



# DESDEMONA NEWS

VONNIE GUTHERY - PHONE 758-2665

First Baptist Church will present a Christmas Cantata on Sunday morning, December 19th at 11 a. m. "Joyful, Sing Alleluia" will be presented by the Church choir led by Elwood Ragland with Karen Eaves at the piano. Visitors are welcome. "Congratulations" to Elwood and Nell Ragland as they have a new granddaughter, Rebekah Ragland. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ragland of Fort Worth. Cozette Wortham spent several

days this past week in the Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. She was able to return home on Sunday. Corinne (Buckley) Walden of Clude spent the weekend with Jerry and Pat Buckley. She attended First Baptist Church on Sunday and the ladies Christmas luncheon on Monday, December 13th. Corinne was in the Class of '43 at DHS. Bro. L. C. and Mary Lou Landers visited over the weekend in Spring-

town with several family members. Desdemona Monthly Musical will be SKIPPED for December due to the busy holiday season. See you all in January '94 on the fourth Saturday night at the Community Center. Vicki Robinett, a piano teacher from De Leon, will present her students in a piano recital at the Desdemona First Baptist Church on Thursday, December 16th at 7:30 p. m. Visitors are welcome. Clyde Wilhite Paul of Carbondale, Kansas visited recently with her sister, Dorothy Wilhite Tidwell and other relatives in this area. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Joe Hudson, age 92. He passed away at his home in Ranger. Burial was December 10th in the Alameda Cemetery. His wife was the late Elva Huddleston Hudson and they were former residents of Desdemona.



**4-H SCHOLARSHIP WORKFORCE**  
All 4-Hers that are seniors in high school are urged to apply for a 4-H scholarship. There will be a countywide 4-H Scholarship Workshop on Wednesday, December 29th at 2:30 p. m. at the County Extension Service Office in Eastland, states Janet Thomas, County Extension Agent. Parents are urged to attend. 4-Hers planning to attend the workshop need to call the Extension Office at 629-2222, so a packet can be prepared for you. In 1993, the Texas 4-H Foundation awarded over \$880,000 scholarships to 123 4-Hers. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$15,000.

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# HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

NANCY HENDRICKS - REPORTING

The Annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 19th at 2 p. m. in the front lobby. Everyone is invited to attend.

Those visiting Theresa Parker were Tommie Long of Arlington, Roy Parker, Gene Snelson, Nancy Hendricks, Edna Joyce Brinegar, Effie Mae Briwn and Tommye Haile.

The monthly birthday party will be Thursday, December 30th at 2 p. m. Honorees are Veno Hale, Laverne Kennedy, Garland Perry, Garnet Adams and Bonnie Wolfenbarger.

Bro. Joe O'Neal visited Garland Perry, Bill Simmons, Jess Hallmark, S. D. Gilmore and Marion Dennis.

On Friday Ina Scitern had bingo for Ola Walker, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, S. D. Gilmore, Emma Shugart, Garnet Adams, Iola Johnson, Effie Mae Brown, Veno Hale and Gertie Leeper.

Eunice Love visited Cynthia Earles Ina Mae Tarrance, S. D. Gilmore, Emma Shugart, Pauline Love and Lois Buchanan.

On Thursday GA Leaders Leah Watson and Modene Shephard took the GA's to Heritage Manor and put up decorations on all the residents doors and visited every one. Those present were Meranda Hogan, Grace Ann Watson, Ashley Rich, Glacia Bear, Bobbie Jo Grisham, Tracy Kennedy, Kandace Johnson, Kendra Roberts, Kristin Gibbs, Emerald Guthery, Jessie Lara, Alma Sanchez, Patricia Madena Hortence, Pamela Osborne, Krissy Roberts and Heather McGlothlin.

We are sorry to report Orville Boyd is a patient in the De Leon Hospital.

On Saturday Orville and Jenny Newcomb came and entertained Cleo Clement, Varon Taylor, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Effie Mae Brown, Dorothy Beaty, Garnet Adams, Nancy Holloway, Jess Roberts, Jess Hallmark, and Lois Buchanan.

Those visiting Veno and Annie Hale were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little.

On Sunday morning at 10 Rev. Ron Carroll of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday school lesson for Ina Mae Tarrance, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Emma Shugart, Effie Mae Brown and S. D. Gilmore.

Those visiting Rev. Marion Dennis were Billy Joe and Betty Dennis, Annie Dennis, Riby Lee Kinser, Dee Smithey, Robert Abbott and Durwood Webb.

At 2:30 on Sunday those coming from the First Baptist Church were Rev. Ron and Connie Carroll, Frankie Jo Shipman. Those coming were Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ina Mae Tarrance, Ruby Vandergriff, Dorothy Beaty, S. D. Gilmore, Emma Shugart and Effie Mae Brown.

Those visiting Mary Choate and Stella Thurman were Emma and Odell Bethany, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love and Odie Brightwell.

At 4 p. m. on Sunday those coming from the Church of Christ were Bro. Curtis Maness, Durwood Webb, Floydene Gilbert, Bud and Dee

Smithey, Zena Simpson, Velda Baze, Odie Brightwell, Louise Baxter, Vera Rodgers, Georgie and Frankie Stacy, Eunice Love, Bertha Gregory, Lorene Foster and Dora Faye Brewer.

Those visiting Pauline Love were James Lipps of Texarkana, Denzel and Fay Ables, Nancy Hendricks, Ruby Lee Kinser, Durwood Webb, Frances Warren, Odie Brightwell, Eunice Love, Ora Mae Atchison, Lavoce Hirst and Mayvis Lasater.

On Monday Joan Fraley helped with bingo. Players were S. D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Ola Walker and Effie Mae Brown.

We sure appreciate the beautiful lap robes and bibs made and given to us from the Carbon First Baptist Church, the Ruth Sunday School Class and the Sunshine Ladies of Carbon. Your time and effort sure made happy residents.

Those visiting Orlena Perdue were Neva Robertson, Pat Hagood, Frances Warren, and Nelda Mauney.

Those visiting Laverne Kennedy were Kenneth and Brenda Sears and Dorothy Sears of Proctor, and Anna Bell Farrow of De Leon.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard for Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Cleo Clement, Effie Mae Brown, Jess Roberts, Ozella Pulley, Ina Mae Tarrance, S. D. Gilmore, Emma Shugart, Ruby Vandergriff, Ola Walker, Jess Hallmark, Lovenia Blair and Laverne Kennedy.

Fay and Denzel Ables visited Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Ina Mae Tarrance, Effie Mae Brown, Jess Hallmark, Orlena Perdue, Ruby Vandergriff.

On Tuesday afternoon those coming for the Tuesday sing-a-long were Irene Hallmark, Joe O'Neal, Mary Lou Landers, Melba Frasier, Nancy Hendricks, Fay Ables, Wanda Rainey, Denzel Ables, Charlene Richard-

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son, Willo Rice, Berniece Rodgers, Billie Stacy, R. Lee McDaniel, C. O. Sandlin, Coleen Campbell, Hazel Campbell, Myrtle Higgins, Ernestine Campbell and Ethel Weaver. Residents were Ina Mae Tarrance, Effie Mae Brown, Ora Mae Atchison, Jess Hallmark, Lovenia Blair, S. D. Gilmore, Emma Shugart, Veno Hale, Jess Roberts, Iola Johnson, Ina Reynolds, Dorothy Beaty, Nancy Holloway, Garnet Adams, Ruby Vandergriff and Ina Scitern.

Those visiting Iola Johnson were Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Willo Rice, Joe O'Neal and Nancy Hendricks.

On Tuesday at 6:30 those coming for the musical were Loyd Glasson, Truitt Norris, Marshall and Dottie Reeves, Pete Rodgers, Paul and Imogene Norris, Carroll and Leta Hogan, V. O. and Fay Huff, Collin and Hazel Campbell, Ruth Knowles, Archie and Georgie Faye Skaggs, Lester and Sue Seaton, Cleo Duncan, Jim Cox and Mozelle Rhymes. Residents were Garnet Adams, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, Ina Mae Tarrance, Varona Taylor, Nancu Holloway, Marion Dennis, Pra Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Dorothy Beaty, Ola Walker, Jess Roberts, Lois Buchanan, Lovenia Blair and Jess Hallmark.

Those visiting Effie Mae Brown were Mary Ficklen of Desdemona, David Campbell and Louise Hollywood.

On Wednesday Ina Scitern took her granddaughter, Jaime Johnston, to see Laverne Kennedy, Mary Choate, Lois Buchanan, Judy Phillips, Gertie Leeper, Emma Shugart, S. D. Gilmore, Orlena Perdue, Garnet Adams, Lorene Jay, Ina Mae Tarrance, Iola Johnson, Ola Walker, Effie Mae Brown, Cynthia Earles, Annie Hale, Lovenia Blair, Pauline Love, Theresa Parker, Jess Roberts

and Bonnie and Willie Wolfenbarger.

On Wednesday morning Rev. Richard Watson of New Hope Baptist Church gave the devotional for Dorothy Beaty, Effie Mae Brown, Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Ola Walker, Marion Dennis, Jess Roberts, Bonnie Wolfenbarger, Ina Mae Tarrance, Lovenia Blair, Ozella Pulley, Emma Shugart, S. D. Gilmore, Lois Buchanan, Cleo Clement, Ruby Vandergriff, Marie Welch, Ina Mae Tarrance and Cynthia Earles.

Those visiting Cynthia Earles and Ina Mae Tarrance were Mary Kirk, Jaime Johnson, V. O. and Fay Huff.

On Wednesday afternoon Ina Scitern had art class and residents made bird feeders.

Those visiting Marie Welch were Ruby Hogan, Jimmie and Donna Parrigan, David Price, Dale Price and Darrell Price.

On Wednesday Becky Smith and Elshea Phillips came with the Wolves Cub Scouts and decorated the halls and visited residents. Cub Scouts were Christopher Smith, Chamas Hall, Charlie Tarver, Patrick Freeman, Douglas McCollum, Matthew Smith and Stormy Hurd.

Those visiting S. D. Gilmore and Emma Shugart were Dixie Pack of Desdemona, Idell Warren and Modess Burgess.

On Thursday Mary Fickler of Desdemona came and read stories for residents.

Those visiting Bonnie and Willie Wolfenbarger were Mabel Perez, Bob and Fay Nelson of Abilene, Lois Thompson fo Austin, Robert and Ada Hudson of De eon, Winston Brown of Duster and Nancy Hendricks.

On Thursday Louise Hollywood took Effie Mae Brown to Abilene to eat and then shopping.

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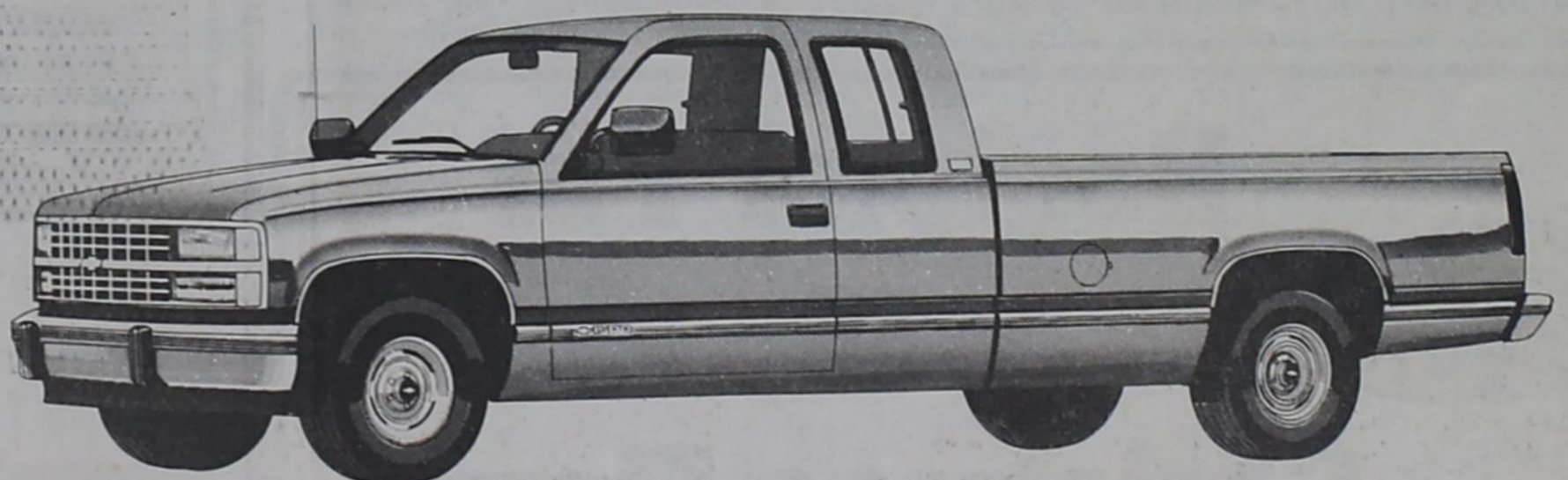
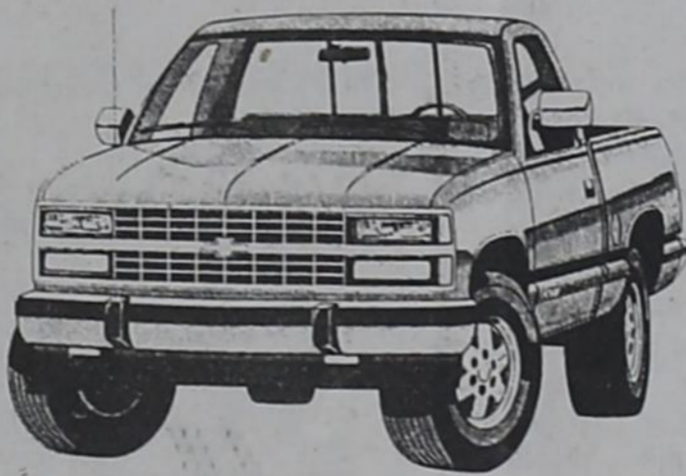
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### Kokomo F.C.E. Club Members Attend Luncheon

The Family Community Education Annual Awards Luncheon was held Wednesday, December 1st at the Womens Club Building in Eastland.

At 11:30 a. m. Betty Nichols of Morton Valley Club registered the guests. Mary Frances Bishop of Kokomo Club led the Christmas Carols with Wynelle Brown, also of Kokomo Club playing the piano.

Chairman, Dois Hodges, introduced guests and asked the blessing. A bountiful luncheon with turkey and all the trimmings, was enjoyed at 12 noon.

At 12:30 p. m. was the Awards Program. Janet Thomas, County Extension Agent, presented corsages to chairman Dois Hodges, vice chairman, Alice Brooks, secretary, Rena Kirk and treasurer, Frances Bishop. She also gave Tammie Belyeu a corsage as she was the 1993 State Winner of "Young Families Issues."

Gerry Zummer presided and recognized 1994 F.C.E. Council officers as chairman, Rena Kirk, vice chairman, Norma Webb, secretary, Maedell Meredith, and treasurer, Frances Bishop.

District 8 Director, Gerry Zummer County T.A.F.C.E. chairman, Wynelle Brown and County T.A.F.C.E. vice chairman Arletha Shirley.

Janet Thomas presented the 1993 awards to membership: Olden Club, Media - Kokomo Club, Nancy Hendricks compiled the book; outstanding club - Pleasant Hill and outstanding club Woman of the Year, Arletha Shirley, Pleasant Hill.

At 1:30 p. m. Dolores Sandmann, Comanche County Extension Agent gave a very interesting and informative program "Christmas Texas Style". Janet Thomas presented her poinsettia.

### North Texas High School Rodeo Set Dec. 17-19

The North Texas High School Rodeo will be held at the Ranger Rodeo Arena on December 17th at 8 p. m.; December 18th at 8 p. m.; and December 19th at 2 p. m. Admission will be \$3.00.

A Teen Dance will be held at the Ranger Jaycee Barn from 9 until 12 p. m. on Saturday, December 18th. Cost is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

No alcoholic beverages will be allowed.

The Eastland County Rodeo Club invites everyone to please come and support our area youth.

### Pecan Show Centerpiece Results

The Eastland County 41st Pecan Show was highlighted with a Pecan Centerpiece Arrangement Division. This division was sponsored by the Eastland County Pecan Grower's Association and the Eastland County Extension Homemakers Council.

Winning entries in the Adult Division were as follows:

First Place: Mrs. Darla French of Eastland; and Second Place: Mrs. Janette Burreson of Lake Leon.

A special thank you to the above for entering beautiful centerpieces.

Wynelle Brown was the Kokomo candidate; Hilda Squires, Olden; Alice Brooks, Morton Valley for club woman of the year.

Kokomo Club members attending were Zelda Jordan, Anna Laura Clearman, Nancy Hendricks, Johnnie B. Griffith, Mary Frances Bishop Wynelle Brown, Berniece Rodgers and Naoma Morrow.

Reporter, Nancy Hendricks

### Panthers of 1920 - 1921 First Team

(Editor's Note: The following article was sent in by J. H. (Bud) Fuller of Anniston, Alabama)

In going through a lot of papers after my wife passed away (after 65 years), I thought you might want to run this in your paper.

My mother and dad are buried in the Gorman Cemetery. My sister (Jo Fuller) worked in Gorman for many years.

I went to Gorman High School. I am now 88 years of age and was married for 65 years (to the same woman).

I served in Granny Rush's class during my school years. Ed Layton was one of the principals.

Thanks,

J. H. (Bud) Fuller

The Panthers of 1920 were football pioneers for Gorman High School. They were the first football team in the history of Gorman. Most of the boys had never even seen a football, much less played the game. The inexperienced team lost every game they played in 1920.

The boys must have learned a lot in that first season, however, for in 1921 only 2 teams defeated them. The Panthers won 7 games that season, and lost only to Breckenridge and Cisco. Teams on the schedule in '21 were Breckenridge, Hico, Eastland, Cisco, Dublin, Stephenville, De Leon, Rising Star and Ranger. There were 17 boys on the team and their jerseys were red and white.

In '21, the Panthers had built up such a good record that mighty Breckenridge wanted to play them. Breckenridge payed Gorman \$250 to come to their city, but it cost about \$100 for the team in traveling expenses. The Panthers had played Dublin on Thursday, and had to play Breckenridge on Saturday. So the boys just had one day of rest. But they were "men of iron" in those days, and the boys were rarin' to go.

The team started for Breckenridge early Friday morning, and it took all day to get there. There were no paved roads in those days, and the mud and dirt slowed the four cars to a crawl sometimes. Also cars were not as fast as they are now. But the boys finally got there and showed the big city boys that they were no "country hicks". The Panthers played the Buckaroos a close game, and Breckenridge barely won, 13-0.

Football fields in those days were just cow pastures, and the tracks left by the cattle made running a treacherous business. There were many sand burrs in the field, and during "time outs" the boys would pick the burrs off. They would play and pick, play and pick.

The Panthers of '20-'21 were famed for their "Goober" formation, which was their own version of the modern Winged-T. It is surprising how near their invention was to the modern formation.

(We thank Mr. Fuller for sending us this article on the Panthers of '20-'21. The picture could not be reproduced, but the Coach was Russell Lewis; Dottie Pittman, qb; Odie Kinney, fb; Luke Palmer, c; Leonard Todd, lg; Jessie Riddle, e; Roy Sullivan, e; Red Nichols was Asst. Coach; Cotton Stevens, hb; Charlie Underwood, g; Theodore Curry, e; Barton Eppler, hb; Don Kaigler, t; Herman Foster, g; Howard Dabney, e; Bud Fuller, e; Ralph Sullivan, mgr.; Carl Kaigler, b; Earley Todd and Virgil Brown.)

### Eastland Co. TAFCE Reps. Attend Meeting

The District 8 Training and Planning Meeting was held on November 29th at the Tejas Restaurant in Marlin. Gerry Zummer, District Director, TAFCE, presided over the meeting which began at 9:45 a. m. Material received at the November State Board Meeting was discussed and distributed for the coming year.

This meeting was attended by TAFCE chairmen, vice chairmen, council chairmen and extension agents from the 18 active counties in

District 8. Those attending from Eastland County were Wynelle Brown, TAFCE chairman; Arleta Shirey, TAFCE vice chairman; Rena Kirk, FCE council chairman; and Janet Thomas

Texas Extension Agent-HE. After the meeting the group was given the option of touring the Highlands Mansion in Marlin. The Eastland County group enjoyed the tour before returning home.



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