

A Kohoma Paedeker

Randy Green & Deliah Eaves
"It is not on any map; real places never are."
— N. Melville (Moby Dick)

Anyone with the chutzpah to start an account of a small Texas agricultural community with a quotation like that can probably be forgiven whatever other excesses may creep in. But the fact remains that while there is a Kokomo Church and a Kokomo Community Center, there has not been for many years a Kokomo Postoffice — thus leaving the people here to draw their own maps of the mind to establish their own identity by whatever means present themselves.

The coming into being of a community, like that of a nation, characteristically predates its christening. Thus in the 1880's Kokomo had no official name, but the process of growth was already beginning. Oak log houses were scattered across the country side. Fences were of rock, or rails and brush or of nothing: there was much open range.

The Eastland County rural school districts were established in 1883. The first of them in what is now Kokomo was called the Nash Creek School



HULLS

A HULL OF A NOTE
Kernel Gene (Retired)

"Blessed are old publishers who are allowed to continue working after being retired.

Regret the circumstances which have put me back in the saddle (so to speak) but am happy that I can assist Estelle and Lonnie while Joe is convalescing from his tragic accident.

Who said our Supreme Court is leaning more and more to sadistic and non-religious, and perhaps a bit commy too? If they are couldn't our ton do something about it. If not, why not?

Are we becoming over-stuffed and indifferent to our heritage — are "golden idols" beginning to replace our God? Television is fine and one sees many wonders of the world on the silver screen — however — seem to note more and more dirt and filth in many of TV shows — and shifting the dial doesn't seem to help. Am thankful there are still good books to read. This filth can continue as long as you and I patronize the advertisers who sponsor these shows.

Understand the Pete Ramseys have moved to Eastland. The Ramseys and their two daughters will always be remembered as active in all civic, church and school affairs and were always ready to assist when called upon. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

From all reports we have had about five to six inches of rain in this area within the past week. I trust we will give thanks accordingly.

Prewitts Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Prewitt of Gorman are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 15, 1926 in Eastland, Texas. Mr. Prewitt worked for the Sinclair Oil Co. until his

Rites Held for Thomas Key, Sr.

BRADY — Thomas A. Key Sr., 70, of Brady died July 9, 1976 in Sheppard Memorial Hospital in Burnet. Services were held Sunday at Wilkerson Memorial Chapel.

Henry McBroom, minister of Fourth and Bridge Church of Christ, officiated. Graveside services were held in the Gorman Cemetery.

Born March 22, 1906, in Coryell County, he married Treva Whitcock Aug. 25, 1948, in Fort Worth. He had lived in McCulloch County 28 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Thomas A. of Seminole, Okla., Ernest and Larry both of Greenville, and Mike of San Angelo; two daughters, Nita Mohan of Garland and Sharon Sparks of Mesquite; a sister, Jewel Hallmark of Desdemona, and 11 grandchildren.

District No. 1. The only problem was that there seemed to have been no children to attend school. A school site was deeded by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Simpson in 1886, a short distance west of the Simpson Cemetery. A one-room log structure was built; it served until 1889 when four acres were deeded to the county for school purposes by Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Comer. At this time a new frame building was erected. It was perhaps typical of the schools of that period, as would have been indeed, almost any that could have been selected. It had a blackboard, a rostrum for the teacher's use, a wood-burning stove, double desks for older students and wooden benches for the younger ones, and recitation benches.

An extra room was added to the school in 1907 when the name of the district was changed to Kokomo Rural School District; in 1910 the entire building was remodeled. It was consolidated with Carbon in 1942. Today the Kokomo Community Center stands on the site of the school.

Whence the name Kokomo? One may wonder from the 1907 title change. For the answer we must go back to 1893, when the same M. B. Comer, who later deeded school land to the county established a general store on the northwest corner of his land. In 1899 a post office was to be established in the Comer Store; most people felt the community should be called Comer, but they were informed by the Postmaster General that a postoffice by that name already existed. The name Kokomo was decided on instead, presumably after Kokomo, Ind.

Rural free delivery was extended to the community from Gorman in 1908, but the death of the postoffice did not spell the death of Kokomo itself. At its height Kokomo had a Methodist Church (whose pastor, Brother Chaney, commuted from the old Jewel community); two general stores; a cotton gin (which disappeared when peanuts became the dominant crop); a barber shop; a photo gallery; and a Baptist Church, along with other denominations met in the school building, as well as in brush arbors and a tabernacle (built in 1938). There were three doctors and a veterinarian.

Alas, all this did not last — could not, as America became

more and more a nation of cities. The reaper of urbanization swung his scythe, and the businesses of Kokomo fell one by one, the harvest of time and change. But even though Kokomo as a town died, the minds of the people changed little. They were always rural people, and they have remained so. Independent-minded they nonetheless felt and feel a deep sense of belonging to their community — a sense of the importance of Kokomo. This sense extends to their religion: though he later came to believe differently Brother J. W. O'Neal remembers as a youngster, "I thought that God was only in Kokomo."

Do they assign too much importance to their community? An outsider might say yes. But remember that everything is relative. Kokomo is important to the people of Kokomo: to them it is vital, for it is themselves. Any community, but more particularly a rural community, is the sum and more than the sum of its people.

POSTSCRIPT — Gray, dear friend, is all theory. And green is life's golden tree. — Goethe, (Faust)

The children when they grow up, do not always stay. Perhaps they will stay less and less; perhaps they will return. This determine, surely, the fate of Kokomo in the long run.

Is Kokomo alive? Certainly. Will it continue to be alive? That is problematical. If the small town seems to be dying in America, the rural community is in even greater danger. It may well be that places like Kokomo will be absorbed into the larger stream of things, gradually losing their individuality as places, their identity.

Or perhaps not. The future is not exactly hopeful, but it is not altogether unhelpful, either. A community is its people; hope endures while life does. Do not weep for Kokomo yet. Perhaps as Martin Luther King said (speaking of something rather different), we shall overcome. Perhaps Kokomo will grace Eastland County for another ninety years at least. It is to be hoped so.

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DID YOU KNOW

The following was contributed by Robbie Robertson. He said, "If we have missed any or gotten any wrong, it's because we don't know them."

Get with it good people this will be your conversation in Gorman in 1980.

A football field is 90 meters long?

Standard typing paper is 210 millimeters by 280?

New to Washington is 361 kilometers?

The national speed limit is 88 kilometers per hour?

New TV screens will be 55 centimeters tall?

The ideal female model measures 105-85-100?

"Twiggy" was only 78-53-81 centimeters?

Average American female is 92-62-92?

Empire State Building is 381 meters tall?

Babies are considered healthy weighing from 2.5 to 4.5 kilograms?

How about 28 grams of prevention is worth .454 kilograms of cure?

A steak in the store will average \$5.00 a kilo?

Frying pans will sell from 10-25 centimeters in size?

Letters to mailed cost 13¢ for 30 grams or less?

One cup of water weighs 250 millimeters?

A coke will weigh about 60 millimeters?

Hottest day in Gorman would be 43 degrees Centigrade?

Your average body temperature is 37 degrees Centigrade?

A metric ton is 205 tons more than a ton?

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Rites Held for Rufus S. Carr

STEPHENSVILLE — Rufus S. Carr 80, of Stephenville, died Wednesday, July 7, 1976 in the Stephenville hospital. Services were held Friday at the Stephenville Home Chapel. The Rev. Emil Becker, officiated. Burial was in Victor Cemetery.

Born Dec 24, 1895, at Desdemona, he married Leona Hooper there Dec. 24, 1916. He was a Methodist and retired farmer. Mr. Carr had lived in

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Stanton E. of Ranger and Henry F. of Fairfield; five daughters, Wanda Lightfoot of Dallas, Naomi Lance of Anahem, Calif., Lillian Shook of Robert Lee, Lera Mae Doggett, Greenbriar, Ark., and Jean Landreth, Abilene; two brothers, Oscar Carr of Gorman and Herman Carr, Breckenridge; two sisters, Pennie Merrick, Gainesville and Mary Chaney of Ranger, 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

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"JESUS WALKS ON LIFE'S SEA"

By: Mrs. Lena Jones

Oft when life's billows toss and roll,

Threatning to overwhelm the soul —

I cry and find my Savior still walks on life's sea!

Though the dark waves are raging high —

I find my Lord is ever nigh!

Stilling the 'tempests' as He did in Galilee.

O brother, let thy faith not fail;

Jesus still calms the waves and gale;

And 'from the hill' He's watching, as in Galilee.

He knows the sin that would enthrall;

He now is listening for thy call —

How good to know our Savior still 'walks on the sea'!

When burdened sore with grief or pain;

When Satan would thy soul enchain;

Never forget thy Lord is still 'walking life's sea'!

Though friends and loved ones seem to fail,

Thy cry to Him will yet avail —

For He is listening and will hear thy every plea.

O thou poor soul (bowed down with sin) —

Open thine heart and let Him in!

Jesus is still the One who walked on blue Galilee!

He will forgive and make thee whole,

Bear every burden of thy soul —

He still has power to calm the 'waves' on life's stormy sea!

Though our poor feeble bark may roll —

We know He careth for the soul —

He is our 'Pilot at the helm' on life's stormy sea!

Though fierce and dark may be the way —

We know He guideth day by day —

Each trusting soul shall know His 'peace' eternally!

Mrs. Lena Jones of Gorman is one senior citizen that uses her talents to bring joy to those about her. The following poem written by Mrs. Jones was read at the June 23 services conducted by Rev. Joe O'Neal at Lawndale. Mrs. Jones husband is a resident of Lawndale Home.

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RAINS BOOST HARVEST POTENTIAL IN AREA

Unseasonable showers and cooler temperatures blanketed much of the Gorman and Eastland County area the past few days. From three to six inches of rain have been reported. This is a big boost to panuts, and feed grains as well as grass land in the area plus garden, lawns and tanks,

Rural Hospitals To Provide New Ser.

Twenty-two rural area hospitals across Texas will begin furnishing extended nursing care type services to Medicare patients in July as part of a Social Security Administration pilot project in cooperation with the Texas Department of Health Resources and the Texas Department of Welfare. Acting as coordinator will be the Texas Hospital Association, announced O. Ray Hurst, CAE, president of the Austin based association. Project are: Blackwell Hospital, Gorman, Albany, Archer City, Anson, Buna, Kuntze, Pearsall, Yorktown, Grapeland, Hico, Floresville, Hondo, Bas trop, Big Lake, Breckenridge, Burnet, 2 hospitals in Cameron, Canadian, Hubbard, John son City, and Shiner.

"All of the hospitals involved have less than 100 beds," said Hurst, "and are experiencing lower than ideal occupancy due to such things as population changes and improved transportation. Yet, there is a demand in these rural areas for high quality long-term nursing care, the hospitals should be able to increase their utilization of facilities and personnel. This in turn could help contain rising health care costs."

Hurst went on to say, "In our discussions with the administrators of the involved hospitals, each has assured us that their hospital will continue to maintain a high level of service and care to all of their patients."

By the time the project is completed in 1978, some 40 Texas hospitals will be involved.

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The Scriptures Speak

"No Condemnation In Christ, Jesus"

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" - Rom. 8:1.

Described in this important verse is the happy condition of "them which are in Christ Jesus". Because Christ died to bring deliverance from the bondage of sin to every obedient believer, we can joyously exclaim with Paul, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

Along with the promise of freedom from condemnation, Paul revealed the state where such freedom is enjoyed, namely, "in Christ Jesus". Next he declared that walking "not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" is the condition to the promise of "no condemnation".

What must one do to get "in Christ Jesus" where there is "now no condemnation?" To answer this question we make reference to another epistle written by this same inspired apostle to the Saints in Galatia Paul wrote, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you that have been baptized INTO Christ have put ON Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond or free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one IN CHRIST JESUS" (Gal. 3:26-28). The answer than is obvious. One gets "in Christ Jesus" by being baptized "into Jesus Christ" (Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Pet. 3:20-21; Acts 2:38).

We must remember the promise of "no condemnation" has reference of our being delivered from FORMER condemnation. As to whether or not we may again come into condemnation is not the matter under consideration in this passage. Any attempt at trying to make Paul's language apply to something other than the fact that the person who has come into Christ is free from his former condemnation is doing violence to the Apostle's line of reasoning. Hence we conclude that having freedom from former condemnation-falling again into condemna-

Senior Citizens

My what wonderful showers we have had this past week end. We should not forget to thank the "Giver of those rains" They are so helpful for the dry fields and pastures.

We played 84 for a minute and a few seconds last week. Just too decrepit I believe. Big Foot had to rest and eat. Of course he has to help Mama with cooking, mopping and gardening. Kent is just about slaved out; too much helping the ones better off than she is. She even has Mae worried very much now. I do not have time to worry. Helping can, put in freezer, work in garden, house, etc. My boss says I can rest at night or at the dinner table.

My! What a wonderful Bicentennial last week (the 4th) our county really stood high in the world. It is such a grand county and what it stands for. Long may She live.

Well, this week I celebrate my four-score years. I'm afraid that I will never make that century mark. My what a change in my life time. In early childhood I planted cotton, corn and feed with a one horse wooden planter, plowed with a one horse Georgia stock three times to a middle. I remember that in 1911 I started planting with a walking four plow cultivator. That was progress. Just one trip to each row. I learned to shove each row very close, to save a lot of hoeing. In those days it was just work, work. Not like today. We would just go to Staff for groceries etc. Go to Gorman or Eastland every few months

Sure hated to hear of Joe and his wife's accident. Stay in there and fight it for we want you to keep on with the Lord be with you in your trying times

The Reaper called Russ Burleson to his final resting place. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved. He always had something to say. We were always kidding each other. Remember someone else name is on the next page of time.

We are doing fine in our open air conditioned office. The same bunch of crooks, thieves and rattle rousers.

Coffe Pot is as quite as usual. Tennessee is still turtle fishing. Hickey says that Tennessee is the best. Doe is still thieving around. Mel can play those bones.

Cut that cut. Tho he can play those bones. His Dad can play nearly as good as he can. (Don't tell him Mel) We are so glad Bud is able to be with us. He can play so easy and quiet. Spectro can get riled so easy. It is fun to see him and Slim playing partners. Marcy and I are just side coaches. Tho I make 'so many mistakes M. Monroe is almost a Brownwood bird now. So we call him Brownie for short.

It is a shame that some of the young folks (maybe old ones too) are smoking and even trying to raise marijuana here in Gorman. Some are taking LSD what is the matter with people? Some are sniffing glue, etc. They do not seem to realize they are doing something that can injure their brain and body for life. For your own sake and the sake of your family and country, please stop. Think and refrain from this terrible thing.

Smile, as a smile will help you win. Remember the Sun is always shining behind the darkest clouds. So be prepared to greet it. Telp it shine in your life and all you come in contact with.

HONEST, REPORTER

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NEXT TIME: The Soul that Sineth."

CHURCH OF CHRIST

BILL WILSON, Minister

Joe & Maxine Bennett Injured in I-20 Crash

As most of you know by now, Joe and Maxine Bennett were injured in a multi-vehicle collision about 3 p. m. Friday July 9.

The accident occurred in the eastbound lane of Interstate 20 about eight miles east of Ranger.

Joe received a fractured neck, cuts and bruises. He is in the Ranger Hospital where he is to be fitted with a special brace on Tuesday and will be moved to Blackwell Hospital in a few days.

Maxine received a head injury, ankle and cuts and bruises. She was released from Ranger General Hospital Saturday.

The Bennetts and all of us are counting the blessings that Joe and Maxine escaped without more serious injuries, although Joe's injury is bad and he will be in the hospital for several weeks. Those who viewed the accidents say they are lucky to be alive.

Involved in the accident, during a light rain which continued throughout the evening were two cars, a pickup truck a travel van and two 18 wheel tractor trailer rigs. Initial reports from the scene said traffic was piled up for about four miles behind the accident scene.

Killed in the accident was Arthur Carroll, 46, of Snider. Mrs. Davis remains in critical condition in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Their daughter, who was thrown from the vehicle in the mishap, was treated and released for minor injuries.

The Bennetts were the only occupants of a car in the eastbound lane of I-20 at the time of the accident.

Joe had cleared the wreckage scene and was hit from behind by an 18-wheeler rig. His 1975 Chevrolet Pickup was demolished.

Others injured in the accident were Bill Everett of Ft. Worth; Mrs. John Fowler of Burleson; Mr. Fowler was not injured in the smash up.

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We, at the Progress office, are grateful for the many offers of help and assistance to get the paper out this week.

Mr. H. V. O'Grian, Publisher of the Eastland County News papers and Red Collins, editor of The Ranger Times, have offered to assist in any way possible. We are grateful for this friendly gesture and may have to calling on them.

Gene Baker, former publisher of the Progress, found out he could still set type and is handling this week's paper.

Lonnie and Joetta Bennett are working very hard to take their father's place and are doing a good job.

So many other people have offered to help we are humbly grateful and makes us realize more and more we live in the best community on earth.

We ask for your prayers for Joe's recovery and patience with all of us at the Progress office as we strive to carry on. With all of us doubling up and doing a little extra we hope to continue with the same kind of service our customers have been accustomed too and deserve.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the public meeting of the Board of Equalization, South Eastland County Hospital District will be held at the Blackwell Hospital, 438 W. Roosevelt, Gorman, Texas between the hours of 1:00 to 4:00 p. m. Saturday, July 24, 1976 for the purpose of hearing any appeals concerning the assessed valuation of property within the district. Nina Leonard, Tax Assessor-Collector

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Leon Homecoming will be held Sunday, July 18, at the Fire Hall in Gorman. Bring basket lunch and visit old friends and make new ones. Velma Rawls, Secy.

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The City Commission will meet Thursday, July 15 at 8 a. m.

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Singing at Rock Bluff will be held Saturday, July 17.

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Singing at the Congregational Methodist Church, Sunday July 18, 1:30 p. m.

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All Trophy Play Day will be held Sunday, July 18 at the Gorman Roping Arena. Events begin at 2 p. m.

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Trophies will be awarded for six places and All-around Trophy awarded in each age group.

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Jackpot roping will be held following the play day event.

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The Swimming Pool will be open on Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 9 p. m. beginning July 13 and 15 and continuing this schedule through the summer months.

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Open House at the new home of the Corky Browns will be held on July 16 from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. Come and go.

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The Food Stamp Representative will meet in the Gorman City Hall at 9:30 July 20th.

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Zelda Jordan

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

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REAL ESTATE - 320 A. Pastureland, 60 Coastal, Deer, near pavement \$325. A - 100 A All Coastal and Love Grass real good fences, 3 tanks, filter water tap, N. W. Gorman. \$375 A.; \$18,000 Loan - 100 A., 1/2 Cult., 29 peanuts, pavement, 1 well, \$450 A. - 154 A. Most all improved grass, good 1,000 bale barn, Spring Branch 4 tanks, near Carbon. \$425 A. 2 1/2 down. Cogburn Realty, 893-6666, De Leon. 2-19fnc

TIRE RECAPING SERVICE Now Available At GORMAN GULF STATION 734-2515 Gorman

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GIANT 3 family yard sale - One day only, Friday, July 16, at the Alton Wright home. Second house east of Gorman Cemetery. Antiques, camping equip., golf clubs, bed spreads quilts, house hold items, etc. Antique dealers welcome. 734-2856 1-7-15c

NEED YOUR TREES SPRAYED? - Also termites, Ants, Roaches, Fleas, etc. Call 356-3625 Comanche. B & J Exterminating Service

FOR SALE or TRADE - For larger car, 1973 Ford Pinto Sta. Wagon 2,000 CC Engine, 4-speed transmission, luggage rack, radio, heater, air cond. 32,000 miles. Phone 647-1019 Larry Campbell 2-7-22c

TOY SALE - Alfie Pino and his friends will hold a toy sale Friday, July 23 at the home of his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Canut.

WANT TO BUY - Girls used bicycle - Jean Grimshaw 639-2441 2-7-22c

FOR SALE Motor with 5x4 Irrigation Pump. Uses Propane Gas, like new. Sam Powers, Call 758-2675, Desdemona. 7-8-fnc

WANTED - Custom Hay Cutting and Baling. Phone 639-2568. 9-8-26p

FOR SALE - 23 Jewel Hamilton Pocket Watch. \$50.00. N. F. Bennett, Route 1, Gorman, 2-7-15p

FOR SALE - Chrome Dinette Set - 6 chairs - 2 leaves, \$35. Porta Bed, \$10. Phone 734-2573. C. L. Garrett. 2-7-15c

FRESH PEAS FOR SALE - Purple Hull Crowder Peas, \$3.50 per bushel and you pick 'em. Call Jerry Warren, Call 734-2897. 2-7-15c

DIET PROPERLY with Midland Pharnacal grapefruit diet plan and Aquavap "water pills." GORMAN PHARMACY Gorman. 6-8-5p

LOSE WEIGHT with New Shape Capsules and Hydrex Water Pills at GORMAN PHARMACY. 5-7-15p

HELP WANTED - Need an extra dish washer. Apply in person at Kountry Kitchen Cafe. 6-24fnc

FOR SALE - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, 1900 sq. ft. living space with fireplace, large den, carpeted throughout, built-in kitchen, 1 acre land, 12 bearing pecan trees, 5 bearing fruit trees. Cement cellar, nice location. Richard Arnold, 734-2014. 6-3fnc

SHAKLEE FOOD SUPPLEMENTS - See James Brown Gulf Station. 734-2515. 2-12fnc

FOR SALE OR TRADE - 5 Room House with Bath in Gorman. One block off Desdemona Hwy. 734-2751. 4-fnc

HELP WANTED - Waitress. Apply in person at Kountry Kitchen Cafe. 7-1fnc

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NOTICE - 8 Rolls Barbed Wire removed from my place recently. Will pay reward for information to its location. T. W. Pittman, Gorman. 2-7-8c

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KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

The Kokomo Community Club will meet at the Community Center, Monday night, July 19, at 8:30. All members are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome.

I want to say a great big "THANK YOU" to everyone for the prayers, visits, flowers, gifts, and all kindnesses shown to me and Glenn during my stay in the Blackwell Hospital last week. A special thanks to the doctors and entire hospital staff for the excellent care that I received.

May the Lord bless each of you in a special way is my prayer.

Zelda Jordan. Sorry I didn't get the news in last week but I had to have a few days rest. I suffered some chest pains on Sunday July 4, that required a few days in the hospital, but I am doing fine now.

The best news in the community this week is the good rains that we have received. Reports were from 2 to 3 inches. It fell so nice and slow that every drop was of the most benefit to our dry land. God is so good to us. I hope that everyone bowed their heads in a prayer of thanks to God for his goodness in sending the rain, and all our daily blessings.

BICENTENNIAL SERVICE A large crowd of members and guests attended the evening services at Kokomo Baptist Church Sunday night, July 11. Bro. and Mrs. Bob Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning, with Mrs. Claude Fuller at the piano, rendered the special music.

Bro. Watson then brought a message stressing God's blessing on America the past two hundred years, and our responsibilities as christians to live as God would have us live and do all we can to help preserve the freedom that we enjoy in this faith in God and following the worship service, all agjourned to the fellowship hall where freezers of homemade ice cream, cake and toppings were enjoyed by all. To add to the festive occasion many were dressed in early American style.

Hymns and patriotic songs were sung with Woodrow Growning leading and Mrs. Claude Fuller at the piano. Bro. Watson closed the bi-centennial fellowship with thankfulness and gratitude to live in a country where we can worship our Lord and enjoy the fellowship with one another in the freedom that we have in America.

The feddowship was planned by the social committee chairman, Mrs. Cullen Rodgers and Mrs. Alvia Lasater. The Young Adult Class of

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the Kokomo Baptist Church held services at the Lawdale Home in Gorman Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeely were a son, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McNeely and family of St. George, Utah, and daughter, Mrs. Coleen Harris, Karen and Michael of Lincoln, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilkes, Kerri, Kim, and Lisa of Houston and Mr. Gen Rollins of Bisbee, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Graham of Monohans spent their vacation here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Lutrell and Mr. and Mrs. F. Eaves and family.

Mrs. Jim Jordan underwent surgery in the Blackwell hospital on July 2 and returned home Saturday. She is doing fine. Among the visitors she had were Mr. Ben Rollins and



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Desdemona News

By: VONNIE GUTHERY

Remember Saturday, 17th is our monthly musical at the school. Plenty of sandwiches, pie and drinks. Visitors are WELCOME. Begins 7 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beaty of Goree visited her sister, Mrs. Nannie Guthery over the

Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds of Bisbee, Ariz. and Mr. and Mrs. Dud Lovel of Cloves N. M.,

Our congratulations to Mr. Jim Bennett for winning the \$350 jackpot at Thrift Mart in Eastland recently. The Bennett's grandson Craig of Big Spring is visiting with them at this time.

week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Koonce visited Mrs. Donna Koonce in Odessa over the weekend.

Mr. Tony Ash, a long time resident of our town was laid to rest Saturday in the Desdemona Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Abbie and this family.
Mr. Joe Merrill is a patient in De Leon Hospital.

We send our "Get Well Wishes" to both.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon White of Ale visited Mr. and Mrs. Pug Guthery Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Gee of Longview visited Mr. Neta Gee over the week end
Mr. and Mrs. Leon White of Azle visited Mr. and Mrs. Pug Guthery Friday.

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property within the District.

School Hill News

By Mrs. Bill Riddell

Am sorry I didn't get the news in last week due to our daughter, Tena, being very sick in the hospital. They sent to Fort Worth for blood for an impending surgery that didn't have to take place after all. Tena is doing much better at this writing.

Ruby, Giff and Linda Johnson and sons spent some time last week in Nashville, Tenn. They reported having a wonderful time.

Lexie Hogg returned home last Friday from the hospital following a motorcycle accident. Lexie is doing fine.

Renia Hoag spent last week in Dumas visiting her mother, Norma Pilgrim. Other visitors present were Claraleen and Keely Williams of Alaska.

Nancy Wise of Lingleville visited Tuesday morning with Patsy Moon.

Ralph and Aline Elston visited Sunday afternoon with Bill and Oma Lee Riddell and

Love Acres News

By Mrs. Will Haynes

Mrs. Minnie Myrl Cribbs returned on Wednesday from Crystal City where she has been visiting the Carruthers. Sammie Corley was in Austin over the week end on business.

Pam, Becky and Darlene Eaves of Midland, are visit-

ing Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sav-

age.

Mike Stillwell has been visiting friends, and also his grandparents in Ft. Worth.

Word has been received that Mrs. William Plaunty who underwent major surgery in Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene is doing fine and may get to come home Tuesday.

Mrs. Vicki Clark of Fort Worth, Mrs. E. H. Carleton of De Leon, Mrs. Johnny Gray of Duster and Mrs. Juanita Fuller of Kokomo visited Mrs. Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McFadden of Crane visited her and Mrs. Carl Perrin Sunday night.

Resayn and Evelyn Sosomoto of Virginia spent Wednesday with her Aunt and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perrin The Sosomotos were on their way to Tokyo, Japan where he will etach school.

CARBON NEWS

By VELMA HASTINGS

The best news this week is the wonderful rain that came during the weekend. We have heard reports of from two to four inches from Friday to Sunday. Everything is jumping including the grass.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mack Stubblefield. Tuesday were Rev. and Mrs. Melton Burnett of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Weston and daughter, Mrs. Billie Ann Weston of De Leon visited Jack Weston and family of Clovis, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Weston of Friona during the Fourth of July weekend.

Jimmy Weaver of Ft. Worth spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weaver also visiting on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cates of San Angelo.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rogers were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Huddleston and Marilyn of Joshua.

Mrs. Blanche McGaha of Morenci, Arizona visited relatives here and attend to business last week. Her father, Wayne Campbell of Azle visited here on Wednesday.

Misses Jean Anne Payne and Linda Turner of San Angelo spent the weekend with Mrs. Mabel Payne.

Mrs. Ersia Murray of Gorman visited friends and attended morning services at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Hausard of Austin spent the week end with Mrs. Bessie Morris and attended the morning service of the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Roger Petree, Sherry and Michael visited Roger Petree in Waco during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Eubank of Fort Worth visited Mrs. Della Bryant on Sunday.

Weekend visitors with Mrs. Pearl Snodgrass were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Murray of Midland, Michael Hagler of Birmingham, Alabama and Benny Shelley of Grand Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Weston attended the Brown family reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Roberson of Goldthwaite on Sunday.

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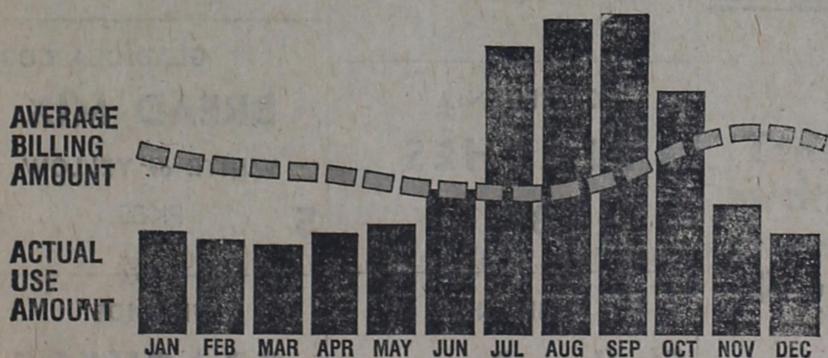
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