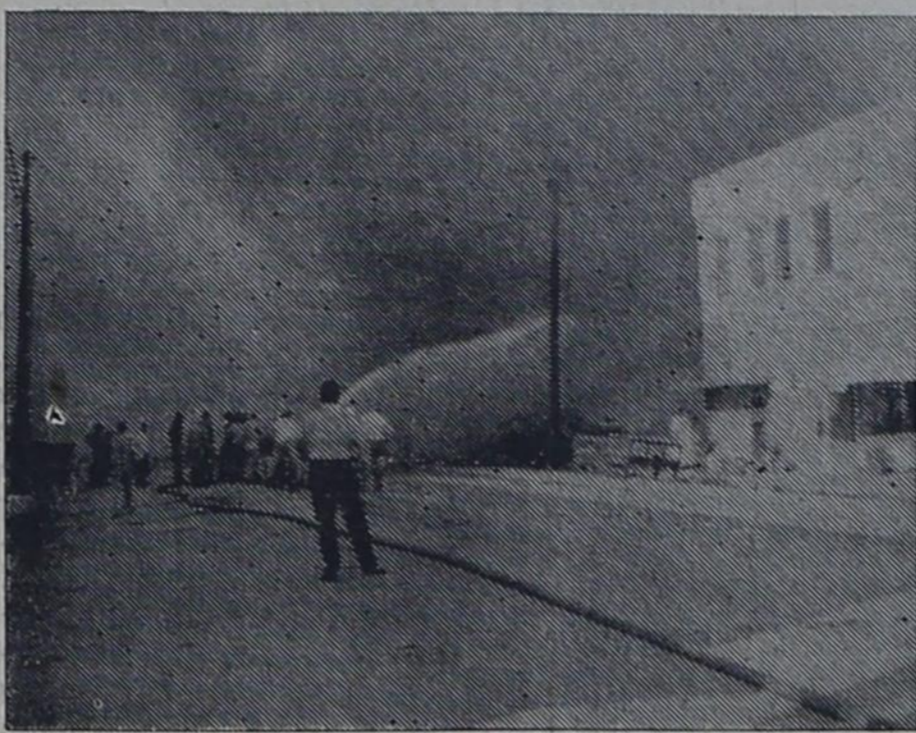




## FIRE RAVAGES FIVE DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS HERE TUESDAY

Citizens were stunned Tuesday evening as what seemed to be a small fire starting in the northeast section of main street, suddenly engulfed the entire building, spreading to the adjoining buildings of Rankin Surplus Store, Smith Drug and Sales, the Gabe Wright building and a welding shop building. The Tex-Farms Rankin Surplus and Smith buildings were completely destroyed by the blaze. The Wright building and welding shop were still standing but also received irreparable damage. The fire alarm was turned



into the fire department at 5:30 p. m. by Ray Rankin, owner of the Surplus Store. Within a short time firemen from nine surrounding communities answered the call for assistance to combat the blaze that threatened the entire block.

The flames were brought under control around 8:20 p. m. However, firemen remained on duty throughout the night pouring water on the smoldering debris. The Gorman firemen and the assisting firemen from Eastland, Cisco, Dublin, Old-



cross main street from the burning buildings, received an undetermined amount of damage to the front awning and smoke damage. City Commissioner Arlton E. Smith, owner of the Smith Drug and Sales, stated that if Gorman had not been con-

nected to the Proctor Lake Water supply, that the entire block would have burned, and maybe more. The city's former water supply was from deep wells, which could not have been pumped fast enough to extinguish a fire of this tremendous dimension as we

operated the business since 1965. He does not plan to reopen. Wright estimates his loss at \$10,000 and he was not covered by insurance.

Arlton Smith, who had operated the Smith Drug and Sales since 1954, estimated his loss at \$20,000. Smith also does not plan to re-build his business.

Ray Rankin, owner of the Rankin Surplus Store estimated his loss at \$15,000. He has operated the business since 1961. The building was owned by Mrs. Ina Hanson of De Leon and the estimate of her building loss has not been determined. Rankin is undecided at this time as to his future plans in business. He stated he had a small amount of insurance, but not enough to cover his losses.

A towering column of black smoke, visible from ten miles away, attracted hundreds of rural residents to the scene. Water pressure was lost momentarily as the Gorman water tower lost its contents on the blaze when the electricity was off for a short period of time. However, quick runs by volunteer fire department tankers to area irrigation tanks re-inforced the dwindling water supply.

Some 100 volunteer firemen and 15 units assisted in the effort and probably saved the entire downtown area.

The entire citizenship of Gorman are grateful for the assistance of the Gorman fire department and the surrounding fire departments in helping save our town.

The horrible experience of Tuesday should remind us all to become aware of fire hazards and make every effort to provide our fire department with the best of equipment.

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### E. E. TODD REMAINS STEPHENVILLE HOSPITAL

E. E. Todd, who entered the Stephenville Hospital June 28, has been quite ill, but is improving daily and will be in the hospital several more days before returning home.

His wife, Velma, spends the days at the hospital with her husband and drives home at night.

will help with the cost of the existing arena and to build permanent bleachers for spectators.

Your patronage will be appreciated and you will be helping young people have the necessary facilities to perform and enjoy the recreation of rodeoing.

This will be an exciting three days and everyone will enjoy all the planned events.

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with the Riding and Roping Club to sponsor the rodeo and the other events.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Singing at the Congregational Methodist Church will be held Sunday, July 21, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

Singing at Rock Bluff will be held Saturday night, July 20th.

The Social Security Representative will be in Gorman Thursday, July 18 at 10 a. m. at the City Office.

Friends of C. J. Thompson are invited to a reception in his honor July 21 from 2 to 5 p. m. at Barrow Hall of Kingsland Community Church at Kingsland, Texas.

Revival at New Hope Baptist Church No. 2 July 14 thru the 21st. Rev. Bob Watson, evangelist (pastor at Kokomo) and Tray Morris, pianist, both of De Leon. Services begin each morning at 10 o'clock and each evening at 8:30. Everyone is invited to attend. Friday night will be youth night.

### PRESS POINTS

By JOE BENNETT, Publisher

Thank the Lord for small blessings . . . and LARGE ONES. And it sure was large ones on Tuesday evening in downtown Gorman when all of a sudden the fire bell rang, the firemen all rushed to the scene of the fire downtown, and found that they could not control the roaring furnace-like blazes which had spread so very, very quickly. The first large blessing was the fact that our neighboring fire departments in all surrounding towns were very fast in answering our call for assistance, which, believe me, we couldn't have done without. Then, the second blessing was the switch in the wind and the wind eventually dying down some. Without the wind change and the lessening of the wind, the fire could easily have spread even greater and quickly engulfed our entire town.

Let me insert right here a very, very big thank you in behalf of all the Gorman Firemen to all the surrounding firemen who responded so quickly to our call. Its cooperation like this that has saved thousand upon thousands of dollars in damage as well as saving entire business districts in many instances. The firemen will always be grateful to the other firemen, and likewise, will always be ready when they are called upon to come and help out their fellow firemen.

Also a note should be put in at this point about the fine coordination between all the fire units in getting the job done. There seemed to be very little confusion during the entire ordeal. This is what it takes to control a blaze such as we had Tuesday afternoon.

So, as you are thanking the Good Lord for the usual fine things that have come your way, also add a VERY BIG THANKS that our town was not completely ravaged by the fire, and also thank him for allowing us to have such fine neighbors as we have. It really shows when the chips are down, doesn't it.

We had a lot of fine coverage from the press media on the fire and we tried to cooperate in every way possible. After all, a whole lot of people living in cities far and near have either lived in Gorman or have heard of it.

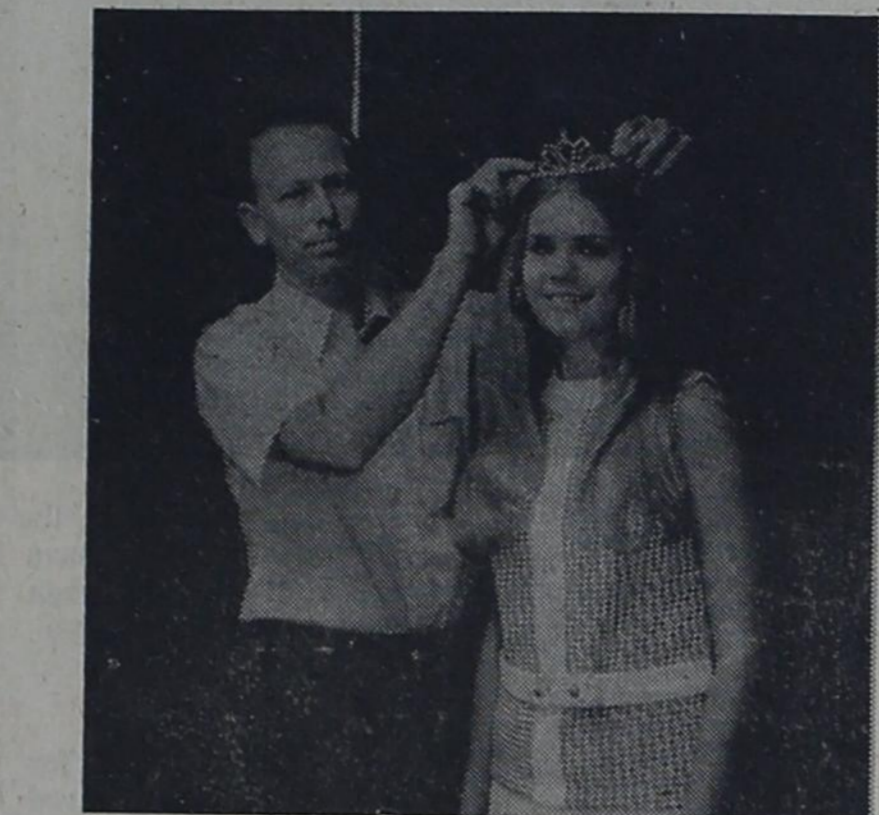
And we had rather good cooperation from the people who were seeking to find about the fire and seeing what was happening. There seemed to be more control and not so much calamity as you generally see at fire of this size. Of course, there was some, but by and large the people were very considerate of the firemen and what they had to do.

Wasn't that a nice shower that we received the other day. It was surely a God-send as far as the peanut crop is concerned. Without the moisture that we did get a lot of the crop could not have survived for long. As it is now, if we can get some more showers soon, we will have some good prospects of having another good crop. Maybe the "Man Upstairs" will see fit to give us another shower soon. Ask him!

ROY CRAWLEY HAS EYE SURGERY IN ABILENE  
Roy Crawley underwent eye surgery July 9th in Hendricks Hospital in Abilene, and again on Wednesday, July 17. He was reported doing nicely from surgery late Wednesday evening.

He is expected to be coming home within a few days if he continues to do well. Cards of get well wishes may be sent to him at room 304C in care of Hendricks Hospital. Mrs. Crawley is staying at the hospital with her husband. coming up next weekend, and be sure to support this fine worthwhile project of the Riding and Roping Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

By the way, don't forget that our Big Junior Rodeo is



### Miss Krista Henderson Crowned Miss Gorman

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce Directors met July 11, 1974 at the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association. Directors present were Gene Foster, Dick Foster, W. C. Browning, E. G. Henderson, James Mears, Joe Bennett, Graydon Baze, and Claude Fuller.

The Chamber had a special guest, Miss Krista Henderson. Miss Henderson was crowned "Miss Gorman of 1974" by Gene Foster. Krista is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Henderson and will represent the City of Gorman for various events and activities throughout the year.

### Mrs. Pearl Gilmore Laid to Rest

Mrs. Ruby Pearl Gilmore, 79, of Gorman, died in the Valley View Nursing Home in Eastland at 5:30 a. m. Monday, July 15, 1974.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Tommy Lerner, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating, with burial in the Murray Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Gilmore was born on March 10, 1895, in Comanche County. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She married George Gilmore Sept. 6, 1930, in Gorman, and he died in 1961.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson of Gorman; three sons, Artis Porter of Eastland, Odell Gilmore of Austin and G. W. Jr. of Jacksonville, Ark.; two brothers, Frank N. Kirk of Gorman and Aldon Kirk of Fort Worth; a sister, Mrs. Irene Hare of De Leon; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Melvin Stanley, Kenneth Underhill, Wesley Spivey, Billy Joe Hare and J. C. Hare, Jr.

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LOOK WHO'S NEW  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Westmoreland of Stephenville announce the arrival of their daughter, Sandra Kay, born Saturday, July 13, 1974 in the Blackwell Hospital. She weighed 12 pounds and 13 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Westmoreland of Hamilton and paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. W. Dee Smith of Gorman and Mrs. Ollie Groomer is paternal great-great-grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Molder of Glen Rose are maternal grandparents.

New Directors Joe Bennett, Claude Fuller, and Graydon Baze were welcomed and installed by President Gene Foster. New officers for the coming year were then elected. Graydon Baze was named president of the Gorman Chamber of Commerce. E. G. Henderson will serve as Vice-President, and Ann Maxfield as Secretary-Treasurer.

E. G. Henderson expressed appreciation to James Mears and Gene Foster, outgoing directors, for their accomplishments while serving as directors of the chamber.

An effort to obtain new members will be launched by the Chamber in the near future.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SWIMMING POOL FUND as of July 1 \$1,487.75  
Contributions recently received: 42.00

Funds received thru Pledge and Contributions as of July 14: \$1,529.75  
Contributors not previously listed are Nathan Files, A. E. Smith, Rodney Stephens, and Blackwell Clinic.

### ALL TROPHY PLAYDAY SET HERE SUNDAY

All Trophy Playday will be held Sunday, July 21 at the Gorman Roping Arena on Desdemona Hwy.

Action will start at 2 p. m. Trophies will be awarded for six places and an All-Around Trophy will be awarded in each age group. Events will include Western Pleasure, Poles, Flags, Barrel Racing, Goat Tie and Ribbon Roping. Ribbon Roping will be for seniors only.

Entry fee is \$2.00 and classes are Pee Wee (8 years and under); Juniors (9 to 13 years of age); Seniors (14 to 18); and Adults (19 and over).

This is a wonderful opportunity to see the youngsters competing in regular competition and they will appreciate your support.

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Revival at Carbon Baptist Church Set July 21-28  
Rev. Joe Moore of Conroe will be the evangelist for revival services at the Carbon Baptist Church beginning Sunday, July 21st and continuing through July 28th.

His son, Art, a student at Howard Payne College, will serve as music director. The pastor, Rev. Delbert Smith, and the congregation invites everyone to attend.

### Rites For Grace Lewis Wednesday

Mrs. Grace Florence Lewis 60, of Desdemona, died at 6:05 a. m. Tuesday, July 16, 1974 in Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona with the Rev. L. C. Lenders, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Darrell Dossey. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery under the direction of Nabors Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lewis was born April 24, 1914, in Eastland County. She married Leo Lewis Jan. 12, 1931, in Desdemona, and had lived in Comanche County most of her life. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Manford and Wesley of Desdemona, Joe of Stephenville and Gary of Houston; four daughters, Mrs. Elaine Battenfield of Houma, La., Mrs. Zoe Shoemaker of De Leon, Mrs. June Goforth and Mrs. Linda McLearn, both of Desdemona; three brothers, Horace and Earl Lane of Eastland, and Alton of Eunice, N. M.; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Hayes of Pass Christian, Miss. and Mrs. Audra Ganster of Tulsa, Okla. and 29 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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## GORMAN JUNIOR RODEO SLATED JULY 25 - 26 - 27 NIGHTLY AT 8:00

The Gorman Riding and Roping Club will sponsor a Junior Rodeo July 25-26-27. Performances will be held each evening at 8:00 p. m. in the Gorman Club Arena about 2 1/2 miles out on Desdemona Hwy. 8 at the Rayford Burgess farm.

All participants must be 18 years of age or under. This is a first for Gorman and promises to be an action-packed Junior rodeo, a sport that is growing in popularity through out the nation. Many local youth will be participating in the action as well as youth from all surrounding areas. There will be awards presented to winners of the various events.

Entry forms for participants may be obtained from Browns Feed Store in Gorman, Scott Body Works and Quality Shoe Shop in Eastland and Bradford Bookkeeping in Ranger. For any questions regarding entry forms contact Mr. or Mrs. Charles Little, Route 2, Eastland, Phone 817-629-1858.

There will be bleachers to accommodate 350 spectators and plenty of parking around the arena affording good viewing of the action.

Tickets will be \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children ages 6 through 12. Under school age children will be admitted free.

Tickets may be purchased from the following locations in advance or at the gate: Brown's Feed, Gorman Milling, First National Bank and the Gorman Progress.

Food and drinks will be available at the concession stand located at the arena each night of the rodeo.

Other events planned in conjunction with the rodeo is an "Old Time Shoot-Out" to be staged downtown at 5:00 p. m. Saturday, July 27 by A. E. Easley Trucking Co.

had Tuesday.

The fire started in a building owned by Jack Brown that housed a portion of Tex-Farms, Allis-Chalmers dealership.

Jack stated "the fire apparently started in some electrical wiring at the rear of the building." The roof in this section had fallen in over the weekend and the workmen

had cut off electricity to the building, but had turned it back on after getting underway with repairs made Tuesday.

Brown estimated the cost of the building he owned at \$4,000. A portion of his business was housed in a building owned by Gabe Wright and the contents of this building was inventoried in April at \$82,000. Brown had



RODEO DANCE — Birdsong Peanuts will sponsor a rodeo dance at 9:00 p. m. Saturday, July 27, 1974. The dance will be for the benefit of Birdsong employees and all of their rodeo friends.

Music will be furnished by the Dick Hammond Band. Many will recall how much they enjoyed their playing during last year's Centennial. The dance will be held at the facilities of Birdsong Warehouse No. 10, Downtown Gorman.

COME ONE, COME ALL and help make Gorman's First Big Annual Peanut Rodeo an enjoyable success.





**CULINARY ART** — Mrs. Mary Nell Griffin of Andrews is shown with the wedding cake she created for the wedding shower of her nephew, Terry Gilmore, in Gorman. Mrs. Griffin began baking and decorating as a hobby and is now a professional. She holds a diploma in cake decorating and is eligible to teach. She bakes extensively for showers and birthdays and her cakes are shipped to various parts of the country. The cake was a four tiered white creation with pink roses.

Mrs. Griffin is the daughter of Bueford Parker of Gorman and a sister of Mrs. Theron Gilmore.

## SUE'S FABRICS BACK TO SCHOOL SALE

### ALL KNIT FABRICS REDUCED

FULL BOLTS 60" WIDE  
SALE BEGINS THURSDAY, JULY 18  
AND CONTINUES THROUGH  
SATURDAY, JULY 27.

REG. \$3.99 Value - Sale **\$2.99** Yd.  
REG. \$3.49 Value - Sale **\$2.49** Yd.  
REG. \$2.99 Value - Sale **\$1.99** Yd.

## Sue's Fabrics

Sue Spivey

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## WELCOME! to the JUNIOR

# Rodeo

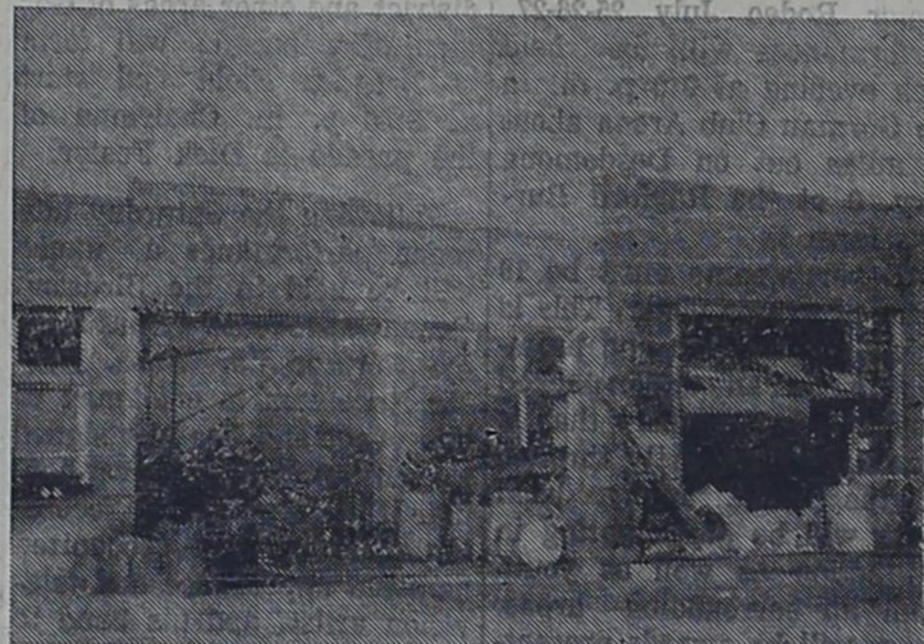
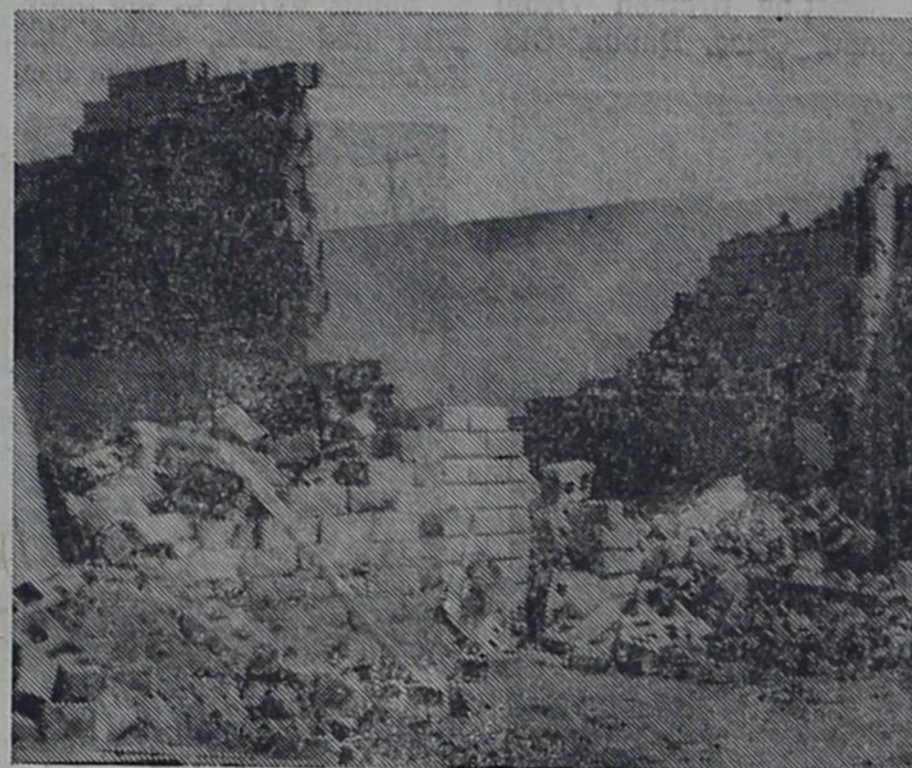
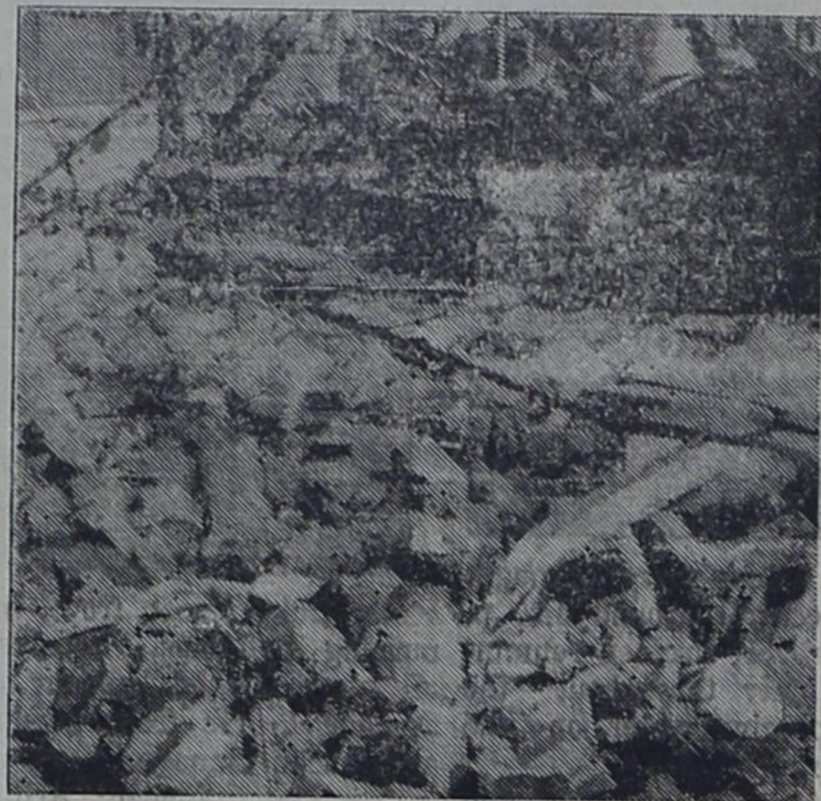
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### Stracener-Hardin Vows June 22

Wedding vows were exchanged Saturday night, June 22, at 8:00 in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church in De Leon between Deborah Ann Stracener of Stephenville and Rick Hardin of De Leon.

The Rev. Warren Olliff, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, read the double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Kathleen Stripling, soloist, and Dr. Don Morton, organist, provided the music. Mrs. Stripling sang "More" and "The Wedding Prayer".

The bride was escorted by her brother-in-law, Tom Glasgow, Bedford, and was given in marriage by her mother. Her wedding ensemble was a gown of candlelight peau de soie and lace, accented by a cathedral-length train and a finger length veil of candlelight illusion falling from a crown of lace and pearls. The cascading bridal bouquet was white carnations and yellow roses centered around a white orchid and carried on a white Bible.

Honor attendants for the bride were Sharon Glasgow of Bedford, sister of the bride, matron of honor; Roy Lynn Anthony of Stephenville, bridesmaid; Laurie Glasgow of Bedford and Susan Honey of Diamond Bar, Calif., junior bridesmaids; and Delana Glasgow of Stephenville, flower girl. The attendant's dresses were yellow lace over yellow satin and they carried topiary balls of white and yellow daisies.

Attending the groom were Randy Hardin of De Leon, brother of the groom, best man; Ronnie Hardin of De Leon, brother of the groom, Bruce Glasgow of Bedford, and Rodney Hardin of De Leon, brother of the groom, groomsmen.

Ushers were Byron Garrison of Midland, Scott and Steve Honey of Diamond Bar, Calif., and Kendall Garrison of Amarillo, all cousins of the bride.

Parents of the bride are Mrs. Billie W. Stracener of Stephenville and Calvin T. Stracener, Jr., of Kilgore. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin of De Leon and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bryant of Route 3, Gorman.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio the couple are at home in Lancaster. The groom is employed with Texas Power & Light Co. in Waxahachie. The groom is a 1974 graduate of Tarleton State University and the bride is a former student at Tarleton and Sam Houston State University.

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### Gun Club Shoot Winners Named

Winners in the Gorman Gun Club Shoot held Sunday were as follows:

22 Pistol, 25 yds. - 1. Tim Porter, 2. Kenneth Good, and 3. Ray Arms.

Centerfire Pistol, 25 yds. - 1. Joe Gilliam, 2. Nathan Files, and 3. Wayne Huff.

22 Open Sight, 25 yds. - 1. C. L. Cockerham, 2. Kenneth Smith, and 3. Charles Abbe.

22 Scope, 25 yds. - 1. Kenneth Smith, 2. Bobby Smith, and 3. Ray Warren.

Jr. Class 22 Open Sight, 25 yds. - 1. Bobby Smith, 2. John Woodall, and 3. Darrell Arms.

Rifle Open Sight, 75 yds. - 1. Nathan Files, 2. Kenneth Smith, and 3. Ray Arms.

Rifle, Scope, 100 yds. - 1. Tommy Broom, 2. Kenneth Smith, and 3. Nathan Files.

Jackpot Shoot, 100 yds. with Scope: Tommy Broom.

Trap Shoot: 1. Tommy Broom, 2. Wayne Blair, and 3. C. R. Kinser.

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### MR. AND MRS. JERRY BRYAN MOVE TO GORMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bryan, former residents of Gorman, who have been residing in Abilene since 1961, have returned to Gorman to make their home on the Jim Rodgers farm six miles southwest of Gorman. Mr. Bryan has opened a repair service of plumbing, carpenter work and painting.

Mrs. Bryan is the former Shirley Wright. The Bryans have four children: Tammy, age 14, Harvey, 12, Rhonda, 6 and Dwaine, 2. They will attend Gorman Schools.

The family are members of the Baptist Church and attend the First Baptist in Gorman.

## Bel Canto Singers To Present Program Here on Monday at 8



The Bel Santo Singers of Boles Home at Quinlan, will be presented in the auditorium of the Gorman Church of Christ in a program of sacred songs at 8 p. m. on Monday night, July 22nd.

The Bel Canto Singers are highly trained young people who present a varied program of inspirational hymns, gospel songs, and stirring spirituals. The chorus is currently on its 24th annual summer tour. The tour this year covers over 60 appearances in the Southwest.

The Bel Canto Singers pre-

sent their programs accapella (unaccompanied). They have appeared in 46 states, Canada and Mexico, under the sponsorship of the Churches of Christ.

Boles Home is a home for children who are being cared for by Churches of Christ in the United States. It is one of eighty such homes and agencies. The whole family will enjoy the songs presented by these teen-agers. The programs are open to the public and are without admission cost. No collections will be taken.

The Gorman Church of Christ cordially invites the people of our community to attend this program or singing.

### MR. AND MRS. OLEN DENNIS MOVE TO GORMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Dennis, formerly of Gorman, have returned to Gorman to make their home after living in Carban two years.

Mr. Dennis is employed by Birdsong Peanuts.

The Dennises have purchased the former Mary Lee Jay home.

Call No. 490

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National Bank Region No. 11  
REPORT OF CONDITION, CONSOLIDATING  
DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES, OF

*The First National Bank* GORMAN, TEXAS  
"OLDEST BANK IN EASTLAND COUNTY"

in the State of Texas at the close of business on June 30, 1974.  
Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency,  
under Title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

#### ASSETS

Cash and due from banks	\$ 599,265.50
U. S. Treasury securities	100,555.68
Obligations of other U. S. Government agencies and corporations	673,375.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	533,165.14
Other securities	4,500.00
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	100,000.00
Loans	3,043,669.85
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	49,344.55
Real estate owned other than bank premises	7,500.00
Other assets	4,831.64
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$5,116,207.36</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	2,722,297.24
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,659,065.62
Deposits of United States Government	27,310.78
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	234,615.44
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$4,643,289.08</b>
(a) Total demand deposits	\$2,804,026.11
(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$1,839,262.97
Other liabilities	15,517.39
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$4,658,806.47</b>

#### RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES

Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set-up pursuant to IRS rulings)	18,391.16
<b>TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES</b>	<b>\$18,391.16</b>

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Equity capital-total	439,009.73
Common Stock-total par value	50,000.00
No. shares authorized: 500	
No. shares outstanding: 500	
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits	185,803.14
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	103,206.59
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>439,009.73</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS** **\$5,116,207.36**

#### MEMORANDA

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	\$4,901,418.99
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	3,016,548.40

I, Peggy Singleton, Cashier of the above-named bank, do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By Peggy Singleton

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Directors:

Tommy W. Taylor Rodney C. Stephens Edward F. Harrison



# Desdemona News

By HATTIE TATE

There is no such thing as an empty moment, because God fills each one with opportunity.— James S. Thomas.

Karen Creed is opening up a beauty shop in Desdemona on Thursday, July 18th at her home across from the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greenhaw and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greenhaw attended the Brian reunion in Lubbock on Tuesday. Walter and Cara stayed over for a few days visit with their son, Ford, and family.

Mrs. Kate Bowles received word this week that a nephew Jack Wayland of Kansas, had passed away. Jack was raised in the Jake Hamon (Greenhorn) Community.

Tuesday afternoon a former resident of our community, Mrs. Will Thurman, was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Mrs. Eva (Leon) Alread and son, Larry, came through on their way to New Orleans where Larry will be stationed with the Coast Guard. Larry could retire as he has his number of years in the service, but not now, he said. He has been stationed in Stockton, Calif. for several years.

We keep having new people moving into our community. Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Page and two children have moved to a mobile home on the lot north of the Methodist Church. We welcome all newcomers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb spent the weekend visiting his sister in Odessa.

Bro. and Mrs. L. C. Landers, Mrs. Evah Sparkman and Mr. and Mrs. Murrh Foote attended the Ranger

## MIKE DYSON MARKS

### FOURTH BIRTHDAY

Mike Dyson was honored with a birthday party on Saturday afternoon, June 15 by

Rodeo Saturday night.

The children of Clyde Hodges gathered at Lake Proctor over the weekend. Saturday evening Clyde and Sylvia met with them for a picnic supper.

As usual we have several of our community in hospitals: Gracie Lewis, Emma Quinn, Denny Moss, and Tony Ash. We wish them all a very speedy recovery.

We had plenty of thunder Sunday night at 2 o'clock, but just a shower around here.

his mother, Kathy Dyson. The event was his fourth birthday. Festivities took place at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ed Grisham. Twenty-three small boys and girls came to wish him "Happy Birthday" and help celebrate the occasion.

The carport was gaily decorated with numerous balloons and blue streamers. The Dallas Cowboys theme was carried out with the cups and napkins, on a blue tablecloth, and football balloons. The cake was decorated as a football field including miniature players and goal posts.

The children played in the back yard and pictures were made. After Mike blew out the candles on his cake, re-

# CARBON NEWS

By VELMA HASTINGS

Mrs. Monie Faye Warren with Mrs. Mary Lee Cagle of Eastland, have returned from a motor trip through Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma 1-st week. In Eureka Springs, Arkansas then visited the Statue of Christ which is seven stories high. Also the Bible Museum there. They found this museum to house 7100 copies of the Bible dating from the early Scroll's. Also translations of the Bible into 2000 languages. They saw the Foggy Mt. Boys Quartet at Branson, Mo. They then visited in Oklahoma and then on home.

Dale Jackson, Dennis and Denise Milton of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Jackson and Lavada last Thursday.

Jack Weston of Clovis, N. M. visited his parents, Mr.

freshments of cherry-pineapple punch, birthday cake, and chocolate M&M cookies were served.

After refreshments guests all gathered around and sang "Happy Birthday" to Mike and then watched as he opened the many nice gifts. Party favors were paddle bats, party hats, balloons and bubble gum.

Mothers and guests who attended were Jana Morris, Dwaine and Todd, Glenda Whatley, Todd and Ted, Joy Dyson, Edd, Brad, Cindy and Pam, Karen Morris, Jason and Angela, Vickie Brownlee and Bridgette, Darla Mason, Russell Andress and Lois Whatley, all of DeLeon, Dana Eaves and Shane, Jana Grice and Julie, Carol Rae Ervin and Kristin, Sharon Rainey and Amy, Cecilia Wilcoxson, Jeffery and Mandy, all of Gorman, Rhonda and Angie Grisham of Seymour, Cliff Bramlett of Stephenville and Mrs. Ford of Eastland. Special guests were Mike's great-grandmothers, Mrs. Effie Grisham of De Leon and Mrs. Bill Joiner of Gorman, and also his sister, Shana.

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end Mrs. Buck Weston, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Norris, Dicky Norris and Don Hogan visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stubblefield of Arlington and also Six Flags on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fillyou of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynn Bennett and Terry of Gardendale, the L. A. Benretts of Eastland, the Dwayne Snells of Gorman were weekend visitors of Mrs. Pearl Snell.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hughes spent the weekend with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Liles of Winnsboro.

Lavada Jackson accompanied Judy and Jill Griffith of

Midland to visit Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gunnar of Stephenville last weekend. They also visited Six Flags on Saturday. Visiting Mrs. Pearl Snell on Monday were Mrs. Janie Campbell of San Angelo, Mrs. Lena Henderson and Mrs. Gertie Westcott of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bryant of Amarillo were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Stubblefield and the Truman Bryants, this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Huddleston and family of Fort Worth spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rogers.

Mrs. Bessie Morris visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Johnson of Fort Worth. Mrs. Jackson has

been very ill but has improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Girtz and children of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Smith.

The J. E. McDaniel family and J. L. McDaniel family attended a family reunion in Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Jackson visited their son, Dale, and attended church at Wingate Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hagan visited the Sonny Weathers of Bronte, the Benny Hagans and Roy Eisenbacks of San Angelo during the weekend.

Rev. and Mrs. Schultz of Cisco visited the Buck Weston home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Carver and Mrs. Bonnie Haley of Stephenville visited Mrs. R. B. Murray Sunday.

Mrs. Odis Skinner and David of Kermit visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Skinner part of last week.

Jill and David May of Knox City spent last week with their grandparents, the Coda McDaniels.

Miss Jo Ann Been of Devine is spending her vacation with her parents, the Truman Beens.

Visiting Mrs. R. B. Murray on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White of Ranger.

Mrs. Thelma Rasberry attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clyde Maynard of Odessa last week.

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FAITH - and A Prayer

A grandmother and teenage grandson who live near Gorman have been taking vacation trips every summer for several years. This year the grandson was told by his mother that he would not be able to go because he would have to help his father with the irrigation because of the drought.

Of course, Grandmother and Grandson were disappointed as well as being unhappy.

Finally the mother, hoping to ease the pain, told her son that if they could get one-half inch of rain before time for the trip he could go.

This family happened to be Methodist who had neighbors belonging to the Baptist Church and the Church of Christ.

Of course, everyone knows Methodist believe in sprinkling and the other churches believe in emersion. Anyway, the following is true.

Three days before time for the trip all three farmers received a good shower, and yes, the Methodist farm got almost half an inch, so Grandmother Della Ryan and Grandson, Ralph Ryon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ryon of Desdemona, enjoyed their annual vacation together.

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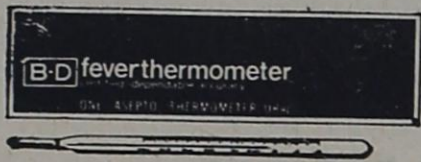
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## School Hill News

By Mrs. Bill Riddell

Stacy Elston of Lingleville Ruby Johnson, Eddy, Lynette and Jan Johnson, Joey Staude, Bill, Oma Lee and Tena Riddell enjoyed a watermelon supper with Ralph and Aline Elston Monday.

J. C. and Ratsy Moon and family returned home Monday after spending a week in New Mexico and Colorado. It will be a month before J. C.'s hand can be pried off the tire

pump. Ruby Stokes of Lingleville, Oma Lee, Les and Tena Riddell visited Tuesday with Tommy and Jane Musick of Purvis and Uncle Charlie Willoughby of Dublin.

Lee and Jean Jernigan and girls of Desdemona visited Tuesday with Ricky and Lexie Hogg.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bays of Lingleville and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Moon of Shelby visited Wednesday with the Moons.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Lewallen and family of Fort Worth spent Sunday with Mrs. Renia Hogg.

## Lawndale Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Todd of Levelland visited Mrs. Chattie Todd.

Winnie Ellis of De Leon, Nita Burress of Post visited Lela Leach and Jessie Lemley.

Mary Fair of Gorman visited Lois Boyd and Mrs. Macon.

Doris Clark of De Leon, Missy Johnson of Okla., Brenda Gilman of Bryan, Mrs. Frank Gilman of Bryan, Dean, and Joan Johnson of Okla., and Mrs. Larry Cooper of Odessa visited Mrs. Macon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wright of Carbon visited Howard Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Cox of Eastland visited George Porter.

Sharon Skaggs and Susan Skaggs of Hereford and Mrs. Wallace Cook, Kelli and Karla of De Leon visited Etta Sanders.

Mrs. Rose Hoffard of Fort Worth, Mrs. Elva H. Robinson of Fort Worth and Mrs. Louise Matley of Fort Worth visited Adide Ormsby.

Bernice Timmons visited Mary Timmons.

Frankie Jarrett of Gorman visited Lillie Boney and Lela Knox.

The Young People and Intermediate Sunday School Classes of the First Baptist Church held services at Lawndale. The leaders were Don Carr and Mrs. Dean Bennett. Teachers were Johnny and Jean Miller.

Kokomo Baptist Church held services in the evening with Woodrow Browning leading the singing. Nelda Little of Kokomo, Becky, Debby and Amy Hallmark were also present.

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### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to say thanks to Dr. Pino, Dr. Canut and the entire hospital staff for their kindness and good care given me while in the hospital. Also thanks to the friends for their cards and visits and flowers. May God bless each of you.  
Frankie Stacy

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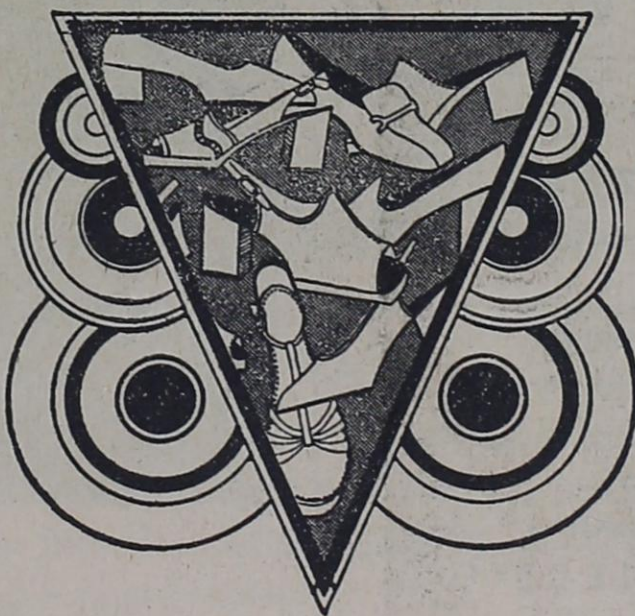
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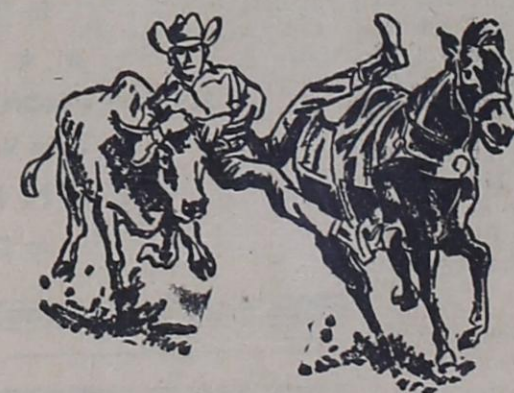
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# KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

A rain shower fell in the community on Friday afternoon. The reports were from .3 to 1 inch of rain. We received .3 at our home, and the heavier showers were north and west of us. The reports between Kokomo and Gorman were about .4 to half an inch. Every drop of the rain was welcome.

Rev. Bob Watson, pastor of the Kokomo Baptist Church, is the evangelist for the revival at the New Hope Baptist Church this week. Danny Farley of Chattanooga, Tenn. was the guest speaker at the Sunday evening service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Other visitors included Mrs. Danny Farley, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Farley and Mr. and Mrs. White of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Browning of Gorman, Kelly Buchanan of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeely and their grandchildren, Kelly and Eric McNeely of Calif., and Jackie and Carol Robinett of De Leon.

Mrs. J. C. Clearman has returned home from Amarillo where she spent several days with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Stanford, who underwent eye surgery. Mrs. Stanford is reported to be doing fine.

Mr. Wallace Kelly of Atlanta, Ga., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nachtigall of Stephenville visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields, and Lindell on Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fields and Michael of Mineral Wells have been visitors in the Vernon Fields home this week.

Kelly Buchanan is spending this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks, and taking swimming lessons at Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. David Porter of Eastland were supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Webb, on Thursday.

Mrs. Wordene Hawthorne of Dallas, Mrs. D. S. Gothard of O'Brien and Mrs. E. W. Lovell of Monahans have visited this week with their mother, Mrs. H. C. Wharton, in Gorman, and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Crawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan were in Abilene on Saturday for a visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roddy Miles, Joe, Sheri and Robert. They were helping

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Glenda and Sheri Lynn celebrate a belated birthday. Their birthdays were Friday, July 12. Sheri was two years old. Sheri had been honored with a birthday party in their home on Friday night. The decorations were in the Raggedy Ann theme.

William Fair of De Leon will be the guest speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson of Lake Leon were visiting with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields on Tuesday night.

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# HOSPITAL REPORT

Wednesday, July 17:

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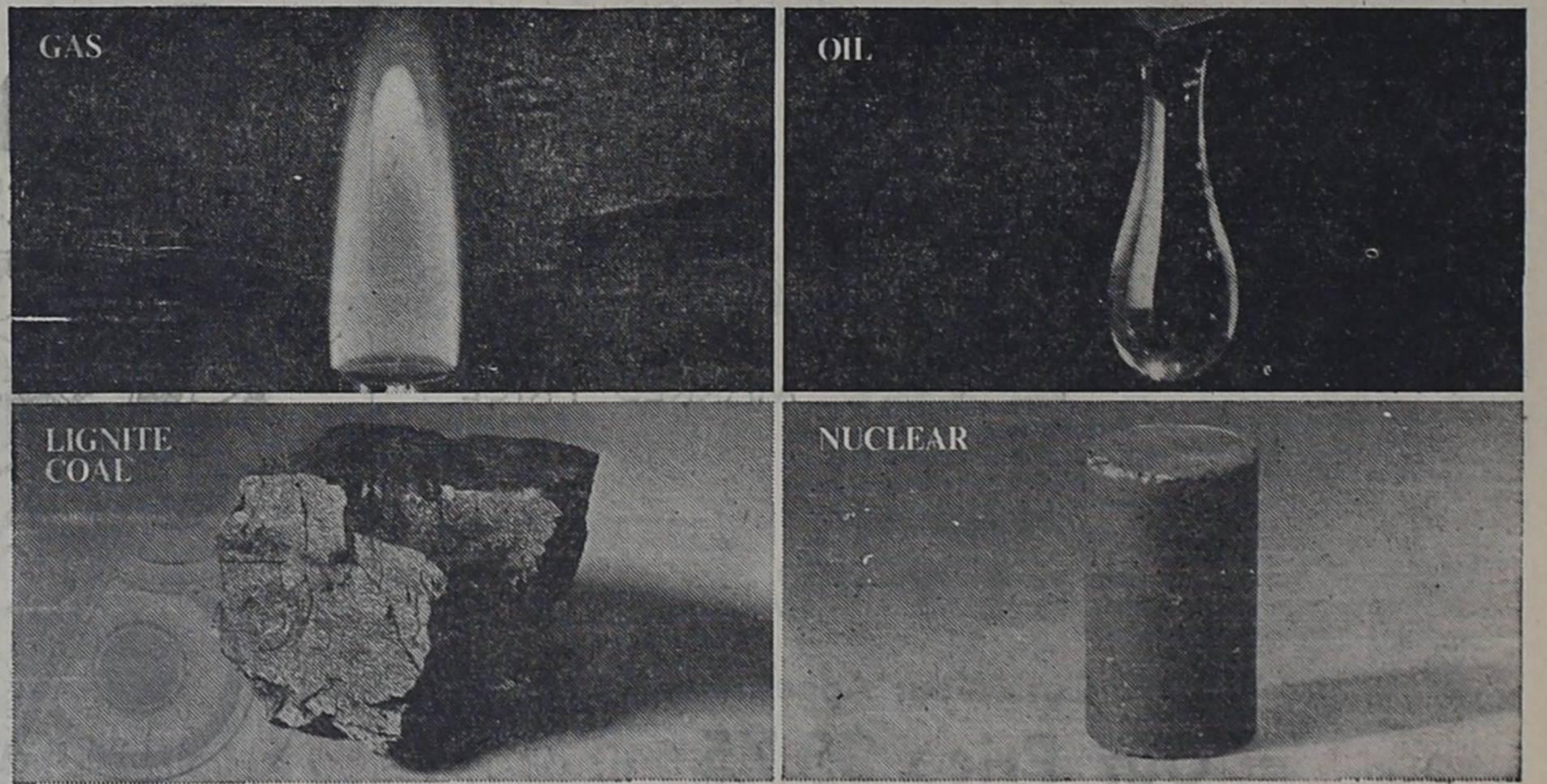
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The use of lignite and nuclear fuels is necessary to provide enough electricity in the years ahead. Supplies of these fuels are more abundant and neither is

being used extensively for any purpose other than the generation of electricity.

But building plants that use these fuels is a difficult and expensive job. Lignite and nuclear plants cost much more to build than gas/oil plants. While this means electricity will have to cost more in the future, the cost will be less with lignite and nuclear fuels than it would be with natural gas and oil, even if adequate new supplies were available.

We're continuing the orderly development of our power system so that you'll continue having the electricity you need.





Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kinser of Buena Park, Calif., visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Rob Kinser and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Overstreet and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Webb of Borger visited last week with his sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Kinser and Mrs. Berta Poyner and other relatives.



**DONALD BOLT HONORED WITH SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY** — Sharing honors in cutting the birthday cake at a surprise birthday party for Donald Bolt July 11 are (left to right) L. Crawford, R.N., Doyleene Shipman, Blackwell Hospital Director of Nurses, and Mrs. Wayne Eaves, lab assistant.

Employees of the Blackwell Clinic and Blackwell Hospital honored Donald Bolt with a surprise party on his birthday July 11th at the hospital.

Mr. Bolt is laboratory technician at Blackwell Clinic. August 13, 1974 will mark his 21st year with the clinic.

"Bolt" as he is fondly called

by all who know him, is one of the most loved and respected persons in this area. His kindness and dry wit has endeared him to hundreds of people he has come in contact with during his 21 years of service as technician. He is also recognized as one of the most talented and knowledgeable technicians in this area.

**NELDA LITTLE NEW MISS KOKOMO OF '74**

A large crowd attended the Kokomo Community Club meeting Tuesday, July 9 at 8:30 p. m. Glenn Jordan called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and guests.

Mr. J. L. Morrow led the opening prayer. Judge Scott Bailey was introduced and also his mother, Mrs. Bailey. Judge Bailey then presented Kokomo a certificate for winning first in District and second in the Regional Tour. A check for \$300 had already been given to Kokomo by De Gordon from the Texas Community Improvement Program. Mrs. Janet Thomas was also present.

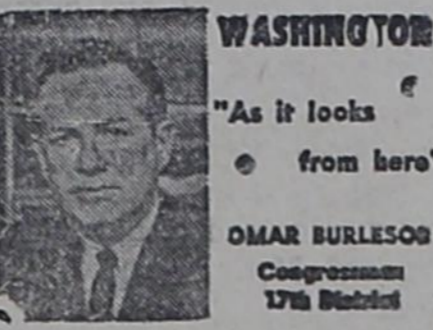
Mrs. Judy Webb Porter crowned the new Miss Kokomo, Nelda Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little. Nelda will be a junior this year in Gorman High. She will represent Kokomo in all the events this coming year.

There were two door prizes given. These were donated by Gorman Milling Co. Albert Hendricks and Mrs. James Dabney won these prizes.

The next meeting will be the 3rd Monday night in August. The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed home made ice cream and cake.

Special guests were Gene Baker and Lonnie Bennett of

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**WASHINGTON**  
"As it looks from here"  
**OMAR BURLESON**  
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WASHINGTON, D. C. —

Gorman, Judge Bailey, his mother, Mrs. Bailey, and his two children, Mrs. James Dabney (Abilene Reporter-News) and her son, John, Mr. and Mrs. David Porter of Eastland, the extension agents, De Gordon and Janet Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Treadway and Mrs. Jerry Hallmark and girls from San Angelo.

"THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW" SO the saying goes when something goes wrong.

SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TAKE THIS PRETTY seriously and introduce a bill or resolution when they hear "There Oughta Be a Law." During the 92nd Congress, 15,632 bills were introduced, varying in length from 2 to 756 pages, at an average cost of \$248 for printing and binding costs. This does not include the personnel who does the work. Thus far in this session 15,855 House bills and 3,746 U. S. Senate bills have been introduced. Many of these, and in fact the majority, will never see the light of day and the sponsors did not expect

some of them to be seriously considered when they were introduced.

ONE MEMBER FROM NEW YORK CITY IS AN INVETERATE BILL INTRODUCER, BUT he has recently made a proposal which has considerable attraction. It deals with Commercial Blood Banks.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, IT IS ESTIMATED that 10 to 15 percent of all blood collected in the country comes from commercial sales, many of which are located in or on the edge of skid row in the cities. Derelicts from the area get from \$5 to \$15 per pint, and show up as often as once a week to make a sale. It is medically recommended that blood only be taken once every two months.

SKID ROW BLOOD IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO CARRY HEPATITIS THAN voluntarily donated blood. According to medical advice, not all hepatitis can be detected or eliminated from bottled blood. A hospital in Chicago has reported that one out of twenty patients who receive commercial blood contracts this disease while only one out of two hundred who receive free blood will be infected.

THE CONGRESSMAN FROM NEW YORK CITY proposes to give an individual tax deduction of \$25 per pint for blood donated. He reasons that if you sell your blood the proceeds are considered to be income on which tax is paid and, therefore, if you give your blood, it should be tax deductible. He points out that only 3 percent of the donor population gives blood now - more than half of whom are middle income taxpayers. For them the \$25 deduction would have some value. For the derelicts, it would not. They want cash on the spot and do not file tax returns anyway. One blood bank outfit in Chicago issues a coupon redeemable only at a local liquor store.

The American Medical Association has long been concerned about the operations of some commercial Blood Banks and has recently voted to support and participate in the American Blood Commission. The Commission is to implement the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's national blood policy, drawn up after more than a year's study.

IT IS HOPED THAT THIS ORGANIZED EFFORT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE private sector can do

**LOCAL NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bennett spent last week vacationing in West Texas. They visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bennett in Crane, Mrs. Mary Prescott and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Poole in Odessa, also relatives and friends in Big Spring. The Tony Hamiltons in Odessa were hosts for a fish fry and ice cream supper for Mr. Bennett honoring him on his birthday. (nearly 100, he says and that part of Texas is dry, dry).

Mrs. J. Frank Dean visited last week in Dallas with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dean and family. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rose who were on their way home to Morton from a vacation in Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Smith of Richardson visited Sunday with Mrs. Dean.

Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph Hudson and Patricia of Fort Ord, Calif. are visiting this week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater of Kokomo, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Craddock of Alameda. Also Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern and Estelle Craddock.

Mrs. Ed Brown has returned from a 21 day tour of thirteen of the states and parts of Canada. A niece, Vera Cooper of Ranger, accompanied her on the trip. Also on the same trip was Mrs. E. W. Underwood of Fort Worth and formerly of Gorman.

Visiting this week with Mrs. Luther Cunningham are her granddaughter, Jo Carol Ruhman of Fort Worth, and great-

something about this deplorable situation and that it not be necessary to enact more Federal legislation.

ANYWAY, "SOMETHING OUGHTA BE DONE," AND R. M. Robbins.

**MICHAEL WARREN HONORED ON THIRD BIRTHDAY JULY 9TH**

Michael Warren was honored July 9 by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Warren, with a birthday party at his home in celebration of his third birthday.

His birthday cake was decorated in a fisherman's theme with an outline of a boy and fishing cane decorating the top of the cake. Cookies, punch, and candy were served to young guests. Party favors were dolls for the girls and boats for the boys.

Those attending were Tiffany Stephens and her mother, Mrs. Rodney Stephens; Justin and Mrs. Glenn Warren, Christi and Mrs. Dennis Frasier, Kristin and Mrs. David Ervin, Sara Rodgers, Bryan and Mrs. Brent Lasater, Justin and Mrs. Troyat Underwood, Bub and Angie and Mrs. Bill Plaunty, Debbie Stacy, his grandmother, Mrs. Gaylon Warren, and great-grandmother, Mrs. Lexie Wright, and sisters, Kayla and Kristi.

granddaughter, Lori Eison of Bridgeport. A brother, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Percy of Hico, visited on Tuesday.

Recent visitors with Mrs. Gertie Mahan were Mrs. Frank Clement and Mrs. Mamie Clement of Houston, Mrs. Sidney Roff and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dunn of Eastland. Also Mr. and Mrs. Truman Mahan of Cisco and Mrs. Ella Bennett of De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Browning and Mr. and Mrs. Huppy Morris attended the funeral of a cousin, Lee Roy Timms, held July 11 in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Browning, and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning attended the singing at De Leon Nursing Home on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Isbell of San Fernando, Calif. visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Robbins.

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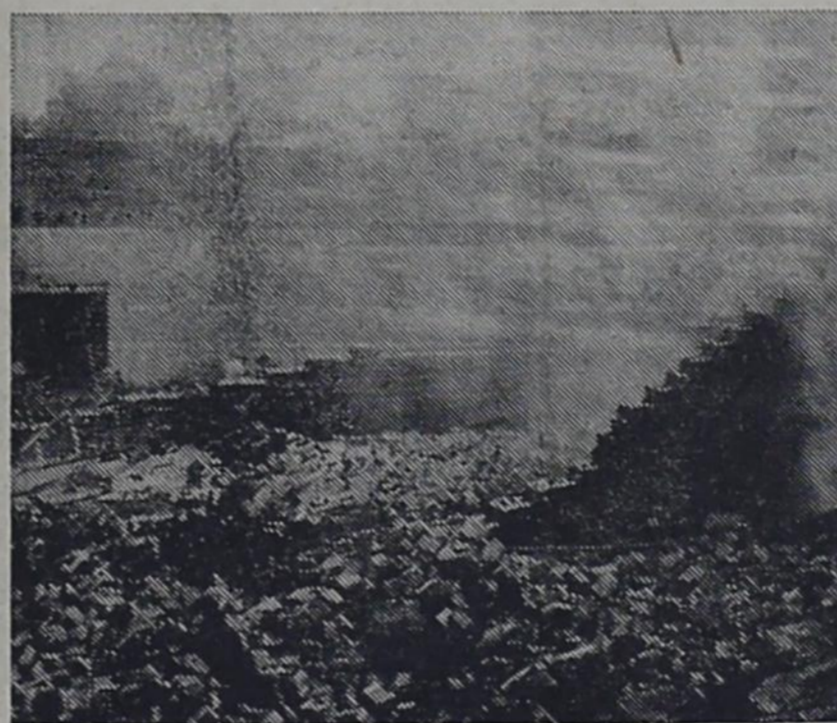
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**No Peanut Legislation Due in '74**

There will be no peanut legislation in the calendar year 1974. This would seem to be a certainty according to developments in Washington on July 8 and 9 according to Ross Wilson, Manager of Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association.

The National Peanut Growers Group Steering Committee met in Washington the morning of July 9 in preparation for hearings later that day on peanut legislation scheduled by the Oilseeds and Rice Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee.

Following several months of negotiations with USDA the national grower group had recently been successful in agreeing on general legislative principles. There was also agreement between the growers and USDA on many points but a few key differences are yet to be dissolved. Under these circumstances a bill embodying principles acceptable to growers was introduced by Congressman Dawson Mathis, Democrat of Georgia, as HR 15757 on July 2. A second bill, very similar in many respects, was also introduced by Representative Walter Jones, Democrat of North Carolina, on July 2. The Mathis bill, HR 15757, referred to as the growers' bill, calls for continuing legislation, provides an assessment concept to stabilize program costs and provides support at not more than \$50 per ton penalty for peanuts with A flavus and freeze damage. The Oilseeds and Rice Subcommittee chaired by Representative Walter Jones, had scheduled hearings on both bills for July 9. However, developments that occurred on Monday, July 8 in Washington completely changed the nature and direction of the hearing.

On July 8, Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz met with House Agriculture Chairman W. R. Poage and the two officials agreed

to defer action on peanut legislation until late this year or early 1975. Mr. Poage reported to the Subcommittee that Secretary Butz indicated that USDA could not unreservedly support either of the peanut bills at this time. Peanut Congressmen agreed that they could not proceed with any peanut legislation under these circumstances. Mr. Poage reported that he and Secretary Butz discussed the desirability of resuming grower-USDA negotiations this fall in an attempt to have a bill ready early next year. Mr. Poage stated he made it clear to the Secretary that neither the peanut growers nor the Congressional committees were backing up on their earlier commitment to secure legislation.

Statements made by Congressmen at the Subcommittee session without exception were sincere pleas for growers to continue to try to work out satisfactory legislation with USDA. They pointed out the real dangers of losing the entire peanut program and used as an example the episode regarding the Peyser amendment on June 21. They stressed that unless USDA and industry are in total agreement and totally committed to a bill, legislation cannot be passed. Without USDA support, they said, we will not only lose Republican votes, but will lose city Democrats as well.

It is expected that meetings will be resumed between the National Peanut Growers Group Steering Committee, peanut area Congressmen and USDA within the next few weeks. Mr. Emmett Reynolds, NPGG Chairman, stated in answer to questions from Subcommittee members during the July 9 session that growers were completely willing to continue discussions in an effort to arrive at a sufficient degree of compromise to enable the enactment of legislation.



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**SERVICES FOR BYRON SKAGGS HELD SUNDAY**

Byron B. Skaggs, 69, farmer and longtime De Leon resident, died at 11 a. m. Friday, July 12, 1974 in All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held

at 3 p. m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church of De Leon with the Rev. Barnett Rippe-toe, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Walter Rippetone, officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nabors Funeral Home.

Mr. Skaggs was born Jan. 9, 1905, in Rock Bluff and was a

member of the Rock Bluff Baptist Church. He married Elsie Bunting Dec. 25, 1925, at Rucker.

Survivors are his wife of De Leon; five sons, Zollie of Comanche, Albert of Colleyville, Billy of De Leon, Bruce of Midland and W. A. of Bedford; one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Wise of Brownsville; one brother, George (Bud) Skaggs of Snyder; three sisters, Mrs.

Thelma Bingham of Hobbs, N. M., and Mrs. Pearl Sprull and Mrs. Jewel Grisham, both of De Leon; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

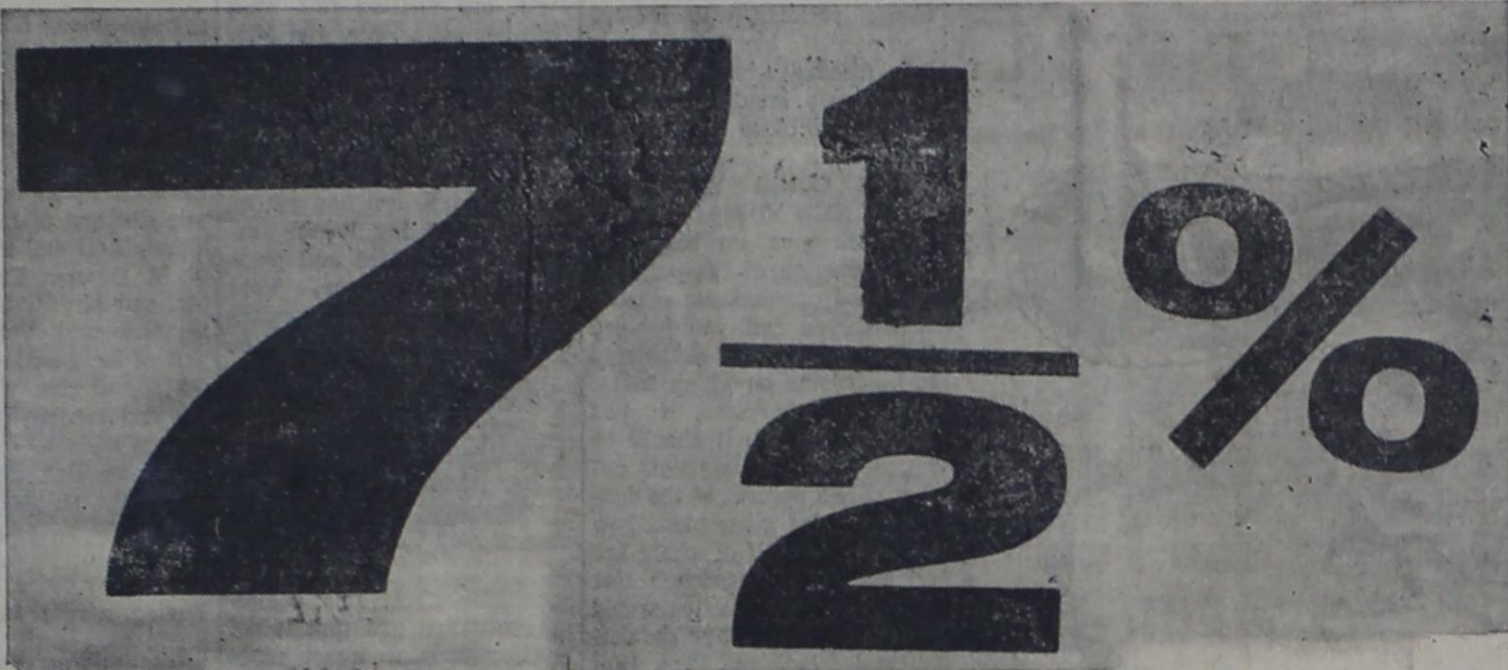
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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Todd of Slaton visited this week with his sister, Mrs. Robbins, and mother, Mrs. J. R. Todd. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Todd of Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Clark of Corpus Christi arrived Wednesday for a visit with his families, the George Hollifields, the Speedy and Speck Clarks, Lorena Clark and Estelle Craddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wise, John Edward Clark and David Fulberg of Brownsville visited Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. George Hollifield.

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