



**GEORGE SIMMONS IS RECOGNIZED** — Shown with George as football captains Claude Ridens, Richard Hattox, Steve Stinnett and Bill Baze as George was presented a football letter jacket by the Gorman football team in recognition of all the work he has done in filming the football games over the past few years. The presentation was made by Billy Self representing the ex-football players at the homecoming pep rally on Friday.

## IDA HOLDER BURIED FRIDAY AT STAG CREEK

Mrs. Ida May Holder, 88, of Ranger, died at 7:25 p. m. Tuesday, September 18, 1973 at Western Manor Nursing Home following a long illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday at the Desdemona Church of Christ with Michael L. Shero, pastor of the Mesquite and Rusk Church of Christ in Ranger, officiating, assisted by Clayton Young of the Desdemona Church of Christ. Burial was in the Stag Creek Cemetery under the direction of Killingsworth Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 5, 1885 in Comanche County, she was the former Ida May Clark and married Stonewall Jackson Holder April 12, 1903 in Comanche. He died July 19, 1953. She was a member of the Church of Christ and a longtime resident of Desdemona prior to moving to Ranger in 1972 to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Rushing.

Survivors include one son, Francis Carl of Orange; one daughter, Mrs. James (Agnes) Rushing of Ranger; one brother, L. E. Clark of Desdemona; one sister, Mrs. Freeman (Lola) Sparks of Tyler; eleven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren. One son, Barney, preceded her in death in April, 1961.

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## Upper Leon SWCD To Hold Election

Landowners in Zone 5 of the Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District will elect a director next Thursday night, October 4th. The director will serve on the district board for a five year term. Ed Harrison of Gorman has been director for the last 5 years.

The election will be held at the Eastland County Farm Bureau Building in Eastland. The election and meeting will begin at 8 p. m. County Agent DeMarquis Gordon will show a film before the election on Conservation.

Zone 5 includes all land in Eastland County north and east of the old MKT Railroad which runs from the Callahan County line through Cisco, Carbon and Gorman, and west of the old Wichita Falls and Southern Railroad which runs from the Stephens County line through Ranger and Desdemona. Anyone who lives in Eastland County and owns land in Zone 5 is eligible to vote and hold office if he or she has attained the age of 21. Both the husband and wife is entitled to vote and hold office.

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## FONTAIN BLU OPENS MOTEL

Dub Ramsey has announced that he has seven motel units, some with two bedrooms and kitchens now available at the Fountain Blu Motel located on the east side of Fountain Blu Restaurant on Hwy. 6 West.

Units may be rented by the day, week or month.

## Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Norris Honored on 67th Anniversary

By Faye Norris Hadderton

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Norris celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 9, 1973 at their home in Carbon. All ten of their children were present with this all being a surprise. They have 41 grandchildren and 65 great-grandchildren.

Charlie Wayne Norris and Myrtle Ada Gann were married near Bear Springs on a Sunday afternoon about 4 p. m. by a Rev. Evans. Papa said he had made it up with the preacher to meet down the little country dirt road in their buggies for a quiet ceremony, but it didn't turn out that way. As the ceremony was about to begin, two large families were walking home from the singing they had all attended and they witnessed the wedding. Our mother was 16 and papa was 20.

They have lived in Eastland County all their married life except for four years farming in Fisher County and two near Post, Texas.

A wonderful dinner was served to approximately fifty of the immediate family.

The beautiful wedding cake was large, oblong, decorated with red roses and greenery. The second tier was two large hearts with Mama written on one and Papa on the other. They were joined together by a tree twig with two blue birds holding two silver wedding bands. Also the letters Happy 67th Anniversary. Mama and Papa cut the cake while pictures were being made. Home made ice cream was served with the cake.

Another highlight of the perfect day was taking the honorees out where they were married and making pictures in the road where they sat in their buggy 67 years ago. A granddaughter from Ralls brought her tape recorder. She asked: "Grandmother can you tell us what is the secret of being happily married for 67 years?" Mom said "Well, when one gets mad, the other walks out - then same with the other." "That's how Ma and Pa did," the late Marion and Amanda Gann. She talked of how wonderful to have all ten of the children at home once more. And what a complete surprise. The granddaughter had Papa get started on his hounds and hunting which was very interesting. He told of almost drowning trying to save three hounds that had gotten in a whirlpool. He had to dive in but couldn't get out until he caught hold of something but he and his brother-in-law, Fate Campbell got the hounds out and layed them head down so the water could run out of their lungs and they finally came to life.

We all put in a few words of the fun we had growing up on the farm. It was such a wonderful day. Then about 4:00 we all began to depart for our homes, but we laughed and acted as though we would see each other tomorrow. And we pray for our parents good health and that

## Services for Verda Lane on Sunday

Mrs. Verda Jewel Lane, 70, of Desdemona, died at 3:30 a. m. Saturday, September 22, 1973 in a Ranger hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in the Church of Christ in Desdemona with Mike Shero, former minister, officiating. Burial was in the Alameda Cemetery under the direction of Nbaros Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 31, 1902, in Comanche County. She returned to the Desdemona area about nine years ago. She married W. E. Lane in January, 1922 in Eastland.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband; two sons, Edgbert of Sweetwater and Glenn W. of Lake Leon; a daughter, Mrs. Joy West of Monahans; two brothers, Tony Ash of Desdemona and Dan Ash of Crane; three sisters, Mrs. Essie Lewis of Grand Prairie, Mrs. Judy Bale of Burk Burnett and Mrs. Grace Graham of Desdemona; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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## Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens met at the Fire Hall at 2 p. m. Sept. 19. We played 42, 84 and dominoes.

Those present included Kate Love, Newton and Double Six Bennett, Speedy Richards, Golda (our boss) and Howard Lancaster, Phonograph Kent, Nola Underwood, W. M. Shipman, Mrs. H. Edwards, Queen Bee Herweck, Lover Boy Moss and Callie Ainsworth (all smiles), Paul Dietz, Lillie Been, G. F. and Bossy Bennett, Mae Quinn, and Rushing and Bidder Littlefield.

We had a wonderful time playing and visiting. Come to see us each Wednesday at 2 p. m. Be there.

Honest (always, sometime) Reporter

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## REV. CLARENCE WILSON ACCEPTS PASTORAGE AT SAN ANGELO

Rev. Clarence Wilson has resigned his position as pastor of Lingleville Baptist Church effective October 7th. He will be moving to the Lakeview Baptist Church in San Angelo as pastor.

Rev. Wilson has served the Lingleville Church for two years and prior to going to Lingleville he was pastor of the New Hope No. 2 Baptist Church near Gorman for three and one-half years.

we will be able to help them celebrate more anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris have been members of the Primitive Baptist Church 46 years. Children attending were Elmer and Myrtle Norris, Ralls; Lettie and Archie Pullig of Sweetwater; Lorene Phelps, Carbon; George and Adeline Norris, Eastland; Faye and Davis Hadderton, Jacksboro; Louise Dorsey, Eastland; Cleo and Obie Duncan, Flatwoods; Paul and Imogene Norris, Flatwoods; Juanita and Buddy Rogers, Ranger; and Winnette and Walter Maynard, Eastland.

Grandchildren present were Diann Hadderton, Jacksboro; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson, Ralls; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rollins, Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Don Mangum, Eastland; Larry, Karn and Fran Duncan; Mr. and Mrs. Don Duncan, Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Randell Rogers, Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Monty Hood, Eastland; Jo Rogers, Ranger; Lisa Norris; aJN Maynard.

Great-grandchildren present were Becky and Rowdy Rollins, Laura and Johnny Mangum; Roxann Rogers; and Jodi Hood.

He is considered quite ill.

## Homecoming Activities Well Attended By Exes

The 1973 Homecoming of Gorman High School Exes and Teachers held Friday night and Saturday was highly successful, with a larger number of exes attending than the previous year.

One hundred and nineteen registered at the morning coffee held in the high school building with many more arriving for the evening dinner and the program held in Brogdon Field. Approximately 300 attended the night program.

W. C. Browning, Ex-students Association president, presided at the 3:00 p. m. business meeting held in the high school auditorium. W. C. also gave the invocation. Mr. G. W. Maxfield, superintendent of schools, welcomed the exes and offered his assistance in helping with the day's activities.

Class roll call was the first

## Interim Committee Study Vocational-Technical Program

Texas House Speaker Price Daniel, Jr., today announced the activation of an interim committee to study all major aspects of vocational-technical programs offered by public junior colleges, the Texas State Technical Institute and high schools throughout the state.

State Rep. Joe Hanna of Breckenridge is chairman of the Subcommittee on Vocational-Technical Education which will determine the feasibility of establishing programs and priorities in vocational-technical education in all areas of the state.

Daniel noted that a quality program of vocational-technical education is one of the most effective weapons in the fight for full and equal employment for all people.

"Accordingly, I am directing this subcommittee to make an in-depth study of vocational-technical education in Texas, with special attention to seeking alternative ways and means of establishing programs which will reach all the people of our state," he added.

## EASTLAND TEST WELLS SPOTTED

Eastland County has gained sites for two wildcats.

Deeper of the pair is Sidney W. Gill, Jr. of Theodore, Ala. No. 2 R. W. Drake, slated for 3,800 feet.

Location is 10 miles south of Strawn on a 424 acre lease. It spots 1,980 feet from the south and 330 feet from the west lines of E. Gray Survey A-144.

Site is 2,350 feet northwest of No. 1 Drake, gas prospect which has run casing.

ONE NEAR CARBON

Other wildcat is Genie Corp. of Abilene No. 1 Frost, slated for 1,200 feet.

It is two miles northeast of Carbon on a 160 acre lease. Location is 150 feet from the north and 790 feet from the west lines of Section 18, Block 2, H&TC Survey.

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## BRYAN ANDERSON IN ABILENE HOSPITAL

Bryan Anderson, the three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson, is a patient in Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

He is considered quite ill.

## Nettie Rider Laid to Rest on Sunday

Mrs. Nettie Rider, 85, of Austin, and a former resident of Gorman, died Friday, September 21, 1973.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p. m. Sunday in First Baptist Church, Gorman, with the Rev. Kenneth England of Austin and Rev. Huron Polnac, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in Gorman Cemetery under the direction of Hyrtin Maron Funeral Home of Austin.

Mrs. Rider was born May 16, 1888 in McNeil, Ark. She was married to Homer R. Rider Sept. 10, 1910 in Gorman. He preceded her in death in 1945. They lived all their married life in Gorman. Mrs. Rider moved to Austin in 1962. A son, Floyd, also preceded her in death in 1967. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors are one son, Ralph of Andrews; one daughter, Mrs. Grace Burks of Austin; three sisters, Mrs. Stella Thurman of Gorman, Mrs. Dixie Milam of Eastland, and Mrs. Emma Dorman of Oklahoma; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ben R. Townley, Speedy Clark, Hupp Morris, Billy Earl Simpson, John Sutton and Jack Simpson.

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## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the wonderful friends who were so thoughtful and kind at our time of sorrow. The flowers, cards, words of condolence and every manifestation of friendship were deeply appreciated. A special thanks to the Church of Christ for the food prepared and served to our family and to Rev. Huron Polnac for words of comfort and to Woodrow and Helen Browning and Mrs. O. R. Buchanan for the wonderful song and music. Also to Mr. Kim Cockerham, director of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Grace Rider Burks  
The Ralph Rider family  
The Stella Duggan family  
Mr. and Mrs. Crofford Thurman

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## LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins of Irving announce the arrival of their daughter, Cherie Kay, born at 12:20 a. m. September 18, 1973 in St. Paul Hospital in Dallas. She weighed 9 pounds and 13 ounces and measured 22 1/2 inches tall.

She was welcomed by her big sister, Christy Lynn, age 3, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Collins of Alvarado and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsey of Gorman. Also Mr.

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## PANTHERS LOSE TO BUFFS; GO TO BANGS

The Cross Plains Buffaloes spoiled the Gorman Homecoming on Friday night by completely dominating the Gorman Panthers by the score of 38-0.

The Big Red could never get untracked offensively or defensively and were completely overwhelmed by the Class A Buffaloes, who ran almost at will and threw several long (bomb) passes to receivers who had gotten way behind the Panther secondary men to score touchdowns.

James Webb was the leading ball carrier for Gorman with 55 yards on 21 carries for a 2.6 average. Carl Burleson had 10 yards on 2 carries for a respectable 5 yard average. Rodney Warren had one yard on one carry. Bill Baze wound up with a -1 on 9 keeps but was hurt on yardage by being dumped on pass tries. Lupe Torrez had one yard on one end around.

Dean Weldon had a very good night of pass catching, snagging 5 aeriels for 67 yards.

## GAME AT A GLANCE

Gorman	Cross Plains
8	First Downs 17
66	Yards Rushing 195
81	Yards Passing 153
8 of 19	Passes Comp. 8 of 19
1	Interceptions 3
2	Fumbles Lost 0
6 for 29	Punts, avg. 6 for 32
7 for 85	Penalties 7 for 75

## JIMMIE TURNER, JR. HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Turner honored their son, Jimmie, Jr. with a party at their home Tuesday, Sept. 18 in honor of his eighth birthday.

A chocolate cake and punch were served.

Little friends attending were Royce Ridens, Dewey Isbell, Krsti Odell, James Wooten, Ailene Cate, James Lynn Kasinger, Katrina Jo Drozeski, Kenny Drozeski, Jonny Earl Ervin, Dairn Marrs, Cory Marrs, and Jewel Shugart.

Mothers attending were Mrs. A. F. Drozeski and Mrs. Kent Marrs.

Special guests were his two sisters, Kathrine and Gloria, and grandmothers, Mrs. M. G. Ervin and Mrs. Nellie Turner.

There were favors of candy and toys.

Friends stopping by were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Broom.

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## THE BAND BOOSTERS CLUB WILL MEET MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT THE BAND HALL.

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department will meet Monday, October 1st.

## THE LIONS CLUB WILL MEET AT NOON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND AT THE BAND HALL.

The City Commission will meet Wednesday, October 3rd at 4:00 p. m. at the City Office.

## NOTICE — For the benefit of those who send pictures to the Progress for publication, we are unable to use colored pictures as our plate-making machine will not pick up color. Therefore, the picture is very dim and does not produce a good plate for printing. Slick prints make the best plates. However, some dull black and white and brown tones will make good enough plates for printing.

A Fall Revival will be held at the Long Branch Baptist Church, starting the 23rd, and lasting till the 30th of Sept. Nightly services will be conducted by pastor-evangelist Rev. G. W. Weeks of Baird. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Long Branch is located southwest of Carbon off the Okra Highway.

All interested persons who wish to make contributions to the Desdemona Cemetery Association for the upkeep of the cemetery may do so by making a deposit at the First National Bank in Gorman.



CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS, et al vs.

LANHAM T. BURKHALTER, et al

TO: Lorah B. Reed, Fanny B. Turner, T. A. Burkhalter, Rosa B. Howell, Oza B. Pittman, and Mary A. Burkhalter, whose residences are unknown or if any be deceased, to each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, legal representatives successors and/or assigns, if any, of Lorah B. Reed, Fanny B. Turner, T. A. Burkhalter, Rosa B. Howell, Oza B. Pittman, and Mary A. Burkhalter, whose names and places of residence are unknown.

You are hereby commanded to appear at the hearing before the Special Commissioners appointed by the Judge of the 91st Judicial District Court of Eastland County, Texas, to assess the damages occasioned by the condemnation of the hereinafter described property, to be held in the Court Room of the 91st District Court of the Eastland County Courthouse in the City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say 10:00 o'clock A. M., on Monday, the 12th day of November, A. D. 1973, and answer the petition of the State of Texas, et al, Plaintiffs, in the suit styled The State of Texas, et al, v. Lanham T. Burkhalter, et al, wherein The State of Texas and Eastland County, Texas, are Plaintiffs; and Lanham T. Burkhalter; and Lorah B. Reed, Fanny B. Turner, T. A. Burkhalter, Rosa B. Howell, Oza B. Pittman, and Mary A. Burkhalter, whose residences are unknown, or if any be deceased, to each of the unknown

spouses, heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors, and/or assigns, if any, of Lorah B. Reed, Fanny B. Turner, T. A. Burkhalter, Rosa B. Howell, Oza B. Pittman, and Mary A. Burkhalter, whose names and places of residence are unknown, are Defendants, which petitions were filed with the Judge of the 91st Judicial District Court of Eastland County, Texas, on the 10th day of September, A. D. 1973, and the nature of which suit is as follows:

The Suit is a proceeding in eminent domain in which the County of Eastland, Texas, is condemning, at the request of the State of Texas, for public use and highway purposes, the following described tract of land situated in Eastland County, Texas, to-wit:

1.39 acres of land out of and part of a 110 acre tract of land out of Block 11 of the James Jett Survey No. 16, Abstract No. 333, as conveyed by Joe A. Pittman, Jr., et al, to Lanham T. Burkhalter by deeds dated 1960 and 1963, recorded in Volume 544, Pages 509, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, and 517 and in Volume 550, Page 483, and in Volume 562, Page 274, Deed Records, Eastland County, Texas; said 1.39 acres of land being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake 75 feet easterly opposite proposed U. S. Highway 183 centerline Station 807 plus 94 in the north boundary line of said Block 11, being West, 2698 feet from the Northeast Corner of said Block 11;

THENCE West, along said north boundary line, 47.65 feet to a point in the existing east right of way of said Highway, for corner;

THENCE South 00 degrees

01 feet East, along said existing right of way, 1246.00 feet to a point in the north boundary line of an East-West County Road, for corner;

THENCE East, along the north boundary line of said County Road, 98.00 feet to a stake, for corner;

THENCE North 45 degrees 00 feet West, 70.74 feet to a stake 75 feet easterly opposite proposed centerline Station 819 plus 90.1, for angle;

THENCE North 00 degrees 03 feet West, 760.03 feet to a stake 75 feet easterly opposite proposed centerline P. I. Station 812 plus 30.0, for angle;

THENCE North, 435.97 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, and containing 1.39 acres of land.

You are notified that said hearing has been set for the above stated hour, date, and place, and to appear at same and present such evidence as you may wish. You are further notified to appear and answer said petitions on or before said date. If you desire to appear and answer before said date, do so at the Court Room of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas, located in the Courthouse in Eastland, Eastland County, Texas.

The interests of the said Lorah B. Reed, Fanny B. Turner, T. A. Burkhalter, Rosa B. Howell, Oza B. Pittman, and Mary A. Burkhalter, whose residences are unknown or if any be deceased, to each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, legal representatives successors, and/or assigns, if any, of Lorah B. Reed, Fanny B. Turner, T. A. Burkhalter, Rosa B. Howell, Oza B. Pittman, and Mary A. Burkhalter, whose names and places of residence are unknown, (Defendants), is that they either

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own or claim an interest in said property subject to unpaid accrued taxes.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after its issuance, it shall be returned forthwith.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, at Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, this 13th day

of September, A. D. 1973.

George Steel

Fred Price

Jay Koonce

Special Commissioners

4-10-11c

## LOCAL NEWS

Rex Robbins of North Bend, Oregon and Mrs. Mary Jay Lakoduk of Coos Bay, Oregon visited last week with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Robbins. This was the first get-together for the brothers in 16 years.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wood over the weekend were Mrs. Sam Warden and Mrs. Rebecca Walker of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Ellen Millsap of Burbank, Calif., Mrs. Bob McFadden, Mrs. Lorenia Smith and Mrs. Harry Fowler of Fort Worth. Saturday afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Bennett of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Collins and Jane of Eastland, and Mrs. R. L. Kinser of Gorman and Mrs. Tiny Joiner of De Leon and Mr. and Mrs. Dorsett of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Love of Dallas visited several days this week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rankin. Other visitors over the weekend were Mrs. Frank Roberts and Mrs. Suzan Schofield and daughter, Shelby of Arlington. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Schofield attended homecoming.

Mrs. Vern Eliff of Waco spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Tom Bennett, and her brothers, Morgan and Aubrey Bennett.

Mrs. Clyde Richard Kinser and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter visited Sherry Porter in Cook Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth Sunday. They report Sherry is recovering satisfactorily from surgery.

Col. and Mrs. Harlan J. Mills of San Angelo visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barnes, over the weekend and attended the school homecoming. Mrs. Mills is the former Dona Bell Jamison and attended Gorman Schools.

Recent visitors with Mrs. Gertie Mahan were Mrs. Cora Stone of Robert Lee, Mrs. Maudie Snider, Eastland and Mrs. J. A. Clement, Opal and Gladys of Moran. Weekend guests were Mrs. Gladys Edwards, Mrs. Estelle Roff and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dunn of Eastland.

Eight brothers and sisters of Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter were guests Sunday in the Fairbetter home. They were Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman, Add and Manning Trammell and Mabel Trammell of Breckenridge, Mrs. Vivian Scott and Mrs. Nelle Regan of Fort Worth, Bill Trammell of Warren,

Michigan. Bill Trammell spent the week with his sister.

Weekend guests of Rev. and Mrs. Kent Marrs were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Marrs of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Morris, Sr. of San Antonio. They also attended the baptism of their infant grandson, Cory, Sunday morning at the First United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Clark of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Clark and family of Comfort spent the weekend

with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rodgers and D. R. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Clark also visited with her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Parker.

Guests of the Bill Chandlers last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Moake of San Antonio, Mrs. W. D. Denman of Houston and Mrs. Charles Clements of Copperas Cove.

Sarah and Karan Kirk and Jane Allaway of Texas Tech spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Kirk.



Beef may be scarce at the supermarket but there will be plenty on the hoof at Fair Park during the "World Gateways Exposition" in Dallas, Oct. 6-21 where the champions will compete for blue ribbons and cash. Featured attraction of the Pan-American Beef Cattle Show, Oct. 6-9 will be a Register-of-Merit Hereford Show, a special exhibit of the annual Pan-American Livestock Exposition. Goats, sheep, swine, dairy cattle and horses also will be vying for top prizes.

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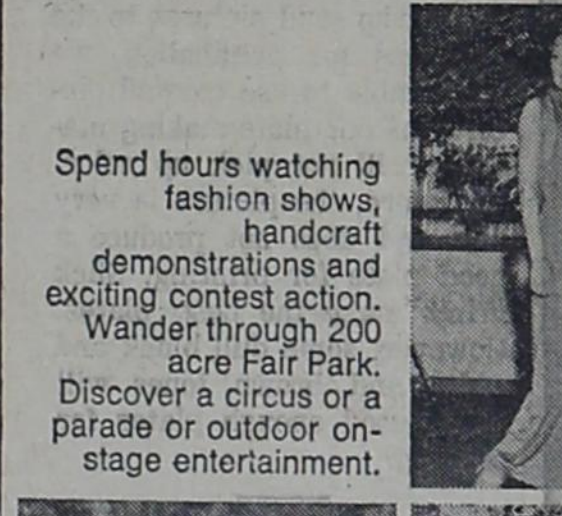


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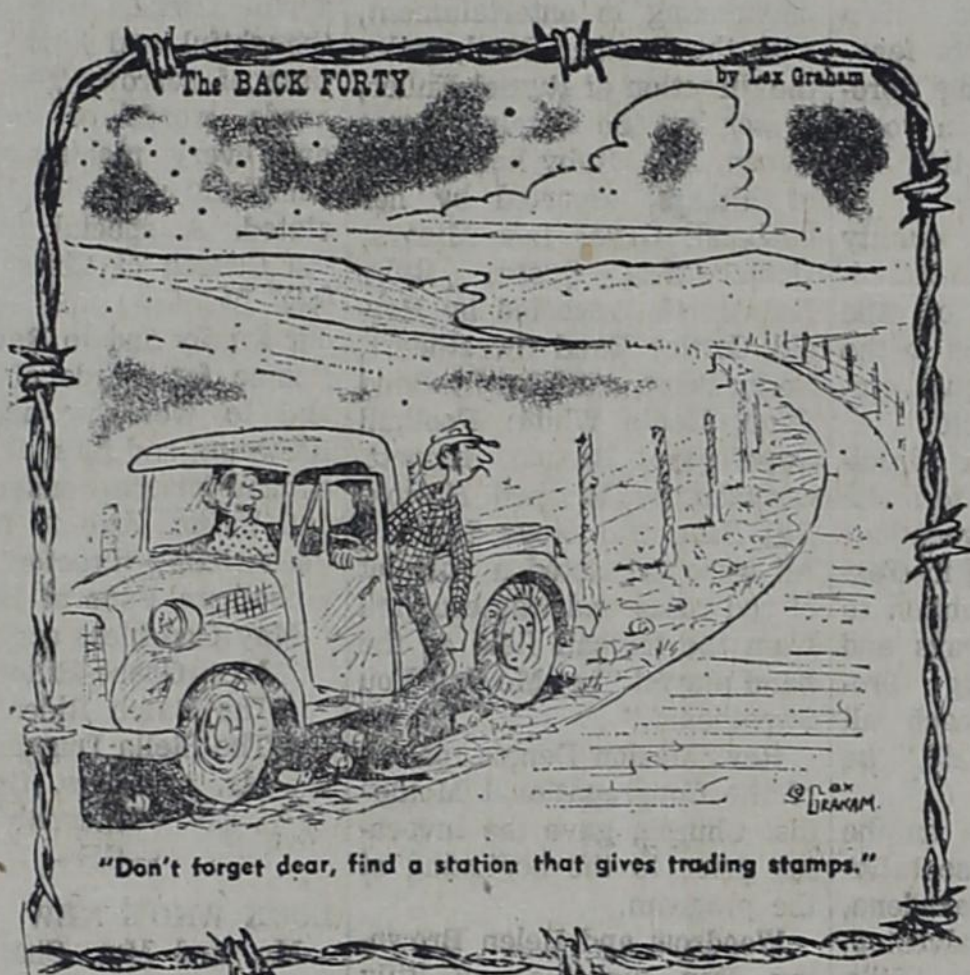


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operation and two others under construction. The three companies have also announced plans to have a nuclear fueled plant in operation by 1980. One big advantage of lignite and nuclear fuels is that neither is being used extensively for any purpose other than the generation of electricity. A disadvantage is that generating plants that use these fuels cost much more to build. And, because of the long lead time required to plan and build these plants, it will be many years before natural gas can be replaced as our major fuel supply. Barring difficulties with our existing natural gas supplies or delays in the development of our lignite and nuclear generating capability, we will be able to provide the electricity our customers need. However, the much higher cost of diversifying our fuels and inflation make it inevitable that the price of electric service will rise. As rising costs and the energy squeeze make electricity increasingly valuable, we will continue to encourage its efficient use. Now, more than ever, electricity is worth using wisely.

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Mrs. Shelley Large of Va. visited Eva Stout and Pearl Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McLearn of Cisco visited Mrs. Maxey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yates of Atlanta, Ga. visited Mrs. Burns.

Gary Echols of Odessa visited Mary Ann Echols.

Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Overstreet of Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Overstreet of Petersburg visited Mrs. Overstreet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kirk of Pasadena, Karan Kirk, Jane Allaway, and Sarah Kirk of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Kirk of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Higginbottom of Gorman, and Teddy Higginbottom of Gorman visited Mrs. R. L. Kirk.

Elizabeth Lee of Cisco visited Charles Meglasson.

Mrs. George Bell of Gorman and Joyce Burleson of De Leon visited Mrs. Etta Sanders and Mrs. Rawls.

Linda Files visited Lexie Wright.

Mae and Ollie Miears visited Lina Miears.

Linda and Betty Isbell of Gorman and Hank Rainey of Desdemona visited Mrs. Iva Williams.

Jewell McMaster, Mable Rogers and Ina Mae Tarrance of Gorman visited Cora Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Love of Fort Worth visited Mrs. Kate Allen.

Mrs. Vic Edwards of Eastland visited Dora Wood.

Patsy and Cathy Clark, Frank and Irene Hunt and Mrs. A. B. Hunt visited Jessie Lemley and Mrs. Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Merrill of Desdemona visited W. M. Shipman.

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## '73 Panther Schedule

Dubiln 41 - Gorman 0  
Cr. Plains 38 - G'man 0

Sept. 29 - Bangs - There  
Oct. 5 - Eden\* - Here  
Oct. 12 - Meridian\* - T  
Oct. 19 - Evant\* - Here  
Oct. 26 - Blanket\* - H  
Nov. 2 - Lometa\* - T  
Nov. 9 - Ris. Star\* - T  
Nov. 16 - R. Springs\* - H

\* District Games

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## PANTHERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.
10	Bill Baze*	B	150
11	Dean Weldon	B	135
12	Jack Jackson	B	165
20	Ricky Fuller	B	135
22	James Webb	B	160
23	Mel Maxfield	B	130
31	Robert Lewis	B	135
33	Carl Burleson	B	145
40	Billy Burgess	B	135
45	Rodney Warren	B	215
50	Larry Thompson	C	150
51	Chuck Troutman	T	155
55	Kirk Arnold	G	135
60	Richard Hattox*	G	150
61	Gary Hattox	G	120
62	Jerry Troutman	T	160
63	Randy Barnes	G	125
64	Randy Laminack	G	135
66	Steve Stinnett*	G	155
71	Mike Shipman	G	160
74	David Moore	T	210
76	Ben Longoria	G	125
77	Doug Warren	G	150
78	Gary Mauney	T	210
80	Mike Carr	E	150
81	Tony Ripley	E	165
83	Ray Blevins	E	145
84	Lupe Torrez	E	150
86	Claude Riden*	E	185
88	Rodney Roberts	E	155

\* Denotes Captains

Coaches:  
Kenneth Good - Dale Ables

Trainer: Jerry Poynor

Team Physician:  
Dr. A. E. Pino

## Jr. High Schedule

Early 36 - Gorman 6  
Bangs 12 - Gorman 6  
Goldthwaite 26 - Gorman 6

OCT. 2 - SANTA ANNA - T  
OCT. 9 - CR. PLAINS - Here  
OCT. 16 - RISING STAR - T  
OCT. 23 - BLANKET - Here  
OCT. 30 - EVANT - There

## B Team Schedule

Comanche 12 - Gorman 0  
De Leon 33 - Gorman 8  
Gorman 14 - Cross Plains 6

SEPT. 27 - HAMILTON - H  
OCT. 4 - MERIDIAN - Here  
OCT. 11 - OPEN  
OCT. 18 - HAMILTON - T  
OCT. 25 - CR. PLAINS - H

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# Desdemona News

By HATTIE TATE

"Remember, a good way for you to widen the straight and narrow path would be to see that more people walk on it."

Mrs. Vaughn of Dublin had charge of the program at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening as she showed slides of her trips to the Holy Land. A reception was held after the services.

Those attending the Workers Conference in Gorman on Monday evening were Bro.



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and Mrs. L. C. Landers, Lorine Koonce, Evah Sparkman, Hattie Tate, Bonnie Watkins, Mabel Crumbley and Leota Powers.

Mack Keith and family have moved into the house formerly owned by the late Mrs. Sallie Huffman. We welcome this family to our community.

We are sorry to report the passing of our friend and neighbor, Mrs. Ida Holder. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in Desdemona Church of Christ with burial in Stag Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Imogene Payne and son of Pasadena have been

visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. Ragland and Mr. Ragland this week.

Mrs. Jolene Mays visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Leazar in Eunice, N. M. this week.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Buckley this week are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams of Kermit.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Sparks visited in Lueders on Saturday with Mrs. Ina Moorehead, a sister to Mrs. Sparks and a nephew, Deever Moorehead of San Metio, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krapf of Fort Worth were in our community Saturday looking after some property interests

and had lunch with Mrs. Maud Fuqua.

Larry Majors was one of several salesmen of Hgginbothams who won a three day trip to a "Dude Ranch" near Bandera. The trip was won by the salesmer for selling their quotas of Whirlpool Appliances.

There will be lots of peanuts taken up if the rain stays off a while longer and it stays warm.

Saturday morning, Sept. 22 our community was shocked by the unexpected passing of Mrs. Earl (Verda) Lane, who took suddenly ill and passed away in Ranger General Hospital at 4 a. m. Services were held in the Church of Christ in Desdemona with burial in the Alameda Cemetery. The entire community extends its sincere sympathy to the family.

Friday evening Miss Vickie Sparkman and Mr. Brent Fanning were united in matrimony in the home of the grandmother, Mrs. Evah Sparkman. Vickie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Joe Sparkman of Stephenville. We wish this happy couple a long and happy life. They will reside in Stephenville.

A new road has been opened up on the south side of Sam Powers "Paradise Valley" farm and Eddie Paul Fox from Highway 16 to the old country road near the Glenn Maltby home. This will be a nearer cut-off for a good number to get to the pavement and save driving over muddy roads. (that is when it rains). We need a great deal of road work done in our part of the county. But when? It taken time, labor, and money to do these things, but lets keep hoping.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Holly Gayle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Creed, celebrated her first birthday Sept. 19, 1973 in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guthery. Cake, and punch were served to the following: Kelli and Kimberly Majors, Terry and Dan Collum, Jeffery and Teddi Wilcoxson, Jodie and Jason Grimshaw. Also attending were Mrs. Jerry Majors, Mrs. Helen Collum, Mrs. Jessie Wilcoxson, Mrs. Pat Buckley and

Linda, Mrs. Peggy Singleton and Vicki, Mrs. Helen Arnold and great-grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Keith and Belinda Guthery.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Yor-

geson of Snyder visited with her mother, Mrs. Murrah Foote, and Mr. Foote this weekend. They attended services at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning. Vis-

itors are always welcome.

L. P. and Evelyn Hammons were in Pittsburg, Texas this weekend visiting their son, Gerald, and family.

Z. L. and Johnnie Koonce attended church at St. Jo Sunday morning.

Myrtle Reid is visiting in Alvin this week with Phl and Ethel Reid and grandson Mike.

Mrs. Rudell Rogers of Big Spring visited her sister, Mrs. Floyd Moore, this weekend and attended church at First Baptist Church. It is always an inspiration to have her visit our class in Sunday School, "The Faithful Workers."

Benton Echols will go to Ft. Worth Wednesday to be with her brother, Dale Johnston, who undergoes surgery on Thursday morning.

We were blessed with a good rain Sunday afternoon. Sometimes the rain comes very unexpected, but it always helps some and makes it ill-convenient for others. As the scripture tell sus: It rains on the just and unjust.

September is almost passed. Let's all hope for a more pleasant October. We, in our community, have had funerals of our friends and loved ones each week in September so far. This is very unusual for so many in one month. But death is no respecter of age or person.

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under the sun.

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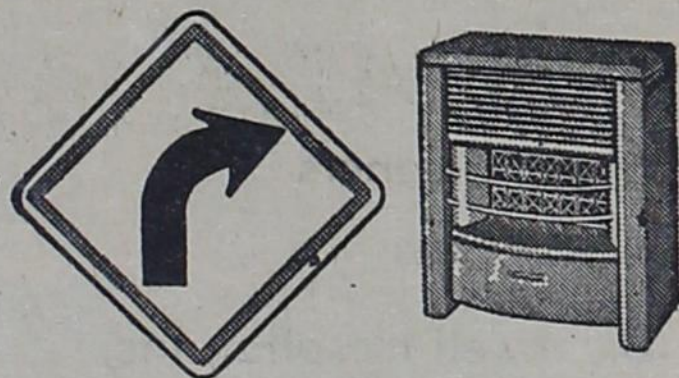
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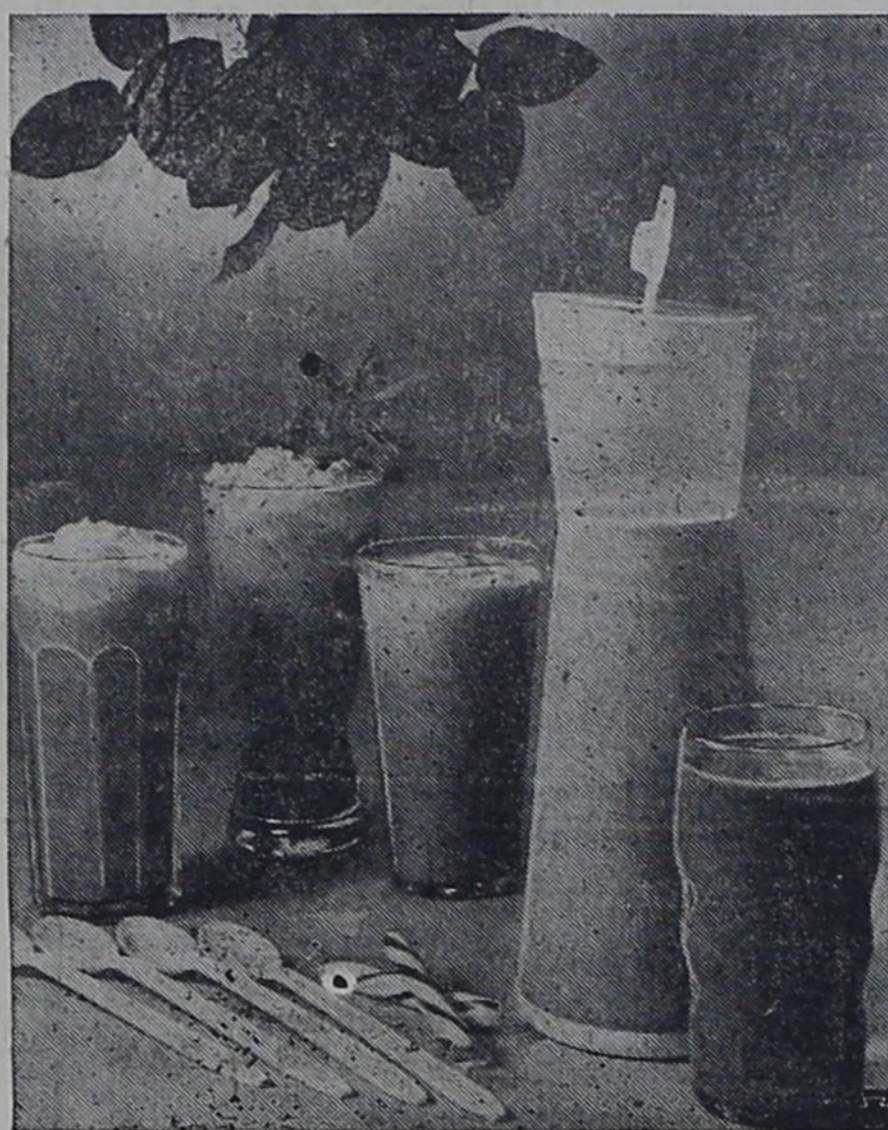
By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

About seven tenths of an inch of rain fell throughout the community on Sunday afternoon. It slowed the peanut harvest for a few days, but everything is back in full

swing now.

Donna Browning and Kathy Snider, with Mrs. Woodrow Browning at the piano, rendered the special music at the evening services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday. Mrs. Edna McCaffetty of Coleman was a visitor.

Sunday morning visitors at the church were Mrs. McCaffetty, Mrs. Roy Buchanan,



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Delicious yes, but nutritious, too. One serving supplies more than a quarter of the protein needed daily by a child and just about a quarter of that needed by an adult. The protein is from the peanut butter and the milk. In addition to the protein, the milk shake is an excellent source of calcium, phosphorus, riboflavin and niacin. The whole milk and ice cream also make it a good source of vitamin A. To reduce the saturated fat, cholesterol and calories, substitute skim milk for the whole milk and ice milk for the ice cream.

For the refuse-to-switch chocolate milk shake fans, substitute chocolate ice cream for the vanilla ice cream, or add 1/4 cup Bosco chocolate flavored syrup.

With either the vanilla peanut butter milk shake, or the chocolate, consider the addition of banana. Add 1 sliced banana.

If you don't have a blender, make the milk shake with an electric mixer. In the case of the banana shake, mash the banana first. Or mix the milk and peanut butter in a shaker and pour over chunks of ice cream.

Kelly and Yancy of Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. Travis Flatt of Hondo spent the weekend with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller, Christi and Ricky. Another brother, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Flatt and family of De Leon visited with them on Saturday night.

Mrs. J. C. Timmons is back in the Blackwell Hospital at Gorman. Her sisters, Mrs. E. E. Timmons of Jonesboro, and Mrs. Fannie Huckabee of Gatesville, visited with Mrs. Timmons on Monday. They were dinner guests of their nieces, Mrs. Odie Rodgers and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers, in the Odie Rodgers home.

Mrs. Edna McCaffetty of Coleman is visiting with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan Kelly and Yancy of Arlington, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks. Others visiting in the Hendricks home during the weekend were Mrs. David Willoughby, Mrs. Celeste Petree and Mrs. Willie Mae Hendricks of Eastland, Mrs. Wilbourne Wood and Terri of Carbon and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Gilbert, Lisa, Steve and Glenn of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. John Rodgers, Kim and Jonna of Carbon, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers, Kevin and Jason of Brownwood, visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Rodgers, during the weekend and attended the homecoming activities.

Christi Fuller of Stephenville spent the weekend with her parents, the Claude Fullers, and attended the homecoming activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Snider, Jamie, Susan and Toby of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snider, Kathy and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Snider of Lubbock, and Lavon Snider of Brownwood were the dinner guests of their mother, Mrs. Pete Snider, and Danny on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett have returned from several days visit with their daughter and family, the Jerry Hallmarks, in San Angelo.

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been given — we can't afford war any more.

IN THIS FISCAL YEAR OF 1974, which began last July 1, military spending is projected to be \$79 billion, the highest dollar figure since World War II, which totaled \$79.9 billion. It is a staggering sum of money and one which troubles many Americans who are also told by the President that we are entering a period of "general relaxation of world tensions."

THE THOUGHT IS THAT, with Vietnam behind us and with increasing American relaxation toward the Soviet Union and communist China, the defense budget should be declining. It is difficult to accept the Pentagon's assurance that the proposed defense budget is austere.

BE THAT AS IT MAY, IN TERMS OF REAL DOLLARS, that is, considering inflation, the \$79 billion is 28.4 percent of the total Federal outlay and 6 percent of the national income. Actually, these are the lowest proportions since the last pre-Vietnam defense budget in 1964.

MANY FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF OUR SECURITY. The new B-1 bomber, when built, will cost more than \$50 million each. The price of other military hardware has risen like a rocket. More than 56 percent of the Defense Department appropriation goes for salaries, housing allowances, medical care and other benefits to our military personnel while, at the same time, personnel has been decreased. On top of all this, our military faces the expensive task of rebuilding the stockpiles of arms and ammunition that were depleted in our Nation's longest war in Southeast Asia.

ALONG WITH ALL CONSIDERATIONS we must never forget that if we are not able to defend ourselves, neither economic well being nor political liberty is possible. We have sometimes spent too much and, at other times, too little. At the end of both World War I and World War II our Nation reduced defense spending and national resolve which contributed to the more recent wars and prolonged their duration.

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—GP—

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bennett of Eastland, Mrs. Snell of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynn Bennett of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bennett, Mrs. Velma Bennett visited with Mrs. Ruby Bennett during the weekend.

Mrs. Velma Bennett and Mrs. Ruby Bennett visited the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett and family in Cleburne.

## HOSPITAL REPORT

Wednesday, September 26

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Thomas Stinnett, Gorman  
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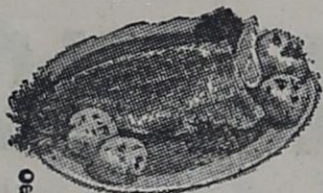
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