



PRESS POINTS

JOE BENNETT, Publisher

★ WAS IT LEGAL for the Commissioners Court to do away with our Justice of the Peace Precinct? No. And when the people in this precinct screamed loud enough and crawled on the commissioners court, then they reversed their unlawful act.

Now, WAS IT LAWFUL for the Commissioners Court to do away with our Commissioner Precinct? Maybe not, folks. Just maybe that act by the commissioners court was also illegal. If they did the one thing illegally, how do we know that the first take-away of our rights was not also illegal? I think that everyone should ask the commissioners court for an explanation of their actions regarding their action of doing away with our commissioner precinct. Maybe the county-district attorney should look into the whole thing and see if the action by the commissioners was legal. I suggest that we all should start action to find the answer to this question. Don't you?

★ The weather has really had everyone bundling up. The temperatures have really been plunging. On Tuesday morning the temperatures dropped to around fifteen degrees and with the wind we were experiencing, the chill factor dropped to a minus fifteen. That's cold country weather, and not the kind we should be having "down south". Maybe the ice age is catching up with us. It sure has been cold enough lately.

★ Well, as of today we will have a new president. Jimmy Carter's inauguration is slated today. I hope that everyone will get behind our new president and give him all the support you can. You might also utter a prayer for him for our Lord to give him the necessary strength for the tough task that lies ahead.

And remember to smile -- because God Loves You!

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I wish to acknowledge the thanks of this entire community to Ann Maxfield for the outstanding job she has done as our secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. I had the privilege of working with Ann while serving on the Board of Directors of the C of C. She has performed an outstanding service to our community and area and deserves a great big "Thank You, Ann."

JOHN A. GNAU PROMOTED TO SENIOR AIRMAN

ABILENE — John R. Gnaus, son of Mrs. John R. Smith of Richmond, Ind., has been specially identified for early promotion to senior airman in the U. S. Air Force.

Airman Gnaus was awarded the new rating by a "below-the-zone" promotion board which considered job performance, military knowledge, bearing and self improvement efforts.

Being selected "below-the-zone" is the individual awarded the selection up to six months of normal military. Competitive category is highly competitive and reserved for only those airman who excel on the job and are recommended by their unit commanders.

The airman is an aircraft mechanic at Dyess AFB, Tex., and serves with a unit of the Military Airlift Command.

He is a 1974 graduate of Richmond Senior High School. His wife, Lisa, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Purdom of Route 1, Carbon, Tex.



Deborah Guthery and Royce Miller To Pledge Vows

Mrs. Tommie Guthery announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Deborah Diane, to Royce Clayton Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Miller of Ranzer.

Vows will be read at 7:00 p. m. Friday, February 18, 1977 in First Baptist Church of Gorman.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Gorman High School and attended Tarleton State University. Her fiancé attended Ranger High School and is employed by Miller's Well Service in Ranzer.

As local invitations are not being mailed, all friends and relatives are invited to attend the wedding and the reception immediately following the ceremony in Fellowship Hall.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TO HOLD BAKE SALE FEB. 5

The Blackwell Hospital Auxiliary is planning a Bake Sale for Saturday, February 5, if the weather will cooperate. Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the bake sale are asked to contact any member of the Auxiliary.

A beautiful ceramic lamp has been donated to the Auxiliary to be used in the current fund-raising activities. The lamp will be given away Valentine's Day, February 14. For further information see a member of the Auxiliary.

Rep. Joe Hanna Named Chairman Energy Comm

AUSTIN — Rep. Joe Hanna of Breckenridge has been named chairman of the Energy Resources Committee by Speaker of the House, Bill Clayton.

Hanna, who served as chairman of the committee last session, will also be a member of the Insurance Committee.

He is one of 11 members of the Energy Resources Committee which will consider all matters pertaining to conservation of energy resources, the development of those resources and matters pertaining to the State Railroad Commission.

Clayton said, "Joe Hanna has always been a strong leader in the House. His expertise and determination were instrumental in the job the Energy Committee did during the last two years in providing guidance for the state on this important question."

The Insurance Committee has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to insurance and the insurance industry, all insurance companies and the State Board of Insurance.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my deep appreciation to Dr. Pino, the nurses and all the hospital staff for the wonderful care I received while I was a patient in the Blackwell Hospital. Your kindness will always be remembered by me and my family.

May God bless each of you in my prayer.

Mrs. Rubye Compton Moran, Texas

Mrs. Brown Laid To Rest On Tuesday

Margaret Irene Brown, 68, of Gorman, died Sunday, January 16, 1977 at her home after an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with the Rev. Bob Roby, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery.

Born May 13, 1908 in Springfield, Ill., she had lived in Gorman for the past 10 years. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Muffett of Monroe, La.; and a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jay of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Calvaleen Sellers of Fort Worth and Bernice Wignall of Gary, Ind.; and two grandchildren, Phala and Kelly Jay of Okla. City.

Pallbearers were Thurman Jay, Gus Frossard, Keith Whitt, Ben R. Townley, Robbie Robertson and G. W. Maxfield.

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK

Our Citizen of the Week at Lawndale Home this week is Dona Moorman. She was born to Selman and Nancy Burkhardt June 8, 1889. She has five brothers, Frank of Washington State, Barton and Homer of Calif., and Robert and George (deceased); four sisters, who live in Calif. are Lude Yancy, Irene Harrison, Nellie Tirella and Mamie Johannes.

Mrs. Moorman married Odus Moorman on September 16, 1906 in Eastland County. He passed away in 1914.

Mrs. Moorman began teaching school in 1916 before moving to Gorman in 1921. She taught at Indian Mountain and Sipe Springs. She taught in Gorman Schools from 1921 to 1934. Then taught at New Hope and Alameda. She was Postmaster at Gorman from 1940 until she retired in 1959.

The Stock Show recognizes youth with a Special Day. Rural Youth Day is Saturday, January 29. First National Bank of Fort Worth will honor young exhibitors at a Sunday breakfast at 7 a. m. January 30 in the Round Up Inn on the show grounds.

She is a member of First United Methodist Church of Gorman and came to Lawndale Home October 7, 1975.

Mozelle Rhymes Named Secretary Of Gorman C of C

Mrs. Mozelle Rhymes was elected secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at the board meeting held Friday, January 14. She will assume duties of the office immediately. She replaces Mrs. Ann Maxfield who has resigned. She has been secretary of the Chamber since 1974.

The Chamber of Commerce office will be located in the City Hall office, and all meetings will be held there as well and all business will be conducted at the City Office.

Other action was taken by the board to sell raw peanuts year around. Mail orders only. Orders may be turned in at the City Office.

Plans were discussed for the upcoming Farmers Banquet.

The directors appointed Mr. Charlie Garrett to write the Eastland County Commissioners Court a letter of appreciation for re-instating Precinct 5, and their desire for the court to appoint a reliable Justice of the Peace as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Self and grandchildren, Jeff and Amanda, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett at Joetta, visited with their mother, Mrs. Alta Rhyme in Carbon on Sunday.

Gorman Cagers Are 2-0 in Dist.; to Host Wildcats

In District play Thursday night the Gorman Pantherettes defeated the Carbon girls 59 to 54. High scorer for Gorman was Lisa Warren with 29 points. Amy Warren was second with 23 and Deliah Eaves scored 7 points.

High scorer for Carbon was Lisa Norris with 28 points followed with Paek with 22.

The Carbon boys forfeited their game to the Panthers.

In the Gorman-Moran games played Tuesday night, the Panthers defeated Moran 105 to 51. Mel Maxfield was high scorer for Gorman with 33 points. Steve Keith had 15; Jack Jackson 13, Good 12, Laminack 8, Tim Swanner and Randy Seaton each had 6, and Charles White 5 and Larry Keith 2.

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Gorman Youth to Show Animals At Fort Worth

Fort Worth (Sp1) — Youth from Gorman who will be entered in the Junior Show at the 81st annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show during its ten-day run January 23 through February 6 are Billy and Danny Burgess, Gary Jackson and Jimmy Jimmy Thompson.

The young people will be competing for premiums totaling almost \$60,000. Entries have been posted in divisions for steers, beef breeding heifers, dairy cattle, breeding sheep lambs, barrows, and student teams in judging contests for livestock, poultry and eggs and identification of range plants.

In addition to prizes earned in competition, youngsters showing prize-winning livestock receive additional money when their animals are sold in the Sales of Champions for steers, barrows and lambs. Young showmen last year received more than \$123,000 from the three auctions with many using their money for further education and training.

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John Woods will be the instructor for the ECA training course. The tentative schedule of classes was established as follows:

Feb. 1. Registration, Patient Examination, CPR.
Feb. 3. Bleeding, Shock, Facial injuries.
Feb. 8. Chest, Abdominal, Pelvic injuries, Poisoning.
Feb. 10. Head, Neck and Spinal injuries.
Feb. 17. Childbirth, Fractures and Dislocations.
Feb. 22. Communicable Diseases, Splinting and Traction.
March 1. Burns, Lifting and Moving.
March 8 and 14. Review.
March 15 & 16. Examination.

The classes will begin at 7 p. m. at the First National Bank Currency Room in Gorman. Pre-registration material is available at Blackwell Hospital. Everyone interested in participating in this training program is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pool returned home Saturday from a 17 day visit in Little Rock, Ark. with his mother, Mrs. Susie Pool, who has been quite ill.



FUTURE EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS — The Progress was honored last Thursday with a visit of the 22 students in the second grade in Gorman Elementary and their teacher, Mrs. Brent Lasater. Joe Bennett and Gene Baker gave a guided tour of the printing plant, showing them just how the type was set, the paper printed and each student was given a newspaper that they had seen go through the process of printing on the tour. They were also shown through the commercial offset printing department. It was a joy to have such a nice and cooperative group. All were so eager to learn and see every department of the printing facilities. Who knows, some of these students may be our future editors and publishers of the local newspaper. Welcome back anytime.

Defensive Driving Course To Begin Here Monday

A Defensive Driving Course sponsored by the Eastland County Teachers Association will begin at 7 p. m. Monday, January 24. Classes will last until 9 p. m. with classes to be held the 24th, 25th, 27th and 28th in Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. There will be no tests or any kind at the end of the course. The course is designed to help people to become better drivers. Those who attend the eight hour course will be given a certificate and entitles them to a discount on their auto insurance. The certificate is good for three years.

The course is open to any adult who wishes to take it. Charges are \$3.00 for AARP or NRTA members and \$6.00 for non-members.

The class will be limited to 35. If more than this number sign up, a day time class may be held.

Rev. James Peppers and Charlie Garrett are instructors in the class. If you have any questions call them. Also call them to register for the course.

The Scriptures Speak

"For Lack of Knowledge" "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee; that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." — Hosea 4:6.

This verse stands at the top of a list of several scriptural passages that have identified Israel's true problem. The prophet's words have been preserved so that we may know exactly what will cause spiritual destruction. Hosea laid the blame for the condition of God's people upon the priests. Primarily, they were the ones who were responsible. As those who were responsible for giving God's law to the people, they had failed. Indeed this problem exists today. Many people, who have assumed the responsible role of instructing others, have "a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." They may be classified with the Israelites who went about "to establish their own righteousness," having not "submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:2-3).

Israel's problem was not caused by the inaccessibility of God's revelation. Neither was it the result of their inability to learn. They had been given the faculties which enabled them to both comprehend and carry out God's law. Simply stated, their problem was due to their own rebellion. They had rejected knowledge. They had refused to learn and heed the commandments of God.

Because the priests had forgotten the law and had failed to teach it to the people, God declared through Hosea: "I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me." This verse should cause every person to pause and make sure his instructions are in accordance with God's holy written Word. Peter has exhorted: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth" (I Peter 4:11). Likewise, Paul has written: "But speak thou the things which become and sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1).

Since "lack of knowledge" was the cause for stumbling in the long ago, we can be assured that it will cause people to stumble today. Paul's exhortation to Timothy, then, is especially appropriate for our age. He wrote: "Study to show thyself approved unto God." (II Tim. 2:15).

Bill Wilson, Minister Church of Christ
Next Time: "Chosen Us In Him."

12 PANTERS NAMED ON 6-B ALL-DISTRICT

The Class B State Champion Gorman Panthers placed 12 players on the All-District 6-B East Zone team, including two players who were picked both offensively and defensively.

Tackle Chuck Troutman and quarterback -defensive back Mel Maxfield were named to both teams, while center Doug Warren, guard Stacy Webb, end Randy Barnes and running backs Billy Burgess and Blaine Gibbs were named to the offensive team.

Call To Prayer And Self-Denial Slated January 31

The annual call to prayer and self-denial program sponsored by the United Methodist Women is scheduled for January 31 at 2:30 p. m. in the church.

Intercessory prayers are offered for the work of UMW with women, youth and children in under-developed areas. The self-denial offering will aid in supporting self-help projects in fields of economy, cultural and agriculture.

Lawndale News

Have several who seem to be on the sick list with colds, but still have most out for activities. Mr. Bowers, Mrs. Georgia Leonard and Mr. DeGuire are in local hospital. Mrs. Lasater has come back. Always glad to see them come home.

Sunday afternoon the First Methodist came at 2:00 for worship. The Church of Christ came at 5 o'clock for worship.

Monday is a busy day for me as always. Tuesday is Bingo day at 1:30. We had several out for this. Wednesday is Bible Study day at 2 o'clock. We had several out for this is very interesting. Thursday night was singing night at 7 p. m. We had a nice crowd but missed the ones who weren't here. Hope they make it back this Thursday night as we need you. The ones who have the colds don't come out of their rooms.

Friday the residents played dominoes or watched TV or visited.

Those visiting this week at Lawndale included:

Bernice Rodgers of Gorman and Billie Stacy of Carbon visited Mrs. Timmons. Arlin and Cleo Clements of Gorman, Bernice and Odus Rodgers, Billy, Joyce and Jackie Dennis, Marion and Annie Dennis of Gorman & Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tucker all helped with Thursday night singing. Thanks a lot.

Cecil and Oma Henderson of De Leon visited the Luther Harpers.

Foster and Frances Murry of Eastland visited with Alma Vann.

Aletha Yarbrough of Gorman visited Emma Simmons.

Mrs. Edna Witt had a birthday celebration. Her children and grandchildren helped her celebrate. Those who came were Gene and Glyn McClelland of Humble, Mack, Fran, Joe and Melissa McClelland, also of Humble, Nell and Jack, Larry and Randy Murphy of Midland, J. M., Lynn and Beckie Murphy of Midland, Bert and Bonnie Witt of Gorman, Kaki, Jesse, Kory, Scott and Kristy Bailey of Arlington. She had a wonderful day and received several nice gifts.

Mr. Otis Thompson had a birthday on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chandler and Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith were in Sipe Springs Monday for the funeral of Mrs. Mattie Duke, aunt of Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Chandler.

Joining Troutman and Maxfield on the defensive unit were Ilieman Ed Cox, end Jack Jackson and linebacker Steve Keith.

Evant had four players on the offensive unit, guard Mike Williams, tackle Robert McElroy, end David Conners and running back Do Freeman. Running back Mackey Elliott of Rising Star rounded out the unit.

Rising Star placed four on the defensive team, lineman Lamar Gregg, end Glen Denard, linebacker Terry Leonard and back Ken Hounsel. All are juniors except Hounsel.

Down lineman Robert McElroy, linebacker Mike Williams and deep back Alfred Stockton, all of Evant, claimed the other spots.

Three of Gorman players return for another year. Gibbs is a sophomore, while Webb and Keith are juniors.

Congratulations to the Panthers for making the All-District team, and a big "pat on the back" for the whole Panther squad, for the outstanding season was truly a team effort.

A football banquet is slated for February 7th at 7 p. m. in the High School Gym. Adult tickets will be \$3 and student tickets \$2.00. Get your tickets now.

GRAVESIDE RITES FOR MATTIE DUKES

Mrs. Mattie Duke, 99, of Muleshoe, passed away Sunday, January 16, 1977.

Funeral services were held in Muleshoe on Monday with graveside rites held at 2 p. m. Monday in the Sipe Springs Cemetery with Rev. James Peppers, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Gorman, officiating.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the late Dr. Duke, an early day physician in Sipe Springs.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. O. D. Ray of Muleshoe; and nieces, Mrs. Helen Chandler and Mrs. Davis Smith of Gorman.

CARD OF THANKS

My wife joins me in expressing sincere thanks to everyone who were so nice to me during my stay in St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Worth. A special thanks for the gift of money, the cards and visits.

Fred and Polly Coker

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman School is still accepting Post Cereal box tops for playground equipment. Drop boxes are located at the Post Office, Jay's Grocery and Artistic Beauty Salon. There is only two months left before the deadline ends. So continue to save your Post Cereal box tops and place them in the drop boxes.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church will meet Sunday, January 23 at 10 a. m.

The Woman's Study Club will meet Monday, January 24.

The Cadette Girl Scouts meet each Thursday at 3:45 in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

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.

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FUR BUYER will Buy Furs at Eastland Livestock Auction Parking Lot from 8:30-9:00 every Saturday in December and January. 12-2fnc

HELP WANTED — LaDon's Steak House, now under new management, is now taking applications for employees. Apply in person to Larry Farrow. 11-4-fnc

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KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

We're still having wintry weather with the thermometer dipping into the middle teens on Tuesday morning. It seems that we have much longer cold spells this year than usual and everyone will certainly be glad when Spring weather arrives.

Bro. Darrell Dossey of Desdemona preached at the morning services at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Bro. Bob Watson was ill and unable to be there. Albert Hendricks, with Mrs. Claude Fuller at the piano, rendered the special music. Wayne Eaves was the lay speaker for the evening service.

A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall following the morning services. It was truly a time of fellowship with friends and neighbors after being confined to our homes so much because of the cold icy weather.

Jim Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bennett attended a birthday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Jordan in Eastland on Friday, Jan. 14 honoring Ode on his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman spent Friday night in Tuscola with Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Clearman and family and attended the Jim Ned Livestock Show on Saturday and saw their grandsons, Keith and Karley, show their animals.

Keith's lightweight steer placed second, and his heavy-weight steer placed first, with Karley's heavyweight steer placing third. Keith's heavy-weight steer was named grand champion steer of the show. In the class of heifers under 1 year, Karley placed first with Keith placing second and Karley's heifer was named reserve champion of the show. Our congratulations to Keith and Karley.

There was lots of good music and singing at the musical at Kokomo on Friday night. Musicians were here from Gorman, Carbon, Desdemona and Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and his mother, Mrs. Gladys Brown of Sweetwater, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Eastland on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown attended the American Junior Rodeo Assn. Rodeo in the Taylor County Coliseum in Abilene on Saturday night. Their son, Kris, served as a clown in the rodeo to help protect the bull riders from the bulls should they turn on them. Kris also participated in the bronc riding. Kris spent Sunday night with his parents before returning for the Spring semester at Tarleton State.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow

TO GIVE AWAY — Two black male Puppies. Fred Rogers, 734-2445. 1-1-20c

LOST — Female Boston Terrier Bull Dog. Reward. No questions asked. 758-2516, Desdemona. 11-20c

and Mr. and Mrs. Lammert attended the wedding of Miss Nan Clayton and Larry Martin in Lamesa on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Martin will make their home in Spur. Both attended Texas Tech. Mrs. Martin is the niece of Mrs. J. L. Morrow. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clayton of Gail and Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson spent Sunday night in Lewisville with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nelson and family and Clifford was in Dallas on Monday for a checkup at the VA Hospital.

Hoyt Bryant is still in the Blackwell Hospital. Mrs. Cullen Rodgers was released from the hospital on Wednesday. There has been quite a lot of bad colds and flu-type viruses among the community families. We wish all speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields and Lindell spent Sunday in Carbon with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker, Marla and Malie of Krum, were also visiting in the Johnson home.

Reverie Tindall of Gorman visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oren Webb, James and Stacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields and Lindell were visiting with the Glenn Jordas on Sunday night after church.

Bob Rodgers and Jason of Brownwood visited on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS
 The Kokomo Community Club met at the Community Center on Monday night for their regular monthly meeting. Albert Hendricks presided and J. L. Morrow voiced the opening prayer. Mrs. J. C. Clearman read the minutes and D. F. Eaves gave the treasurer's report.

During the business session it was voted to repair and update the master direction name sign. A work day for this will be announced later. It was also voted to let each family be responsible for the upkeep of their own name sign at their home.

Following the business session, the men enjoyed games of 42 while the ladies made

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Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. L. Morrow, Odis Rodgers and Glenn Jordan.

The community club urges every family in the community to attend the meetings on third Monday of each month, and voice your opinion about the things that should be done to improve our community and make it the best place in the world for you and your family to live. The monthly musical is sponsored by the Community Club and the proceeds go to help pay for the electricity, butane, insurance on the building, and general upkeep of the building so there will be a nice place to meet. So give

School Hill News

By Mrs. Bill Riddell

Tammy Moon has been on the sick list for several days, but is doing fine now.

Joe Staude visited one day last week with Reggie and Sandy Lawler and Mrs. J. O. Staude of Fort Worth.

We visited last Thursday with Sam and Lois Sparks and with the Tidwells. This community were all so saddened it some thought and plan to be with us at the next musical on Feb. 14 and the next club meeting on February 21.

Wednesday when we heard of the death of Guy Tidwell. All of his family have our very deepest sympathy.

I spent last Friday in Lingleville with my mother, Ruby Stokes. W. C. Stokes of Odessa was visiting her too. She returned with us for several days.

Jeane, Gene and Niki Grimshaw have been busy trading cars. I'm so glad to see that little car of theirs go to the "old Volks Home."

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jernigan and girls of Desdemona visited one day this week with their daughter and her husband, Ricky and Lexie Hogg.

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4. HEALTH	\$	\$	Account No. 44-2067-004
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6. LIBRARIES	\$	\$	City Secretary
7. SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$	P.O. Box 236
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Desdemona News

By: VONNIE GUILHERY

Due to icy roads and cold weather last week the news was late. Sorry.

Mrs. Annie Collum had a morning social in her home Friday morning, December 31st. Cake and coffee were served to Mary Diety, Helen Collum, Billy Koonce, Pat Buckley, Dorothy Greenhaw, Dorothy Roberts, Neta Gee, Benton Echols, Evah Sparkman, and Lorene Koonce. It was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ranne and girls of Alvarado and Billy Collum, Jr. family had dinner with their parents, Mr. Mrs. Bill Collum, Sr. during the holidays.

Attendance at the local churches was few in number

due to bad weather.

Our "sincere sympathy" goes out to the family of Guy Tidwell. He was buried Saturday in the Howard Cemetery. Mrs. Ollie McGuire of Olden was buried Tuesday in Eastland. She is a sister of Mrs. Johnnie Koonce and Mrs. Myrt Reid. Sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Our regular monthly musical was held Saturday, the 15th, at our Community Center. It is on the third Saturday of each month. Come early and eat supper with us. There is sandwiches, pie, cake, popcorn and drinks. "Visitors Welcome."

Mrs. Addie Brummel purchased the home of Morgan and Dorothy Roberts and had it remodeled. She moved in last week. So "welcome" to our little town.

A "Housewarming" for Melvin and Clarence Denson was held Thursday night in their "beautiful" new home on the

Eastland highway. Our Community is growing with pretty "new" homes.

Glynn and Alpha Thiebaud are in the process of building their "new" home. It is located next to the Baptist parsonage.

In order to keep this column regular, please contact this reporter if you have any news to print. Thanks.

Mrs. Pat Buckley and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams of Kermit, spent last few days in Las Vegas. Some people are "lucky" and get to go places. Ha!

Mrs. Larry Moore had surgery in the Brownwood Hospital Monday. She is reported doing fine. We send our "get well" wishes to you, Gaye.

Shelly and Emily Horan of Cross Plains visited their grandparents, Morgan and Dorothy Roberts and Jeff over the weekend.

Bro. Darrell Dossey filled the pulpit Sunday night for Bro. L. C. Landers at the First Baptist Church.

The Bible Study Club met at Mrs. W. H. Davis' home Sunday evening. Their project is to send Bibles to needed places around the world in all languages. Refreshments were served.

"Smile" - God loves you.

NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE TEXAS WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS
No. 2736A

Notice is given that E. R. ARNOLD, JR., Route 3, Gorman, Texas 76454, applicant, seeks an amendment to Permit No. 2521 to authorize increases in the presently authorized acreage to be irrigated and in the presently authorized water appropriation. The dam and reservoir, authorized by Permit No. 2521, are on an unnamed tributary of Ellison Spring Branch, tributary Leon River, tributary Little River, tributary Brazos River, Brazos River Basin, and are located in the Wm. DeMoss Survey, Abstract No. 73, and Station 0 plus 00 on the centerline of the dam is S 64 degrees 07' E, 3980 feet from the NW corner of the aforesaid survey, approximately 14/ miles SE of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas.

In lieu of the previous authorization to divert and use not to exceed 140 acre-feet of water per annum from the above 323 acre-foot capacity reservoir to irrigate 100 acres of applicant's land in the A. Smelser Survey, Abstract No. 431, the applicant seeks authority to divert and use not to exceed 220 acre-feet of water per annum to irrigate 157 acres of land in the aforesaid A. Smelser Survey, all being more fully set out in the application.

Application No. 2736A was accepted for filing pursuant to S5.1211, Texas Water Code, and Rules 129.02.05.001 through 129.02.70.003, and 129.06.10.001-.002 on January 3, 1977, and a hearing thereon will be held by the Commission in the Stephen F. Austin State Office Building at 1700 N. Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, on February 24, 1977, at 10 o'clock a. m. Those opposing the granting of said application may appear at the hearing and/or, at least five

CARBON News

MRS. VELMA HASTINGS

The menu for the Carbon School Cafeteria next week, January 24-28, will be as follows:

Monday - Chicken and burritos, green beans, lettuce and tomato salad, genie bars and milk.

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, blackeyed peas, carrots, brownies and milk.

Wednesday - Burritos with chili, rice, spinach, cobbler and milk.

Thursday - Stew meat with gravy, buttered potatoes, English peas, peaches and milk.

Friday - Hamburgers, tomatoes, onions, pickles, lettuce, french fries, Jello and milk.

Basketball schedule for next week:

High School games are both District games:

January 25 - Gorman at Carbon at 7:30 p. m.

January 28 - Rising Star at Rising Star at 7:30 p. m.

Junior High Game

January 27 - Gorman at Carbon at 6:30 p. m.

The Pleasant Hill HD Club met January 13 at the Ramada Inn of Eastland. Mrs. Marie Bolin was hostess, Mrs. Nettie Perry read an article "Resolutions for the New Year."

County Extension Agent Janet Thomas gave a talk on arthritis. Refreshments were served to fifteen members of the club.

Mrs. Ruth Reese came home Friday from an extended holiday visit with her daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Turner of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Reynolds visited Mr. and Mrs. Arb Kennedy of De Leon on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Della Bryant spent the weekend with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Adren Bryant of Gorman.

Mrs. Pearl Snell attended the funeral of her brother, Oscar Strickland in Ft Worth on Saturday. Her grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs.

days before the hearing date, may file written protests with the Commission and serve copies on the applicant by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by attorney's affidavit. Written protests must contain the name and address of the applicant, an allegation of potential injury of the protestant, the basis of protestant's claim of right and the location of protestant's diversion, if applicable, and any possible adjustments to the application which would result in a withdrawal of the protest. However, persons filing such written protests are not entitled to be admitted as parties to the proceeding unless they comply with Rules 129.03, 129.04-129.05 which require actual presence at the hearing. Persons desiring further information in connection with this application or the administrative procedure to be followed may contact Pam Weddell, P. O. Box 13207, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512) 475-2711.

Joe D. Carter, Chairman TEXAS WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION
Date: January 5, 1977

As It Looks From Here

OMAR BURLESON, M. C. 17th District, Texas

WASHINGTON, D. C. — BOTH THE INCOMING CARTER ADMINISTRATION and the Leadership of Congress have programs to reduce unemployment at the top of priorities.

IF THE RATE OF 7.9 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT IS CORRECT, then it certainly is deserving of remedies. There is, however, reason to question this figure. More people are working in this Country than ever before in history. Pockets of unemployed are severe in some of our cities, particularly, among black youths and other minorities.

Some estimate that this may account for as much as 3 percent. It has always been assumed that another 3 to 4 percent are unemployable. This has been the case in the past and there is no reason to believe it is not the case now and will not be in the future. Also included in the estimate of the unemployed are those in between jobs. Women in the work force are at an unprecedented number, some with jobs with an above average turnover rate.

Wayne Snell of Gorman and a son, Galen Snell of Midland accompanied her there.

Mrs. Dolores Tooke and children of Dallas were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Light last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rhine and Wayna of Big Spring spent Saturday with the Bob Hastings.

THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF THE REASONS to question the accuracy of the unemployment rate. Skills and special qualifications for many jobs have a way of further distorting the picture. Pages of "Help Wanted" ads are run every day in big daily newspapers with no takers. An unemployed person may draw compensation if his particular line of work is not available. In other words, he need not take a job if it is not "suitable."

REGARDLESS OF WHAT A THOROUGH ANALYSIS might reveal on the rate of unemployment little notice will likely be given it when the Congress considers legislation on this matter. The idea that conditions call for action is set in concrete.

THIS BEING THE CASE. THE DEBATE WILL BE ON THE METHOD of creating jobs. Most talk now is about a tax reduction in the range of \$10 to \$15 billion, mostly for individuals. Coupled with this reduction, some organizations such as the A.F.L.-C.I.O. want a stimulative program of \$30 billion in direct job-creating programs. Broken down, they recommend \$10 billion in accelerated public works, \$8 billion in public service employment, \$8 billion in some form of subsidized public housing and as much as \$2 billion to State and Local Governments to hire people or to pay those whom they might have to lay off without these funds. This money would go to those cities with the greatest needs. They would also create a \$2 billion program for youth training to qualify for employment.

OTHER PROPOSALS would give incentives to businesses

to increase employment. This would be in the form of some sort of special tax break for plant and factory expansion and to utilize idle capacity for the production of goods.

THERE IS BASIC CONFLICT IN THESE TWO APPROACHES. This latter method has less support than the huge lay-outs which inevitably will run up the deficit and could again kindle the fires of inflation. The supporters of this approach seem to ignore that there was fuller employment before the Government undertook massive spending programs of this nature. It was inflation, indebtedness

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News

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Boyd, Paula and Sherri of Vernon, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Treadway. Butch is now employed with Frito-Lay Co. and the family moved recently from Eastland to Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ormsby and Sam Ormsby of Borger visited last weekend with their mother, Mrs. Bill Ormsby. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ormsby also visited with her mother, Mrs. Frank Dean.

D. R. Clark visited in Comfort from Friday to Sunday with his son, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Clark and family.

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My! What wonderful weather for a new year. Rain, sleet, snow, wind, cool, cooler cold and coldest. Such a variety to chose from. I am ready for it to cut across and just spring into good old summer weather.

The 84 gang has rested a week. I missed six days work due to snow and high water. So we have sure made those knitting needles clack. My arthritic fingers are as bad as Sanfords are. Big Foot is going after that chili now. He even eats it for breakfast at times. Mama cannot go it that fast, as her tongue chatters too much. Granny Kent is nearly on the lift now. Mae is close behind. Big Foot and Murel are having a time keeping Mama Cat warm. They use a heating pad to keep it warm. Cat Fuzz hates to take his medicine. I guess he had rather be sick, though Rosa begs and coaxes him to take it.

I saw my eye doctor on the 7th. He said they were worse (pressure higher) than they had ever been. He said my vision would gradually disappear. It did not bring a tear to my eyes. I tried that some twelve years ago. I did not help. "Whatever will be, will be." He gave me a higher test and just put drops in eyes 9 times per day and night. This makes my eyes burn.

I thought I could hear it boiling. All that came out of my eyes was water. I am afraid that it will boil all the water off my brain. I sure hope it doesn't.

I do not know much about the office as I missed nearly all of it. Just long enough to learn there are still crooks and cheaters there. What hurts me, I wanted to start the new year straight and they just push me around. Bud said Slim (Pickens' Cowboy) jumped someone down there and left in a huff and he heard on radio where his wife was admitted to the hospital and it seemed that Slim took it out on his wife. Hold that temper, Slim.

Many years ago there was a summer revival at Koko. One night I saw Buddy Eaves there. He was skinned, bruised black and blue. I asked him what happened. He said that he went squirrel hunting and the dog treed a squirrel in a hollow about twenty feet up a tree. He said "Oh Boy, squirrel dumplings for dinner." Just as he got up there a snake met him face to face. So Buddy just turned loose and started falling. He would hit a limb and turn him over, then hit another on the way down. So he forgot about that good dinner and started crippling on his way home. He still likes squirrel dumplings.

This is a Christmas Story. It happened many years ago. In the early 60's I believe. It had rained 40 days and 37 nights. Think that is close to right. Odis Rodgers and Mike started to try and finish threshing (combining) the day before Christmas Eve. They tried to get started by mid morning. The belts were slipping. So Odis said pour the belt dressing to them. His face was near eye of the sprockets. So he got dressing all over one side of his face and neck. He said that was OK as it would keep the wind off him. They went in and wet the end of their fingers and ate dinner in a hurry. They finished combining just after sundown. Odis fried soap and scrubbing, tho the belt dressing stayed on. God old Mike suggested Lysol. He put a little on a stick and it did the job. So Odis told him to get a stick and put a rag on it and get busy. About the time Mike finished, Odis jumped up and began to run thru the house and screamed. Mike tackled him and threw him on the bed. He spread-eagled him and Bernice tied him down. She got a gallon jar of milk and just

AS IT LOOKS

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ad the drying up of available capital for economic expansion that created much of the unemployment in the first place. A larger dose of the elixir that poisoned us is not likely to cure our ills. We should know that there can be no long-range cures just by having Government spending money since it has no money and must first take it from us before it can give it back.

THERE IS GOOD ARGUMENT that the American who is really unemployed and can not find work, though he earnestly seeks it, deserves all the help he can get. Those who are simply not qualified for gainful employment and who have no opportunity to be trained should be given a chance because, gainfully employed, they contribute to society as a whole and do not become a drain on it. This would seem to be in support of the idea that if industrial slack can be taken up in plants and factories, qualified skills would be needed to support the increased production and the increased production would have the effect of holding down inflation.

IT IS HOPED THAT SOME OF THE BIG SPENDING PROPOSALS can be moderated and, at least, these two approaches might be put together in some sort of a moderate compromise. Otherwise, if those things are done which again fire up inflation, we may not have the ability to reverse it.

skimmed the cream off and began to rub his cheek and neck. The blood was just oozing out. Mike got an iron (electric) and brought it to the bed. Odis asked him what he was going to do. Mike just said that he wanted to sear the skinned place over so that it would not get sore. Odis objected. So Mike just got the mop and mopped the rooms that Odis had run through and mopped up the tears. He will always remember Mike's Christmas present to him. These are just historical facts about Buddy and Odis that should be remembered.

The Reaper called Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Brown to their final resting place. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved. Remember another page will be turned in the book of time. Look up and smile. A smile will always help you win. Remember that the sun is shining very bright just beyond those darkest clouds. So be ready to greet it with a smile. It will help you and all you come in contact with. Just try it for a change.

The Rambler, Reporter

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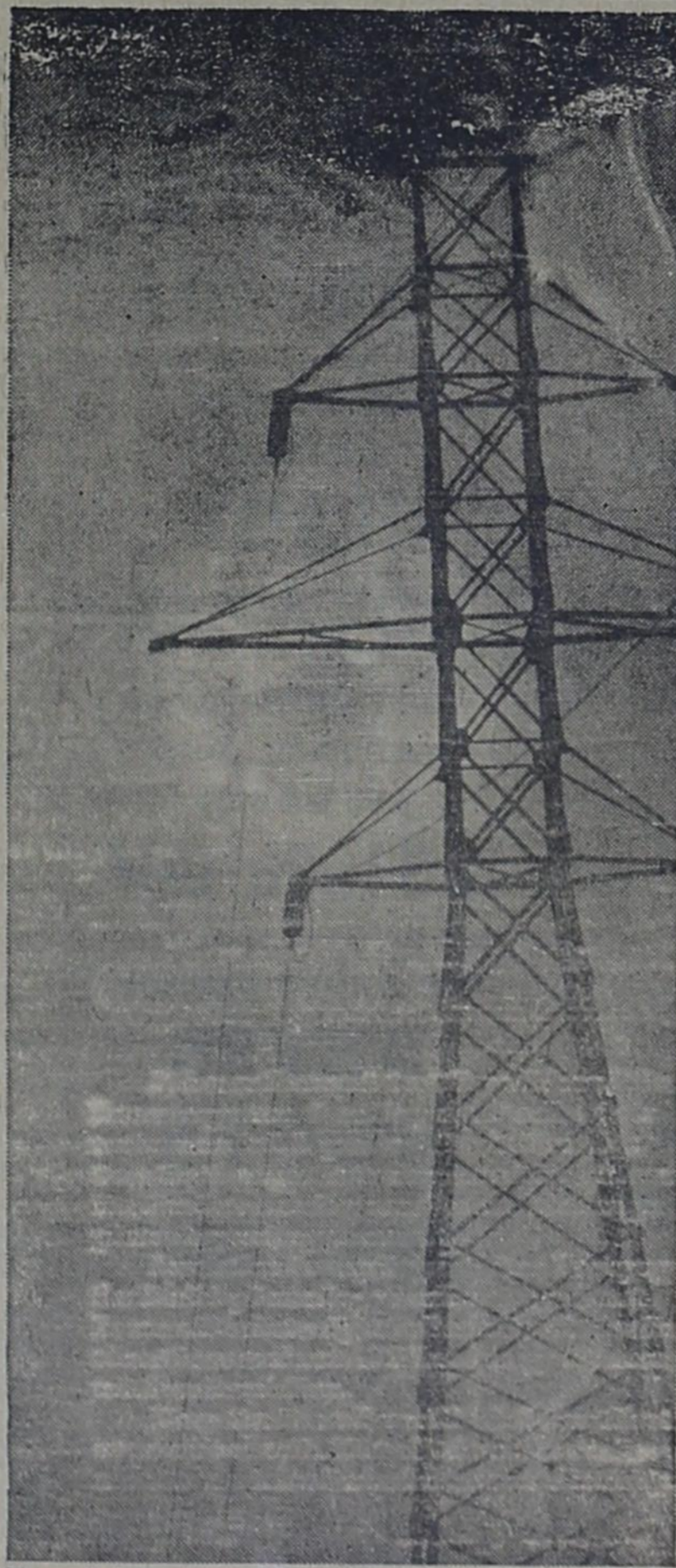
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