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GORMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH

By Elania Lingle - Editor

I recently attended the Gorman City Council meeting held on Thursday, January 8th. This was the first meeting that I have attended and it was truly a learning experience for me.

The meeting opened in an orderly fashion with Mayor Jack Simpson calling the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Jack Simpson, City Maintenance Supervisor Gaylord Battenfield, Street, Parks and Recreational Commissioner John Rice, Police Commissioner Robert Ervin, Waste Water Commissioner Kenneth Good, Animal Shelter Control Officer Verl Ervin and Chief of Police Ken Wheeler. Those absent; Water Commissioner Johnny Smith.

The old minutes were approved as read. The bills were approved for payment. The ex-Chief of Police, Bobby Watts was scheduled to make a statement but he was unable to attend. Gaylord Battenfield, the City's Maintenance Supervisor gave his report. He stated a local gas company had accidentally hit some of the city's water lines while doing some work. This had caused some inconvenience to some residents during the past week. There was an agreement of the council members to send this company a bill for damages incurred. There was some discussion but no decision made on hiring a temporary hand for the maintenance dept.

Chief of police, Ken Wheeler gave his report on how things were coming with the new animal shelter. Verl Ervin passed around pictures of the new facility. There are an estimated 25 stray dogs still roaming the city. There was some discussion on the wood, will be asked to attend the next meeting for further discussion of this matter.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lasaters To Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY- Mr. and Mrs. Ari Lasater of Carbon will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Sunday, February 15, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. in the Carbon Community Center. Hosting will be their children: son, Ronnie and wife Ottie, Lynden and wife Kerri, Terry and wife Jennett; and 8 grandchildren. Ari and Margie were married February 15, 1948 in Ranger, Texas. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. No gifts please.

Gorman Police Report For December '97

Police report is submitted by Chief of Police, Kenneth L. Wheeler.

There were 6 arrests made during December for the following: 1-DWI, 1-Interfering with Police, 1-Burglary, 1-Resisting arrest, 1-DPS Warrant, 1-Assault.

There were 48 citations written covering 54 violations as follows: 3-No DL, 2-Ran stop sign, 3-No ins., 36-Speeding, 2-Expired Registration, 2-Exhibition.

There were 11 offenses reported and investigated. They are: 3-Burglary, 3-Criminal mischief, 1-Theft, 3-Assault and 1-Cruelty to animals.

There were 35 other contacts with the public, where investigation, information, or assistance were required: 6-Suspicious vehicles, 1-Suspicious person, 3-Locked vehicle, 1-Medical emergency, 6-backgrounds for GHA, 2-Animal, 1-Fire call, 1-Prowler, 6-Miscellaneous, 1-Accident, 4-Disturbances, 4-Funeral escort, 1-Emergency message, 1-Background firearm, 3-Juvenile calls and 1-Welfare checks.

Minutes of Gorman City Council Meeting

The Gorman City Commission met in regular session on the above date at 5:10 p.m. Those present: Mayor Jack Simpson, Commissioners: Robert Ervin, John Rice, and Kenneth Good. Others present: Supervisor Gaylord Battenfield, Verl Ervin, Estelle Craddock, and Elania Lingle. Absent: John made the motion seconded by Robert to approve the minutes as read, motion carried 3-0.

John made the motion seconded by Kenneth to approve the bills for payment, motion carried 3-0.

No action was taken on Bobby Watts, not present.

Reports were given from department heads: Animal control was discussed and a trial fee schedule was placed in effect until the February 5th meeting at which time a permanent schedule will go into effect. \$5 per day boarding fee when impounded. \$20 fine for first offense/doubles each of offense thereafter.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

directly to the council. Or perhaps, those people should be happy that the City has put forth an effort to rid the city of stray animals which have obviously become a costly nuisance to those who have lost pets and animals due to these strays. The way I see it, Verl is an able body and he is willing to do the job. Ultimately, isn't that what the community asked for?

I have received mail pertaining City of Gorman issues and I will be glad to print your opinion, ... if you sign your name to the letter. Again, I encourage you to attend the City Council Meetings if you truly want your voice to be heard.

School Menu

January 19th thru 23rd

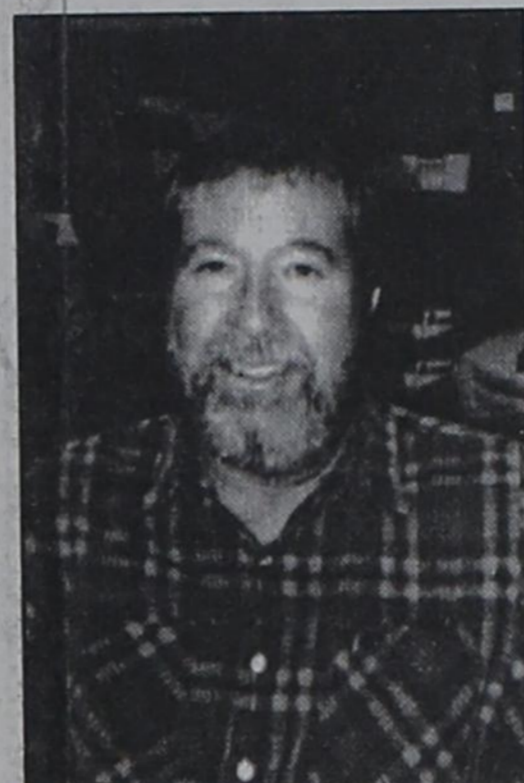
Breakfast

MONDAY-NO SCHOOL
TUESDAY-Sausage and pancakes, syrup, juice, milk
WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, juice, milk
THURSDAY-Oatmeal, toast, jelly, juice, milk
FRIDAY-Sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice, milk

Lunch

MONDAY-NO SCHOOL
TUESDAY-Mexican casserole, refried beans, spanish rice, sugar cookies, milk
WEDNESDAY-BBQ chicken, potato salad, green beans, peach crisp, hot rolls, milk
THURSDAY-Sliced turkey, broccoli and cheese, sweet potatoes, hot rolls, gravy, vanilla pudding, milk
FRIDAY-Chopped BBQ, onions, pickle spears, fries, peanut butter bars, milk

"Saved By Grace" By Tommy Clark



Gorman's own Tommy Clark recently received international attention with a song he wrote called "Saved By Grace".

Tommy Clark was born and raised in the small town of Gorman, Texas. He has been writing songs all of his life, but only started writing gospel songs about eight years ago. He is a member of The Messengers, a gospel singing group consisting of Tommy Clark, Hershall Cordell, Jeff Seaton and Glen Clement, all of Gorman.

The Messengers have been together for about two years. They released their first CD last year titled "Saved By Grace" distributed by Homeland records. They are expecting to have their second release in the Spring.

The Messengers opened for the Florida Boys in a concert about a year ago. When The Florida Boys, a nationally known gospel group, heard The Messengers perform their song, "Saved By Grace", they wanted to use it on their next release. Both, The Messengers releases available entitled "Saved By Grace." Revelations in Stephenville is one of the providers of their music.

The Messengers are available for concerts, revivals, festivals etc. For more information, please call Hershall Cordell at (254) 734-2934.

Tommy says local radio stations including Stephenville, Mineral Wells, Weatherford and Graham have been playing their music. If you haven't heard The Messengers Sing "Saved By Grace", call your local radio station and request it, or better yet, get their new CD and receive their collection of gospel music written by Tommy Clark.

Tommy says his favorite song would have to be "Saved By Grace" because that is the one that has received the most attention. He says he writes his music with inspiration given to him from the Lord. He is not interested in getting rich or being of celebrity status, his priority is getting the message of the gospel out. That message is surely getting out. The song "Saved By Grace" was listed in *The Singing News Magazine* January edition. It stated "Saved By Grace is nothing short of a masterpiece."

Attends Training

Eula Miears, local representative for ASSE International Student Exchange Programs, recently attended the annual training meeting in Garland, Texas. During the full-day session, Eula Miears and other volunteer Area Representatives from around the state discussed ways to promote the student exchange program in their community--both to families who are interested in hosting a high school student for a school year or semester, and to high school students who are interested in spending a summer or school year in another country.

ASSE International is a non-profit, tax-exempt public benefit organization that has a 60 year history of promoting international understanding through programs that allow teenagers to live with a family while attending school. ASSE students are fully insured, bring their own spending money and expect to bear their share of household responsibilities as well as being included in family activities.

Currently, ASSE is offering academic year scholarships to qualified American teenagers. If you are interested in a scholarship abroad or in volunteering as a host family, please call Eula Miears at 254-734-2517 for more information call ASSE's toll-free number 1-800-473-0696.

Gorman ISD Board of Trustees Receive Commendation



State Board of Education member Richard Watson presented Superintendent Gene Shackelford and the Gorman ISD Board of Trustees a special commendation from the State Board of Education at Gorman's Board meeting on January 12. Also present for the presentation was Scott Eddington from the Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene.

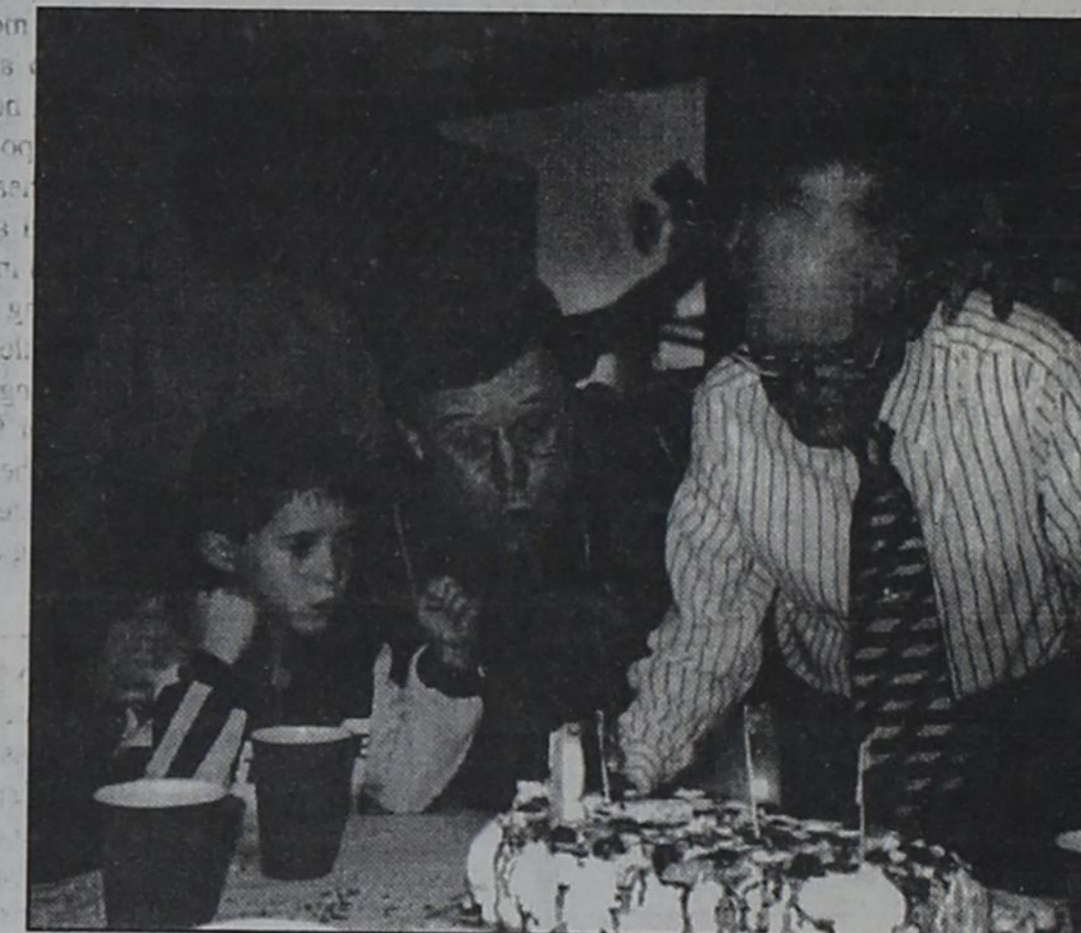
The superintendent and board from Gorman successfully completed at least eight hours of team building and continuing education training as a complete board-superintendent team during the 1996-97 school year with all members present.

"The State Board commendation was established in recognition of the importance of the board and superintendent working together as a team for the benefit of the student," Watson said. "Gorman was one of only about ten percent of the school districts in the state to receive the award. This speaks well of the administration of the Gorman ISD as both Superintendent Shackelford and the board seek to clarify and responsibility perform their respective roles."

During a board member's first year of service, he or she is to receive at least 10 hours of continuing education. After the first year, each trustee is to receive at least five hours of continuing education training annually. Each year, trustees and their superintendent are to participate in a team-building session that typically last at least three hours.

"In a successful school district, trustees and the superintendent work together as a team to provide the opportunity for a quality education. By exceeding the requirement, the Gorman board and superintendent have shown their desire to provide the best opportunity possible for the young people of our community," Watson concluded.

Odie Brightwell Marks His "97th Birthday



Once again on January 1, 1998 Odie Brightwell's children, along with a few grandchildren and great-grandchildren, gathered at his home to help him celebrate his 97th birthday.

This was actually a triple birthday bash with his grandson, Randy Ormsby, whose birthday is January 3, and his great-grandson, Eric Ormsby whose birthday was December 30th. The cake held candle numbers of 7, 47 and 97.

The birthday celebration was preceded by a bountiful luncheon prepared by everyone bringing a covered dish and served buffet style to 34 guests.

Odie is still energetic and spry, living alone, keeping house, mowing his own yard and back lot and raising a big garden every year. He still travels to places as far away as Houston and Sweeny and last year flew in an airplane for the first time to Houston. His comment about flying was, "Why hasn't someone shown this to me before now, this is the way to go."

Those in attendance were sisters, Zena Simpson of Gorman and Emma and Odell Bethany of DeLeon; daughters, Willa Dean Ormsby of Stephenville, her 2 sons, Jerry and his wife, Pam and children, Todd and Kendall of Sugar Land and Randy, his wife Judith and son Eric of Austin; Zella Mae Wright of Ballinger, her daughter Belina Mossey and son Tim of Irving; Beth Bryan of Arlington; Myrna Smith of Gilmer; Betty Ann Hale and her husband Gerald of Lake Brownwood, their daughter Kathy Kelly and her husband Dennis and daughters Shawn and Skye of Brownwood; a grandson Chris York of Phoenix, Arizona; Sons, Tommy Brightwell and his wife Jean of Hurst and their son Larry Brightwell and his wife Chrisanne and children Reagan and Zachary of Cleburne; Jimmy Brightwell and his wife Kay of Irving; Dad's nephew Jack Simpson and his wife Becky and their grandson Cane of Gorman, and of course the honoree himself, Odie.

Everyone enjoyed the day of visiting, eating and remembering about dad and his younger years. We are so blessed to still have him and for him to be so physically and mentally well.

Article submitted by Ms. Willa Ormsby of Stephenville, Texas.

Club News

By Reporter Carrie Shipp

The monthly meeting of the Gorman 4-H was called to order by President Leslie Wood on January 12, 1998. Secretary Pam Osborne led the 4H motto and pledge. The treasury report was given by Derrik Adams.

The Gorman 4H would like to thank

the Security State Bank of Gorman for its help in making the Christmas tree project for the nursing home residents such a great success.

We would like to remind everyone of the Eastland County Stock Show February 12-14th. We also still have tickets for a beautiful 4H afghan that will be given away at the Eastland County Stock Show.

Higginbottom and Guillot Take Vows

Amanda Higginbottom and Drouard Guillot were married on Saturday, January 3, 1998 at Christ the King Catholic church in Dallas. Monsignor Glenn Gardner officiated.

A reception at the Dallas Country Club followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Higginbottom of Seminole, and the late Ms. Rita Higginbottom. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Higginbottom of Gorman. Amanda is a graduate of the University of Texas where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is currently a graduate student at St. Edward's University and is employed as Branch Administrator for Mechanical Interiors, Inc., in Austin.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Guillot of Dallas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Guillot and Mrs. Marian Nichols, all of Dallas. He will graduate in May from the University of Texas where he will earn a degree in Radio-Television-Film.

The bride wore an elegant gown of white silk satin. The bodice featured a softly rounded neckline and delicate capped sleeves. From the embroidered Alencon lace midriff, the box pleated full skirt fell to slipper length, extending into a chapel train. To complete her attire, she chose for her hair a tiara in matching lace of her gown. It held three tiers of silken illusion which flowed beyond the length of the train.

Andrea Higginbottom, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Claire Guillot, sister of the groom, Rebecca Nichols, Rebecca Landrum Silva, Meredith Rhodes Ladd, Lori Bardin, and Amy Witt. The bridesmaids wore floor-length, chocolate brown velvet and satin dresses.

Patrick Guillot, father of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Christian Guillot, brother of the groom, Andrew Hamilton, Steve Mall, Mark Porter, Cory Willis, and Michael Fulmer.

Laura Lee Seay and Amy Steele were members of the house party. Chelsea and Britni Goldston, sisters of

Evangelism and Growth Rally

Texas evangelist, Dr. Rudy Hernandez, of Grand Prairie, Texas will be speaking January 21st at 7 p.m. in Olden at El Cordero Bautista Iglesia (formerly The Lighthouse Church).

Pastor Eddie Gonzales invites everyone to come hear the Word of God preached.

District 22-A

Brock 76, Gorman 37

Girls
Brock 20 15 13 28-76
Gorman 3 10 8 16-37
Brock — Osina 11, Cosper 2, Richardson 8, Drew 2, Barnes 10, Walker 6, Dixon 1, Gilbert 17, Carter 7, McGee 2, Hash 10
Gorman — Sanchez 8, Gilmore 6, Guthery 8, Norris 5, Stephens 7, Shackelford 3
Records — Brock 1-0; Gorman 7-12, 0-1
JV score — Brock 50, Gorman 17

the bride, were flower girls.

Following a honeymoon trip to Acapulco, Mexico, the couple will reside in Austin.

It's Tax Time Again!

The beginning of a new year also signals the start of the annual federal tax filing season. By now, most of us have received our tax packages in the mail, a reminder that it's time to file our income tax forms again.

This year's tax forms look a lot like

last year's forms despite a huge number of tax law changes. For example, Form 1040 has just two new lines, one for the medical savings account deduction and the other for the adoption credit, both provisions resulting from 1996 legislation. Most of the changes in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 will not start until 1998.

According to the IRS, most taxpayers file their taxes between the last few days of January through the first three

KEEPING WITH FRIENDS

Ted Higginbottom and Chelsea Goldston of Seminole came for his mother, Ruth Higginbottom to spend Christmas week with his family.

On Jan. 1, 1998 they left for Dallas to be there for the rehearsal and other activities for the Higginbottom and Guillot wedding which was Jan. 3, 1998 at the Christ the Catholic Church in Dallas with the Monsignor Glenn Gardner officiating. They attended the reception at the Dallas Country Club. They returned home Jan. 5 1998.

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Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or Security State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Gaylord Battenfield, Worshipful Master — Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Oleta Moseley, Worthy Matron and Pat Moseley, Worthy Patron.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Barry Brown, Pastor - 1st and 3rd Sundays; Elder Dale Majors - 2nd Sunday - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE JANUARY 21ST FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

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TDA Educational Meeting Set In Gorman Jan. 23rd

The Texas Department of Agriculture will hold a series of educational meetings to answer questions regarding the upcoming boll weevil eradication program referendum in the 22 county Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. Cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production are urged to attend these multi-county meetings to learn more about the referendum process.

A referendum has been scheduled for Feb. 27 to determine whether a boll weevil eradication program should continue in the Rolling Plains Central Zone. Growers in the zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program in 1994 to be funded by a maximum assessment of \$10 per land acre. If the program is retained, the maximum assessment rate will remain unchanged. If voters decide not to continue the program, assessments would continue annually until the zone's debt is retired.

Most of the information you need to file your taxes will be found in the tax package you receive by mail. If you still need assistance, there is an IRS toll free number you can call, 800-829-1040. The IRS has expanded its telephone hours to six days a week, sixteen hours a day, Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

For people who prefer to do business "on line" without standing in line, they can access the IRS Home Page on the Internet. It has free tax forms, publications and other helpful information. The IRS Internet address is: www.irs.ustreas.gov.

In addition to deciding if an eradication program should continue in the zone, voters will elect a board member from the zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

Counties in the Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone are: Baylor, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Young and parts of Archer, Borden, Brown and Taylor.

TDA educational meeting schedule for Gorman is January 23 at 9:30 a.m. located at the Gorman Senior Citizen's Center.

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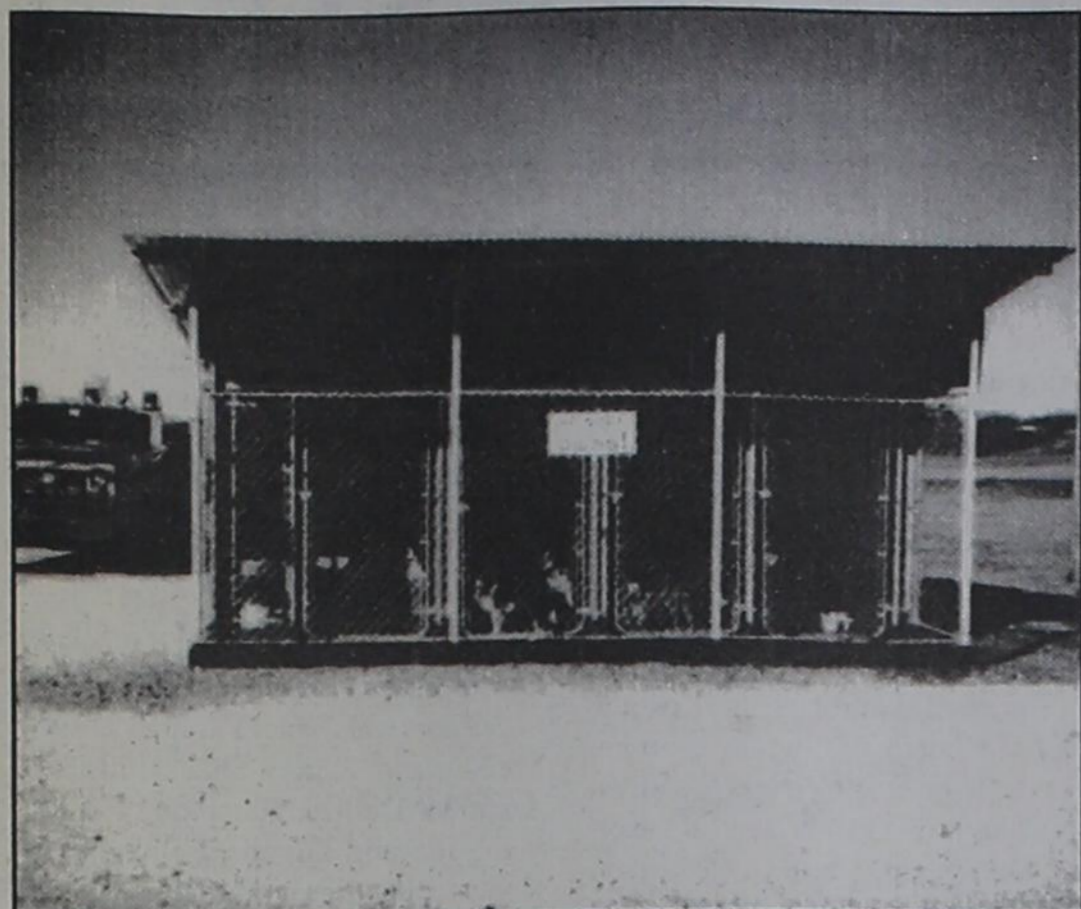
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Pictured above is a snow covered field located near Gorman on Hwy. 6. This picture was taken by Judy Beeman after the light snow we had on December 26, 1997.

Jerry Wayne Rich Laid To Rest Thursday

Jerry Wayne Rich, 56, of De Leon, passed away Tuesday, January 6, 1998 in the De Leon hospital.

Services were held Thursday, January 8, 1998 with Rev. Jackie Auvenshine and Rev. Richard Watson officiating. Pallbearers were Jason Rich, James Whitley, Eddie Sanders, Mike Carlin, Carroll Carlin and Clyde Brinson.

Mr. Rich was born August 4, 1941 in De Leon, Texas. He was a retired police officer from the City of De Leon. He was a Baptist and a member of De Leon Armstrong Masonic Lodge. He married Delores Brown on August 4, 1962.

Survivors include: Wife, Delores Rich of De Leon, three brothers, William Rich of Zapata, Joe Clifton Rich of Odessa and Marvin Rich of Gorman; two sisters, Dorothy Jefcoats of Andrews and Jewell Whitley of Dublin.

Preceded in death by: Infant daughter, Patsy Charlene Rich; daughter, Lisa Ann Rich; and His parents, Charlie and Clara Rich.

John Funderburk Laid To Rest Wednesday

John Funderburk, 74, of De Leon passed away Sunday, January 11, 1998 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 14 with Dwayne Shaffer officiating.

Mr. Funderburk was born September 21, 1923 in Ricardo, NM. He had been a resident of De Leon since 1972 coming from Waco. He was a Protestant and a retired Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman. He married Chris Nowlin on August 22, 1947 in Quamado, Texas.

Survivors include: His wife, Chris Funderburk of De Leon; son, John E. Funderburk of Tyler, daughter, Donna Dinette Norris of Medford, Oregon; brother, Durl Funderburk of Houston; two grandchildren, Danna Martin and David Martin.

Preceded in death by his parents: John Funderburk and Winnie Northcutt Funderburk.

Dan Rogers Laid To Rest Sunday

Dan A. Rogers, 62, of Midland, formerly of Gorman, died Friday, January 9, 1998 in a Midland hospital.

Services were held Sunday, January 11th in the Gorman Cemetery with Donald Strength officiating.

Mr. Rogers was born in Gorman and was a retired oilfield consultant.

Survivors include: One daughter, Danita Walker of Midland; two sons, Dan Rogers Jr. of California and David Rogers of Buffalo Gap; his mother,

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church had good attendance last Sunday. Special music was presented by the church choir. There was several visitors for the morning service. Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn is now serving as the interim pastor. You are invited to attend Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. followed by singing and preaching at 11:00 a.m., evening service at 6:00 p.m. each Sunday with prayer meeting on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

Jake C. Lee, 85, former resident of Desdemona was buried on Wednesday, January 7 in Lovington, New Mexico. Survivors include one son, Kenneth Lee of Necessity; one daughter, Mary Madelle Lee Ragland of

Lovington, New Mexico; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife, Neta Craig Lee. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Doyle Johnson is recovering from recent surgery. Sue Owens is doing much better since her recent surgery.

Lots of other sickness in our area at the present time.

Retired Lt. Col. Robert W. Nicholson, 78, of Abilene, Texas was buried on Friday, January 9 in the Desdemona cemetery. A former resident of Desdemona where he graduated with the class of 1938. He attended the Desdemona Homecoming as often as his health would permit. Survivors include his wife, Emma of Abilene; two brothers, Floyd Nicholson of Santa Rosa, New Mexico; Charles Nicholson of Bokchito, Oklahoma. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.



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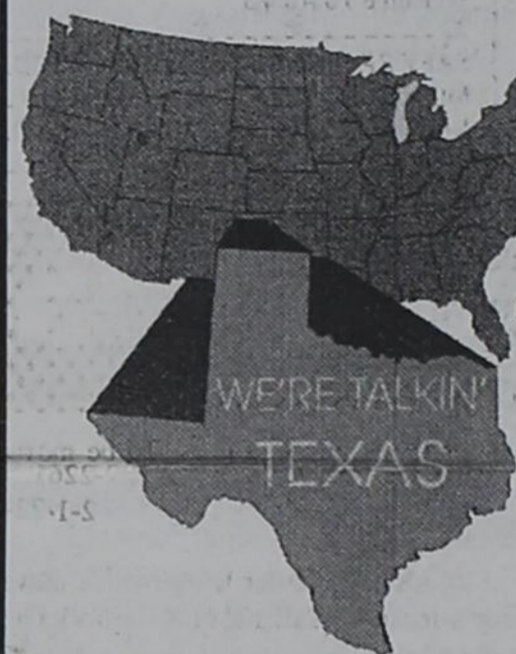
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HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

By Nancy Hendricks

The next birthday party will be Thursday, January 29th at 1:30 p.m. Residents having January birthdays are: Ina Mae Tarrance, Iola Johnson and Bea O'Neal. Relatives and friends are invited.

Visiting Eulon Perry were Waldene Jones of Dublin, Louise Rich, Joni and Nathan Ettenger.

On Saturday those coming from the Abundant Life Church were John and Charlotte Howard, Lana, Trey, Lacy, Tara and K'Ann Howard and Jessie Price. Guests were Rev. T.D. Whitehorn and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Veno Hale, Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Myrtle Hale, Velma Bennett, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, Iola Johnson, A.V. Seay, Patty Whitehorn, Vadis Phelps, Varona Taylor and Dorothy Beaty.

Those visiting Jack and Mildred Bellows were Darrell and Pat Graham.

On Sunday morning Ora Lee Lawrence taught the Sunday School lesson for Cynthia Earles, Iola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Veno Hale, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore and Effie Mae Brown were Mary Ficklen of Desdemona, Howard and Pat Hagood, Louise Hollywood, Durwood Webb, and Annie Fay Foster.

On Sunday at 2:30 those coming from the First Baptist Church were Rev. Craig and Linda Rhoton, Annie Fay Foster, Ruby Lee Kinser, Frankie Jo Shipman, Era Maupin, Della Galloway and Pat Graham. Residents were Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Annie Hale, Irene Heathington, Iola Johnson, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor, Maggie Snider, Patty Whitehorn, Cynthia Earles, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were David and Denna Halcomb, Pat and Howard Hagood, Eunice Love.

Visiting Iola Johnson and Varona Taylor were Nell Sherman of Eastland, Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Della Galloway, Billy and Janda Taylor.

Some of Bea O'Neal's guests were Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Jena Rone, Connie Rone, Annie Fay Foster, Eunice Love, Pat and Howard Hagood.

On Friday Bro. Bob Beeman had bingo for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Effie Mae Brown, Velma Bennett, Patty Whitehorn, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Aletha Yarborough were Jean Smith of Irving, Arthur Ray Yarborough of Stephenville, Mary Ruth Beschoner of San Antonio and Alma Dickerson.

On Friday afternoon the hot chocolate sure was good. Those who gathered at the dining room were Cynthia Earles, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Irene Heathington, Ollie Halcomb, Patty Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, Ora Mae Atchison, Varona Taylor and Dorothy Beaty.

Some of Maggie Snider's guests were Kenneth and Vonia Snider of Rose Bud Ark., Linda, Charlie and Brandon Archer of Arkadelphia, Ark., James and Milenda Snider of Little Rock, Ark., Bobby Ingram and Mary Chatman of Ranger, Julie Snider and Scott of Guatamola, Jessie Price of Eastland, Aubrey and Chris Humphries, Alysia, Rose, Breanne and Crysta of Crescent, Okla., Bobby and Peggy Ingram and Maudie Isabell of Cisco, Jewel, Larry and Diana Snider, Charlotte Howard, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

The residents sure appreciated the nice magazines Juanita Files gave.

Some of Hazel Wisdom's guests were Chris Johnson of Lovington, NM, Audrey Pond, Enid Williams, David Williams, Eloise Williams, Bob and Merlene Wisdom, Pat and Ken Kincannon.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Lanita Freeman, Howard and Pat Hagood and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Jimmy and Wilda Rodgers of Midlothian, Rodney and Ruth Spencer of San Antonio, Benny and Deanna Chupp of Houston, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington of Tenn, Dave and Lanita Freeman, Annie Fay Foster, Mayvis Lasater, Ima Brown, Malory May, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Jana Grice, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Monday Darrell and Pat Graham had bingo for Velma Bennett, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Veno Hale, Patty Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Some of Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison's guests were Quida Joyce and Casey Gartman of Camay, Tiffany Nowlin and Edie Nichols of Stephenville, Chesley Atchison, Ima Lee Burleson, Eunice Love, Fred Rogers, Della Galloway and Jean Smith.

Visiting Edward Johnson were Dela Johnson of Midland, Fay Johnson, Johnny Smith and Edgar Reynolds.

On Monday those coming for the sing-a-long were Ernestine Campbell, Della Galloway, Ethel Weaver, T.D. Whitehorn, Daisy Slaton, Willo Rice, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant and Annie Fay Foster. Residents were Dorothy Beaty, Maggie Snider, Ava Rodgers, Inez Rogers, Iola Johnson, Velma Bennett, Varona Taylor, A.V. Seay, Patty Whitehorn, Veno Hale, S.D.

Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ollie Halcomb, Cynthia Earles, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Vadis Phelps were Fay Tucker, Birdie Hogan, Elnora Lindley, Mitzi McGoha, Kelley Carruth.

Visiting Ruby Jones and Patty Whitehorn were Sylvia and Mary Estes, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Corkey and Jerry Brown, Vicki, Seth and Tyler Johnson, Julie, Cameron and Corley Johnson, James and Martha Wiseman of Graham, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Whitehorn of Abilene.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and sang for Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Cynthia Earles, Irene Heathington, Varona Taylor, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Some of Myrtle Hale's guests were Argie and Margie Hale, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Thurman and Sallie Hale, Gerald and Betty Hale, Chris York, Dennis, Kathy, Kelly, Shawn and Skyl Smith, Amy Hale, Lisa Corbell, Michael Hale, Emily Hale, Haley and Lisa, Susan Bradley, Icy Munn, Nancy Hendricks, Pat and Howard Hagood.

Some of Cynthia Earles' guests were V.O. and Fay Huff, Howard and Pat Hagood, Fay Johnson, Mayvis Lasater, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington of Tenn. and Eunice Love.

Those enjoying arts and crafts on Tuesday were Cynthia Earles, Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay and Ollie Halcomb.

Visiting Mary Williams were Fred and Mary McMullen of Melrose NM., Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Jerry Frasier, Nora Frasier, Patrick Frasier of Hemphill, Jeff Harrison of Abilene, Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Ima Brown, Malory May, Howard and Pat Hagood, Durwood Webb, Annie Fay Foster, Era Maupin, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

On Wednesday Bro. Scott Sheppard of Church of Christ brought chapel for Cynthia Earles, Iola Johnson, Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting A.V. Seay were Frank and Ella Reeves of Clyde, Pat and Howard Hagood, Annie Fay Foster, Thomas and Vicki Seay, Tommy Lynn Seay.

Visiting Veno and Annie Hale were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Howard and Pat Hagood, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

Nell Sherman of Eastland, Ina

Santo 76, Gorman 38

Boys	
Santo 20	18 26 12-76
Gorman 16	6 4 12-38
Santo — Calvin 8, Byrd 18, Wright 13,	
Winbom 7, Brey 17, Nichols 8, Lockwood 5,	
Gorman — Glover 7, Burleson 7,	
Sanchez 2, Cruz 3, Foster 2, Haywood 16,	
JV score — Santo 42, Gorman 19.	

Santo 62, Gorman 32

Girls	
Santo 17	20 14 11-62
Gorman 9	8 11 4-32
Santo — Winbom 4, Chestnut 8, Young	
9, Ranford 2, Aikin 11, Bleeker 6, Edwards	
22.	
Gorman — Sanchez 8, Gilmore 7,	
Guthery 2, Norris 6, Stephens 6,	
Shackelford 3.	
JV score — Santo 51, Gorman 20.	

Reynolds of Carbon visited Sibyl Urban.

Visiting Velma Bennett were Icy Munn, Nancy Hendricks, Howard and Pat Hagood and Eunice Love.

Bro. Bob Beeman had recreation on Wednesday. The topic "New year resolutions and what we did when we were little when the weather was dreary". Those taking part were Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Velma Bennett, Jack Bellows, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles and Ollie Halcomb.

Howard and Pat Hagood visited Ola Walker, Ruby Vandergriff and Edna Richardson.

Visiting Frank Skiles and Travis Smith were Greg, Bethany, Jake and Kacey Skiles of Eunice, NM., Annie Fay Foster, M.L. Skiles, Barbra Smith, Wynogene Smith, Ron and Nina Skiles, Howard and Pat Hagood and Eunice Love.

On Thursday Mary Ficklen of Desdemona came and read newspaper columns written by Harry Marlin of Brownwood. She served date nut cake and chocolate brownies. Present were Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Velma Bennett, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles and Veno Hale. Guests were Della Galloway, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN — PHONE 254-639-2289

We just never know what the weather will be like from day to day. Sunday evening a very intense fog moved in, and Monday was a beautiful spring-like day with temperatures in the 70s, and this Tuesday morning it is foggy, cold and damp. Aren't we thankful that we aren't having the extremely bad ice storms that they are having up in the northeast part of the nation. We can always find so much to be thankful for.

The special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning was rendered by Helen and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Our visitors were Karen Patterson of Breckenridge and Jerald McCleran of Gorman.

Joe Bond was the speaker for the Sunday night service. Bro. Clarence Wilson was in Abilene to visit with his brother in the Abilene Regional hospital. We extend get well wishes to his brother.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Heritage Manor in Gorman on Sunday afternoon for the church services were Jimmy Little, Joe and Glynda Bond, Woodrow and Helen

Browning, Nancy Hendricks and Hope Joier.

Deon Fields honored her husband, Vernon, with a birthday dinner in their home on December 31. Others enjoying the celebration were Joe Fields of Carbon, Teresa and Richard Nachtigall of Morgan Mill and Lindell Fields.

June and Gladene Cates of Big Spring spent the weekend with Vernon and Deon Fields and Lindell. Joe Fields, Harvey Winn and Bud Winn of Carbon also visited with them.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Freddie and Johnny Shackelford of Amarillo, Darlene Hampton of Gorman, Joe and Glynda Bond, Ruth Bryant, Hope Joier and Troy Scitem.

Dianne and Ken Walser of Hereford, Joe and Glynda Bond, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant visited with Anna Laura Clearman.

Johnnie B. Griffith visited in De Leon on Monday with Othell George and Avie Taylor.

Oren and Norma Webb visited in Glen Rose on Monday with James, Jantzen and Chelsea Webb.

Wade, Sheri, Ryan and Kody Daniell of Abilene visited with Zelda Jordan on Sunday. We are so thankful that Sheri received only a few cuts and bruises in a car accident that happened during the very heavy fog at Abilene last Tuesday morning, and even more thankful that Ryan and Kody weren't with her.

Nancy Hendricks visited with Troy Scitem on Saturday and they enjoyed some Christmas goodies together.

Those visiting with Paul and Imogene Norris during the Christmas holidays were Larry and Paula Morrow and Layne of Plains, Lance Morrow of Abilene and Lenny Morrow of Lubbock, Ronnie and Jeanna Pack of Carbon, Cory and Barbie Pack of Indiana, Lacy Pack of Lubbock, James, Jo, Jason, Jodi and Matthew Norris of Desdemona, Jana Norris and a friend, Allen of Denton, Randy and Lisa Lewis and T.J. Davis of Stephenville; Rebecca Lewis of Granbury, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Lewis of Stephenville and Donald and Ronald Majors of Gorman.

Joyce and Delmon Eaves visited with Zelda Jordan on Monday.

Karen Patterson visited during the weekend with her parents, Earl and Betty Little.



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