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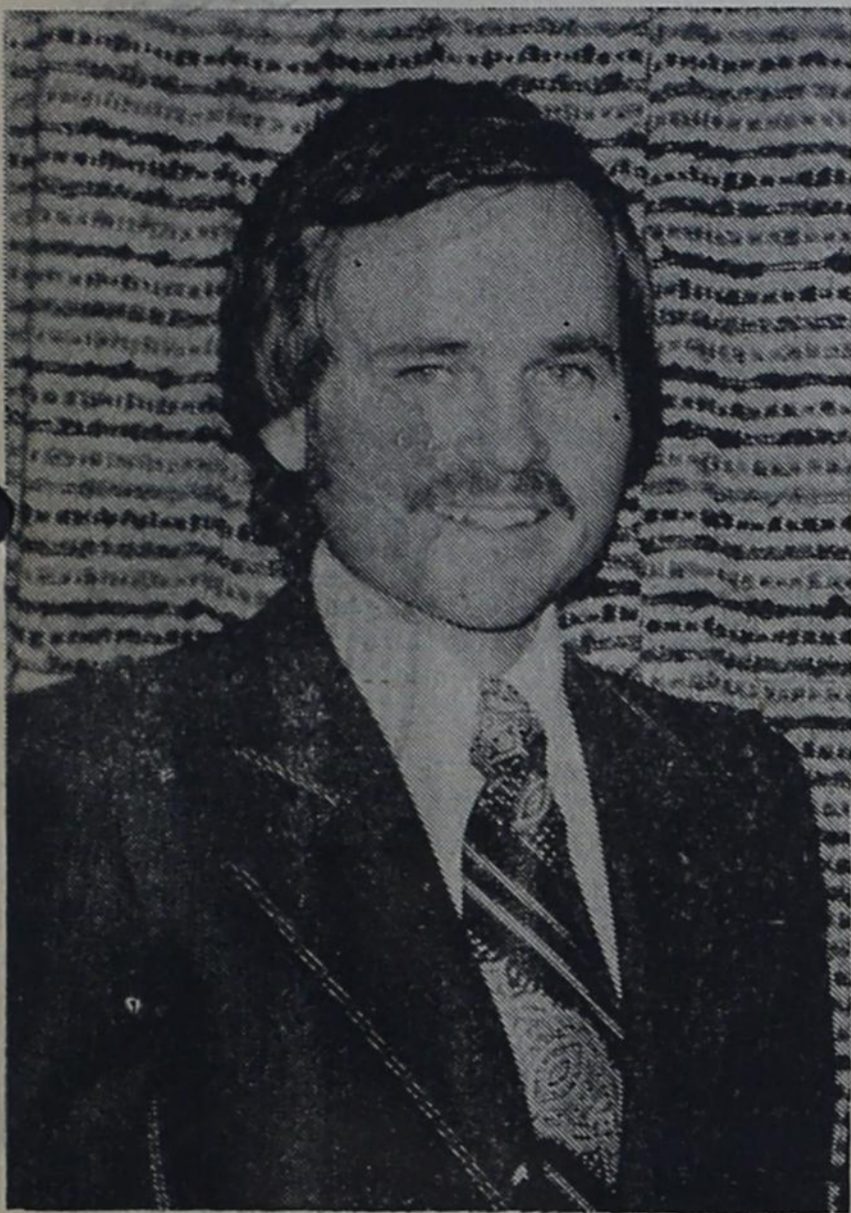
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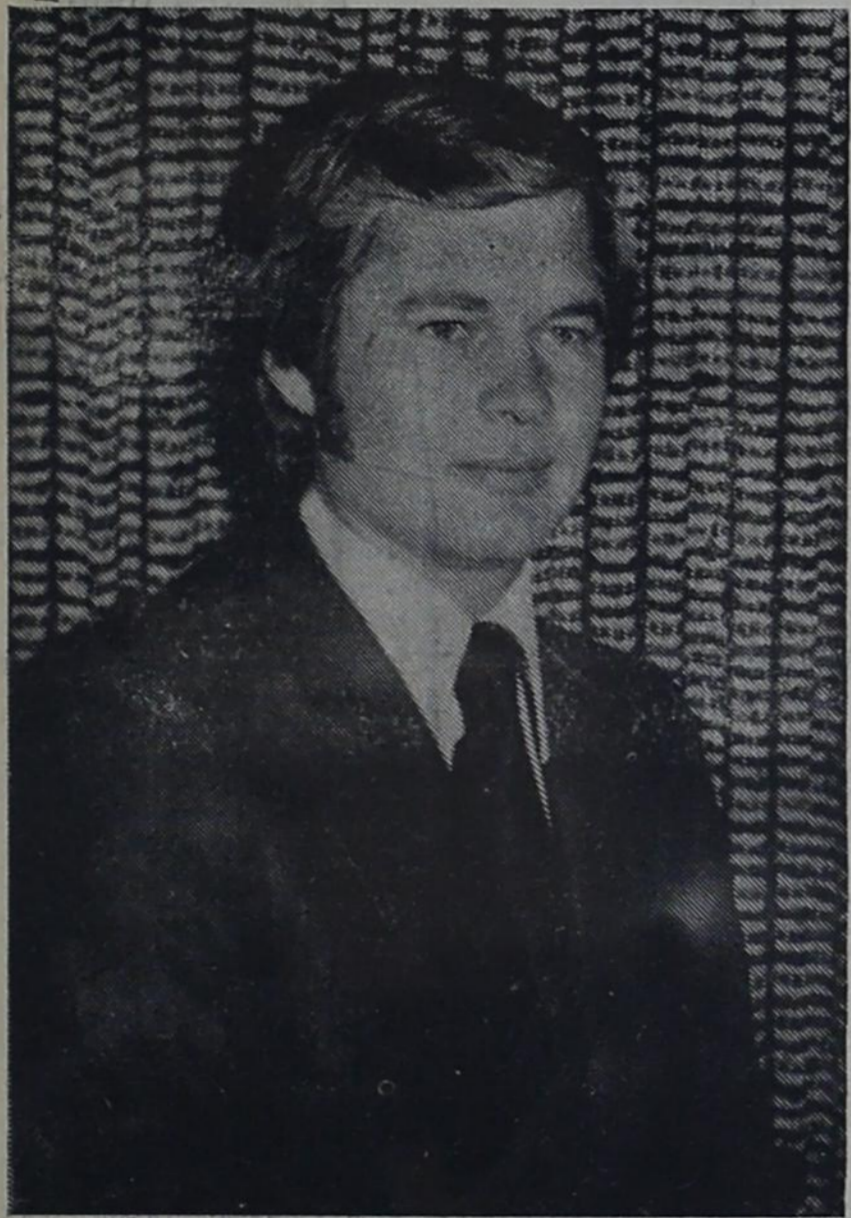
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NUMBER FIFTY-TWO

## First National Bank of Gorman Purchased by Taylor Brothers



CHARLES W. TAYLOR, Chairman of Board



THOMAS W. TAYLOR, Bank President

It was announced today by Charles L. Duran and E. R. Arnold, Jr. that Charles W. Taylor and Thomas W. Taylor have acquired controlling interest in The First National Bank of Gorman. At a directors meeting following this acquisition Charles Taylor was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors and Thomas Taylor was elected President.

Charles Taylor presently serves as President of the Farmers & Merchants Bank in De Leon, and will continue in this capacity. Thomas W. Taylor has been associated with the F&M Bank as Vice President for the past seven and one-half years. Prior to that time, he was employed by the First National Bank, Waco, Texas. Both Taylors are third generation bankers and are the sons of Doyle W. Taylor and the grandsons of the late Walter J. Taylor of Coleman, Texas. Thomas Taylor is a graduate of Baylor University and has been active in many civic endeavors. He has served as President of the De Leon Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer of the De Leon Peach & Melon Festival Committee. He currently serves as President of the De Leon Airport Assn. and Assistant Treasurer of the First Baptist Church and is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Taylor stated that he is very anxious to assume his new duties and for he and his family to move to and be a part of the Gorman community as soon as possible. He and his wife, Kathleen, have three children, Connie, age 10, Gordon, age 9, and Jeri Ann, age 5.

### CITY ELECTION SLATED FOR TUES., APRIL 2

In official action Wednesday February 5th the City Commission ordered the annual City Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2. Terms of Mayor W. C. (Check) Smith and Arlton E. Smith, Commissioner Place 4 expires. Place 2, which has been vacant since September when Commissioner Don Spraberry moved to McKinney, is also to be filled.

Deadline for filing for a place on the April 2 ballot is Friday, March 1st at 5 p. m. As of Wednesday no names had been filed for the places to be filled.

### Gorman 4-H'ers Do Well At San Antonio Show

The Gorman 4-H Club had three members who entered stock in the San Antonio Fat Stock Show last week. They came home with several ribbons.

Terry Jeffs placed third with her Senior Angus heifer and she also placed 14th with her Junior Angus heifer.

Bud Jeffs placed 9th with his Senior Angus heifer.

Danny Burgess placed 3rd with his Shorthorn heifer and also 15th with his Angus Cross steer.

### LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rice of Norfolk, Va. announce the arrival of a daughter, Melanie Lanae, on Feb. 10 at Dyess Air Force Hospital in Abilene. Melanie has a brother, Jeffrey Dwaine.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rice of Gorman and the maternal grandmother is Mrs. Maude Aston of Abilene.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Lela Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Jones of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rice of Carbon.



### JIMMY HUGHES SEEKS COUNTY SCHOOL POST

James L. (Jimmy) Hughes was born and reared on a farm near Desdemona, completing his high school education there in 1940. After remaining on the farm one year to help his parents, Jimmy entered Ranger Junior College. In January of 1943 the Army Air Force beckoned him; he was in school for nine months at Chanute Field, Ill., then assigned to the Pyote AFB to aid in the training of B-29 navigators. He received his discharge from the AAF in 1946.

Returning from the service, Jimmy taught school for one year in Pyote, then returned to college. He graduated from Howard Payne College in 1948 with honors and returned to Pyote to teach. In 1950 he was employed by the Kermit Schools; by teaching during the school year and going to Sul Ross State College part of each summer, work was completed on a Master of Education degree in 1954. He graduated with high honors, and since that time has completed 33 hours of additional college courses. He is certified by the Texas Education Agency as an elementary teacher, high school teacher, principal, supervisor, and superintendent.

After ten years in West Texas during which time he had gained a wife (Oma Mae) and two sons (Ronald and Donald), Jimmy thought that it was time for the family to make plans for future years. In 1954, the family moved to a farm near Carbon and have lived there since. He and Oma Mae have been able to rear their boys in a Christian atmosphere; met and shared the joys and sorrows of life with their friends; enjoyed good physical health, and practiced their chosen profession in pleasant surroundings.

After 20 years, during which time both boys have chosen teaching as their life profession, the Hughes' have made another decision. The decision was for him to become a candidate for the office of School Superintendent in Eastland County. After 27 years of teaching experience, in which he has served 4 years as principal; 6 years as supervisor, and 8 years as superintendent Jimmy feels that he is capable of serving in that position.

Concerning his candidacy for the office of County Superintendent, Jimmy states: The office of county superintendent is no longer a position that requires a great amount of time to meet the requirements of the Texas Education Agency. The office must be one of service to the school districts within the county. The person elected and the staff selected should have the training and experience necessary to provide needed services; they must be willing to work at the task of providing a better educational climate in Eastland County schools; the members of the office must co-operate with school officials and be willing to do whatever the school officials think is necessary; they must attain the desired outcomes to the extent that the people of Eastland County can see that the office is important to education.

It is my desire to contact as many voters as possible during the campaign. I will be glad to visit with any

### Carbon Fire Dept. Fund at \$1390.25

The Carbon Fire Department is in the process of a fund raising campaign for a badly needed new fire truck.

So far the contributions have been tremendous. The total of \$1,390.25 has been raised. However, this is not half of the amount needed to make the purchase, so any donation, however large or small, will be appreciated. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may contact Jim Sandlin at Sandlin Skelly Station in Carbon.

Fire Department members will make a house to house drive this week in Carbon and the area.

Those making contributions are as follows:

Hi Fashion Beauty Salon \$10 Foster Floral \$5, Jay's Grocery \$25, First National Bank \$125, Arlton Smith \$10, Todd's Variety \$5, TexFarms, Inc. \$10, Gorman Milling Co. \$25, Gorman Progress \$10, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Threet \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Bryant \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Stubblefield \$50, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Paek \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kanady \$10, Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes \$50, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Gregory \$20, Mr. Melvin Ales \$10, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bledsoe \$25 Bobby Wooley \$10, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sandlin \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Norris \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hogan \$25, Bill Sandlin \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris \$25, Mr. R. G. Merritt \$50, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rice \$5, Mrs. Allene Gilbert \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Petree \$15, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hallmark \$10, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Files \$15, Mr. M. B. Gilbert \$25, Mr. Howard Gilbert \$10, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ben Bradberry \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mehaffey \$30, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Griffin \$5, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Rone \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mehaffey \$25, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Jackson \$50, Mr. and Mrs. John Guy \$25, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Weston \$25, Western Auto, Eastland \$20, Richard Wilhelm \$5, Mr. R. Holloway \$25, Mrs. Hanson \$1.45, Mr. J. J. Johnson \$25, Eastland National Bank \$100, Mrs. Mamie Little \$25, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Burgess \$25, Carbon 3rd and 4th Grades \$21.80, Mrs. E. Dunn \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson \$20, Mrs. Ned Morris \$25, Mrs. Tom Bryant \$2, Ida Lou Putnam \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Clint McCain \$25, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Been \$20, Earnest Reed \$10, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown \$20, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Carlton \$35, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Paek \$10, and Brown's Feed Store \$20.

### Local Youth To Participate In Houston Scramble

Kirk Arnold, Eddie White and Revise Laminack of Gorman will be participating in the calf scramble at the 1974 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during the Friday night performance, March 1st.

Since its inception in 1942, the Calf Scramble has paid youngsters well over \$1 million to buy more than 7,000 calves to feed and develop. The purpose of the calf scramble is to encourage and further educate 4-H Club and FFA boys in the raising, feeding and breeding of high quality Texas cattle. Only half of the 388 boys taking part in this year's scramble will come out winners.

The show opens February 20 and runs through March 3. Top professional cowboys from throughout the United States and Canada will be competing for the world's richest rodeo purse - over \$100,000.

group to discuss with them my plans for the office of Eastland County Superintendent.

### CARL GARRETT SEEKS POST OF COUNTY JUDGE

Carl Garrett, native Eastland Countian, has authorized his newspaper to announce that he is a candidate for the office of County Judge in the May Democratic Primary.

Mr. Garrett filed as a candidate with Mrs. Scott Bailey, County Democratic Chairman Friday.



Garrett, 59, is married to the former Shirley Ferrell. He attended the Eastland public schools and Hardin-Simmons University. He attended law school in Washington, D. C. receiving his L.L.B. degree from George Washington University.

His first employment was with Texas Electric Service Co., Eastland He then entered government service and worked 32 years for the General Accounting, United States Treasury and U. S. Department of Agriculture as a special agent.

He served three years and ten months in World War II, having commanded naval gun crews on merchant ships in the Pacific and Alaska. He later was promoted to commanding officer of the USS LSM40, landing craft, which participated in ten D-Day landings in the Philippines.

Recently he served on the faculty of Ranger Junior College as Development Officer developing a master plan and vocational courses including a peanut-production course which is the only one of its type in the nation.

He is presently developing a small real estate property.

He is a member of First Christian Church where he serves as a deacon and church treasurer. He has taught the non-denominational Men's Fellowship Bible Class for over 15 years.

He is president of Eastland Ex-Student Association, director and song leader of Lions Club, chamber of commerce member, director for Goodfellows Association, vice president of Civic Theatre, Cross Timbers Shrine and Masonic Lodge 467.

Mr. Garrett said that he will issue a formal statement regarding his candidacy at a future date.

### Gorman Pharmacy Burglarized On Friday Night

Gorman Pharmacy was burglarized sometime before 10 p. m. Friday night. Watches and rings valued at \$2,000 were taken and \$60 cash was missing from the cash register. The knob was broken off the vault but was not opened.

The night watchman, David Roberts, discovered the break in when he made a 10 p. m. door check and found the alley door had been kicked in.

The break in was reported to Constable J. M. Grice. Eastland County Deputy Sheriff Jim Williams also investigated the robbery. According to store owner George Simmons, the robbery is still under investigation.

### John C. White To Speak at CofC Banquet March 9



Mr. John C. White, Commissioner of Agriculture of Texas, will be the guest speaker.



### Sandra Burkeen and Claude Ridens To Wed Feb. 22

Mr. and Mrs. James Burkeen of De Leon announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra Joan, to Claude Ridens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ridens of Gorman.

Vows will be read in the Northside Baptist Church in De Leon on February 22, 1974 at 8:00 p. m.

All friends and relatives are invited.

### FLU BUG CLOSES LOCAL SCHOOL

Classes at Gorman Schools were dismissed Monday when the student absentee report reached 20 percent.

Classes will resume Thursday according to Superintendent G. W. Maxfield, and if the absentee percentage is still high the students will be dismissed for the remainder of the week, he said.

Mr. Maxfield stated that the make-up time for the days missed will be determined at a later date.

### LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Mauney, Gary, Kelly and Scotty, spent the weekend in Comfort with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lynn Clark and attended the San Antonio Fat Stock Show.

Those attending the Fat Stock Show in San Antonio last week and over the week end were Mrs. Berenice Jeffs, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fred Jeffs, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jackson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Durrwood Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson.

Kay Ann Craddock of Plano spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Estelle Craddock, and also visited an uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Craddock at Alameda, and with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater at Kokomo.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Harper and Jennifer Kay of Mesquite spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lendon Shipman, and in Desdemona with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sharp.

er at the Gorman Chamber of Commerce's ninth annual Outstanding Farmer Banquet, according to program chairman Robbie Robertson.

The banquet will be held Saturday, March 9 at 7 p. m. in the High School gym. Tickets are now on sale at \$2.75 per plate.

The Outstanding Farmer for the year 1973 will be honored and his name will not be revealed until the night of the banquet.

### Lellar Smith Laid to Rest on Friday

Miss Lellar Smith, 72, of Gorman died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1974, at 6:40 p. m. in Ranger Memorial Hospital.

Services were held at 10 a. m. Friday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Taylor Henley, Baptist Minister from San Angelo, officiated. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery.

Miss Smith was born April 11, 1901, in Comanche County.

Survivors are three brothers W. C. (Check) of Gorman, R. E. L. (Ed) of Brownwood, and George L. (Bud) of Baird; two sisters, Miss Lennie Smith of Gorman and Mrs. Tilman (Minnie Lee) Self of Plainview.

Pallbearers were Thurman Jay, Joe Bob Browning, W. C. Browning, Jerry Overstreet, Donald Bolt and Huppy Morris.

Honorary pallbearers were Troy Johnson, Earl Stone, Jr., O. R. (Preach) Horton, Bill Parr, Sam Broom, Otis Thompson, Pete Underwood, Buster Gary, and all the employees of the City of Gorman, all the City Commissioners of Gorman, all employees of Smith Bros. Chevrolet, Gorman, and Check Chevrolet, Baird.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Singing at the Congregational Methodist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, February 18th.

The First National Bank, the Gorman Post Office and Texas Electric Service Co. will be closed Monday, Feb. 18 in observance of Washington's Birthday. There will also not be any rural mail delivery.

Singing at Rock Bluff will be held Saturday, Feb. 16.

The Fire Department will meet Monday, February 18.

The City Commission will meet Wednesday, Feb. 20th.

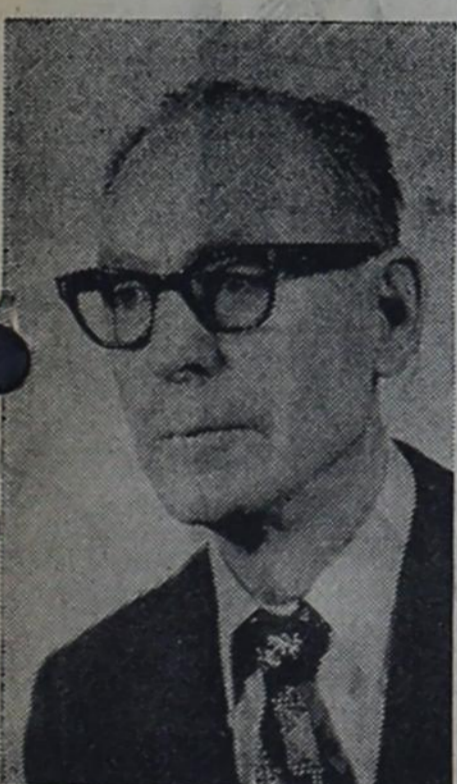
Desdemona Musical will be held Saturday, Feb. 16. Every one invited to attend and political candidates are welcome to make brief statements any time.

The Lions Club will meet Tuesday, February 19 at the Band Hall.

The Kokomo Community Club will meet at the Community Center on Monday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

The Social Security Representative will be in Gorman Thursday, February 21 at 10 a. m. at the City Office.

A party for Young Adults will be held at 7 p. m. Friday, Feb. 22 at First United Methodist Church. Organization of a young adults class will be discussed. All those who are interested are urged to attend.



### JOHNSON SMITH WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION

Johnson Smith has authorized this newspaper to announce that he is a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk of Eastland County.

Mr. Smith said he would issue a formal statement at a later date.

### MRS. BILLY JOE DENNIS RECEIVES NEW CONTRACT AT STRAWN SCHOOLS

Mrs. Billy Joe Dennis has received a new contract to teach Special Education in the Strawn Schools.

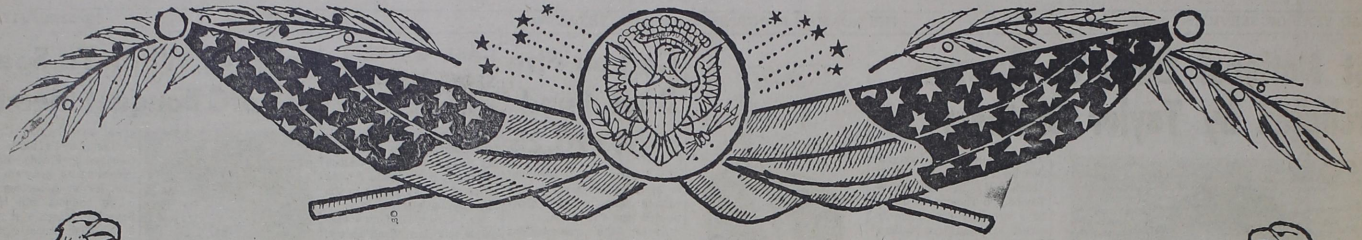
She is currently teaching in the school and is attending Special Education classes at Tarleton State University two nights a week.

### CARD OF THANKS

During times like these you appreciate what friends really mean. We want to thank everyone for every kind deed shown to us when we were so grieved over the loss of our darling wife, daughter and sister, Brenda.

May God bless each and everyone.  
Ken, Shelley and Emily Horan  
Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Roberts and Jeff  
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Weaver and Heather





# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GORMAN IS A GREAT BANK!

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WE WANT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY!

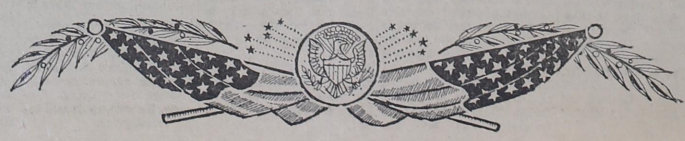
We shall endeavor to serve the people of Gorman and surrounding area in the same excellent manner in which they have been accustomed in the past.

We already feel at home in this community; but we want to meet each one of you personally.

We extend an open invitation to have you come in to see us.

CHARLES W. TAYLOR  
Chairman of the Board

TOMMY W. TAYLOR  
President









# WANT ADS

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New renovated, fated cotton, innerspring, choice of firmness, size and color. Satisfaction guaranteed. Made in San Antonio by Western Mattress Co. Free pick-up and delivery. Ph. 734-5611, Gorman. 3-16nc

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As near as your Telephone \$3.00 service chargee under 50 miles from Hamilton - Over 50 miles - 15c per mile. Phone DU 6-8303, Hamilton, Texas.

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**BILL'S AUTO SALVAGE** in Eastland. Phone 629-2376 bus., res. 629-1558. 24 hour wrecker service. We buy junk or wrecked cars. 4-9-20c

**AIR CONDITIONING - HEATING** - Certified Lennox Dealer. Commercial Refrigeration. Bill Lamb, De Leon, Phone 893-2510. 6-28fnc

**FOR SALE** - Well located, three bedroom home on 70'x 90' lot. (build-in Frigidaire refrigerator, oven and cook top included). Also 65'x90' lot, located three blocks from downtown. Contact Speedy Clark, Box 636, Phone 734-5429, Gorman.

**REAL ESTATE** - 197.6 A. with good home, 60 peanuts, pecan orchard, good pasture, \$400 acre - 50 A., 30 Coastal, good tank and fences. \$16,500. We need your listings. Cogburn Realty, 893-6666, De Leon. 12-6fnc

**FOR SALE** - 1971, 70x14 ft. three bedroom, two bath, mobile home. Freddie Gilmore, 734-5320. 11-22-fnc

**ROOMS FOR RENT** by week or month. Dub Ramsey. 734-5716. 12-6fnc

**WANTED** - Your Real Estate Listings. Don E. Rodgers 734-5807. For Sale: 135 men's suits and other used clothing in proportion, priced to sell. Located next door to Blair Grocery Bldg. 734-5807. 12-13fnc

**COZART'S WELDING SERVICE**, Desdemona, Phone 758-2517. 1-17fnc

**FOR SALE** - Two bedroom house, on south side of town, wall to wall carpet on living and master bedroom, large kitchen, tile floor, washer and dryer cont. Also washer and dryer for sale. On three lots 150x100. Young pecan and fruit trees, good garden spot. 734-5851 after 4 p. m. 1-3fnc

**FOR SALE** - 1964 model Massey-Ferguson 65 Diesel Tractor. Ollie Rodgers, Route 1, Gorman. 2-2-14p

**FOR SALE** - Two bedroom home, garden spot, nice location. Rex Jobe, Box 131, Gorman. 2-7fnc

**FOR SALE** - Portable Olivetti Typewriter, red, almost new. Victor Adding Machine, \$36. Remington Electric used typewriter, \$75. Also new Texas Instruments Calculators \$69.95. May be seen at Gorman Progress. Estelle Craddock, 734-5410.

**FOR SALE** - '62 Chevrolet Pickup, V8-283, standard shift. See Nathan Files, Gorman, Texas. 2-2-7c

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**WASHINGTON**  
"As it looks from here"  
**OMAR BURLISON**  
Congressman  
17th District

**WASHINGTON, D. C. - A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO THIS PERSON HAD HIS FIRST** encounter with an automobile (rented) which would not start without all the buckles fastened.

**THE ATTENDANT AT THE RENTAL PLACE CUT THE IGNITION OFF WHEN HE BROUGHT THE car around.** Forgetting the harness straps, the car would not start and complaint was made that they had brought a vehicle with a dead battery.

**DOWN HOME SOME MONTHS BACK SIGNS ON BILLBOARDS SAID, "DON'T BE STUPID - fasten seat**

**FOR SALE** - Fresh Country Eggs, 75c doz. O. T. Shell, Rt. 3, Carbon Hwy., Phone 734-5659. 2-2-21c

**FOR SALE** - Carpet Remnants, various sizes & colors, approx. 7 ft. x 8 ft. Call James Lewis, 734-5757. If no answer call after 6 p. m. 2-14-fnc

**3-PARTY PORCH SALE** - Friday and Saturday, 1 porch from Abilene with dishes, pots pans, salt and pepper shakers. Some antiques. One block north of Dale Gilmore's new home. Mrs. Gertrude Leeper. 1-2-14c

**FOR SALE** - Pendaflex Hanging File Folders. Gorman Progress Office.

**FOR SALE** - Scotch Tape Decor Dispensers. Gorman Progress Office.

**WELDERS WANTED** - For construction work at Comyn, Texas. Cal W. T. Shell 817-893-2034 days or 817-734-2225 at night. 2-14fnc

**FOR SALE** - Peanut Hay. Black \$1 bale, Brown \$1.50 bale, Bright (pea green) \$2 bale. Call James Lewis, 734-5757. If no answer call after 6:00 p. m. 4-3-7c

**SINGER SEWING MACHINE** full automatic, does everything, \$48.75. We also clean and adjust all makes and models. Gorman Progress, 734-5410. 4-2-28p

**GUARANTEED ISSUE LIFE INSURANCE** for all ages 50 to 70. See Wallace Cook at Friendly Service Insurance Agency, 734-5411. 5-2-28c

**IF YOU ARE** between the ages 65-74, with a clean driving record we may be able to save you money on your auto insurance. See Friendly Service Insurance Agency, 734-5411. 5-2-28c

**FOR SALE** - Small house to be moved. Paneled, has small bathroom with shower. Will make an ideal lake cabin. Carl Dean Stacy, Phone 734-5515. 1-31fnc

**FOR SALE** - 1966 GMC Pickup, 12 ton. Bert Kent, Phone 734-5728. 4-2-21c

**NEED SOMEONE** with responsible credit to assume \$32.00 monthly payments on nearly new 1973 Home model Organ to be repossessed in this area. Has two key boards, pedals, drums, symbols, auto rhythm, magic fingers, and all extras. Call Max Wheeler, person-to-person collect, at 214-341-8926. 4-2-21c

**GOOD USED FURNITURE** - Come by our new location in the former Ben Flinn house located back of the County Equipment Yard. We will be open from 12 noon to 6 p. m. L. M. Woon. 1-31fnc

**FOR SALE** - Cedar Posts. All lengths and sizes. Bob Ethridge, 734-2072. 1-31fnc

**FOR SALE** - 1964 silver blue Chev. Impala Super Sport, bucket seats, air, radio, heater, automatic. Real clean. John E. Rodgers, Carbon, 639-2551. 4-2-7c

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belts," or something to this effect. Granting it is stupid not to wear seat belts and even shoulder harness, there are just some decisions which some of us would like to make ourselves. In some cities, Washington, D. C. being one, consideration is being given to enacting a law which would make failure to use seat belts punishable by law. One is supposed to appreciate Big Mother looking after us but somehow her concern becomes a little oppressive—not because of her concern for the public welfare, which is her duty, but for we mortals personally. Advocates of these forced safety requirements slough off arguments based on personal freedom with the rejoinder that speed limits, traffic signals, and highway dividers also constitute infringement on personal freedom. There must, however, be a difference between laws that protect us from the action or inaction of others and laws that protect us from ourselves. Sure, it is all right to make us keep our brakes in good working order—not because we might hurt ourselves but because we might hurt someone else. The same is true of any other public regulation for the good of all.

**TO THIS ARGUMENT EXPERTS AT THE CORNELL AERONAUTICAL LABORATORY** in Buffalo, New York, say that "Persons injured or killed needlessly through failure to wear seat belts impose a burden on society in many ways. At the accident scene, police, fire departments, and ambulance personnel are needed, making them unavailable for other duties." Sure, but would they also support forced wearing of galoshes on the logic that failure to do so could lead to a cold, wet feet, and pneumonia—which would tie up hospital rooms and take the time of doctors and nurses who otherwise would be available for other duties? The patient also might suddenly sneeze, startle an orderly, causing him to drop a food tray, creating a slippery mess, in which the doctor might take a fatal fall.

**THERE IS NO END TO THE REASONING OF WHAT MAY BE GOOD FOR US AND FOR OTHERS.**

**IT IS SURELY ALL RIGHT TO WARN THOSE OF US**

## Lawndale Visitors

Joe O'Neal of Gorman, Odessa Johnson of Desdemona visited in the home.

Harold Rodgers of Grand Prairie and Ray and Tommy Rodgers of Gorman visited Mrs. Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan Odis and Bernice Rodgers, Mrs. Claude Fuller, Wayne Eaves, all of Kokomo, had Kokomo Baptist Church services here on February 10th.

**STUPID ENOUGH NOT TO WEAR** all this gear but it is doubtful many people want to be forced to use them at all times. Statistics are pretty impressive on the subject and it behoves us to pay heed to them. Who wants to or who can dispute the statistic which shows it is safer to fly 25,000 miles around the Earth than to drive 25,000 times around the block. On the other hand, there will probably be few motorists who in fact feel safer flying than driving around the block.

**THE FACT THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO BE STRAPPED UP TO GO AROUND** the block—and particularly since all that equipment has cost them considerable extra money—does not prove that most American motorists are either suicidal or stupid. It may be only that they take their statistics with a grain of salt.

**NOT TO BE TOTALLY RESENTFUL ABOUT BIG MOTHER TELLING US WHAT WE HAVE TO DO,** we accept the mandatory use of seat belts in airplanes. No doubt they offer safety to the individual passenger and could prevent a body from hurdling through the cabin injuring others by a sudden lurch of the plane through an air pocket. It is all right to bless the bureaucrats which give us information by which we can increase our safety. But after that it would be kinda nice to make our own decision as to whether we buckle up, took a bath and risked slipping, or even to stick our head in an oven.

Mrs. Billy Taylor and Steve of Belton visited Mrs. Myrtle Hill.

Idus Echols of Clyde visited Cora Echols and others. Raymond Snider, Lula Holcomb of Duncanville visited Sallie Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cooper of Odessa visited Allie Rawls. Mrs. D. E. Wisdom of Ranger and Mrs. Wallace Cook of De Leon visited Mrs. Sanders and Jessie Lemley.

Delbert and Myrtle Over-

street of Eldorado, Mary Lee Cagle of Eastland, Annis Laster of De Leon visited Mrs. Overstreet.

Eula Robbins of Gorman visited Mrs. Todd.

Katie Byles visited Jessie Lemley, Gordon Tate and Cora Richmond.

Nelda Spraggin and C. W. Swanner have just returned from Dallas where they attended a workshop on medical records for skilled nursing home facilities.

## Hearing Tests Are Important

If you have a hearing problem of any kind you owe it to yourself to have an Electronic Hearing test made to find why and what can be done to help you before it is too late. The tests are free and will only take about 20 minutes of your time. We check your ears for packed wax, the tubes that let your ears breathe, then with the machine we check your hearing nerve, (bone reading) a r conduction, (outside sounds) then measure how much sound the ear will take. We can pinpoint your problem and explain in plain English what can be done to help you, then you make your own decision. We never try to high-pressure you into buying anything. There are thousands of people today suffering from hard of hearingness, (even some that wear Hearing Aids) just because they waited too late to do something about it. . . . don't let this happen to you.

Mr. Joe Treadway will hold his regular Hearing Aid Workshop at the City Library at City Hall in De Leon on Monday, February 18th from 10:30 A.M. til noon. We invite you to come in for your free test.

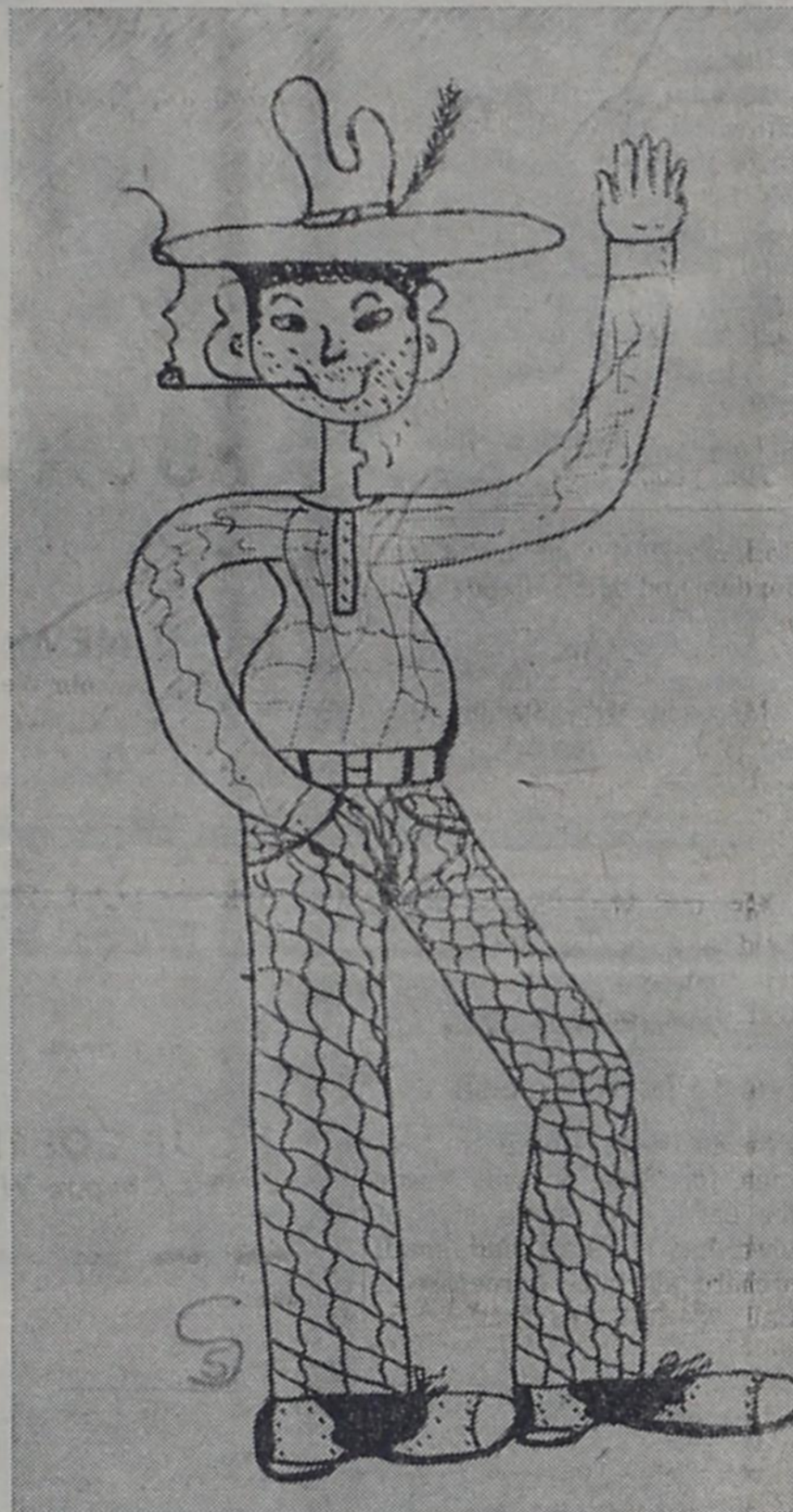


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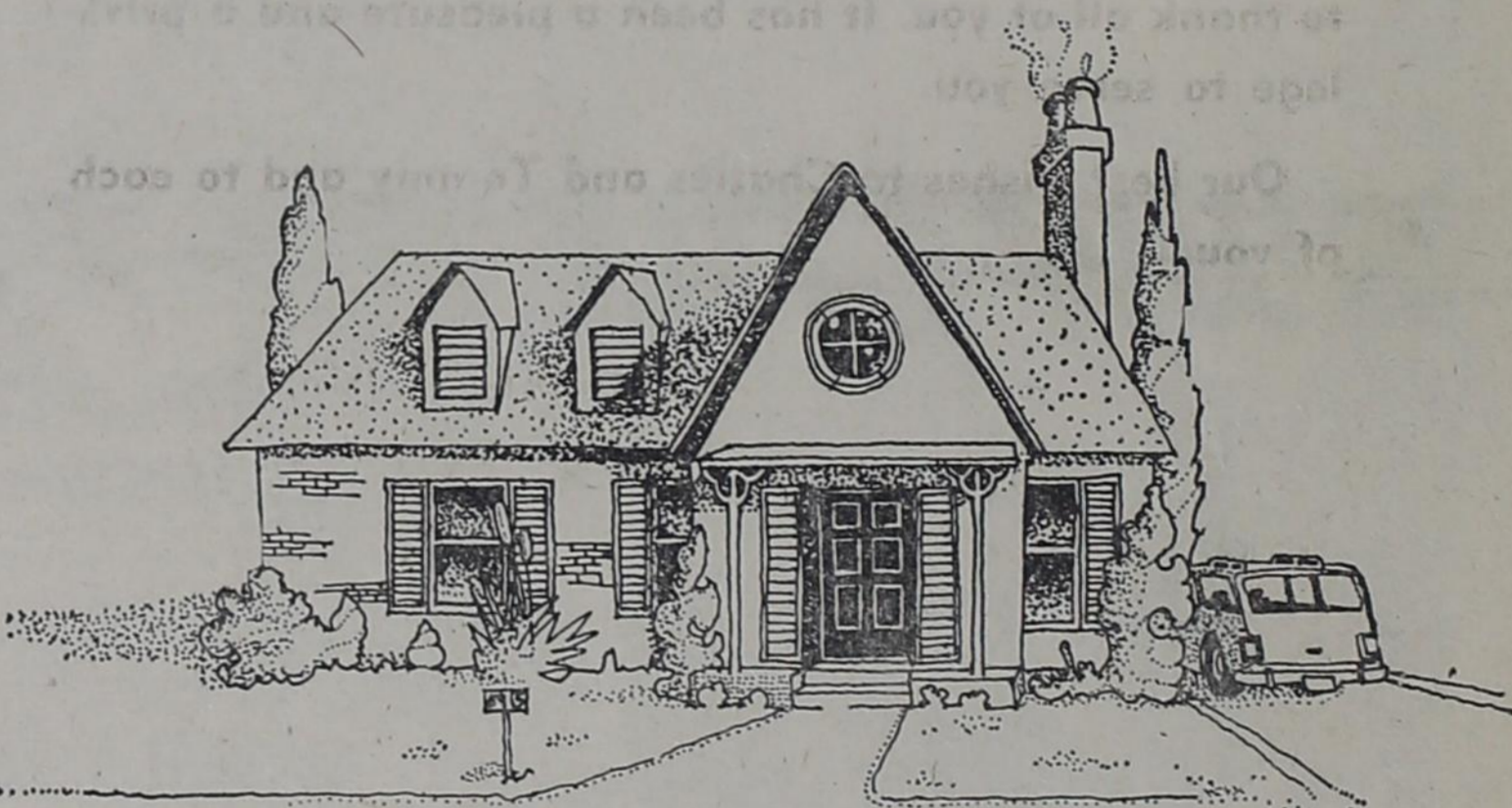
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- For clean filters regularly.
- Gas appliances periodically for proper adjustments.

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- Close drapes on sunny days and open them on dark ones, when using gas air conditioning. Reverse this process when using gas furnace.
- Leave thermostat at comfortable setting.
- Drain approximately one gallon of water

per month from water heater to prevent mineral deposits from building up.

- Repair leaky hot water faucets.
- Use lids for pots and pans to reduce need for higher flame.
- Don't:
- Run partial loads in dryers, washing machines or dish washers.
- Block air conditioning vents, or in the case of heating, the hot air vents.
- Cool or heat unused rooms.
- Use higher flame on range than required.
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These tips will not only help you to reduce your gas bill, but help you to conserve our country's energy too.

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# KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

Richard Watson of Eastland was the guest preacher at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday. Other visitors were Mrs. Watson and Rachel and Mrs. Roddy Miles, Joe and Sheri of Abilene, and Jason Rodgers of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning rendered the special music.

Those from Kokomo attending the San Antonio Livestock Show during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jackson, Jr. and Diane, and Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Bur-

gess and family. Ricky Fuller and Kris Brown were at the stock show for several days and Mark Eaves and Tommy Kent accompanied the Jacksons to San Antonio and remained to return home with the other boys on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers spent the weekend in Midlothian with their sons, Gene and Jimmy and their families. A daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Chupp and family of Houston joined them in Midlothian for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Johnson of Carbon and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nachtigall of Stephenville visited with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields on Saturday night. The Fields' and Nachtigalls went to Dallas on Sunday to be with his brother, Mr. S. C. Fields, and family and remained for the

funeral of Mrs. S. C. Fields on Monday morning. We extend sincere sympathy to the Fields family.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers visited in Brownwood on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers and Kevin and Jason, a son returned home with his grandparents for a visit while Kevin recuperated from the flu virus. He also visited with his other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Browning, and they took him home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nelson, Tena and Travis of Lewisville and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rasco of Eastland were visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson, during the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan visited with them on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Roddy Miles,

Joe and Sheri of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Jordan of Gorman visited during the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan. The Jim Jordans also visited with them in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan visited with Mrs. Donald Cranford, Sue, Kathy and Bob in Stephenville on Saturday.

Mr. Jamie Lewallen of Floydada spent Thursday nite with his sister, Mrs. Glenn Jordan and family.

Mrs. E. C. Bramlett, Jr. and Cliff of Stephenville visited on Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joiner.

Kokomo Baptist Church held the church services at the Lawndale Home on Sunday afternoon. Those from Kokomo attending were Wayne Eaves, Mr. and Mrs. Odis

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**CLINT TUCKER** and Mrs. Bobby Tucker of Carbon and are Carbon 4H Club members.

Clint Tucker continues to win honors with his cross Charolias steer, Frosty. He placed second in the San Antonio Fat Stock Show last week.

Clint also placed 9th with his Charolias steer, Ferdinand.

Mark Tucker placed third with his Shorthorn steer named Shorty.

Both boys are sons of Mr.

Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and Mrs. Claude Fuller.

—GP—

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter were weekend visitors in Dallas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Clement and Michele.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hollifield and Lorena Clark visited Monday in Stephenville with Mrs. E. C. Bramlett, Sr.

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

Two Bedroom House in Gorman for Sale or will Trade for cattle. On south side of town, has 1/2 acre land, small orchard and nice garden spot. Call 734-5743 in Gorman or W. E. Williams, Blanket, 915-748-5791. 4-3-7p

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## Maria Pino To Be Chairperson For Bellingier Drive

Maria Pino has been designated Bellingier Chairperson for Gorman by Tom C. Caldwell, Jr., President of the Texas Association for Mental Health.

The Bellingier Drive is sponsored by the Texas Association for Mental Health, a citizen's voluntary organization working on behalf of the mentally ill and to promote mental health.

Mrs. Pino will be organizing workers for the drive, which will take place in May, Mental Health Month.

Funds collected for mental health will be used for children's services, mental health education and information, and to stimulate community mental health services.

The Texas Association for Mental Health has taken on its first state-wide education program for new parents. The Association is working with the Office of Early Childhood Development in sending out the newsletter series "Pierre the Texas Pelican" to all new parents in the state. The newsletter, sent out periodically until the child is six, deals with the mental and emotional development of children. Over 7,000 new parents

are added to the growing list each month.

The Texas Association for Mental Health does not provide direct services. Rather, it works with state and local governments to see that tax dollars for mental health are used wisely. The Association also works with the state legislature supporting Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Centers and other mental health related legislation.

There are over 20 Mental Health Association Chapters in cities and towns throughout Texas. Volunteers provide information on mental health services, conduct clinics and seminars and monitor school programs. Members also do volunteer work in state hospitals and hold workshops on mental health topics.

During the current year the Mental Health Association is especially interested in the needs of emotionally disturbed children. It is estimated that there are over a half million children in Texas needing some kind of mental health care, but only 6-7 percent are receiving treatment.

The Texas Association for Mental Health is a division of the National Association for Mental Health which has over a million members nationwide.

# ANNOUNCING . . .

As of February 11, 1974, and after serving over eleven years as bankers of Gorman, we have sold the First National Bank To the Taylor brothers of De Leon. Charles W. Taylor will be Chairman of the Board. Tommy W. Taylor will be President. We feel confident that these young gentlemen are well qualified and will give you complete banking service in every way possible.

It gives us pride and joy to review the past and remember so many good and friendly people in this area and surrounding territories. We have experienced bad years as well as good years. Of course, the highlight of our banking career in Gorman was when irrigation became a reality.

For your friendship, kindness and patronage, we wish to thank all of you. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve you.

Our best wishes to Charles and Tommy and to each of you.

CHARLES DURAN

E. R. ARNOLD, JR.

# AUCTION SALE

Thursday, Feb. 21 - 7:30 p. p.

## FOUNTAIN BLU RESTAURANT

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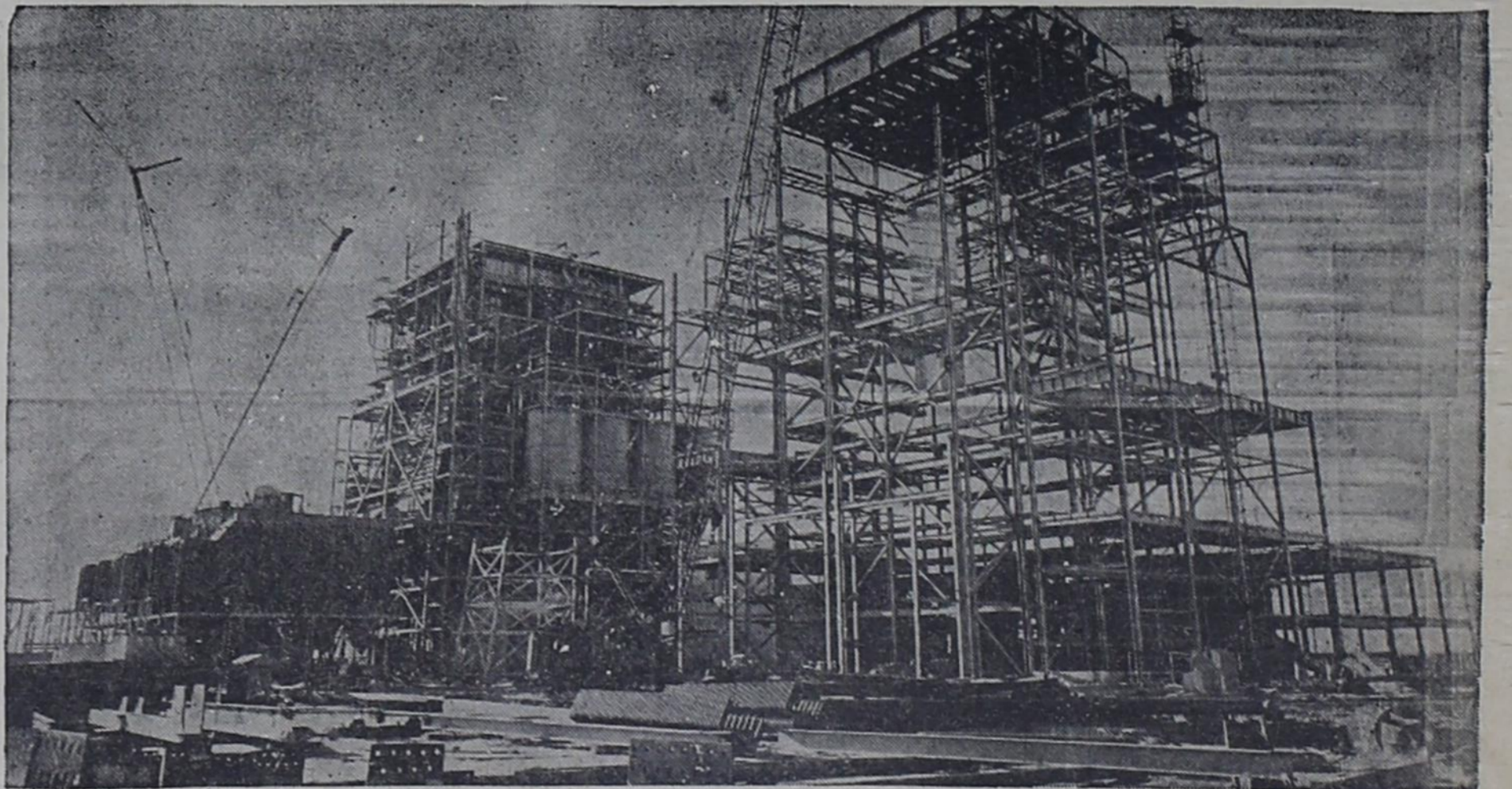
1. TO INCREASE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY—Through effectiveness in Public Affairs (policy development & legislative activities)
2. TO STRENGTHEN FARMERS' COMPETITIVE POSITION IN MARKETPLACE—Through marketing programs, commodity activities, market expansion
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One lignite plant already is in operation, and two others are being built. But it costs about twice as much to build a lignite

plant as one that uses natural gas.

A nuclear-fueled plant is scheduled to be operational near Glen Rose by 1980, and this one will cost more than three times as much as a gas-fueled plant.

Financing the essential expenditure of more than \$700 million in just the next five years is what makes an increase in electric service rates necessary.

We're working to supply the electricity you'll need, but it will have to cost more in the future.

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**'JAPAN' IS TOPIC FOR WOMAN'S STUDY CLUB**

The Woman's Study Club met February 11th in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Hatcher. Delicious refreshments were served to 15 members and four guests, Mrs. Kim Cockerham, Mrs. Hisako Rose, Mrs. Susie Crowder and Mrs. Kent Marrs.

The program was "Japan" and who could give a better program than two native Japanese? Mrs. Velda Foster introduced Mrs. Susie Crowder and Mrs. Hisako Rose, the very special guests that were to present the program. All eyes were on these two charming women because they were dressed in Kimonos. After a discussion of their cities, modes of travel, occupations of their people, family lives and cultural interests, these ladies answered questions from the club members. In closing Hisako and Susie sang "Jesus Loves Me" in their native language.

All the members and guests enjoyed this program and truly hated for it to end.

Mrs. Claude Fuller, president, called the business meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes. The treasurer then gave her

**Ross Wilson Presents Program To RJC Students**

Ross Wilson, manager of Southwestern Peanu Growers' Association, spoke to a group of Ranger Junior College students on the peanut industry in the seminar room at 1 p. m., Wednesday, January 30th.

Wilson brought the group up-to-date information regarding legislative matters concerning the peanut industry, and the recent compromise between the growers' group and Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz. Wilson answered any questions the students had concerning the marketing of peanuts.

monthly report.

The Finance Committee finalized plans for our Bazaar Sale Saturday, Feb. 16th from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. There will be something there for everyone, including home made pies and cakes. There will also be bedspreads, a set of bed springs, lamps books, jewelry, glassware, quilt scraps, patterns, shadow boxes, shoes plus other items.

The Bazaar Sale will be in the old Joe's Grocery building next to the Post Office. Come and browse around!

**Farm Bureau Week February 11-15**

February 11-15 has been proclaimed "Farm Bureau Week" in Eastland County by Judge Scott Bailey.

Eastland County Farm Bureau will have a special membership enrollment drive during this period as a part of a statewide effort to exceed last year's total of 152,380 member families. Eastland County ended its 1973 year with 1121 members.

Jack Cozart of Cisco is president of the local county Farm Bureau. Membership chairman is Ted Botts of Ran-

ger. Membership captains who will be working on the drive include: C. M. Guthery, Desdemona; Tommy McKissack, Carbon; Dee Williamson, Morton Valley; Raymond Beck, Ray A. Norris, Eastland; Jack Cozart, Herman Schaefer and Henry Fry, Cisco; Pete Hathcock, K. F. Kirk Ranger; and Orval Treadway and Cecil Self, Gorman.

The County president said farmers and ranchers need an organization more than ever before.

"We producers need a stronger organization to help solve problems in marketing, agricultural public relations, taxation, as well as other

matters affecting our net incomes," Cozart said.

Part of the proclamation issued by Judge Bailey reads: "Agriculture is vital to the economy of Eastland County, our State and Nation. Many of our citizens are dependent directly or indirectly upon agriculture for their livelihood. All of our people benefit from the productive efficiency of modern agriculture.

"Farmers and ranchers have learned to promote their industry through organization. Four out of five agricultural producers in this Nation belonging to a general farm organization are members of Farm Bureau."

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