



Statement By SWPGA Directors-Management

Recently certain points have been raised in farm meetings and publications regarding the operation of the Southwestern Peanut Growers' association. We feel probably, due to misunderstanding, some unfavorable impressions have resulted. We therefore feel it is advisable for us to comment on the points that have been raised as we understand them:

1. POOL STORAGE FOR SEGREGATION 3 PEANUTS

The management of the Association completed its initial peanut oil and meal market price check prior to the Association's Annual Meeting held on July 22, 1977. The information gathered showed a low oil and restricted meal market level which, when converted to a ton of segregation 3 peanuts, resulted in an estimated price of about \$175 per ton. This condition was, of course, reported to the Association Board and visitors who were present at the July session. Office personnel continued to check the markets weekly during the peanut marketing season so that we could mail the information to grower leaders and warehousemen throughout the area periodically enabling the price data to be disseminated to a representative number of growers in each community. Although no grower has utilized the Association pool in the 4 years since its inception, we continue to feel that the pool serves as an effective leverage in obtaining the highest commercial return to growers based on market conditions at the time.

In late July 1977 Association field representatives began the process of signing storage contracts with warehousemen in the South Texas area in preparation of early crop handling. Our fieldmen were instructed to obtain commitments from a sufficient number of warehousemen to receive and store segregation 3 peanuts, even though that phase of the storage operation is not covered by the traditional Commodity Credit Corporation Peanut Storage Contract. The same procedure was followed in obtaining commitments from warehousemen in the Central Texas area. The existing oil and restricted meal markets for the period August, September, October and November, 1977 converted to a price of about 10.5 cents per kernel pound (gross) for segregation 3 peanuts. Our sources of future oil market evaluation, many of the same sources utilized by USDA, through harvest season forecast nothing but the same depressed oil market condition for the foreseeable future due to a surplus world oil supply situation. To the surprise of most everyone, India, a major exporter of peanuts into world trade channels, on about December 5 or 6, 1977 suddenly discontinued exports due to domestic needs there. Also the surprise of the U.S. trade on November 3, 1977 USDA sold some 82 million

pounds of 1974 and 1975 crop peanut oil produced during the Butz era and held in storage tanks in the country. It should be understood that SWPGA had absolutely no control over this oil and had nothing to do with the offering, evaluation of bids, sale, or any other disposition of this oil; it was handled exclusively by USDA personnel in the Kansas City, ASCS Commodity office. It appears the combined effect of these two significant developments was an upsurge in the domestic peanut oil price.

Our obligation to growers is to obtain and disseminate the best market information available to us relative to all farmers stock peanuts, including seg. 3. This is precisely what we did in 1977, just as we have done each year since 1974 when USDA discontinued supporting the price of segregation 3 peanuts.

Since the Association pool program is not a part of the USDA price support program, the grower receives no money from the Association or CCC at the time peanuts are placed in the pool. The Association simply accepts the peanuts from the grower and issues the grower an "Agency agreement" which is similar to a warehouse receipt. The Association would sell the pool peanuts at some point in time considered favorable to growers. However, experience dictates that we must be cautious in recommending that growers place seg. 3 peanuts in the Association pool. A study of the oil markets trends of recent years will show that there has been either a leveling or a downward price trend from the completion of harvest season forward. Under the pool arrangement, the grower must pay all costs of inspection, handling in and out, storage, shrinkage, and other costs.

Last fall based on the best oil and meal market information available to us, we did not recommend that growers utilize the Association pool. It appeared at the time that utilization of the Association pool would result in an additional cost of at least \$25 per ton to growers resulting from inspection, handling and storage, shrinkage and additional interests charges on the growers' debts. The Association seg. 3 pool was available in 1977 had a request been made. However, to our knowledge, neither we nor our warehousemen, denied any specific requests for pool storage except that last fall the San Saba Growers Association at Richland Springs made a tentative decision to proceed with pool storage even though at the time we saw no benefits for growers. We immediately authorized them to begin storing segregation 3 peanuts in their facilities. However, the final decision of the Richland Springs growers was not to store any segregation 3 pool peanuts.

The Association inquired of USDA last August relative to the possibility of re-



Diane Peppers, David Schmidt Repeat Vows



Diane Lee Peppers was united in marriage to David D. Schmidt at 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 1977, in Gorman First United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Peppers of Gorman. The groom is the son of Mrs. Evelyn Degner and Henry Schmidt, both of Fort Worth.

The preliminary ceremony was performed by the Reverend Burton C. Dennis. After giving the bride in marriage, her father, the Reverend Peppers, Robed himself while the organist Susie Bransum, played The Wedding Prayer. He then performed the wedding ceremony.



Emory Walton

Announces For Re-Election

Emory C. Walton has announced that he is a candidate for re-election as Criminal District Attorney of Eastland County. He is currently serving as Eastland County's Criminal District Attorney.

Walton was formerly employed by a nation certified public accounting firm and the Treasury Department. He came to Eastland in 1968 as an assistant County Attorney from Abilene, where he was the First Assistant City Attorney. He was elected and served as County Attorney of Eastland County, from 1969 until the designation of that office was changed by the Legislature in 1971, at which time he was appointed by Governor Preston Smith as the Criminal District Attorney.

At the 1973 Annual Banquet of the Eastland County Law Enforcement Officers Association, Walton was honored as the county's Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer. As the recipient of the first such award, Walton received a plaque sponsored by the Eastland County Newspapers Inc. A native of the Mullin

GORMAN CAGERS WIN 24-B TITLES; PRACTICE GAMES SET



PANTHERETTES ARE DISTRICT 24-B CHAMPIONS - Members of the Gorman Pantherettes Basketball Championship team are (left to right) back row: Paulette Baze, Ruthie Hagood, Susan Snider, Shari Guthery, Amy Warren, Lisa Warren, Suzie Ridens, Carla Good, Melinda Harrington, and Coach Joe Bond. Front row: Bethany Gibbs, Stephanie Slampa, Kelly Mauney, Deliah Eaves, Donna Lewis, Carmon Longoria and Terrye Jeffs.



DISTRICT 24-B CHAMPION PANTHERS - Members of the Gorman Panthers Basketball Championship team are (left to right) back row: Coach Joe Bond, Charles White, Kenneth Good, David Good, Tim Swanner, Bob Hagood, Coach Dail Ables. Front row: Larry Keith, Steve Keith, Riley Curb, Steve Watson, Blaine Gibbs.

The Gorman panthers continued their district 24B race Friday February 3 as they won with a score of 91 to 67 giving them the District 24B Championship.

Larry Keith was high scorer for Gorman with 24 points, Tim Swanner 19, David Good 16, Blaine Gibbs 13, Steve Keith 12, Charles White 5 and Kenny Good 2 points. Newbery with 18 points was high scorer for Rising Star.

PANTHERETS WIN

The Gorman girls varsity team and District 24 B Champions defeated the Rising Star team 66 to 44 Friday night in the game. Lisa Warren led the Pantherettes scoring drive

with 29 points, Amy scored 25, Deliah Eaves 9 and Melinda Harrington 2, and Kelly Mauney 1. Hounsell with 10 points was high scorer for Rising Star.

B TEAMS WIN CONSOLATION

The Gorman B boys won Consolation win the Rising Star Tournament Saturday by outscoring their opponent May 70 to 43. Steve Watson was high scorer in this game with 18 points, Billy Simpson 16, Clint Tucker 10 and Kenny Good 8, Kris and Dale Hogan 6 points each, Eriqua Landa 4 and Riley Curb 2.

CROSS PLAINS LOSE TO GORMAN

In the first game of the tournament the B Boys led

the Cross plains team in scoring and ending with a game score of 65 to 23.

Billy Simpson hit the nets for 26 points, Clint Tucker and Kenny Good each had 10 points, Steve Watson 8, and Dale Hogan 6, Eriqua Landa 4 and Riley Curb 2.

GORMAN GIRLS B BEAT RISING STAR

The Gorman girls B team out scored Rising Star 65 to 10. Carmon Longoria was high scorer with 24 points, Kelly Mauney 12, Ruthie Hagood 10, Christie Barnett 7, Bethany Gibbs and Stephanie Slampa 6 each.

GORMAN WINS OVER CROSS PLAINS

The girls B team had a closer scoring game with Cross Plains with 31 to 23. Ruthie Hagood led the scoring with 11 points, Carmon Longoria 7, Kelly Mauney 6, Christie Barnett 4, Stephanie Slampa 2, Bethany Gibbs 1.

BOYS LOSE IN JR. HI TOURNAMENT

In the Junior Hi Tournament held here Saturday, Gorman boys lost to the Eastland 7th grade boys 41 to 26. Andy Kinser and Scotty Mauney scored 8 points each, Curtis Warren 7, Ed Underwood and Mark Swanner and Jeff Seaton each scored 2 points.

GORMAN BOYS WIN CONSOLATION

Gorman won consolation by out scoring Cisco 14 to 10. Dane Gressett was high point scorer for Gorman with 6 points, Andy Kinser had 4 points, Scotty Mauney and Ted Underwood each scored 2 points.

We were unable to get the Girls Junior Hi scores from Coach Ables. Maybe we can get them for next weeks paper.

VARSITY TEAM SET PRACTICE GAMES

The Gorman Varsity basketball teams will play practice games at Priddy Tuesday February 14. They will play the Eula Boys and Trent girls teams at Eula on Friday February 17.

Bi-District games will be played February 21 and February 28.

Everyone around here is wondering if this winter weather will ever let up. It seems as though it has been cold with rains, drizzle or freezing drizzle for weeks. We missed a lot of the sleet and snow on Tuesday afternoon and night, but some places wasn't so fortunate. The Metroplex got a good bit of snow and ice. The weatherman teases us with a day or so of fairly good weather and warms us up a little, then wham! along comes the freezing weather again. Oh well, some day it will be spring and summer again and then we can look back to these cold days when we are sweating this summer.

Received the following letter this week from Verna Mae Webb and thought that it should be included in the column with week.

Gorman is so fortunate to have such a fine Doctor as Dr. Pino. So many places don't have doctors with the concern of the patients at heart as he has and he is so very nice to relatives of his patients.

My mother Mrs. Pearl (Hamrick) Roberts has been patient in Blackwell Hospital for 14 days and has had splendid care. She has been seriously ill and I have been there with her. She is still very sick and they are doing everything for her. She has a rare type blood and they have found a donor and it was to be given Wednesday or Thursday. She has also had to have other things found she needed. Please remember that some of your larger towns don't have doctors capable as Blackwell Hospital's. Doctor Pino is not only a fine M.D. but is an orthopedic surgeon of which Gorman should be very proud of. I appreciate all that he is doing for the Gorman Hospital.

Sincerely,
Verna Mae
(Hamrick) Webb

Thanks for the kind words about our hospital, doctors and personnel. We are truly blessed in our community with fine physicians and facilities, and I think that more and more folks are finding this out and are beginning to take advantage of our hospital. Dr. Pino is a top orthopedic Physician and I can attest to that as he treated me when I received a broken neck a good while back. Also we have used the services of all the doctors here at one time or another and they are the best around. If folks will continue to start taking advantages of the hospital facilities and doctors we have here, then our hospital will return to its rightful place in the hearts of all folks here about.

Folks sure did enjoy and support the Lions Club Boxing tournament on Saturday night. I wish to thank all the folks who supported the event with their attendance on behalf of the Lions Club. The Club netted about \$347 for community projects of the Lions. The club sincerely appreciates the support of the community. It is hoped that the boxing event will be repeated here before very long since everyone enjoyed it so.

Don't forget the Lions Club Volleyball Tournament next week. It begins on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. and skips Wednesday, the begins on Thursday and continues through Saturday night. Everyone always looks forward to the volleyball event and enjoys the action. Don't miss it. There are 12 womens teams and 7 mens teams entered.

And remember to Smile - because God Loves you!

GLORY ROAD QUARTET TO PRESENT PROGRAM AT FIRST BAPTIST -The Glory Road Quartet composed of Charles Armstrong (left), Daryl Hirst (center), Bill Neal (right), and Donna Brown at the piano, will present a program at the First Baptist Church here at 7 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 12th. This is an outstanding group of singers and if you enjoy gospel singing you will want to attend.

Farmers Problems

BY LA TONNE RODGERS

According to information at a meeting Saturday night in Carbon, Alvin Jenkins and two others of Colorado began, the latter part of 1977 to organize a nationwide farmers strike set for Dec. 14, 1977.

This agriculture movement is, as stated by Moody Koonce of Desdemona unique in that there is no president or other officer in charge, no board of directors, etc. This is a farmer organization and they are working toward a solution to the farm program dilemma. The movement has steadily gained momentum and demands:

1. 100 percent of parity for all domestically used or consumed agricultural produce.
2. 100 percent of parity for all foreign exports of agricultural produce.
3. All agricultural produces produced for national and international food reserve shall be contracted by any or all governments at 100 percent of parity.
4. Imports of meat livestock and all

JUNIOR HI DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SAT.

The Gorman Junior Hi District Basketball Tournament will be held here Saturday, February 11, games will start at 9:00a.m. District teams that are entered are Gorman, Carbon, Rising Star and Moran.

agricultural products must be stopped until parity prices are reached.

100 parity means farmers would have equal buying power with everyone else and in 1977 farmers received only 64 percent of parity.

Since it was set as a standard in the early '30's, only twice before has the percentage been lower than now. It has been said that when the farmer spends \$1 it will equal \$7 in the community and results taken from a recent poll indicate that consumers, nationwide, are willing to pay the increase of 4 percent to enable the producer to receive 100 percent of parity.

Koonce also shared information from a chart compiled by Auburn University in Alabama, which shows that by 1981, under the current peanut program a producer stands to lose \$19.25 per acre to farm peanuts. This chart is available from any farmer advocating the agriculture movement.

—GP—

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Clark, Sharla and Christian David spent the weekend in Fort Worth with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Clark and family.

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FOR RENT: In Gorman 7 room white brick home at 103 Cressent Street. Call Ina Foster. De Leon 893-2614. 2-9Fnc.

FOR RENT: Single person garage apartment. Donald Bolt. 734-2329. 2-2FNC.

FOR SALE: Three bed room house, central heat and air. Carpet. Large lot cellar and fruit trees. 734-2894. 4-3-16C.

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AIDES NEEDED at Lawndale Home for Senior Citizens. Phone 734-2202. 8-11-fnc

FOR RENT: 2 Bed room House with garden spot. \$85 per month. Mrs. M.E. Pittman. 734-2055 1-26FNC.

WANTED: Retired couple or working couple to live in small modern house, 2 miles North of Desdemona on Highway 16, with some work available by owner. Bills paid. 758-2675 12-8-FNC.

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FOR SALE: Four Chevrolet Mag Wheels. Good Condition. \$120. May be seen at Progress Office. Lonnie Bennett 734-2410.FNC

MATRESSES - New renovated, feted cotton, inner-spring, choice of firmness, size and color. Satisfaction guaranteed. Make in San Angelo by Western Mattress Co. Free pick-up and delivery. Phone 734-2611, Gorman. 1-6-fnc

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AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING - Certified Lennox Dealers. Commercial Refrigeration. Bill Lamb, De Leon, Call 893-2510. 6-28-fnc

FOR SALE - Six bedroom, two bath home in Gorman. Call after 6 p. m. Billy Gray at 734-2163. 8-18-fnc.

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TO SETTLE ESTATE:
FOR SALE: Dairy King in Gorman. Well established business. 212 ft. by 146 lot. Betty Coan 7467 Meadow Breeze, San Antonio 78227 Telephone 512-675-2176. 4-2-1C.

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FOR RENT: Combination upstairs and downstairs apartment and downstairs for business if wanted. All in one. 1/2 bath downstairs, full bath up stairs. All carpeted. Sam Powers 758-2675 2-9 FNC.

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SCHOOL HILL NEWS BY MRS. BILL RIDELL

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sparks of Lingleville visited on Friday with J.C. and Patsy Moon.
Several in our community have been suffering from a rough flu. Sure takes the starch out of you, we, all four, had it one week. One good thing about it is you don't need a cook or house keeper then. If you can reach the aspirin, you're okay.

DESDEMONA NEWS
By Vonnie Guthery

The sunshine was a welcome sight, but did you ever stop to think we are never happy with our weather as we fuss if it is cloudy and cold or if it is hot.
Ed and Mabel Crumbley of Alpine visited First Baptist Church Sunday, Mabel gave a report Sunday nite on their job working with the River Ministry there.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the families of Mrs. (George) Elsie Brazzell, Mr. John Hallum and Mrs. O'Neal (mother of Bobbie Glasson).
Albert Clark remains a patient in Abilene hospital. Louise Merrill is in De Leon hospital.

Visiting with Lonnie and Zelma Williamson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones and daughter, Don Jones and family and James Jones and family of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bays, Mr. and Mrs. Fagan Bays, Mr. and Mrs. Sercy Bostick, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Burleson and son and Flo Burleson of Stephenville.

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this reporter attended graveside rites for a cousin Leon Keith of San Angelo. Burial was at Victor Cemetery Tuesday evening. He is the son of Mrs. Stella Keith and the late Silver Keith.

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Carbon News
By Mrs. Bob Hastings 639-2517

The weather still stays Cold and a lot of our people have had colds and flu. We hope they are all improving.

The Carbon School Cafeteria menu for next week, February 13 to 17 will be:
MONDAY: Meat loaf with gravy, green beans, rice, hot rolls, butter, pears, milk.
TUESDAY: Shepherd pie, pinto beans, slaw, hot rolls, butter, genie bars, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Turkey and dressing, with gravy, peas, sweet potatoes or mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and milk.
THURSDAY: Fish sticks, salad, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, butter, cherry crisp, and milk.
FRIDAY: Hamburgers with onions, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, french fries, jello and milk.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Wood, Terri and James-visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wood and family of Odessa last weekend. Mrs. Daisy Wood returned home with them after an extended visit there.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Stokes visited Mrs. Robert Huffsetter and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Huffsetter of Stephenville on Friday.

Mmes Beulak Woodward and Pearl Roberts of Odessa were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Cox and Corey of Arlington visited Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Jackson during the weekend.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Buck Weston on Sunday were his brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and their sister Mrs. Cora Reeves all of Merkel.

Thence North 1344 varas to the place of beginning, and brought by said plaintiffs against said defendant wherein the said parties are alleged to own the following interests in the surface of said land, to-wit: the said Hal E. Walton and wife Mary L. Walton and V. L. Davis are plaintiffs and M. C. Davis, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said M. C. Davis, is defendant, the nature of said suit being one for partition of the surface of the following described land:

Being 160 acres, more or less, out of the Spires Dooley Survey, Abstract 77, Eastland County, Texas, described as follows:

Beginning 2549 1-2 varas East and 950 varas South of the Northwest corner of the said Spires Dooley Survey, for the Northeast corner of this tract, a stake for corner from which a P. O. brs. South 5 deg. East 10 1-2 varas;

Thence West 672 varas to a stake from which a triple B. J brs. South 40 deg. East 1 vara;

Thence South 1344 varas to a stake for the Southwest corner of this tract from which a P. O. brs. North 11 deg. East 5 varas, D. O. brs. 19 1-2 deg. East 4 varas;

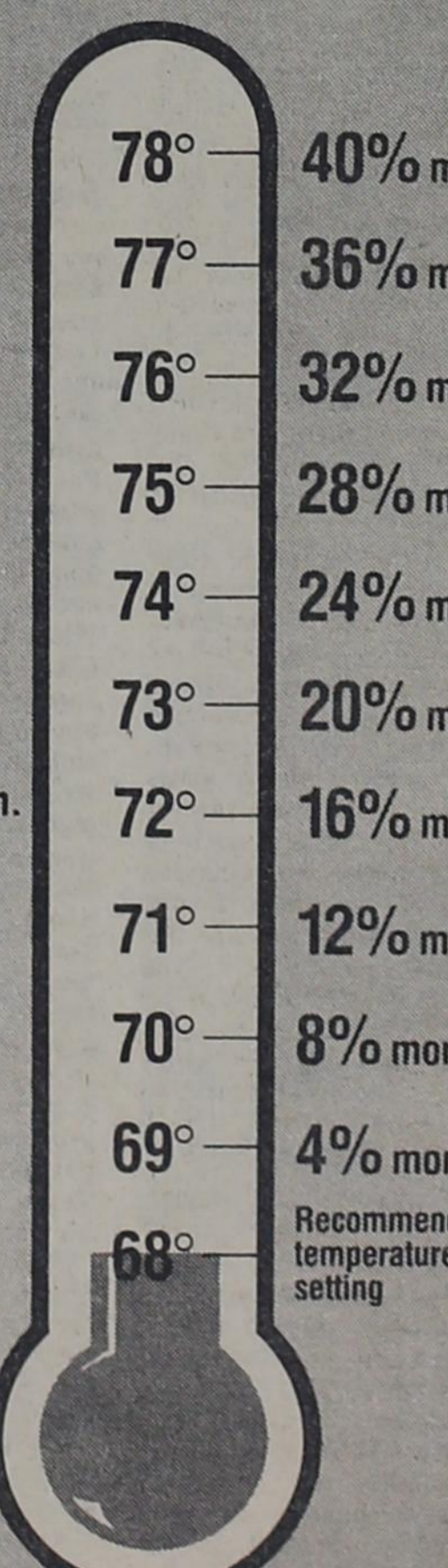
Thence East 672 varas to a stake in the East boundary line of the 1-4 locative interest of the said Spires Dooley Survey for the Southeast corner of this tract, a stake from which a P. O. brs. North 19 deg. East 2 1/2 varas;

Witness Joe T. Gray, Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at the City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas this 27th day of January, 1978.

SEAL Joe T. Gray, Clerk of 91st District Court Eastland County, Texas By: Mary Jane Rowch, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
TO: M. C. Davis, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said M. C. DAVIS, Defendant Owning Interest in the Hereinafter Described Land, The Places of Whose Residence are Unknown, GREETING:
You and each of you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas, at the courthouse thereof in the City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock a. m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, the same being Monday, the 13th day of March, 1978, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of September, 1977, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court no. 27,546 and styled Hal E. Walton, et al vs. M. C. Davis, wherein Hal E. Walton and wife Mary L. Walton and V. L. Davis are plaintiffs and M. C. Davis, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said M. C. Davis, is defendant, the nature of said suit being one for partition of the surface of the following described land:



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Two of the seven seats of Gorman school Board are up for election April 1, though no candidates have filed as yet.

The filing deadline for a board position is March 1. The two incumbents - J.E. Porter and Larry Campbell have made no announcements on whether they will run for re-election and have submitted no filing papers.

Filing papers for those wishing to run for one of the board seats of the Gorman school board can be obtained at the superintendents office. Gorman High School.

Lela Leach	Gorman
Eula Buckler	Dublin
Elizabeth Edward	Baird
Virgie Brown	Gorman
Mary Busching	Gorman
Ruth Schupp	De Leon
Verda Muse	Dublin
Annie Whitekar	Gorman
W.R. Moore	Rising Star
Marquez	Cisco
Clinton Revels	Gorman
Willie Barrett	Gorman

Patients listed in Blackwell Hospital Wednesday:
Susan Smart Comanche
Alma Craig Gorman
Pearl Roberts Gorman
Sadie Burns Gorman
Eva Stout Gorman
Claude Fox Rising Star
John Koonce Gorman
Helen Arnold Desdemona
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Statement By SWPGA Directors-Management

Cont'd from Page 1 instituting the CCC loan on segregation 3 peanuts. At that time dryland growers at Floresville were experiencing substantial losses on segregation 3 peanuts. We were told at that time since the Peanut Price Support Docket for 1977 had already been approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation Board of Directors it would not be feasible to make this kind of major alteration in the 1977 program. It was too early at that time to declare a disaster situation since the only peanuts moving were early crop peanuts in South Texas. However, we did some preliminary work at that time with Congressman Omar Burleson's office toward establishing FHA loans. Following some initial determinations made by Mr. Burleson, the Association worked with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is setting up meetings of county boards in all peanut producing counties to have approximately 51 of Texas Counties declared drought emergency counties so that growers would be eligible for low interest rate crop loans in 1978.

About October 1, 1977, the Association manager asked Congressman Burleson to set up a meeting with Agriculture Secretary Bergland so we might request emergency peanut crop payments for all growers marketing segregation 3 peanuts. Mr. Burleson made tentative arrangements for the meeting with Secretary Bergland for about October 21 but it had to be rescheduled for November 2 to accommodate the schedule of Secretary Bergland. The Association manager asked the Executive Secretary of the Texas Peanut Producers Board to accompany him to the meeting. In addition to Mr. Burleson, two other Texas Congressmen attended the meeting on November 2 with the Secretary - Representative W.R. Poage, Vice-Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and Representative Abraham Kazen of Laredo. The Association manager, with staunch support from three Congressmen, presented what we believe was a sound plea for aid to peanut producers in the drought distressed areas of Central and South Texas. The Department of Agriculture announced a support program for seg.3 at about \$250 per F-s ton on November 22, 1977. The Association had asked for \$315 per ton in its request and urged that this payment rate be made retroactive covering all lots of seg. 3 peanuts marketed from the 1977 crop. The \$315 figure was obtained from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as the average cost of producing a ton of dryland peanuts in Texas. Although SWPGA was criticized by a few growers for not asking for a higher payment rate this level of payment would have been far better than disaster payments being made at that time on corn with a flavus mold under the target price disaster program. The USDA also declined to make its support program retroactive, a decision which rendered the program all but useless. Legal Counsel in USDA ruled that the department could not legally make price support loans on crops already marketed.

The Association has taken the lead in the effort to have USDA support segregation 3 peanuts in 1978 at a decent level. We sincerely believe and think others will agree that without a determined effort on the part of SWPGA the past 4 months, USDA would not be considering any support price on segregation 3 peanuts in 1978. Incidentally, we doubt that any organization is working any harder than we are to retain quota support of segregation 2 peanuts. We still face an uphill battle on both counts.

support differentials by types as announced by USDA in March 1976 were challenged by shellers in the Southwest and Virginia-Carolina Areas. In July, 1976 USDA under strong Congressional pressures, altered its initial support rates and was taken to court by the Southwestern Shellers. At crop movement time, confusion ran rampant in the peanut production areas. Some shellers announced plans to pay one set of prices and other shellers planned something else. Most sellers initially planned to pay 1975 prices some \$19.50 per ton below 1976 prices. Through a series of meetings with shellers and continued monitoring of the problem, SWPGA succeeded in securing a commitment from all area shellers except one to pay growers the 1976 Interim prices at marketing time and to pay the additional amounts due to growers on the 1976 crop once USDA made a final price determination. Some shellers have just recently completed mailing make-up payments where due. SWPGA has continued to follow this matter through to its conclusion. In 1976 we are convinced without SWPGA, market instability, price cutting on growers' peanuts and sizeable losses to growers would have resulted. The situation in 1976 provided a very fertile climate for the possibility of producers receiving less than producer loan advance for commercial peanuts but such was not allowed to materialize.

SWPGA HAS NOT REPRESENTED growers properly in LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY. Frankly, SWPGA does not favor the amended peanut program any more than the rank and file grower. The record of meetings of the National Peanut Growers Group shows that the Southwest grower delegation resisted quantitative or poundage controls with more intensity than anyone else, but poundage quotas was the one point that was non-negotiable with the present administration. A similar condition existed when the Butz Administration demanded unlimited plantings of peanuts for crushing and export and stated that point was non-negotiable with the USDA at that time. The NPGG was faced with the option of either considering plans with such a provision or a very real possibility of losing Congressional appropriations to finance the peanut program. In 1974 and 1975 peanut program adversaries in the House came dangerously close to success in their effort to eliminate peanut program funding. However, a point which should not be overlooked when criticizing the legislative effort is the cumulative force that contributed to the legislation which generally can be summarized as follows:

GROWERS - The National Peanut Growers Group provided the framework under which peanut grower organizations worked. All 13 state and regional peanut grower organizations in the U.S. make up the NPGG. In the Southwest each of the three grower organizations - Texas Peanut Producers Board, Oklahoma Peanut Growers Association and Southwestern Peanut Growers Association were represented by one man each the NPGG Steering Committee. This means that by vote, each of the three organizations have equal weight in making legislative policy decisions. Second, if ever, the past 5 years have the Southwest representatives failed to vote alike on legislative policy issues. If growers were represented impartially by the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association, then it follows naturally that they have been represented differently by the other Texas and Oklahoma organizations. However, it is our opinion that your representatives did the best they could in the very difficult agricultural legislative process. In addition to the grower associations, of course, the American Farm Bureau Federation, National Farmers Union, The Grange, and other farm organizations have input in behalf of their members.

SHELLERS - Three area sheller organizations from the Southeast, Southwest and Virginia-Carolina area have considerable input in peanut program legislation. **MANUFACTURERS** - Peanut product manufacturers have a powerful legislative lobby. Additionally, individual manufacturing firms exert much influence in the legislative effort. **THE CONGRESS** of course, at subcommittee, Committee and House and Senate Floor levels as well as in conference committee of the two houses all influenced the final version of the peanut bill. **THE USDA TASK FORCE** appointed by Secretary Bergland (headed by Bobby Smith) to shape the peanut program of the future was probably the major force in the entire legislative process last year. **THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET** monitors carefully the estimated cost of all agricultural legislation. Its guidelines are stringent and tough. When one considers the numerous powerful forces involved in the legislative process, to single out one grower organization or one individual for a major share of the blame for an unpopular program hardly seems logical.

In emphasizing the objectionable features of the amended law, it should not be overlooked that the program does retain the two principles which are absolutely essential to a successful peanut program - farm allotment and quotas and the price support program. It is still far superior to the alternatives - target price or no program at all. **4. SWPGA EXERTED UNDUPLICATE INFLUENCE ON PAC NOMINATING MEETING - HELD AT HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA.**

About a month ago, the SWPGA Manager was asked by the PAC field representative for a suggestion regarding the site of the meeting in Oklahoma for nominating a PAC grower representative. SWPGA had nothing to do with the conduct of the meeting except the suggestion as to the meeting site. Prior to 1976 at the request of PAC & USDA, SWPGA had organized and conducted such meetings in Texas and Oklahoma. The Peanut Administrative Committee (PAC) was established in 1965 to work with USDA in implementing a peanut quality control program to keep peanuts with Aspergillus flavus out of food and feed channels. In 1976 due to criticism in the Southwest, not the Southwest, PAC assumed responsibility for conducting such meetings, notifying growers of the meetings and related functions. Including 1978, SWPGA personnel chose or suggested the meeting sites in Oklahoma 4 times - once each 3 years. Sites chosen were: Eakly, Oklahoma (Caddo County) in the Western part of the state, Chickasha in the West Central part of the state, Pauls Valley in Central Oklahoma and Holdenville in Eastern Oklahoma. Incidentally, for those who are interested, sites chosen by SWPGA for PAC nominating meetings in Texas were Weatherford, De Leon and Gorman on two occasions. In all instances due notice was sent to all newspapers in the peanut producing area of each state.

By regulation of the Peanut Marketing Agreement on representative from each of the 3 area associations making USDA price support available is on the Committee. The other 2 growers from each of the 3 areas represent the two largest producing states in each of the 3 major production areas of the nation. In our case the two states are Oklahoma and Texas. This organization structure is by tradition, not regulation, but to our knowledge, there has never been an exception to it in any area in the 13 years of PAC.

5. SALES OF USDA PEANUT STOCKS FOR CRUSHING.

A number of questions have been related to the Association functions in sales of surplus peanuts stocks to oil mills and shellers. SWPGA has no responsibility in awarding sales to bidders on such peanuts. In recent years USDA's Kansas City Commodity Office has received all bids on these peanuts

and has made all determinations on sales. Association personnel neither handle nor see the bids submitted by shellers. Once the peanuts are sold by USDA in Kansas City, the Association is notified so that it can assume its function in making arrangement for delivery of the peanuts, supervision of the processing of the peanuts at the Mills, for crushing, or export, and compilation of records regarding these operations.

The only sales made by Association personnel are sales of peanuts in Association inventory that go into the domestic edible or seed market. In this case, by prior agreement with USDA, such peanuts are sold under Minimum Sales Policy. Under the policy plus all USDA costs and interest plus 5 percent of loan advance if sales are made by the Association prior to December 31 and 7 percent of loan advance if sales are made after December 31.

The USDA - Association sales procedures and follow up supervision are a source of pride to us in that equal opportunity to all interested parties to purchase prevails throughout the entire process and the supervision program to insure that peanuts sold for diversion at less than support price are crushed or exported is time tested and has worked well. **6. DEDUCTION OF STORAGE HANDLING AND INSPECTION FEES ON CHEMICAL PURCHASES.**

We are obviously in complete agreement that the grower should receive as high a return as possible for his crop. SWPGA is charged with the responsibility of assisting growers to receive at least loan advance (support less \$20 in 1977) at marketing time. To our knowledge SWPGA has been successful in carrying out this responsibility over the years. It should be noted that there is no law or regulation requiring shellers to pay any specific amount on commercial purchases. USDA advances to growers who place their peanuts under loan, support less the fee for handling, storage and inspection. The level USDA advances the grower under the price support loan program also unfortunately established the commercial price for farmers stock peanuts purchased by shellers unless there is a special demand for a particular type of peanut or some other extenuating circumstance. USDA's policy is deducting a fee for loan peanuts the past 4 years has cost growers many millions of dollars in income. In 1974 when USDA initiated the administrative policy to deduct the fee, SWPGA and all other grower groups registered strong opposition, but to no avail. Under the amended law there will be no deduction for storage, handling and inspection.

Since January of 1973 SWPGA has written a total of 28 news releases that have been sent to 102 newspapers and other media throughout the Southwest peanut producing area keeping growers continually abreast of legislative developments. During this same period SWPGA has mailed out to about 355 grower leaders throughout the Southwest 66 first class letters advising them of legislative and market developments. Additionally, in each issue of the SOUTHWESTERN PEANUT GROWERS NEWS since January, 1973 an article has appeared updating growers on legislative developments. We know of no other grower organization who has routinely sent out to anyone, other than its own board members, such information. The association management has also attended in excess of 200 grower meetings throughout this period to discuss proposed peanut program changes with growers in all parts of the peanut producing areas of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

It has been implied that USDA officials in Washington have been critical of SWPGA. We are in constant contact with Washington based USDA personnel who work with the Associations and we have heard no such criticism from them.

SWPGA is giving and has given throughout its entire operating span much more than sympathy to the farm-

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet Thursday February 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the city office.

Gorman School Board of Trustees will meet Monday February 13.

Carbon School Board will meet Monday February 13.

City Commission will meet Thursday February 16 at 8:00 a.m. at the City Office.

The Social Security Representative will be in Gorman Thursday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the City Office.

The regular monthly musical will be held at Kokomo Community Center on Fridays night February 10. Everyone welcome.

Peanut Promenade Square Dancing will be held Saturday February 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Posse Barn in Eastland. Dick Troutman will be the caller. Everyone welcome.

Kokomo Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. J.D. McNeely on Monday, February 13 at 8 p.m. Mrs. Ben Rollins will give the program on decorating the home with plants. Visitors welcome.

A Representative from the Tax Assessor-Collector office in Eastland will be in Gorman February 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Smith Bros. Chevrolet Co. for the convenience of persons in Gorman to purchase their Auto registration stickers.

CUB SCOUT MEET EACH Saturday, 9:30 to 12 noon in the School Gym.

Girls Scouts Junior and Cadettes will meet each Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall.

Gorman Chapter 443 O.E.S. meets the first Monday each month at 7:30 P.M.

Gorman Lodge 716 AF&AM. stated meetings. 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Members urged to attend. Visitors Welcome.

MRS. NANCY TROUT, TAX ASSESSOR-COLL. ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN HOURS AT OFFICE.

Mrs. Nancy Trout, Eastland County Tax Assessor-Collector, has announced that her office will now be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:80 p.m., Monday through Friday. Previously her office was closed during the noon hour, but because of a change made by the recent Texas Legislature in the automobile license registration scheduling, Mrs. Trout say its became necessary to remain open during the lunch hour to help the public in their automobile license registration. Mrs. Trout emphasized that the new scheduling in automobile license registration was a result of a change in the state law.

Mrs. Trout also urges the citizens of Eastland County who are not currently registered to vote to do so since there will be several very important national, state and local elections during 1978. She stated that if anyone does not know whether they are currently registered they should check with her office which is on the First Floor of the Eastland County Courthouse at any time from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Her telephone number is 629-1564 in Eastland.

Some people used to put stale bread in babies' cradles in the hope of warding off disease.

er's effort to gain much needed relief from the vicious price-cost squeeze which has strangled him for a good many years. We are giving considerable support through the Gorman unit of the American Agriculture Movement. We believe generally that the efforts of such farmers are motivated by the best of intentions have resulted generally in solid accomplishment in most respects. In order to attain desirable economic goals for agricultural producers, we believe it to be absolutely essential that we all work together toward this end.

MRS. MARTHA NORRIS LAID TO REST

Martha O'Neal Norris, 80, of Gorman died at 11:30 a.m. Thursday February 2, 1978 in Blackwell Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel.

The Rev. Marion Dennis, pastor of the Congregational Methodist Church, officiated with the Rev. Joe O'Neal, a retired Baptist pastor, assisting. Burial was in Simpson Cemetery near Gorman.

Born August 28, 1897, in Callahan County, she married Wiley O'Neal March 22, 1914. He died in July 1952. She married J.B. Norris in 1964 and he died in 1967. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Harvie O'Neal; a daughter, Bobbie Glasson of Desdemona; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Hunnell Watson, Homer Richardson, Albert Hendricks, Truitt Norris, Rex Kinser and Bruce Hirst.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to the Doctor's and Nurses and hospital staff, as well as my co-worker in Respiratory Therapy department at Blackwell Hospital during my stay in the hospital as a patient, after receiving my broken shoulder.

I want to thank those who sent flowers, cards and wishes of a speedy recovery. I am home now and recuperating nicely. I am looking forward to returning to work soon as I can.

Romana Stewart

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the love you showed us with your prayers, food, visits, phone calls, flowers, and cards and expressions of sympathy. We also thank the personnel at Lawndale Home, Dr. Canut and the nurses at Blackwell Hospital.

The family of J.B. Johnson

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this way of saying our thanks to all our friends in Gorman for the things said and done for us during recent illness and troubles. It is a great thing to know such wonderful people care for each other.

Thank you for each prayer, word and deed done on our behalf. God bless you all.

Willo and John Rice

LAST RITES FOR O. F. GRUMBLES

Oliver F. Grumbles, 79, of Gorman died at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, February 5, 1978 in Blackwell Hospital after a brief illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Howard Cemetery near Desdemona, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

The Rev. Darrell Dossey associate pastor of De Leon First Baptist Church officiated.

Born April 4, 1898, in Lampasas, he was a retired fence builder. He was a Baptist. He married Addie Marise Barnes in 1942 in Llano. He had lived here 10 years.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Lewis Stewart of De Leon, Myrtle Mae Hill, Addie Glenda Smith, Patricia K. Hallum, all of Gorman; 10 sons, Floyd of Mansfield, Oliver Ozell of Midland, Horace of Columbus, Vonnie of Bryan, Arless and Donald of Ranger, James, Lonnie and David, all of Gorman, and Gene of Dublin, 32 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

UMW Sets Dates For Bible Study

On Monday afternoon the United Methodist Women in business session scheduled the dates for the Bible Study of the Bible. Four sessions will be held in the homes of members, February 20 and 27 and March 4 and March 11th. Members and other women who desire to attend should read Genesis, Making notes of references to "Mother of the Faith," Eve, Sarah and Rachel.

SOUP LABELS BENEFIT MISSION

United Methodist Women are Sponsoring a drive for collecting Campbell Soup and Franco American labels and Betty Crocker Coupons. The labels and coupons will be used in helping to secure equipment and supplies for the Education Department and the Home Economics Department and of the Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington, New Mexico.

A container is being placed at the church for reception of the items. The collection mailing date is set for May 1st.

PERSONALS

Visitors Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Craddock were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hudson of Kokomo, Kay Ann Craddock of Richardson and Estelle Craddock of Gorman.



Reagan Brown To Speak At CoFC Event

Commissioner of Agriculture Reagan V. Brown will be guest speaker at the Gorman Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held March 28. The farmer of the year will also be honored at the banquet.

Further details of the banquet will be published weekly.

—GP—

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCormick announce the arrival of their son, Lee Matthew born at 8:30 a.m. Friday January 27, 1978 in Ranger General Hospital. He weighed six pounds and four ounces and measured 18 inches tall.

He was welcomed by his brothers, Jay age 5 and Msrty age 4. Also maternal grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Jay and Maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Dick Jay all of Gorman and Paternal grandmother Mrs. Alvena Reynolds of Gorman and Maternal great grandmother, Mrs. Joyce Burleson of De Leon.

—GP—

LVNA DIV. NO. 64 TO MEET FEB. 13th

The Eastland County LVNA Division no. 64 will hold the regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. February 13, 1978. All members, students and LVNS are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the Eastland Memorial Hospital Conference Room. Cisco Nurses will host the meeting.

—GP—

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express a very special thank you to all our friends at Gorman for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy at the passing of our loved one, Derrell W. Williams.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Adell Williams
Mr.-Mrs. Howard Busch
Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Keyser

—GP—

"We always love those who admire us, but we do not always love those whom we admire." La Rochefoucauld

HEARTY MEALS FOR HEALTHY MINDS



You can insure that our most valuable natural resource, our children, will grow up strong and free from malnutrition.

These days lots of people are concerned by the abuses of natural resources but fail to realize that the world's most precious resource, its children, is being depleted by the effects of malnutrition and starvation.

In developing countries, 85 percent of the children have no access to an adequate and reliable water supply. Those who become ill from drinking impure water rarely have the option of seeking medical attention. Malnutrition is a potent reality which kills 40 percent of the children of the Third World before their fifth birthday.

Those who survive are highly susceptible to blindness and disfigurement because of severe vitamin deficiencies. Improper nutrition also takes its toll on the mental development of these children.

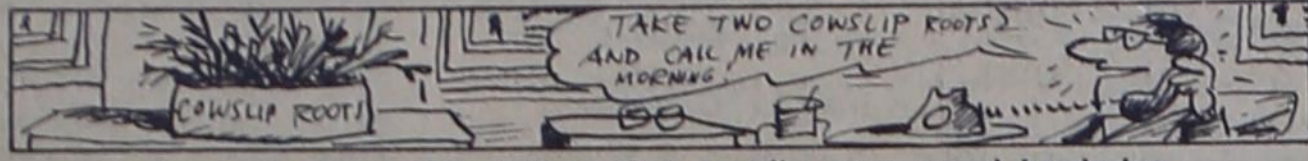
The reality of devastating malnutrition is not pleasant. But it is not entirely hopeless. Adequate nutritious food, clean water and health facilities can be made available to everyone, if the more fortunate people of the world help the destitute to help themselves.

One way of doing this is to support the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS). This U.S. organization is the official aid and development agency of American Catholics interested in helping those in need overseas. CRS in the past year alone has been active in 85 countries and touched the lives of 18 million men, women and children.

You can help CRS help less fortunate people around the world to better their condition by giving generously to the Catholic Relief Services Annual Appeal at our Catholic Church and by participating in the Lenten campaign Operation Rice Bowl. If you prefer, send a contribution directly to Catholic Relief Services, 1011 First Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

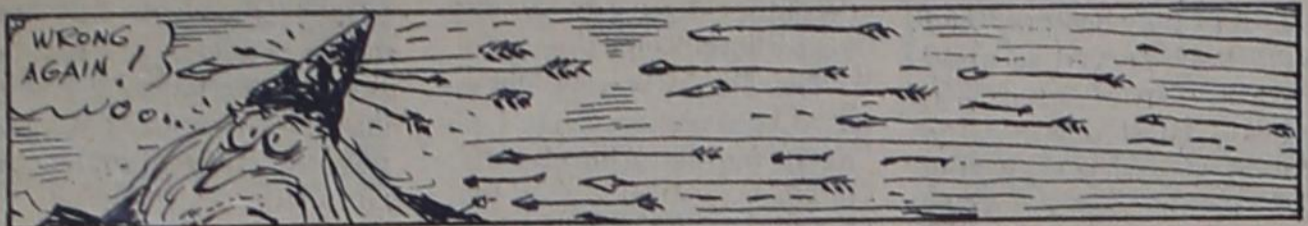
2. THE ASSOCIATION IS REPRESENTING THE MILLS.

This is one of those abstract thoughtless statements which is hardly worthy of comment. We could cite numerous illustrations refuting such a notion. But we will use only one experience which occurred in 1976. Peanut price



Some people used to believe that cowslip roots cured headaches.

"The advantage of one's praising oneself is that one can lay it on so thick and exactly in the right places."
Samuel Butler



Some people once thought they could tell the future from the flight of arrows.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BAKE SALE SET FOR SATURDAY 8:00 A.M.

The Blackwell Hospital Auxiliary Bake Sale will be held Saturday, February 11 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Nut House building next door to the Post Office. Coffee and sweets will be served during the day, so come by and take your coffee break with the ladies.

Anyone who wishes to

help the Auxiliary may do so by baking a home made baked item and bringing it to the sale. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. All monies derived from the sale will be used for items at Blackwell Hospital. The ladies of the Auxiliary are responsible for all the extra nice things that help the looks of the hospital and make it a more pleasant place for people to be when they are ill.

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The first practical application of fluorescent lighting was made at a Washington, D.C., dinner in Nov. 1936, celebrating the centenary of the U.S. Patent Office.



The first gasoline-engine taxicab, and the use of the first taximeter, appeared in 1907 in New York City. Today, according to The World Book Encyclopedia, there are about 164,000 taxis operating in the U.S.



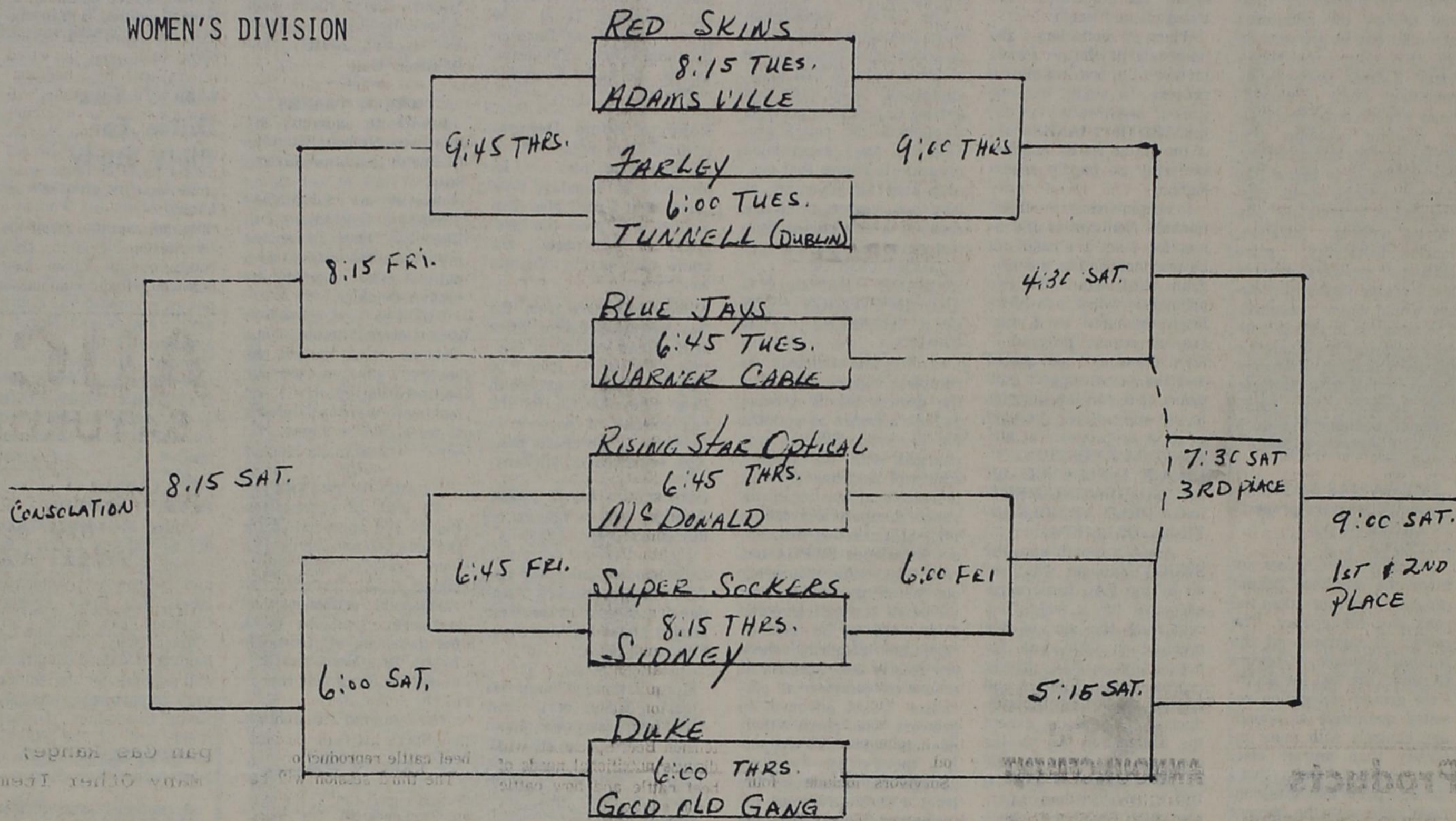
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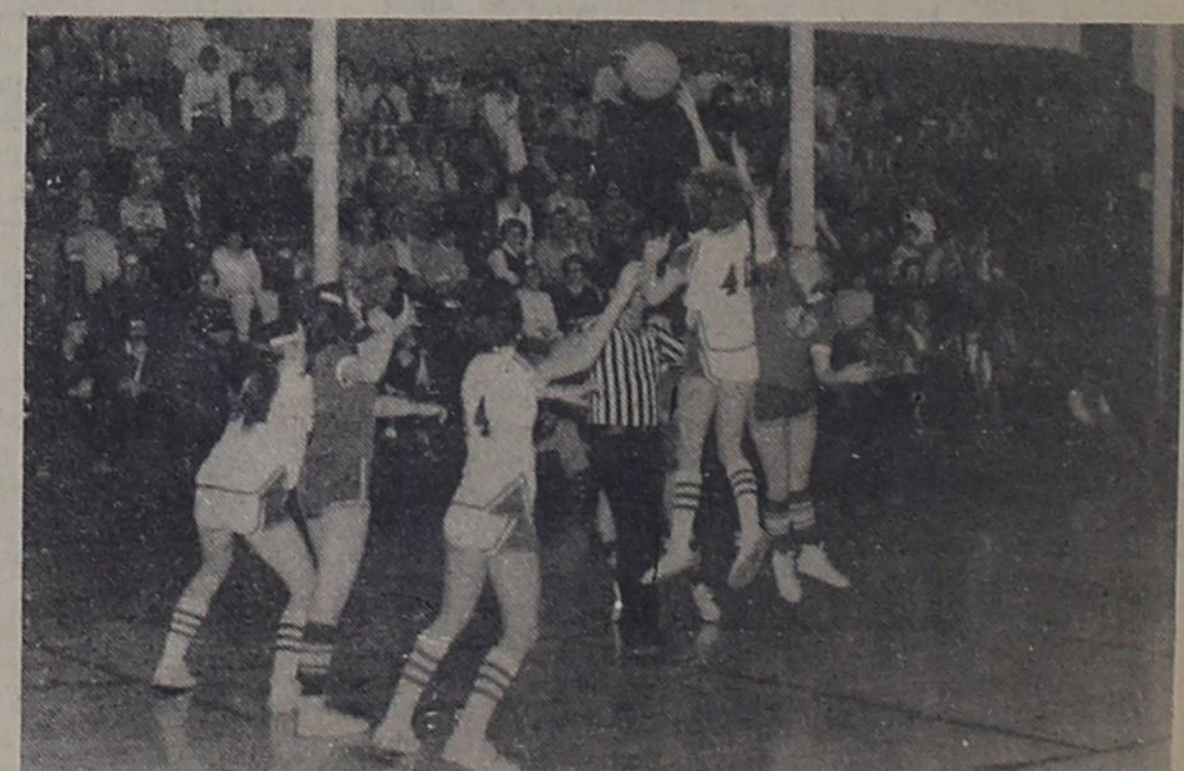
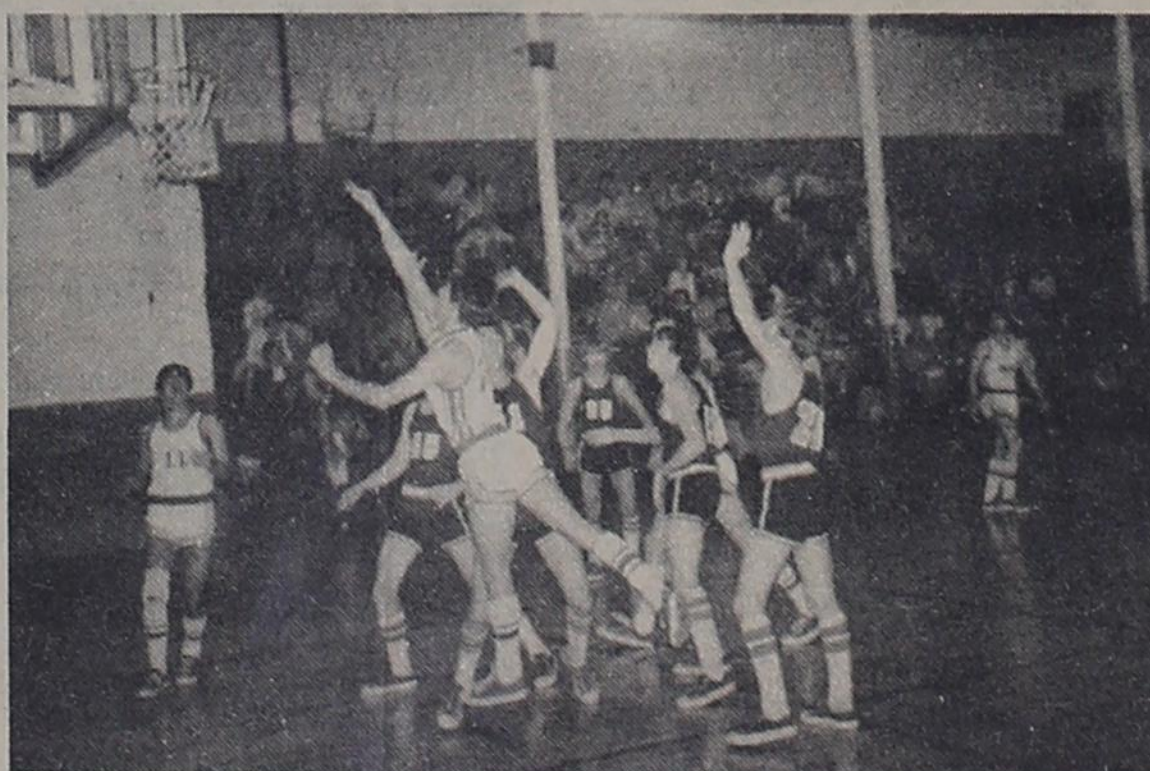
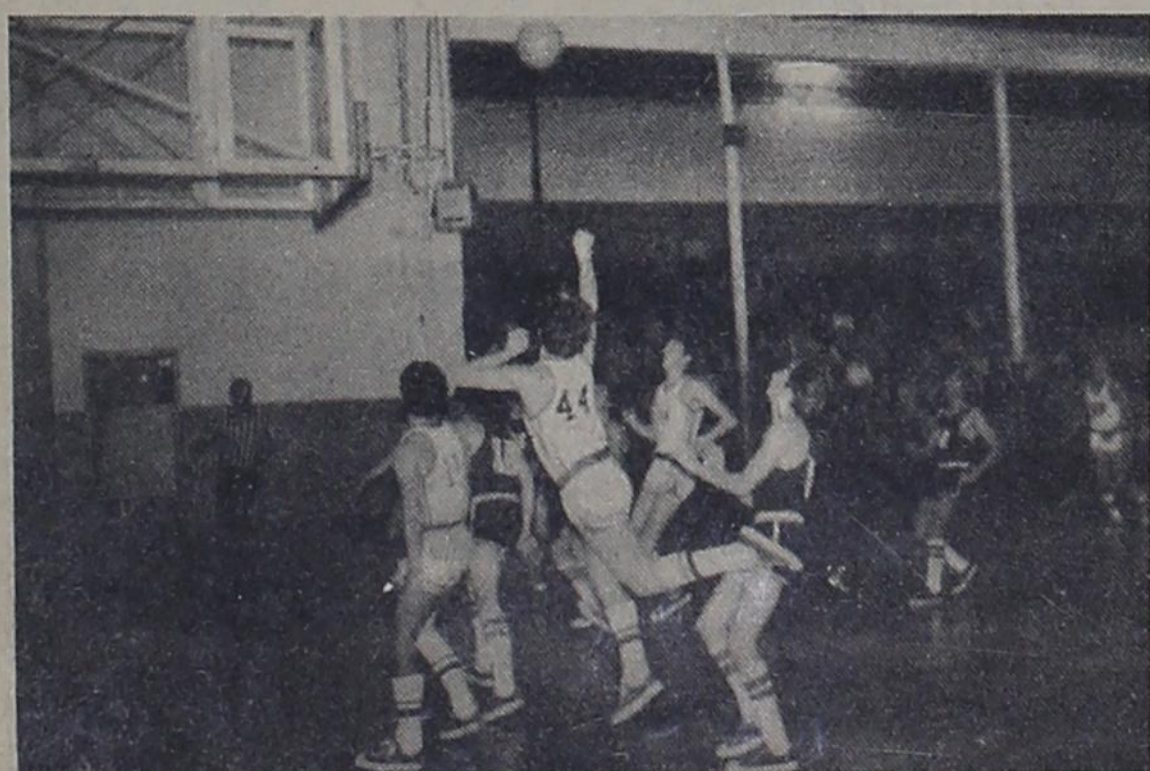
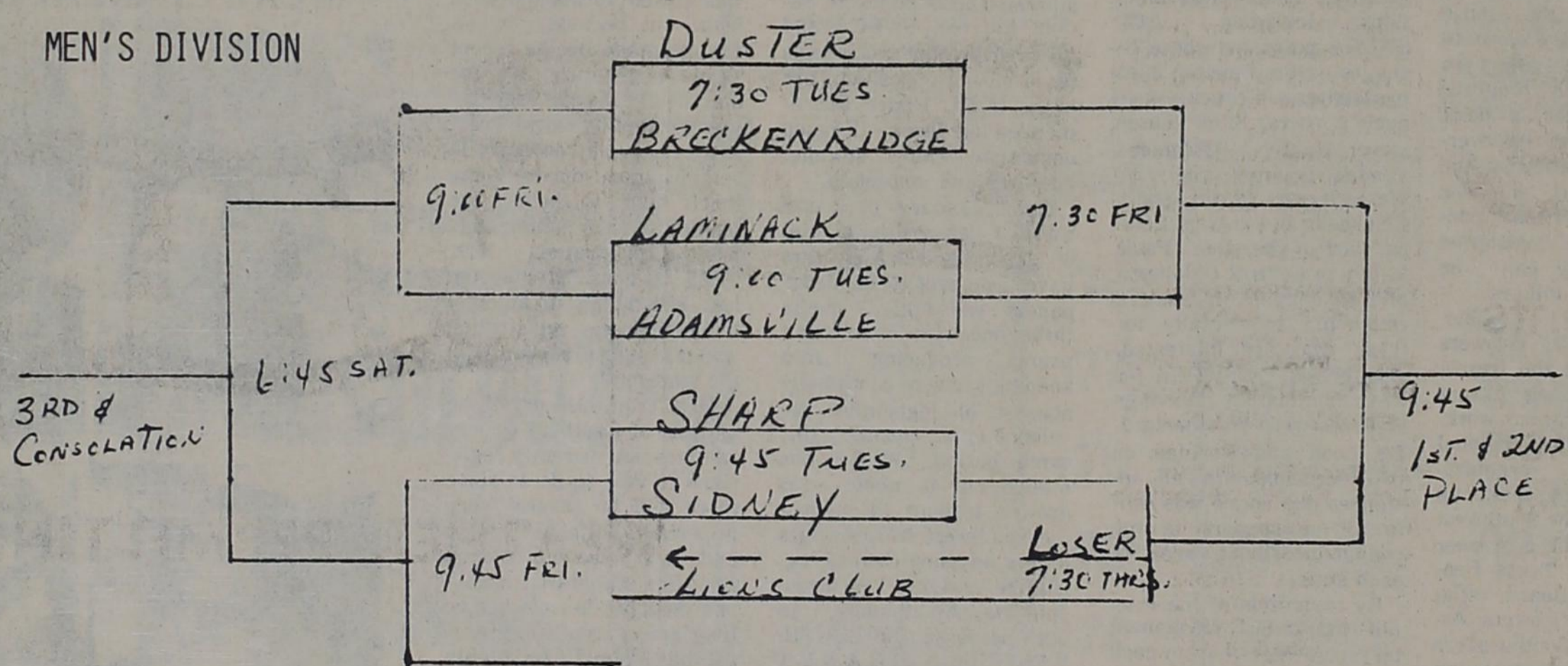
Some people think burdock leaves will cure fevers.

GORMAN LIONS CLUB VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY 14-16-17-18TH

WOMEN'S DIVISION



MEN'S DIVISION





SENIOR CITIZENS

Well, it rained for four days and we received enough moisture to wet the top of the ground. That was appreciated. Tho we need a toad stringer for a change. The terrible cold has stopped and today (Sunday) is very damp and still not sweating weather here yet. One thing Mr. Ground Hog did not see his shadow. Come to think of it not too much sunshine in the first five weeks of this year so far.

Oh My! We played 84 one evening last week. The first since November. We had Lorean as our extra partner and you see Big Foot is still on the ailing list. The gossip piny was just like at a exciting party. You learn so mush that way. Five women trying to talk at once. So you see all I could do was just open my ear drums and listen. Tho all seemed to enjoy it so much, even Granny Kent was happy. We were all glad to welcome Mae back with us. Mama can still chatter. My Boss does the talking for me. Some of them even questioned the veracity of that cat story in last weeks write up. So I just referred them to old reliable Luke for a true conformation of said story.

I went to the office and played dominoes for the first time in four weeks with Clyde for a partner and Luke for a coach we won out. We had to really play our hearts out too.

The gang there is about the same. All went to pick on me because I try to be honest at all times (nearly). The Tennessee Pea Picker is still making a living at playing dominoes. Arch is playing some now. Floyd is busy with his farm work.

We are hoping for Monroe to come home soon. As we miss his quite soothing voice so much.

The Reaper called Mr. Johnson to his final resting place. He was so near that century mark in age. Mrs. Martha Norris was called to

her final resting place. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved. We must all remember that we will all stand before the judge of all judges. When? We do not know.

Mr. Bentsen has received 80 to 1 against giving up the Panama Canal. He says he is a farmer and is against and Farm Bill. In other words, he just the same as said "To heck with my Texas Constituents, I know what I want for me and my family" I am so glad I can say I have never voted for such a despot. You remember him when he runs again and return the favor to him. It is a shame that we have such as that in Washington, tho that is the way most of them are.

In May 1919 after I was discharged from the army, I chopped cotton one day from sun up to sun down one day and quite. So I went to Ranger and took a job as Roust-about with Tidal Oil Co. In About a week they put me on a crew that pulled tubing and rods. They asked me if I was afraid to work up in the derrick. I told them I would work up in it.

On the first day at that, the Boss, a red headed Irishman was smoking. The rig was real oily and I was forty five feet in the air. I yelled that I had to come down. I told him I would not work up there and someone smoking down there. He blew his top. I said "just give me my time". He said no that none of the others would work up there. So that stopped smoking while I was up there. From then on he seemed to do things to favor me. He knew I meant what I said.

Oh My! The Sun is so nice and bright at the present. So Lets all remember to look up and smile. It will help you. Go Panther Basketball Teams. Good Luck.

THE RAMBLER
REPORTER.

Stenholm To Speak At De Leon Event

Charles Stenholm, candidate for Congress from the 17th Congressional District, will be the principal speaker at the De Leon Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Thursday, February 16, beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the PAR Country Club.

Stenholm, in addition to being a Stamford farmer, was a member of the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee (ASC Committee) before announcing for Congress. Stenholm will speak on the banquet's theme, "Agriculture is the Backbone of our Economy."

Bodie Weaver, president of the De Leon Chamber of Commerce, will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening's program. He will announce next year's chamber officers and present the chamber's Citizen of the Year and Rural Citizen of the Year awards.

Serving is set to begin at 6:45 p.m., with the program to follow at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all the wonderful people, friends, neighbors and loved ones who visited our mother Martha O'Neal Norris in the Rest Home and the hospital and making her life a little brighter, also the Doctors and nurses who always gave her such wonderful care. For the ladies who prepared the food and served so graciously at the church. For the beautiful flowers and music and kind words of sympathy. To the ministers Rev. Joe O'Neal and Rev. Marion Dennis your expressions of love and kindness shall always be remembered and to the pallbearers, we will always be eternal grateful.

May God Bless each one of you.

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For U.S. Representative,
17th Congressional District:
DUSTY RHODES
of Abilene
CHARLES STENHOLM
Stamford
JIM BAUM
Big Spring
FIKE GODFREY
of Abilene

SERVICES FOR KIRBY WHITE ON FRIDAY

Kirby White, 45, of Rule died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday at his home of natural causes. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church.

The Rev. J.R. Williams, pastor officiated Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell, directed by Pinkard Funeral Home.

Born March 4, 1932, in Big Spring, he had lived here for a year and half. He attended school and was a raised in Haskell. He was a Baptist. He married Vida Beth Keahay May 22, 1960, in Bellevue. For 20 years he was a coach and teacher at various area schools and for the past six months and operated a service station.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Tauniya of the home; three sons, Carl, Mike and Thomas, all of the home; five brothers, Gilbert of Odessa, Bertis of Abilene, Ben of Lefors, Jimmy of Texarkana and "Shorty" of Iowa Park; and three sisters, Lucille Roberts of Gorman, Pauline Thomas of Childress and Don Duggins of Wichita, Kansas.

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LAST RITES ON FRIDAY ELSIE BRAZZELL

Elsie Brazzell, 82, a life long Desdemona resident, died at 11 p.m. Wednesday February 1, 1978 at Cisco Nursing Center after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Assembly of God Church in De Leon.

The Rev. C.L. Stewart of Fort Worth officiated and was assisted by the Revs. J.C. Atkins of Mineral Wells and Terry Chapman, pastor. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery, directed by Cisco Funeral Home.

Born Elsie Rives December 16, 1895, in Ellis County, she moved to Desdemona at an early age. She married G.V. Brazzell December 10, 1910, in Victor. He died in 1958. She was a member of the Stephenville Church of God.

Survivors include four daughters, Oleta Owens of Big Spring, Waneta Ross of Oklahoma City, Gwandola Smith of Weatherford and Wayma Brazzell of Cisco; four sons, George of Desdemona, Felton of Lacy, Wash., Ray of Irving and Donald of Grand Prairie; five brothers Odell Britton, Wilburn Rives, Pete Rives,

SERVICES FOR JOHN HALLUM ON SUNDAY

John Alvis Hallum, 61, of Eastland died at 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Arrington Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Haston Brewer, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Eastland officiated. Burial was in the Eastland Memorial Cemetery.

Born June 4, 1916, in Eastland, he married LaRue Nadine McCoy December 19, 1945, in Fort Worth. He was a veteran of World War II and was a member of the VFW in Eastland. He was a member of the Rose Avenue Baptist Church of Breckenridge.

Survivors include his wife; five daughters, Mrs. Eddie Fox of Desdemona, Mrs. Steve Fox and Betty Martin, both of Ranger, Mrs. Bill Langford of Frankell and Mrs. Bud Clary of Breckenridge; a Vernon D. Hallum of Eagle Mountain Lake; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Lynn Hallum.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

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Beef Short Course Slated at RJC Feb. 14

Nutritional needs of the beef herd will be the topic at the first session of a beef cattle short course on February 14. The first session will be held in the auditorium of Ranger Junior College at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

The Eastland County Extension Service and County livestock and Forage Committee is sponsoring the short course for the benefit of Eastland County beef producers.

The short course will continue for three consecutive Tuesday nights, February 14, 21, and 28 but at different locations announces DeMarquis Gordon, County Extension Agent.

Dr. Steve Hammack, Extension Beef Specialist, will discuss nutritional needs of beef cattle and how cattle men can most efficiently provide those needs.

Douglas Rives and B. T. Rives; two sisters, Lorane Powell and Alma Shaffer; 22 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

A brother Marvin preceded her in death.

Lesa Yeats and Van Stacy Exchange Vows

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Aguilar of Eastland was the scene where wedding vows were exchanged for Lesa Yeats of Eastland and Van Stacy of Gorman, Friday January 27th 1978.

Vic Stacy served as best man for his brother and Linda Webb served as maid of honor. Little Jason, son of Lesa assisted in the Ceremony, as he held the Bible as the wedding vows were read by Buddy Rowch, Justice of the Peace of Eastland.

A reception was held following the Ceremony and cake and pink Champagne were served and a toast was made to the bride and groom for "Good Luck and Many Years of Happiness."

The brides table was covered with white and complimented with an arrangement of red and white Carnations and baby's breath. Silver Candle holders and red candle appointments were silver and crystal. The traditional white wedding cake was topped with the miniature bride and groom.

Lesa is the daughter of Mrs. Pearl Honea and the late Buddy Staton of Cisco, Texas.

Van is the son of Ramona Stewart and the late Junior Stacy of Gorman, Texas.

These attending the wedding other than those mentioned were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stewart, of Gorman; Mother of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Van Stacy will be moving to Odessa, Texas, where Mr. Stacy is employed by Hamil Machine and Tool Company of Odessa, Texas.

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Mrs. Verna Mae Webb of Phillips is visiting this week with her mother, Mrs. Pearl Roberts who is quite ill. She is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Townley.

The second session of the short course will be conducted at the Eastland County Farm Bureau Building at Eastland, February 21. Dr. John Beverly, Extension Animal Reproduction Specialist will discuss beef cattle reproduction.

The third session will be held at Cisco Junior College on February 28. Mr. Dan Rodgers, Extension Range Specialist, will speak on range management for better beef production.

Gordon urges all cattlemen in Eastland County and surrounding areas to attend each session of the short course.

GORMAN PROGRESS, FEBRUARY 9, 1978 STEPHENVILLE ART SHOW SLATED

The Thirteenth Annual Stephenville Art Show will be held March 4th and 5th, 1978 sponsored by the three local Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. The show will be open to the public 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, at the City Recreation Hall, 378 West Long Street, Stephenville, Texas.

Registration will be held on Friday, March 3rd Beginning at 1:00 p.m. and Closing at 7:00 p.m. at the City Recreation Hall. Artists will be required to register each painting giving name, address, telephone number, year of painting, professional or amateur, medium, copy or original and the name of each painting.

A \$1.00 registration fee per painting with a limit of six entries will be charged. A 10 percent commission will be charged on all sales. Entries painted within the past two years will be accepted and must be wired and framed for hanging. Painting Classifications will be professional or amateur; copy or original; oil, Watercolor, pen, pencil, charcoal and pastel. Paintings must remain until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

For children there will be two divisions. One for students enrolled in the Stephenville Public Schools,

grades kindergarten thru twelfth. The other is an open division which will include students from area schools. The charge for entering will be 50 cents per painting, with a limit of three. Information regarding school entries may be obtained from Mrs. Marla Craft, 888 W. McNeill, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

High School and full time college students are eligible to enter one painting free of charge. Additional paintings may be entered under the same rules as for adults.

Judging will begin Saturday morning with prize ribbons to be awarded. Three cash awards will also be given in the adult division money as follows, best of show \$50.00 which must be original; 2nd best of show \$25.00; and 3rd best of show \$15.00.

Mrs. Charles H. Williams, 720 Alexander Road, Stephenville, Texas 76401, is the art show chairman. The sponsors of the Art Show are the Tarleton Campus Club, Twentieth Century Club and Stephenville Study Club with cooperation of the Convention and Tourism Committee of the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce.

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Visitors this week with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern and family have been her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin, Lasater, Mrs. Ralph Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Craddock.

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Geo. Hallmarks Honored on 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Hallmark celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, January 28, with a reception at the Currency Room of the First National Bank from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hosting the occasion were their children Mrs. Dene Reynolds of Odessa; Mrs. Nell Allredge of Eastland; Horace Hallmark of Hartshorne, Okla.; Billy H.

Hallmark of Welch; Mrs. Wilam Cagle of Eastland; Bob Hallmark of Crystal City, Missouri; Mrs. Joy Rogers of Gorman; Mrs. Sue Burrows of Breckenridge and Mrs. Vonita Monroe of Gorman.

All were present with the exceptions of Billy H. and Bob.

The refreshment table was covered with floor length white net cloth and centered with an arrangement of blue and white cloth nations and spider mums, in a tall footed silver eper-

gene. The beautifully decorated anniversary cake baked in the form of the numerals 6 and 8 was decorated with white and blue roses with spun sugar leaf chains connecting the numerals. Frosted punch was served from a silver punch service. The grooms table was covered with an ecru colored lace cloth (handi work of Mrs. Hallmark), chocolate cake and coffee was served from a silver service.

The registry table was also covered with a hand made lace cloth, made by Mrs. Hallmark. A picture of

the bride and groom was on the table.

Approximately 150 guests attended.

Out of town grandchildren attending the celebration were: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Singleton, Randy and Roney of Stephenville, Sha Rogers of Stephenville, Sandy and Bruce Barnes of Graham, Pat Armstrong of Clyde, and Patrick and Micheal of Clyde; Tony and Steve Hallmark of Austin and friends Susan Yofton and daughter Lisa of Austin and Linda Cooper and James of Austin; Kathy Brown of Jordan and vivian Stacy of



LAWDALE HOME
By Leta Hogan
NEWS

We had as visitors in our home:

Georgia Morrow of De Leon visited Georgia Leonard.

Berneice Rodgers of Gorman visited Mary Timmons.

Mozell Caraway visited Lon and Maple Norris.

Odessa. Other grandchildren were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rogers, Gena and Mirium of Grandbury.

Herman Ogden, Jean Ogden, Aubrey Goss and Eala Goss of Rising Star visited Ivan Hardy.

Monie Warren of Stephen) ville visited Lexie Wright. Mary Lee Cagle and Irene Maynard Petree of Eastland visited Lucy Lasater and Lexie Wright.

Ethel Williams, Eva Williams and Georgia Stacy of Gorman visited Alma Craig. Alton and Olene Clabore of Rising Star visited John Arnold.

Mrs. Waide Cunk and Mrs. Fannie Lee Boone of Abilene visited Ennice Clemmer.

Helen Collum and Pat Buckley of Desdemona visited in our home.

Tuesday we had 22 people playing Bingo: Our winners were: Lon Norris; Buelah De Guire; Lexie Wright; Josie McCleatun and Susie Buckley; Our Blackout winner was Maple Norris. Our helpers were Elaine Hogan and Era Fraley, Thanks.

Thursday we had a Birthday party for our residents whose birthdays were in January. We didn't have one in January because of illness. Those who had Birthday were: Ellen Perdue 2nd.; Edna Witt, 14th; Otis Thospson, 16th; Georgia Leonard 25th; Cora Patterson, 25th; Bessis Rhodes, 25th.

The Kokomo H.D. Club served delicious cake and punch fixed by our ladies who work in the kitchen here at Lawdale under Ruby McCoy our Dietician. These ladies are so faithful to come and help every month. They are; Mmes. Cullen Rodgers, Odis Rodgers, Albert Hendricks, Glenn Jordan, J.C. Clearman and J.L. Morrow.

The Birthday ladies were presented beautiful bud vases with fresh flowers and the gentlemen with after shave. Our entertainment was presented by Mr. and Mrs. K.G. (Skinny) Lewis and their son Mr. Phillip Lewis. This family is a very talented family. Skinny and Phillip play the fiddle and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis both play the guitar. We enjoy them so much. We have a toe tapping, hand clapping, dancing good time when they come. Come again soon, Lewis Family.

at our singing Thursday night we had a good crowd of singers. A few of them are: Archie Scaggs, Jessie and Donnie Parker, Joyce Dennis, Marion and Annie Dennis, Pat and Lisa Cornwell, Dianne Kent, W.C. and Blanch Browning, Berneice Rodgers and Carroll Hogan. We enjoy our Gospel music so much.

We had a good crowd at both Church Services Sunday. Brother Joe O'Neal brought our service for the Baptist. Those coming and helping were: Jimmie Needham, Rachel Johnson Virginia Leonard, Lela Dell Bennett, dssis and Donnie Parker, Wilburn and Ruby Overstreet, Sarah Jo Porter Opal Holiday, Sandy Porter, Jean Miller, and Alma Dickerson.

American farmers today spend more than \$40 billion per year on production expenses—machinery, fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. The farmer is a good customer for basic industries such as petroleum, steel, rubber and chemicals.

Our Church of Christ had a good crowd but I don't have their names. Thanks to all of you for coming.

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