and Sundays. HOME-MADE PIES baked to order on one day's notice. Treat Your Family To A TREAT at... EMERSON'S CAFE Gorman, Texas

I can tell easy when it's nearin' round-up time: I get a hankerin' fer beans fer breakfast. FREE AND SURE REMOVAL OF DEAD OR CRIPPLED STOCK Phone Collect 303 HAMILTON RENDERING CO Hamilton, Texas FAST SANITARY SERVICE



For A Better Tomorrow... we must work better today! When the miller turns out better wheat, we eat better. If the manufacturer builds a better car, we travel better. As business and industry produce finer things, we improve our improve our standard of living. The future is in our hands. Tomorrows are the products of today's labor and planning. We hope that each page on the 1949 calendar brings with it the success and happiness you want, and are working for!



HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & Co. Gorman, Texas