

By Mrs. Howard L. Davis
BLACKWATER — Dec. 20

— Santa Claus made his annual visit to Blackwater on Saturday afternoon, December 11, with a bag of candy and peanuts for all the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Widel arrived Saturday night from Greeley, Colo., and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Widel. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Dr. Phillip W. Widel and four children of Bunceton.

→ Mr. and Mrs. Willis Mercer of Polo, Mo., visited Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Walter Mercer.

The Youth of the Blackwater Church of Christ were out singing Christmas carols on Sunday evening and distributed treats of cookies and brownies.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mace, minister of the Blackwater Church of Christ, moved Monday to the residence of the late Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Widel. The house has recently been redecorated.

James Roy Davis, Randal Luscombe and O. E. Young attended the annual covered dish Christmas dinner in Pilot Grove, Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock of the American Legion Post 268 and the Auxillary. An evening of games and Christmas gift exchange followed the meal.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Davis of Kansas City spent Wednesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Davis. Sunday dinner guests in the Davis home were Mr. and Mrs. George Termini, Charles Edward and Beth of Kansas City.

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Mrs. Rosa Landon received word Saturday, December 11 of the birth at 11:36 p.m. of a great-granddaughter born at Cooper County Hospital in Boonville to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Porter of Pilot Grove. The baby weighed seven pounds and 14 ounces and has been named Melody Rose.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weston of New Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Porter of Pilot Grove. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Rosa Landon of Blackwater, Albert Weston of New Franklin and Mrs. W. P. Gunper of Dalhart, Tex.

Friends and neighbors in Blackwater have received Christmas greetings and thanks for their devotion in remembrances of cards, letters and gifts during the recent months Mrs. May K. Willis has been in the hospital in Kansas City and since she has been living at the Senior

Estate Rest Home there.

LCDR. James W. Kincheloe of San Diego, Calif., visited her last week and with Mrs. Jessie Lee Eskew. Her brother, Eugene Kincheloe of Marshall, joined his son and sisters for a visit on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ethel Reed was hostess at a family Christmas turkey dinner at her home on Sunday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Riley Bagby of Sedalia; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bagby, Kyle and Christina of Boonville; Mr. and Mrs. William Bagby; Terry Bagby and Jahleel Bagby of the home.

A group from the Peninsula Baptist Church met at the Church Sunday afternoon and prepared plates of fruit and delivered them to shut-ins and elderly persons in the area. At 5 p.m., they met at the church for a lunch and fellowship followed by the