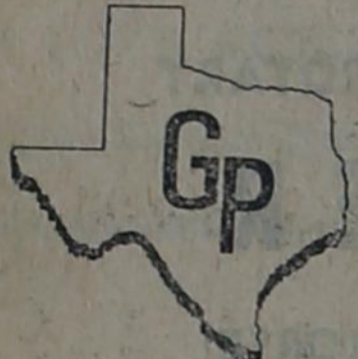


## PANTHERS TO PLAY ITALY AT MIDLOTHIAN FRIDAY AT 7:30

### Ambulance Service Is Discussed At Meeting

The Town Hall Meeting called by the City Commission last Thursday night, drew a large attendance of citizens who are interested in keeping an ambulance service in Gorman.



PRESS POINTS  
JOE BENNETT, Publisher

Did you attend the Town Hall Meeting at the school auditorium on Thursday night? Well, you should have if you didn't, because one of the most important subjects concerning Gorman and area was discussed, Ambulance Service for the area. There were about one hundred and fifty folks in attendance. Mayor W. C. Smith was in charge of the discussion.

DO WE OR DON'T WE WANT AMBULANCE SERVICE IN GORMAN? was the question, and EVERYONE in attendance stated that we definitely had to have ambulance service. As most of you know Higginbotham's are discontinuing service after December 31st.

There was real good representation of the different factions of our community and the meeting was very fruitful in the sense of everyone agreeing that we needed and must have ambulance service. However, nothing real concrete came out of the meeting as far as a solution to the problem is concerned.

It was the thought of everyone that the ambulance service should be continued, by using the hospital as the location headquarters, since the hospital has some of the best communications in the entire area, and also the thought was some of the hospital personnel might be utilized as attendants for the ambulance.

If the citizens of Gorman can utilize the present ambulance being used by Higginbotham's, then the most pressing problem would be either an all volunteer form of ambulance operators and attendants, or proceed with the idea of hiring the necessary personnel for the job. Some stated that they thought a volunteer force would be sufficient, and others seemed to think that a volunteer situation would simply not work. Either way, a decision will have to be made, AND VERY QUICKLY, as it is necessary to have trained personnel to operate the ambulance and a certificate is required for service personnel.

The thought of using hired personnel brought up the subject of a possible tax raise for the citizens of Gorman. Some may object to some additional taxes to help pay for the personnel necessary to operate our ambulance service. BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE MAJORITY would be for a little additional taxes if it meant the fact of having or not having ambulance service here. This fact of no additional taxes and of not putting our City in debt for anything is a big, big mistake as far as I am concerned, because if your city is not taxing enough to function as it should for the citizens, then we must raise taxes. Also if this city government (or any other as far as I'm concerned) is not in debt for something, or buying the things necessary for the city to grow and prosper, then the lack of expenditures is actually killing that city. No one, either and individual or a city,

As of December 31, Higginbotham's will no longer be able to provide this service as it has so ably done in the past, due to government regulations, it has become impossible for them to operate this service. Gorman is not unlike any other city, all have had to provide their own ambulance service.

David Beene of Higginbotham's in Comanche, was introduced by Mayor W. C. Smith. He gave an informative talk as to the regulations set by the government making it impossible for the company to provide ambulance service.

Robbie Robertson gave a short outline of a city he knew where the volunteer program was implemented and is working.

The meeting was then opened for comments and discussions. Dr. A. E. Pino discussed at length the requirements for the ambulance facilities and offered the communications system at the hospital for the ambulance service.

It was decided that a committee should be appointed to get the ambulance program started, which first priority is trained EMT personnel. Dr. Pino also stated that a school for EMT training could be held in Gorman at the hospital if enough people were interested.

Richard Arnold was named to head the committee to secure volunteers and to work toward the reality of Gorman providing ambulance service.

All those attending the meeting agreed that Gorman has a definite need for ambulance service, and also realize that it will be a costly one.

Rev. James Peppers visited from Thursday to Saturday in Aransas Pass with his mother Mrs. J. F. Peppers, who is ill. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snelson and they visited with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shoemate.

can grow and prosper without having to go in debt a little to achieve their goals.

I would like to take a poll of ALL CITIZENS in Gorman to bring some facts to the front as far as this problem of ambulance service is concerned. What I want all of you to do is send the Progress office a card, note or phone call expressing your views as to whether you think we should keep our ambulance service going and if you are agreeable or not to the point of having taxes raised a little or letting the city go in debt a little for us to have ambulance service. I would sincerely appreciate your thoughts on this and assure you that the results will be forwarded to the right people. Do this as soon as you possibly can. Thanks.

Aren't those Panthers something else? What a marvelous season they have going for themselves (and us). That was a superb performance by the entire team at Eastland on Friday night against Rochester. Keep it going Panthers, and maybe you can go all the way for a perfect season. Wouldn't it be great!

Thank the Good Lord for folks like those in Eastland who went out of their way to make everyone feel at home and to make sure that everything was done just right for the Bi-District Playoff game. I know I speak for all the folks in Gorman in expressing our thanks and appreciation to the Eastland Chamber of Commerce and the Eastland Schools for the use of Maverick Stadium for the game. The trophy they gave to the winning Panthers was just marvelous. Thanks again, neighbors.

And remember to smile -- because God Loves You!

### LAST RITES FOR SALLY EVANS SET WEDNESDAY

Sally Pearl Barbee Evans, 53, died at 10:25 p. m. Monday, November 22, 1976 in the Eastland Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Audy Moore, minister of the Cross Plains Church of Christ, and Richard Watson of Eastland, officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.

Born September 5, 1923 in Gorman, she was a waitress and member of the Baptist Church.

She had formerly lived in Gorman but had lived in Abilene for the past four years.

She is survived by her father, Joseph Hade Barbee of Gorman; two brothers, Leroy of Tacoma, Wash., and Clyde of Eastland; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Gilbreath of Dublin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her mother, and a brother.

—GP—



### Sherry Pond and Michael Slater Plan Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Pond of Gorman announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sherry Dianne of Lubbock, to Michael Wilton Slater, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Slater of Lubbock.

Vows will be read January 29, 1977 in Monterrey Baptist Church, Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Monterrey High School in Lubbock and attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and is employed at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cooper High School, Woodrow, Texas. He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and is employed by Carter Auto Service in Woodrow.

—GP—

### A BIG THANKS TO EASTLAND CITIZENS

All football fans and citizens of Gorman greatly appreciate the generosity of the citizens of Eastland, the public schools for the use of the football field and hosting the Bi-District football game last Friday with Rochester.

A special thanks to the Eastland Chamber of Commerce and program director Emmett Lasater for organizing the programs and the superb job in directing the traffic for the fans. Also for the very coveted trophy presented to the team winners by Emmett.

It was a magnificent gesture of good neighbors, and the folks in Gorman are most grateful.

—GP—

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knight of Dallas visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker on Monday and Tuesday.

**WANTED: VOLUNTEERS to serve as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and Emergency Care Attendants (ECA) for the Emergency Medical Service Ambulance in Gorman.**

### AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

There will be a meeting of the Ambulance Committee at the Gorman High School Auditorium on Monday, November 29 at 7:00 p. m. All members of the committee and interested citizens of the Gorman trade area are urged to be present.

The Gorman Panthers took on what was thought to be their toughest opponent of the season on Friday night at Eastland in Maverick Stadium when they met the Rochester Steers of District 5-B in the Bi-District Playoff.

The two teams had played

to a 21-21 draw last season with the Panther's advancing on first downs. This set up a tough return match for this season, and believe me it was a tough match. Most fans seemed to think that this game should have been for the State Title since Gorman was No. 1 and Rochester No. 2.

The Rochester team was the largest by far that the Panthers had met this year. And they had one of the best running backs in this area.

The Panthers took the contest by the margin of 11 to 6. The Big Red seemed to be in control of the game most of the way but let the Steers get

off a couple of long, pass completions, and with the help of a couple of penalties, the Steers scored 6 points in the fourth quarter, but were stopped on their try for two points.

The Big Red had scored on a 2 yard run by Billy Burgess with 4:00 left in the second period. Stacy Webb ran for

the two-pointer to make the score read 8-0. Then later Webb kicked a field goal of 13 yards to up the margin to 11-0. The margin held up until late in the fourth period.

Gorman will travel to Midlothian on Friday night at 7:30 where they will meet the Italy Gladiators in the Quarterfinal game. The Gladiators have a real fine ball club, as they advanced to the Quarterfinals by defeating a very strong Era team 8 to 3 last week.

The Big Red is looking for another very tough game this week (they are all tough when you get in the playoffs) and will surely have to muster all the strength and determination they can to beat the Gladiators. And that's exactly what we think they will do -- "Beat The Gladiators!"

Also don't forget the after-game reception at the First National Bank of Midlothian following the game, courtesy of Gene Rodgers and his bank personnel. There will be refreshments for everyone and all the fans are urged to drop by for refreshments before starting the long drive home.

—GP—

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets are now on sale for the Gorman-Italy Quarterfinal football game to be played in Midlothian on Friday night. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Tickets will be sold at the High School office through Wednesday only. This is advance sale only, and there will be no reserved seats.

Spanish and English Faith Seminar at Gorman Fire Hall December 2-3-4. Evangelists Israel Rodriguez from Indiantown, Florida, and his wife, Noemi, will be ministering the word of God and also good gospel singing, Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons at 1:30 and evenings at 8:00. Everyone cordially invited.

Thursday, November 25th is a town holiday. All business firms will be closed.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church will be held Sunday, November 28 at 10:30 a. m.

Band Boosters Club will meet Monday, December 6 at the Band Hall at 7 p. m.

Lions Club will meet Tuesday, December 7 at the Band Hall at noon.

Gorman Fire Department will meet Monday, December 6th.

City Commission will meet Thursday, December 2 at 8:00 a. m.

Chamber of Commerce Directors will meet Thursday, December 2 at the SWPGA Conference Room at 9 a. m.

Kokomo Primitive Baptist Church will meet Saturday night, December 4, and Sunday, December 5th.

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 3:00 p. m. Thursday, December 2nd.

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

Cub Scouts meet each Monday at 3 p. m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Anyone wishing to mail gift boxes of Peanuts should contact Ann Maxfield, Secretary of the CofC. The Chamber is now taking orders for 5 lb. boxes of raw Texas grown, peanuts. The price is \$4.50 per 5 lb. box and this includes postage and handling.



THE BIG PRIZE — Emmett Lasater is shown presenting the Bi-District Trophy on Friday night at Eastland to Billy Burgess (No. 40) as other Panthers look on. Pictured left to right are Randy Seaton, Blaine Gibbs, Rndy Barnes, Mel Maxfield, Laster, Stacy Webb, Jamie Snider, Doug Warren, Bobby Jay, Burgess, Marty Carr, Ricky Troutman, Ron Roby, Steve Watson, Ed Cox, an unidentified player, and Clifford Lewis. This was a joyous moment in the lives of these boys. The Panthers advance to Quarterfinals this Friday. (Photo by Lonnie Bennett)

### PANTHERS OUTLAST ROCHESTER 11 TO 6

The Gorman Panthers continued their winning ways on Friday night by defeating the Rochester Steers in the Bi-District Playoffs at Maverick Stadium in Eastland by the score of 11 to 6.

#### GAME AT A GLANCE

Gorman	Rochester
15 First Downs	10
225 Yards Rushing	117
30 Yards Passing	96
1 of 2 Passes Comp. 4 of 10	1
0 Fumbles Lost	1
5 for 33 Punts, avg. 5 for 37	4 for 40 Penalties 6 for 50

The Panthers now advance to the Quarterfinals against the Italy Gladiators, winners over Era last week, in a game to be played at Midlothian on Friday night at 7:30.

This was expected to be a very tough game for the Big Red and believe me it was that. The Panthers had to have their best game of the season to win, and that's what they can up with, the best game of the season, for it was "tough sledding" in the trenches. The men up front (and all the team) are certainly to be commended for the outstanding job they did. ALL the boys played a marvelous ball game. And I hope they know that we all appreciate the marvelous way they are representing our town and school in the playoffs. A finer bunch of young men cannot be found anywhere in this world.

The two teams played on fairly even terms in the first quarter with both teams exchanging possessions, with the Steers having the best of it as far as field position is concerned.

However mid way of the second quarter the Panthers took the ball on their own 38 yard line and began to show the strength and determination that had lifted them to the No. 1 spot in the State in Class B and they rolled off the yardage in fairly big chunks as they marched down the field.

Billy Burgess got the privilege of scoring the Panther touchdown as he went across the double stripe from 2 yards out with 4:00 left in the second period. Stacy Webb lined up to kick the PAT, but on a fine fake of a kick, Webb got the snap, rolled to his left, and behind some very good blocks on the line, and a fine block by Mel Maxfield, rolled in the end zone for the two pointer, and put Gorman in real good shape with an 8-0 lead.

The Panthers then seemed to really come alive and completely shut down the Steers the rest of the half.

At intermission, the Big Red remained out front by 8-0.

Then upon receiving the second half kick-off, the Panthers cranked up another one of their famous long, time consuming drives and moved from their own 28 to the Steer 3 yard line before being held on downs. Then on fourth down from the three yard line Stacy Webb stepped back and with Maxfield holding the ball, kicked a 13 yard field goal to extend the Panther lead to 11 to 0 with 5:00 left in the third quarter. This fine Panther drive killed 7 minutes on the clock.

The Steers came back and started a drive of their own as they took the ball on their own 42 yard line and moved to the Big Red 7 yard line before the stingy Panther defense held on downs.

The Panthers had to punt from deep in their own territory after being held on downs and the Steers took over on their own 21 yard line and moved the distance, including a long 45 yard bomb from Rod Townsend to David Adkisson on third and long to set the Steers up with first and 10 near mid-field. The Big Red defense then held again on defense, but was charged with roughing the passer on the same play that Maxfield got an interception. This set the Steers up with the ball on the 32 yard line. From there the Steers completed a fourth down pass to Steve Michaels in the end zone for the score with 5:00 left in the game. Maxfield had tipped the ball but Michaels managed to grab it for the TD. A run for two points failed and the Panthers held an 11-6 edge.

From there the Panthers really got down to it and getting the kickoff on their own

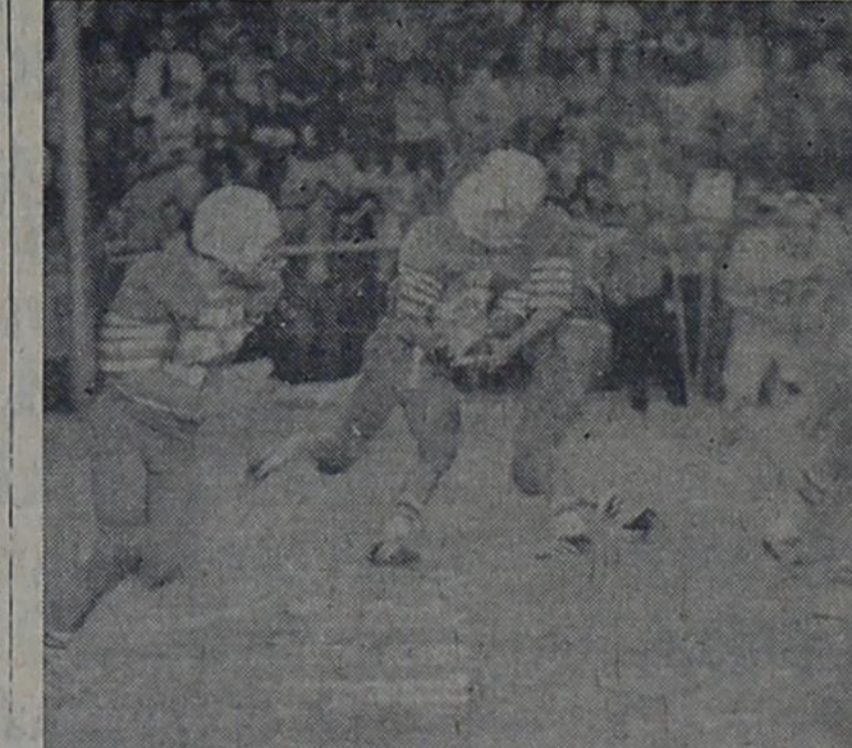
40, proceeded to march down the field in another time-consuming drive that killed the rest of the clock and left the Big Red inside the five yard line as the clock ran out in the game, giving the Panthers a hard-fought 11 to 6 victory over a very fine Rochester team. What I appreciated about most of the Rochester players was their sportsmanship they showed despite losing such an important game. I noticed Rod Townsend and Eddie Bland, two outstanding Steer players came completely across the field to the Gorman coaches and congratulated them. That's real sportsmanship.

Billy Burgess had a marvelous night for the Panthers, as he was the workhorse for the evening, carrying the ball on 37 trips for a total of 142 yards, 25 more yards than the entire Steer team made

on the ground. Blaine Gibbs had a very fine night, carrying the ball 10 times for 51 yards, with several fine runs coming on crucial downs. Mel Maxfield had 32 yards on 12 keeps. Ron Roby came out even, making 1 yard on one carry and losing a yard on another try.

Again, enough cannot be said for the fine blocking and tackling of the forward wall of the Panthers. The whole defensive team did such a super job of holding a very offensive minded Steer team.

Another tough battle is in store this Friday night at 7:30 when the Panthers travel to Midlothian to take on the Italy Gladiators in the Quarterfinals game. The Panthers are now 11-0 for the season and after this Friday night at Midlothian we think they will be 12-0. Right, Panthers! Go Get 'Em Big Red!



ANOTHER GOOD GAINER — Billy Burgess is shown taking the hndoff from Mel Maxfield on a play that went for a nice gain in the Bi-District game. Also shown at left is Blaine Gibbs going to the outside.



FIELD GOAL COMING UP! — Stacy Webb is shown putting the toe to the ball being held by Mel Maxfield for a 13 yard field goal and three points in the Bi-District game at Eastland Friday night. Stacy was responsible for 5 of Gorm's 11 points.



## Judge This Fudge -- Fantastic!



Everyone's grown up with fudge, so every candy lover (and isn't that everyone?) is an expert. Judge this fudge and you'll say it's fantastic.

Homespun Skillet Fudge is different enough from the ordinary to make it appealing. It calls for ingredients that are not found in the usual fudge varieties. A bit of cinnamon added to the chocolate chips provides a little kick, offering emphasis without proclaiming its presence. And 3-Minute Brand Quick Oats, the surprise ingredient, serves as a replacement for nuts. Only a half cup of chopped nuts is needed in the recipe, thanks to the oats. Yes, these oats have been oven baked to make them as chewy and nut-like as the nuts themselves!

Miniature marshmallows and flaked coconut are two other ingredients that make this fudge so mouth-watering. And, best of all, this recipe yields three and a quarter pounds of homemade fudge, so it can truthfully be called inexpensive to make. Thus, everyone gets lots of fudge to judge — and enjoy.

**Homespun Skillet Fudge**

3 cups sugar	2 cups (12 ounces) chocolate chips
1 can (13 ounces) evaporated milk	1 cup 3-Minute Brand Quick Oats
3/4 cup butter	1/2 cup chopped nuts
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon	1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon salt	1/2 cup flaked coconut
1 cup miniature marshmallows	

Combine sugar, evaporated milk, butter, cinnamon and salt in an electric skillet. Bring to a boil over medium heat (250 degrees F.). Boil for seven minutes, stirring constantly. Turn heat off. Blend in remaining ingredients, stirring very well. Pour into buttered 13 x 9-inch pan. Chill and cut into squares. Makes 3-1/4 pounds.

## Desdemona News

By: VONNIE GUTHERY

David Yardley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Yardley, recently returned from a tour of Spain, France and England. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Foreman of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. James Sledge of De Leon and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Young enjoyed Thanksgiving supper with Mrs. Benton Echols.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Creed and sons of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Tim Creed, Holly and Angela, on Sunday.

Guy and Jennifer Tidwell flew to Calif. Sunday where Guy is under doctors care and awaits surgery for a heart transplant soon. Our community joins in prayer for Guy.

Mary and Paul Dietz recently returned from a trip to Lubbock visiting friends and relatives.

A community Thanksgiving Supper was held on Tuesday night, November 23rd at our Community Center. As always its good to go and visit with your friends and neighbors. Hope everyone enjoyed it.

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### CARD OF THANKS

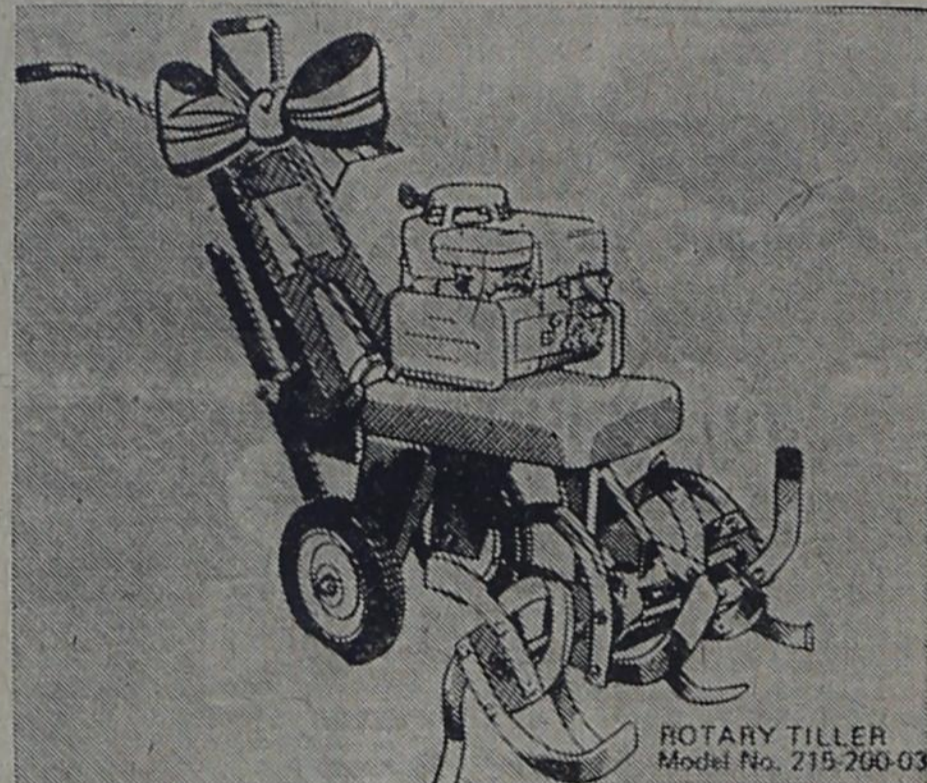
We express our thanks to everyone for their prayers and thoughtfulness during the illness and passing of our loved one, Donna Day. A special thanks to Bro. Roby and Bro.

O'Neal, and those who rendered the music for the lovely service. We will remember in a special way the food and those who prepared and served it, the blood donors, flow-

ers and memorials, entire staff at the hospital, Lawndale Home and Higginbotham Funeral Home. May God bless each of you.  
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## Citizens Senior

My! what a wonderful week end we had last week. Such a pretty snow. It was enjoyed by many, especially the young generation. Sure was a beautiful blanket for the sarth.

Our old 84 gang is about past playing anymore, so it seems. Granny Kent is still on the ailing list. I really think that old age is getting her down. We have sent Mae on another gad-about trip with expenses paid. Big Foot just pants like a lizard after a rain. The latest on Mama is, she went to Stephenville and had to pay a fine, I will bet her foot got too heavy. Though her tongue sure did twitter. My Boss has our knitting going strong. Oh! my poor fingers.

Fats and Murel are still gadding about. Though Murel is in mourning. Her grandchild, the kitten, died. She says it was too small to patch the hole in the "Josephs Coat." Cat Fugg and Double Six have been on the sick list for some time. Though they are doing OK now.

I missed going to the office for a week. Too much bad weather for me to get out. The same croks are there as usual. Poor Bud, Speck just eats on him all the time. Huppy is afraid to ride with Speck. He does not know whether he is a mad driver or just losing his mind. He says he is nearly as bad as Monroe.

Little Jack can sure play dominoes. He can beat Jesse, except when Marcy helps him. Luke sure throws his voice when he is playing with Hodge. You see oHdge just plays too fast an ddoes not see his counts. He is nearly as bad as I am on mistakes. Dos has decided to be the physician for the Gorman Panthers. The boys had better watch him, as he may cheat them.

It sure is better for the foot-

ball gang since Monroe changed teams. They seem to be doing better now. Just keep going boys. You may get a post season game with the Cowboys yet.

The Reaper called Donna Day to her final resting place. She was such a fine person to know. Loved by all. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved.

Several years ago a man joined the church (not far from Gorman). He went to a tank to be baptized. (He had always been a cussing man.) They started in the water and the preacher asked him if he was going to pull his boots off. He replied "H--- no, not with all these water moccasins in here." So he was baptized, boots, maccasons and all.

One summer they were having a revival under a tabernacle not far from here. It was in the middle teens. A young man put a rope on a wolf hide and started dragging it about a mile from the tabernacle down the road. He drug it under the tabernacle, behind the podium and up and down the aisles. That night two men went hunting. They hit the scent of the wolf hide. You guessed it. They went straight to the preachers podium, barking and trying to find the wolf. The folks just stood up on the seats. So they were dismissed. That was some mean trick to play.

This coming week is Thanks

## KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

The annual Thanksgiving Supper was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday night with the serving table laden with turkey and dressing, ham, and all the trimmings. The dinenr tables were

giving. We have so much to be thankful for. So many loods are more than plentiful. Especially meats of all kinds, wheat, corn and milo. Though it is ruining the ones that raise it. The profits go to the AFL and CIO. So many of their wages are out of reason. Also the medical profession.

I remember on Monday before Thanksgiving in 1917 I was in the hospital at Fort Sill for a tonsil operation. I remember they strapped me down for the works. Put me to sleep. Then when Thursday came I was not able to eat anything. Just liquids. So at that fine dinner they had canned pineapples. So I must have gotten nearly five (maybe less) gallons of juice. I know it made me sick. It lasted me for about ten years. (I mean the pineapple).

We hope that this is not the year for so many to mix alcohol and gaslnoe, as it can cause trouble for you, your family and neighbors.

Look up and smile, a smile will help you win. Remember that the sun is shining just beyond those darkest storm clouds. Be ready to greet it with a smile.

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Following the supper, every one gathered in the auditorium for a time of thanksgiving and praise in song.

We have so much to be thankful for, but most of all for God's son, Jesus Christ, that we, through Him, might have eternal life.

Many people from Kokomo were in Eastland on Friday night backing the Gorman Panthers as they won their Bi-District game against Rochester. We are behind you all the way Panthers!

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman visited during the week-end in Port Nueces with a son, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Clearman, Kendi and Kyla, and attended the Port Nueces football game in the Astrodome in Houston on Friday night. Ken is a coach of the team, and they won their ball game, so will advance further in the play-offs.

Mr. Conn Rodgers of the state of Washington, and his brother, Mr. Reace Rodgers of Eastland, were visiting with Albert Hendricks one day last week. Conn and Albert were former schoolmates at Koko-

mo.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A bit belated, but we want to wish Mrs. W. F. Bryant a happy 90th birthday. She was 90 years young on November 16 and celebrated a family dinner at her home with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bryant. Mrs. Bryant was given a standing ovation at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Hoyt Bryant and Mrs. Pearl Pittman visited in De Leon on Wednesday with Mrs. Bryant's twin sister, Mrs. Corrie James. Mrs. Hoyt Bryant also visited with Mrs. Joan Tardin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson spent Sunday night in

Lewisville with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nelson and family. Clifford had a medical check-up at the VA Hospital in Dallas on Monday.

Mr. Nolen Luttrell is in the Ranger General Hospital undergoing tests. We hope that he will be home soon.

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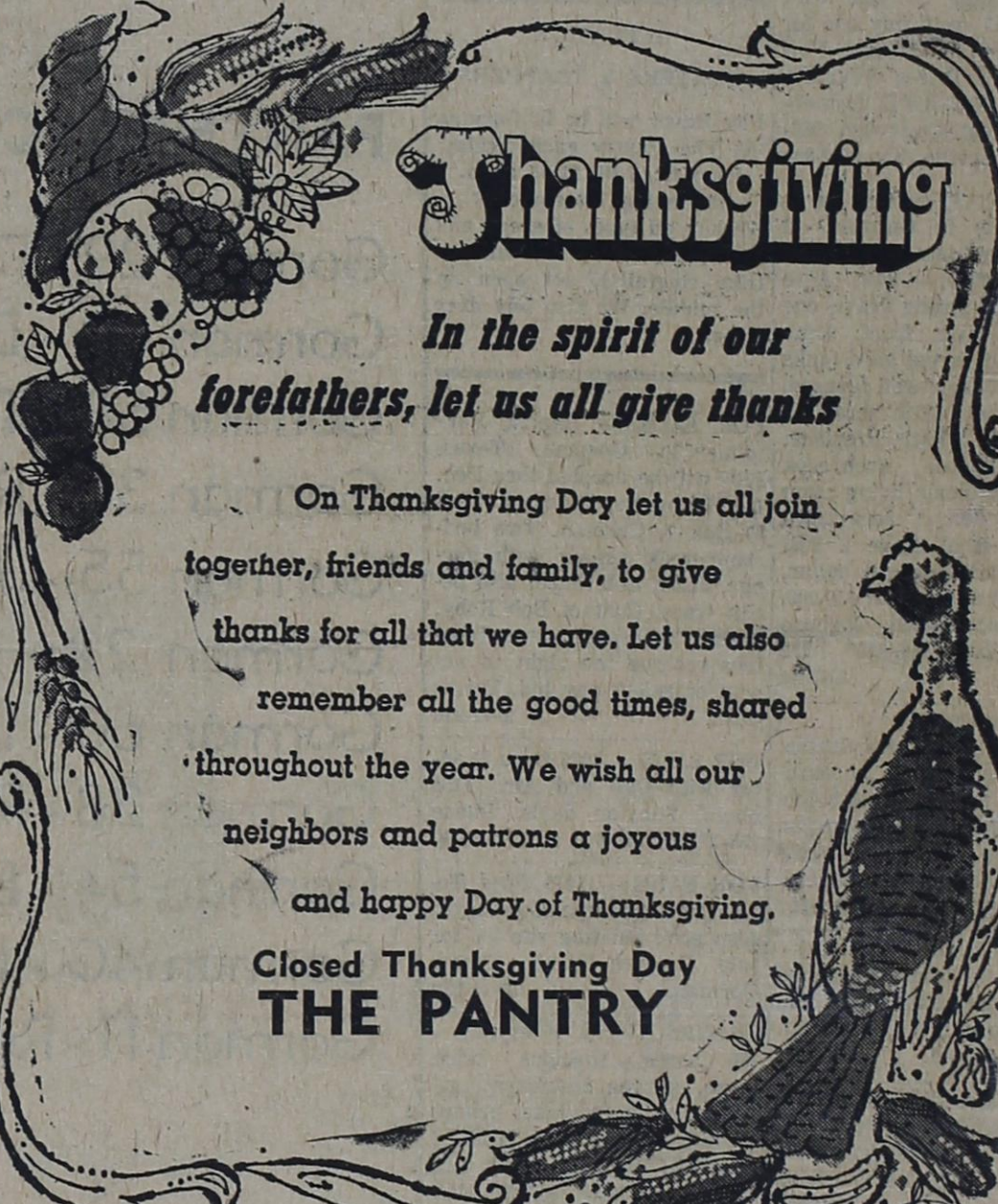
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**MILK GOAT** Strayed from my place northeast of Gorman on Saturday afternoon. Appreciate any information you might have. Roscoe Reeves, Jr., 734-2812. 1-11-26p

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Fur Buyer will be in Gorman at The Pantry each Monday from 3:15 till 3:45 p. m. Beginning December 6  
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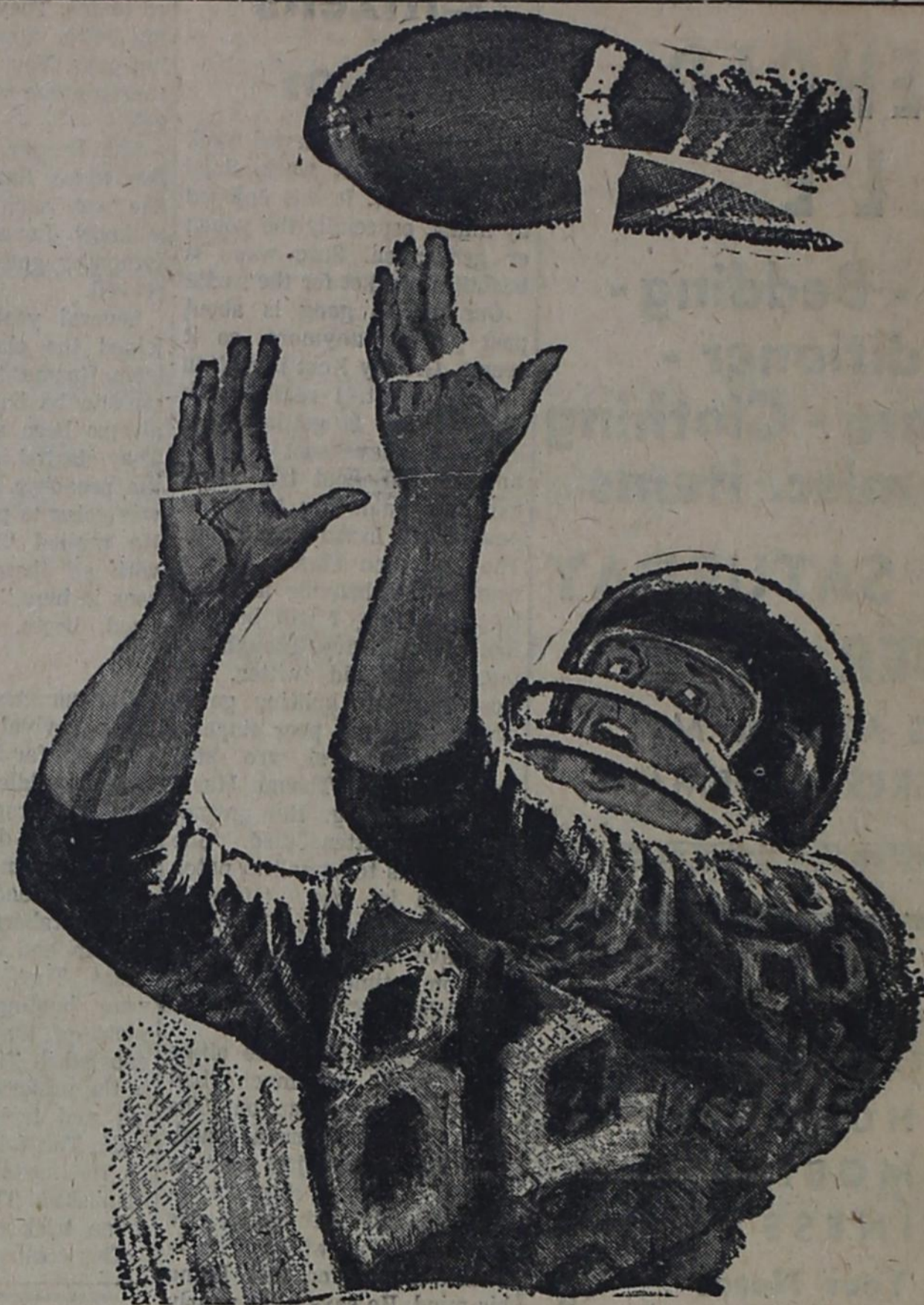
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At Midlothian Stadium



## PANTHER SCHEDULE

- Gorman 29 - De Leon 8
- Gorman 52 - Dublin 0
- Gorman 58 - Trk'mtn 0
- Gorman 30 - Ranger 6
- Gorman 55 - Millsap 6
- Gorman 22 - Evant 14
- Gorman 60 - Lometa 6
- Gorman 28 - Ris. Star 0
- Gorman 54 - Blanket 0
- Gorman 40 - Eden 6
- Gorman 11 - Roches'tr 6

## PANTHERS

No.	Name	Pos	Wt.
10	Steve Keith	B	156
11	Mel Maxfield	B	171
12	Jack Jackson	B	185
20	Timothy Swanner	B	150
22	Ricky Townley	B	100
23	Blaine Gibbs	B	149
31	Steve Watson	E	105
33	Ron Roby	B	138
40	Billy Burgess	B	160
44	Larry Keith	B	140
45	Marty Carr	B	146
51	Doug Warren	C	225
85	Jeff Bowling	C	146
60	Clifford Lewis	G	160
62	Riley Curb	G	120
63	Charles White	T	213
66	Chuck Troutman	T	235
70	Stacy Webb	G	205
75	Ed Cox	T	183
76	Randy Laminack	T	161
77	Bobby Jay	G	155
80	Randy Barnes	E	145
81	Jamie Snider	E	120
84	Revise Laminack	E	150
86	Randy Seaton	E	138
88	Ricky Troutman	B	142

## Coaches:

- Allan Gibbs and Dail Ables
- Superintendent:  
G. W. Maxfield
- Principal: Bill Sandlin
- Band Director:  
Tim Falls
- Cheerleaders:  
Head - Deliah Eaves  
Donna Lewis  
Cheri Overstreet  
Kelly Mauney  
Carla Good  
Mascot: Cheryl Arnold
- Twirlers:  
Jo Rogers  
Melinda Harrington  
Darla Good  
Drum Major:  
Vonne Rodgers

## CUB SCHEDULE

- Evant 8 - Gorman 0
- Lometa 19 - Gorman 14
- Ris Star 36 - Gorman 20
- Blanket 38 - Gorman 12
- Evant 12 - Gorman 0
- Lometa 48 - G'man 20
- Ris. Star 24 - G'man 12
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### The Scriptures Speak

"And The Lord Added" "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." - Acts 2:47.

With one phrase and one sentence Luke has recorded both the general attitude that existed within the church immediately following its establishment on Pentecost and the one way that entrance into it is achieved. Clearly and simply, "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Unlike the elaborate, formal and sometimes complicated ritualism associated with a person "joining" a denomination today, entrance into the church of our Lord is simply the result of penitent believers submitting their wills to the Lord's will by being baptized "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

The expression "the Lord added" explains how one becomes a member of the church for which our Saviour died. The word "added" is derived from a Greek term that means "to add," "join to" or "gather with" a company one's followers. What Luke is teaching here is that Christ took those who had rendered obedience to His commandments and joined or added them to the saved.

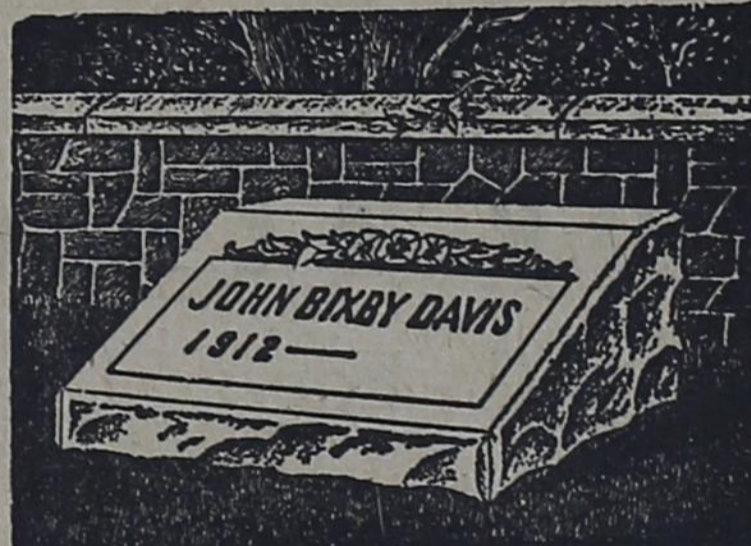
How does the principle stated here relate to the idea that a person may "join the church of his choice?" First of all, man does not have a "choice" because our Lord died for only one church (Matt. 16:13-19). Second, man cannot "join" the church because Christ adds him to His church. Luke has recorded: "Then they that gladly received his (the gospel proclaimed by Peter) word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). Later, in verse 47, we learn: "And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47-NASV).

The generally held view that one may "join" the church is foreign to New Testament teaching. A person enters the spiritual kingdom of God, the church, by being "born of the water and of the Spirit" (John 3:5). In no other way is one a fellow citizen "with the saints, and of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19). In no other way is one a member of the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:12-13).



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### School Hill News

By Mrs. Bill Riddell

Connie Armstrong of Highland, Verita Rice, Valeria Brown, Merle Jo Parks and Dorothy Bays, all of Lingleville and Patsy Moon spent Wednesday in Fort Worth doing some shopping.

Bill, Oma Lee, Leslie and Tena Riddell visited Wednesday night with Giff, Linda, Cody and Corey Johnson, Glad to see Corey doing so well after his tonsillectomy.

Dick Baker of Durango, Colo. has been visiting this week with J. C. and Patsy Moon and family. He has also visited with Tommy and Valeria Brown and sons. He was on his way back from New Orleans where he had visited his son.

L. A. and Tena Marchman of Lingleville visited Wednesday with Giff and Linda Johnson. Sorry to hear L. A. had had a wreck. Hope you're feeling better, L. A.

Patsy and J. C. Moon and family visited Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tom-

my Brown and family. Visitors with us this week were Bill Greer, Danny Prater Jimmy Herrell and son, Dr. Joe Robert Pate and Jan, all of Dublin, Jack Blackwell of Ranger, Bill Sills and Robert Goodson of Mansfield, and Gene Grimshaw of Kokomo.

Our little Junior High ball team at Lingleville have won second place at this writing on Saturday morning in the Huckabay Tournament. We go back tonight for first place hopefully.

Bill Wilson, Minister Church of Christ Next Time: "God Sent Forth His Son."

### News

Mrs. Ruby Bennett and Mrs. Louis Pool visited Thursday in Cleburne with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. David Goodwin of Paducah spent the weekend with their parents, Mrs. Vera Goodwin and Mrs. O. C. Gregory, and with Mr. and Mrs. James Mears.

### BAPTIST YOUTH PLAN THANKSGIVING PARTY

A Thanksgiving Party will be held at the First Baptist Church on Saturday at 6:30 p. m. on November 27th for all junior high and senior high school students and college students.

Marty Carr will be guest speaker and Rev. Bob Roby will sponsor the event.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

my Brown and family.

Wanda Patterson of Gorman visited Saturday with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Moon.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with Section 43(a) of Article 1446c V.A.T.C.S., hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial consumers in the City of Gorman effective December 27, 1976.

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 23.69 percent increase in the Company's gross revenues in the City of Gorman.

A Statement of intent has been filed with the City of Gorman and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at Kent St., Gorman, Texas

### Lone Star Gas Company

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Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with Section 43(a) of Article 1446c V.A.T.C.S., hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the industrial consumers in the City of Gorman effective December 30, 1976.

It is anticipated that the increased cost of service under Schedule of Industrial Rates-N, Rate Schedule For Public Free Schools-N and Schedule For Industrial Rates-N for Agencies of the State or Federal Government will result in -0- additional annual revenue to Lone Star Gas Company in the City of Gorman.

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**Midlothian Bank To Host After-Game Reception**

Gene Rodgers of the First National Bank of Midlothian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers of Kokomo, and former bank executive here, called the Progress office on Monday morning and stated that the bank has made plans for an "After Game Reception" to be held at the bank in Midlothian for all the fans.

There will be refreshments, etc. for everyone.

Gene stated that this would be a good break for the fans before starting their return trip to Gorman Friday night. He sincerely urged everyone to attend and sent his best wishes to the Gorman Panthers for a win.

This is a very fine gesture, Gene, and we hope that all the fans will take advantage of this fine community-spirited effort by Gene and all the personnel at the bank.

—GP—

**Bill Collum Wins 5-Day Trip**

DES MOINES, IOWA — Bill Collum of Desdemona, an assistant state manager for Triple "F" Feeds, has won a 5-day, all-expense trip to Nashville, Tenn., in a national sales contest sponsored by the company.

While in Nashville, the Triple "F" winners will visit the Country Music Hall of Fame, take tours of the city and attend a Saturday night performance of the Grand Ole Opry.

Collum won the trip with "an outstanding sales increase in his territory over the previous year," according to Triple "F" headquarters here.

**SERVICES FOR ERSIA MURRAY ON MONDAY**

Mrs. R. B. (Ersia) Murray, 75, of Eastland, formerly of Carbon, was found dead at her home at 8 a. m. Sunday, November 21, 1976. Death was due to natural causes.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Monday in the Carbon Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Delbert Smith officiating. Burial was in Murray Memorial Cemetery in Carbon under the direction of Bakker Funeral Home.

Born January 10, 1903, in Comanche County, she married the Rev. R. B. Murray Aug. 22, 1923 in Hamlin. She is a former resident of Blackwell, Lamesa, Colorado City, Paint Rock and Big Spring, where her husband pastored Baptist Churches. He died in 1974. She had lived in Carbon from 1965 until moving to Eastland a few months ago.

Survivors include three brothers, O. J., W. W. and W. B. Nowlin, all of Fort Worth; three sisters, Mrs. O. C. Payne of Carbon, Mrs. J. C. Phillips of Lamesa, and Betty Fairburn of Grand Saline; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Sandlin, Lynn Hagen, Harold Keith, Fred Tucker, Charles Morgan and Brawner Files.

—GP—

**CARD OF THANKS**

Jerry and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who were so nice to Cheri last Tuesday after her accident. To the ones who were so nice to her at the scene of the accident, the ones who called and came to the hospital. A special thanks to Kim and Robert. Thank you so much, Jerry, Betty Jo and Cheri

**Lone Star Files For Rate Increase**

Gorman, Nov. 19 — Lone Star Gas Company's manager, W. L. Simmel, today filed an application for a rate increase to provide the company on 8 percent rate of return.

Simmel said Lone Star's distribution system serving Gorman earned a minus 3.4 percent rate of return in 1975 and that \$23,232 is required to correct the utility's revenue deficiency. He explained that Lone Star has experienced increased costs of operation due to the current inflation, and unrecovered costs of purchased gas which substantially eroded utility earnings.

In June of last year, the Railroad Commission authorized Lone Star to recover 85 percent of its increase in the average cost of gas (above a base of 72 cents) from residential and commercial deliveries at the city gate. During the fourteen months ended August, 1976, Lone Star had unrecovered gas costs of \$14.2 million for gas delivered at the city gate for residential and commercial customers.

"These costs result from the rapidly rising gas prices during the last few years. For example, our average cost of gas climbed from 18c per thousand cubic feet in 1971 to \$1.03 in June of this year, a 472 percent increase. Utility earnings declined from \$23.3 million in 1971 to \$13.1 million in 1975, or 44 percent," Simmel said.

The company's application would raise the average resi-

**Jessie W. Bowles Laid To Rest On Tuesday**

Jessie W. Bowles of Andrews died at his home Saturday, November 13, 1976.

He was born in Eastland County November 17, 1916 and married Evelyn Hamm March 8, 1947 in Fort Worth.

He was employed by Carl Ham Well Service and was a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. in Singleton Funeral Chapel with Rev. Carl Grisham officiating. Graveside rites were held at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday, 16th, in Mt. Olive Cemetery in Fort Worth with Dr. Joe Trull officiating. His father, Jep Bowles of Desdemona, preceded him in death in 1968.

Survivors are his wife, Evelyn of Andrews; a daughter, Mrs. Larry Starleta Loudermilk of Garland; his mother, Mrs. Katie Bowles of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Arbilla Thompson of Hamilton, and a brother, J. T. Bowles of Abilene.

—GP—

**LOCAL NEWS**

Mrs. Geneva Bailey, Mrs. Bonnie Witt and Mrs. Izetta Blackshear spent the weekend in Clinton, Okla. with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lee Bailey.

Weekend visitors with Mrs. R. C. Dennis were her son, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hamilton. Doyle Lynn Clark of Comfort attended the Bi-District football game in Eastland Friday night and visited with his

**Local Men Qualify to Teach Defensive Driving Course**

Charlie Garrett and James Peppers of Gorman attended a Defensive Driving Course in Cisco last week at which time they also took the training for the teaching of the course. The course was the National Safety Course for Defensive Driving and was sponsored by the National AARP/NRTA from Washington, D. C. Charlie and James are now both qualified to teach the AARP/NRTA course when called upon to do so.

Application has been made to offer the course in Gorman the latter part of January. It will be open to anyone who wishes to take it. When the date has been confirmed and arrangements made, full details will be given. This is a real good course to bring drivers up to date on defensive driving practices and as a side effect, it allows a discount on automobile insurance. Watch the paper and listen to the radio for further announcements about the course.

Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rodgers and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Clark and family. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Clark and Jeffery of Fort Worth were also weekend visitors with the Clarks and her grand mother, Mrs. Roy Parker.

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