



To Appear Here On February 1 At 8:00

Awe, skepticism, and bewilderment are just some of the thrills in store for those who attend the performance of "Merlin, The Man of 1000 Mysteries." This fascinating figure of the entertainment world is being brought to Gorman of February 1 by the Senior Class of Gorman High.

The Merlin Show is a colorful, fast-paced performance, using more than a ton of special equipment and presented by a top-notch entertainer who has amused and befuddled audiences for years by, among other things, reading the minds of people right in their own seats in the audience. If you can concentrate, Merlin claims to be able to read your mind and hypnotize you. It is said that he has often hypnotized individuals with a single glance.

Edgar Altom Will Seek Re-Election To County Tax Post

Eastland County Tax Assessor-Collector Edgar Altom has authorized this newspaper to announce that he has filed as a candidate for re-election in the May Democratic election.

Mr. Altom is seeking his second term as assessor-collector, having been elected in the election of 1964. He had previously worked in the tax office from 1959 until he ran for the position. He was in charge of making the tax roll for the county from 1957 until 1964.

He had earlier been with the tax office from 1937 until 1945.

Mr. Altom announced that he filed Tuesday, January 9 with the Eastland County Democratic Party Chairman.

Mr. Altom said that he will issue a formal statement regarding his candidacy at a later date.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends who were so thoughtful of me during my stay in the Dallas hospital and since my return home. Your cards and letters and gifts, and words of cheer were most appreciated and will be held in grateful remembrance.

Mrs. O. T. Shell

AIRMAN DONALD B. NANCE COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING

AMARILLO, Texas — Airman Donald B. Nance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris E. Nance of Desdemona, Texas, has completed basic training at Amarillo AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to the Air Force Technical Training Center at Lowry AFB, Colo., for specialized schooling as a supply specialist.

Airman Nance is a 1967 graduate of Midland (Tex) High School.

ANTONIO AND THE BALLETS DE MADRID TO PLAY DALLAS JANUARY 29 AND 30



Antonio and the Ballets de Madrid, Spain's most celebrated company of thrilling flamenco dancers, singers and guitarists, will make two appearances at the State Fair Music Hall, January 29 and 30 at 8:30 p.m. The numbers to be performed at these two appearances, brought to Dallas by The State Fair of Texas, will range from Antonio's famous zapateado through flamenco and other folk dances to elegant ballets of 16th century Spain. Tickets, which are priced at \$5, \$4, \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$1.50, may be obtained by sending a check or money order to the State Fair Box Office, P. O. Box 895, Dallas, Texas 75221.

1968 Political Calendar

Following is the calendar of political activities for 1968:

- February 5 - Last day for filing as a candidate in primaries.
- April 2 - City Election.
- April 6 - School Trustee Election.
- May 4 - First Primary Election and party precinct conventions.
- May 11 - County Party Conventions.
- June 1 - Second Primary Election.
- June 8 - State Conventions to pick national convention delegates.
- September 17 - State Conventions to pick Texas party leadership (executive committees) and write the state for party platforms.
- November 5 - General Election.

Farmers Tax And Social Security Meeting Set Feb. 5

A farmers income tax and social security meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5, in Eastland. County Agent De Gordon said the meeting is planned to help farmers and farm families with their income tax and social security reporting. The meeting will start at 9:30 a. m. and the social security meeting will start at 1:15 p. m. in the County Courtroom on the third floor of the Eastland County Courthouse.

Mr. James Denton, Extension Area Farm Management Specialist from Stephenville, will discuss all tax items of interest to farmers.

A representative from the Social Security Administration has been asked to discuss changes in social security laws that affect farmers.

The meeting is open to everyone interested in learning more about the farmers income tax and social security laws.

Gordon said the Farmers Income Tax Guides are now available in his office and may be picked up during office hours. They will also be available at the meeting on February 5.

Pamphlets on the Community Property Law in Texas are also available. Married couples in Texas must consider the Texas Community Property Law in determining what they should report on their income tax return.

Fees For Political Announcement Set

The Gorman Progress will accept announcements for district and county offices in the order they are received, each to be carried through the first and second primaries unless otherwise eliminated.

All political advertising is payable cash in advance. A free news notice, of reasonable length, goes with each announcement placed, to be written and signed by the candidate.

Rates for the various offices are:

District Offices	\$25.00
County Offices	\$25.00
Commissioners	\$25.00
Justice Offices	\$15.00

ED BROWN IS PATIENT IN HARRIS HOSPITAL

Ed Brown underwent major surgery on Thursday, January 11 in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. He was reported Tuesday as recovering satisfactorily and will be permitted to return home possibly by the weekend.

Mrs. Brown is with her husband and his son, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and family, visited with them over the weekend.

Friends wishing to send get well cards may address them to Harris Hospital, Room 268, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsey.

Mrs. Joe Barnes and Roy of Rising Star were guests Sunday in the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Capers.

Joe Ed Baze of Waelder was a weekend visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Baze.

Gorman Bridge Club Donates \$100 To Abilene Center

A vote of thanks is due the Gorman Duplicate Bridge Club for their contribution of \$100.00 to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene in its time of need, and to the Abilene Reporter News for a tremendous job they are doing in the fund collections.

The Reporter News published in the January 7 issue a statement made by District Judge Raleigh Brown, board president of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, of the financial disaster facing the center.

Unsolicited, spontaneous gifts totaling something over \$100,000 have poured into the hastily-devised "fund" set up by the Abilene Reporter News to help receive and tabulate donations to help rescue the center. The \$100,000.00 mark was made Monday after only a week and one day drive.

The Reporter News reported that the gifts can only be described as "from the heart" testimonies of appreciation for the 14 years of service the center has given to the crippled, handicapped, and injured from far and near.

There has been no organized campaign to pull these free will donations. Gifts come in dollar bills and four figure checks, and have come from every corner of the Southwest from people who know of the center's work. Word of the WTRC's plight is spreading even to other states.

Donations may be sent to Rehab Center Fund, The Abilene Reporter News, Box 30, Abilene, Texas 79604.

John Arnolds To Be Honored On 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold of Desdemona will be honored with a reception Sunday, January 28, from 2 to 5 p. m. in their home. The reception will mark the couple's fiftieth anniversary.

Hosts will be the couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leazar, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arnold, and Mrs. Jolene May, and friends.

The couple were married January 20, 1918 and have spent most of their married life in Desdemona.

Mr. Arnold was an employee of Mobil Oil Company before his retirement.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the reception.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the doctors, nurses and hospital staff for every kindness shown us during my stay in Blackwell Hospital. I also want to thank everyone who remembered me with cards, visits and gifts. Your kindnesses were deeply appreciated.

Mrs. B. E. Wilson

DEADLINE IS NEAR FOR VOTER REGISTRATION - MUST REGISTER

Texas voters are again warned that they must apply for a voter registration certificate by the end of this month if they want to participate in this year's elections.

Application may be made either by mail or by personal appearance at the county tax assessor-collector's office or at the registration substation in Gorman, Todd's Variety Store. A form for applying by mail is published in this paper.

Texas Secretary of State John L. Hill, who is sponsoring a statewide voter registration drive, has predicted that this year's registrations will show a very substantial increase over former years. The previous high was in 1964, the last presidential election year, when a total of 2,984,766 registrants were reported by county tax assessor-collectors under the poll tax system then in force.

The total registration in 1966 was slightly under 2,970,000, including registrations under the poll tax system and free registrations during a supplemental registration period in March, 1966 after a federal court decision invalidated poll tax payment as a condition for voting. Registrations for 1967, an "off year" for elections, normally could have been expected to drop from the previous year's total, but exceeded the 1966 figure by about thirteen thousand. Political observers have explained the increase by the fact

ANNUAL C of C BANQUET SET FEBRUARY 8TH

The Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet has been set for February 8th, and will be held in the High School Gym.

The banquet will honor the outstanding farmer of 1967.

Other outstanding persons to be honored at the banquet this year will be the outstanding woman and man who have contributed most to the community during 1967.

More details, program, ticket sales, speaker, etc. will be published as they are available for public announcement.

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CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our friends for the love and consideration shown us at the passing of our loved one, Dixie Laminack Pitts. Also to Don and Marcelle Laminack for opening their home to us and to the ones who served the delicious food, we are most grateful.

May God bless each of you.

The Laminack families

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Dixie Pitts Held On Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Loren Pitts, 49, were held at 10 a. m. Friday, January 5, in the New-nie W. Ellis Funeral Chapel in Midland. Graveside rites were conducted at 4 p. m. in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ranger with Killingsworth Funeral Home in charge of the burial.

Mrs. Pitts, the former Dixie Lee Laminack, died Wednesday, January 3 in the home of relatives in Midland following an illness of two years.

Born Sept. 11, 1918 in Pine Mills, Texas, she was raised in Comanche County. A resident of Midland from 1946 to 1965, she had lived in New Orleans, La. for the past several years. She was a former realtor, partner of Steve Laminack in Midland, and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, David Weaver of Tulsa, Okla., and Basil Weaver of Midland; three brothers, Steve Laminack of Midland, Truman of Amarillo and Byron of Lake Jackson; two sisters, Mrs. Wilda Warren and Mrs. A. D. Wynn, both of Midland; and three grandchildren.

Don Laminack of Gorman was a nephew.

Desdemona To Celebrate July 4th

The live little town of Desdemona will stage a big celebration of the nation's birthday and are planning to make it the biggest event in the history of the town. The Progress office is busy getting out their advertising and they are going after a big crowd. The celebration will take on the nature of a homecoming as well as a fourth of July affair and they are asking that everyone that worked in the Desdemona field in the days of the big boom come back and be with them on this day.

The program will consist of all the usual fourth stunts. There will be a band concert for that day that will last practically all day. There will be public speaking and a lot of free attractions. A rodeo is being planned and they will have all the wild west features to pull at the time. A fast team has been secured to play their team a game of base ball on that occasion and the ball game alone ought to be worth the trip to the celebration.

At night on account of the danger of fire, they have had to forego the usual fireworks but instead they have the most novel stunt that has been pulled at any celebration in this part of the state. They will have an airplane do night flying and in an illuminated plane the aviator will pull all the usual day flying stunts, such as looping the loop, nose dives, tail spins, and side slips. He will do the same stunts that Locklear was doing when he went to his death. The plane will be brightly lighted and will furnish a thrilling evening's entertainment. A live committee has charge of the program and the entertainment and will do everything in their power to make it a great day.

We had better explain the above article before citizens in Desdemona have heart failure.

The above article appeared in The Gorman Progress June 16, 1921. This is possibly the first beginning of the annual Desdemona Homecoming.

We at the Progress office and many in Desdemona had wondered when the first homecoming was held and maybe this was the first one.

CONDITIONS FOR SALE OR LEASE OF PEANUT ALLOTMENTS SET UP

Legislation authorizing the sale or lease of peanut allotments in the county has been passed according to an announcement from the ASCS County Committee. The conditions by which the sale or lease of peanut allotments may be made are as follows:

- (1) Leases may not be for longer than 5 years.
- (2) No more than 50 acres of peanut allotment may be transferred from a farm by or lease.
- (3) No allotment may be transferred from a farm subject to mortgage or other lien without the consent of the lienholder.
- (4) Sale of an allotment is not permitted from a farm that has purchased an allotment within the 3 preceding crop years.
- (5) A farm need not have a peanut allotment to buy or lease allotment.
- (6) Adjustments of allotment for productivity are made downward if the normal yield for the receiving farm is more than 10% larger than the transferring farm, or if the receiving farm establishes an irrigation system within 5 years following the transfer.
- (7) The land in the farm from which the entire peanut allotment has been transferred will not be eligible for a new peanut allotment during the 5 years following the transfer.
- (8) Adjustment will be made in payments to transferring farms covered by Conservation Reserve or Cropland Adjustment contracts as applicable.
- (9) No transfer will be effective until a record of the transfer is filed with the County Committee and it is determined that all conditions of the transfer have been met.

Forms are now available for you to request a yield be established for your farm in the event you are interested in the sale or lease of peanut allotment. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP YOU SHOULD TAKE.

Brother Of Jim Johnson Buried in De Leon Monday

Mr. Huley Milton Johnson, 86, died on Sunday at 1:30 p. m. in the De Leon Municipal Hospital. Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Monday in First Baptist Church of De Leon with the Rev. Ralph Heckman, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 10, 1882, in Mississippi and came to Texas at the age of 15. Mr. Johnson was a retired farmer and a member of the Baptist church.

He married Nancy Huckabee in De Leon in 1900. She preceded him in death in 1954.

Survivors include two sons, W. E. (Boss) and Tom Johnson, both of De Leon; one daughter, Mrs. Addie Clements of Yoakum; two brothers, Henry of De Leon and Jim of Gorman; two sisters, Mrs. Lou Wallace and Mrs. Pearl Bice, both of Lubbock; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Important Meeting Of Peanut Farmers Set January 29-30

An important meeting for those producers interested in the latest cultural practices for profitable peanut production will be held at Stephenville on January 29 and 30, reports Eastland County Agent De Gordon. Speakers will cover such subjects as soil management, water requirements, irrigation system management, herbicide functions and principles of use, diseases, nematode control, and they will include the latest information on varieties, seedling rates and planting methods. There will be a panel on the safe use of pesticides and Mr. Ross Wilson of the Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association will discuss the marketing and production outlook.

The program will feature research scientists of Texas A&M University and from the Agricultural Experiment Station at Yoakum and Stephenville, Gordon said. It will include Extension Specialists discussing irrigation, insect control and other subjects.

Gordon said that anyone producing peanuts or working with peanut producers as an allied industry is welcome to attend. Mark your calendar for the above dates and be at Stephenville to obtain information on the latest methods for profitable peanut production.

CARD OF THANKS

My wife and I are deeply grateful to the friends who remembered me in so many ways during my stay in the hospital. A special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Blackwell Hospital for the many kindnesses shown me. Also to James Brown who did so many nice things for me, and for the christian interest shown by Rev. Marion Denie and Audy Moore.

Frank Poteet and Mrs. Poteet

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Friday, January 19th is regular singing night at Sand Hill. Everyone is invited to attend.

Singing at the Congregational Methodist Church in Gorman will be held Sunday, January 21, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department will meet Monday, January 22nd.

The Olden Young Farmers will sponsor a short course on "Measurement of Land" on February 5 and 6 at 7:30 p. m. in the Community Center in Olden. This should be most beneficial to farmers with the new "Acreage by Certification Plan in 1968." Instruction will be furnished by the Eastland County Technical Action Panel.

IMPORTANT DATES —

January 29 - Final date to return peanut marketing card to county office.

January 31 - Final date to file wool, mohair, unshorn lamb applications.

February 15 - Final date to file application for new farm peanut allotment.

The Friday Afternoon Duplicate Bridge Club meets each Friday at 1:30 p. m. at the Fire Hall.

Voter Registration application blanks are available in all business houses. All persons are required to register to be eligible to vote in the 1968 elections.

The Gorman Duplicate Bridge Club meets each Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the Fire Hall.

The Gorman Rebekah Lodge meets each Tuesday evening.

APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE									
COUNTY, TEXAS									
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AGE _____	SEX _____	OCCUPATION _____		LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (YEARS)		BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY)		Zip Code No. _____	Box _____
				STATE _____		COUNTY _____		CITY _____	
				Month _____		Day _____		Year _____	
If under 21, show date of birth _____									
If resident of state less than 1 year, show date of arrival _____									
If resident of county less than 6 months, show date of arrival _____									
Mail Voter Registration Certificate (1) to above permanent address, (2) to my temporary address at _____; (3) hold for delivery to me in person. (Strike statements which are not applicable.)									
I understand that the giving of false information to procure the registration of a voter is a felony.									
**No one can act as agent and sign for another except husband, wife, father, mother, son or daughter. Agent must be qualified elector in county.									
Note: Return this application to the County Tax Assessor-Collector.									
Agent's address _____					Signature of applicant or agent** _____				
Agent's relationship to applicant _____									

NEWS FROM LAWDALE

Jess and Lucy Hogan of Cisco, Ronald Hale of Arizona and Arzell Hale of Houston visited W. S. McGaha.

Mrs. Herman Bennett and Gay Kirk of Gorman visited H. H. Kirk.

O. U. Usery of Iraan and La Rue Brassard of Colorado City visited Gertrude Usery.

Wilburn and Ruby Overstreet of Gorman visited Gary Overstreet.

Alice and Everette Harris of Rising Star visited Nancy Fountain.

Mrs. Virgil Haile of Baird and Doris Shanks of Abilene visited Willie Cosper.

B. B. and Billy Skaggs of De Leon and Arlin and Cleo Clement of Gorman visited Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Skaggs.

Bob, Caro, Joe, Kelly and Laura Boswell of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Boswell.

Robert B. Akers of Fort Worth visited Cora Bowles.

Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Dennis of Gorman visited Allie Seay.

Mary and Ida Brashear of Eastland visited Nancy Brownlee.

Mr. and Mrs. Olten Smith of Arizona and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Campbell of Carbon visited Rebecca Shirey.

Mrs. Bill Brown of Gorman visited Alice Johnson and Gertrude Usery.

Those visiting the home with the Kokomo Baptist Church were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks, J. W. O'Neal, Mrs. J. C. Timmons and Hope Joiner.

KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

Odis Rodgers is in the hospital at Gorman. We wish him a very speedy recovery.

We extend sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Buel Bryan and family. His mother, Mrs. Zesta Johnston, passed away last week.

Mrs. Claude Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henderson attended the County Singing Co. Rising Star on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Eastland visited with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Neely, on Monday night. The Neelys, left on Tuesday for a visit in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Webb of Miami, Fla. is visiting this week with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Webb, Judy, Jam-

ie and Stacy.

Dean and Jeffery Baldwin of Gorman were visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Mrs. D. F. Eaves will have eye surgery in the hospital at Stephenville on Friday morning. We wish Joyce a very speedy recovery.

Members of the Kokomo Baptist Church held services at the Lawndale Home for Senior Citizens on Sunday.

Jamie Lewallen and Wilbur Floyd of Floydada spent Tuesday night with the Glenn Jordans.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Laminack of Lake Jackson were here last Friday for the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Dixie Pitts of Midland. Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. in Midland, and graveside rites were held in Evergreen Cemetery at Ranger at 4 p. m.

Also attending the funeral services were Glendal Laminack of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eaves of Gorman and Mr. Don Laminack of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Eaves. We extend sincere sympathy to this family. The family met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Laminack in Gorman for the supper meal on Friday night.

Mr. Whitt Graham of Eastland was admitted to the M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston on Sunday for treatment. He was accompanied to Houston by Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Meador of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean Stacy last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thompson of Kingsland were visitors in Gorman on Tuesday with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Juanita Harper, Beth and Richard of Corpus Christi, visited Saturday night with Mrs. Frankie Jo Harper and Burl Nelson. Mrs. Harper was enroute to Munday where she was to speak at the Munday First Baptist Church on the book written about her late husband, Winfred Harper, who lost his life in Africa while serving as a missionary.

J. C. Caraway and Bro. Archie Robertson of Abilene. We wish Mr. Graham a speedy recovery.

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NOTICE - Make your Reservations now for Christmas Parties to be held in our formal dining room. Brown Jug Steak House, Phone RE 4-2205. 11-23fnc

HELP WANTED - Apply at Brown Jug Steak House, Gorman. RE 4-2205. 12-7fnc

FOR SALE - Jenny Lynn Bed and springs. Estelle Craddock, RE 4-5410. 12-7fnc

REAL ESTATE - If you want to buy or sell real estate contact Don Rodgers at the Progress Library. 12-7fnc

FOR SALE - Hundreds of used clothing at a bargain. See Don Rodgers at Progress Library. fnc

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INCOME TAX TROUBLES? See Rooney Williams at Friendly Service Agency. Monday thru Friday from 8-5 call RE 4-5411. Nights & Saturdays by appointment only. Deadline for farmers is Feb. 15th. 1-2-fnc

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FOR SALE - Hybrid Sudan hay. J. W. (Dub) Brown, Route 2, Gorman, RE 4-2212. 1-11fnc

FOR SALE - Johnson Grass hay. Ray Rankin, Rankin Army-Navy Surplus Store, Gorman. 1-11fnc

FOR SALE - Good peanut farm land, with peanut allotment. Travis Smith, Route. 2, Gorman, Texas. 3-1-25p

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365 Persons Talk Social Security Reps During 1967

365 persons, including 62 who filed formal claims for benefits, met with social security representatives, Miss Lillian Preslar or Mrs. Fay Grant, who visited

Gorman 14 times during 1967. In furnishing the Gorman Progress with this information, R. R. Tuley, Jr., district manager of the Abilene office, also said that he'd like to make public acknowledgement of the deep appreciation he and his office staff have for the many courtesies and helps given by the Gorman City Office personnel. The City Office furnishes free space for the social

security representative to meet with the people of this area. The 1967 Amendments begin to take effect soon, and Tuley urges any who feel they may be affected (other than those already on the rolls who will get their 13% increase automatically) to see Miss Preslar on one of her next Monday visits to Gorman -- February 12 or March 11 at 10 a. m.

Tuley states that the 1967 Amendments have made possible payments to some persons heretofore ineligible for benefits. These are unmarried children of mothers who died up to 20 years ago, insured under social security but with little work in the 3 years just preceding death, and widows aged 50-62 who have been disabled since some date within 7 years of their husbands' deaths or within 7 years of the last check they received for having an entitled child in their care. He added that unfortunately his office had no way of predicting the future so no record was kept on old cases now affected. He hopes that the information furnished above will alert eligible persons to inquire about these possible benefits either for themselves or someone they may know.

John Ed Kimble Is Promoted At First State In Abilene

John Edward Kimble, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kimble of Gorman, was among five employees at First State Bank in Abilene who received promotions. The announcement was made on January 11 by John Wright, bank president, following a meeting of the financial institution's board of directors. John was promoted from head of the credit department to assistant cashier.

A native of Gorman, John Ed graduated from Gorman High School and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from North Texas State University in Denton in 1961 and was a member of Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity. He began work for the First State in August of 1962 and served in several departments prior to becoming purchasing agent and head of the credit department.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Evening Optimist Club of Abilene and is a licensed radio operator and a member of the American Radio Relay League and the Military Affiliate Radio System.

OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

By FLORENCE RICHARDSON
Our Thought For The Week:
Happiness comes from putting our hearts in our work and doing it with joy and enthusiasm.

Well we certainly have had the real old winter kind of weather and flu and colds with it. I have had it and still got it. I can't shake it.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Daniels have been vacationing in New Orleans, La. They were visiting the B. A. Hirsis Friday and telling about their trip.

Visiting in our home this past week were Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hirst and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Coffman and Conner Coan were guests in the R. H. Watson home Sunday.

Visiting in our home Sunday were Mr. R. J. Daniels of Robert Lee. He is a nephew of the "Mr."

The H. T. Rawls were visiting with the Franklin Mears Sunday afternoon.

The Bill Lockes of Austin spent the weekend with the Rawls family.

PVT. CHARLEY STEPHENSON COMPLETES ARTILLERY BASIC COURSE AT FT. SILL, OKLA. (AHTNC) — Army Private Charley J. Stephenson, 23, whose mother, Mrs. Waldine Stephenson, and wife, Peggy, live on Route 1, Carbon, Texas, completed an eight-week field artillery basic course January 12 at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. During the course, he was trained in the operation and maintenance of the 105mm and the 155mm towed howitzers. He also received specialized training in firing such weapons as the M-60 machine gun, the M-79 grenade launcher and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

DESDEMONA BOYS' 1967-68 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Jan. 19 - Lipan - Here
- Jan. 23 - Strawn - Here
- Jan. 26 - Lingleville - There
- Jan. 30 - Gordon - Here
- Feb. 2 - Huckaby - Here with "B" game at 7:00
- Feb. 6 - Lipan - There
- Feb. 9 - Strawn - Here
- Feb. 13 - Lingleville - Here
- Feb. 16 - Gordon - There

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mrs. O. T. Shell returned to Dallas Sunday for a check up following her recent surgery. She will be staying at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dean. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Browning and Mrs. John Browning were in Winters Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. G. W. Timms. She was a sister of Mr. Browning. He was unable to attend the services. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Clark spent the weekend in Everman with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle

Lynn Clark and family. Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Effie Broom were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Broom of Monahans. They also visited with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter.

Among those attending the Battle of Songs Concert in Fort Worth at the Will Rogers Auditorium on Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hirst, Patty and Daryl Hirst, Brenda Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Preston and Martha, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett, Lonnie and Joetta.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhymes visited Sunday in Rising Star with her mother, Mrs. W. A.

Williams. Mrs. E. R. Betterson of Abilene is visiting this week with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Day.

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- *Jan. 19 - Olden - There
- *Jan. 23 - Carbon - Here
- *Jan. 26 - Putnam - There
- *Feb. 2 - Moran - There
- *Feb. 6 - Olden - Here
- *Feb. 9 - Carbon - There
- *Feb. 13 - Putnam - Here

* Denotes District Games



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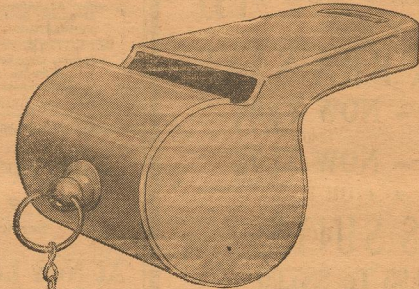
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THE GORDON SPOT

By Dee Gordon,
County Agricultural Agent
Eastland County

We have received information that the sale and/or lease of pea-

nut acreage will apply for the 1968 and 1969 crops within the county. All information and details regarding the transfer procedure has not been received by this office as of January 10 but we believe that regulations should be received by January 22. The first step for a producer to take will be to request that a normal yield be established for his farm regardless of whether

he intends to lease acreage or sell acreage or buy acreage. We are currently taking requests for yields on individual farms which we believe will expedite the operations of the program. Make your request at your earliest convenience so that unnecessary delays may be avoided. A normal yield must be established for every farm selling, leasing or buying peanut allotment.

Producers participating in any program through this office in 1967 should receive a detailed listing of all moneys received in 1967 from the Data Processing Center in New Orleans, La. This information should be received within the next few days and will be needed when you file your 1967 income tax report. If you do not receive this or need to verify it we will be happy to help you.

Requests for cost shares on 1968 approved practices are currently being accepted by this office. The 1968 allocation of funds has not been confirmed and requests

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- Odis Rodgers, Gorman
- Tom Bennett, Gorman
- Mrs. Georgia Eaker, Gorman
- Mrs. Robert Todd, Gorman
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- Mrs. Mary Jay, Gorman
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- Mrs. J. H. Wright, Comanche
- Mrs. J. A. Barrett, Dublin
- T. W. Gregg, Dublin
- W. R. Guthery, Desdemona
- Mrs. Jack Foster, De Leon
- Mrs. T. J. Tyson, De Leon
- Mrs. John Hanson, De Leon
- Mrs. C. L. Fisher, De Leon
- J. A. Parkinson, Cisco
- Dock Finley, Carlton

are not being approved at this time. We hope that we will be able to approve requests within the next ten days.

We would like to remind producers that acreages must be certified on all crops and land uses for 1968. This is a most important change and producers will need to acquaint themselves with these new regulations. It is important that acreages be accurate. There will be no chance to adjust acreages that are certified incorrect. This provision could adversely affect reduction payments and eligibility for price support. I plan in the near future on holding at least two meetings in each community prior to planting time to explain the certification method. Service charges for measurement of cropland prior to planting and measurement of crops after planting to assist producers in certifying acreages will be announced later.

The USDA County Civil Defense Board will be working on a Civil Defense exercise within the next few days. This organization set up by law several years ago consists of the County ASCS Office Manager, Work Unit Conservationists, Soil Conservation Service, County Agricultural Agent and Farmers Home Administration Supervisor. This organization is active in each county and is required to meet at least once each month. Definite civil defense responsibilities are assigned to each board member. The exercise currently under consideration deals with what nuclear attack would do to residents, agriculture and current food supplies in the county.

School Lunch Menu

Following is the menu for the Gorman School Lunchroom for the week of January 22-26:

- Monday - Tamalie pie, black-eyed peas, lettuce and tomato salad and cocount cake.
- Tuesday - Meat loaf, creamed potatoes, cabbage and carrot slaw and chocolate pudding.
- Wednesday - Pinto beans, kraut and wieners, buttered corn and apricot cobbler.
- Thursday - Turkey and dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, and raisin crunch.
- Friday - Bologna sandwiches, noodle soup, potato chips, Jello, fruit and cookies.

Frank Kirk of Cleburne visited Tuesday with his grandfather, Frank Kirk, Sr.

Political Announcements

The following persons have authorized this newspaper to announce their candidacy for the office, as indicated, subject to action of the Democratic primaries:

FOR COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR:
Edgar Altom (re-election)

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