

Gorman Wins Basketball Title

The Gorman High School basketball team, for the second time in as many years, won the Eastland County Class A Championship and were presented with a beautiful trophy by the Texas Electric Company.

Besides the trophy, eight members of the winning squad were given gold, miniature basketballs; inscribed on them were "County Champions." These eight players from Gorman include Captain Vernon Bennett, Jack Crawley, Graydon Baze, Billie Alsbrook, Alex Phillips, T. A. Brown, Preston Capers and Marcel Files.

The Panthers played two games before they met Cisco in the finals. The first game was with Rising Star, whom they beat 42 to 20, with the second team playing most of the game.

The second game was a close one with Carbon taking all but 20 seconds of two overtime periods to win. The score was tied 18 all at the end of the game and then tied 19 all at the end of the first overtime period.

With only 20 seconds left to play in the second overtime period, Baze made a crisp shot to win the game with the score of 21 to 19.

In the final game of the tournament Gorman met Cisco, with Cisco taking the lead and leading all the first half. The score at the half was 16 to 13. Gorman went ahead in the third quarter to win by the score of 30 to 19.

The coaches and officials selected an All-County team and each of these players selected were given individual trophies.

Cisco and Gorman each had two men on this team. From Cisco were Childers and Taylor. From Gorman were Bennett and Baze. The other player selected was Sam Stone, of Carbon.

Gorman met Pioneer, the Class C winner, in a game at Olden to determine which team would represent Eastland county at the district meet to be held at Breckenridge.

Gorman took an early lead and held a slight margin over the small but hustling boys from Pioneer. The score at the half was 14 to 20 for Gorman, with Bennett making six of these points from near the center line.

Gorman pulled away in the last half to win by 18 points. The score being Gorman 43, Pioneer 25.

Gorman's next game is on Friday, February 21, 2:30 p. m. at Breckenridge with the winner of the Callahan county tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Check Smith and Billy visited Earl Stone, Jr. in Brownwood Sunday.

Jack Bennett and Ray Rankin accompanied H. B. Thompson to Friddy Wednesday to attend the funeral services of a friend, Albert Schwartz, who made his home in Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen and three children of Cisco, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Allen, of Ranger, moved to Gorman last week, the elder Mr. Allen having purchased the stock of groceries formerly belonging to N. O. Whitfield. They will continue their business at the same location.

Local Store Under New Management

They have made minor changes in the display of their merchandise and have added some new lines, and invite the public to their store, where they hope to become acquainted, and to have a share of your patronage.

Besides staple and fancy groceries, they will handle fresh fruits and vegetables, and both fresh and cured meats, etc.

Mr. Allen states his store will operate on the cash-and-carry basis, and urges you to note carefully the prices in his displayed ad in this week's issue of the Progress.

His eldest son, Johnnie, has been a Ranger resident for two years, having married a short time ago. They have rented Mrs. Leazar's apartment, while the elder Allen's will reside in the house just vacated by W. C. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen's other children are Doyle Dean and Sarita, of school age, and Mary Jo. Mrs. Allen's mother, Mrs. O. L. Maddox, is making her home with them.

The residents of Gorman welcome these two families here to make their home.

Miss Nell Hamrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamrick, and Mr. Wade Watson Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Smith of DeLeon, were quietly married last Saturday night, February 8.

They drove to Eastland and were married at the home of Rev. Jones Weathers at 7:30, using the ring ceremony. The happy couple left immediately for Mineral Wells to spend the week-end.

The bride was attractively attired in a Crater blue suit, dusty rose blouse and black accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

Mr. Smith, popular member of the young social set, was reared in Gorman and after finishing high school has been employed in local beauty shops, being associated now with Mrs. A. L. Butler as a most efficient operator, while Mr. Smith is employed at Mahon's Drug Store in DeLeon.

They have hosts of friends in Gorman and DeLeon where they are receiving congratulations and best wishes of these friends, to whom they will be at home in both places for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blackwell and Mr. and Mrs. Boaz were in Mineral Wells Sunday.

Dick Weekes and T. C. Wylie made a business trip to Oklahoma the first of the week.

Miss Eusa Lindley was home Wednesday for a short visit with her mother, returning in the evening to Abilene where she has a position in the field audit office of the Quarter Master.

Mrs. Roscoe Reeves and little son were brought home from Ranger Tuesday. They are reported as doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis Williams of Brownwood were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Eaker Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Bohanan of Ranger spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Goodlow Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brewer drove to Austin Saturday where they left Billy who is entering school again after his illness, then on to San Antonio, returning Monday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. N. A. Sanders and Norma Ruth of Llano spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends here.

Large Crowd Expected Monday

Monday is Trades Day for Gorman shoppers and traders and for all the surrounding territory, and as usual, the merchants here are prepared to serve them.

Through the columns of the Progress this week you will note some outstanding values which your merchants are anxious that you should check.

Gorman merchants have stocks as complete as you will find in other towns, and at prices quoted, one could hardly hope to realize greater savings. They invite you to their places of business at any and all times, but especially for Saturday of this week and Monday of next.

It is an old but true statement that "What helps Gorman helps us," and money spent at home comes back to us in various ways.

INVITED TO ATTEND OPENING OF VERNON PACKING CO.

Four Gorman food dealers and butchers have been invited to the formal opening of the Vernon Packing Company Feb. 24-28.

Five days have been designated to honor customers of the rapidly growing business, and more than 2,700 invitations have been mailed. Customers visiting the plant, as well-equipped as any in the southwest, will be entertained with guest tours and with daily banquets.

Those from Gorman who have been invited include the following: R. L. Moseley, N. O. Whitfield, T. L. Wright, and James Underwood.

Mrs. Huppy Morris and little son of Seminole are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ode Monroe were in Fort Sill, Oklahoma Sunday. They took Johnny Simpson, who had been visiting his parents, back to camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Frossard of Weatherford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood.

Mrs. Chas. Underwood and Mrs. Bill Sims were in Eastland Wednesday, Mrs. Sims remaining for a short visit with her mother.

Mrs. Hubert Craddock of Sunday is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Blackwell and Mrs. Bishop were Ranger visitors Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Wallace of Corpus Christi, came Sunday for a two-week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parr.

Mrs. Bersie Walker of Seymour spent Wednesday with her father, W. V. Whately, and sisters, Mmes. John Hamrick and Rose.

Mrs. Temple, of Seymour, spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Donna David.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus B. Frost of Eastland visited a short time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Dean Sunday.

Mrs. Ellen Oldham, Mrs. Frank Dean and Mrs. Frances Scott were Eastland visitors Sunday.

Mr. Ed Middleton is spending this week in South Texas and Oklahoma on business interests.

Mrs. E. A. Higgins of Milford visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Grisham Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Higgins is a sister of Mrs. Grisham.

Two More Gorman Boys Enlist in Army

Two more Gorman boys left Eastland Tuesday at noon for Dallas where they will be assigned for duty later. They are Albert Westmoreland and J. L. Owens, who volunteered ahead of their call as draftees.

The others leaving from the county were: Robert Ray Hazelwood, Cisco; Homer Cain, and Robert Louis Collins, Carbon; Charles Cole Van'Geem and Jack Foster Collins from Eastland.

Tomorrow four others will leave who are: Clifton King and Dorman Rex Fox, Olden; Bender Hagar and Jim B. Horn from Ranger.

The Eastland county board will have reports from 13 men for service on February 27. Two of these have already volunteered.

"THE SAGE OF THE SAGE HILLS"

Tom Martin Says

Did you ever have a calf to run over you, when you were a boy? I know of no experience that will baffle you more . . . than to be standing still in a cowuen . . . and from nowhere a calf hits you from behind like a pile driver . . . you are so bewildered that you get up out of the dirt . . . and like the little girl who saw Grand Canyon for the first time, said to her mother: . . . "What happened?" That is the way I felt some time ago when I was an onlooker at the banquet the citizens of Austin gave to the members of the House and Senate.

The governor and the lieutenant-governor were there . . . Jim and Ma Ferguson . . . Houghton Brownlee made a good talk . . . Speaker Homer Leonard delivered a fine after-dinner speech . . . there was some horse play and all of a sudden a feller was introduced to speak for the Senate. Well, boys and girls . . . I've heard several speeches in my life time but this one was a new variety to me. He was like the man on the flying trapeze . . . he floated through the air with the greatest of ease. He touched first base on literature, rounded second on the Holy Writ, ran into third on the significant history of the universe and headed safely for home, with a treatise upon government that would have made Blackstone blush with an inferiority complex. Where do they come from? It was the voluntary consensus of opinion that this man is a statesman. I commenced to find out more about him.

The name is John Lee Smith who hails from Throckmorton. He represents the 24th district which is comprised of Throckmorton, Stephens, Eastland, Callahan, Taylor, Shackelford, Jones, Haskell, Fisher, Nolan, Mitchell and Scurry counties. There is a district that could be made into a better empire than some of the European countries. I'd rather live in it anyway. His father was a J. P. of the old school and John is a self made barrister, in the true sense. His district can truly be proud of its senator. He's agoin places.

Neil Sutton of Tarleton spent the week-end visiting his parents.

Higginbotham Bros. Receive Sack of Pabak Fertilizer

The first sack of Pabak Fertilizer to leave the Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association plant went to I. C. Underwood for Higginbotham Bros. Thursday morning. They will handle the fertilizer here, and it will be sold by dealers in all surrounding towns.

The capacity of the plant is 50 tons a day, and 500 tons are in storage now for deliveries.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and Edward, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Speck Clark and son, Doyle Lynn, were in Brownwood Sunday to see Elvy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Smith and sons, Harold and Horace of Rising Star, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lake Childers and family Sunday.

Mrs. V. L. Perry and son, Robert Frank of Fort Worth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moseley, also Mrs. Lowe, Miss Callie and Mr. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hooker and daughters, Cherry Sue and Patricia, spent Sunday in Waco. They went to see an uncle, M. S. Chaney, who has visited the family here for a number of years.

Mrs. Helen Darby left for San Antonio Thursday to be gone several days.

Ed Smith of Brownwood was in Gorman on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Whatley and son were visitors in De Leon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King of Stephenville were visitors of Mrs. Julia King and Mr. and Mrs. Neill Tuesday.

Carbon Bond Election To Be Held

The citizens of the Carbon Independent School District go to the polls Saturday to vote for or against bonds to erect a new school plant in Carbon. The issue of bonds to be voted upon is \$26,000. The Federal Government will supplement this amount with a grant of \$52,000.

The new plant will be modern in every respect.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM TRACTOR ACCIDENT

Paul Nunnally, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nunnally, who lives west of town, had a narrow escape from death Tuesday when the tractor he was driving while giving assistance to a truck, turned over, pinning him beneath for some time. However, the report today is to the effect he was only badly bruised and shaken up and had returned to work with no serious injury.

Mrs. Joe Barker of Stephenville spent several days last week in the home of her uncle, T. O. Shelley. They drove her home Sunday afternoon.

Grandma Blackwell had as her guests Tuesday night her son, Albert, and his daughter, Mabel, of Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

Mmes. Wylie and Oldham and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Ross were Fort Worth shoppers last Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Morrow was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Underwood in Eastland Sunday.

Mrs. Donna Moorman and Mrs. Mamie Clements were guests of Mrs. John Kirk in Eastland Saturday night.

PROGRAM

Mrs. J. C. Brewer is presenting her high school pupils in recital Thursday evening, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p. m. The chief feature of the program will be a one-act play, "First Day of School." No charges. You are cordially invited.

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Garrett Given 'Contact' Position

Word was received this past week that former Congressman, Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland, was appointed head of an "official guide service" for businessmen in Washington seeking contracts with the Government.

Established in the office of Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones, the function of the new service is to assist the hundred and one business and industrial leaders continually arriving here in making contact with proper departmental officials.

Indorsed by the congressional delegations of Georgia, Louisiana and Alabama, as well as Texas, Garrett accepted the position at a salary reported in the \$6,000 to \$7,000 bracket. He has several persons employed under him.

Dick Brewer made Inspector in California

Dick Brewer's many friends here will be pleased to hear of his good fortune in being made a cement inspector for the state of California. He was moved a short time ago to San Jose where he will make his headquarters.

Dick was, for the past few years, an office employee for a wholesale-retail store of Sears & Roebuck at San Diego, California, having worked to the place where he supervised the work of several under him.

Three years ago he took a civil service examination, and the place offered him, the latter part of January, came as the result.

He was told there was room for promotion in this new line, and we feel sure Dick will continue to merit these advancements.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank our many friends for their kindness through the illness and death of our dear husband and father.

Mrs. A. A. Craghead, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Craghead, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Whitehorn and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Cook.

ALAMEDA SERVICES

There will be preaching services Sunday morning, February 16, and Bible School, beginning at 10 o'clock. Services will also be held Sunday night. Everyone is invited.

Check Smith was in De Leon on business Monday.

Dale Hatcher of College Station was a visitor of Dorothy Parker over the week-end.

Weldon Linder, of Brooks Field, and Mr. and Mrs. Clatie Miller, of Stephenville, were guests of the S. E. Linders Sunday. Weldon is staying for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wood were visitors in Eastland Saturday night.

Glenn Mehaffey and Odell Kirk were visitors of Joe Harrison and other friends in Ranger Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hicks were visitors in Eastland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Thompson and Janie of Crane were visitors of Mrs. W. R. Eppler, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thompson and friends over the week-end.

Mrs. Sallie Bishop and Mrs. Alex Robinson, of Ranger, were Fort Worth shoppers last Thursday.

Mrs. Cockrill accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Mack Underwood to Brownwood Sunday.

T. C. Wylie was a business visitor in Rising Star and Cross Plains Wednesday.

Mrs. Bob Burton of Comanche was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moseley Monday.

W. J. Ormsby To Buy Peas This Year

W. J. Ormsby is planning on buying peas again this year for shipment to Fort Worth.

With the wonderful season in the ground from plenteous rains through the winter, it is hoped the farmers will plant several acres to peas and realize a nice sum from them at a time when extra earnings are often needed, Mr. Ormsby advises. He insists those interested come in and talk to him about acreage they expect to give to this crop.

The poorest soil is usually planted to peas, for after they are gathered the vines are plowed under to enrich the soil.

Last year peas brought a dollar per hundred to the growers, and it is hoped they will bring as much or more this year.

FORMER GORMAN GIRL MARRIED SUNDAY

Miss Louise Huckabee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo R. Huckabee of Carbon, formerly of Gorman, and Mr. Garland Loudermilk, of DeLeon, were united in marriage Sunday morning at 9:30 by Rev. Phillips, pastor of the church of Christ in Eastland.

The bride was lovely in a dress of powder blue with black accessories. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Leloin Singleton, of DeLeon.

Mrs. Loudermilk graduated from Gorman High School in 1939, after which she attended Ranger Junior College. Garland is a graduate of DeLeon High School and is employed at Higginbotham Bros. there where they will make their home.

The bride was always popular in school circles and with the younger social set wherever she has lived. Their many friends here, at Carbon and in DeLeon are extending congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Pullig spent Sunday with their daughter, Virginia, in Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hamrick and Billy Ted were in Eastland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brummett and Sarah Frances were in Scranton Sunday to be with homefolks.

Mrs. Edward Blackwell and Joe Harrison spent last Thursday in Waco with Ed.

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Frank Morgan - Billie Burke
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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of this paper, will be gladly corrected upon due notice of same being given the editor personally at the office at Gorman, Texas.

Dean Kirk of Graham spent the week-end with his parents and friends.

Gail Cox of De Leon visited relatives in the Blackwell Sanitarium Sunday. He was also a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Love the same day.

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Before purchasing Burial or any type of insurance investigate policies of company that I represent. Rates are conservative and protection safe.

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News of Carbon

By Mrs. Claude G. Stubblefield

Miss Ruth Miller of Wingate was guest over the week-end of Miss Mary Frances Hardwick. Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gooch of Dawson spent from Friday through the week-end with Mrs. Gooch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard R. Gilbert.

Neill Eaves, student of Tarleton College, spent the week-end with his parents near Kokomo.

Miss Euva Mae Helleum of Brownwood was up Tuesday night visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Thompson and Miss Charlene Jordan.

Mrs. Fannie Hays returned to her home in Royce City Saturday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gilbert of Roby were here through the week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. J. A. Hearne. Mrs. Gilbert remained for a visit with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnett were visiting with their son near Gorman Sunday.

Miss Larue Ussery of Alameda spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ussery.

John Edward Kimble was in Stephenville visiting Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parker and Mrs. E. H. Jones of Eastland were callers of the C. G. Stubblefields Sunday.

Arzie Ford, who has been here employed at the Carbon oil field, has returned to his home at Royalty to resume his work there.

Minor Townsend, who has for some time been employed in a Funeral Home in Temple, is at Carbon this week visiting his mother, Mrs. Mayme Townsend.

Miss Mary Frances Hightower of Palo Pinto is a guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Bridges, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jennings of Palo Pinto were here over the week-end visiting Mrs. Alice Speer. Truman Been who is entering the Army in Brownwood was here Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Been.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Poe and little daughter of Eastland were visiting Mrs. Poe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Stone, Sunday.

Funeral for Mrs. Geo. F. Norris
Mrs. Geo. F. Norris, 39, of Carbon died suddenly of heart trouble early Sunday evening. Mrs. Norris suffered a broken ankle recently but apparently was recovering nicely, as she got up to start to have her ankle dressed she fell to the floor and was dead in a few minutes.

Mrs. Norris was born, Connie Ethyle Liles, May 18, 1901, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Liles. She married Geo. F. Norris in 1917. She was the mother of four children, Wesley, Ina Mae, Irene and George Elmer.

Mrs. Norris became a member of the Baptist church while quite young and remained a faithful member to her death. Survivors to mourn her death are her husband, four children, her parents, three sisters, Mrs. Hughes, Abilene; Mrs. Davis, Stinnett; Mrs. Bateman, Borger; two brothers: Will Liles, Port Lavaca, and Willard Liles, Carbon.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday with her local pastor, Rev. H. D. Christian, officiating. Interment was in Flatwoods cemetery with Speer Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The entire Carbon community joins the family in extending sympathy in their shocking and sudden loss.

Funeral Services for A. Craighead

Mr. Allen Craighead, 59, passed away at his home in the Bear Springs community last Friday afternoon after having been confined to his home for about two months. Mr. Craighead was born in Eastland county in 1882. He married Miss Ruth Bennett in 1917. He was the father of three children, Doyle of Gorman; Mrs. Enoch Cook of Gorman; and Mrs. T. D. Whithorn of Palo Pinto.

Funeral services were held at the New Hope church, of which he was a member, at 2:30 p. m. Saturday with Rev. Ben Clement in charge, assisted by Reverends H. D. Blair and H. D. Christian. Interment was in the Carbon cemetery.

Besides his widow and three children, Mr. Craighead is survived by five sisters and two brothers.

The deceased had many friends in these communities who extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Martin of San Saba, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Skaggs of Comanche were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin, over the week-end.

Miss Modess Mahan who has been taking a commercial course at Draughton's College in Abilene has transferred to Dallas to finish her course.

Mrs. Chester Claborn of Rising Star and Mrs. Willis Claborn of Okra were guests of their sister, Mrs. Jim Martin, Thursday.

Mrs. Bateman of Borger, Mrs. Olene Hughes, Abilene; Mrs. Davis of Stinnett and Mr. Will Liles of Port Lavaca were here Tuesday to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. George Norris.

Buel McGaha, who has been working in Brownwood, spent the week-end visiting with Carbon relatives and friends.

Rev. Nance and little daughters of Lovington, New Mexico, were visitors of Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Jackson Monday night. They had brought Mrs. Nance to the Gorman Hospital. Rev. Nance is a former pastor of the Methodist church of Carbon.

Robert Belmont, who has been in the U. S. Naval Training Station Co. 41-9 at San Diego, California for several weeks, is back home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Williams, for a temporary visit. Bobbie has many friends here who welcome him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker W. Martin returned Tuesday from East Texas and Dallas where they had visited with their daughters and sons. Dean Martin, a son, who has been manager of a grocery store at Troup, returned with them for an indefinite visit.

Oil Belt League

The young people of the Carbon Methodist church were host and hostess last Friday evening to the Oil Belt Union League. Ranger had charge of the program. Rev. Webb of Eastland addressed the young people using for his subject, "Dangerous Living." The recreation period was climaxed by "A Battle of the Sexes" quiz in which the boys won by a very narrow margin.

About sixty young people and their sponsors attended.

J. M. Thurman Has Birthday

Mr. J. M. Thurman was tendered a pleasant surprise over the week-end in the celebration of his birth anniversary. His daughter, Miss Bess, an instructor in the Spur schools; his sister, Mr. Lee Hooker of Albany; and a daughter, Mrs. Bill Garrison and children of Eastland were here to help make the anniversary a pleasant one for him. A surprise birthday cake was sent by a friend, Mrs. W. F. Gilbert, of Spur. Mrs. Thurman, at this time, is on an extended visit with their daughter, Miss Fae, in California. Many more happy birthdays, we say, to Mr. J. M. (Bub) Thurman!

Club Hears Book Review

The '38 Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Jackson, Sr., Wednesday for their program. During the executive session, presided over by the president, the club voted to act as co-hostesses with the woman's club of Comanche on Feb. 20 in entertaining the president of T. F. W. C., Mrs. J. W. Walker, of Plainview; and the president of D. F. W. C., Mrs. Mark Leverette, of Menard, who are making an itinerary of this district.

The club is on an imaginary "Good Neighbor Tour" of the other Americas and Mrs. D. L. Adair, guide and director for this fortnight, gave a unique and informative talk on the countries visited Wednesday—Colombia and Ecuador. In keeping with the clubs quotation for the day—"All the World's a Stage and the People are its Actors," Mrs. Adair used Colombia and Ecuador as the stage; the natives, as its actors; and the club members as its audience. The guide also gave much information about the art, treasure and literature and pointed out the beautiful churches and Cathedrals of those countries.

Mrs. Grady Morton gave a very interesting book review using Ann Miller Downes', "So Stands The Rock." Mrs. Morton won praise on her analytic review which was well prepared in such a short time since she substituted for another member, who was unable to give a review. Roll call responses were given on highlights of the review. The County Federation meeting was announced, which meets in Ranger Friday afternoon of this week.

Notice To Creditors of the Estate of Mattie Wood, Deceased

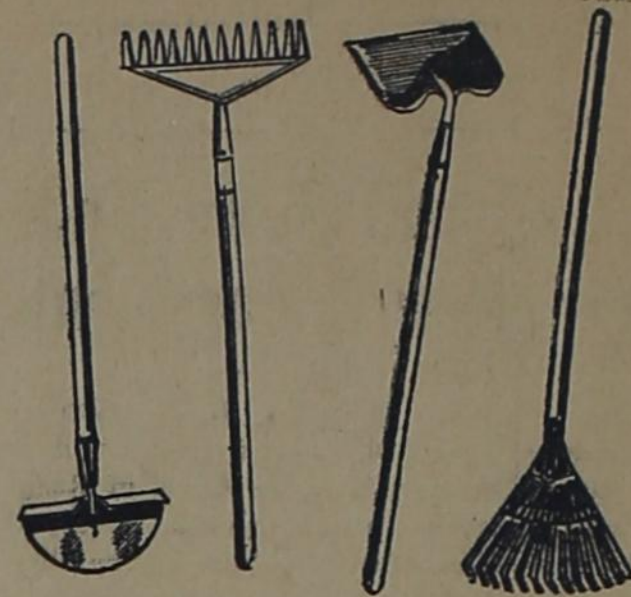
Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Mattie Wood, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 30th day of January, 1941, by the County Court of Eastland County. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and postoffice address are Gorman, County of Eastland, State of Texas.

H. T. Wood, Administrator of the Estate of Mattie Wood, Deceased.

The Peiping Gazette, world's oldest newspaper, has been published in China continuously for the past 1,028 years. It is said that 800 of its editors during this period have been beheaded for publishing articles that incurred the displeasure of the Chinese authorities. Apparently, however, new editors were always found who were willing to risk their lives to maintain a free press.

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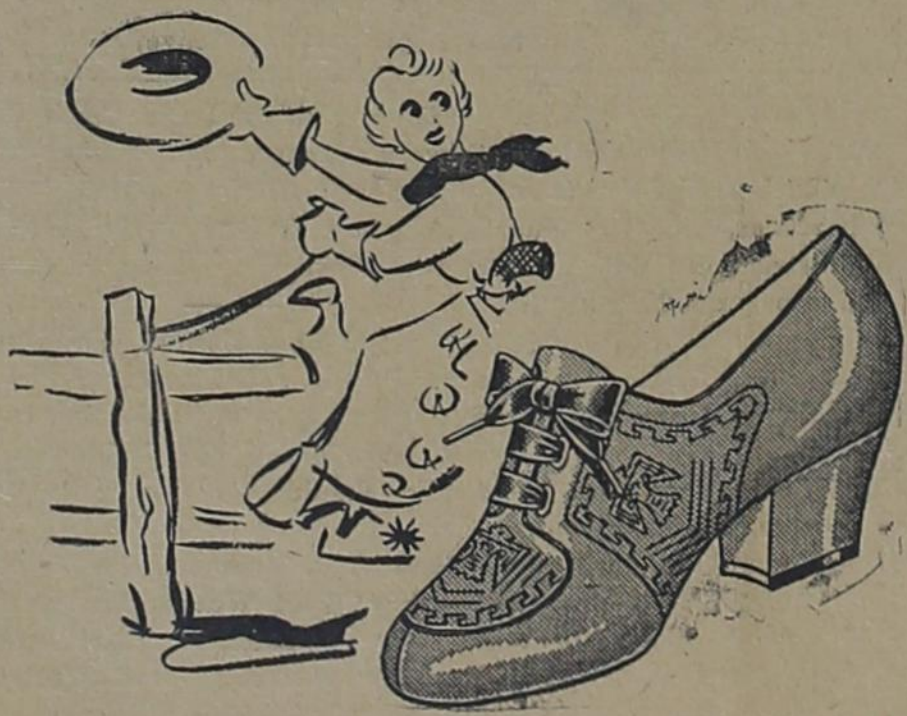
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News of Desdemona

The ladies of the Baptist W. M. U. met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. A. Skipping, for a Royal Service program with Mrs. J. H. Jackson as leader. The book which they are studying is, "Three Years Through the Bible," and the lessons for the next several months will be the second year studies. Those present were: Mmes. Grace Bray, Charles McFatter, Clayton Williams, Gid Tarpley, C. A. Skipping, J. H. Jackson, Floyd Moore, Miss Eva Northcutt, and Rev. Orville Richardson, the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Nance and baby left Saturday for their home at Hillsboro after having been here for a week, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Genoway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rushing and three daughters were in Stephenville on business Monday.

Walter May, accompanied by his brother, C. E. May of Ranger, drove to Mineral Wells Sunday and spent the day with their sister, Mrs. Iola Mitchell, who lives on a ranch near there. On his return he stopped in Ranger to see Dr. Kuykendall who had been seriously hurt in an automobile crash which occurred Sunday afternoon on the highway entering Ranger from the east. The occupant of the car which struck the Kuykendall car was hurt but not seriously. Dr. Holt who was with Dr. Kuykendall was also seriously injured. Their many friends here hope they may soon recover.

Miss Delia Wall was a visitor of her mother near De Leon Saturday. She was accompanied by Miss Edith Creighton.

Mrs. O. G. Lawson and her son, Melvin of Cisco, came down Friday and visited Mr. and Mrs.

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because of gas, sour stomach and heartburn. ADLERIKA relieves me. Now I eat anything I like." (J. M. Ark.) If spells of constipation upset YOU, try quick-acting ADLERIKA today.

Charles Lee, Miss Mollie O'Rear and her sister, Mrs. Annie Daniel and a number of other friends and former neighbors. Melvin has been working the past year in New Mexico and is now on his way to San Antonio to enter the aviation branch of the United States Army. Melvin spent his childhood in Desdemona and his many friends here feel sure he will make a good record in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fincannon who moved to Lingleville a few weeks ago, came Sunday and put their furniture into one room of their home as they rented the rest of the house to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Yeager.

Mrs. Tom Nabers returned Sunday from Eastland where she had gone on Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Guy Patterson and family.

Hiram Pool and family moved Saturday to Olden to which place he was transferred by the Magnolia Company. Their many friends regret to lose them from our town where they have lived many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Brown and two children, of Comanche, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, of Stephenville, spent Sunday here with their sister, Miss Alva Brown and their brother, Alton Brown. Another brother, R. A. Brown, and family whose farm and new brick home are near the home of Alton and Miss Alva, went over and spent the day with the others of the family.

On Saturday morning the following members of Desdemona Eastern Star Chapter went to Ranger and attended an all-day school of instruction, conducted by the District Deputy Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Lois Burnett. Desdemona Chapter was one of the eight co-hostess chapters that assisted with the school of instruction. Those who attended from here were: Mr. and Mrs. Gid Tarpley, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ragland, and Mmes. J. H. Rushing, I. N. Williams, Gifford Acrea, J. E. Heeter, Bill

Parks, W. C. Bedford, C. W. Maltby, J. H. Jackson, and A. D. Baker. During the day examinations were given and nine A certificates and four B certificates were awarded to Desdemona members, a certificate for each one who attended the school. The guest of honor, Mrs. Robbie Dyer, of Amarillo, who is Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Several other officers of the Grand Chapter were present and were honor guest at a noon luncheon. The Ranger Chapter deserves much praise for the success of the school which was attended by 165 members from the various towns in District 3, Section 4. The Masonic Hall where the school was held had been attractively decorated with pot plants and draperies of red, white and blue bunting. At the opening of the session a large U. S. Flag was presented and saluted and placed in its proper position in the East where it remained until the closing hour in the afternoon when with solemn ceremony it was retired, the ceremony being given by a member of the Cisco Chapter.

On Tuesday of last week at the High School Gym a large crowd gathered for a varied program sponsored by the football boys and their coach, C. L. Brannan. First there were two basket ball games, two boys' teams from nearby towns playing one game and the Alameda girls playing Desdemona girls, with our local team the winners. Next the several classes of high school, the football team and the Grade School put on some amusing stunts. Then came the "Pie Supper" with L. E. Clark, president of the School Board, serving as auctioneer and doing the job so well that of the 52 pies that were sold only two or three brought less than 50 cents and several brought \$1.00 each. A football quilt that is to be sold soon was exhibited. The \$62.00 from the entertainment will pay for part of the sweaters.

The following item was received by the reporter from a class reporter of Draughon's Business

College at Abilene: "Joe Pool, who has been attending Draughon's has accepted a position with the Balfanz Construction Company as book-keeping clerk." Joe is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Pool and graduated from Desdemona High School in May 1939. His many friends are delighted to hear of his success and feel sure he will merit all opportunities that may be given him.

J. T. Craig, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Craig, left Monday of last week for Abilene to take his first examinations as a volunteer for the U. S. Navy. On Friday a letter came saying he had passed the several tests and for him to come to Abilene Monday of this week for a final physical test and to come prepared to go to San Diego, California at once, he left early Monday morning. Although enlisting in the Navy, he expects to become an aviator after some training in the Navy.

I GIVE YOU TEXAS By Boyce House

There must be fairer fields somewhere
Beyond this wayside inn
Of life as we have known it here
With all its care and sin.
Perhaps we'll find new glory there
Unmarked by greed or shame,
Where one may keep his honor clean
And still know wealth and fame.

Somewhere beyond the tall skyline
That crowns our waning day—
Beyond the low green borderlands
That hold our flesh at bay—
Beyond dim hills when twilight falls
Where star-swept rivers flow—
There must be fairer highways there
For restless feet to know.

What if the way is long and rough,
And hills are swept by gales?
No bold heart fears the tortured trip
To far, uncharted trails.
And if—throughout the long dark night
No ghostly shadows creep,
Thank God, beyond the tumult here
We'll find eternal sleep.

The above beautiful poem was republished recently in the Wharton Spectator by Editor Frank Shannon and was written by his uncle, the late H. M. Shannon, who was editor of the Richmond Texas Coaster.

Llano is a land of legend and delight to tourists. In the southwestern part of the county is famous Enchanted Rock, a solid block of granite, a mile square. It was named by the Indians perhaps because, when struck a mighty blow, it gives an odd but inspiring sound. The story is told of a frontiersman who, being pursued by redskins, took refuge on the rock and his foes would not follow him.

Then, 18 miles southeast of Llano, stands old Packsaddle Mountain. Editor Bill Collins of the Llano News says this was the scene of the fight which drove the Comanches out of the State, a force of ranchmen defeating a far larger band of Indians. The only man still living who took part in the victory is A. F. Moss, a rancher.

Llano County is, of course, a hunter's paradise. Five thousand deer, it is estimated, are killed

during the hunting season. Then there are quail, doves, ducks and wild turkeys. Hardware windows, a few weeks ago when this observer was there, were filled with trophies of the hunt and the Buckhorn Cafe walls were lined with deer heads.

As for fishing, Buchanan Lake is only a few miles away—the largest in the Southwest and the second biggest artificial lake in the world. The two-mile concrete dam is the longest on earth. There are parks along the waterfront and a scenic drive runs beside the lake. There are cottages for rent; stores, rowboats, motorboats—in short, everything for one who is seeking sport, recreation, beauty or just a soothing rest.

Judge: "The idea of a man of your size beating a poor weak woman like that."

Prisoner: "But, Your Honor, she keeps irritating me all the time."

Judge: "How does she irritate you?"

"Man's most pitiful weakness is his desire to get something for nothing." —Friendly Cheer.

C. J. Harding of Kelly Field was in Gorman Monday visiting friends.

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Prisoner: "Why, she keeps saying, 'Hit me! Beat me! Just hit me once, and I'll have you hauled up before that bald-headed ole reprobate of a judge, and see what he'll do with you.'"
Judge: "Discharged."

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