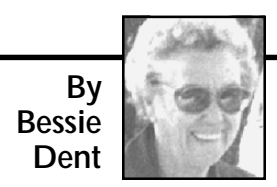


On the Plains

Beecher Island News



By Bessie Dent

Mr. and Mrs. Russell More took Norma Eckberg out to lunch Monday in honor of her 90th birthday, Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. John Willard and family hosted Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Ken Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hodgson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Malterud and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Willard and family, Jacque Ekberg and Esther Hanson. They also celebrated Logan Willard's 11th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways and Bernie Oberg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Katie on Christmas Day.

Andy and Matt Osmus, Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrin Salvador and Lisa Salvador had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Allen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mudd and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Al Shively.

Mr. and Mrs. Kris Jones, Heather, Lindsey, Megan and Ben spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones in Yuma.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively's guests were Charlie Shively, Doris Whomble, Carole Whomble, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Shively and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bowman, Zane, Zackery and Austin and Tyler Bond.

Richard Browns hosted dinner for Violet Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bowker and Amanda, Tyson Brown and Leroy Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Stuart hosted a gift exchange Sunday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Bud Stuart, Harold Kamla, Roxanne and R.W. Stuart so R.W. could be here. He had to leave Wednesday morning to go back to work. The rest were Christmas dinner guests of the Pat Stuarts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown, Grant and Riley and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dent and Dwain.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and Quentin and Mr. and Mrs.

Randy Perlia and girls were among the breakfast guests Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall. They returned to the Simmons home where they met Mr. and Mrs. Randy Neergaard, Shea Daniels and Amber for a gift exchange in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall and Dwight Wall were later visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Thane Greene hosted a soup supper Christmas Eve for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Jeurink and Ethan, Tobis Jeurink and a friend Greg from Gardner and Marilyn Bruffett of Commerce City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield hosted a soup Supper Christmas Eve for Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Zuege and girls hosted Christmas Eve supper for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Rose, Chris and Amber, Jeri Rose, Chynna and Dillon. The rest were sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Davis were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Lance, Emily and Dustin of Kersey. The Davis's had to return home that night but the Heaths remained overnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen hosted Christmas dinner Thursday for Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen, Ryan and Justin Allen of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and Joey of Colorado Springs, Cheryl Allen of San Diego and Perry Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons were all night guests last Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila, Laura and Madison. Randy and Robert attended the Avis Game. Laurie and girls returned home with the Simmons. Randy came down Tuesday.

Greg and Tammey and Patum Norwood visited Mr. and Mrs. Berl Allen last Sunday and Monday morning.

Jacque Ekberg, Mr. and Mrs. Kris Jones and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Willard and family had

dinner with Nelson Ekberg at the Towers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways visited Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath last Monday.

Gary Cranmer spent Thursday night with his mother, Gwen Cranmer.

Alisha and Asa Mudd are spending a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen. They all visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen Thursday morning.

Marilyn Bruffett spent Saturday to Thursday with her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways visited Nettie May Welton last Monday.

Gail Coonts visited at the Bill Mansfields last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Allen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mudd and family attended the wedding of Josh Harwood in Yampa, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harr of Greeley hosted dinner Sunday for Gwen Cranmer, Nancy Cranmer,

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cranmer, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Cranmer and family, Cindy Gutierrez and family. Mr. and Mrs. Chad Cranmer and family.

Heather and Lindsey Jones are spending the Christmas break with Mr. and Mrs. Kris Jones, Megan and Ben.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and Quentin and Laurie Perila and girls attended the Christmas program last Sunday evening in Haigler.

Michelle Stofa, friend of Justin Allen, spent a few days with the Harvey Allens before Christmas.

Norma Ekberg spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Kay Ekberg. Kay hosted a birthday dinner in honor of her 90th birthday Thursday in Fort Collins at the Country Kitchen with Thirty-eight attending.

Mr. and Mrs. David Dickson of San Diego spent a few days during the Christmas break with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dickson.

Haigler News



By Opal Collicott

Girl Scouts troop
Girl Scout Troop 598 held their Christmas gift exchange party on Dec. 17. Natasha Allmer brought the snacks for the party. The scout troop also did Christmas caroling. The next meeting will be Jan. 14.

Rainbow Family Community Education
Rainbow Family, Community Education Club met at the home of Laura Pearl Wall for the Christmas party on Dec. 19. All members and two guests, Helen Woods and MerryLu Simmons were present. A film from the Home and Garden Show showing the remodeling of the Doug Hoshours' Willa Cather house in Red Cloud was shown. A paper about Nebraska's Archway near Kearney was read. The article was from the Denver Post and tells some interesting things about the only structure in the country that spans a U.S. highway. Laura Pearl showed an old book which was written in 1929 by Rev. T.J. Brown. It is a story about the author's life in Nebraska in the 1860s. It is difficult to read due to poor printing, so Jeannie Zuege has copied it. Club members expressed interest in reading the revised copies. Lillian Mahon was in charge of entertainment for the afternoon. Stimulating word games to exercise the minds were played. As a special part of enter-

tainment, MerryLu played Christmas songs on the organ. Lillian will be hostess in January.

Betty Myer attended the funeral services on Saturday morning, Dec. 21, in Holyoke, Colo., of her sister Nancy Bradford's mother-in-law.

Christmas Eve was celebrated in the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott. Family attending were their grandchildren Mitchell and Matthew Collicott; Daniela and Darrell Webster; children Galena and husband Stan Webster; Myrna and husband Charlie Mulligan; and LaNeta Carlock. Dr. Jason Mathews also joined in the celebration. A delicious meal of soup, sandwiches and sugar cookies was enjoyed by all, followed by a gift exchange and Santa's annual visit.

Guests of Tom and Charlotte Myer in their home at Wray on Dec. 24 for Christmas dinner were Gerald and Betty Myer, Starla Myer, Sharon Myer and friend Chris. Gary Myer of Lubbock, Texas, and Charlotte's mother.

The annual Christmas brunch was held at the Richard Wall home. Guests were Carol and Jay Flaming, Duane and LuAnn Wall, Dwight, Jessica, Caleb and Lyndsay Wall, MerryLu, Bob and Quentin Simmons, Greg, Heather

and Logan Klein, Laurie, Randy, Laura and Maddison Perila; Dusty, Christy, Sydney and Gracie Wall; Wendy and Blaine Lee; Betty Lee Green, and Polly Thiringer.

Robert and MerryLu Simmons hosted a party on Christmas afternoon and evening honoring their granddaughter Amber Simmons, Robin and Randy Neergaard and Shea Daniels of Loveland, Colo. Other guests were Laurie and Randy Perila and daughter Laura and Maddison; Dwight Wall; Quentin Simmons and Richard and Laura Pearl Wall.

Callers at the Opal and LaVoine Collicott home on Thursday morning were Gerald and Betty Myer and Laura Pearl Wall.

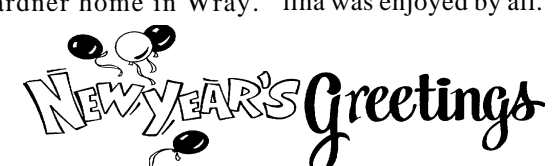
Florence Douglass attended a Christmas dinner on Saturday in the home of her son, Rev. Terry and Karen Douglass in Yuma. Other guests were Bradley, Brendon and Blayne of Perry, Okla.; Brigitte Douglas and Rob White of Colorado Springs. The evening was spent visiting, playing games and gift exchange. On Sunday, another Christmas dinner and gift exchange was held at the Steve Gardner home in Wray.

Other guests were Robin, Jeff and Nolan Helms of Laramie, Wyo.; Rick and Jennifer Gardner of Goodland; Kevin Gardner of Phoenix, Ariz.; Kerri Gardner of Oklahoma City, and Alexis, Jennessa and Brendon Rasmussen.

Brigitte Douglass, Rob White and Rev. Terry Douglass of Yuma, took Florence Douglass for lunch on Tuesday at the Sandhiller Restaurant.

Guests on Sunday in the home of Florence Douglass were Pat and Steve Gardner; Lawrence and Berniece Douglass; Gayle and Tim White and Kade; Michael Parker, all of Wray; Rev. Terry and Karen Douglass of Yuma, Colo.; and Brigitte Douglass and Rob White of Colorado Springs; Kevin Gardner of Phoenix, Ariz.; Kerri Gardner of Oklahoma City. Another supper and gift exchange was enjoyed.

Charlie and Myrna Mulligan prepared and ate Christmas supper in the home of Myrna's parents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott. A phone call from the Richard Mulligan family in South Carolina was enjoyed by all.



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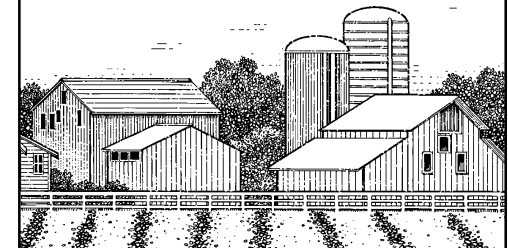
With the oncome of the New Year comes the new arrival of that bundle of joy!

Who will be that First Baby of the year 2003?

Check this weeks paper for a bundle of business ready to congratulate the new baby and the parents!

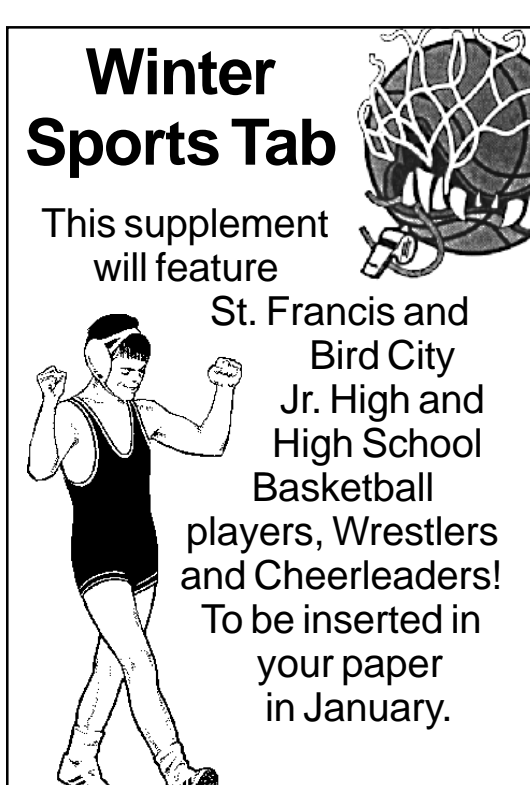
Conservation Tab

This tab features 53 years of Conservation Programs in Cheyenne County. Set to run in February!



Winter Sports Tab

This supplement will feature St. Francis and Bird City Jr. High and High School Basketball players, Wrestlers and Cheerleaders! To be inserted in your paper in January.



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