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NUMBER TWO

Desdemona Couple Take Honeymoon On 56th Anniversary

With ginning all done, Mr and Mrs T H Key of Desdemona, took off late in January for a honeymoon on their 56th wedding anniversary.

They went first to Bay City to visit with cousins of Mr Key, "Big-hearted" Frank Sutton, and Sutton's two sisters. Then they took a trip over into Old Mexico, a trip that was novel in more ways than one. The beauty and eccentricity of Mexico is rather widely known but crossing the border was for Mrs Key her first time to be out of the state.

On January 29th, 1897 T H Key and Miss Ella Seaton rode three miles on horseback from their home in Navarro County to Purdon where they were married by Baptist minister, Uncle Jack

Key came to Desdemona in 1934 from Pearl, Texas. He owns and operates the gin in Gorman and also holds a partnership with his son in a gin in Brady. The son is Tommy Key. A daughter, Mrs Jewel Hallmark, lives in Lingleville.

Turkey Growers Hold Meeting

The Central Texas Turkey Growers Association met in their regular monthly meeting at Carbon Thursday night, February 19. The election of officers was postponed from our January meeting because of so much illness among our members. The election was held at this meeting. Dr Ben H Bradley of Rising Star was re-elected president for another year and Ben Wilson of Clyde was elected as vice-president.

It was voted to combine the offices of secretary and treasurer and Mrs Hardie Tidwell, who had been treasurer, was elected to this office. Dr Bradley postponed the naming of the directors until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in Cisco on March 19th at 8:00 o'clock.

We had four new members pay their dues. We urge all those people, who are interested in the turkey industry, directly or indirectly, to attend our meetings, whether you see fit to pay dues and become a voting member or not. Our meetings are open to everyone interested and you are always welcome. The association will strive to have programs that are worth while at each and every meeting.

Mrs Hardie Tidwell

Announcements

A meeting of all Ferguson Dealers is being held in Dallas Monday, March 2nd. Wright Bros Garage will be closed Monday so that Gene and Gabe can attend this meeting.

The First National Bank of Gorman, Texas will observe Monday, March 2, 1953, Texas Independence Day, as a legal holiday and will not be open on that date.

There will be services at Rock Bluff Church on March 1st, Sunday. Sunday School at 10:00 A M, Preaching at 11:00 A M, and Singing at 2:00 P M. Each and every one invited.

Rev. H F Skaggs, Pastor

There will be a Revival Meeting at the Desdemona Bible Baptist Church beginning March 1st. The Rev H E Williams, pastor, will do the preaching. Public invited to attend.

Card of Thanks

To neighbors and friends who extended so much sympathy and kindness on the occasion of the death of our mother and grandmother. Mrs Perlina Smith, we offer our sincere thanks.

Mr and Mrs Dolph Smith and Family

Bill Stewart of Wickett, the son of Mr and Mrs L D Stewart of De Leon, was in town on Monday saying "Hello" to friends while on holiday week end visit with his parents.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Christine Speck In Vici Oklahoma

Vici, Oklahoma, Feb. 19 - Mrs. Christine Speck, age 78 years, died at her home in Gorman, Texas on Monday, February 16th, following an illness of several weeks.

Mrs Speck was one of the pioneer residents of this community although she had not lived in this community for the past several years.

Mrs Speck was born at Newport, Iowa She married Elmer A Speck in 1892. The young couple moved to Oklahoma in the spring of 1900 and homesteaded on the section of land on which the town of Vici is located.

The couple lived on the farm until 1906. In the meanwhile Vici had moved from its old location to the Speck farm. That year the couple purchased a mercantile store from Mack Castor and operated it until 1912. She, with her husband, established the first telephone exchange at Vici in 1906 and after selling their interest in the store, operated the phone company until 1925 when they sold out and moved to Foss Oklahoma until June of 1930, they sold out and moved to Amarillo, Texas, where they resided until 1940 when they moved to Gorman, Texas where they resided until her death.

Mr Speck preceded her in death in June, 1950.

Surviving are Ethel McAlary of Myrtle Creek, Ore. Hazel Brown of Vici, Okla., Roy Speck of Alma, Ark, Chester A Speck of Vici, Okla, Walter Speck of Gorman, Texas, Leona Autry of Amarillo, Texas, Viola Akers of Gorman, Texas. A daughter Bertha Houser, died in 1939. Two sons died in infancy. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs Bess Larkin of Ft Madison, Iowa and Julie Helverson of Waupello, Iowa.

In early life she associated with the Baptist Church and remained a faithful worker throughout her life.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 19 at the Christian church at Vici with Rev Delmore Howell, Baptist minister officiating. Burial was at Sunnyside cemetery with the Shaw Funeral Home in charge.

Card Of Thanks

We sincerely wish to thank you who sent cards, flowers, and to us, and our mother, during her illness and death.

We especially thank the doctors and nurses, Mrs V W Day, Mrs Grady Rone, and Mrs Horace Broom, for their kindness and patience.

May God bless each and every one of you.

The Family of Mrs E A Speck

MIKE STACY RETURNS

Mike Stacy and his grandmother have returned from Warm Springs, Georgia. Mikes check-up proved satisfactory but surgery will be delayed until a later date.

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Mrs Payne has resigned from her position in Dallas as a bank clerk. Mr Payne is a G I student attending Hardin Simmons.

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Big Baskets To Play Basket Ball For Benefit Senior Fund

Gorman business men masquerading as bloomed girls of 1900 have challenged other business men, gay young blades of that era to a basketball game at the school gym on Friday night.

Proceeds will be given to the Senior Class to apply on their Senior Trip.

Participating in the game will be, among others, Harvey Parker, Boyd Hilley, Quail Thompson, Norman Anglin, Gabe Wright, Gene Wright, Alvis Rodgers, Arlon Watson, Ben R Townley, and Gene Rodgers, opposing R B Lane Archie Skaggs, Speck Clark, W C Browning, Gene Baker, Foggy Bennett, Speedy Clark, Stub Poy nor, Gus Frossard, and Jug Dennis.

You won't have to be a sports fan to enjoy this take-off game. Any other fellows who will play, just be there dressed for the occasion.

Janet Isbel Is Wed To Ronald Payne

Miss Janette Isbel and Mr Ronald Payne were wed on Saturday evening, February 21, 1953 at the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

The ceremony was performed by Rev Richard Murray of Colorado City before an altar banked with gladioluses and palms.

The bride, daughter of Mrs Nettie Isbel, wore a ballerina skirted gown fashioned of nude shantung. She was given in marriage by her brother, James Isbel.

Attending the couple were the bridesmaid, Miss Mary Steel of Dallas, and best man, Jack Butler, of Abilene.

Following the ceremony Mr and Mrs A C Payne, parents of the bridegroom, were hosts for a reception honoring the couple. Later most of the guests went to Eastland to see the new home of the new Mr and Mrs Payne.

Present to the reception were Mrs Nettie B Isbell, Miss Lorena Clark, and Mr and Mrs J E Walker, Jr, and Miss Frances Isbell, all of Gorman, Mary Steel, Mr and Mrs C F Woolsey, Mrs Grace Daugherty, Mrs Ruby Woolsey, Mr and Mrs John Nowlin, all of Dallas, Jack Butler and Mr and Mrs Pat Isbell of Abilene, Mr and Mrs James Isbell of Ozona, Mr and Mrs Dearrel Isbell, Mrs J P Southall, Mr and Mrs O J Nowlin, all of Ft Worth, Mr and Mrs Mike Ogle of Ranger, Rev and Mrs G W Thomas, Miss Madeline Justice, Miss Wanda Payne, and Jerry Payne, all of Carbon, Rev and Mrs R B Murray of Colorado City, Mr and Mrs Wade Russell of Stephenville, Mr and Mrs W B Nowlin and Joy, and Mrs Raymon Carter, Kay and Scotty, all of De Leon, Mr and Mrs Geo Bowles of Sundown, and the host and hostess, Mr and Mrs O C Payne.

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J W Brownings Visit Gorman - Stock Up On Frozen Food

Joe Bob, Loris Ann, Bobby, and Kathy Browning of Gruver, Texas have been visiting in and around Gorman the past week end.



The Gorman Progress, with other folks about town, were happy to chat with them briefly. Loris Ann was regretting that the time was so short she just couldn't see everybody, echoing the familiar tune of folks who come back home with only enough time to get a coal of fire.



The Brownings have found good people and good schools in their new location. Although Joe Bob has given up farming for the oil field job he and Mrs Browning looked up the Farm Bureau and put in for membership. They found the organization to have great support in the Gruver vicinity.

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Mrs Perlina Smith Services Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs Perlina E Smith, 84, who passed away at the local hospital at 9 A M Monday were, held at the local Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The pastor, Rev J L Ray, officiated.

Mrs Smith was fatally injured when she fell to the floor of her bedroom early Sunday. Mr Dolph Smith, with whom she made her home, had lighted her bedroom heater and cautioned her to remain in bed. Mrs Smith, the widow of the late D P Smith, who preceded her in death in 1946, had been blind for a number of years.

Ex-rays at the hospital shortly after she fell showed that the femur bone was broken.

Mrs Smith was born in Pontotoc County, Mississippi on August 31st, 1868. She came with her husband to Gorman in 1919.

The deceased is survived by her son, Dolph Smith, two grand children, Arlton Smith and Mrs Kinser Thompson, and a great granddaughter, Brenda Thompson.

Pallbearers were W T Shell, Othel Clark, Herman Bennett, Joe Bennett, Dale Brightwell, and Bill Parr.

Interment was made in the De Leon Cemetery.

Popular Swing Band Benefit Show To-Nite At High School Gym

The "Texans", popular swing band, with players from three counties, will entertain at the Gorman Gym tonight, February 26th, beginning at 8 P M.

Besides music there will be singing, jokes and lots of fun.

The admission price is 15 and 25 cents.

Eddleman of Lingleville directs the band. His players come from Comanche, De Leon and Desdemona.

This event is sponsored by the Quarterback Club who plan to give the proceeds to the March of Dimes.

Eastland County has not reached its quota for polio.

WITH OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

After eleven months in the Far East, Ensign James Z. Butler, USN, husband of the former Miss Bettie White of Gorman, arrived at San Diego, California last week aboard the Amphibious Force flagship USS Mount McKinley. The cruise, which began last March, included several operations and numerous training exercises. Among these were Operation Coralhead, held near Buckner Bay, Okinawa, and the famous "mock invasion" of North Korea. While in the Far East, the Mount McKinley visited the major ports of Japan and Korea. The return trip included a stop-over at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK MARCH 1-7

Public School Week Patrons Think On This

An investment in the public schools is an investment in Democracy.

This is the third year for observance of Public School Week. Out of public schools come the future leaders of our country.

Many people praise the school when they participate as fans on the field of sports.

But the same people will often give unconstructive criticism and absolutely no intelligent support to the teaching efforts of the school.

Your superintendent and your board will listen to complaints. But they can scarcely be expected to appreciate round-about criticism.

Approaching the school staff or the school board with an idea of accomplishing something of benefit rather than with the subconscious thought of hurting the believed offender will make for better understanding and better schools.

Former Citizen Dies In Veterans Hospital

Lester Lee Hooker, 56, of Ft Worth and formerly of Gorman, passed away at the Veterans Hospital in McKinney on February 17th where he had been a patient since June 1952.

Mr Hooker's illness, Hodgkins disease, was of long duration. During his nine years of residence in Fort Worth he had been employed at Montgomery Ward while he was able to work.

Having served in World War I he was a member of the American Legion. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

The Rosary was read at the Owen Brumley Chapel and services were held at the St Thomas Church.

Gorman folks attending the funeral services were Mesdames Marvin Blair, D J Jobe, and Miss Ozella Pulley, Messrs Bill Parr and Clyde Pulley, Mrs Elmer Maupin, Mrs J Q Eakin, Mrs Dean Bennett and daughter, Dorothy.

Mrs Frank Dean Injured In Collision At Panhandle, Texas

W J Ormsby received word Wednesday that his grandson, Paul Dean Ormsby and Mrs Frank Dean had been injured in an automobile accident Wednesday morning at Panhandle, Texas.

Details of the wreck were not known. Mrs Dean and Paul Dean were hospitalized at the West Plains Hospital in Borger. X-rays disclosed no serious injuries.

Paul Dean, who has been suffering with rheumatic fever was on the way to Gorman with his maternal grandmother, Mrs Dean

Mr and Mrs Atchison Announce Daughter's Engagement

Mr and Mrs C E Atchison of Route 1, De Leon are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Anna Jean, to 1st Lt James C Falls, son of Mr and Mrs R M Falls, of Comanche.

Miss Atchison graduated from Gorman High School with the class of '48, attended Brantly-Draughn Business College in Ft Worth, and has been employed at The Comanche National Bank for the past four years.

Lt Falls is a graduate of Comanche High School and of Texas A & M College. He entered the Air Force in April 1951, and has recently graduated with the class of 53-A-I of the USAF Basic Pilot School at Reese AFB, Lubbock, Texas.

The wedding date has not been announced. Their plans depend on his next assignment.

Burglars entered Gorman and Desdemona Schools Wednesday night. Nothing of value was stolen from Gorman except some change from a pop box. No report from Desdemona.

The Gorman Public Schools, in conjunction with the state-wide observance, have set the following schedule for visitation.

Monday, March 2 - Parents of high school students or any interested patrons of the high school.

Tuesday, March 3 - Parents of 7th and 8th graders.

Wednesday, March 4 - Parents of 5th and 6th graders.

Thursday, March 5 - Parents of 3rd and 4th graders.

Friday, March 6 - Parents of 1st and 2nd graders.

All parents or patrons interested in taking part are urged to do so by local school officials. Visitors may spend the entire day or come at any convenient time during the day. School lunches may be obtained by paying 25 cents to an attendant stationed in the lunchroom.

Parents are invited to ask questions they may have in regard to school organization or activities. It is hoped that large groups of adults will visit the school during this period. Similar events in the past have proved very successful as a means of interpreting the school to the parent.

The Gorman School Board, together with the administration and the faculty, takes this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to all citizens in the Gorman community to take part in the program of visitation.

P'lic School Education Has Historical Background

Public School Education was not always as we, the people of Texas, know it. Public School Education in the United States and in Texas which was once a republic of its own have early beginnings with solid foundations.

It was in 1642 that the General Court of Massachusetts, (the state was at that time, of course, a British Colony) declared in favor of free public schools by ruling that each community should provide teachers for the children.

On March 2nd, 1836 the Constitution of the new Republic of Texas declared, "It shall be the duty of Congress, as soon as circumstances will permit, to provide by law, a general system of education."

Education is rightly said to have become the bulwark of freedom.

A complete history of the development of the public school in the United States and its various members would fill a volume or two, yet folks may learn a lot by a visit to their local school during Public School Week, March 1st through 6th.

KING THEATRE

THURSDAY - FRIDAY
Mitzi Gaynor - Scott Brady

In
BLOODHOUNDS OF BROADWAY

Also
Eisenhower Inauguration Cartoon

SATURDAY
Charles Starrett - Smiley Burnette

In
CYCLONE FURY

And
James Brown - Shelia Ryan

In
THE BIG FIX

Also
Bugs Bunny Cartoon

SUNDAY - MONDAY
Audie Murphy - Susan Cabot

In
GUNSMOKE

Also
Color Cartoon

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY
George Brent -

Marguerite Chapman

In
MAN BAIT

Also
Color Cartoon

THURSDAY - FRIDAY
Anne Baxter - MacDonald Carey

In
MY WIFES BEST FRIEND

Also
Disney Cartoon

McMurry College To Celebrate Ten Years Of Progress



This single picture reveals partially why McMurry College will pause March 10-14 to celebrate ten years of progress under the administration of Dr Harold G Cooke. With the "Builder" President in the foreground, four permanent buildings constructed

during his tenure are shown in the background. Beginning at the left are Gold Star, Dormitory for Men, Iris Graham Memorial Din-

ing Hall, President Hall Dormitory for Women, and Radford Memorial Student Life Center.

HE COMMANDED ALL SUBS IN THE PACIFIC DURING THE EARLY MONTHS OF THE KOREAN WAR, DISPATCHING HIS UNDERSEA FLEET FROM PEARL HARBOR.

REAR ADMIRAL JOHN H. BROWN U.S. NAVY



DURING WORLD WAR II HE LED A PACK OF SUBS WHICH SANK 72 ENEMY SHIPS AND DAMAGED 54 OTHERS.



HIS OUTSTANDING ABILITY IN FOOTBALL WON HIM A POSITION ON THE 1913 ALL-AMERICAN TEAM.

HE COMMANDED A CRUISER DIVISION AND TASK FORCE BOMBARDING ENEMY AIRFIELDS AND ELIMINATING JAPANESE SHIPPING IN THE KURILE AREA.



Desdemona News

Health is fair in this community at this writing.

Virgil Northcutt is suffering from a heart attack.

HH Williams is a victim of a severe attack of the flu.

Skeet Nabors is a bed patient at his home.

Granny Wimberly shows very little improvement since the last writing.

Granny Northcutt and Eva were both bed patients the past week.

Mrs Joiner, Vernelle and Mrs Jolene May made a business trip to Ft Worth Monday.

Mr and Mrs Edd Parks returned home Tuesday after spending several days in Premont visiting with their son, Mr and Mrs Earl Parks.

Mack Keith left Sunday for Odessa after spending the week end with his mother, Ethel Keith.

Ethel accompanied Mr and Mrs Hugh Abel to Alexander Sunday night to be at the bedside of his mother, Mrs R R Abel, who had suffered another stroke earlier in the day.

Mrs Arden Parker and children were visitors the past week end with her parents, Mr and Mrs Raymond Joiner.

Mr and Mrs Bennie Northcutt and Mr and Mrs Homer Underwood of Rising Star and Mrs Andrew Marine and children of Strawn visited Monday night in the Tom Northcutt home.

Misses Marge Brown and Jean Hadley of Dallas and Mr Robert Brown of Greenville visited in the R A Brown home the past week end and also with Mr Alton Brown and Miss Eva Brown on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs Pearl Kullenburg of Austin is spending this week with her parents, Mr and Mrs Tom Northcutt.

Mrs Jess Griffith left Sunday for a short visit in San Antonio with a daughter and other relatives.

As this is going to press Virgil Northcutt was rushed to the hospital at Gorman. He was suffering with a third heart attack within five days.

LOCAL COUPLES ATTEND OKLAHOMA STAGE SHOW

Mr and Mrs Edward Harrison and Dr and Mrs Verle Rodgers were in Fort Worth on Saturday night attending the Oklahoma Stage Show at the Will Rogers Auditorium.

BUY - RENT - LEASE - LOAN - THROUGH THE WANT ADS

Do you have enough Fire Insurance? Let me save you money. C. J. Thompson, Box 69, Phone 590, Comanche, Texas. State Farm Insurance Companies.

WANTED - 100 fifteen year old radios to overhaul. One year guarantee on all sets accepted for overhaul. Robert F Kay, Radio and Television, De Leon fn

NOTICE - We do first class renovating on mattresses. We make new cotton and innerspring mattresses. Pritchard Mattress Factory. Phone 3731 - Night 3841, DeLeon, Texas. We pick up and deliver. fn

Do you have water problems? If you have bring them to us. We have Pumps (All Kinds) Pipe, Water Heaters and Irrigation Systems. Gorman Machine Shop - Your Massey-Harris Dealer. 9-11-fn

DEAD ANIMAL SERVICE - Hamilton Rendering Co. - Free and Sure - Call Collect Phone 303, Hamilton, Texas fn

FOR DOZER WORK see SCHUMANN and VANCE, De Leon, Tex. as. Brush Pushing, Tanks and Sub-Soil Plowing. 12-18fn

FRYERS FOR SALE - Dresser on order. Mrs J A Baze. 12-18fn

Singer Sewing Machine Co. Singer Consoles as low as \$121.00 Singer Portables as low as \$92.50 Good used Machines \$15 and up. Call or write for Free Demonstration. 115 So. Lamar, Phone 863, Eastland, Texas. fn

NURSERY STOCK FOR SALE - Fruit Trees, Shade Trees, Evergreens, Roses, Flowering Shrubs and Pecan Trees. Womack's Nursery (near Rucker), De Leon, Texas. 1-1fn

If you are sick see your doctor. If your watch is sick see Elbert Denton. fn

Paper Shell Pecan Trees - Now is the time to plant them. B B Freeman Pecan Orchard, RFD 1, Ranger, Texas. 10 Miles South east of Ranger 2-26p

BABY CHICKS - Hatches each Monday of highest quality chicks. Low prices. .5 per 100 and up. Nine pure breeds and Hybrids. STAR HATCHERY, Baird, Texas. 2-5fn

FOR SALE - Bolens Huski Garden Tractors and Equipment. Free Demonstration. Crawley and Tibbles Hardware, Ranger, Texas. 3-5c

FOR SALE - Armstrong Quaker Feltbase Floor-Covering - 12 Ft width. Crawley and Tibbles Hardware, Ranger, Texas 3-5c

HELP WANTED - FEMALE Women to give Stanley Demonstrations in Gorman and surrounding territories. Car necessary. Unusual earnings. Write Box 891, Fort Worth, Texas.

FOR SALE - Twin Beds. Mattress almost new. Mrs Z O Mehaffey. 3-5fn

FOR RENT - 5-room house with bath. E F McCormack, Phone 72W, Gorman. 3-5fn

PART TIME SALES: Make as much as \$100.00 per week selling Hospitalization, Polio, and Life Insurance on a part time basis. A large National concern has openings for qualified men or women. Write P. O. Box 9845, Fort Worth Texas for particulars.

LOST - Dark reddish-brindle dehorned whitefaced heifer weighing about 600 pounds. Strayed from pasture about 5 miles north west of Gorman. Would appreciate information leading to her recovery. Roscoe Reeves.

\$400 MONTHLY SPARE TIME Company operating nationally will select reliable person to own and operate route of merchandise dispensing machines in Gorman, Texas and surrounding area. No selling required. \$400 per month possible part time, full time more. Car and references necessary. \$695 cash required which is secured by merchandise and equipment. For interview in your town with factory representative, include phone and address n reply. UNITED MFG. AGENCY. 5473 Delmar, St Louis 12, Mo. 1tp

Your Account is appreciated by the First National Bank of Gorman, Texas - The Oldest Bank in Eastland County.

Missionary To Brazil Scheduled To Speak At Methodist Church

A Methodist missionary, who established a school for boys in an interior village of Brazil, will be guest speaker at the Cisco District Methodist Rally meeting to be held in the Methodist Church in Gorman Friday evening, March 6th at 7:30 o'clock. He is the Rev Clement E Hubbard, founder of the American Institute at Lins, and missionary to the surrounding villages in the state of Sao Paulo.

Mr Hubbard went to Brazil in 1921 and after five years of pastoral work he founded the American Institute at Lins. This has developed into a notable evangelistic and educational service for rural villagers. Some 1,500 pupils are now enrolled in the grammar school, high school, normal, and sewing schools. The night school is the most popular and there are 300 boarding students. The school operates three small farms which are serving thousands of farmers in the state. The agricultural department will be further developed by a new missionary who will go to Brazil in 1953.

Mr Hubbard is a native of Rockmart, Ga. He was educated at Emory College, the Chandler School of Theology and at Cambridge University in England. He served in the United States Army in the first World War and upon his return was admitted into the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church. He was a teacher in the Gordon Institute at Barnesville, Georgia, when appointed a missionary to Brazil.

The Rev E H Lightfoot, pastor of First Methodist Church, Cisco, and district director of missions, will introduce the speaker at the Gorman meeting. The district superintendent, the Rev Leslie W Seymour, will show picture scenes of the Methodist Glen Lake Camp at Glen Rose and will present information regarding the improvement program being projected there.

Delegations from the forty churches of the Cisco District will attend the meeting. The public is invited to attend.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to say "Thank You", to our many friends for the many visits, the flowers and cards we received during the long illness and the death of our son, Lester.

Mr and Mrs W B Hooker

Garden Silhouette Presents Pleasing Topic For W S C

"Gardens Silhouette" the topic of study for the Woman's Study Club on Monday night presented a pleasing theme for discussion for the members in the home of Mrs O R Buchanan.

Speakers on the program were Miss Ozella Pulley who discussed House Plants and Decorations and Mrs G C Acrea who gave hints on Controlling Pests and Insects.

Each member received a seed packet, a gift from the Burgess Seed Company.

Refreshments with appointments were in keeping with the traditions of Washington's Birthday celebration.

The club's honorary member, Mrs Tom Small, was among the members present.

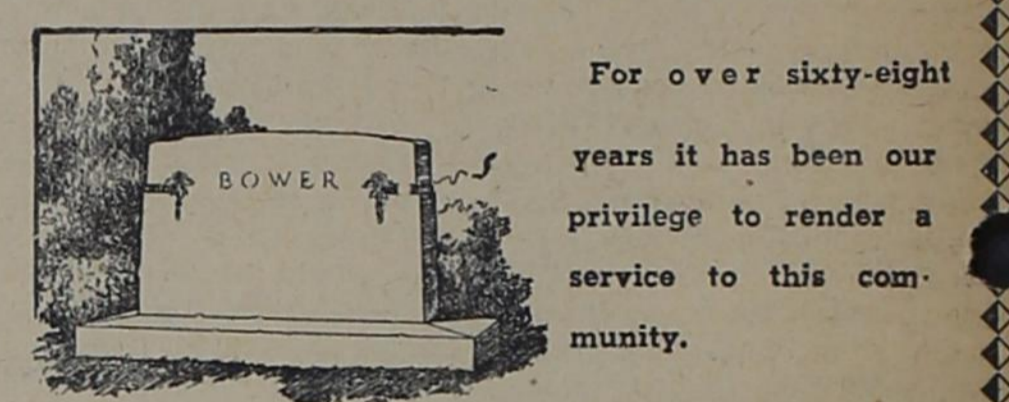
EASTLAND CO. 4-H PRESIDENT'S MEET FEB. 21

The Eastland County 4-H President's met in the Eastland County courtroom on Saturday, February 21 for plans of Rally Day. It will be held on April 4. 4-H gate signs will be on sale on Rally Day.

After having Pledge and prayer, officers were elected as follows:

Chairman - Rhea Erwin-Rising Star; Vice-Chairman - Janice Justice, Cisco; Secretary - Dan Jobe, Scranton; and Reporter - Betty Walker, Eastland.

Those present were: from Ranger, Sue Williams, Dena Crawley, Carol Phillips, Nancy Warren; from Cisco, Ralph Clary and Janice Justice; from Rising Star, Rhea Erwin and Glenda Witt; Dan Jobe of Scranton; Rozelle Winston, Assistant County H D Agent, and Bob Williams.



For over sixty-eight years it has been our privilege to render a service to this community. Alex Rawlins & Sons - MONUMENT BUILDERS - Weatherford, Texas. Phone 24 Mrs. Dave Ramsey, Gorman Representative

GLADIOLA BULBS

Have the following GLAD BULBS in No. ONE Size. All High Crown bulbs grown from bublets and planting stock. Ravel - Blue Spic & Span - Deep Pink Picardy - Salmon Red Charm - Red Yellow Herald - Ruffled-Elizabeth the Queen - Yellow Orchid E C Cole - Light Pink Maid of Orleans - White 8c each - 2 for 15c - Dozen 75c 50 for \$3 with 2 Abu Hassen FREE 100 for \$6 with 5 Abu Hassen FREE ABU HASSEN VIOLET 15c each DAHLIA TUBERS - Mixed - 25c each

PRESTON'S FLORIST Phone 20 Gorman, Texas

THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU.

YOU HAVE A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ATTEND THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Table with church names and service times: Church Of Christ GORMAN, TEXAS, Church Of Christ CHEANEY, TEXAS, Church Of Christ ALAMEDA, TEXAS

Listen To - "THE HERALD OF TRUTH" Every Sunday 1:00 P. M. - Station WBAP (570 on your dial)

Advertisement for Texas Electric Service Company featuring a woman and a kitchen with a dishwasher. Text: 'Now I Know What REAL FREEDOM Is! FREEDOM FROM DISHWASHING DRUDGERY, 3 TIMES A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR, WITH AN AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC DISHWASHER'.

Advertisement for 'Petty-Cash!' featuring an open box of cash. Text: 'Petty-Cash! Some loose change - a few dollar bills - in a little box. In business they call it "petty cash". Every home has its "petty cash" too... maybe in Mother's sugar bowl... maybe in Dad's back pocket. And isn't it amazing how low "petty cash" gets by the time next payday rolls around? If you figure on saving "what's left, you may not get very far. Try this better way: Deposit a fixed amount in your savings account FIRST, then spend "what's left". Before you know it, your cash in the bank will be far from "petty"!

Advertisement for The First National Bank of Gorman, Texas. Text: 'The First National Bank GORMAN, TEXAS "Oldest Bank In Eastland County"'

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District



In a number of letters during my service in the Congress, people have quoted the 14th Verse of the 7th Chapter of II Chronicles.

A few days ago I had a letter from a friend in Cross Plains who is devoted to her church and to all good causes. who sent me the admonition contained in this Scripture. Her letter was written with deep insights as to the direct need of this anxious day in the life of America. She likely senses that the problems which cry to Heaven for solution are so central and crucial that they must be resolved or catastrophe awaits.

In these desperate days, from newspaper, magazine, radio, and pulpit we are being admonished that the fundamental questions are what might be called moral, spiritual, religious. We have come to such a plight that the choice which must be made involves the blessing or the curse, life or death, for our Nation and our boasted Way of Life.

In this letter referred to was quoted this most monumental sentence. It was quoted in a prayer during the last Congress and is as overarching in hope as a glorious rainbow. But sounding in it is also a doleful solemnity suggesting those for whom the bells toll. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land."

In this awe-inspiring covenant, the two mighty monosyllables to write in letters of fire across the sky are 'if' and 'then' for they are rooted in the inexorable law of cause and effect.

"If" is one of the shortest and biggest words in the Bible. It is written across every promise of spiritual guidance and enrichment.

From Genesis to Revelations we are constantly assured that certain things will happen sure as the rising sun if - if - the conditions are fulfilled. "If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank the people of Gorman for their courtesy and patience given to our staff while we were gone to Mother's Funeral. It was a remarkable display of courtesy and understanding which we will never forget.

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then ye shall surely find Me." That is not just a nice motto. It is a law of the unseen.

President Eisenhower in his recent address to the Congress said that we must be strong in arms and strong in productivity but above all, strong in our spiritual resources. These are the needs of this Nation. and of we, the people who inhabit it. I am glad that President Eisenhower is opening his Cabinet meetings with prayer. In the Cabinet Room where these meetings are held, the likenesses of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Andrew Jackson, and Woodrow Wilson look down upon the group. The first three did much to give us a Republic; the latter two did much to preserve it. The problems facing President Eisenhower today are no less grave.

It would be encouraging to people all over these United States to know that on each Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, a group of Members of Congress come together in a Devotional to admit that the wisdom of man alone is wholly inadequate to meet the responsibilities of running this Government and pray for Divine Guidance. Christ's rule was that "If you do His will, you shall know."

Long before Eisenhower was President he said to a great company of religious leaders that "without a spiritual renaissance, America is doomed." The sharp sword America has is the sword of the spirit. That is the implement which totalitarianism has thrown away and the weapon it fears most. It seems necessary that we be militarily strong but the final hope of America and all the world is not alone in the Pentagon but in Pentecost.

We call ourselves a Christian Nation. Are we really?

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land."

ON INDEPENDENCE DAY TO BE AN AMERICAN TO LIVE IN TEXAS

When Independence Day for Texas, March 2nd, dawns for the celebration on the anniversary of the founding of this so great a nation (for Texas was a great nation for nine years almost ten) "Wake up, Texans, and hearken back to Daniel Webster who expressed in an adequate and noble way his gratitude with, "Thank God, I am an American."

To be an American, to be a Texan, is more than being a native or a naturalized citizen. American is not a parasite, sapping the goodness from his country and leaving in its stead iniquity and decay.

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OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

Several people from here attended the variety show, "Shooting Stars," which was presented on February 20 and 21 at the Gorman High School Auditorium. This show was sponsored by the Rebekah Lodge with the proceeds going to the Gorman Cemetery Fund. We are proud to claim a part of the talent for this community Mrs. Florence Richardson was one of the cast, impersonating Kate Smith. Florence is to be commended for giving her time and talent to so many benefit shows in the past few weeks.

Mr and Mrs Glen Vickers were here from Leuders for a week end visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs W G Henderson. Mr Vickers was a church visitor here Sunday morning.

Mrs Maude Cogburn and Miss Peggy Park visited Mr and Mrs E P Gregory last Wednesday night.

Mrs O C Reid attended a birthday party Friday which was given for Mrs Jim Woods at the home of her daughter, Mrs Daisy Peveto, in Gorman.

Supper guests in the C E Atchison home on Monday, February 16 were Mr and Mrs R M Falls, Mr and Mrs Talmage Falls, and Jim Falls, all of Comanche; Miss Sylvia Enloe of Gorman, and Mr and Mrs J C Mathis.

Several families from here attended the funeral of Conley Murphy at De Leon Monday afternoon. Mr Murphy lived in this community at one time but was living in Lubbock at the time of his death.

Mrs Florence Richardson attended the 4th Sunday Singing at the Primitive Baptist Church in De Leon.

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Illness In Gorman

Ardis Porter and Mrs Porter returned to Gorman on Sunday from Burnet where Mr Porter experienced an emergency operation. Mr Porter is doing nicely but it will take several weeks for him to recuperate as he continues to be on a liquid diet. At that Ardis is lucky to have a nurse for a wife and such a good-looking nurse at that.

Gorman folks registered at the local hospital on Tuesday morning were Mrs Troy Waller, Mr Willie E Echols, Mrs J H West, Mrs W E Holland, and Mrs Nancy Maupin.

Progressives Study Isles Of The Pacific

The Progressive Study Club met with Mrs Claude Fuller on Thursday, February 19th. Mrs Travis Smith, president, presided at the meeting.

Roll call was answered by the name of a South Pacific Island.

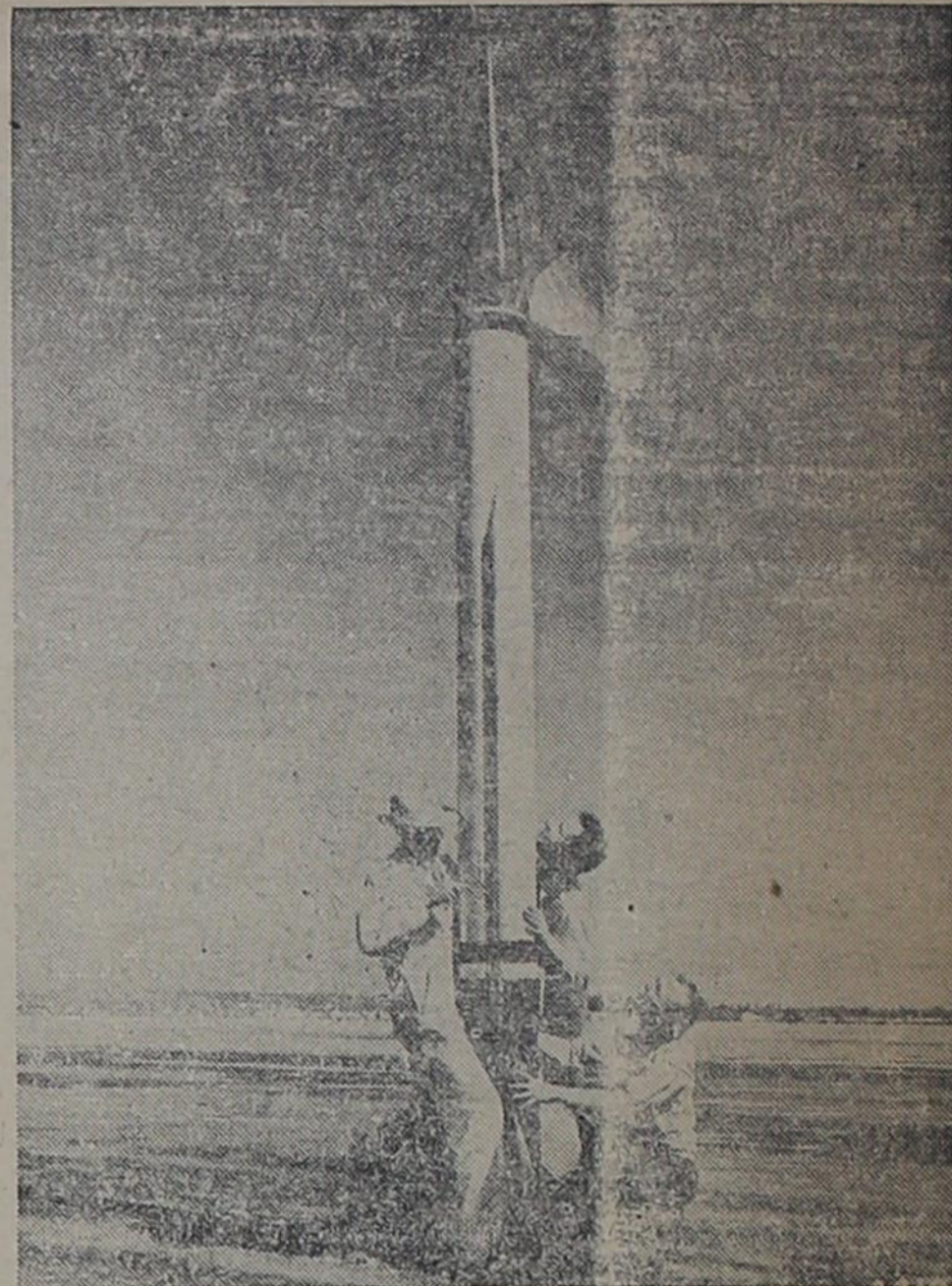
Mrs Ben R Townley gave short talk on "Islands of South Pacific".

After th program and business session a delicious sandwich plate was served to the following: Mes dames Daisy Peveto, David Goodwin, Floyd Eison, Clinton Revels, Gabe Wright, Albert Hendricks, Travis Smith, Burnet Eison, Ben R Townley, and the hostess.

SUSANNE RANKIN VISITS PARENTS

Susanne Rankin was visiting with her parents during the week end.

Susanne, 1952 Gorman High graduate and one of Gorman's best in scholarship, extra-curricula and sports, is at present a stenographer at the National Biscuit Company in Fort Worth.



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We invite your attention to the figures below which will show you the continued growth of our Reserve for Claims over a period of years.

Year	Reserve For Claims	Year	Reserve For Claims
1933	1,107.38	1944	117,253.25
1934	4,212.58	1945	137,446.50
1935	9,280.17	1946	157,166.28
1936	10,286.29	1947	179,250.58
1937	14,904.02	1948	202,960.64
1938	19,702.07	1949	222,545.72
1939	35,665.47	1950	\$245,901.24
1940	50,053.81	1951	\$287,254.43
1941	64,351.69	1952	\$306,403.08
1942	75,687.80		
1943	88,680.96		

Statement of Income, Disbursements and Reserves on Hand

Balance from last year	\$287,254.43
Income during 1952	92,137.42
Total	\$379,391.85
Less Claims Paid	72,988.77
Balance	\$306,403.08

Reserves for Policy Benefits

Government Securities and Bonds	\$148,328.20
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Cash in Banks	51,745.00
Total Reserve	\$306,403.08
Claims Paid Since Organization	\$659,528.74

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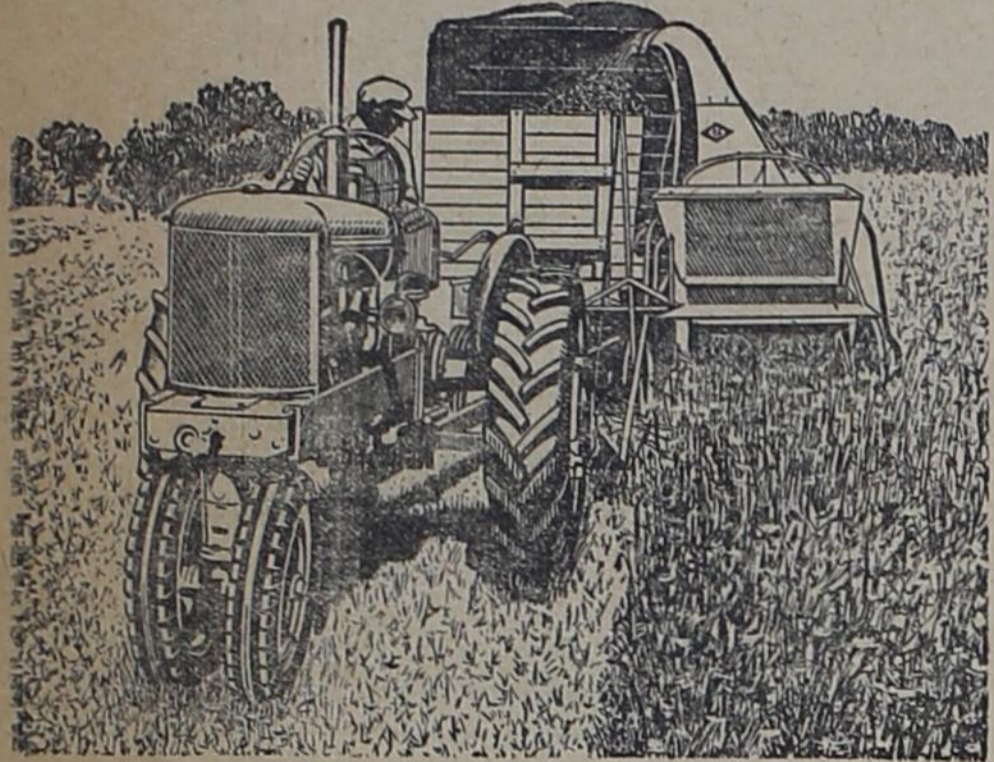
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Excelsior Club Discuss Partnership With God On Independence Day

Religious Education with emphasis on "Relationship With God" was the title of the year book program for the Excelsior Club study on Tuesday when Mrs M H Fairbetter was hostess to the club in her home.

Members contributed timely information at roll call with Mrs Rudolph Haile telling about a three-dimension movie and Mrs E C Sutton relating an incident where modern surgery had repaired a heart valve with a section from the heart of a dead person.

Program leader Mrs Vera Hamrick discussed, "More Abundant Living" in the manner in which she is so thoroughly capable.

Mrs J L Ray spoke on the subject "Why I Believe In God" using Biblical reverences, childhood experience and contemporary writings.

In the absence of Mrs Edna Nunnally, who was to have given musical selections, Milton Fairbetter, Jr played several accordion numbers. Mrs Nunnally was detained because of illness in her family.

During the business session Mrs Eugene Baker was elected president of the club for the year 1953-54. Mrs Dona Moorman was elected to the office of Critic.

Refreshments were served following the program and several of the members joined in a bit of harmony around the piano.

The next meeting, March 10th will be a joint meeting when Mrs Evelyn Aiken will be heard in a book review.

PERSONALS

Mrs E C Sutton attended a game tournament at Tarleton College last week.

Adele and Wade Russell were home for the week end and attended the Isbel-Payne wedding and the reception following.

Gus Frossard was detained from business at the store an additional day after his return from Port Aransas. He was showing his fish that he had on display in the trunk of his car.

Mr and Mrs Bill Andry visited in Ranger on Sunday with his sister, Mrs J O Warren. During the previous week the Andrys visited in Odessa with her brother, W R Collins, and Mrs Collins.

Marjorie Warren of Ft Worth has been visiting with her parents while recuperating from an attack of the flu.

Mr G T Sloan is reported to be in a critical condition.

Mr and Mrs J H Wheeler and Jackie Don and Mr and Mrs Jesse Parker visited in Ranger on Sunday.

Mrs E H Jones of San Antonio has come for an extended visit with her son, J N Ellison, and Mrs Ellison.

Mr and Mrs Stanley Porter and Pfc Dwayne Clement and Mrs Clement made a two-day trip through South Texas points last week.

Mr and Mrs Dave Harper left Tuesday morning for Corpus Christi to visit relatives. Mrs J R White accompanied them and plans to go on to Aransas Pass for a visit.

Mr and Mrs Jake Wright and children, James, Dale and Gale, are visiting friends and relatives. Mrs Wright said they came all the way from Sundown just to renew their Progress.

Happy Days

The Post Office Department is happy to announce that since the Superintendent of Railway Mail Service has signed a conveyance contract the mail service to and from Gorman via the Highway Post Office, which operated from Waco to Eastland; the mail service is the best it has been in several months. Mail now can be depended upon to arrive and depart as scheduled.

The Public is to be thanked for their patience and the Post Office Authorities to be congrat-

Our Billy Can Laugh AFTER A YEAR IN KOREA

Our nephew, Billy Add Trammell of Ft Worth, came to see us on Sunday. We had not seen him since January 1952. Since that time he has been working for his Uncle in Korea.

It is wonderful to know that he can still laugh with the joy of boyhood. He has always been a bit on the timid side. But realizing he was the fellow we had hoped and prayed would return to us whole he was somehow able to loosen up a bit.

Billy Add chose to be a medic. Hating war as all American boys, he saw that he might as a medic save buddies rather than kill enemies.

There were times he admitted when he felt like killing some of his own men and the South Koreans.

On one occasion he had a call to race from cover under fire down a rugged terrain and across to a dugout for an injured man. When he had reached the initiative he found as he said, "two son-of-a-guns having a fist fight."

When the South Koreans were first being trained for the ranks they were pretty scared recruits. Because of their fear many of them went on sick report every day. Billy Add said, "after about the second day I caught on. So the next morning I was ready for them. I had their pills all laid out. Boy. I can tell you those fellows were really sick for about two days. Funny thing they did some good soldiering from then on. But after that I didn't see much of them. They just somehow lost their yen for goldbricking on sick report."

"Then there was the time," he went on, "when a message went up by code that a truck had run over a man's hand."

The guy deciphering code read the message "Ran Over A Man's Head". Headquarters called me. told them, "There's nothing to worry about. I put the guy on a jeep and sent him back."

He yells, "What you mean nothing to worry about? A truck runs over a man's head. Nothing to worry about!"

"Hand! I yelled back, 'Can't you fools read?'"

That was one conversation that was relayed to ever hill in Korea. I'm not due to get out until August. Before I left Korea the boys up top tried soft-soaping me like they do all the fellows that have points enough to come home. One of them tells me he's gonna make me a Top-Sergeant. See. I been 18 months getting to be just a sergeant and 12 of them months I've been in Korea.

Well I says, "I ain't wantin' to be no top-sergeant, I just want ta be Mister for a while". By 'while' I mean the rest of my life."

L. F.

IOOF Oil Belt Circle Elect Officers

The Oil Belt Circle meeting of the Odd Fellow Lodges held their regular monthly meeting in the Gorman Lodge Hall on Monday night, February 23. Members present were from Eastland, Ranger Breckenridge, and Gorman Lodges with one visitor from Breckenridge and one from a Lodge in Missouri. Three Lodges of the Circle were unable to have members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Rainwater of the Ranger Lodge. After all other business was attended to the matter of electing new officers began. Gorman Lodge was honored by having three of its members elected to offices of the Circle. E L Dennis was elected as President, L L Burns, Secretary, and G W Poynor, Team Captain.

The next meeting is to be held in the Ranger Lodge Hall on March 26th.

No further business to discuss Lodge closed and all present enjoyed a chili supper with coffee and cookies as desert.

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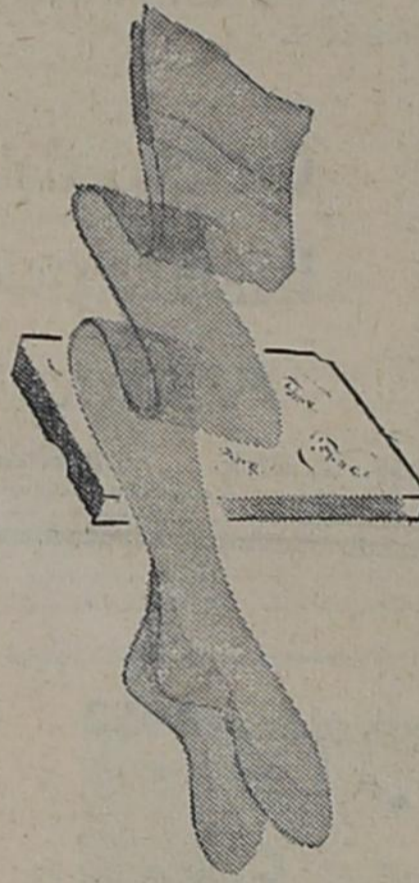


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