

By KERNEL GENE, aPo

When I am asked to publish an article or letter on a controversial subject I do so regardless of which side I happen to agree with. This gives everyone an opportunity to express their opinion (without malice) and most of the time settle their differences in such a way as to build and not destroy any part of our community.

For the first time since Mr. Clark and I became acquainted we seem to have opposing views. When he dictated his letter to me for publication we agreed that our diverse opinions would not affect our respect for each other.

Mr. Clark refers to the Bill which was published in the Pro to be presented before the House. I do not believe that I, or any of the other men who signed this bill were attempting to mislead anyone. If we have, then I will be the first to oppose its passage.

As to Mr. Clark requesting that all people outside the city limits go elsewhere to trade, sort of hurts the ole Kernel because I have always considered myself and the Progress as a part of all the communities surrounding Gorman and enjoy meeting and working with them whenever called upon . . . and regardless of the outcome of this project I will still be available when needed.

Like the "ole rooster" I may be crowing too early and wind up in hot water but I feel so optimistic about the future of our community I have encouraged a young couple to move to Gorman and join the Progress force. They will be moving a large trailer home to the hilltop - soon I hope.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lasater have made a contribution to the hospital fund for their granddaughter, Anita Scitern, born in Blackwell Hospital.

Grandmaw and Grandpaw Club - Cathy and Randall Rogers, Wesley and Sha Rogers, Kay and Donna Rogers, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers.

Daughter, Mrs. Lugene Morris, birth club. \$7 plus \$3 "just because."

Chris, Sarah and Charles Nash, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gilbert of Carbon.

Mr. C. C. Perry sent in a contribution "just because" it is a good place to go when sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huff of Desdemona made a contribution "just because" they like our hospital.

Agnes Owens, Desdemona, operation club.

Katie Bowles, Desdemona, operation.

Darwin Shipman, Norfolk, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Shipman, Desdemona, appendix operation in 1948 at age of 2. Contribution by grandmother, Mrs. Odessa Johnson of Desdemona.

Mrs. Odessa Johnson, appendix club.

Mrs. Jeanie Otwell and Mrs. Anna Cartright, children of Mr. and Mrs. George Norris, birth club.

James and Janet West, Christi and Lori Story, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. George Norris. (Grandpa paid the dues for the birth club.)

Mrs. Oda Monroe, tonsil club. Mrs. Garnet Stokes of Midland and daughter, birth and tonsil club, and son, Gerald Richburg of Andrews, tonsils.

Susan and Jimmie Charles, Jr. Bryan of Houston, grandchildren of Mrs. Buel Bryan.

Jerry Wayne Morris, De Leon; Patricia Ann Morris Brown of Odessa and Craig Waller, husband of former Linda Bryan, birth club. Mrs. Bob Love, Eastland (1923) and grandchildren, Sherry Lynn, Darla and Rodney Phelps, Eastland, and Michael Cunningham, Ranger, birth club.

(Scotty) John R. Harris' Jr., Dallas, born 1933.

Mrs. J. R. Harris, surgery.

Jay Koonce, Rising Star, surgery.

Mrs. Shirley Reid Warren, birth Mrs. Billie Reid Stewart, and Mrs. Lindi Reid Hughes, tonsils; and Mrs. H. L. Smith, operations - children of Mrs. H. L. Smith.

A hospital donation by Mrs. Mack Underwood "because" of the wonderful treatment her husband received at the hospital during his illness.

Cecilia, Billy and Charlene, birth club, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Self.

W. S. Woods of Seminole, born near Gorman.



Bill Mears Undergoes Surgery on Spine

Bill Mears, 16, high school sophomore and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mears of Gorman, underwent an idiopathic scoliosis operation (for curvature of the spine) the cause of which is unknown, Tuesday morning. The operation was performed at Methodist Hospital in Houston by Dr. Dickson.

A telephone call received Tuesday afternoon from Bill's father reported he went through surgery fine and had been removed from the intensive care unit to his room and they would not know the details of the surgery until Saturday.

The surgery, termed instrumentation and fusion, adjusts the curve to a near straight line. Bill's curvature was discovered

by his football coach, Joe Neil, during football season his freshman year. He noticed that his chest and back muscles were more developed on one side, but thought at first it was due to the way he carried irrigation pipe during the summer that had developed the muscles unevenly, which sometimes happens. When the muscles continued to remain the same, he told Bill's parents and Bill was taken to a physician in Fort Worth who recommended a Houston orthopedic specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goble of Fort Worth were in Houston with Mr. and Mrs. Mears and Bill the day of the surgery. Cards and letters may be addressed to Bill at Room F214A, Fondren Building, Houston.



45TH ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stacy (seated) were honored Sunday with an open house on their 45th wedding anniversary by their daughters (standing 1 to r) Mrs. R. E. Grisham and Mrs. Corene Woodall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stacy Honored With Open House On 45th Wed Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stacy of Route 1, Gorman, observed their 45th wedding anniversary Sunday with open house from two until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Hostesses were their daughters, Mrs. R. E. Grisham of Panhandle and Mrs. Corene Woodall of Eastland, and a friend, Mrs. Modell Laminaek of Amarillo.

A daughter of the couple, Mrs. P. D. Rhyme of Dumas, Texas was unable to attend the celebration.

Mr. Stacy was born December 7, 1895 in Luling, Texas and Mrs. Stacy was born July 7, 1903 in Harrison, Tenn.

They met in December of 1923 at the mail box on the John Kirk farm in Comanche County where their parents lived. Fourteen months later, on February 24, 1924, the couple were married in the home of her parents. They have lived in and around Gorman since their marriage.

Mr. Stacy is a retired farmer and carpenter. They are members of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Stacy has been in ill health for the past several months.

The Stacys have eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The beautiful white three-tiered cake enhancing the reception table, was decorated with the numeral numbers 45th and wedding bells around the base.

Relatives attending, other than the above mentioned, were Mrs. Stacy's sisters, Mrs. Mae Dean of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Berry

Belyeu of De Leon, and Mrs. Tennie Brown of Keene, Texas; and a brother, Ben Flynn of Gorman.

Other relatives were Mrs. Bettie Richburg, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Capers, Mrs. Maude Stacy, J. M. Moore, Mrs. Graydon Baze, Mrs. Albert White, Frankie Stacy, Garvie Hattox and Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Stacy, all of Gorman; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Woodall and family of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Abbe and family and Mrs. Ray Woodall and family of Eastland; Mrs. Laverne Lewis and daughter of Cleburne; Mrs. Edward Stacy of Carbon; Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Richburg of De Leon and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McMullen of Baird.

Friends who called during the afternoon were Mrs. Effie Grisham, De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sherrill, Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Richards and Mrs. Travis Smith of Gorman; and S. M. Henderson, Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mauney, Mrs. John Kirk, Berenice Puffs, Mrs. John Warren, Mike Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lindley, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Atchison, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Shugart, Mrs. Lydia Gowan, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eaves, Arland Watson, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chambers, Mrs. Myrtle Chambers, Eugene Baker, A. L. Jumper, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frasier, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Overstreet, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Revels, and Mr. and Mrs. Rob Kinser, all of Gorman; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brailey, Cisco, Mr.

and Mrs. A. W. Shugart, Eastland; Mrs. Jean Sheen, Branchville, S. Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bryan, De Leon; Mrs. Dixie Pack, Desdemona; Mrs. Lucille Roberts, Houston; and Baldy Harris of Eastland.

An Open Letter To The Public

When the first attempt was made to establish a hospital district in this section of Eastland County the proposed district was to be composed of the three school districts of Carbon, Gorman and Desdemona and everyone knew where the boundaries of the proposed district was. Also the outlying districts of Carbon and Desdemona was asked to call a mass meeting in each community. Desdemona and Carbon called their communities together in separate meetings by the Gorman Hospital Panel and Committee. After a very thorough explanation by the chief spokesman of the Gorman Hospital Committee and Panel, the proposition was turned down by a vote of 95% at Desdemona. To use the exact words of the speaker on that occasion, I quote, "We surely had hoped that you people would see fit to go along with us in this matter, but since you failed to do so we will just go home and forget it, because we want you to be our friends and we are your friends."

The same proposition was defeated in Carbon. We were asked to give such contributions to the Hospital Fund as our desires and abilities would permit. This we did with pride and joy. Old women gave a dozen eggs to be sold, a bag of pecans, two dollars, five dollars. Others gave twenty-five dollars, one hundred dollars, two hundred dollars, five hundred and seven hundred dollars. All of this was given with faith in the promise that so far as the district was concerned "we will go home and forget it." We thought everything was going fine until January 29 of this year. At that time a supposedly legal notice appeared in the Gorman Progress giving notice that a bill had been filed in the House of Representatives of the intent to create a Hospital District "in the south side of Eastland County." Unlike the first try in 1968 no meets or bounds were given. No field notes were published and the outlying countryside and school districts were not notified. I have talked with four of the committee of nine men that signed the bill to get it before the House. Not one of them could give the least inkling as to where this proposed district bounded. Or what territories were involved. I find that the field notes, meets and bounds and callings, were drawn up by an engineer and through a proper source I obtained a copy of the bill, together with all the meets and bounds and callings, together with the Law setting out the tax rate not to exceed seventy-five cents on a hundred dollars valuation and the hospital equalization board having the authority to set the valuation as to the amount that they see fit. If any member of the hospital board or panel has not yet familiarized himself with boundaries, or any tax payer in "southern Eastland County" wishes to know just what is involved in this territory come to my house and I will be glad to read it to you. When a situation arises that attempts to place a mortgage on our property for a period of at least forty years, we want to know about it. I am urging my friends and am the living example myself that not one dollar leave our community again until this thing is settled in our favor according to and above board, and according to promise at the first meeting. Closing with Revelations 10:9 and 10, "And I said to the Angel, give the little Book in your hand to me, and he said take it and eat it up it will make your belly bitter but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey. And I took the little Book out of the Angel's hand and ate it up and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey and as soon as I had eaten it my belly was bitter."

Don't call me collect. L. E. (Compound) Clark Desdemona, Texas

NEW SON FOR THE JIMMY WILSONS — Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wilson of Odessa announce the arrival of their son, Rocky, born at 8:45 a. m. Thursday, February 20 in Blackwell Hospital. The young fellow weighed six pounds and ten ounces.

Rockey has a big brother, Rodney, 2 1/2 years old. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. C. H. Varner of Route 1, Desdemona.

Rockey's father is employed with Humble Oil Company in Odessa.

FINAL RITES FOR RUTH MIERS HELD IN DE LEON

Mrs. Clarence (Eudora Ruth) Miers, 73, lifetime resident of Comanche County, died Wednesday morning, February 19 in a Stephenville hospital after an illness of about one year.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ralph Heickman, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Bobby Weathers, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nabors Funeral Home.

Born October 2, 1895 in Comanche County, she was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Mr. De Leon; a son, James E. of De Leon; three daughters, Mrs. Pauline Kelly of Clifton, Mrs. Billie Ruth Floyd of Big Lake, and Mrs. Doris Burleson of Austin; a brother, L. O. Jones of Dallas; two half-brothers, Floyd Dunn of Rawls and Harvey Dunn of Lubbock; three sisters, Mrs. J. B. Oney of Dallas, Mrs. Odie Brightwell of Gorman, and Mrs. Ollie Gunter of Huntington Park, Calif.; her step-mother, Mrs. May Dunn of Gorman; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Local Boy Scout Organization Meet Set For Thursday

Mr. Alford Havens, Jr., District Scout Executive, will meet with parents and boys, ages 11 through 18, who are interested in trying to organize a Boy Scout Troop in Gorman. The meeting will be held Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 p. m. in the High School Auditorium.

The local Lions Club has agreed to sponsor the troop and men have agreed to give of their time to help, if the parents are interested and will give their support and cooperation.

All parents with boys in the above age group are urged to attend the meeting with their son.

Volleyball Tournery on Friday-Saturday To Benefit Hospital

The Hospital Benefit City Volley Ball Tournament will get underway at 6:30 p. m. Friday with several teams scheduled to play. Others are expected to be entered before game time. Teams include men and women.

Admission will be 50c for adults and 25c for children. All proceeds will go to the Hospital Fund.

The tournament is being sponsored by the Gorman Lions Club and games are scheduled for Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1.

The Gorman teams have been practicing for some time and these games will be good and a lot of fun to watch.

Hospital Benefit Auction Due Here Last Of March

The Hospital Benefit Auction Sale has been slated for the last part of March and auction items are needed for this sale. Items for this sale can be placed on the lot next to Troy Johnson and Son on Hwy. 6. Anyone unable to get items to the lot may call or contact Rev. Joe Davis, RE 4-5546, Donnie Mauney, Troy Johnson RE 4-2239, or any member of the Lions Club, and they will see that the items are taken to the lot.

All proceeds from the auction will be placed in the City of Gorman Hospital Fund.

TOLAR AND RISING STAR TO PLAY BI-DISTRICT TILT IN STEPHENVILLE MARCH 4

According to an announcement from T. D. Goodwin, Supt. of Schools at Tolar, the bi-district basketball game between Tolar and Rising Star will be played at the Tarleton State College Gymnasium in Stephenville on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:30 p. m.

Tolar is the winner of District 23-B and Rising Star is the winner of District 24-B. The winner will advance to the Region II-B Tournament to be held at Stephenville on March 7th and 8th.

Public School Week Slated March 3-7; Open House On 6th

March 3-7 is Texas Public School Week. All parents and friends of the Gorman Schools are invited and urged to visit the schools any day Monday through Thursday. Classes will be conducted as usual each day and this will give you a good opportunity to see your school in operation. When you visit we want you to feel at home and ask the teachers and administrators any questions that you have about the operation of the school, stated Charlie Garrett, supt. of schools.

OPEN HOUSE MARCH 6

On Thursday evening, March 6, the Gorman Schools will have open house from 7:00 to 8:30 with displays and exhibits in home rooms. Refreshments will be served during this time in the lunchroom.

Everyone is urged to attend the open house if no other time during the week. There will be no special program other than visitation on this evening.

How long has it been since you have visited your child's class room? Why don't you mark your calendar now and plan to do so during Public School Week!

Friday Is Deadline To File For Place On City Ballot

Interest is lagging in the City Commission election as the deadline for filing ends Friday, February 28th. To date no one has filed for the positions of Places One and Three on the Commission.

Terms of C. O. Revels and Arlon Smith expire in April.

City Commissioners are elected for a term of two years.

QUILTING BEES RAISE \$5,810 FOR FIRST BAPTIST BUILDING FUND

Two adult Sunday School classes of the First Baptist Church have raised \$5,810.00 for the building fund for their new church building in the past four years.

That is a lot of stitching, but it has been a labor of love for the two groups of ladies.

The Willing Workers Class and the Dorcas Class have met once a week and working until at least one quilt is quilted. The



LABOR OF LOVE — Because they love their church and wanted to have a part in the building program of their new church groups of ladies began quilting quilts four years ago to date this class, the Dorcas Class, has raised something over \$4,000 for the project. Seated from left to right are: Mesdames Ethel Harrell, Nora Bond, Stoker Richards, Frank Dean, Fanny Burkett, W. A. O'Neal, L. F. Miers and C. O. Alsbrook.

Members of the class who have participated in the quilting program but not shown are Mmes. Virgie Hampton, Willie Jackson, Grace Skiles, Mae Richardson, Kate Easter, Georgia Eaker, ona Adcock, Flora Perrin and S. E. Miers. The last four ladies named are now in Lawndale Home.



STITCH IN TIME — Makes Money - \$1,830.15. The Willing Workers Class of the First Baptist Church has raised \$1,830.15 for the building fund for the new church building by meeting once a week and quilting quilts. Class members shown are, (left to right): Mesdames Tom Thompson, Floyd Gowan, Rob Kinser, A. H. Pritchard, Arthur Littlefield, C. L. Henderson, John Claitor, Jack Mauney, Lizzie Jackson, Donna Day and Oda Monroe. Members not shown are Ester Stewart, Wilma Rawls and Verma Watson.

STATEMENT TO RESIDENTS OF PROPOSED HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The South Eastland County Hospital Steering Committee solicits your support and believes that your support is justified based on the following facts:

1. Through your elected representatives on the hospital board you will be an active participant in the operation of a modern, well equipped hospital and accompanying medical facilities.
2. The lay hospital board elected by you will formulate policies, employ personnel and generally prescribe the rules for the hospital.
3. You will have the right as a resident of the district to receive preferential treatment with respect to use of the hospital facilities.

Filing Deadline In Trustee Election Is March Fifth

At this time Fred Rogers and Orval Treadway (re-election) have filed as candidates for a place on the School Board of Trustees. Filing deadline will be March 5, 1969.

Application forms may be filed in the office of the superintendent or with the County Judge.

The terms of James Brown and Orval Treadway expire this year.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our thanks to our friends and relatives for making our 45th wedding anniversary such a wonderful day, and a special thanks for the many useful and beautiful gifts, flowers and cards and to everyone who had a part in making our special day a memorable one.

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Stacy

4. You will have a voice thru your board representative in establishing hospital and medical costs and in providing future additional hospital space as may be required. The proposed hospital would be constructed wholly at ground level and planned so as to be staffed and operated in the most economical manner.

5. Taxes, if any, necessary in paying construction debts will be assessed at the lowest possible figures, hopefully based on current county property evaluations.

For example: On 100 acres of farm land valued at \$7.00 per acre (Eastland County valuation on tillable land is \$9.00 per acre and on pasture land is \$4.50 per acre) the total 100 acres would be valued at \$700.00. By law the maximum tax that can be levied by a hospital district is 75c per \$100.00 valuation. Therefore, the annual maximum tax on the 100 acres would be \$5.25 if county evaluation can be used.

On a residence valued at \$800.00 (approximate Eastland County residence evaluation in proposed district) a tax of 75c by the hospital district would result in a total annual tax of \$6.00. Where else can you invest a few cents a day and receive the assurance of having available medical and hospital care for yourself and your family 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

You only have to look around you to observe sky rocketing medical costs and ever increasing numbers of over crowded hospitals. The opportunity is ours. \$300,000.00 in federal funds and \$100,000.00 cash to be donated by the people of this area can be available to us in constituting two-thirds on the total estimated construction cost of \$600,000.00 for the new facility.

It is anticipated that you will vote on this issue in the near future. If the proposal is accepted by the voters, a hospital district will be established. The maximum indebtedness for the hospital district would be around \$200,000.00.

South Eastland County Hospital Steering Committee

New Hope Baptist Sets Spring Revival For March 10-16

Rev. Edward Rodgers, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dumas, will be the evangelist for the Spring Revival at the New Hope Baptist Church beginning Monday, March 10 and continuing through March 16.

Rev. Rodgers began his ministry by serving as pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Prayer services will begin each evening at 6:30 p. m. and preaching will be at 7:00 p. m.

The music program will be under the direction of Thomas Seay.

The pastor, Rev. Clarence Wilson, and the congregation invite the public to attend any or all of the services.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Singing at Rock Bluff will be held Sunday night, March 2nd.

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department will meet Monday, March 3rd.

The Order of Eastern Star, Chapter No. 443, will meet Monday, March 3rd.

The Kokomo HD Club Hospital Benefit Dinner will be held Friday night, February 28 in Fellowship Hall of the Kokomo Baptist Church. Serving will begin at 5 p. m. and continue until 8 p. m. The menu will consist of fried or baked chicken, potatoes, green beans, dessert and drink. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and students and 50c for pre-school age.

All proceeds will be placed in the City of Gorman Hospital Fund.

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

The Gorman Rebekah Lodge meets each Tuesday evening.

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

A/IC Lee Stone of Biloxi, Miss. is spending this week with his grandmothers, Mrs. H. H. Pulling and Mrs. Earl Stone, Sr., and an aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Check Smith.

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FOR SALE - Used lumber, doors and windows. Paint \$2.00 gal. W. T. Barnes Lumber Co., 305 West Labadie St., De Leon, Phone 4611. 6-27-fnc

FOR SALE - 1968 Custom Coupe Chevrolet. Power and air. 20 months new car warranty. Doyle Welch, RE 4-5590. 1-16-fnc

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FOR SALE - Three bedroom home, recently redecorated inside, two baths, den and kitchen combination. Living room. One car garage, large lot, few fruit trees. Three blocks from school. Call after 5 p. m. Don Laminack, RE 4-2254. 1-1-fnc

HOT WATER HEATER SALE - Several slightly freight damaged 30 gal. gas hot water heaters, \$37.50. One 45 gal. Electric water heater, \$55. W. T. Barnes Lumber Co., 305 W. Labadie St., De Leon. 10-17-fnc

MONUMENTS - When in need of monument service, see or call Ethel Keith, Phone 2313, Desdemona, Texas. fnc

REAL ESTATE - If you want to buy or sell real estate contact Don Rodgers in the building located next door to Blair Grocery. 10-31-fnc

FOR SALE - Hundreds of used clothing items at a bargain. See Don Rodgers in the building next door to Blair Grocery. 10-31-fnc

FOR SALE - Hybrid Sudan grass hay. J. W. "Dub" Brown, Rt. 2, RE 4-2212. 11-28-fnc

THREE ONLY - Reconditioned GE Rollabout Vacuum Cleaners with all attachments and new cord and hose. \$19.95. Rankin Army-Navy Surplus. 11-28-fnc

FOR SALE - My home in Gorman. Three bedrooms and two baths. E. C. Bramlett, Sr., Phone RE 4-5467. 1-16-fnc

FOR SALE - 1964, 4 door Custom Ford. Power steering, power brakes, air, radio and heater. Good condition. Reasonable price. Reason for selling, entering service. C. L. Mohon, Jr., De Leon, Phone 2649. 2-2-20p

PEANUT FARMS FOR SALE - 100 acres with 50 peanut allot, 6 miles Gorman, Eastland Co., 35 A. improved pasture, \$250 acre. - 82 A. with 22.3 peanuts, 6 miles Gorman, good grassy flat, \$200 A. - 3 - 30 A. tracts with peanuts, will GI, \$300 A. - 80 A. with 30 peanuts, 4 miles town, \$275 A. See for farm loans. Delton Cogburn Realty, Hwy. 6, De Leon, Texas. 2-6-fnc

FOR SALE - Clean Coastal Bermudagrass Sprigs, 3c lb. Call P. E. Fox, Phone 758-2623, Desdemona, 4-2-27p

LOST - Strayed from my farm - a red heifer calf with white spotted face, weighs approximately 600 pounds. She was wearing a chain when last seen ten days ago. Any information appreciated. Contact E. E. Wright, Route 2, Gorman, Texas. 2-27-fnc

FOR SALE, RENT OR TRADE - Two bedroom brick home in Gorman. Close in. Will trade for late model car. A. B. Hunt, Gorman, Texas. 1-2-27p

LOST - Small battery charger Monday in Gorman between 319 Roberts Street and Main or near the Gulf Station. Contact Mrs. C. H. Odum or call Viola Eaker RE 4-2286. 1-2-27p

UPHOLSTERY MATERIAL - Nice selection of upholstery material, 56 inches wide. Regular \$6.98 value for \$2.98 and \$1.98 per yard. Smith's Department Store, De Leon. 2-27-fnc

FOR LEASE - 80 acres Coastal Bermudagrass, 2 1/2 miles out of Gorman on Desdemona Hwy. Good fences, plenty of water, \$12.50 per acre. See or call A. C. Craig, De Leon. Phone days 893-2522, night 893-6622. 2-27-fnc

FOR SALE - Shopsmith in good condition, priced right. Also compost grinder and other items. Call RE 4-2291. 2-27-fnc

LOST - Registered Hereford cow. Last seen on Hwy. 6 about four miles from Gorman. Please contact Ross Wilson. 2-2-27p

FOR SALE - Gunies and fat hens, some light and some heavy weights. Mrs. J. D. Caldwell, RE 4-5680. 2-20-fnc

FOR SALE - Farmall "M" Tractor. May be seen at Troy Johnson & Son on Hwy. 6 West. Call RE 4-2239. 2-2-27p

FOR SALE - 36x65 Warehouse building on Houston Street. See A. D. Pittman, RE 4-5380. 2-27-fnc

WANTED - GOOD MAN OVER 40 for short trips surrounding Gorman. Man we want is worth up to \$16,500 in year, plus regular cash bonus. Air mail R. B. Dickerson, President, Southwestern Petroleum Corporation, Fort Worth, Texas 76101. 1-2-27c

FOR RENT - Two bedroom house in Gorman with 3 acres land. \$40 month. Contact Otis Cogburn, De Leon, or call collect 893-6882, De Leon. 2-3-6p

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KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

Friday night, Feb. 28 is the time for the Hospital Benefit Dinner at the Kokomo Baptist Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Kokomo Home Demonstration Club. Serving will begin at 5:00 and continue until 8:00, so come any time between those hours and eat a "chicken and all the trimmings" dinner and at the same time be helping on the hospital fund. Tickets are \$1.00 for students and adults and 50c for pre-school children. All proceeds will go to the hospital fund. The food is being donated and prepared by the ladies of the Home Demonstration Club and other ladies of the community who want to help.

Mrs. John W. Henderson entertained the Junior Sunday School Class of the Kokomo Baptist Church with a Valentine party in the fellowship hall on Feb. 13. Games were played, and cornie dogs, tater gems, cold drinks and candy bars were served to all

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SCHOOL MENU

Following is the menu for the Gorman School Lunchroom for the week of March 3-7:

Monday - Barbecue, potatoes, lettuce and tomato salad and desert.
Tuesday - Pinto beans, cabbage, corn and pineapple cobbler.
Wednesday - Turkey and dressing, English peas, yams and coconut pudding.
Thursday - Sandwiches, soup, potato chips, fruit and cookies.
Friday - School holiday for teachers meeting.

ten members of the class. They were: Nelda Little, Deliah Eaves, Mark Eaves, Ricky Fuller, Kris Brown, Gary Jackson, James Webb, Stacy Webb, Billy Burgess and David Eaves.

The class presented Mrs. Henderson a box of Valentine chocolates. Mothers assisting Mrs. Henderson were Mmes. D. F. Eaves, Jimmy Little and Bill Brown. Mrs. Gladys Brown of Sweetwater was a guest.

Mrs. Gladys Brown of Sweetwater spent a few days with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and Kris.

Mrs. Jim Jordan returned to her home from the Gorman hospital on Friday. She reports that she is feeling much better every day.

Nanetta Clearman of Cleburne spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman and Mary Jo.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Henderson were dinner guests of Mrs. W. F. Bryant on Sunday and they all attended the singing at Gorman in the afternoon.

Others from Kokomo attending the singing were Mrs. Odie Rodgers, Mrs. Claude Fuller and Mrs. J. C. Timmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan and Kelly of Sweetwater spent Thursday night and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks. They also visited in Gorman with Mrs. W. A. O'Neal.

Mrs. Lester Westbrook and Brenda of Clyde visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nelson and Tena Lyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hughes of Carbon and Kathy Stokes of Midland were visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boone of Lockney returned home last Thursday after spending two weeks with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scitem. While they were here they all visited in Commerce with Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Tinkler and Sherry.

Albert Hendricks received word on Tuesday morning of the death of his cousin, Hubert Seago, in Eastland. Our sincere sympathy to Albert and Mr. Seago's family.

NEWS FROM LAWNSDALE

Ida De Voll of Abilene visited Alma Craig.
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harris of Rising Star and Mrs. B. A. Pettzell of Brownwood visited Nancy Fountain.

Audy Moore of Gorman visited in the home.
Berta Poyner visited J. C. Webb.

Jessie Lemley visited in the home.
Lois Treadway of Mercury, Ana Ross and Dona McNutt of Comanche visited W. B. Mull.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whinton of Stephenville, Dona McNutt of Comanche and Vada Lewis of Desdemona visited Mrs. J. R. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Akers and Brenda of Fort Worth visited Cora Bowles.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Broussard and Edward of Colorado City and

Pizza Supper Nets Hospital Fund \$270

A bouquet of roses to Mrs. A. D. Pittman, "Pizza Queen of Gorman". The pizza supper she planned was very successful and the hospital fund was boosted \$270 with her efforts and the efforts of other sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Revels, Mr. and Mrs. John West, Rev. and Mrs. Joe Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Anderson and Mrs. Doris Bryan and Mrs. Estelle Craddock.

The recent pancake supper sponsored by the Lions Club was attended by 70 people.

The Kokomo HD Club are sponsoring a dinner on Friday, February 28, 5 to 8 p. m. with proceeds going to the hospital fund.

Edgar Altom, tax accessor-collector of Eastland County, announced this week that a total of 6,917 voter registration certificates had been issued in Eastland County. Of this total 49 were cancelled, leaving a total of 6,868 eligible voters in the county.

Cisco leads in the county total with 1,849 voters, followed by Eastland with 1,560 and Ranger with a total of 1,219.

Other towns in the county have eligible voters as follows:

Rising Star, 851; Gorman, 817; Carbon 235; Olden 230; and Desdemona 142.

Donna Smith, also of Colorado City, visited Mrs. Gertrude Usery.

Susan Smith of Eastland and Bob Boswell of Fort Worth visited Mrs. R. C. Boswell.
Mr. and Mrs. Lon Dunlap of Fort Worth visited Charlie Whiteside.

Mr. and Mrs. Almos Lasater of De Leon visited Mary Overstreet

Mrs. Edna Morgan of Carbon visited in the home.

Ray Butler, Jay Jackson, Harold Hamrick and Jerald Frank, a musical group from De Leon, presented a program in the home.

Mrs. J. C. Clearman, Mrs. J. L. Morrow and Mrs. Oren Webb of the Kokomo Home Demonstration Club visited in the home.
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Perry visited Roscoe Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Touchstone, John Kimble of Gorman, Floyd and Bonnie Sorby of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Mears of Gorman visited Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mears.

Mrs. Clyde Brymer of Cisco visited Mrs. W. A. Tate.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickie of De Leon and Mae Leonard of Sipe Springs visited Mrs. McKeehan.

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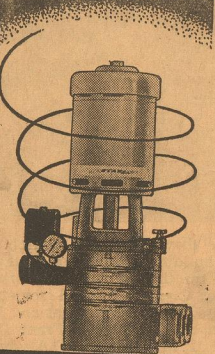
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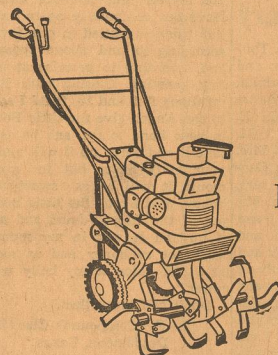
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Gorman Leads Co. 4-H Food Show

The Eastland County 4-H Food Show was a big success with girls from Olden, Eastland, Cisco and Gorman clubs participating. Each girl set up a card table with the proper table setting and exhibited the food she had prepared in one of the four food groups. Each individual display was judged on knowledge of foods and nutrition, the food exhibited, the exhibit, the recipe, the days menu, and the record book.

Brenda Browder was high point girl of the Senior Division with a perfect score. Patsy Moseley of

Olden came in second and these two girls will represent Eastland County at the District Food Show at Tarleton in Stephenville on April 19th.

Teresa Browder also was the high point girl in the bread and cereal division and tied for second place in the overall Junior Division. Caddy Lee of Cisco was the winner of the Junior Division.

Brenda and Teresa are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Browder of Route 1, Gorman.

The food show was under the supervision of the County Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Janet Thomas. Some twenty friends, guests and relatives visited the food show.

Miss Linda Perez Is Party Honoree

A gift party Monday evening in the home of Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter was a pre-nuptial compliment to Miss Linda Perez, bride-elect of Larry Eugene Leach.

Receiving with Mrs. Fairbetter and the honoree were the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Lorenzo Perez, and her fiance's aunt, Mrs. J. C. Blancet, and her daughter, Donna.

Frances Perez, sister of the honoree, was at the registry. Connie Park paid a tribute to Linda by reading two selections "Linda" and "The Girl That I Marry". The refreshment table decorations were yellow and white, the brides' chosen colors. Linda Espinoza and Estelle Craddock assisted in serving guests.

Assisting the honoree in opening the daintily wrapped gifts were her cousin, Susan Perez, Allie Lou Fraley and Mrs. Roscoe Reeves.

District XIV TSTA Meeting Slated In Abilene March 6-7

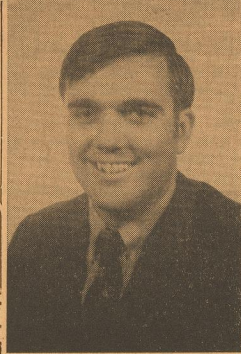
The District XIV Texas State Teachers Association will meet in Abilene on March 6-7, 1969. The House of Delegates will meet on Thursday evening, March 6 in the Cafeteria of Abilene High School.

The Abilene Classroom Teachers Association will serve coffee during the registration hour from 9:15 to 10:15 Friday, March 7. The general assembly will convene at 10:15 in the Abilene High School Auditorium with Dr. Ship of Dallas as the principal speaker.

After the general assembly there will be group meetings for the various areas of work. Many of these will be luncheon meetings.

School will dismiss for this meeting.

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William H. Locke Receives Gulf Oil Corp. Promotion

William H. (Bill) Locke is one of five new technical employees that have recently reported for assignment at Gulf's Port Arthur Refinery, it was announced by R. J. Metcalf, Refinery Manager.

Locke received his B. A. degree from the University of Texas. He is married to the former Patsy Ann Rawls of Gorman. They have a young daughter, Dana Michelle. The family reside at 3500 Charles Avenue in Groves. Locke's hometown is De Leon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Locke of De Leon.

Girl Scouts Sell 816 Boxes Cookies

"The Girl Scouts of Gorman wish to thank their friends for the fine support of their 16th Annual Cookie Sale completed February 22, Mrs. B. E. Simpson, Cookie Chairman, announced today.

"The sale, held throughout the 19-county Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council, was a great success. The sale gave the girls an opportunity to earn money for troop activities, to assume responsibility, and to handle simple business transactions. The girls also had the opportunity to put into practice their Girl Scout Promise and Laws.

"The people of Gorman bought a total of 816 packages of cookies during the nine-day sale.

"Individual Achievement Awards will go to Junior Girl Scouts Victoria Perez, Tamilyn Simpson, Susan Swanner, and Louise Zink. Also to Prissy Neil and Sara Jane Slaton, Brownie Scouts, for selling 48 or more

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank Kernel Gene and his staff for being thoughtful enough to send me the Gorman Progress since I have been a patient in the VA Hospital in Dallas. Words are inadequate when I try to express my appreciation for each kindness that has been shown me and my family since I have been in the hospital. I want to thank each department of the churches of Gorman for your

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prayers and other deeds of kindness shown us. Especially do I want to thank the members of our church, the First Baptist, for their continued thoughtfulness to me.

With no sympathy desired whatsoever I have had a lot of pain but the prayers of christian people have certainly been known. Thanks again for remembering me in your prayers.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1969

Within the hours prescribed by law for the purpose of electing TWO COMMISSIONERS, each to serve for a term of two (2) years or until his successor has been duly elected and qualified. Officers whose terms expire are C. O. Revels, Place 3, and Arlton Smith, Place 1.

The election is ordered to be held in the Fire Hall at the customary place for holding City Elections. M. F. Allen is appointed as Election Judge. Names of candidates are to be filed with the City Secretary and, as prescribed by law, latest filing date is 30 days prior to election date, during regular office hours.

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Medicare Patients Reminded Hospital Deduction Now \$44

Increased hospital costs of over 13% have resulted in a 10% increase in Medicare costs to elderly patients, beginning 1-1-69. This comes as a reminder from R. R. Tuley, Jr., district manager of the Abilene social security office.

Tuley said, "The average Medicare inpatient hospital daily costs rose, nationally, from about \$38 in 1966 to about \$43 in 1967 and continued upward in 1968. Keeping pace with these rising costs required that the deductible be increased from \$40 to \$44 in each benefit period."

"The patient's share of the cost from the 61st to the 90th day rises from \$10 to \$11. If he has to draw on his "lifetime reserve" from the 91st day to the 150th day in one benefit period, his share during that time has gone up from \$20 to \$22. Insured care in a skilled nursing home now costs the patient \$5.50 per day after the first 20 days, instead of \$5."

These increases were effective on or after 1-1-69, Tuley emphasized. A person who entered a hospital or skilled nursing home before January 1 pays the old rate throughout his stay even if it is extended into 1969.

"If you have any questions about this or any other social security matter, inquire at your social security office at Room

DESDEMONA NEWS

By MRS. ETHEL KEITH

Mrs. Nannie Guthery, who has been a patient in the Gorman hospital for almost two weeks, is expected to be home this week.

Mrs. G. C. Stacy, who underwent surgery in the Harris Hospital several days ago, was able to be home Friday and reported to be doing nicely.

Mr. John Arnold remains as a house patient at his home following surgery some time ago in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Debert Williams and son of Kermit spent the past weekend with his mother, Mrs. Doby Williams.

Mrs. Mack Keith and three of their four children were here the past weekend and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainey. Also visited Ethel Keith and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guthery.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dietz made a trip to Abilene Sunday.

The Dewey Shoemakers, who spent the most of the winter here with a brother, Art Shoemaker, left Monday for their home in Toledo, Ohio.

Jorene Wilcoxson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Wilcoxson of Odessa, is here on an extended visit with her grandmother Keith.

Mrs. Iva Buchan has been quite ill in the Stephenville Hospital for several days.

2321 Federal Building, Abilene. Telephone number for the Abilene office is 677-5262," Tuley said.

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Speedy Clark and Bill and Mr. and Mrs. Roger George of De Leon were weekend visitors in Midland with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Crawley and daughter, Mrs. Betty Strube, honored their son-in-law Sunday with a surprise birthday dinner at his home near Comanche. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Grey Bragg and Sherry Lynn of Comanche.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bennett were Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Bennett of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jones, Kathy and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Little, Karen and Doug of Abilene, and Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sarnton and daughter of Lubbock were weekend visitors with her mother, Mrs. Cecil Carr, and attended church services at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald White and children of Abilene were visitors her Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Clyde Hodges, and Mr. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Wall and son visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Huffman.

and Mrs. W. J. Griffith and children of Lamesa.

Mrs. Marvin Blair and Mrs. Les Wallace visited in Denton from Sunday to Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Clement and Michele of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lasater of Arlington spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lasater.

Miss Don Moorman of Fort Worth was a weekend visitor with her mother, Mrs. Dona Moorman.

Mrs. T. G. Jackson has returned from a two weeks visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powers of Beaumont.

Ryan Preston and Jane De-drickson of Fort Worth were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Preston and Martha.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank each of you who were so thoughtful and kind at the time of loss of our loved one, Von Holmes. The flowers, memorials, food and every act of kindness were greatly appreciated.

May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Von Holmes and family
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Let us educate our children to the facts that they are responsible for the kind of future they and their families will enjoy. Let us help them to understand the importance that books, classrooms, and study hold for them. Let us appreciate and support our public schools in Texas.

But don't support and appreciate them silently. Speak out. Visit a public school in your community March 3rd through 7th. It will be a rewarding experience for you, and a living example for your child.

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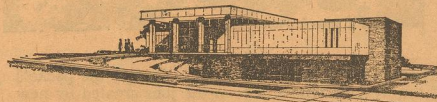
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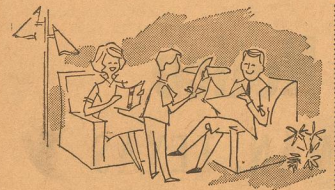
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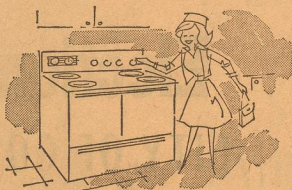
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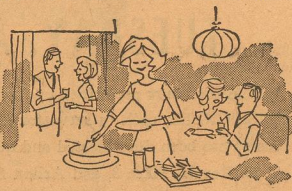
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