

## BANDITS BEING SOUGHT IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK HIEST NOV. 19



GET AWAY CAR? — Paul Murray, local city marshal, looking over the automobile believed to be the get-away car from the bank robbery here last Thursday. The car abandoned three miles northeast of Gorman on the Ranger highway.

Lawmen continue their search for bandits who robbed the First National Bank here Thursday, November 19 of \$3,970 in cash, two minutes before closing time. A late model Buick which may have been the escape car, was found three miles northeast of Gorman on the Ranger Highway shortly after the robbery. It had been reported stolen in Lubbock. The two robbers and possibly a third in a getaway car, match the description and used the same methods to rob banks at Bangs and Rising Star earlier this year, FBI officials said.

One bank official speculated one of the robbers could have been a woman.

The robbers carried .38 caliber pistols and wore beads, which may have been fake. "It only took ten minutes, but it seemed like an eternity," said Duran who was in a back office when the robbery began.

J. E. (Heppy) Jackson of Carbon, a customer at the time of the robbery, was the first to see the men approach the bank. "I saw them running across the street," said Jackson, "and told Teddy Jordan (a customer) that it looked like something was about to happen."

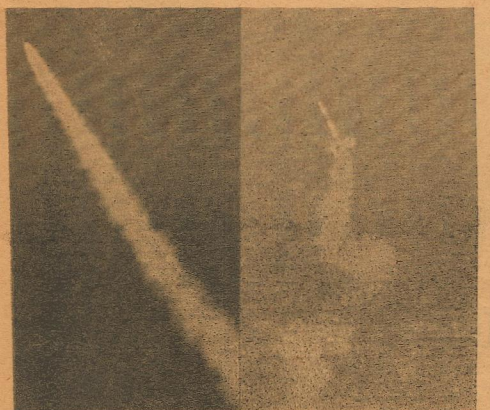
Mrs. Betty Henderson was the first employee to see them enter the bank, and even before seeing the guns, she said in a soft voice, "We've had it!"

"One of them was about five feet ten inches and weighed nearly 200 pounds," Duran said. "The other one was small, slight build, and never said a word throughout the robbery."

"The heavy one came into my office, waved his gun, and told me and the two men in my office to get up and go to the front," Duran stated.

When the heavy set man entered the bank, he ordered Mrs. Henderson to lock the door and close the shades. He then moved all employees and customers to the wall, and ordered them to put their hands on the wall before going to the bank office for Duran and two customers, J. O. Jackson, Jr. and Elmo Letbetter.

"When all the people were against the wall," said Mrs. Henderson, "the heavy set one forced Rodney Stephens (vice president)



If you saw vertical trails of white smoke or small brightly decorated parachutes floating to the ground Thursday morning, you weren't just seeing "things". This was the climax to Joe Neill's science class who have been working on model rockets and their design for about a week and a half as a class project.

These rockets are made completely from balsa and cardboard for safety and are powered by solid fuel engines, some up to 7 pounds of thrust. Only solid fuel engines are used, no liquid fuel.

One launch carried a cricket aloft and upon parachuting back to earth was released. He seemed no worse for the trip of some thousand feet into the air.

The speed of the rockets approach 300 mph, with burn time about 5 seconds.

## Carbon-Cranfills Gap Bi-district Tilt Slated at Comanche

The Carbon Wolverines will play Cranfills Gap in a bi-district football game on Friday night, November 27th in Comanche at 7:30 p. m.

Carbon is undefeated with a 10-0 season record and Cranfills Gap has an 8-2 mark.

## Seniors Announce Shoot Winners - - Plan Shoot Dec. 20

The Senior Class of Gorman High report a large turnout over their Turkey Shoot held Sunday.

There were seven events with 16 contestants in the 22 open: W. R. Edwards was first place winner in this division and Wesley Rogers second.

There were seven contestants in the 22 rifle scope division with W. R. Edwards again taking first place and Larry Bryant second.

In the high power rifle division 12 contestants competed with Carl Highsmith winning first and Lester Seaton taking second.

Eleven contestants entered the scope rifle contest with Nathan Files winning first and Lester Seaton second.

Bill Young won first place in the 22 pistol division and Larry Bryant second. Eight contestants entered this event.

in the 100 yard open rifle contest with eighteen entries, Danny Norris won first and Larry Bryant second.

The shot gun event drew the largest number of contestants with 42 participating. Lester Seaton won the first event, and Nathan Files the second. R. W. Duke won the third event, Kirk Arnold, fourth, Bobby Jay, fifth, Reggie Underwood, sixth, and Ray Barnes was winner of the seventh event.

The Senior Class express their appreciation to all those who came and participated in the events, and they invite everyone to attend the next Turkey Shoot to be held December 20 at the same place at 1:00 p. m.

Duran added: "I think when the telephone started ringing it shook them up, and they started rushing."

Stephens saw the heavy set man stuff the yellow money bags inside his coat and the other robber peeked out the side door, whispered something to the other, before leaving and told all in the bank "don't move for ten minutes."

Doyle Parker, one of the people in the bank, was working on the alarm system when the robbers entered. He was ordered off the floor and to the wall with the other captives.

"We've been open 50 years and never had a robbery," said Duran "but ever since the one in Rising Star, the employees have been talking about it. I guess they were right."

Employees in the Gorman bank at the time of the robbery were Duran, Stephens, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Dorothy Greenhaw, Miss Lannetta Rodgers, Mrs. Peggy Singleton and Mrs. Nina Leonard.

Customers were J. O. Jackson, Jr., J. E. Jackson (Carbon), Glenn Jordan his son, Teddy, A. D. Pittman, Elmo Letbetter and Doyle Parker.

Eastland County Deputy Sheriff J. D. Clements said the robbery "definitely seems like a professional job. It was well planned."

Federal officials and local lawmen continue the search for the robbers, and according to Dallas FBI man Harold Swanson "there's a lot of work to be done."

Emory Walton, Eastland County District Attorney, would like to interview anyone who might have seen strangers in the area of the parked car supposedly used as the get-away car, or around town prior to the robbery. Persons are asked to call him collect, 629-2678, Eastland.

## SCHOOL MENU

Following is the menu for the Gorman School Lunchroom for the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4.

Monday — Salmon croquets, gravy, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, and rice pudding.

Tuesday — Barbecue beef, potatoes, English peas, hot rolls and cake squares.

Wednesday — Pinto beans, corn cornbread, harvard beets, and fruit cobbler.

Thursday — Italian spaghetti, green beans, squash, hot rolls and banana pudding.

Friday — Bologna sandwiches, noodle soup, potato chips, Jello and cookies.

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## TEDDY UNDERWOOD FETED ON SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Ted Underwood honored her son, Teddy, on his 7th birthday with a party Saturday, November 21 at the Fire Hall.

Games and refreshments were enjoyed by all the children present for the happy occasion.

Those present were: Robin Broom, Beth and DeDe Rodgers, Donna Browning, Lylia Sue Mehaffey, Becky, Brenda and Lonnie Hull, Diane Jackson, Teresa Underwood, Melissa Warren, Curtis Warren, Bud Jeffs, Johnny Ervin, Scotty Mauney, John Bringer, Bobby and Steve Forrest, Bill Townley and Gene Hogan.

Mothers attending as guests were Mmes. Gene Hogan, Jim Rodgers, Don Hull, George Warren, Jerry Mehaffey, Miles Ervin, and Thelma Raspberry, grandmother.

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## SHELL 7-11 ANNOUNCE DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mann have announced the winners of the door prizes given at their grand opening of their new Shell 7-11 store and station held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Winners were David Grumbles, Kirk Arnold, Rachel Watson, Mr. E. E. Todd, Mrs. Albert Taylor and Charlene Self.

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## FINAL RITES FOR MRS. T. E. CLARK TUESDAY IN CISCO

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By virtue of the Act, every participant is entitled to this information. However, we are advised by legal counsel to refrain from this without first having the consent of the Attorney General. Therefore, we will not publish this information at this time, but we will be happy to furnish it to any participating grower upon his request. This information is available at this office, and is also in the file of each board member.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB NEWS

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The following were present: Newton and Double Six Bennett, Grace Skiles, Nola (Noisy) Underwood, Shorty and Curley Littlefield, Kate Allen, Judge Eula Caldwell, Honest and Bossy Bennett, Chattering Henderson, Denny Dietz, Mr. Bass, Hunting Kent, Speck and Bidder Greer, and Maxine Ellis, S.O.S. Chairman.

We meet Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 11 a. m. for a covered dish luncheon. Come and bring your possum, taters, ox tail soup and be with us then.

See you Tuesday.  
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## COFFEE IN HOME OF MRS. C. O. ALSABROOK HONORS MRS. T. E. JARMAN

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Mrs. Jarman has recently clerked as Credit Department Clerk at Leonard Brothers in Ft. Worth. Her husband, who was in the insulation business, was forced to retire several years ago when he suffered a heart attack.

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## GROVER PERRY LAID TO REST ON SATURDAY

Grover Cleveland Perry, 80, died at 5:10 a. m. Friday, November 20 in Blackwell Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lee Fields of Carbon officiating. Burial was in the Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mr. Perry was born July 14, 1890, in Yellville, Ark. He came to Texas in 1903 and had lived in Eastland County since then. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors are his wife, Frances Iva of Gorman; one son, Eulon of Gorman; one daughter, Mrs. Marvin (Waldene) Jones of Dublin; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Roland of Gorman, Garland and Elza, both of De Leon; and one step-brother, Homer Hampton of Stephenville.

Pallbearers were Shelby Frasier, Caze Frasier, Lofton Frasier, Arvel Barnett, Jack Mauney, and Homer Wood.

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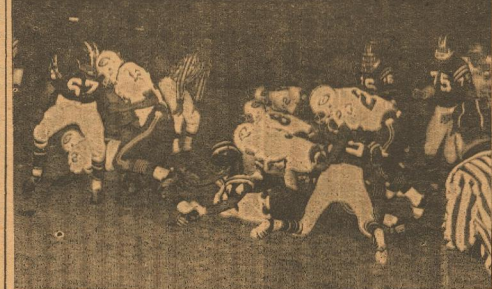
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## Panthers End Season With Loss To Meridian Jackets

Gorman	Meridian
15	First Downs 17
149	Yards Rushing 188
51	Yards Passing 51
6 of 21	Passes Comp. 4 of 9
0	Interceptions 0
1	Fumbles Lost 2
3 for 38	Punts, avg. 1 for 37
4 for 40	Penalties 7 for 55

The Gorman Panthers ended their 1970 football season at Meridian on Friday night and lost a very hard fought game by the margin of 14 to 6. The win gave the Meridian Yellowjackets the undisputed championship of district 17-B, which would have been in a three-way tie if the Panthers had beaten the Jackets.

The Jackets got on the board



MIGHTY TOUGH YARDS — Johnny Scitern (23) is shown being carried up into the air on a tough tackle after a short gain in Friday nights game at Meridian.



FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (left to right) seated: Reggie Underwood; Christie Duran (FFA Sweetheart), Wesley Rogers; standing: Wendell Treadway, Steve Stinnett and Terry Knott.



FFA CHAPTER OFFICERS — Members of the FFA Chapter recently elected officers are (left to right) seated: Reggie Underwood, president, Christie Duran, FFA Sweetheart; Wesley Rogers, vice-president; standing: Danny Snider, sentinel; Wendell Treadway, treasurer; Randy Wright, reporter; Steve Patterson, student council representative; and Chester Joiner, secretary.



Captain Billy E. Gregg (right) is decorated with his second award of the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Wheeler AFB, Hawaii by Brigadier General George J. Iannacito, Commander of the Pacific Air Force Command Communication Area.

(U. S. Air Force Photo)

WAIHAWA, Hawaii — Captain Billy E. Gregg, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Gregg, Gorman, Texas, has received his second award of the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Wheeler AFB, Hawaii.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhymes visited in Rising Star with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook.

first with 1:03 left in the first half. The Tigers got the ball on the Gorman 38 yard line and scored in 11 plays with Jimmy Sawyers hitting in the tackle spot for the final yard for the TD. The run for two points failed, giving Meridian a 6-0 halftime lead.

The Tigers added another tally late in the third period going 74 yards in 17 plays with Crawford scoring on a 28 yard pass. A pass to Hunter added the two pointer to make the score 14-0.

The Panthers came back on the next possession, taking the ball on their own 27 yard line and going the distance in 5 plays with Jackie Selman bursting up the middle for the final 5 yards with 10:45 left in the fourth period. The touchdown drive featured a 21 yard pass to Selman and an 18 yard run by Johnny Scitern.

A pass for two extra points fell incomplete and the score stood at 14-6.

The Panther had another try later in the period but were stopped at the Jacket 23 yard line.

The Big Red got the ball again with only seconds left in the game after recovering a fumble on the Tiger 32, but four long pass attempts fell incomplete and the season ended for the Panthers.

This was a good season for the Panthers with a 7-3 mark, especially after suffering the number of injuries they sustained.

Leading ground gainer for the evening was Johnny Scitern who picked up 110 yards on 19 carries for a 5.7 average. Bill Self had 24 yards of 8 trips for 3.0. Jackie Selman hit for 17 on 4 carries for 4.2. Wesley Rogers came up with 14 yard on 9 trips for 1.5, and Kelly Henderson had a -16 on 5 keeps, which included a 22 yard loss on a pass attempt.

The Panther defense did a good job of holding the big powerful Jacket runners, but just could not muster a sustained offense which was needed to control the ball and score enough points.

So, we will hang up the old clip board until next season when we will be waiting for the whistle to sound the start of another season. We wish the graduating Panthers the best of everything for the future.

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## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who sent flowers, brought food, sent cards or helped in any way during our recent sorrow over the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to the staff at Lawndale Home, the Blackwell Hospital and Higginbotham Funeral Home, Rev. Lee Fields understanding and the comforting words he gave us will be remembered always.

We have tried to send personal cards to each one, and if we have overlooked anyone, please accept this as our personal thanks.

The family of Grover Perry  
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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Meridian Yellow Jackets and the Richland Springs Coyotes will play a bi-district game on Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. at Meridian.

A bridal shower honoring Miss Frances Perez, bride-elect of Mr. Charles Leroy Rivers will be held at the Fire Hall from 2 to 4 p. m. Saturday, November 28th. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Gorman business houses will be closed all day Thursday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

## WANT-ADS

SEARCH OUT MILLIONS TO MILLIONS

### PRECISION SAW FILING

Saws re-toothed, hand, circle, band saws and power blades. Every tooth made uniform, accurate, and needle sharp on our Folly Automatic Saw Filer. Lawn Mower Repair Service - Tool sharpening of all kinds. Mail or bring your saws, lawnmowers and etc. to Capers Service Repair on N. Kent St. and Desdemona Hwy., Box 402, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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3 near as your nearest telephone \$3.00 service charge under 50 miles from Hamilton. Over 50 miles - 15c per mile. Telephone DU 6-3303 Haralton, Texas

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**FOR SALE** - My three bedroom home, 12 acres land with 30, 20-year-old paper shell pecan trees. Louis Roberts, 734-4595. 813fnc

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**GOODSON'S TRADING POST** Cotton-Innerspring Mattresses Box Springs, Foam Rubber Upholstery Fabrics, Drapery Fabrics, Furniture, Appliances 710 E. Central Comanche, Tex. 356-2138 David Goodson, Own. 7-16-fnc

**REAL ESTATE** listings wanted. Call 734-5807, Don Rodgers, Gorman. 4-30fnc

**REGISTERED NURSES**, interested in part-time employment. Blackwell Hospital needs three RN's for weekend duty, all shifts open. Premium salary. Apply Blackwell Hospital, Gorman, Texas 76454. 5-14fnc

**FOR SALE** - Just arrived - a new shipment of Portable Air Tanks. May be seen at Capers Service Welding, 3 blocks north of Hwy. 8 on Hwy. 8. Lonnie Capers. 3-20-fnc

**HELP WANTED** - Dish washer for evening shift at Bo's Brown Jug (2 to 10 p. m.). Apply in person. 8-20-fnc

**LADY KOSCOT COSMETICS** Jolene Eison, Beauty Consultant, Phone 734-5425 or select at Wyanogen's Sewing Shop. 10-1fnc

**MONUMENTS** - When in need of monument service, see or call Ethel Keith, Phone 2313, Desdemona, Texas. fnc

**FOR SALE** - Chrome dinette suite, antique dresser, chairs and bed springs and other household items. Mrs. W. E. Simmons, Call 734-5507. 10-15fnc

**FOR SALE** - 210 A. native pasture, good net fences, 2 tanks, creek, pecans \$135 A. \$14,000 loan - 160 A. 97 peanuts, 48 grain, pavement, good level land, \$300 A. 29% down. We want your listings. Cogburn Realty, Hwy. 6, 893-6666, De Leon 10-22fnc

**WANT TO BUY** - 5 to 10 acres land, livable house, near Carbon or Gorman. O. A. Dillard, 818 Ravenwood, Arlington, Texas 76013. 3-11-19p

**NOTICE** - Please remember to listen to HARVESTIME "The Radio Voice of the United Pentecostal Church," every Sunday morning 8-8:30 a. m. on KCOM, 1550, in Comanche. 3-11-12nc

**FALL BARGAIN RATES** Now in effect on Star Telegram Morning and Sunday, one year \$26.95. Morning without Sunday, one year \$19.95. Abilene Reporter News Morning and Sunday, one year \$20.95. Morning 6 days a week, one year, \$18.95. Fort Worth Press 6 days a week, one year \$9.95. For a new subscription or renewal see Estelle Craddock, Gorman Progress, 734-5410.

**WANTED** - Work caring for elderly persons in their home. Will live in. 734-5483. 2-11-19c

**FOR SALE** - One used Remington adding machine, excellent condition \$50. One new electric Victor \$88. Also used and new typewriters. Contact me for your adding machine and typewriter repairs. Estelle Craddock, Progress Office 734-5410.

**FOR SALE** - Used Smith Corona portable typewriter. Has recently been cleaned. Call Mrs. Joe Bennett 734-5401 after 5 p. m.

**FOR SALE** - Six room house on 319 Roberts St. Write Mrs. Zell Armstrong, 5619 Spindle Road, Houston, Texas 77038, Telephone 447-7919. 2-11-26p



## Flower Talk

By GENE FOSTER

**PHLOX FROM THE GARDEN**

The phlox is a common garden flower that first came from right here in North America. The Drummond phlox still grows wild in abundance in the state of Texas.

It received its name from the Greek word meaning flame. It ranges in showy colors, but the blossoms are never flame colored. Annuals are grown from seed, but perennials always from stem and root cuttings. The flowers will grow in clusters sometimes two or three feet high.

Our flowers are the freshest, our special attention given to their arrangement makes them even lovelier. Whenever you need flowers, remember we are just as close as your telephone. Call 734-5519.

## FOSTER FLORAL

106 North Kent GORMAN, TEXAS 76454

**FOR SALE** - 18 inch portable Color Olympic TV, good condition. May be seen at Todd's Variety. 2-12-1p

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**OUR PLOW POINTS** are 100 percent guaranteed against breakage. Carbon Farm Supply, Phone 639-2521. 11-26fnc

**FOR SALE or RENT** - Five room house. O. F. Grumbles, 734-5949. 1-11-19c

**GAMES**  
One to three can play the new game to "BAKER DOMINO SOLITARY" with the "WILD" domino. "MOON" becomes 4-handed. "42" has Widow. Exciting. Wonderful Christmas present. Order now. Set fine plastic dominos with "WILD" domino and instructions. Copyrighted. Price postpaid \$5.50. Baker Dominoes, Inc., Box 36736, Houston, Texas 77036. 1-11-19c

## Martha Harmon Presents Program For WSC Monday

Somehow, traditionally, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year celebrations seem to be purely cold (with maybe snow) weather holidays, and so it was rightly quite cold last Monday evening when members and guests of the Women's Study Club gathered in the Gorman Home Economic Cottage for a program calculated to create holiday inspiration. Truly, it was successful.

Mrs. C. O. Revels, vice-president, welcomed guests, Meses. Ray Williams, Ira Hamil, Lendon Shipman Miss Kathryn Ragan, all of Gorman, Mrs. John Goble of Fort Worth, and Martha Harmon of Abilene. Mrs. Revels then presided during a short business session. Club still has a few of the new cookbooks on hand; a telephoned order is working; so more cookbooks are expected in a few days. Check with any member to secure your favorites.

Another bit of business was the planning for a "watch project." Almost traditional now is the Christmas Eve drawing for a watch given away by the Woman's Study Club. This year the project will be conducted again. See a club member to get your name included.

During this interval, curiosity was almost overwhelming. Greeting the eyes on entry had been a big dining table covered with a beautiful red vinyl cloth edged with ball fringe, and with three large red candles brightly burning in their antique dark green holders.

And a nearby serving table was obviously full of something hidden under another red covering. Finally, Mrs. Don Sprabery, program chairman, introduced the lady who could ease this curiosity, Martha Harmon of Abilene, Home Economist for Lone Star Gas Co.

Mrs. Harmon is really an artist in the best sense of the word, for hidden under the red covering she had concealed many clever and beautiful goodies for holiday giving and eating, which she presented one by one, explaining the how-to for each. Food preparation did not sound too difficult and the packaging ideas for giving were so clever, and really quite simple, but beautiful. For instance, cookies (rolled out and cut) were decorated by painting with a small brush dipped in cookie paint made with a spoonful of evaporated milk tinted with food coloring, then baked. And they were so pretty. She painted on designs such as candles, Christmas trees, Santa, but names could be painted on for parties, or other designs could be used suiting other holidays. Clever. Very soon Mrs. Harmon had presented some twenty to twenty-five ideas for good foods cleverly and gaily wrapped for Christmas

## AMN. RAY EDWARDS TO SPEND CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Amn. Ray Edwards will finish his training December 15 at Keesler AFB, in Boloxi, Miss. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Moseley, will meet him in Dallas at Love Field December 19th. He plans to be home for Christmas to visit with all of his family.

While home he plans to visit his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Grogan, and his grandmother, Mrs. Hettie Lewis, all of De Leon, and of course, he will visit friends and former classmates in Gorman.

He will also visit his friends who live at Lawndale Home, where his grandmother, Mrs. G. C. Grogan, has been employed for several years in Gorman.

When Ray's leave is up he will go to New York, from where he will depart for Italy. His address is still the same for those who would like to write to him: Amn. Ray Edwards 455849840 CMR No. 5, Box 27032 Keesler AFB, Miss. 39534

giving, and the big red vinyl covered table was loaded with holiday inspiration. Folders giving recipes and directions for the packaging were given to everyone. An old Christmas custom, to pass the light and joy of Christmas, is for friends to accept and light one small candle from the flame of your large Christmas candle, blow it out and take it home. The small candle is lit first, then it is used to start the Yule candle burning. Thus the light and joy of Christmas passes from friend to friend. Mrs. Harmon thus began the holiday season by presenting each woman a small candle to light and blow out, to pass on the light and joy of Christmas.

With so much talk about good food, appetites were surely ready when hostesses Meses. Ray Hughes and George Simmons invited everyone to come into the Cottage kitchen where the Thanksgiving holiday was so beautifully evident. Bright yellow table covers were centered with traditional decorations of pumpkins, persimmons, corn, bright red and yellow leaves, orange candles - all so pretty, and there was lots of good food, too. Napkins, plates, everything had been very carefully selected to enhance the spirit of Thanksgiving. Now, the food - pimienta sandwiches, ham spread sandwiches, party mints, tinted apple tid-bits, pickles, olives, potato chips, cake, good hot coffee, iced punch. Obviously Meses. Simmons and Hughes remembered club members well, for they had prepared plenty for "just one more of those little sandwiches," or "just a little more coffee." And the group lingered on drinking coffee, asking Mrs. Harmon questions of "how did you do that?" until past good-night time.

## Mrs. J. C. Webb, Jr. Is Most Friendly Personality

Mrs. Jake C. Webb, Jr., 22 Ryan, Phillips, president of Phillips Literature Group, leads an organization of women who enjoy reading and discussing books.

"Through Phillips Literature Group," Verna Mae Webb said, "we acquaint ourselves with a wide realm of literature, and we enjoy each other's friendships."

Mrs. Webb explains that the group, although not an organization dedicated to community service, has enriched life in this area, for its members have become capable of giving reviews of books for other groups.

Verna Mae Webb brings a sparkling personality to leadership of the club. In 1965, she was named the friendliest, most courteous employee in Burger, and she maintains that status in her work, and everywhere.

She loves people, and is willing to help others at all times. She is a strong booster of the Phillips Blackhawks, enjoys attending their football games.

Mrs. Webb is a genuine friend of young people. She was a long-time sponsor of Phillips Semper Fidelis girls' club and is now its honorary sponsor.

She has lived in this area for 30 years. She grew up in Gorman, completing high school there.

She is the mother of two sons, Jake C. Webb, III, Floydada, and Mike D. Webb, Phillips.

Mrs. Webb is the daughter of Mrs. Marvin Roberts, who resides at Lawndale Home, and she has received this honor of being the Most Friendly Personality from several organizations since she was a student in Gorman High School where she was named Most Friendly and will be remembered as one of the GHS cheerleaders.

## NEWS FROM LAWDALE

Gladys Smith of Texas City visited Velma Wheeler.

Jessie and Ora Mae Atchison of Gorman visited Mary Jay and Betty Richburg.

Stella and Mattie Goforth of Ranger visited Lillie Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bassingill of Eastland visited Mary Black. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Morgan of Carbon and Rev. and Mrs. Marion Dennis of Gorman visited in the home.

Mrs. W. E. McCulley of Eastland visited Cleo Hamilton.

Mrs. J. D. Cagle of Olden visited Helen Claxton, Clemmie Phillips and Mary Overstreet.

Kelly Vannetta of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Underwood and Doug and Laurie of Eastland visited Clemmie Phillips.

Mrs. R. L. Henson and Rebecca of Ranger visited Sadie Burns.

W. G. Heston of Electra, Calif. visited Dora Wood.

Ed May of Abilene visited Katie May.

Clyde and Ruth Sims of Albuquerque, N. M. visited Ollie Sims.

Opal Brinson of Comanche visited Clara Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett, James and Nelda Little, and Mrs. Bernard Campbell of Carbon visited Cedera Lovell.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS numerous complaints have been received about mail service.

THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE exists for one purpose and that is to provide prompt and dependable mail service.

MAIL SERVICE HAS OBVIOUSLY deteriorated in all parts of the Nation but it seems that the area served by the Dallas Regional Office, which covers 5 States, has especially been chosen for an experimental plan. The plan includes the elimination of window service on Saturday, curtailment of distributing mail to boxes on weekends, elimination of parcel post delivery on weekends, drastic cuts in collection services - all of which have resulted in a slowdown in deliveries.

IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THE local Postmaster is not at fault. The Post Office Administration in Washington has ordered the cutbacks through the Regional Office. The policy indicates that individual Postmasters are granted a certain amount of discretion in implement-

ing changes in service and personnel practices but that discretion has not been broad enough to permit an operation which would not only be cheaper but provide better service.

ONE GLARING EXAMPLE OF THE INADEQUACY OF these tests program is what is referred to as "managed mail processing program." This is designed to replace the old system of sorting letters at the point where they are mailed. Mail that previously could travel overnight to virtually any place in the Nation now takes from three to five days and particularly if the mail travels less than 750 miles. In some instances it would appear that deliveries could be made more quickly by pony express.

WHEN THE POLICY OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT was inaugurated, it was alleged that there could be expected substantial cuts in cost. From investigations it appears that such is not the case. As a matter of fact, investigators from the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee report that the experimental system in Texas is actually resulting in added costs. They found for example that 1st class mail from California destined for El Paso is airlifted to Fort Worth, 600 miles further east, where it is then dispatched to El Paso - a total of 1200 miles in additional transportation costs.

IN INSTANCES, NEWSPAPERS REQUIRE up to three days for delivery 10 miles distance from the mailing point. The elimination of window services has precluded patrons from purchasing stamps. In many places vending machines are often left empty or broken.

IN SOME PLACES BANKS ARE HAVING TROUBLE in check reruns because of insufficient funds due to mail delays.

ADDED TO THIS EXPERIMENT IS THE FACT that train service has also been curtailed. Mail service is not handled over long distances with the efficiency which the railroads once provided. Truck-hauled mail has provided additional service in recent years to places and people who had not had the deserved service until this type of transportation was provided. The abandonment of once-used rail facilities, however, has been the cause of some slowdowns. Mail which cannot be dispatched from the collecting point simply waits until there is room for it, which may be a matter of days.

THE CONGRESS HAS VOTED TO CREATE a Government-owned corporation with the authority to impose a \$40 Billion indebtedness on the Government for handling our mails. There is little doubt that the price of postage will be increased and, of course, it remains to be seen whether the services will be improved. Those of us who voted against this measure wanted more an-

**WITH FRIENDS KEEPING UP**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orr of Dallas and Mrs. F. R. Williams of Fort Worth spent the week end with Rev. and Mrs. Frank Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ormsby of Borger are visiting this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ormsby and Mrs. Frank Dean. John Arnold and his daughter,

swers than were given.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE employed in the whole Post Office operation are dedicated and want to do the best possible job. The fact that in the supervisory area it is about impossible to get rid of the inefficient, the strikers and goof-offers is another impediment to the service. One working in this capacity has an extra responsibility since he is being paid with taxpayers money. This will probably be the case in the new setup but it is hoped that there may be some provision for getting rid of the deadwood.

THERE IS NO NEED TO LOOK FOR FLAME but with all the money spent on the postal service, the deficit of which is staggering, there is little excuse for not having better service, whether under the present system or by the new organization.

Mrs. Jolene May of Desdemona, Aspermont spent Friday with his sister, Mrs. W. A. O'Neal. Mr. Mrs. May Kinnison Williams, held Saturday in Haskell. Freeman had brought a load of peanuts to the Gorman drying plant.

Typewriter and Adding Machine Ribbons - Progress Office.

**Thanksgiving**

In the spirit of our forefathers, let us all give thanks

On Thanksgiving Day let us all join together, friends and family, to give thanks for all that we have. Let us also remember all the good times, shared throughout the year. We wish all our good friends and patrons of Gorman a joyous and happy Day of Thanksgiving.

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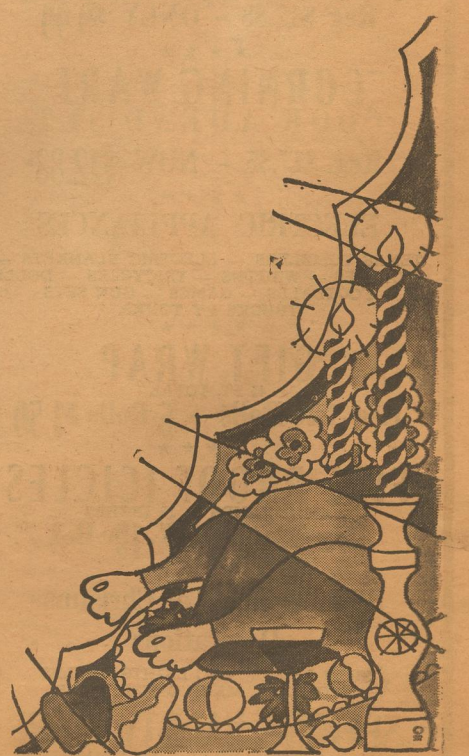
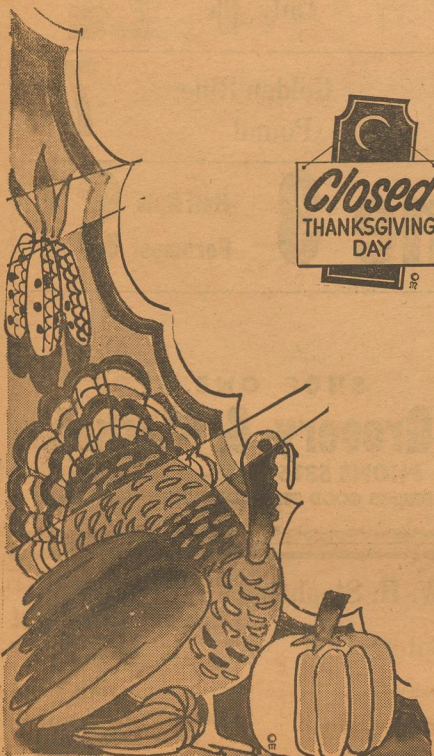
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# OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

By FLORENCE RICHARDSON

**Our Thought For The Week:**  
He that blows the coals in a quarrel has no right to complain if the sparks fly in his face.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper and Barba of Odessa spent the weekend here with the Rawls and Mrs. George Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryan of Ranger were here over the weekend attending the Grover Perry funeral and visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clea Stanfield of Albany visited Mrs. A. D. Bryan over the weekend and attended the Perry funeral.

**PFC. WILLIAM L. JAY SERVING WITH SECOND MARINE DIVISION IN N. M.**

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. (FHT-NC), Nov. 18 — Marine Pfc. William L. Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Jay, Jr. of Gorman, Texas, has reported for duty with the Second Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Mr. Lester Ross and friends of Fort Worth came by Sunday to visit us for awhile and also visited the B. A. Hirsts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watson also visited the B. A. Hirst Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weehunt of Weatherford were visiting the L. F. Mears Sunday. Glad to report that Mr. Mears is able to be back at home again.

## Erath County

### Electric Co-op.

### Receives Gov. Loan

The Erath County Electric Cooperative Association of Stephenville has been approved for a million dollar re-loan. The announcement was made Friday, November 20th by Congressman Somervell and Young Counties.

Omar Burleson. The General Fund will receive \$12,800 to finance 16 miles of distribution lines to serve 900 new consumers and finance extensions.

Other funds will be used on improvement, including 42 miles of new lines and related facilities to serve Erath, Comanche, Eastland, Hamilton, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Brazos, Coryell, Hood, Somervell and Young Counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Green, Curtis, Pat and Debbie of Mansfield, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Snider. Debbie remained for a weeks visit.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Davis, Joey and Lisa of Waco, visited with friends Saturday and attended the First Methodist Church Harvest Festival. Rev. Davis formerly pastored the Gorman church.

Jack Elson and Larry Boyd of Bridgeport visited Thursday and Friday with Mrs. Jolene Elson, and also went bird hunting in the area.

Weekend visitors with Mrs. Luther Cunningham were her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Silvertooth of Longview, also Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt Pritchard of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pritchard of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Teague of Lubbock and Gene Pritchard of Copperas Cove. Mrs. Cunningham returned home with her daughter for an extended visit.

Mrs. Jake Webb, Jr. of Phillips visited Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Marvin Roberts, and other relatives.

Visiting on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bennett was his niece, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hampton, Monty and Melody of Blytheville, Ark., and her step-mother, Mrs. Hattie Love, and Miss Lillie Marlow of Ranger.

### Girl Scout Report

At our meeting November 24th Carla Brinegar served refreshments. There were seven at the meeting.

We played different games. We said the pledge.

### DESDEMONA NEWS

By ETHEL KEITH

The local Home Demonstration Club sponsored a Thanksgiving Supper at the Community Center on Monday night, Nov. 23. Local interest ran high and was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Dody Williams and Mrs. Nieta Gee were in Gorman Saturday night and enjoyed the Harvest Luncheon at the Methodist Church Harvest Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keith, Tami and Bradley of Odessa, are here this week on vacation with his mother, Ethel Keith, and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Robbitt of De Leon.

Young Philip Hey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hey, underwent surgery Wednesday when his eye was removed, all caused by an accident when a wire pierced his eye a week ago.

Mrs. Ethel Keith and her sister, Mrs. Ina Jones of Azle, spent the weekend in Odessa with a brother, Buruan Partain, who had a very serious heart attack, but is now improved.

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Barnard of Robstown spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lane.

Mrs. Polly Brown's sister, Maggie, has been a recent visitor with her.

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