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GREETINGS TO ALL



Let every heart rejoice
in the meaning and the
message of His birth. Sing
praise for the season
of peace

and promise...hope
and happiness. Let us
celebrate Christmas in the
true spirit of brotherly
love.



Happy Holidays

From
Staff and Correspondents

*Joe - Lonnie - Sarah
Herman - Estelle - Mary*



Local Zimmatic Dealer Receives Top Thirty Award



De Leon Irrigation & Supply of De Leon, Texas recently received the Zimmatic Top Thirty Award at Lindsay Manufacturing Co.'s annual dealer convention held in Vail, Colorado.

The Zimmatic Top Thirty Award recognizes De Leon Irrigation as an outstanding Zimmatic dealer in 1995. The Award is presented to dealers who exhibit superior commitment to customer service and satisfaction.

The convention focused on the challenges that dealerships are facing

in order to be successful and provide better service to their customers. The dealers attended meetings on new product technology, industry issues, and participated in dealer discussion panels. According to Robert Snoozy, Vice President of Marketing at Lindsay Manufacturing Co., "Dealers will need to meet or exceed their customers future needs and expectations when it comes to the new technology surfacing in the irrigation industry." "Our Zimmatic dealers are making that

Christmas Party For Edna Smith Class Dec. 12

On Dec. 12 the Edna Smith Sunday School Class met with Frankie Jo Shipman for our Christmas party and business meeting.

As always Frankie Jo's whole house was beautifully decorated. The dining table all in red held all kinds of dips, chips and etc. with various varieties of salads, served from the bar.

Martha ask the blessing. After our fill of all goodies Louise called the business meeting to order with Geraldene leading in prayer. Af-

Lucy Mae Patton Crabtree Laid To Rest

Lucy Mae Patton Crabtree, 86, of Levelland and formerly of Eastland died Wednesday, Dec. 13, morning in Levelland.

Services were Friday in the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland with the Rev. Jerry Hooper officiating, directed by Edwards Funeral Home. Burial was in the Eastland City Cemetery.

Mrs. Crabtree was born in Rector, Ark., and grew up in Desdemona. She married Jim Patton in 1928. The couple lived in Erath and Nolan counties before moving to Eastland in 1958. Mr. Patton preceded her in death. She married William P. Crabtree in 1987. He also preceded her in death. She had lived in Levelland for three months. She was a housewife and a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Eastland.

Survivors include four sons, J.L. Patton of Levelland; James A Patton of San Antonio; J.L. Patton and Billy Ray Patton, both of Eastland; three daughters, Verna McGehee of Danville, Ill.; Wanda Roper of Wingo, Ky.; Eula West of Alvin; one brother, Luther Purdom of Carbon; one sister, Margaret Ensor of Eastland; 35 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

commitment to provide time and energy saving technology, and improving service to their customers," said Snoozy.

Lindsay Manufacturing Co., based in Lindsay, Nebraska, is a leading producer of automated irrigation equipment including Zimmatic center pivot, corner and lateral move systems, as well as computerized monitor and control units. Lindsay has dealers in 38 states and Zimmatic products operating in more than 80 countries worldwide.

Kokomo FCE Club Caters Banquet For Rotary Club

It sure looked like Christmas at the Kokomo Community Center building

ter all officer gave reports Ruth Ell brought a very good Christmas devotional. She read these legends of the Rose, the lamb, the donkey, candle and the praying hands. She read a story by Norman Vincent Peale. Two poems by Helen Stiner Rice, one The Piceless Price of Christ and the other Patterns For Living.

Then the Christmas tree came next with all opening their gifts.

Back into the kitchen, a whole tableful of goodies to go with coffee or tea.

A wonderful time of fun and fellowship with the birthday of Christ of course coming first in the lives of Martha, Louise Geraldene, Bonnie, Ruth Ell, Ana Gladys, two visitors Estelle Erwin and Margaret Rush and hostess Frankie Jo.

on Monday Dec. 18, at 6:30 P.M. The Kokomo Family Community Education club catered the Christmas Banquet for the Eastland Rotary club.

Cecil Funderburg introduced Rotary members and guests and F.C.E. Club members and gave special thanks to everyone who attended.

Dub Hoffman gave the invocation. Grover Hallmark introduced Eastland School exchange student Maria Herfen of Germany who gave the program. Miss Herfen gave a very delightful and informing program on the ways and habits of Germany.

F.C.E. Club Members and friends who did the work and prepared the food were Bill and Wynelle Brown, Oren and Norma Webb, Cullen and Ava Rodgers, Gene and Jeanette Burreson, Larry and Betty Strube, Delmon and Joyce Eaves, Velma Bennett, Jerry Koonce, Nancy Hendricks, Zelda Jordan, Naoma Morrow, Johnnie B. Griffith, Anna Laura Clearman.

The menu consisted of Turkey - dressing, gravy, ham, candied yams, creamed potatoes, green beans, red beans, Cranberry Salad, layered green salad, assorted pies and Angel food

4-H Council Members Have Bake Sale Dec. 23

Let The Eastland County 4-H Council members do your "last minute" holiday baking. 4-H will be having a BAKE SALE at Wal-Mart on Saturday, December 23rd from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

All proceeds will finance the '96 educational trip.

Homemade pecan pies, nut breads, cakes and much more will be available.

The 4-H Council extends a special "THANK YOU" to Wal-Mart employees for the "matching funds" grant.

See you at the 4-H Council Bake Sale at Wal-Mart on December 23rd!! Thanks to everyone for supporting our 4-H youth.

cake, hot rolls, tea and coffee.

Reporter: Nancy Hendricks
President: Zelda Jordan



We celebrate the birth of the One whose life has influenced mankind for 1995 years.



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With Love
Samantha Regian

my size barbie, a flinestone watch and a barbie car, a pair of dress shoes, a dress, a basketball and a barbie doll.,
Lots of Love
Amanda Regian
Happy Hollidays

grocery cart, Please if you can.
Lots of Love
Any Regian

Dear Santa,
Hi, How are you? I love you, Santa. I have been a good boy this year. I would like a bug maker and a ring around the Rosie doll, and an icee machine. Please bring my presents to Grandma's house. I don't want to sit on your lap and get my picture made, Because Iam scared of you.
Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me some of these toys that I want for Christmas. Two doll houses, shaving Ken, Butterfly Princess Barbie, Teacher Barbie, Sky Dancers, Polly Pocket, Mop set, Grill, tent, 20" girls bicycle with water bottle, and without training wheels.
Merry Christmas
Love, Clarissa Glasson
P.S. Please bring my sister something.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me easy bake oven, a new bike, a baby doll. Also bring my brother Seth something and my baby sister Chelsea a baby doll too. Thank You.
Love Tessia
Happy Birthday Jesus!

Dear Santa,
I would like to have 1. a Super Nintendo, 2. Barbies, 3. Playhouse,



4. Barbie House, 5. Dachshund Puppy.
Thank you,
Love Krystle
P.S. Kiss Rudolph for me!
Happy Birthday Jesus!

Dear Santa
I want a baby doll, (a big one). Be careful and don't fall off the house. See you later.
Kimmy

Dear Santa
Santa, please bring me a puppy Malamutes and Bean bag.
Love Kaci Seaton

Amy Agnew of the Rising Star 4-H Club presented her singing in the Senior Division of the contest. Congratulations to all who participated.

SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC SCHEDULED: A 4-H & FFA Showmanship clinic will be held on Saturday, January 6, 1996 at the Eastland County Stock Show excellent opportunity for youth to gain experience with showing their livestock. After the clinic, 4-Hers need to help clean up around the barns in preparation for the February Show. The Following is a schedule for the clinic: Swine -10:a.m. Sheep - 11:a.m. Market Goats 11:30 a.m., Poultry 1:p.m. Rabbits - 1:30 p.m., Beef - 2:p.m.

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ROCKATHON FOR WEST TEXAS REHAB: Excitement! Prizes! Food! Fun! The Rockathon for West Texas Rehab will be Saturday January 6. This year's sponsor is Chick-Fil-A and the Rockathon for Rehab is open to all rea youth who register with a group sponsor. This year's event will be January 6 at three different locations . . . Sunset Mall, San Angelo; Mall of Abilene; Heartland Mall of Brownwood. All three events will be from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Winners will receive their prizes on the stage at the Rehab Telethon at Abilene Civic Center on January 13.

4-H youth groups wishing more information concerning this event, can contact the local Eastland County Extneison Service office at 629-1093 or 629-2222. The Abilene contact person is Nell Wadsworth, (915) 949-9535.

This is a fun and worthwhile occasion!

DISTRICT 8 4-H "SHARE THE FUN" CONTEST RESULTS: Nine Eastland County 4-Hers participated in the 1995 District 8 4-H "Share the Fun" contest held in Hamilton on December 9. Tommy Seay of the Olden 4-H Club placed 1st and will advance to State 4-H competition in the Poetry Division of the contest. Tommy presented his renown Cowboy Poetry to the judges delight and advanced against stiff competition to the 1996 State 4-H Roundup contest at Texas A& M University in June, 1996.

The Eastland County 4-H Ambassadors made up of Vici Hernandez, Jessica Keith, Kirby Bush, Racheal Bush, Leslie Wood, Hannah Nicks and Dedria Emmert presented a skit entitled "Total Eclipse of the Heart" in the Drama Division. This group placed 3rd in the Senior Drama Division.

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Call Bill Cox at 806 - 732-8915 (office/day) or 505 - 397-7602 (home/evenings) or write to P. O. Box 608, Seminole, TX 79360. All replies will be kept confidential.

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From The Staff of the First Med of Gorman
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Mary Vera, LVN
Elania Lingle, Office Manager

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HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

NANCY HENDRICKS - REPORTING

The next Birthday Party will be Thursday December 28, P.M. Honorees are Veno Hale and Clayton Cook. Everyone Welcome to attend.

Some of Lovelle Whitehorns guests were Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Mary Estes and Marie Cook of Carbon, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

On Sunday morning Bro. Brent Lasater came and taught the Sunday School lesson for Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Effie Mae Brown, Ollie Halcomb and S.D. Gilmore.

Some of Bernice Rodgers guests were Dorothy Light, Elizabeth Sandlin, Billie Stacy, John Rodgers of Carbon, Mike, Cyndia, Eric, and Lisa Rodgers of Cisco, Bob and Kathy Rodgers of Brownwood, Dalton and Shafi McCullen, Julia Ann White, Ima Brown, Malery May, Ava Rodgers, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks Nooma Morrow, Johnnie B. Griffith, Bill and Wynelle Brown, Vada Lewis of Desdemona, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little,

Floydene Gilbert, Kim and Will Couthew of Graham.

At 2:30 on Sunday those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, Bill and Wynelle Brown, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Hope Joiner, Nancy Hendricks, Naoma Morrow, Johnnie B. Griffith and guests Neva Robertson, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn. Residents were Bernice Rodgers, Varona Taylor, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Orlena Perdue, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, and Patty Whitehorn.

Some of Ruth Brooms guests were Lulu Broom, Janie and Chester of Clyde, Frankie Eakin, Ray and Juanita Broom of Eastland, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Euell and Maxine Poyner, John, Jennifer and Andy Broom, Lucille Broom, Nancy Hendricks, Jeff, Carla, and Kyle Broom.

The residents sure appreciated the Christmas cards that Maxine Morgan gave us.

Visiting Clayton Cook were Jesse Woosley, Fay Huff, Arlene Mayfield, and Vera West of De Leon.

Those coming from the Church of Christ on Sunday were Tracey and Janda Taylor, Fred Rogers, Durwood Webb, Eunice Love, Floydene Gilbert, Burma Broom, Debbie, Cy, Jennifer and Beth cypher, Cathy Good, and Floydene Gilbert. Residents were Mary Williams, Ora Mae Atchison, Orlena Perdue, Ruby Vandergriff, Varona Taylor, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Inez Rogers, Dorothy Beaty and Iris Smith.

Those visiting Varona Taylor were Billy, Janda and Tracey Taylor, Bonnie Cox and Pauline Allen.

On Monday morning Ruth Minor came and played the Electric Keyboard for the "Sing-Song" Residents were Iris Smith, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb, Orlena Perdue, Clayton cook, Iris Smith, Cynthia Earles, Bernice Rodgers and Becky Foster.

Some of Ina Mae Tarrance guests were Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Tarrance of Comanche, Cynthia Earles, Eunice Love, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks.

On Monday Ina Scitern had bingo for Ora Mae Atchison, Bernice Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Patty Whitehorn, Leotis Meadows, Cynthia Earles, Iris Smith, Veno Hale, S.D., Gilmore, and Effie Mae Brown.

Some of Inez Rogers guests were Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Lougene Morris, of Desdemona, Della Galloway, George Whitlock, Velma Carr, Fred Rogers.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the Electric Keyboard and sang for Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Georgie Whitlock, Iris Smith, Cleo Clement, Varona Taylor, Orlena Perdue, and Ora Mat Atchison.

Chris Funderburk of De Leon visited her mother Ruby Nowlin on Tuesday.

We sure appreciated the Christmas Card Betty Little gave to the residents.

Ina Reynolds of Carbon visited her sister Iola Johnson.

On Friday morning those coming for the Dewey Bailey band were Bernice Farley, Bernard and Ann Keith, Raymond and Vivian Hart Dewey and Tola Bailey and Alpha Mae Andry. Residents were Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Varona Taylor, Iris Smith, Georgie Whitlock, Clayton Cook, Ora Mae Atchison, Lavelle Whitehorn, Sylvia Hodges and Frank Skiles.

Some of Agnes Hodge guests were Fay Huff, Jessie Woosley, Mary Ficklen, Ruthie Porter and Sue Carr.

On Friday afternoon Ina Scitern had bingo for Varona Taylor, Iris Smith, Veno Hale, Patty Whitehorn, Georgie Whitlock, Cynthia Earles, Bernice Rodgers, Ollie Halcomb, Ruby Vandergriff, Effie Mae Brown, Ora Mae Atchison and S.D. Gilmore.

Some of Voleta Richardsons guests were Jo Etheredge, Frankie Jo Shipman.

We are happy to report Lois Cartwright has returned from the De Leon Hospital.

Those visiting Veno and Annie Hale were Jimmy and Vera and Nancy Hendricks.

On Wednesday evening Mission Friends from First Baptist Church came and put up decorations. They were Aaron Keith, Matt Keith, Marc Gillen, Gillen, Maressa Gillen, Kelsi Gibson, SEth Gibson, Clarissa Glasson, Colbey Spivey, Skylor Jones, Tecia Jones, Dezi Murphy, Tyson Swarner, Megan Lewis, Olivia Jackson, and Kimmy Seaton with leaders Traci Keith, Bridgett Gillen and Jodi Gibson.

Visiting Skinnie Lewis were Philip and Dona Lewis, Eloise Lewis, Karen Bulerson, Ima Lee Bulerson, Howard and Georgie Iley, Ima Brown, Agatha Nance of Desdemona.

Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin visited her brother Eulon Perry.

On Tuesday those coming for the Sing-O-Long were Irene Hallmark, Zelda Jordan, Nancy Hendricks, Billie

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Stacy, R Lee McDaniles, Elizabeth Sandlin, Dorothy Light, and Alpha Mae Andry. Residents were Jess Hallmark, Georgie Whitlock, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ollie Halcomb, Orlena Perdue, Bernice Rodgers, Iris Smith, Varona Taylor.

Visiting Jess Hallmark were Jimmy and Vicki Hallmark of Brownwood, Irene Hallmark.

On Wednesday Mrs. Willo Rice of Merriman Baptist church brought Chapel for Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Cynthia Earles, and Veno Hale.

Lawrence Kennedy of De Leon and Della Galloway visited Iola Johnson.

Philip and Pam Osborne brought a load of fire wood for the fireplace. This was greatly appreciated. The residents love to watch the fire burn.

David and Dena Halcomb visited his mother Ollie Halcomb.

Those enjoying the Wednesday afternoon movie were Ora Mae Atchison, Georgie Whitlock, Iris Smith, Cynthia Earles, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Jess Hallmark and Veno Hale. One guests Irene Hallmark.

Some of Effie Mae Browns guests were Agatha Nance and Ima Brown of Desdemona, David Campbell, Louise Hollywood.

Some of Cleo Clements guests were Bernice Farley of De Leon, Shirley and Glen Clement, Lake Leon, George and Archie Skaggs.

Those who enjoyed playing Concentration on Thursday were Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Iris Smith and Sylvia Hodges.

Sylvia Hodges guests were Marie Petty Benton Echols and Drantha Dennis of Desdemona and Rosetta Carlton.

On Wednesday evening Acteens from the First Baptist Church brought gifts for residents to choose to give to

their relatives and friends. After selecting the acteens wrapped the gifts and tagged them for the residents. Leaders were Jana Grice, Veronica Seaton and Kelly Johnson. Acteens were Janice Glover, Allison Treadway, Monica Cole, Ashley Jenkins, Sheryl Everton, Summer Speck, Emerald Guthery, Krissy Roberts, Heather McGlothian, Miranda Hogan. Some of the gifts were gloves, earrings, socks, handkerchiefs, after shave, perfume, lotion, candy, shampoo, soap, kleenex and powder.

Some of Cynthia Earles guests were Vardie and Fay Huff, Jessie Woosley, Ollie and David Halcomb, Nancy

Hendricks, and Veno Hale.

On Thursday afternoon those coming for "Story Time" were Ora Mae Atchison, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Sylvia Hodges, Iris Smith, and Georgie Whitlock.

Visiting Ruby Jones were Jerry Brown, Vickie and Seth Johnson.

Those visiting Georgie Whitlock were Wayne, Elizabeth, Nathan and Samantha Whitlock of Weatherford, Jackie and Ray Whitlock of Desdemona.

Visiting Olga Kinser were Bert and Tiny Frasier of De Leon, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Mayvis Lasater, Dee Smithy, Brent and Jean Lasater.



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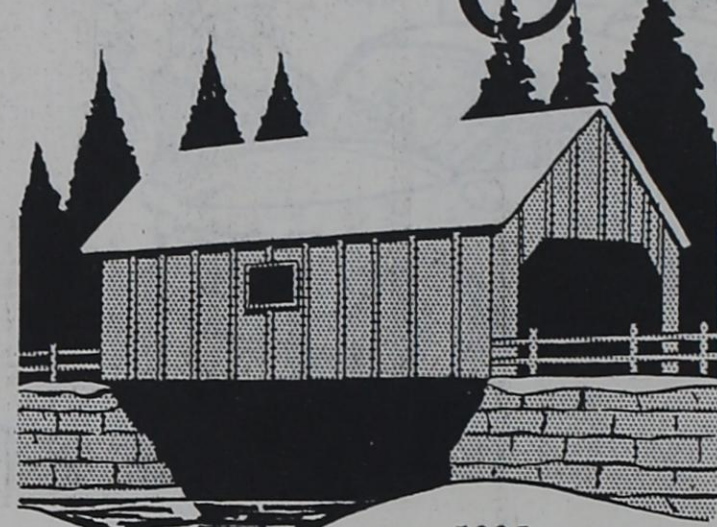
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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Gladys Dennis had her step-daughter Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Arands of Odessa visiting. Also Lorene White from Baird, Gladys Fraley and Diane Snider both of Gorman in the hotel.

Even the most winged spirit cannot escape physical necessity.

—Kahlil Gibran

Merry Christmas



Come by Security State Bank for Goodies and Enjoy the Quilt Decorations on December 21st. Quilt pictured is Compliment For Display by Elaine Battenfield.

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DESDEMONA NEWS

VONNIE GUTHERY - PHONE 758-2665

O'Brian Blakeney of Midland; James Buckley of Graham; Lester Buckley of Hawaii visited the past weekend with Jerry and Pat Buckley. Lester is the son of the late Joe Donald "Mickey" Buckley and is presently employed as a

Foreman of the Parker Ranch in Hawaii.

Bro. Joe Wortham visited in Guymon, Oklahoma with his mother-in-law, Alice Bratton who returned home with him to spend the holidays.

She also visited in Arlington with her daughter, Tommy and Peggy Moberly and family.

Bro. Ron Carroll has accepted to be the pastor of First Baptist Church in New Boston, Texas. This family will move soon to their new home.

No musical for the month of December in Desdemona - but will start back again on the 4th Saturday nite in January 1996.

Lots of sickness in our area. Church attendance was low at First Baptist last Sunday.

This reporter received a Christmas Card and note from Max and Bell Bailey, who are spending the Winter near McAllen, Texas. They live in Lubbock. Max graduated from Desdemona with the class of 1941. Max was born and raised in Desdemona, parents are the late Mitch and Minnie (Woodard) Bailey who owned and operated the Twin Oaks Hotel during the Boom Days.

"A Birthday Card" shower for Mary Lou Landers on December 23rd, address is 5609 Linda Dr. - Watauga, Texas 76148. She has been sick and would appreciate hearing from her friends in Desdemona and this area.

Please contact this reporter with your news. Kinda hard to keep this article going without your News - Thank You.

"Merry Christmas" to all of friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona.

CARBON NEWS

BILLIE STACY - Correspondant

Visiting with Marvin and Gladys Hale Sunday for an early Christmas get-to-gether were Peggy and Charlie Stephenson, Tonya and Terry Cox, Clay and Kaylee of Ft. Worth.

Billie Stacy and Ima Brown of Gorman were in Canton Sunday for a Christmas reunion with the Jennings Cousins and James and Martha Ann Yows and daughter Sue of Gatesville. There were 8 first cousins and families.

The Widow Ladies Luncheon met last week in the beautiful decorated home of Crickett Walker. Anna Poe was a visitor. We will meet at Granny's this week with Myrtle Heggins as hostess. We sure do enjoy our get-together.

Carrie Coleman, Ray and Ross of Corpus Christi is visiting her grandmother, Elizabeth Sandlin and her father Jim and Mac Sandlin and other relatives during this Christmas week. Jim and Mae had all their children home Sunday for their early Christmas.

Those going to Singing at Heritage Manor in Gorman last Tuesday were R Lee McDaniel, Elizabeth Sandlin, Dorothy Light, and Billie Stacy.

Those visiting Coy and Jessie Mangum last week were Cassie Eakers, Billie Stacy, Elizabeth Sandlin and Leamon Cox of Carbon, Ruth and Charlie Livingston of Cisco.

It seems Winter is really here. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

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Fall Inductee's In Tarleton's Alpha Chi Chapter

Tarleton State University students from Gorman, were two of 64 students inducted during the fall 1995 semester into the University's Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national honorary scholastic society.

Scitern, a graduate of Gorman High School, is majoring in Agricultural Services and Development at Tarleton.

Vestal, a graduate of Jim Ned High School, is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies at Tarleton.

Membership in Alpha is limited to the top 10 percent, academically, of the junior and senior classes. The

objectives fo Alpha Chi are to promote and to recognize superior scholarship and those elements of character that make for effective service.

Founded in 1922, the society has more than 300 chapters in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Alpha Chi represents the highest academic honor on any member campus and since its inception, over 255,000 students have been inducted.

The Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter at Tarleton was established in the fall of 1968. There are seven regions across the country and Tarleton's chapter is a member of Region I which includes parts of Texas and New Mexico.

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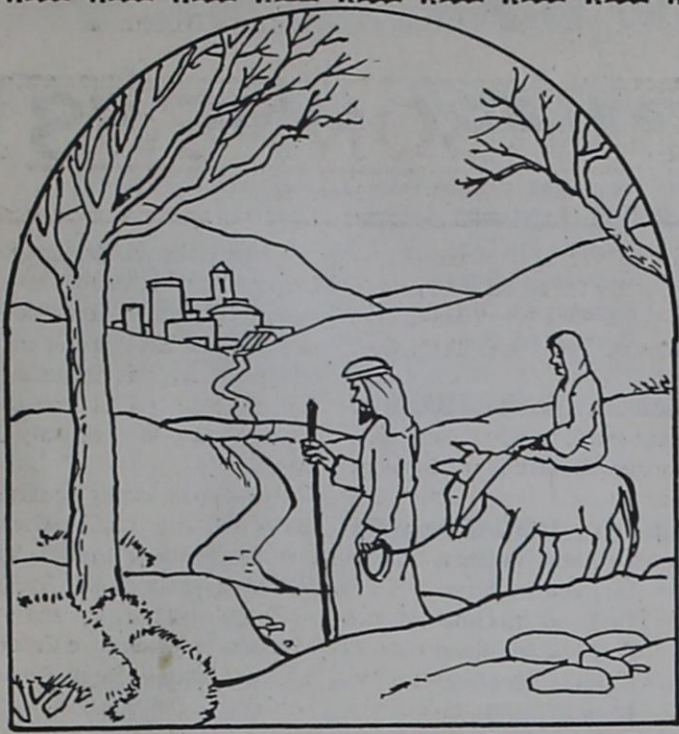
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Panthers Defeated By De Leon Bearcats

The Gorman Panthers were defeated 58 to 49 on December 12th by the De Leon Bearcats in a fairly game until the final quarter. Gorman led 15 to 10 in the first period and 31 to 24 at the halftime intermission. But in the third the Bearcats got hot and outscored the Big Red 15 to 10 and then outgunned the Panthers in the final quarter 19 to 8 for the 58 to 49 margin.

Ronald Majors led the Panthers with 16 points and 5 rebounds; Jason Posey scored 12 points and had 6 rebounds; Donald Majors had 9 points and 4 rebounds; Nick Guthery had 4 points and 5 rebounds and Nic Burleson also had 4 points with 2 rebounds; and Justin Snider had 2 points and 6 rebounds. Jason Warren had 2 points and 2 rebounds.

Gorman shot 42% from the field, 40% from the line, were 0-2 from the line, with 29 rebounds and 4 turnovers.

Huckabay Outguns Gorman 77 to 54

The Panthers were outgunned 77 to 54 on December 15th in a fast moving game at Huckabay. The Huckabay team got out to a 15 to 8 lead in the first and added 15 more in the second while the Panthers dropped in 20 big points, but Huckabay led 30 to 28 at halftime. In the third Huckabay blasted out to a 61 to 43 point lead and added 16 more in the final period for the 77 to 54 margin.

Nic Burleson led the Panthers with 14 points and 10 rebounds; Donald Majors hit 12 points with 7 rebounds; Jason Posey popped in 11 points with 6 rebounds; Justin Snider had 6 points and 3 rebounds; Nick Guthery had 2 points and 3 rebounds; Ronald Majors hit 4 points with 5 rebounds; Justin Burleson had 5 points; Jason Warren and Jason Johnson each had 2 rebounds, and Margarito Sanchez had 1 rebound.

Gorman shot 39% from the field; 40% from the line; 39 rebounds and 17 turnovers. Huckabay shot 49% from the field; 91% from the line; with 20 rebounds and 3 turnovers.

December 21st the Gorman teams host Ranger with the girls action at 10 a.m. and the boys game at 11:30 a.m.



Mary Ann Barrentine requests the honor of Your presence at a reception honoring the 60th Anniversary of Burnice and Jettie Daniels at Farmer's and Merchant Bank 207 S. Texas De Leon, Texas on December 28th, 1995 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. no gifts please.

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1996 Medicare Changes Announced

Information on the 1996 changes in the Medicare costs the beneficiary pays will be included with the checks Social Security beneficiaries receive on January 3, 1996, according to Ken Hargis, manager of the Abilene office.

The basic Medicare Part B premium, the amount most people pay, is \$42.50 starting January 1. If you are paying for Medicare Part B, the new premium will be deducted from your check.

The Part A deductibles -- the amount

you owe before Medicare starts paying -- have increased. In 1996, you will pay \$736 for the first 60 days of a hospital stay and \$184 per day for the next 30 days. The Part B deductible remained at \$100 per year.

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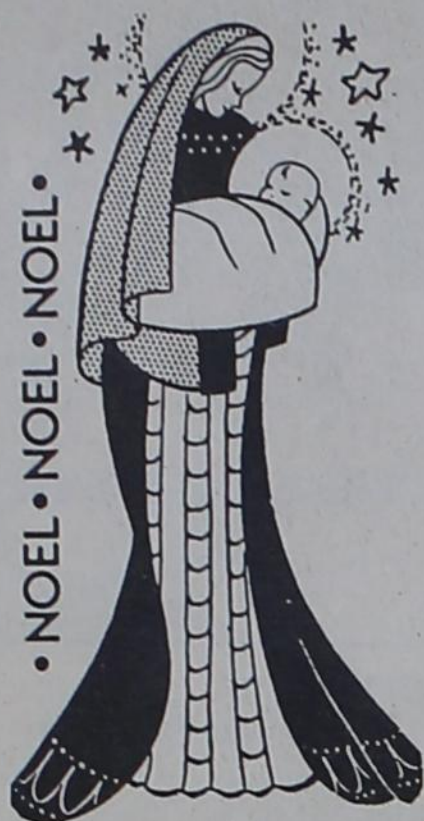
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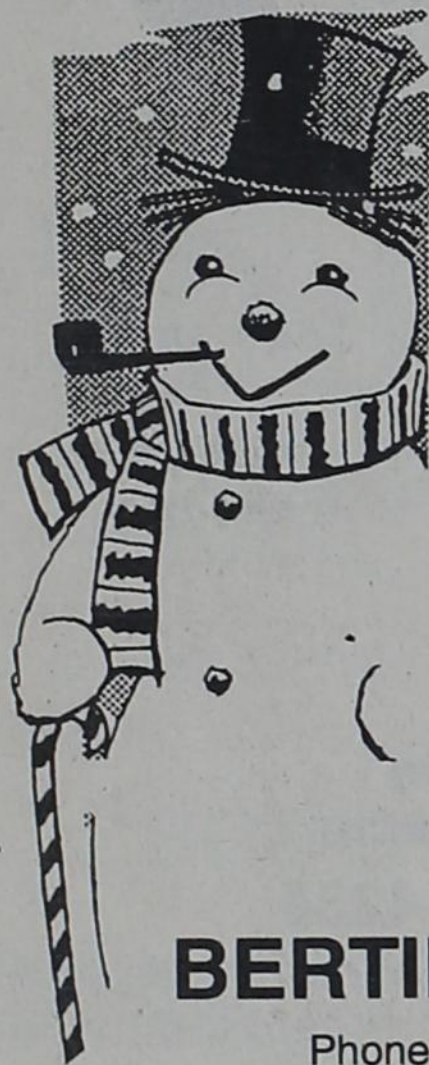


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Lady Panthers Drop Two Games In A Row

The Lady Panthers lost two games last week as they were defeated by De Leon on Tuesday night and Huckabay on Friday night.

In the first quarter of the De Leon game the girls got off to a slow start. They only scored 9 points. Mary Campbell made a 3 pointer while Keri Scitern, Jodi Norris, and Marlena Guthery all scored a bucket. De Leon had a commanding lead of 22 to 9. The Lady Panthers scored 12 points in the second quarter. Mary had five points, Marlena had four, and Keri got 3 when she hit a 3 pointer. De Leon had the lead at halftime 21 to 29.

Sabrina Glasson scored the only bucket in the third quarter. Lacy Pack made 3 free throws and Marlena made a free throw. At the end of the third quarter De Leon led 43 to 27.

In the final quarter of play the Lady Panthers scored 14 points. Six of these came from Marlena. She made two buckets and two free throws. Mary scored with a 3 pointer and a free throw to give her four points. Lacy made two more free throws and Jennifer Scitern made a bucket. The final score of the game was 58 for De Leon and 41 for the Lady Panthers.

- Individual Stats: Jennifer Scitern - 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 mistake caused. Keri Scitern - 5 points, 3 rebounds, 5 steals, 1 assist, 5 mistakes caused. Sabrina Glasson - 2 points, 3 rebound, 3 steals, 2 mistakes caused. Lacy Pack - 5 points, 5 rebound, 3 steals, 1 assist, 5 mistakes caused. Jodi Norris - 2 points, 1 rebounds. Heather Sandlin - 1 steal, 1 mistake caused. Mary Campbell - 12 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 mistakes caused. Jenny Goode - 2 rebounds, 1 steal. Samantha Stephens - 2 rebounds, 1 mistake caused. Marlena Guthery - 13 points, 6 rebounds, 2 mistakes caused.

In the Huckabay game the Lady Panthers lost 56 to 54. Marlena and Mary both scored two buckets to give them four points. Keri made a free throw and a bucket for 3 points. Lacy Pack finished the scoring by making a bucket. The Lady Panthers led 13 to 11 at the end of the first quarter.

Mary scored 12 points in the second quarter. She made 4 buckets and 4 free throws. Keri made two free throws. Heather Sandlin made a bucket and Jodi made a free throw.

In the third quarter Lacy made a 3 pointer and a bucket to give her 5 points. Marlena made a bucket and Mary made two free throws. At the end of the third quarter the Lady Panthers had a 39 to 33 lead.

In the last quarter of play Huckabay outscored the Lady Panthers 22 to 15. The fifteen points came by Keri making 3 buckets for 6 points. Mary made two buckets for 4 points. Sabrina and Jenny Goode both made a bucket. The Lady Panthers lost to Huckabay 56 to 54. Their record now stands at 10 wins and 4 losses.

- Stats for the Huckabay Game: Jennifer Scitern - 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 mistake caused. Keri Scitern - 11 points, 4 rebounds, 3 mistakes caused. Sabrina Glasson - 2 points. Lacy Pack - 7 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals, 5 mistakes caused. Jodi Norris - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 mistakes caused. Heather Sandlin - 2 points, 1 rebound. Mary Campbell - 22 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals, 8 mistakes caused. Jenny Goode - 2 points, 1 steal. Samantha Stephens - 1 rebound, 1 mistake caused. Marlena Guthery - 6 points, 11 rebounds, 2 steals.

Our Sincere Thanks to each of you for the support given Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery in 1995. As you make final plans for expenditures for the 1995 year, please remember that we are a Non-Profit, Tax-Exempt Corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Texas. Your contributions will ensure that Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery will be preserved as a continuing testimony to those who have preceded us.

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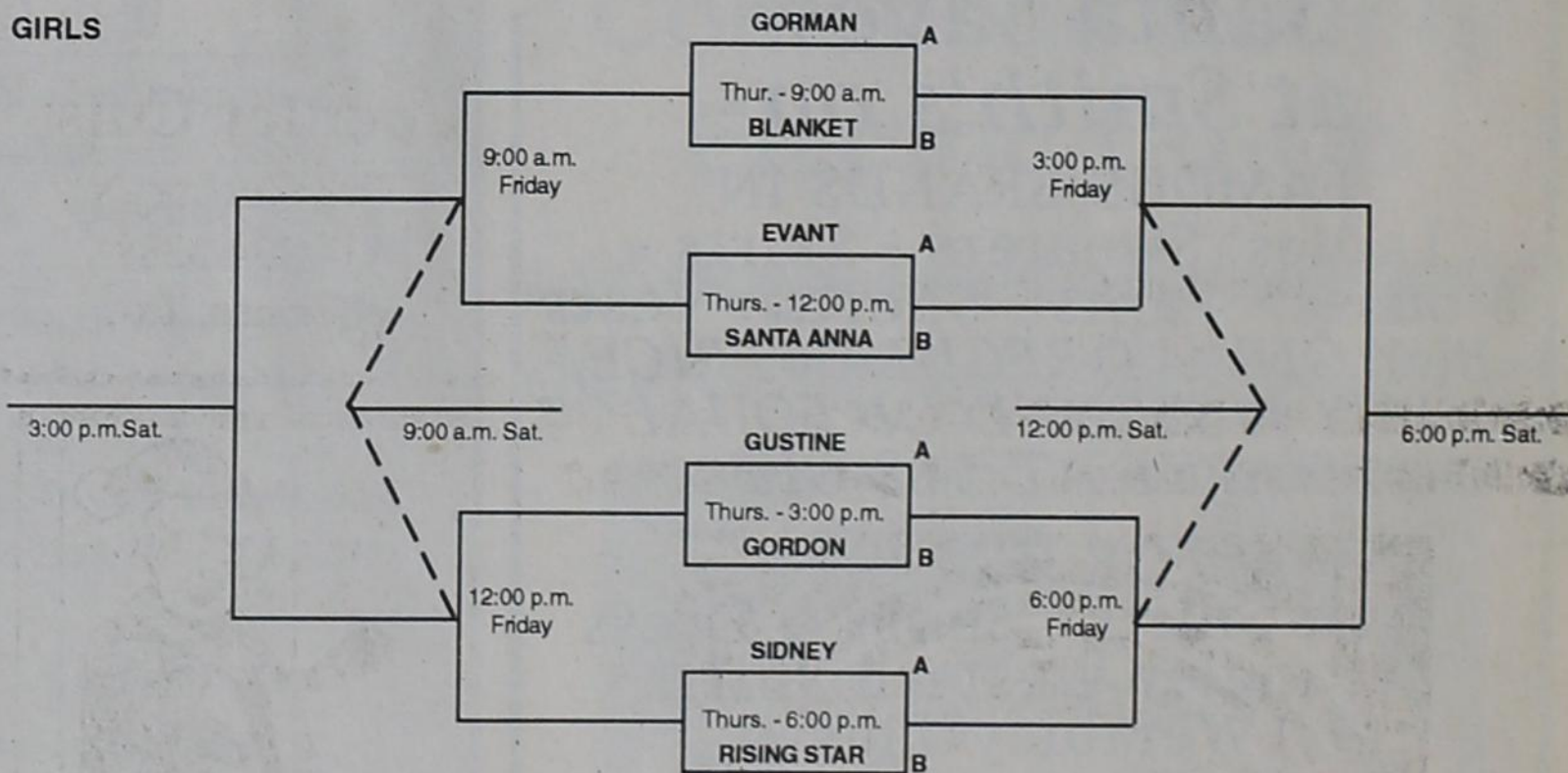
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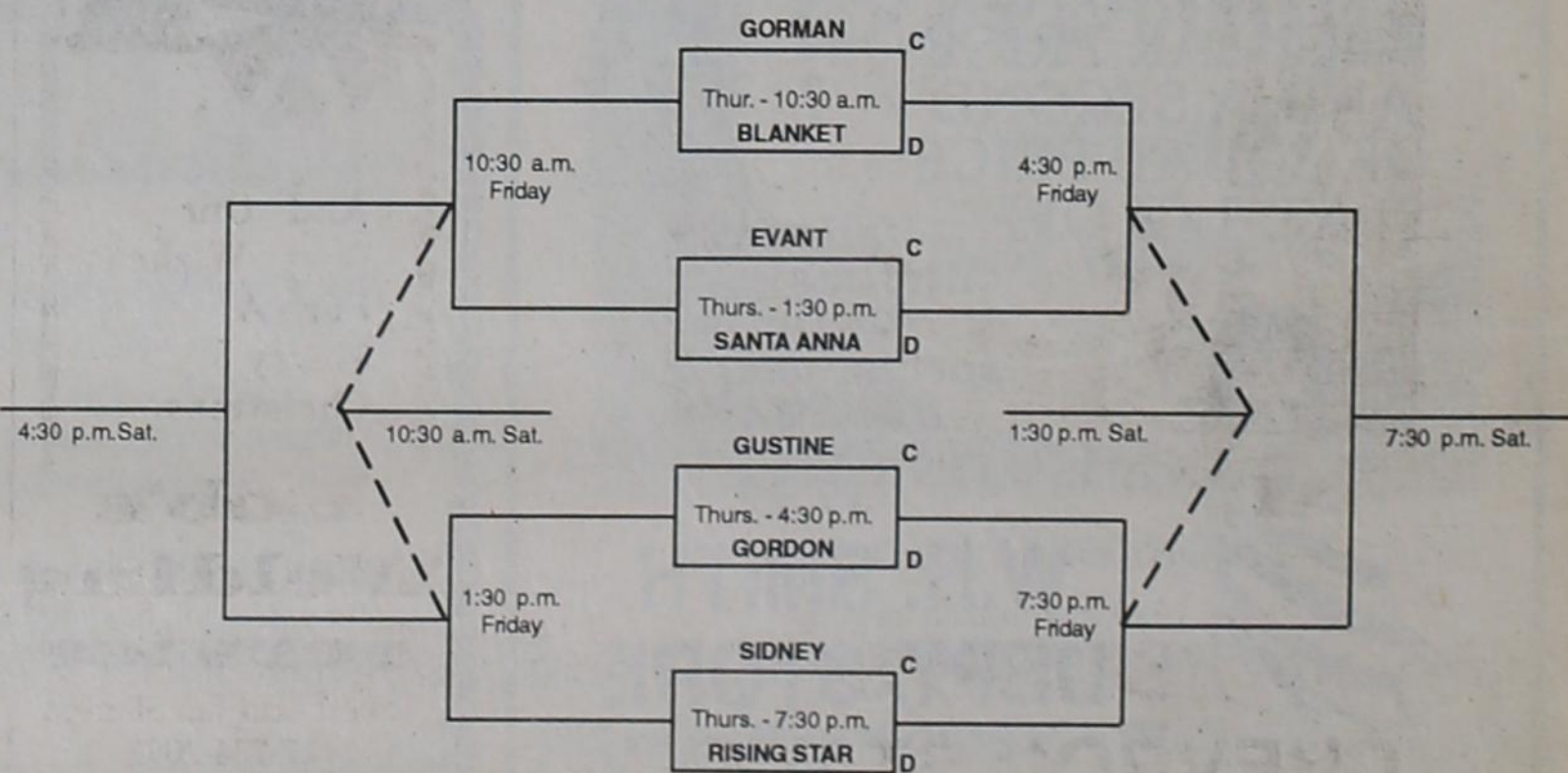


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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1996

Table of games for Thursday, January 4, 1996: Gorman 7th Girls vs De Leon 7th Girls, Gorman 7th Boys vs De Leon 7th Girls, Gorman 8th Girls vs Ranger 8th Girls, Gorman 8th Boys vs Ranger 8th Boys.

FRIDAY - JANUARY 5, 1996

NO GAMES

SATURDAY - JANUARY 6, 1996

Table of games for Saturday, January 6, 1996: De Leon 7th Girls vs Ranger 7th Girls, De Leon 7th Boys vs Ranger 7th Boys, De Leon 8th Girls vs Ranger 8th Girls, De Leon 8th Boys vs Ranger 8th Boys, Gorman 7th Girls vs Ranger 7th Girls, Gorman 7th Boys vs Ranger 7th Boys, Gorman 8th Girls vs De Leon 8th Girls, Gorman 8th Boys vs De Leon 8th Boys.

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"Please don't think I am selfish, I hope you understand, But if I don't go to meet them, they won't know who I am." So she went for a very short visit, it was sad when she had to go, But when she got back to heaven, she bragged about her family below.

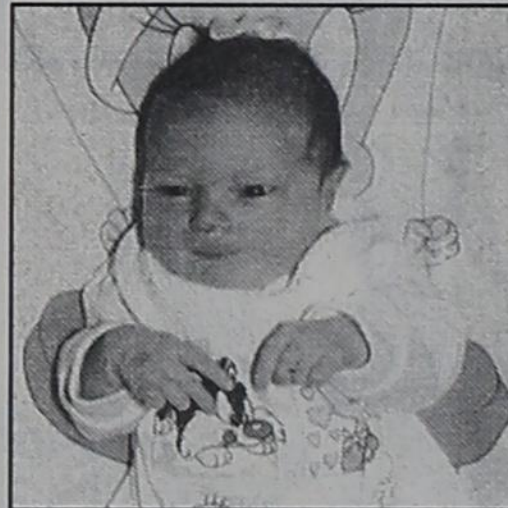
"My family was so wonderful, they were all there to say good-bye, But I have my work cut out for me, there was a lot of hurt left inside. I had to leave so quickly, a gift I could not buy, I want to give my Mom something, God, please help me to decide."

"How about the raindrops, to wash away her tears? Or how about the sunshine, to brighten all her years?" "That's wonderful dear God, but it's not what I had in mind. I want something rare and beautiful, something special I must find."

She thought about the sunset, or the soft summer breeze. She thought about the snowflake, the green grass and the trees. "My mother's life on earth is tough, with all the grief she will have to bear, I want something special, to let her know how much I care."

"I've got it!" the angel shouted, "It's beautiful and it's rare; And every time she sees it she will know that I am there." She took God by the hand, and led him down the street of gold, To find this most precious gift, to give to her mother down below.

"So when you look to heaven, Mom after the storm is gone, Sometimes you'll see my present, and know that you're not alone. I'll be standing on the highest part of it, smiling down on you, it's true. My present is a rainbow, Mom, sent from me to you."



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**Agriculture
View Point**

By: M. Davy Vestal

You've heard the old phrase "study your lesson". Never in the beef business has this adage applied as strongly as it does now.

There are many lessons to be learned from the current market situation. Lessons that sometimes are very costly and often times, for the progressive producers, profitable. If you have not taken time to study profitable options in the beef business, there is an excellent school to attend... that's the local livestock market.

At the livestock market, observe the cattle, look at muscling, bone, growth potential. Observe whether the bull calves have been castrated, and dehorned. Check out the weight of the cattle and compare it back to the price per pound. You'll discover some very interesting differences.

Let's outline some facts and some differences: **FACTS:** 1. Cattle buyers will buy any calf. 2. Cattle buyers will pay premiums for better cattle. 3. Cattle buyer's will discount for anything possible.

DIFFERENCES: 1. Heavy muscled, growthier cattle will bring more dollars than light muscled, light boned, short framed calves. 2. In most cases, steer calves will bring \$15 to \$20 per hundred more than bull calves. 3. Dehorned or polled calves will bring from \$10 to \$20 per hundred more than horned calves. 4. Heavier weight cattle will bring as much as not more than lighter weight cattle.

Study your lesson, then put profitability back to work in your beef herd. To discuss these facts, differences or other options in the beef business, give me a call.

EASTLAND COUNTY PECAN GROWERS RECEIVE AWARDS AT REGIONAL PECAN SHOW

The thirty county Regional Show was held in Stephenville on December 12 with Eastland Growers receiving top awards in 15 varieties. Thirty-one entries from Eastland County represented our areas crop and our quality ran deep. Of the 31 entries, 15 will advance to the state Pecan Show which will be held in July of 1996. Our producers received seven first place awards, five second place award and three third place ribbons.

Winners included: Vera Welch: 1st - Place Native 2nd Place - Apache; Dan

**Linda Delgado
Elected To IFAI
Board of Directors**

The Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI) is pleased to announce the election of Linda Delgado, MFC, president of Needle Loft Inc., Kemah, Texas to the position of active director on the IFAI Board of Directors.

Delgado, whose background is in interior design and upholstery, started her firm, a marine shop, in 1982. The company has since won numerous awards from IFAI and others for its custom interior and exterior work. She also has a Master Fabric Craftsman certification. Delgado will serve on the Government Affairs, Membership and Publications committees.

Delgado is a founding member and vice-chairwoman of the Marine Fabricators Association (MFA), and served on several MFA committees. She also served on several positions in IFAI's Marine Division, which MFA replaced. In addition, Delgado is immediate past president of the Southwest Industrial Fabrics Association and a member of an advisory board for Glen Raven Mills, Glen Raven, N.C.

IFAI is an international trade association that serves more than 2,000 member-companies in 30 countries. IFAI exists to serve its diverse membership by facilitating the worldwide development, application and promotion of products manufactured by the technical fabrics industry. For more information, contact IFAI, 345 Cedar St. Suite 800, St. Paul, MN 55101-1088 USA; 612/222-2508, 800/225-4324, fax 612/222-8215.

Childrens: 2nd Place Caddo, 2nd Place Maremac, 1st Place Chickasaw; James Cole: 2nd Place Mahan, 3rd Place Choctaw, 1st Place Shawnee, 2nd Place Success; Dale Walker 1st Place San Saba Improved; Bill Adams 1st Place Sioux; Flamm "R" Farm 1st Place Other varieties (Ranger), 3rd Place Wichita, 3rd Place Barton; Charles Walker 1st Place Variety Seedling, Reserve Champion - Classic Division
Congratulations to these outstanding Eastland pecan growers! We wish you good luck at the state competition.

The 4th Big Country Farm and Ranch Show, February 14th and 15th, 1996, will offer the regions producers the opportunity to attend two days filled with major manufacturers and dealers as well as educational meetings. Over 300 companies will be on hand to display the latest agricultural technology and associations will be conducting meetings.

Over 360 exhibits of the latest farming technology will be on display for the regions producers. Hundreds of company representatives will be at the show, including Case IH, Caterpillar, Crustbuster, Ford, John Deere, Linn Enterprises and New Holland. Meeting will be conducted by the Taylor County Extension Service, Texas Department of Agricultural and the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association.

The 1996 Big Country Farm and Ranch Show is scheduled for February 14 and 15th at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene, Texas. Sponsors for this years event include the Abilene Reporter News, KEAN-Radio, KTAB - Tv, Rolling Plains cotton Growers Association and Taylor County Extension Service. Admission to the show is free. For more information on exhibiting or attending, please call (612) 894-8007.

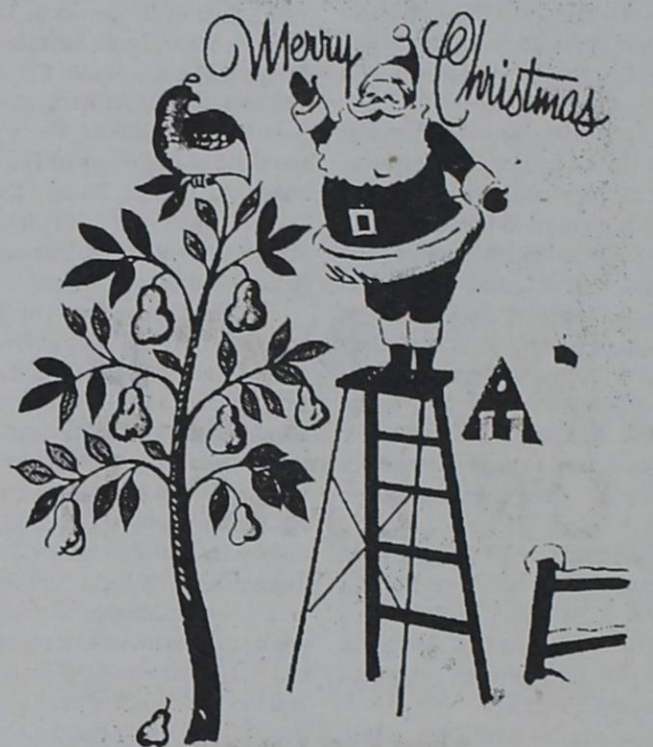


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KOKOMO NEWS

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There will be only one service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 24th at 10:00 A.M. Come and worship the Savior, who's birthday we celebrate, with us.

Bro. Harry Garvin and his wife, Doris, of Cisco were the speakers at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, Dec. 17. They have been missionaries to Uganda for 26 years. They spoke during the Sunday School hour telling about their family, home and the mission work with the people of Uganda. Bro. Garvin spoke at the worship hour impressing upon us what an important part of the mission work we are with our prayers and mission offerings. The program was very enlightening and made us very aware of the conditions that our missionaries have to contend with while ministering to the people of the countries where they go. They have to make many sacrifices.

Bro. and Mrs. Garvin will be put on medical leave on Jan. 31 because of Bro. Garvin's health, but they are available for speaking engagements. I would urge every church to invite them to come and speak to them, because I believe that you will be blessed with their ministry as we were.

Mrs. Louise Brown of Gorman was a visitor in the Sunday morning service. She has been friends with the Garvins since they all lived in Lueders.

Woodrow and Helen Browning and Gary and Donna Gatlin, Lesley and Melonie of Mineral Wells were in Lubbock on Saturday to see Gary Browning receive his degree in Education from Texas Tech University. Gary has accepted a position in the Lubbock School District for the coming semester. Our congratulations to Gary.

Joe and Glynda Bond, Shamron Bond of Copperas Cove and Brian Bond of Texas A & M were in Bullard on Sunday Dec. 17, for the Memorial Service for Joe's brother, who died recently in California.

Recent visitors with Delmon and Joyce Eaves were Doy Graham of Sacramento, Calif., Ann Graham and Rose Ann and Bobby Shaw of Rush Springs, Ok., Denny and Stella Reynolds of Eastland and Poss and Juanita Reynolds and Darrell and Pat Graham of Cisco.

Cliff and Doris Graham of Monahans came by for a visit with Delmon and Joyce Eaves on Friday enroute to spend Christmas with their daughter, Pat and

Bruce Tuxhorn, Cassie and Katy in Marietta Ohio.

Mark, Margaret and Preston Eaves of Mansfield spent the weekend with his parents, Delmon and Joyce Eaves. Donald Eaves of Carbon visited with them on Saturday night. Bill and Paulette Black, D'Ann, Jamie and Megan of Cleburne visited with them on Sunday.

David Laminack of Texas A & M visited with the Delmon Eaveses one day recently. David, the son of Glendal Laminack, is a December graduate of Texas A & M and has accepted employment in Midland.

Recent visitors with Hazel Snider were Susan, McKensey and Caitlin Wheat of Ranger, Dan Snider of Gorman, Ted and Jamie Snider, Ann Graham and Bobby and Rose Ann Shaw of Rush Springs, Darrell and Pat Graham of Cisco, Doy Graham of Sacramento, Ca., Dwayne, Connie, Sheri and Lisa Snider of Stephenville.

The Hazel Snider family enjoyed an early Christmas celebration in her home on Monday night, Dec. 18. Those enjoying the gala occasion were La Von Snider of Brownwood, Ted and Charlotte Snider, Jamie, Stephanie, Kael, Craig and Matthew Snider, Clay, Susan, McKinsey and Caitlin Wheat of Ranger, Gene and Kay Snider, Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Mike and Crystal Snider, Dwayne, Connie, Sheri and Lisa Snider, of Stephenville and Danny Dianne, Justin, Belinda and Sandra Snider.

Bill and Glenda Priest of Abilene and Joe Miles of Kingsland, GA. spent Friday night with Zelda Jordan. Joe, who is to receive his discharge on Jan. 19, after 6 years in the Navy, is here on a few days leave while he has interviews in Dallas and Austin, hoping to find employment in Texas, so he and his family can move back home to Texas. Joe also spent Sunday night with his grandmother, Zelda Jordan and some time in Abilene with Glenda and Bill Priest, Wade and Sheri Daniell and the Roddy Miles family. He will depart from DFW Airport for home on Wednesday evening.

Sylvia Buchanan of Stephenville and Kelly Buchanan of Waco visited with Nancy Hendricks on Sunday night. Other visitors in the Hendricks home during the week were Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Ava Rodgers, Hope Joiner and Ruth Bryant.

Lance Morrow of Abilene and Layne Morrow of Lubbock visited with Naoma Morrow and Paul and Imogene Norris

during the weekend.

The family of Mrs. J.C. Clearman enjoyed an early Christmas celebration in her home on Saturday, Dec. 16. Those present were Jamie and Ann Clearman of Lawn, Karley Clearman of Abilene, Kristi and Kelvin Whitehurst, Kaylee and Kade of Tuscola, Ken and Linda Clearman of Arlington, Kyla and Wayne McIntire, Caleb and Kaci of Sugarland, Kendi Clearman of Denton, Gary and Nanetta Thompson of Plainview, Kathy and Jude Stanley and Jo Beth Thompson of Lubbock, Diane Morgan of Friona, Mike and Mary Jo Leonard and Kami of Canadian..

There was a birthday celebration in the home of Jimmy and Verna Little on Saturday for Cody Fails, who had a birthday in October, and for Jarad Fails who has a birthday on Dec. 19. Those present to enjoy the birthday supper and cake and ice cream were Cody and Jarad and their mother, Nelda Fails of Arlington, Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland, and James and Jill Little, Ashley and Breckley.

Present for the Christmas celebration in the home of Jimmy and Verna Little on Sunday, Dec. 17 were Jerry and Lavell Hallmark, Debby and Ashton Braddock and Shane and Amy Shott and Taner all of San Angelo, Greg and Becky Ethington, LeeVi, Shane and Sheyanne of Sterling City, Ray Neal and Melissa Little and Emily of Eastland, Nelda, Cody and Jarad Fails of Arlington, and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon. They all visited with Dora Garrett at Valley View in Eastland.

Gary and Tena Danley, Caleb and Haley of Boise, Idaho spent Sunday night and Monday with her grandparents, Clifford and Lurline Nelson and Cassie Nelson.

I am happy to report that my brother, Arvel Lewallen, who underwent surgery on Dec. 5, is home from the hospital and doing well. My thanks to all for their prayers and concern.

ROTARY BANQUET AT KOKOMO

The Eastland Rotary Club's Christmas Banquet was held at the Kokomo Community Center on Monday night, Dec. 18. The banquet was catered by the Kokomo FCE Club.

My wish for all the readers of the Kokomo News is a wonderful Christmas and a New Year blessed with happiness. As we celebrate with family and friends may we always remember that "Jesus is the reason for the season".

We don't understand life any better at forty than at twenty, but we know it and admit it.

—Jules Renard

FCE Clubs Honored

The 1995 Family Community Education Clubs hosted their annual awards luncheon on December 11th at the Eastland Woman's Club. Some 86 members and guests were present for the program and luncheon.

Highlight of the program was the presentation of the Club Woman of the Year honorees. Each honoree was presented as follows:

KOKOMO FCE CLUB WOMAN OF THE YEAR: Mrs. Norma Webb was presented at the Kokomo FCE Club Woman of the Year. Norma has four grown children and 12 wonderful grandchildren. She has lived in the Kokomo Community for 30 years and is the third generation to live in their family farm home.

Norma has been a member of the Kokomo FCE Club for 19 years, and has served as vice-president for the past two years. She is the president-elect for 1996. She does her part and much more on all the committees and projects of the Kokomo FCE Club. Norma is currently the TAFCE Chairman for Eastland County. She does a wonderful job of representing Eastland County at District and State FCE conventions. Norma always goes the extra mile to see that the job is well done!

PLEASANT HILL FCE CLUB WOMAN OF THE YEAR: Dora Schaefer, a devoted community worker, club worker, church worker, was honored as the Pleasant Hill FCE Club Woman of the Year. Dora has held all offices in the club and county organization. She has actively supported the 4-H youth program for many years in Eastland County. Dora is such an inspiration to all and is the oldest member in age and years as a Pleasant Hill FCE Club member as she joined club in 1942.

Receiving the honor of being named the **OUTSTANDING FCE CLUB MEMBER OF EASTLAND COUNTY** was Mrs. Tammie Belyeu, a member of the Morton Valley FCE Club. Tammie was presented an engraved plaque.

This year a special award was made which was **LIFE TIME FCE CLUB WOMAN OF THE YEAR** which was Mrs. Dora Schaefer. County Judge Scott Bailey made the presentation.

OUTSTANDING FCE CLUB OF '95

Pleasant Hill FCE Club was honored as the Outstanding FCE Club of 1995. Community Service is a very ongoing part of the FCE Club. Pleasant Hill FCE Club members sponsored a monthly birthday party at the Cisco Nursing Home (they made a total of 70 cakes and 44 1/2 gallons of punch); decorated the nursing home for Christ-

mas; made 12 lap robes and 5 short robes for nursing home patients; assisted in delivering meals on wheels to shut-in people; provided the meal for the "Christmas in May" workers in Cisco.

And because of successful fund raising projects in 1995, the Pleasant Hill FCE Club donated \$100 to Cisco Goodfellows Fund, \$100 to Ben Ritchey Boys Ranch and \$100 to West Texas Rehab.

The Pleasant Hill FCE Club ladies donated over 3172 volunteer hours (which equals \$13,798.20 if they had been paid minimum wage) in doing volunteer work at the local nursing home, 4-H Christmas in May project, and assisting with the Community Blook Bank, etc.

A special congratulations to the Pleasant Hill FCE Club Members, and their club president Mrs. Twila Lee. **FCE MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION AWARD**

The Pleasant Hill FCE Club was the recipient of the 1995 FCE Membership Expansion Award. They recruited seven (7) new club members in 1995.

PUBLICITY AWARD

Kokomo FCE Club was recognized with the Publicity Award for FCE Clubs in 1995. Receiving the honor was Mrs. Nancy Hendricks, Club reporter. Congratulations to Nancy.

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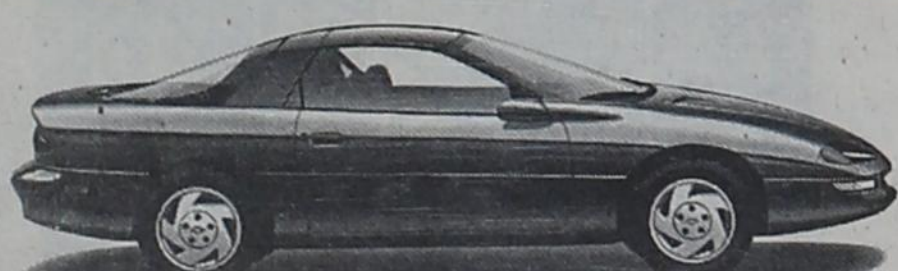
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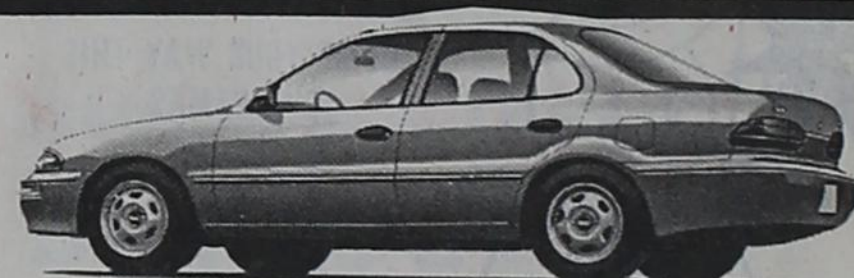
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