



## HULLS

By KERNEL GENE, aPe

I wonder? Am I really "nuts"? Have you ever held a conversation with yourself? If so, maybe you can understand the following dissertation.

While working Sunday afternoon, the Kernel asked aPe (that's me), if I could enlighten him as to just what was the problem between Mr. Clark and the people of this area who want a hospital.

aPe replied: "You should know Kernel, because you have given him every opportunity to express his opinion without charge, although Mr. Clark has vowed to make a ghost town out of Gorman."

Kernel: "Well, yes, he did say he would cause merchants in Gorman to lose all the business he could and NOT spend a dime here himself. However, I thought he was just blowing off steam, because both of us have done lots of horn tooting in the past."

aPe: "Call it horn tooting if you want, but he really let the hammer down in the meeting at Desdemona Friday night."

Kernel: "Sorry to hear that. I know lots of folks in Desdemona and I don't believe they all feel that way." SAY NOW! Come to think of it, if Mr. Clark does that he could put us out of business too?"

aPe: "That seems to be the general idea."

Kernel: "That being the case, guess we better try and pacify him before he cuts off our water. Water, I just thought of something funny."

aPe: "What's so funny?"

Kernel: "Understand Mr. Clark owns the water works in Desdemona. Am wondering if he will cut off the water of all the folks in Desdemona who vote for the hospital district."

aPe: "You NUT, that isn't very funny and I don't think Mr. Clark will appreciate it."

Kernel: "Guess you're right. My apology Mr. Clark. No offense intended, but I sure would hate to hear coyotes howling on my doorsteps."

POSTSCRIPT — And surely whoever referred to the two doctors who built a "cattle and land kingdom" were not the doctors Mr. Clark told the Kernel about that helped him and his family when the tornado struck.

"FINIS CORONAT OPUS"  
"The end crowns the work."

## A Letter To The Editor And People

March 17, 1969  
Let us first take a look at what has been done. When I came to Gorman 50 years ago, Bass Lake was a beautiful place where people came for miles around to picnic and swim and rest under the shades of the beautiful oak trees and visit with friends and neighbors. That park was turned over to the city all in good shape and free of debt. Someone said we had to have a swimming pool in town; the city was not able to keep it up. But they spent, I hear, \$30,000 for the one in town with the lot given to them. So they have a swimming pool with no shades and no accommodations whatever. Now, I hear that neither one will open this year. Don't take my word for it, go see for yourself what they got for their money.

## BURKE MUSGROVE INTRODUCES HOSPITAL BILL TO LEGISLATURE

AUSTIN — State Representative Burke Musgrove stated during a visit to Gorman and Desdemona last weekend that he has introduced in the Legislature, House Bill 1204, which would allow a hospital district to be created in the South Eastland and North Comanche County area, if approved by a majority of the qualified tax-paying voters in the proposed area.

## AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Kernel Gene:  
It seems that "Compound" is really disturbed, and cannot get his bearings.

He may know about "the metes and bounds" of the proposed "Hospital District", but he failed in his "Quotations" on Revelations 10-9. Also was off his "Rocker" on Rising Star Hospital District. So watch his step, as he may misquote other things.

It is "bad" when people have been in business in Gorman for many years, and then be against the Hospital for the people they have had as customers for many years.

We also have had professional people that have been in our District for many, many years, and have drawn "thousands" of dollars from our district as salaries and are against a few dollars in taxes to build a hospital. Also some have drawn many, many thousands of dollars as salary and then retired and leave our community with their money.

Remember the words, "Faith, Hope and Charity," but remember the greatest of these in charity (love). Remember there are many people here and close by that need a hospital close to home.

So, remember that two or three trips to Eastland would more than pay this tax that many would have to pay. So, let charity for you and your neighbor begin at home. Please don't bite the hand this feeding.

With malice toward none, these are my sentiments. Let's all pull together for the good of our community. Good luck to all.

Yours truly,  
Geo. F. (Honest) Bennett

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:  
Please print this in your newspaper. I would like to express my appreciation publicly to two men, Mr. L. E. Clark and Mr. Don Estes. They have given their time and efforts to present to the people of this area the facts in the establishing of a hospital district for Gorman. We do believe in a discussion of the issues both publicly and privately when the matter of added taxation is involved. Therefore, I have great respect for these leaders of the community who worked so hard to provide the true facts to us.

Mrs. Lorene Stewart  
Rt. 3, Gorman, Texas

Glad to print your letter, Mrs. Stewart. Thought a few other people had some facts, also, including the Progress, but guess our old newspaper press just failed to make them readable. - Kernel Gene.

## Benefit Coffee nets \$328.70 for Hospital

The Hospital Benefit Coffee held Friday morning in the Progress Library netted \$328.70 for the City of Gorman Hospital Fund.

Hostesses for the event were Mrs. Albert Hendricks, Mrs. Travis Smith, Mrs. Jolene Elson and Miss Debra Smith.

Mrs. Jerry Anderson drew the cake bake dby Mrs. Glenn Jordan of Kokomo, which netted \$15.20 for the coffee benefit.

Musgrove added that he introduced the Bill without metes and bounds and without the names of temporary directors and that these would be included before the bill comes up for a vote. Earlier suggestions for metes and bounds confined the proposed district solely to South Eastland County because it was thought that the district could not overlap with one created in 1960 for Precinct 4 of Comanche County. Musgrove stated that a thorough check into the official standing of this Comanche County Hospital District had never received the necessary approval of the taxpayers in that area of Comanche County and the inclusion of the entire Gorman District as it extends across the county line would more centrally locate the hospital in the proposed hospital district.

Musgrove added that he was checking into the legality of holding a partition election to create the South Eastland County Hospital District. He explained that this would allow for tabulation of vote results by school district, or portions of school districts, in the proposed hospital district area and that only those school districts approving inclusion in the hospital district would be included.

Musgrove commented that he is not too optimistic about the possibility of this unique type of election to ratify the creation of a hospital district, but that it would allow for an official expression of the opinion by those people in each of the school districts in the proposed plan.

Musgrove said he delayed the introduction of the bill when the first opposition developed. He said the Texas Constitution provides for a thirty-day advance notice, but because several people called him and expressed concern that it would be "railroaded" through, he delayed an additional thirty days so that this could not be used as an argument against the hospital. The legislator said that he served on the committee last session which considered all the hospital district bills (some fifty or sixty) and that only one was opposed at the time it came up before the House Committee in Austin for its required public hearing.

Musgrove said that an identical bill to his is to be introduced in the Senate by Senator Tom Creighton so that the matter may be expedited properly before the May 31 deadline for Hill-Burton Fund applications.

Mrs. Clay Moorman Is Guest Speaker Of Willing Workers

On Thursday, March 13, members of the Willing Workers Class of the First Baptist Church met in the Educational Building for their regular class meeting and quilting.

The president, Mrs. Rob Kinser, presided, with Mrs. A. V. Littlefield giving the opening prayer.

The devotional, a reading of three chapters of Joshua, was presented by a guest, Mrs. Clay Moorman of Cisco, a former member of the Gorman First Baptist Church. A brief business meeting followed with Mrs. Lizzie Jackson reading the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Oda Monroe.

After the business had been completed, refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, stuffed olives, cold drinks and cake squares were served, and a period of fellowship was enjoyed by the ten members and guest present.

The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Littlefield.

## WSCS Study Southeast Asia

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. G. C. Acrea Monday afternoon, began a study of the ten countries of Southeast Asia with the purpose of understanding their place in history and of recognizing the challenge that existing conditions present to christian people.

Mrs. Charles Duran is director of the four-session study. Mrs. F. R. Haile and Mrs. Joe Davis gave reports on Burma and Thailand.

Mrs. Barton Eppler will host the Monday, March 24 session in her home.

## Lester Seaton Buys Henderson Variety Store

Lester Seaton of San Antonio has purchased the Henderson Variety Store from Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Henderson.

Mr. Henderson has accepted employment at Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association. Mr. Seaton has been employed with Gibson Discount Stores for the past eight years. He is a former resident of Gorman and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Seaton of Gorman. Mrs. Seaton is the former Glenda Sue Clement, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Clement.

## Gorman Senior Class Play Slated Friday, March 28th

The Gorman Senior Class will present a three act comedy "The Honeymoon Is Over" on Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p. m. in the High School Auditorium.

Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50c for students. The cast of characters include John Gilbert as Fred Smithie, a long suffering husband; Frances Perez as Fannie Smithie, Fred's hair-brained wife; Linda Welch as Barbara Hanson, a helpful neighbor; Greg Bennett as Clarence Weeger, an uninvited guest; Dorothy Legg as Rose Day, a romantic young lady; Mary Jay as Lucy Bird, just married to Jack; Teddy Higginbottom as Bill, a shady character; Doyle Shipman as Jack Bird, just married to Lucy; and Pam Foster as Gert, Bill's wife.

Mark your calendar now and reserve March 28th for "The Honeymoon Is Over". We think you will enjoy this play.

## Joe Mehaffey Named As New Service Officer

Joe Mehaffey, owner of Joe's Grocery, has been named Eastland County Assistant Service Officer by the Commissioners' Court in Eastland. Mehaffey was named to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. L. Wallace, who had served Eastland County veterans in the post since 1963.

Mehaffey purchased the Ormsby Grocery in 1966 when he received his discharge from the Army after serving six years as a helicopter pilot in Korea, Germany and Vietnam. He was a lieutenant when he received his discharge in 1966.

A native of Gorman and the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mehaffey, he is a graduate of North Texas State University at Denton and is married to the former Linda Cloninger. They have three children, Randi, Sammi and Josh.

They are members of the Gorman First United Methodist Church.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all those who remembered me with cards, letters, gifts and good wishes during my stay in the Houston hospital. Your friendship is appreciated more than words can express. A special thanks to Pinky Jobe for flying my parents back and forth to Houston and to my Sunday School Class for the "money tree."

I will be confined to my bed for several more weeks, however, I am permitted to have visitors and will appreciate visits from my friends.

Bill Mearns

## LARRY CAMPBELL NAMED MANAGER OF PIONEER PEANUT COOP. PLANT

Larry Campbell, of Jacksboro, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Campbell of Gorman, has been named manager of the Pioneer Farmers Cooperative, a drying, buying and selling plant at Pioneer. The plant was completed in October, 1967.

Larry has been employed by City Service Oil Co., in Jacksboro for the past three and one-half years. He is married to the former Joy Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melva Love of Gorman.

## FUNERAL RITES NANNIE FRASIER HELD MARCH 9

Mrs. Nannie Katherine Frasier, 37, died Friday afternoon, March 7, in the De Leon Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday, March 9, at the Congregational Methodist Church with the Rev. Marion Dennis, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Simpson Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home in charge.

She was born February 11, 1932 in Eastland County. She was a member of the Church of God.

Survivors include her husband, Richard (Cotton) Frasier; two daughters, Minnie Faye and Judy K., both of the home; one son, Winford Lee of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shugart of Texas; four brothers, Alfred and Fort Worth, Dalton, Charlie and Louis Shugart; three sisters, Mrs. Huie Snider of Gorman and Mrs. Willie Bealeu of Breckenridge.

## School Honor Roll For 4th Six Weeks

Following is the honor roll list for Gorman Public Schools for the fourth six weeks period:

THIRD GRADE  
A Honor Roll  
Stacy Webb, Bobby Jay, Deliah Eaves, Cheryl Arnold, Melissa Warren, Prissy Neill and Randy Green.

A-B Honor Roll  
Betty Garrett, Teresa Underwood, Rita Bennett, Robin Dake, and James Dickerson.

FOURTH GRADE  
A Honor Roll  
Cheryl Brown, James Thompson, Curtis Whitlock, Douglas Warren, Billy Burgess, Terri Patterson, Larry Garrett, Susan Swanner, Patricia Wallace, and Gary Jackson.

A-B Honor Roll  
Revis Laminack and Edward White.

FIFTH GRADE  
A Honor Roll  
Kirk Arnold, Tony Ripley and Tamilyn Simpson.

A-B Honor Roll  
Tammy Dake, Pat Duran, Brent Foster, Gary Manning, Kellye Stewart, James Webb and Louise Zink.

SIXTH GRADE  
A Honor Roll  
Joetta Bennett, David Eaves, Mark Eaves and Teresa Browder.

A-B Honor Roll  
Wayne Blair, Kris Brown, Ricky Fuller, Terry Price, Charlene Self, Billy Underwood, and Rodney Warren.

Tests to be given later due to sickness. Kathy Ripley.

SEVENTH GRADE  
A Honor Roll  
Vicki Simmons, Hardy Browder, Steve Stinnett, and Leonard Garrett.

A-B Honor Roll  
Nancy Grady, Bill Baze and Vicki Harvey.

EIGHTH GRADE  
A Honor Roll  
George Ann Bettis.

## Invitation Volley Ball Tournament Set March 20-22

The Lions Club will sponsor an Invitational Outsiders Volleyball Tournament to be held here Thursday, March 20 through Saturday, March 22nd.

Women and mens teams representing Desdemona, Eastland, De Leon, Carbon, Gordon and Gorman will participate.

Trophies will be awarded to first place individuals and second place and consolation to team winners.

Admission will be 50c for adults and 25c for students. All proceeds will go to the school toward the purchase of a glass backboard. Game time is set for 6:00 p. m. Thursday, March 20.



## Joe Ed Baze Is Coach Of The Year

Joe Ed Baze, boys basketball coach and teacher in the Clyde Schools, was an overwhelming pick as coach of the year in All-Area 8-AA.

Baze took a club picked for fourth in the 8-AA district and turned it into a district and bi-district champion to the surprise of everyone. His team was known in the district as the "Cinderella Team."

This is Baze's second year at coaching and teaching and his first year at Clyde. He taught and coached basketball at Waelder last year.

Baze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Baze of Gorman, is a Gorman High School graduate and received his B. S. degree from Tarleton State College.

## March Designated Red Cross Month

Mrs. Jerry Overstreet is chairman for the March campaign for the Red Cross this year in Gorman.

A serviceman is needed at home. A tornado devastates a community. A flood inundates a town. A fire wipes out a neighborhood. A patient may die if blood is not provided immediately.

These are emergencies in which people need help and need it fast. And they get it fast through the American Red Cross.

School children learn first aid and swimming skills; home nursing is taught to underprivileged persons as well as to high school students; blood is collected for medical emergencies; parents-to-be are taught how to care for babies.

Red Cross workers provide welfare and recreational services to military around the world. The Red Cross rushes teams of trained workers to scenes of disaster.

The most important work in the Eastland County Chapter is Service to Military Families. Red Cross is the link between home and our servicemen throughout the world.

So put your money where your boys are and give generously when a Red Cross worker calls on you. "Help us Help!"

## BROWDERS TAKE TOP HONORS IN EASTLAND COUNTY STOCK SHOW

Teresa and Hardy Browder, brother-sister team, brought home top honors in the market hog judging Friday in the Eastland County Livestock Show. Teresa showed the Grand Champion market hog while Hardy showed the Reserve Champion.

Marla Morgan of Carbon won second place in the Duroc Breeding Swine, Class I; Marty Morgan of Carbon, first place in Class II, Bruce McCabe of Gorman won third place. Marty also won the Grand Champion Duroc class. Marty also won Grand Champion Class 3 Black Breeding Swine. LaVeda Scitern of Gorman was winner of Duroc Heavyweight Reserve Champion. She also placed second in the Duroc Lightweight Division.

## MARION WOOD LAID TO REST ON SATURDAY

William Marion Wood, 98, died at the Western Hills Nursing Home in Comanche Thursday at 4:14 p. m. March 13, following a long illness. He was a resident of Comanche County for 65 years.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, March 15 in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Johnny Burleson of De Leon officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

He was born in Marion County, Ark. February 22, 1871, and was a retired farmer. His wife, Effie Mae, preceded him in death on August 19, 1929.

Survivors include two sons, Felix of De Leon and Floyd of Kerrville; one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Stanfield of Albany; one half-brother, Don Pierce of Loving, N. M.

Pallbearers were Stanley Porter, Thearon Gilmore, Cass Frasier, Jack Mauney, R. H. Watson, and Sam Broom.

## LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Rodgers of Carbon announce the arrival of their daughter, Jonna Lynn, born March 7 at the De Leon Hospital.

She weighed six pounds, four ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers of Gorman and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clydel Lewis of Desdemona. The paternal grandparents are Mrs. May Timmons and Mrs. Viola Rodgers, both of Gorman. Maternal grandparents are Mr. W. B. Mull of Gorman and Mrs. Dove Lewis of Desdemona.

## CAPT. VERNON ASH NAMED OUTSTANDING JR. OFFICER OF YEAR AT REESE AFB

LUBBOCK, TEXAS — The flying skill that earned him 15 decorations for superior airman-ship in the Vietnam war has brought Captain Vernon G. Ash of Corpus Christi, added honor at Reese AFB, Texas.

Captain Ash has been named Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year in the 3500th Pilot Training Wing. The former tactical fighter pilot was selected from among lieutenants and captains and eight other finalists in his Air Training Command (ATC) organization for his exemplary leadership and proficiency as a T-28 Talon instructor pilot.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Ash, 3926 Brawner Parkway, Corpus Christi.

The captain has been named to participate in the first Air Force Junior Officer Conference in Houston March 18-21.

He is one of 50 lieutenants and captains selected throughout the Air Force for this special assignment.

The captain, a 1959 W. B. Ray High School graduate, earned his B. A. degree in 1964 at Texas A&M University, where he was commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

## Mrs. Linnie Walker Marks 90th Year

Mrs. Linnie Walker observed her 90th birthday Sunday, March 9 with a family dinner at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Shell, where she has made her home since August.

Attending the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ford of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton of Dublin and Mrs. Jessie Garrett of Breckenridge, all daughters of Mrs. Walker, and granddaughters, Mrs. Jimmie Dean and children, Cassandra, Deborah and Jimmie, Jr. of Dallas; Mrs. Danny Pendleton and Jeff of Stephenville, also a granddaughter and Mrs. Arnold Anderson and Tessie of Arlington, granddaughter-in-law and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lindley of Stephenville.

A son, E. M. Walker of Amarillo, was unable to attend.

Mrs. Walker received many beautiful cards and gifts.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

The De Leon Chapter No. 693, Order of the Eastern Star, will sponsor a chili supper Friday, March 21 from 6 to 8 p. m. in the Masonic Hall. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any member or at the door. They will be \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children under 12. Pie and drink will be included on the menu.

\*NOTICE — The Hospital Benefit Auction to be held at Johnson and Son lot in the very near future is in need of auction items. If this sale is to be a success, cooperation of the community is necessary. The hospital committee urges everyone to turn in their auction items and if you do not have a way to bring them in, Oda Monroe and Jack Mauney have volunteered to pick up any and all items. All you have to do is call either one of these men. They will see that the auction items are stored properly and will be most happy to pick up whatever you have for the auction.

Remember, anything is accepted, from the smallest item to a tractor, truck or what have you.

Singing at Kokomo will be held Sunday, March 23, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

The Kokomo Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. John Little on Monday, March 24 at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. M. E. Graves of Eastland will give the program on the State THDA Convention she attended last September. All members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

Remember to attend the Carbon Senior Class Play, A-Feudin Over Yonder on March 21 at 8 p. m. in the Carbon auditorium. Admission 75c and 50c.

The Gorman Rebekah Lodge meets each Tuesday evening.

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

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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

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An Extra Key - Made While You Wait! Rankin Army-Navy Supplies. 11-29-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** - My home in Gorman. Three bedrooms and two baths. E. C. Bramlett, Sr., Phone RE 4-5467. 1-16-fnc

**HELP WANTED** - Nurses Aids. Apply at Blackwell Hospital, Inc. Gorman, RE 4-2276. 4-3-27c

**FOR SALE or RENT** - Underwood Typewriter. See Estelle Craddock, Progress Office, Phone RE 4-5410.

**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

**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 893-2622, night 893-6622. 2-27-fnc

**FOR SALE** - Good bright peanut hay, \$30 ton at barn. Tom Broom, RE 4-2217. 3-20-fnc

**FOR SALE** - 4 5/10 acres peanut allotment. RE 4-5402. 1tp

**FOR LEASE** - 18 acres Peanut Land, Duster area. \$30.00 acre. Sale: 320 A. Gorman area, 37.3 peanuts, 80 cult., \$135. A. 29% down. Delton Cogburn Realty, Hwy. 6, De Leon, Texas, Phone 893-6666. 2-3-27c

**FOR SALE** - Girl Scout Uniform, only worn twice. Size 14, and all accessories. Joetta Bennett, RE 4-5401. nc

**PEANUT FARM FOR SALE** - 1 30 A. tract, 13 A peanuts, will GI, \$300 A - 80 A with 30 peanuts, 4 miles town. See for farm loans. Delton Cogburn Realty, Hwy. 6, De Leon, Texas, Phone 893-6666. 3-20-fnc

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

**WANTED** - R.N.'s & L.V.N.'s for 36 bed Hospital. Average Salary. Better than average benefits. Ranger General Hospital, Ranger, Texas. City population about 4,000. Good Schools and Junior College. New construction well into final planning stage. 3-4-3c

**WANTED** - Weaning age or older red and grey fox, delivered to by house, 12 miles south of Comanche on Hwy. 16 in Newburg Community. \$5.00 each, any amount. Joe Evridge, Rt. 3, Box 189, Comanche, Texas 76442. Tel. 817 - 885-2103. 6-4-24c

**FOR SALE** - Three bedroom home with two baths, located near school. \$6,500. See Don Lamback or call RE 4-2254, Gorman. 2-3-27c

**FOR SALE** - AKC Registered Toy Poodle puppies. Six weeks old, out of extra good bloodline parents. Contact George Simmons (days) at RE 4-5616 or (nights) RE 4-5530. 1-3-20c

**FOR SALE** - 55 gal. oil drums, ideal trash barrels, \$3.00 & \$3.50. T. L. Isbell, RE 4-5747. 1tp

**WANTED TO BUY** - Good second hand divan, preferably one that will make into a bed. Call RE 4-5351. 2-3-27c

**FOR SALE** - 80 acre farm, 21 1/2 acres peanut, 17 acres grain allot., common bermuda, 7 miles southwest of Carbon. \$200 acre. V. A. Harrison, 893-2365, Route 2, De Leon. 2-3-27c

**FOR SALE** - Just arrived - a new shipment of Portable Air Tanks. May be seen at Capers Service Welding, 3 blocks north of Hwy. 6 on Hwy. 8. Lonnie Capers. 3-20-fnc

**WANTED** - Elderly couple to do part time work and live four miles southeast of Cisco. F. O. Hilburn, Phone 817 - 442-2781. Cisco. Call collect. 2-3-20p

**PLANTS FOR SALE** - Geraniums, petunias, tomato and pepper, and other plants. Canna bulbs, red and pink Wolf strain and a few dahlia bulbs. Mrs. Calvin Brown, RE 4-5596. 8-5-1p

**FOR SALE** - Nice two wheel stock trailer \$210.00; a table saw with a 3/4 horse reversible motor \$50.00; and a nice grader for a Ford Tractor, \$75.00. Wayne Durham, Rt. 2, Eastland. 6-4-10p

**KOKOMO NEWS**

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

Congratulations to the 4-H boys and girls and the FFA boys on the fine job they did in showing their animals at the Eastland County Livestock Show during the past weekend. Our appreciation to the merchants that paid the premiums on the animals sold in the special auction sale on Saturday night.

Mrs. John W. Henderson came home from the Eastland Memorial Hospital on Friday and reports that she is doing fine. Mrs. Calvin Brown visited with her on Tuesday and Mr. and Mrs. Odie Rodgers were visiting with the Hendersons on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rodgers of Austin spent the weekend here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Rodgers and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Browning in Gorman. They also visited in Carbon with Mr. and Mrs. John Rodgers, Kim and Jonna Lynn.

Mrs. J. C. Clearman, Jamie Clearman and Keith and Nanetta Clearman spent the weekend in Hereford with Mrs. Janie Clearman and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Stokes, Kathy and Kenny of Midland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Oren Webb and family on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Barrington and daughters of Houston spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bishop.

Mrs. R. Q. Graham is a patient at the Ranger Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks visited in Sweetwater on Sunday

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thank you so much for the many cards and flowers I received while in the hospital. My sincere thanks to the staff of nurses and doctors who made my fast recovery possible.

Nona Leazar

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Gladys Lucke were a sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Conyers of El Paso, a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Key of Midland, and a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Maxwell, Janet, Regena and Sharon, of Kermit.

with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan and Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett spent Sunday night and Monday in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hallmark, Becky and Deb by. Mrs. Glenn Jordan accompanied them to Abilene and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roddy Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Thompson of Eastland were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan on Sunday afternoon.

Visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barrington and family of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers of Austin and Kathy Stokes of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. O'Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Mearse of Snyder attended the funeral of a niece and cousin, Mrs. Betty Frances Jones, in Fort Worth on Tuesday. They also visited with Mr. O'Neal's sister, Mrs. Leslie Stone.

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street visited Mrs. Mary Overstreet. Mrs. C. H. Odom and Buddy of Gorman visited Georgia Eaker. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Phillips of Eastland visited Clemmie Phillips.

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By Dee Gordon.

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After some kidding from bystanders, the employee kept his word and wrote out the check. Irven delivered the bull.

Knowing Irven's cattle as I do, I am sure the man got his money's worth of bull, but I'll bet he is a little more careful before making an offer in the future.

orchards will use a slightly different spray program. The Texas Guide for Controlling Insects and Diseases on Fruits and Nuts will be very helpful to fruit growers.

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We do not yet know how the recent freezes affected the fruit crop in Eastland County. I feel sure those trees that were in full bloom when the temperature dropped below freezing for several nights will not have a fruit crop. We'll have to wait and see what the freeze did to the trees that were in the pink bud stage.

In case your trees still have a crop after the freezes, you will want to be sure to control the plum curculio and other insects. The crop will likely be short this year so you will need to take good care of those that will be produced.

The plum curculio is the small white grub that you find around the seed when the peaches are ripe. To prevent this insect and others start your spraying when 75 percent of the blossom petals have fallen. If you have only a few peach or plum trees, there is a simplified spray schedule suggested.

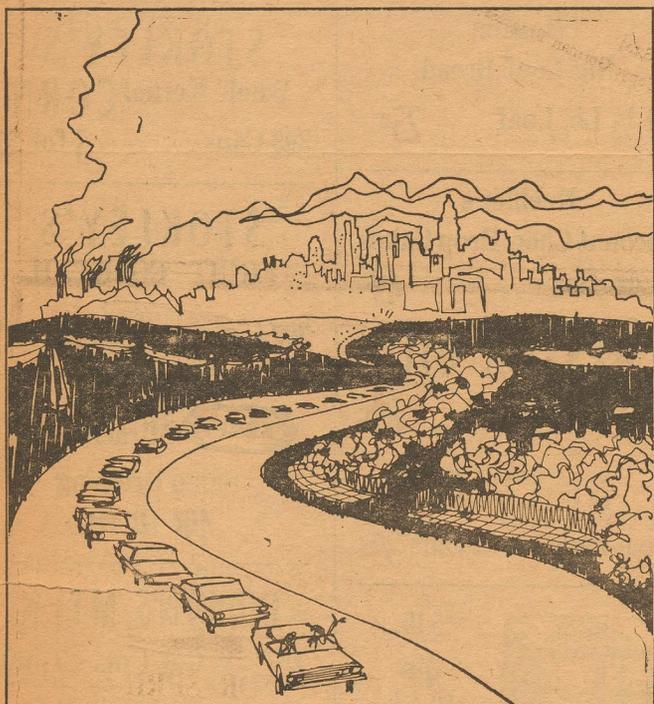
Use methoxychlor or malathion insecticide. The trees should be sprayed according to the following schedule: (1) When 75 percent of blossom petals have fallen. (2) Ten days after petal fall. (3) Ten to 14 days after second spray. (4) Fourteen to twenty-one days after the third spraying.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT WAS AMENDED in July, 1965, establishing the Medicare Program which, among other things, provides eligible individuals at age 65 or over with basic protection against the costs of services provided by hospitals which meet certain conditions of participation.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MEDICARE, a hospital must meet certain conditions relating to patient health and safety.

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AMONG REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY LAW ARE: A hospital (1) provide 24-hour nursing services, rendered or supervised by a registered nurse and have a licensed practical nurse or registered professional nurse on duty at all times and (2) have in effect what is called a hospital utilization review plan to see that prescribed conditions be continuously met.

CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY of Health, Education and Welfare for safeguarding the health and safety of beneficiaries require, among other things, that a hospital (1) have proper facilities for handling contaminated linens, the incineration of infectious wastes and for storing and safeguarding drugs and (2) eliminate fire hazards and maintain clean and orderly work areas in the food department and, if surgery is offered, have a properly equipped operating room free from hazards of explosions.

THESE ARE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS OF A LONG LIST a hospital must provide to be eligible to serve medicare patients.

A SECTION OF THE MEDICARE PROVISIONS AUTHORIZES the Health, Education and Welfare Secretary to enter into agreements with State agencies to make inspections of hospitals and certify that the services and facilities of a hospital do or do not substantially meet the required conditions.

IN NOVEMBER, 1965, THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF HEALTH INSURANCE agreed with the Texas State Department of Health for the State to carry out the necessary inspections and qualifications of hospitals.

BY APRIL 30, 1968, 6,847 HOSPITALS NATION-WIDE HAD qualified to participate in the Medicare Program. In Texas 530 hospitals had been certified. Of this total number in the United States, about 600 were awarded a special "limited access" certification. Of this total about 230 were located in Texas. A number of these are now facing serious difficulties in trying to meet the requirements. For instance, those buildings with wooden floors, with doors 30 inches wide and narrow hallways, can do little about it.

RURAL AREAS ARE IN MOST INSTANCES HARDEST HIT. Even if available, older people are less inclined to want hospital care away from their home town but smaller towns are less able to support a hospital meeting specifications.

THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS on the Medicare Program has not yet been printed but one part of it will say: "The State agencies have reported that those hospitals which received special access certification, have in general made progress toward correction of original deficiencies. The Nationwide shortage of registered nurses, however, is especially acute in those rural and isolated areas where no access facilities are located and has remained the single and significant obstacle for these hospitals to overcome despite their continuing recruitment efforts." The report will also say that hospitals with the limited

approval have made many corrections of physical plant deficiencies.

THESE PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED BY MANY OF OUR older and smaller hospitals in Texas are spread over about all parts of the State except the larger cities. In many instances no other hospital services are available and even if there were, they are usually filled and their facilities strained. Doctors and nurses are not available even if facilities were adequate. The Social Security Administration is under criticism from some other Federal Agencies involved for not having disqualified some hospitals completely before this time but the Social Security Administration is seemingly trying to be as lenient as possible under the law to give every hospital as much time as possible to correct deficiencies to the qualifying point.

NOTE: THOSE BORN ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1901, and have thus far not enrolled in the medical insurance part of Medicare are reminded that this coming March 31st is the last possible date for them to qualify. The premium rate will vary from \$4.40 to \$4.80 for enrollees coming in at this time. Those nearing age 65 should look into the "pros" and "cons" of the program and make their decision in the three-month period before reaching age 65 for maximum coverage.

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