

Sweeping Changes In State Education Program Recommended By Committee

The long-awaited Governor's Committee on Public School Education report was made public Sunday and as predicted it calls for sweeping changes in education in this state. Much of the report, which was published in a complicated 76-page booklet, is of interest to taxpayers of this county.

The report calls for a master plan for school district reorganization and asks that such a plan be adopted by the Texas Legislature in 1969 for full implementation in the 1971-72 school year. Rep. Burke Musgrove of Breckenridge, after reviewing the report, said he would not be surprised if Gov. John Connally called a special session to deal with the report.

Of main concern here are proposed minimum standards for competent districts. The report states, "Every operating district should contain a minimum of 2,600 children in average daily attendance in a 12 grade system, with three exceptions:

- "1. Countywide (or larger) districts may be allowed to continue operation as independent systems with a minimum of 1,600 ADA;
- "2. Countywide (or larger) districts may be allowed to operate as 'Sparse Area Districts' with less than 1,600 ADA on a program approved by the State Board of Education; and
- "3. 'Special Purpose Districts' (such as those operated on military bases at State institutions and by private corporations such as 'Boys Ranch') may be allowed to continue operation with less than 1,600 ADA on a program approved by the State Board of Education.

"The definition of a dormant district should be expanded to include any system which has not provided a full 12 grade program for all students during the previous two-year period. Districts offering less than 12 grades under their own management should be annexed to adjacent districts."

The report went on to give this explanation of the recommendation: "A school district must have at least 2,600 ADA to qualify for all personnel classifications under the present Minimum Foundation Program. An expanded Basic Foundation Program would provide enough professional and paraprofessional staff members to insure a full range of courses and supplemental services. Such districts would also be large enough to manage an innovative program with new patterns of staffing, class scheduling and individualized learning supported by the new technological tools.

"The proposed exceptions for countywide districts recognize the geographical problems in some areas of the state. With only slight liberalization of the basic formulas, an independent school system of 1,600 to 2,600 ADA could offer a reasonable comprehensive program."

"A specific plan of proposed district realignments would be tentatively adopted, with statutory authority for modification by the State Board of Education before 1971-72, according to the following procedure:

"1. A state map realigning school districts according to the proposed standards, will be issued by the Governor's committee as an addendum to this report:

"2. The State Board of Education should appoint a School District Reorganization Study Committee in each county of the state, charged with the responsibility of approving the proposed district alignment or proposing an alternative pattern meeting the recommended standards no later than January 1, 1971;

"3. The State Board of Education should provide staff help to the Reorganization Study Committees;

"4. The State Board of Education should promulgate the final statewide school district reorganization plan no later than June 1, 1971; and

"5. Further school district reorganization should be suspended until the state plan is put into effect, unless proposed combinations are in accord with the state plan."

The report states at one point that, "In some cases, it may be more practical to divide an existing district and attach it to two or more other units or to ignore county boundaries."

The report also calls for statewide guiders to set property and personal valuations. It recommends a proposed Market Value Index to report full value in every district along with a Uniform State Equalization Rate. The report flatly states that valuations of school districts are not equal. It reports studies show that city real estate is appraised at 59 percent, farm and ranches at 13 percent, utilities at 61 percent, banks at 34 percent, commercial and industrial property at 58 percent, business personal property at 52 percent and oil and gas property at 64 percent.

The formula proposed by the committee is to set a statewide tax rate of 20 percent of true market value at the beginning, increasing the amount by one percent per year until the property is taxed at 30 percent of true market value.

"A large number of assessors add new construction to their rolls at a fairly high percent of actual cost, but never reappraise older buildings," the report stated. "The new property owners may be paying on 75 percent of value, while the older property is assessed at five or 10 percent of its worth."

Among other things the committee calls for: Adding paraprofessional aides to Basic Foundation Program. Adding summer school to Basic Foundation Program. Liberalize textbook and materials allowance.

Initiating experimental vocational programs for prospective dropouts.

Adding 10th month to teacher salary schedule.

Adding kindergarten to Basic Foundation Program.

Limiting teacher work load by guaranteeing 10 hours per week for conferences, planning, study, etc.

The committee used 128 school districts, including Breckenridge and Cisco for its study.

FINAL RITES FOR EUGENIA SHIREY ON WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Eugenia Shirey, 80, died in the Lawndale Nursing Home Monday morning at 6:10 a. m. after a lengthy illness. A resident of Carbon, Mrs. Shirey lived in Eastland County for 55 years.

Born in Belton November 11, 1887, she was a member of the First Methodist Church in Carbon. Funeral services were held at the Carbon First United Methodist Church Wednesday with the Rev. Lee Fields officiating. Burial was in the Murray Memorial Cemetery in Carbon under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Gorman.

Mrs. Shirey is survived by one son, C. N. Shirey of Morenzi, Arizona; one daughter, Mrs. Janie Campbell of San Angelo; one sister, Mrs. Eunice Jones of Lubbock; two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Enrollment Here Increases To 319 As School Begins

School is off to a good start with an increased enrollment over the same time last year. On Monday of this week we had 319 enrolled, which is 16 more than was enrolled at the same time last year. There are now 25 first graders which is one of the largest first grade classes in years. Elementary enrollment is 205 and high school 114. Mr. Garrett states that the current enrollment is about 6% above a year ago.

The faculty has been completed now with Mr. John Smith from Abilene elected as math teacher and assistant coach. Mr. Smith is single and is making his home with the Jess Richardsons in Gorman. He has attended school at Southwest Texas State and has been working toward a degree in accounting. He played football three years in Clyde and moved to and graduated from Winters High School.

On August 28 and 29 Mrs. Lasater, Mrs. Bramlett, Mrs. Higginbotham, Mrs. Brewer, and Mr. O'Neal attended the first two sessions of a science workshop in Eastland. They are learning now to teach science by the new "Process Approach". This new method is set up so that the student may learn by doing rather than just by reading. The Board has approved the purchase of \$300 worth of equipment to be used in the first six grades science program. These teachers are the ones teaching science in the first six grades and they will be attending eight more sessions of the workshop. The workshop is sponsored by the Region 14 Media Center in Abilene.

The School Board met in regular session on Monday, September 8 at 8:30 p. m. in the office of the superintendent. At this meeting the official budget for the year of 1968-69 was approved. Mr. Garrett reported to the board that there would be some \$8000 available to pay on the new building so that the loan would be cut to about \$22,000. The new budget includes the loan for the new building and is a total of \$188,704, and an expected expenditure of \$193,396. With a carry-over from the current year the available revenue will be about \$200,000 which will enable the school to meet the budget and make an early payment on the building. Arrangements for payment of the building are such that no major change in the tax structure is expected at this time.

The building is nearing completion and should be occupied in the near future. It is hoped that the lunchroom will be completed early next week with all other work finished in short order. Open house for the new building is being planned and announcements will be made later as to date and time.

The board approved the admission price that had been set by the football district for the current year. The price for adults will be \$1.25 and students will be 50c. This is the first price increase in admission in years. The increase in price will help to meet the continued increase in cost of equipment and operation of the football program. This is the established price at all schools in our district.

We go to Wylie Friday night for our first game. Hope that you have made plans to attend this game as well as all others.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Smith of Hobbrook, Arizona visited this week with Mrs. J. A. Baze and Mrs. Nell Rainey. The Smiths are former residents of Gorman.

Panthers To Open Season Friday Night At Wylie At 8

The Gorman Panthers open the 1968 grid season on Friday night, September 13, when they journey to Wylie to take on the Bulldogs at 8:00 p. m. in Bulldog Stadium.

The Panthers will be facing a large team in their opener since Wylie is blessed with some big boys on the forward wall.

J. O. Jackson, Jr. To Head West Cross Timbers Pnt. Assn.

J. O. Jackson, Jr. was elected President of the West Cross Timbers Peanut Association in a meeting held Friday night in the High School Auditorium.

Other officers elected were Jerry Warren, Secretary-Treasurer, and Ted Snider, Vice-President.

The new officers are in the process of forming a board of directors composed of eleven men in the peanut growing areas of Eastland and Comanche counties. They are also planning a series of programs which will be of interest to every peanut farmer in the area.

Mr. L. D. Holiday was admitted to the VA Hospital in Dallas this week for further treatment.

The Panthers showed rather well in their scrimmage with the Junior Varsity of Cisco High School here on Saturday morning. The passing game proved to be much improved while the running attack showed that much improvement is needed. But we feel rather sure that the Panthers will have a good running attack going as soon as all the blocking assignments are brought to a fine point.

The boys have shown a great desire to do their very best in all phases of the game, and they have really been working hard to master their particular positions.

The defense seemed to be the strong point of the Panthers in the Cisco scrimmage, and after the Panthers get a few games under their belt am sure they will improve as they go along.

The district favorite shows to be a strong Rising Star team that moved down from Class A and who are returning nine starters. Lometa and Meridian and also picked ahead of Gorman in the Reporter-News racket with Gorman and Blanket being named as challengers. Following Gorman in the list is Hico, Blanket, Richland Springs and Evant.

The Panthers have the experience in the backfield positions but lost heavily in the line from last year's team. Returnees to the

Panther backfield will be Mike Duran and Wesley Rogers at the quarterback spot, Doyle Shipman at fullback and Johnny Scitern and Jackie Grice at the halfback slots. Leslie Sharp will hold down the split end position and has shown some real fine catches so far in the season. Other ends listed are Bill Kirk, Richard Tarlton and Jimmy Guthery. Other backs listed are Billy Self, Mark Arnold, David Ervin, and Jackie Selman.

Reggie Underwood will be the man over the ball at center. The Guards include Wayne Huff, Windell Treadway, Danny Snider, and Bill Clark. Tackles are Randy Wright, Bill Mearns, Randall Duke, Rodney Duke, Quintin Wright and Steve Patterson.

Coaches Joe Neill and John Smith are to be congratulated for the work they are doing with the boys this season.

Let's start the season off right by following the Panthers to Wylie on Friday night and show them we are behind them all the way! Go Panthers!

MR. & MRS. R. H. PRUITT MOVE TO GORMAN

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pruitt of Crane moved to Gorman last week. They have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Simmons, the former Sam Richey home.

Mr. Pruitt has just retired from the Sinclair Oil Company after 42 years of service. Mrs. Pruitt is the former Merle Leazar, daughter of Mrs. Nona Leazar, and is a graduate of Gorman High School.

The Pruitts have lived in Crane for the past 15 years and have lived in Hobbs, N. M. and Odessa. They have two children, a daughter, Mrs. J. F. Waters of Amarillo, and a son, Ronald of Texas Tech in Lubbock, who is working toward his masters degree.

There are two granddaughters and one grandson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Waters, who visit often in the Pruitt home.

The Pruitts are members of the Church of Christ.

INTEREST ITEMS OF

Singing at Sand Hill will be held Friday, September 13. The public is invited to attend.

Singing at the Congregational Methodist Church will be held Sunday, September 15 at 1:30 p. m.

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department will meet Monday, September 16th.

September 14 is regular working day at Elm Cemetery. All interested persons are urged to attend and bring tools to work with.

Mrs. Charlie Garrett will host the Friendly Ladies Sunday School Class Coffee on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 p. m.

IMPORTANT MEETING — The Gorman Band Boosters will hold a very important meeting on Monday, September 16 at 8:15 p. m. All members are urged to be present and visitors are welcome.

ATTENTION LITTLE LEAGUERS — Boys who played Little League Ball this year are urged to turn in the uniforms at the office at Higginbothams. All uniforms should have the name of the boy returning it attached, so credit can be given to each player as having returned his suit.

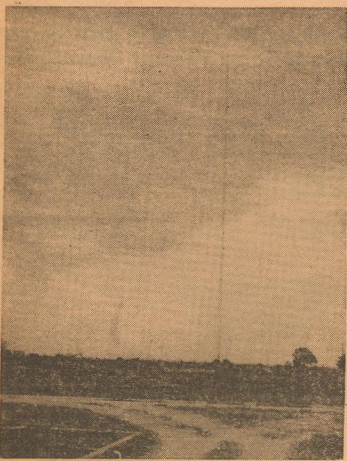
Cancelled stamps and trading stamps are to be turned in to Mrs. M. E. Shell. The Woman's Society of Christian Service collects the stamps which will be turned into cash and the funds will be used for Food For Hungry Children.

Jewel Cemetery Working Day will be held Saturday, September 7th. Bring basket lunch and tools to work the grounds.

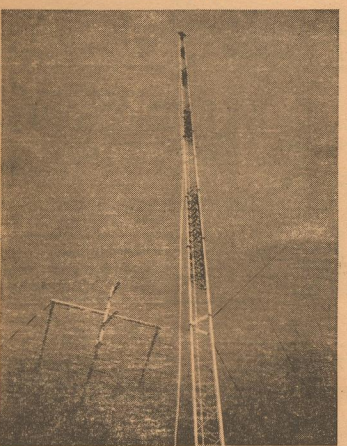
The Friday Afternoon Duplicate Bridge Club meets each Friday at 1:30 p. m. at the Fire Hall.

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.



TOWER GOING UP — Shown above is a completed section of the TV Cable tower. It has now been completed.



TV CABLE SERVICE ALMOST READY — The antenna was added to the 402 foot Gorman Television Cable Service, Inc. tower this week. The tower is now completed. Receiving equipment is being installed and home connections are being made. All are expected to be completed by Sunday, Sept. 15.

High School Elects New Class Officers

The Gorman High School elected class officers this week and Doyle Shipman was elected to head the senior class. Teddy Higginbotham was elected Vice President; Brenda Butler, Secretary; Linda Welch, Treasurer; and Frances Perez and Michaelyn Porter, Reporters. Mrs. Bob Green and Mr. Cedric Bettis were elected sponsors.

The junior class chose Mr. John Smith as class sponsor. Sherry Jobe was elected class president and Mike Duran, vice president; Jana Brown, secretary; Jackie Lawson, treasurer; and David Ervin and Dianne Emfinger, reporters.

Jackie Selman was chosen president of the sophomore class; Reggie Underwood, vice president; Betty Seaton, secretary-treasurer; and Quintin Wright, reporter. Joe Neill was elected as sponsor.

Heading the freshman class will be Steve Patterson; Danny Ervin, vice president; Billy Self, secretary; Danny Snider, treasurer; Marilyn Thompson and Mark Arnold, reporters; and sponsor is Mr. E. C. Bramlett.

Dr. F. E. Eisenrich To Address Gorman Young Home'akers

Dr. Forrest Eisenrich of De Leon will be the guest speaker at the Young Homemakers meeting at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, September 12, when they meet at the Homemaking Cottage for their regular meeting.

A film will be shown on Self Examination for Cancer.

All members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

MRS. MARVIN JONES HAS NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Fort Worth announce the arrival of their daughter, Stephanie Dawn, born August 29 in Harris Hospital. She weighed 9 pounds and 15 ounces.

Stephanie has two big brothers, Keith, age 6, and Paul, 4. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Marvin Jones of Gorman and maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. John Early of San Angelo. Mrs. May Dunn of Gorman and Mrs. L. M. Lane are great-grandmothers.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Mearns Celebrates 60th Anniversary Sunday With Children



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — Shown above at their 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration are: (seated) Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Mearns, and their children, left to right: Mrs. Roy (Bernice) Weehunt; Doil J. Mearns; Elvin Mearns; Mrs. Elmer (Modell) Watson; L. F. Mearns, Jr. and James W. Mearns.

The 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Mearns was celebrated Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Mearns, with all of the children present and many of the grandchildren.

Many attended the services of the First Baptist Church, where Leon Mearns sang the special music. A picnic lunch was spread in the yard. Many friends and neighbors dropped by during the afternoon.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weehunt and Reta of Weatherford; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Weehunt, Randy and Connie of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Weehunt, Timmy, Bret and Angela of Irving; Mr. and Mrs. Doil J. Mearns of Austin; Mr. Elvin Mearns of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Watson and Carl of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Adams of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Mearns, Jr. and Joyce of Austin; and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Mearns, Bill and John, of Gorman.

County 4-H Beef Calf Field Day Set Saturday In Es'land

The Eastland County 4-H Beef Calf Field Day will be held at the County Livestock Show grounds in Eastland on Saturday, September 14. Activities will begin at 9:00 a. m. and last all day. The planning committee has selected a panel of speakers which include: Chuck Threet, County Agricultural Agent of Brown County, who will speak on Selecting Beef Calves for Show and Points to Consider when Judging Beef Calves; Peyton Scott, Eastland county rancher, who will speak on Feeding, Fitting, and Showing Beef Calves; and Dr. Bill Cardwell, Veterinarian from Cisco, who will speak on some medications for and causes of Bloat, Shipping Fever, and Pneumonia; TB and Brucellosis requirements of the Animal Health Department; and What to do for Anaphylactic Shock?

Anyone who is interested in showing beef calves is invited to attend and participate in the program. Every year the Field Day is held to help beef calf feeders new ones as veterans, learn more about this science. According to Assistant County Agent Bob Cochran, the stage is set and the committee is looking forward to a big turnout.

Panther Band Elect Officers For '68-69

Anna Lee Butler has been elected as president of the Gorman Panther Marching Band. Bill Mearns is vice president; Brenda Weldon, secretary-treasurer; and reporter will be Beckie White and Randy Wright, manager.

Band director is Mr. Pat Crawford.

NEW DAUGHTER FOR THE JIMMY NELSONS

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nelson of Lake Leon proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Tena Lynn, born at 1 p. m. September 7, in the Blackwell Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nelson of Carbon. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Lester Westbrook of Clyde. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ollie Nelson of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan of Route 1, Gorman, and Mrs. H. C. Wharton of Carbon is the great-great-grandmother.

CARD OF THANKS

I deeply appreciate each and every one of the kindnesses and expressions of concern from my many friends and neighbors during my recent stay in the Stephenville and St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Worth. The visits, cards, letters, flowers, food, and prayers were genuinely appreciated, and the thoughtfulness of each of you will be long remembered.

Pete Mauney



Mr. W. W. (Bill) Holtzapfel, Beef Production Specialist with the Vocational Agriculture Division of the Texas Education Agency and the Dept. of Animal Science at Texas A&M University, will be the instructor for the course. He is headquartered at Texas A&M University.

Mr. Holtzapfel is a graduate of Texas A&M. He majored in Agricultural Education with much of his work done in livestock production.

Upon graduation he taught Voc Ag at Hearne, Texas, for one year, and served as County Agriculture Agent for nine years in San Augustine County. This is his third year with the Specialist Program. Mr. Holtzapfel has had much experience in working with beef cattle and operated his own farm with beef cattle and poultry as the main enterprises.

He has worked with commercial and registered breeders in



Mr. and Mrs. Otis Sharp To Mark 50th Anniversary Sunday From 3 To 5 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Sharp will mark their 50th wedding anniversary with open house on Sunday, September 15 from 3 to 5 p. m. at their home in Desdemona. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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GUEST SPEAKER — The Rev. H. T. Maclin, seated, instructs Mr. Sundara Rao in the technical skills of the radio control room at the All-Africa Conference of Churches' Training Center in Nairobi, Kenya. Mr. Maclin will visit the First United Methodist Church in Gorman on September 12th.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Maclin, special communication missionaries to Africa, will be speaking at the First United Methodist Church in Gorman Thursday, September 12th.

The Maclins went to Africa as commissioner missionaries of The Methodist Church in 1954 and since 1962 have been on loan to the Radio, Visual Education, and Mass Communications Committee (RAVEMCCO) of the National Council of Churches' Foreign Division by the Methodist Board of Missions, for service on an Africa wide basis.

A mandate to promote visual education and broadcasting throughout the African continent brought together Mr. Maclin, as African consultant, and Mr. Emanuel Fashade of Nigeria, as co-director of the All-Africa Conference of Churches. Providing suitable educational materials and training Africans to use mass communications in proclaiming the Christian faith have been the major thrust of the new venture.

The Broadcasting and Audio-Visual Services of the All-Africa

Conference of Churches now has a permanent staff of eight in Africa, with offices in Kenya, Nigeria, and the Ivory Coast. Since before its opening in 1963, Mr. Maclin has served as a liaison officer for Radio Voice of the Gospel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the most powerful broadcasting service in Africa and the most powerful Christian radio station in the world. Men and women from all of its Africa studios as well as from studios in the Near East and Asia have attended training courses here.

The Dallas-Fort Worth Area of the United Methodist Church has pledged \$25,000 to pay for new equipment for the Radio Training Center.

Several churches in the area have shared in the support of the Maclins' specialized work in communications. Recently the Walnut Hill and Brooklyn Avenue United Methodist Churches in Dallas underwrote a unique Flannel-O-Graph project. Their salary support now comes from First United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls.

Project FIND Is Launched In This County For Elderly

Mrs. Arlin Bint of Cisco has been employed by Project FIND a community action program designed to locate and serve the elderly in this area.

Mrs. Gordon Griffin of Brownwood is coordinator for the project including Brown, Comanche, Eastland and Callahan counties.

The project encourages and organizes the elderly to give expression to their needs and aspirations, and facilitates their involvement in social action and self-help programs.

Leadership talents are sought out, trained and channelled into service on behalf of the community. Employment opportunities will be created and provided for elderly residents of the community for parttime jobs and unpaid volunteer services from those who wish to help with the program.

When appropriate, the project will refer individuals to existing health, welfare, employment, housing, legal aid, recreation or other services. FIND will also take responsibility for expediting such referrals and for facilitating the relationship between the older person and the agency providing the service.

Project FIND is a pilot program designed to serve senior citizens 60 years or older. The Project is composed of a 16 county area in Central Texas which has a percentage of 20.3 percent of the population 62 years or older.

This 16 county area roughly represents 32,673 or more, the majority of which are spinsters or widows, many of whom are living alone. This area has the highest percentage of old people of any section in the State of Texas.

Friday, Sept. 13th Is Slated Date For County Pecan Tour

Friday, September 13 is the date for the Eastland County Pecan Tour sponsored by the county pecan growers association. Anton White, president of the association, invites everyone interested in pecans to go on the tour.

The tour begins at Fred Perkins' orchard at 9:00 a. m. Perkins' orchard is located on Highway 183 - 11 miles south of Cisco and eight miles north of Rising Star. Others orchards to be visited are C. T. Barton's orchard at Pioneer, Leroy Livingston's orchard and C. E. Smith's orchard near Rising Star.

De Gordon, county agent, says two Extension Service specialists will be on the tour to discuss pecan production problems. They are Dr. J. W. Worthington, Area Horticulturist from Stephenville, and Jerral D. Johnson, Plant Pathologist from Texas A&M University.

A business meeting will be held following lunch at the Elite Cafe in Rising Star. The members of the pecan growers association will discuss plans for the 1963 county pecan show. Representatives from towns desiring to host the pecan show will extend invitations at this time. White says members of the association who have paid their 1962 dues by Friday will have an opportunity to vote by mail ballot on the site of the pecan show.

CARBON WOLVERINES

Carbon High School
1963 SCHEDULE

Sept. 14 - Mullin - There - 8:00
Sept. 19 - May - Here - 8:00
Sept. 26 - Sidney - Here - 8:00
Oct. 3 - Gustine - There - 8:00
Oct. 10 - Open Date
Oct. 17 - Santo - There - 7:30
Oct. 24 - Olden* - Here - 7:30
Oct. 31 - Strawn* - Here - 7:30
Nov. 7 - Open Date
Nov. 14 - Gordon* - T - 7:30
Nov. 21 - Moran* - There - 7:30



MRS. EFFIE BROOM HAS NEW GREAT-GRANDSON

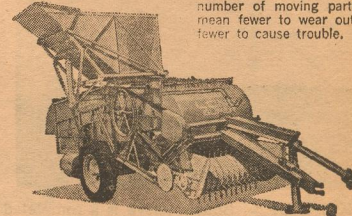
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bell of Garland announce the arrival of their son, Steven Lynn, born on August 20 in Garland Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bell of Greenville and maternal grandparents are the A. G. Hilbuns of Lone Oak. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Effie Broom of Gorman.

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No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.
10	Mike Duran	QB	152
11	Mark Arnold	QB	122
20	Wesley Rogers	QB	154
21	Billy Self	HB	123
23	Johnny Scitern	HB	147
30	David Ervin	HB	135
31	Doyle Shipman	FB	172
35	Jackie Grice	HB	148
44	Jackie Selman	FB	138
50	Reggie Underwood	C	147
51	Wayne Huff	G	155
55	Randy Wright	T	162
60	Windell Treadway	G	135
62	Danny Snider	G	110
63	Bill Clark	G	138
71	Bill Mears	T	178
73	Randall Duke	T	163
74	Rodney Duke	T	157
75	Quintin Wright	T	164
77	Steve Patterson	T	153
80	Bill Kirk	E	149
82	Richard Tarlton	E	145
83	Leslie Sharp	E	175
86	Jimmy Guthery	E	136

Coaches: Joe Neill
and John Smith

Supt. - C. L. Garrett

Principal - Cedric Bettis

Band Director - Pat Crawford

Physician - E. R. Foster, M. D.

Trainers - Teddy Jordan
and Bobby Eaves

Colors - Red and Blue

Captains - Doyle Shipman
and Leslie Sharp

Cheerleaders -
Head - Phyllis Watson
Catherine Parr
Barbara Williams
Dianne Emfinger
Jana Brown



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1968 PANTHER SCHEDULE

Sept. 13 - Wylie - There

Sept. 20 - Open Date

Sept. 27 - De Leon - There

Oct. 4 - Early - Here

Oct. 11 - Rising Star • - There

Oct. 18 - Richland Springs • - H
(Homecoming)

Oct. 25 - Evant • - There

Nov. 1 - Lometa • - Here

Nov. 8 - Meridian • - Here

Nov. 15 - Blanket • - There

Nov. 22 - Hico • - Here

• Denotes District Games

District Games - 7:30 p. m.

All Others - 8:00 p. m.

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Artistic Beauty Salon

First National Bank

The Gorman Progress

Lewis Fina Station

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Peanut Growers' Association

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DESDEMONA NEWS

By MRS. ETHEL KEITH
Due to the absence of this reporter there was no news in this column last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Craig spent last week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Norris, and returned home Friday.
The children of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Sharp are having open house Sunday, September 15th in the parents home honoring them on their 50th wedding anniversary. Everyone is invited.

Ethel Keith returned home Friday from a weeks visit with Mrs. Ina Jones, formerly of Olden, now has moved to Azle, 1201 Gipson Street.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Knapp of Fort Worth were visitors at the First Baptist Church Sunday.
Mrs. Ina Jones and granddaughter, Mayna White of Azle, spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. Ethel Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Thiebough of Tyler spent the past weekend here with parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis has just returned home from the Ranger Hospital where she spent several weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Compton of Stephenville were visitors here Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lewis.

OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

By FLORENCE RICHARDSON

Our Thought For The Week:
He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must himself pass.

Visiting the Johnnie Burns over the Labor Day weekend were Mr. and Mrs. James Burns and family of Mingus, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Joe Burns of Fort Worth, Mrs. Dorothy Henson of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Highsmith and Lavona visited the Burns last Sunday night.

Visiting in the Highsmith home were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cates and family of Eastland and Mrs. Lillie Mae Warren of Eastland.

The Bill Lockes spent part of last week with the H. T. Rawls. They had been visiting the Harry Cooper family in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Atchison spent last Thursday in Goldthwaite with mother and sisters.

We want to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Carr to our community. They have moved to the S. E. Mears farm. Welcome Tommy and Laverne.

Visiting the R. H. Watsons over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watson and children and Connie and Richard.

NEWS FROM LAWDALE

By MRS. B. A. PETZELL

Mr. B. A. Petzell of Brownwood visited Nancy Fountain.

Mrs. Dora McNutt and Marvin and Ida Brooks of Comanche and Mrs. Charles Lukovsky, Sr. and Charles, Suzy and Krissy of Moulton visited Mamie Brooks.

Mrs. Anna Ross and Dora McNutt of Comanche and Vada Lewis of Desdemona visited W. B. Mull.

Wayne Huff of Gorman visited J. C. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. May of Roundrock visited Vera Hamrick.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cogburn of De Leon, Frank and Irene Hunt of Fort Worth visited Ethel Ramsay.

N. L. Phillips of Anahuac and O. D. Phillips of Eastland visited Clemmie Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCulley of Eastland visited Cleopatra Hamilton.

Margie McCormack of Gorman visited Floyd McCormack.

Betty Weeth of Abilene and Richard and Loveta Kraft of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Edward May of Abilene visited Katie May.

Mrs. Ida Devoll of Abilene visited Mrs. Alma Craig.

Mrs. A. C. Hall of Brownwood visited Helen Claxton.

Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and Bob Reynolds of Merkel visited Willie Cosper.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan of Gorman visited Gertrude Ussery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bishop, Mrs. Bill Brown, Mrs. W. F. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson, and Mrs. J. C. Timmons of the Kokomo Baptist Church, took part in the Sunday service at the home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rawls and grandmother Rawls visited Mr. Charlie Taylor in the Eastland Memorial Hospital last Sunday. They came back through Carbon and visited with the Russell Burlasons. The Burlasons used to live in the community.

We enjoyed Sunday afternoon visiting the L. F. Mears who were celebrating 60 years of married life. All of their children were present, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Watson and son of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Doil Mears of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weehunt of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Mears of Austin, Mr. Elvin Mears of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. James Mears and, of course, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We are very fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Mears as our neighbors. We want to wish them many more happy years.



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FOR SALE - Furnished lake home on Lake Leon. Good location, above high water level. Joe Mehaffey, RE 4-5618. 5-30fnc

FOR SALE - Store, Station and living quarters of Bennett Grocery & Station, near Peanut Mill in Gorman. Same location for 22 years. Doing good business. Contact Mrs. Velma Bennett, RE 4-5414, Box 234, Gorman. 5-30fnc

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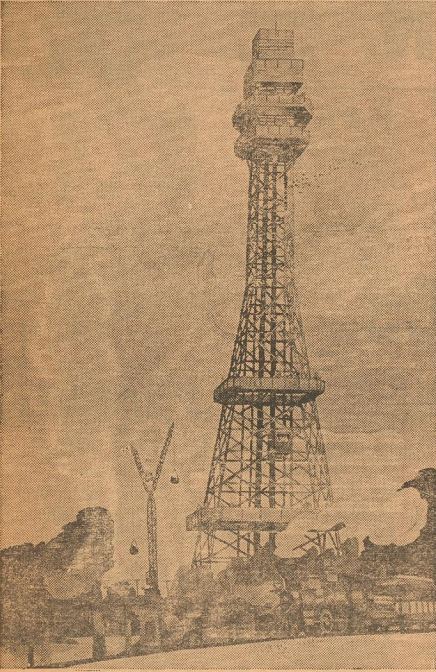
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SIX FLAGS TO BEGIN FALL SCHEDULE NEW \$20,000,000 CALIFORNIA PARK DUE



The world's largest land-based oil derrick, which will be Six Flags Over Texas' newest attraction, is seen in this artist's rendering. Construction is already under way on this 300-foot "rig," which will be the tallest single structure at the popular 140-acre, \$18,000,000 theme entertainment center located in Arlington, midway between Dallas and Fort Worth.

Arlington, Texas: Six Flags Over Texas will begin its Fall operating schedule on September 7 and will operate on Saturdays and Sundays only until the 1968 season ends on December 1. Operating hours will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The popular historical-theme entertainment center, located midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, has set Monday, September 2, as the final day of the Summer season, during which Six Flags has been open seven days a week.

Angus G. Wynne, Jr., President of Great Southwest Corporation which owns and operates the Six Flags Over Texas and Six Flags Over Georgia (Atlanta) entertainment centers, announced last week that the company will build a new 147-acre, \$20,000,000 theme entertainment center in the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area on the West Coast. The new park, tentatively named Six Flags Over California, is located east of Oakland in the city of Pleasanton.

The California Park is scheduled to open in the Spring of 1971.

Construction of new attractions at Six Flags Over Texas for the 1969 season is already under way with the building of the world's largest land-based oil derrick. This 300-foot oil rig will tower 300 feet in the air and will be supported by 800,000 pounds of steel. Costing in excess of half a million dollars, the oil derrick is located on a new 1.5-acre site near the Boomtown area of the Park. Giant elevators will take visitors to the two top observation platforms at the 267- and 255-foot levels.

The Oil Derrick will become the most prominent single structure at Six Flags, looming far above the 190-foot Sky Hook and 55-foot Astroflit rides.



CHEF FOR FAMILY GET-TOGETHER — Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLearn and Donnie Gorman visited last weekend in Conroe with Mr. and Mrs. John Snider. Mr. Snider, shown above, is a former resident in the Gorman area, and barbecued and prepared a delightful dinner for guests, the McLearens and Mrs. J. B. Maxie of Gorman, Burton Henry, Brenda and Buran of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Snider and family of Humble, Mr. and Mrs. Cole of Shepherd, Mrs. Hedgecloth of Cleveland, Truman Snider and Bobby Snider of Conroe.

14 AMENDMENTS WILL BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER FIFTH

Campaigns will be shaping up soon on 14 more amendments to the state constitution. All 14 of the proposed changes in the state's basic laws will be voted on at the general election November 5. Some are far-reaching, others routine.

Here are the amendments in the order in which they will appear on the November 5 ballot:

1. Revising provisions for management and administration of the state employee's retirement system and permitting investment in securities other than government bonds.
2. Raising the state's welfare spending ceiling from \$60 million to \$75 million.
3. Permitting investment of the Permanent University Fund by UT regents in certain types of securities, within the "prudent man rule."
4. Allowing Dallas County to issue road bonds on vote of property taxpayers.
5. Authorizing a raise in state legislators' salary from \$4,800 to \$8,400 a year and extending the per diem expense allowance of legislators (\$12 a day) to 140 days of a regular lawmaking session. (Present limit is 120 days.)
6. Allowing the legislature to exempt from property taxes equipment installed by industrialists to control air or water pollution.
7. Phasing out the state property tax after Dec. 31, 1976, beginning next year, except that portion for higher education institutions.

8. Eliminating the requirement that the governor, secretary of state and comptroller approve contracts for printing and paper.

9. Providing for contributions to the teacher retirement system on the basis of full salaries. (Contributions now are limited to \$504 a year.)

10. Allowing the legislature to provide for refund of state tax on cigars and tobacco products sold at retail in Texarkana.

11. Authorizing the legislature to permit consolidation of offices and governmental functions in El Paso and Tarrant Counties.

12. Giving the legislature power to authorize cities and counties to issue revenue bonds for industrial development purposes and permit private concerns to operate plants thus financed.

13. Exempting from property tax certain property temporarily stored in public warehouses.

14. Spelling out that legislators will not be ineligible for other offices because their terms extend a few days into January.

Study these proposals very closely and make your decisions on them clear in your own mind, then GO TO THE POLLS AND VOTE your convictions on November 5th.



Kokomo HD Club Open Club Year In Oren Webb Home

The Kokomo Home Demonstration Club met for their first fall meeting on September 9 in the home of Mrs. Oren Webb.

Mrs. Glenn Jordan led the club in their motto, creed and prayer. Mrs. John Henderson gave opening prayer. Mrs. D. F. Eaves presided at the business meeting.

New officers were elected for the coming year. Mrs. D. F. Eaves, President; Mrs. Glenn Jordan, Vice President; Mrs. Oren Webb, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. John Henderson, Recreation Chairman; Mrs. Lee Bishop, Assistant, Mrs. J. L. Morrow, Council Delegate; Mrs. Albert Hendricks and Mrs. Billy Walker, Program Leaders. We are anticipating a very busy and rewarding new year.

The club discussed several worthy projects to undertake this year. As in this past year we have as our goal "to bring some happiness to others."

Mrs. Donna Brown was introduced and presented a program on cake decorating. We each decorated our own individual "baby bootie" and we haven't had such fun in a long time. It was a very informative and useful program.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. Lee Bishop O. T. Hazard, D. F. Eaves, J. W. Henderson, Glenn Jordan, Mamie Little, J. L. Morrow, Oren Webb, Wayne White, Frank Williamson, Billy Walker, J. C. Clearman and three visitors, Mrs. Odis Rodgers, Mrs. R. M. Richburg and Mrs. Donna Brown.

Our next meeting will be held September 23 at 1:30 in the home of Mrs. D. F. Eaves. Visitors are always welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ogle of Ranger visited Sunday with Lorena Clark.

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Burns were Mrs. Harold Seay and Michele of Newburg, Opal Carter of Proctor, Mrs.

Eastland County Home Dem Council Meets In Eastland

The Eastland County Home Demonstration Council met for a regular meeting on September 3 at 2:00 p. m. in the Texas Electric Realty Room in Eastland. Mr. Ray Judia, Chairman, presided. Mrs. Genoa Brown led the opening exercises. Six clubs were represented with twenty present. The agents, Mrs. Janet Thomas and Mrs. Judy Dedek, were also present.

Mrs. R. W. Gordon, THDA Chairman, reported on the State Convention to be held in McAllen on September 17 and 18. Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Tina Graves will be delegates from Eastland County to the convention.

Plans for the annual Achievement Day activities were made. This will be held in the First Christian Annex on November 6. Mrs. Judia appointed a nominating committee to nominate officers for next year's council. They are Mrs. Joe Bond of Morton Valley, Chairman; Mrs. D. F. Eaves of Kokomo and Mrs. Mayhew of Cisco.

Mrs. Arlin Bint spoke on the Governor's Committee for the Aging, and asked for volunteers to help to make the survey in our county, of the older residents.

Lake Cisco had charge of the recreation period, and Mrs. Judia led the group in a delightful game called "Kitchen Shower".

Reporter, Mrs. Glenn Jordan

Charles Lukovsky and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lukovsky, Jr. and Kris of Moulton, D. W. Whitenton of Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Brooks of Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker spent the weekend in San Antonio with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Reese. Mrs. Baker remained for a weeks visit. Mr. and Mrs. Don Rodgers accompanied the Bakers to San Antonio for a visit with a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Friend. They will also visit this week with a son, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allen in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Snooks Craddock of Sundown visited over the weekend with Mrs. Estelle Craddock and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lasater.

Mrs. L. A. Bell of Greenville was in Gorman Monday and Tuesday to move her mother, Mrs. Effie Broom, to Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett and boys of Cleburne and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bennett and family of Eastland visited Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Ruby Bennett. The Fred Bennetts also visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett and family attended the Battle of Songs in Arlington on Saturday night at the UT of A Auditorium.

Mrs. T. K. Scott of Fort Worth is visiting this week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter and Milton, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hulse and Leah of Denver City visited last week with her grandmother, Mrs. John Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. James Isbell, Brenda and Janet of Austin, spent Labor Day weekend with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Isbell, and sister, Frances.

Mrs. Marion Yowell of El Paso,

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Wilkison, and Mrs. Joe Womack of Hawley, and Mrs. Gladys Lucke of Gorman visited last Friday with a sister and sister-in-law, Mrs. Selma Barker, J. O. and Floyd.

Mrs. Marvin Jones spent the weekend in Austin with her son,

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ADVANCING AGE AND SIGHT
As we all know, many changes occur in the human body as we advance in age. For instance, the bones become harder and more brittle.

The eye begins to change at around 25 to 30 years of age. The crystalline lens begins to harden. This hardening process, as with the bones, continues at all age levels. Between the ages of 40 and 45 it becomes noticeably more brittle.

When reading, the print tends to blur and the reading matter has to be held at varying distances from the eye. This is because the lens is no longer as flexible as it was and cannot change its shape to focus for objects that are closer.

The focusing mechanism of the eye changes much like the bellows in a camera. It is doing this constantly, depending upon the sharpness or blurriness of the image received on the retina, or back of the eye.

Since this focusing is automatic, we take it for granted. Only when the lens hardens do we realize its importance.

Remember, however, that this condition is normal and does not mean weakness or disease. With bifocal, and even trifocal contact lenses, or spectacles the useful age of mankind has been extended.

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INDEPENDENCE TRAIL

AUSTIN — A 585-mile Travel Trail, tracing Texas' fight for independence from the first battle at Gonzales to the final victory at San Jacinto, has been mapped as part of the Texas Travel Trails system.

With the exception of the Alamo and Refugio (Battle of Refugio) all other historic sites and battlegrounds that played roles in Texas' march for independence are on the trail. Eighteen counties are covered including, Austin, Bastrop, Brazoria, Caldwell, Calhoun, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Harris, Jackson, Karnes, Matagorda, Washington, Wilson and Victoria.

At Gonzales the first shot was fired. And only Gonzales answered the call from besieged Alamo, sending 32 men to die within its walls. Historical markers and monuments are numerous throughout the town. The revolution began here when a Mexican force attempted to seize a cannon from Texan forces. Flying a flag that boasted, "Come and Take It," the Texans repelled the effort.

From Gonzales, the trail winds through Luling, Fentress and into Bastrop, first settled by Stephen F. Austin's colonists. Bastrop

State Park is situated among tall pines, often referred to as "Lost Pines" because of their distance from the East Texas Forest Country.

State Highway 71 through Smithville and La Grange brings the trail rider to another hallowed state park - Monument Hill. High on a bluff overlooking the Colorado River Valley is the final resting place of the men who drew the ill-fated black beans after the Mier Expedition against Mexico. Also buried there are 41 of Captain Nicholas Dawson's troops who were killed in the battle of Salado Creek in 1842. From La Grange the trail travels northward again through Round Top, past restored Winedale Inn and onward to Navasota and Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park. This 71-acre park contains a replica of the building where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed in 1836. The first capital of the Republic of Texas was located here.

Angling southward the trail follows State Highway 36 through Bellville and Sealy, then turns on Farm Road 1093 into Houston. No attempt will be made to list all attractions in the South's largest city. As all Travel Trails, the Independence Trail guides the

traveler to the outskirts of major cities but does not attempt to designate routes within the city limits. Visitors should contact local chambers of commerce for city information.

The trail emerges on the eastern edge of Houston and leads 22 miles to the San Jacinto Battleground on State Highway 134. It was here on that April day in 1836 that Sam Houston's army needed only 18 minutes to defeat Santa Anna and win independence for Texas. Take State Highway 146 from the battleground to Galveston, once pirate's cove but now a sunny vacationland featuring modern hotels and 32 miles of beaches.

The trail moves down the coastline by causeway to Freeport and north again on State Highway 36 to West Columbia and site of the spacious Varner-Hogg Plantation. It is now a state park where colonial life is preserved in an 1836 landmark. From West Columbia the trail hugs the coastline moving through Bay City, Wadsworth, Palacios, Port Lavaca and Victoria, another of Texas' earliest settlements. Victoria was one of the first three towns incorporated by the Republic of Texas and remains today a lead-

ing center of surrounding cattle ranches and modern industrial plants.

Next stop is Goliad and restored Presidio La Bahia where Col. James Fannin and his men were massacred by Santa Anna on Palm Sunday in March of 1836. The graves of Fannin and his men are marked by a monument two miles south of Goliad off State Highway 183. Goliad State Park, the birthplace site of Mexican military hero General Ignacio Zaragoza and the Mission Espiritu Santo are three additional attractions.

Moving northward again, the Independence Trail visits Panna Maria. Thought to be the oldest Polish settlement in America, Panna Maria (meaning Virgin Mary) is located on State Highway 123 north of Karnes City. It is also said to have been site of the first Polish school in America. Continuing north, the trail leads to Floresville, passing Gov. John Connally's ranch, and into Seguin, home of Texas Lutheran College. Lake McQueeney, four miles northwest of Seguin, has become a popular boating, swimming and lakeside resort.

Returning to Gonzales via Farm Road 456 completes a hurried trip through Texas history along the Independence Trail.

J&S SPORTS

Joe Bennett & Speedy Clark
J&S

Well we are cranking up the old J&S sports column again for the 1968 season. I will try to keep the statistics on the game and Speedy has agreed to help me with the column and with our always accurate (?) pigskin prognostications.

We think the Panthers have done real well thus far this season considering the loss of personnel by graduation last year. There are four returning lettermen in the backfield, two of whom played only partially last season. The returnees in the backfield are Doyle Shipman, a hard hitting fullback, Johnny Scitern, a small but tough and explosive halfback, Jackie Grice, a tough runner who was converted from an end position, Mike Duran, who saw some action last season at the man under spot, and Wesley Rogers, also a quarterback, who saw action last season at a halfback position.

Other backs will be Jackie Selman, a sophomore transfer, and freshmen Billy Self, Mark Arnold, and a Junior, David Ervin.

Returnees on the line for the Big Red include Wayne Huff, senior guard, Leslie Sharp, senior end, Reggie Underwood, center, and Bill Kirk, end. Other line

SEAMAN NEIL C. CLEMENT GRADUATES FROM U. S. NAVAL BASIC TRAINING (MO330) GREAT LAKES, Ill. (FHTNC) Aug. 28 — Seaman Apprentice Neil C. Clement, Jr., USN, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil N. Clement, Sr. of Gorman, Texas, has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center here.

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men are tackles Randy Wright, Bill Mears (who will do the kicking), Randall Duke, Rodney Duke, Quintin Wright and Steve Patterson; guards, Wendell Treadway, Danny Snider, and Bill Clark, who are all new at the position; and ends Bill Kirk, Richard Tarlton and Jimmy Guthery.

The Panthers have a well improved passing attack which will compliment the power running of senior Doyle Shipman at fullback, and sophomore, Johnny Scitern, also a powerful and explosive runner. Both Mike Duran and Wesley Rogers have looked real good at throwing the ball thus far and we don't know for sure who will be starting Friday night.

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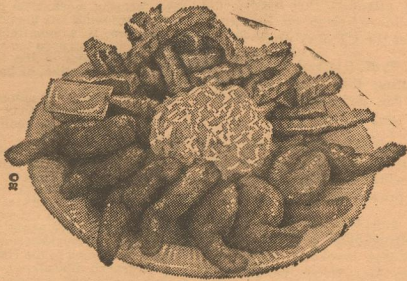
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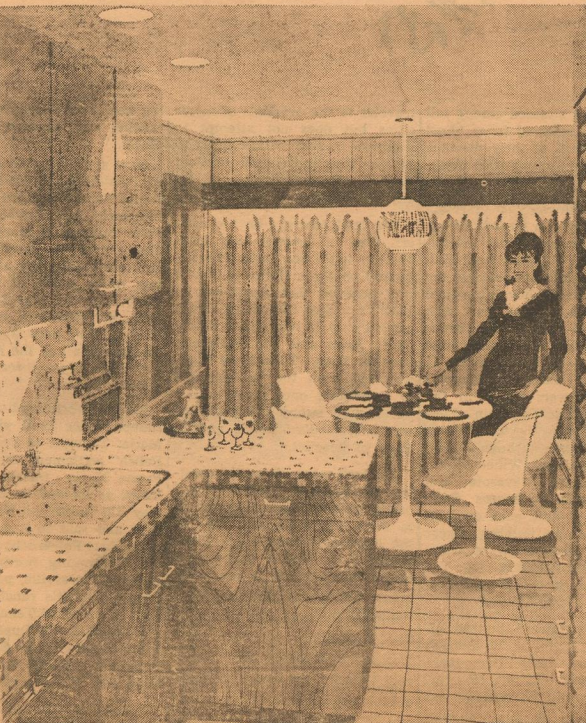
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