



PRESS POINTS

JOE BENNETT, Publisher

About all you hear these days is the terrible weather we are having, not only here in Texas, but all over the country. Maybe the old saying about returning to the ice age is coming true. Brrr, I hope not because its awfully hard to stay warm with the weather like it has been. We would probably all freeze if it got any colder in this area.

But maybe the Good Lord will take pity on us poor frozen sinners and will turn this weather situation around. He knows what He is doing and knows what's best for us.

We are really looking for a very big crowd of folks to be in Gorman on Saturday for the big Auction Sale at Troy Johnson's. This sale has been highly advertised and a sale the size of this one always draws a tremendous crowd. It will be great to see "the city" crowded again.

Received the following letter and article last week:
Dear Fellow Texan:

You may be interested to know that I have again introduced legislation to repeal the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974. As you know, that legislation established a national network of health planning, whose fundamental unit is the health systems agency. There are 12 agencies in Texas and more than 200 nationwide.

I have opposed this legislation from the beginning as a harbinger of national health insurance and as a further encroachment into State sovereignty in the establishment of health policy. The agencies have tremendous power in their authority to review the allotment of a wide variety of Federal Funds and to affirm or deny the right of applicants to offer new or modified health services to the public. In addition, there is no guarantee that service-starved rural areas will not be even more deprived by the creation of a two-level system of medical care in which intensive and specialized services would only be available in the large metropolitan areas.

I am enclosing a copy of my introductory remarks on S. 289 for your information. I hope you will share your views on this and other health issues of concern.

Sincerely yours,
John Tower
(Portions of Mr. Tower's statement.)

Since Public Law 93-641 was enacted, I have followed it carefully, and I am even more convinced than ever of its undesirable ramifications. Because I have such grave reservations, I am again introducing a bill to repeal the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974, titles XV and XVI of the Public Health Service Act. I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be included in the Record at the conclusion of my remarks.

I especially fear the impact that this legislation will have on nonmetropolitan communities and the health facilities and services in those years. I am concerned that the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act will totally disrupt the health delivery systems of rural areas. It will do this by essentially dichotomous system of medical care.

The long-term implications of these provisions should be apparent. I believe that, for a myriad of reasons, they would ultimately deprive the rural population of good medical care. These provisions would result in smaller, rural hos-

FOOTBALL BANQUET SET MONDAY NIGHT

Plans are being finalized for the school sponsored football banquet to be held Monday, February 7 in the High School gym. Serving will begin at 7:00 p. m.

Tickets for the barbecue dinner are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and are now on sale at Jay's Grocery, Laster's Department Store and First National Bank. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Dan Reeves, Dallas Cowboys coach, will be the principal speaker.

Reeves was a Cowboy runnerback for seven seasons and for three of those seasons a player-coach. He is in fifth spot among all-time rushing leaders for the Cowboys.

The school and the town are proud of the Gorman Panthers the 1976 Class B State Champions. We are sure all the fans who supported the team all year by attending all the games, will also want to attend the banquet Monday night in honor of the team.

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Plans providing primary care, while specialty care would be available only in metropolitan health care centers.

The subsequent transferral of seriously ill patients to metropolitan health care centers would drastically reduce the income to rural hospitals, effectuating a loss of personnel and the discontinuance of many services. Furthermore, good physicians cannot be expected to remain long in an area of primary care where they can participate in only a part of a patient's treatment, and young doctors will not be attracted to a rural practice limited in such a way. In light of the health manpower maldistribution problems that we are presently facing and the efforts the Federal Government is making to encourage young physicians to rural areas, I find this provision somewhat paradoxical. It will be hard indeed to draw medical personnel to rural areas in which there are sadly inadequate medical facilities and where they will have little opportunity to stay abreast of current medical developments.

The HSA's are potentially the most powerful organizations in the entire health industry, and this fact has not been lost on the groups competing for appointment. I have objected to the implementing legislation from the beginning because of the underlying premise that it will facilitate the implementation of a national health insurance program if and when it comes into being. By seeking to establish at the Federal, State, regional and local levels an interrelated system through which health planning, regulation, and allocation of resources will be determined, Public Law 93-641 represents a very real and unprecedented effort in nationalizing our health care system. Virtually all health facilities and services will be subject to regulation—not to mention funding—by health systems agencies, subject to HEW guidelines. I find this a frightening proposition. We have seen all too often in the past what excessive, though well-intentioned, Government regulation can do. Because of the act's potential for undermining efficient administration of health care programs, we shall inevitably get poorer health care in the bargain.

This ominous piece of legislation will expire in June of this year, and I see no point in prolonging a wholly unsatisfactory experiment. I have heard a tremendous amount of criticism about its potential, and even the most tentative optimism seems foolhardy in light of its inauspicious beginning. This is a costly, confusing, and universally unsatisfactory law we would do well to eliminate from the codes. I urge my colleagues to join with me in seeking its immediate repeal.

I sincerely hope Mr. Tower (and all the other folks representing us in Congress and the Senate) will be able to have this unrealistic law repealed and return the control of our hospital to the communities where they are located. And remember to smile — because God Loves You!

24 ENROLL IN ECA COURSE IN GORMAN

The Emergency Care Attendant course sponsored by Blackwell Hospital and Ranger Junior College met for the first class on Tuesday, February 1 at the Currency Room of the First National Bank. Twenty-four persons enrolled for the program. Instructors for the basic first aid course are John Wood, Pat Morgan and Terry Edwards.

The ECA course is the outcome of the combined efforts of the citizens of the Gorman trade area to keep the best possible ambulance and Emergency Medical Service in this area.

Anyone who would like to receive this first aid training is urged to attend the next class on Thursday, February 3 from 7 to 10:30 p. m. The classes will continue on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through March 15. Fee for the course is \$25. Those who have pre-enrolled for the course and are unable to attend are urged to return the training manual you received, as these manuals cost \$10 and are paid for in the \$25 course fee. Manuals may be returned to Blackwell Hospital.

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Those being honored were Mmes. Edna Witt, Cora Patterson and Georgia Leonard, and also Mr. Otis Thompson.

The ladies were presented bud vases with pink carnations and Mr. Thompson received a cognac.

Pink punch and cookies were served by HD ladies, including Mmes. Odis Rodgers, J. L. Morrow, J. C. Clearman, D. F. Eaves, Glenn Jordan, and Albert Hendricks.

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Services For Edward Ratcliffe On Saturday

Edward Lee Ratcliffe, 71, of Rising Star, died at 12:50 a. m. Friday, January 28, 1977 at the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at noon Saturday at the Forrest Park Funeral Chapel in Houston with Rev. Charles Oldenberg officiating. Burial was in Forrest Park Lawndale.

Born January 20, 1906, in Clarendon, he was a retired independent oil producer. He was a former advertising manager for The Houston Post. Mr. Ratcliffe was a member of the Rice Temple Baptist Church at Houston. He married Vera Ennington February 7, 1932, in Sulphur, La.

Survivors include a son, Robert James of Carbon; two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Vera) Kopal and Mrs. George (Merle) Mellen, both of Houston; a sister, Mrs. C. B. (Martha) Groves of Brady; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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HOSPITAL BAKE SALE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The Blackwell Hospital Auxiliary will hold a Bake Sale on Saturday, February 5th, if the weather permits. Anyone interested in baking something for the sale are asked to contact a member of the Auxiliary, or bring your baked item to the sale to be held in front of the Post Office.

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 on Valentine's Day. For further information see a member of the Auxiliary.

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LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. De Witt Robinson of Clyde announce the birth of their daughter, Keitha De Ann born at 8:07 a. m. January 18, 1977 in Hendrick Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces and measured 20 and three-fourths inches tall.

She was welcomed by her three-year-old sister, Nikki.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keith of Odessa. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willard Robinson. Maternal great-grandfather in John Cameron of San Angelo.

It is probably fair to say that the 1976 Panthers have added a lot to Gorman's sense of pride. But it is also fair to say that Gorman has added to the Panthers' pride, too. Perhaps in the long run that is just as important.

Little League To Have Concession At Auction Sat.

The Gorman Little League organization will operate a food and drink concession stand at the Auction Sale on Saturday, February 5th to be held on the Troy Johnson lots just west of The Pantry. The stand will open at 8:00 a. m. and remain open during the sale.

All profit from the proceeds will go to the Little League Baseball Park Fund.

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Evelyn Yardley New Adm. For Lawndale Home

Mrs. Evelyn Yardley has assumed duties as administrator of Lawndale Home for Senior Citizens.

Robert Wassensmiller, who has served as administrator since September 1, 1976, has accepted another position with Holiday Management Co.

Mrs. Yardley completed her internship at the Stephenville Nursing Home and served there as assistant administrator. She has served as administrator at Holiday Care Center in Stephenville since July 1, when the home was purchased by Holiday Management Company.

Mrs. Yardley is a native of this area and she and her husband, W. T., reside near Desdemona.

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WILDCAT WELL SLATED NORTH OF GORMAN

Riddle Oil Co. of Azle will drill No. 1 Burgess as a proposed 3,500-foot wildcat in Eastland County.

Location is three miles north of Gorman on a 180-acre lease. It spots 7,490 feet from the north and 1,375 feet from the west lines of Theresa Tyler Survey, A-492-3.

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DDC Course Is Successful

Charlie L. Garrett, Course Coordinator for the Defensive Driving Course held here last week, stated to the Progress: "I feel that the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course that was offered in Gorman was very successful. There were thirty-nine who completed the course. Since the number exceeded the thirty-five class limit, two complete classes were offered with one meeting in the afternoon and one at night. With this arrangement, students were able to meet one or the other of the classes and were able to complete all eight sessions.

"I would like to thank Rev. Peppers for helping me teach the course. We taught the class as a public service and were glad to do so, since both of us feel that the information given is very valuable in preventing accidents. I would also like to thank the Gorman Public Schools for the use of the projector used in the course and the First United Methodist Church for the use of their building, and the Gorman Progress, KERC, and others for publicizing the course.

"If there is a demand for another course this summer, I will be glad to schedule one. If any of you would like to have the course, let me know and I will make a request for it for some time after school is out.

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THANKS TO FIREMEN

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Desdemona and De Leon Fire Departments and all those who helped in any way in extinguishing the fire at our home near Desdemona on Saturday. Without your help and quick response to our call, we would have lost our home.

The family of Howard Iley

PANTHERS WIN 24-B TITLE - PANTHERETTES SET PLAYOFF

The Gorman Panthers won their way into the schoolboy Class 24-B playoffs with a victory over Rising Star on Tuesday night.

The Panthers made only one free throw all night but even it wasn't needed as the Panthers overpowered the Wildcats by the score of 93-64, to run their 24-B record to 6-0 and to make their season record 13-5.

Revis Laminack led the Panthers with 23 points. Tim Swanner had 19, David Good, 15, Mel Maxfield, 15, Jack Jackson, 6, Steve Keith, 8, Blaine Gibbs, 4, and Randy Seaton, 2.

Underwood was high scorer for Rising Star.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Wesley and Dorenda Rogers of Granbury announce the birth of their daughter, Miriam Carol, who was born January 26, 1977 at 4:24 a. m. Miriam Carol weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She was welcomed by an older sister, Gina Ann, age 4.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers of Gorman. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers of Ranger and Mr. and Mrs. George Hallmark of Gorman.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Erich Arnold of Gorman. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Erich Arnold of Waco and Mrs. J. L. Mathews of Valley Mills.

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SERVICES FOR HARMON ABLES ON THURSDAY

Harmon Columbus (Shorty) Ables, 71, of Eastland, died Wednesday, January 19, 1977 at the Eastland Manor Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Arrington Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gayle Baucum, pastor of First Baptist Church at Olden, officiating. Burial was in Eastland Memorial Cemetery.

Born May 8, 1905 in Tom Greene County, he married Lucy Inze Culland in 1926 in Carbon. She died May 1, 1960. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Gerald of Eastland, Gailon of Eastland, J. D. of Breckenridge and R. D. of Elk City, Okla.; a sister, Alta Mae Walker of Houston; two brothers, Melvin of Carbon and Verlon of Cisco; and seven grandchildren.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman Chapter 443, O.E.S., will meet Monday, February 7 for a regular meeting at 7:30 p. m. A covered dish supper honoring the Master Masons will be held at 6:00 p. m. at the Lodge Hall. Visitors are welcome.

NOTICE TO BICYCLE RIDERS — Always ride on the right side of the road, facing traffic. Use same rules as automobiles. These safety rules may help save your life.

The Firemen will not meet on their regular meeting date, Feb. 5, due to the football banquet. They will meet Tuesday, February 8 at 7 p. m.

The Carbon School Board will meet on Monday, February 7th.

The Kokomo Primitive Baptist will meet Saturday night, February 5, and Sunday, February 6th.

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.

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

Gorman Lodge 716, AF&AM, Stated meet ings, 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.

Financial Report Of 1976 Chamber Activities

Cash on hand January 1, 1976: \$1,484.74

RECEIPTS 1976:

Dues from

Membership \$1,672.50

Centennial Book Sales 18.81

Donations 1976 Farmers Banquet 220.00

1976 Farmers Banquet Ticket Sales 965.50

Bagged Peanut Sales 72.16

Bake Sale 81.50

Gift Box Peanut Sales 992.75

Reimbursements (various organizations) 44.06

Total Receipts 1976 \$4,067.28

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR 1976: \$5,552.02

DISBURSEMENTS 1976:

Salary \$724.90

Taxes 108.32

Printing 29.87

Farmers Banquet 1,182.31

Telephone 6.00

Bicentennial (C of C parade float) 54.96

Rent 6.00

Postage 31.58

Boxed Peanut Expense 344.31

Office Supplies 2.00

Miscellaneous .80

Promotional Projects:

Swim Pool 300.00

Lions Club All-Awards Banquet GHS 75.00

Christmas Lights (bulbs and labor) 184.40

Community Barbecue Pit 150.00

Gorman Jr. Rodeo 15.00

Flowers for New Business Firms 39.38

Halloween King and Queen Contest 153.56

Christmas Candy 25.20

Misc. Project Assistance 90.06

Total Disbursements for 1976 \$3,523.65

Cash on Hand, First National Bank of Gorman as of December 31, 1976 \$2,028.37

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TESCO Urges Safety Rules For Kite Flyers

Kite flying season is here again, and Texas Electric Service Co. urges young kite flyers to follow a few simple rules for their own safety.

D. R. Armstrong, TESCO manager, warns them of the danger of flying kites in the vicinity of electric power lines.

"If your kite should get caught in electric wires, call Texas Electric Service Co.," Mr. Armstrong says, "and someone will be sent to get it down for you."

Mr. Armstrong also recommends the following safety rules for kite flying:

— Always use dry string, not wire, anything metallic or any string with metallic threads.

— Always use kites made of wood and paper, not wire or metal.

— Don't fly your kite on rainy days.

— Always avoid busy streets and highways while flying your kite.

— Don't pull on the string or climb a power pole to loosen a kite snagged in electric wires.

— Always fly your kite far from electric or power lines.

— Always fly your kite away from TV and radio antennas.

"Posters containing these safety rules have been distributed by the company to all schools," Mr. Armstrong said. "Young people following these rules will get more fun out of flying kites and at the same time will keep from getting hurt or losing their kites."

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CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank Dr. Canut, the nurses and staff at Blackwell Hospital for the good care I received during my stay in the hospital. Thanks to friends for the cards, flowers, and visits. May God bless each of you.

Ava Rodgers

LOCAL News

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Boyd visited from Friday to Sunday in Vernon with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Boyd and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Justice of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams and John of Gorman Bill Miears of Lufkin and Judy Wykes of Huntsville were on a skiing trip to Cloudcroft, New Mexico from Thursday to Sunday.

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SENIOR CITIZENS

Whew! What a wonderful weekend again. Just think, this is the 13th straight bad week end. Everyone since the election. This is showing the Liberals, Environmentalists and Labor Goons that they are just mere pawns in the hands of time. It shows that they are not all powerful. The New England states are getting just what they have been asking for. They do not want any

Desdemona News

By: VONNIE GUTHERY

Hope everyone enjoyed the "petty" snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams of Kermit visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Buckley and family, over the weekend.

Mr. Lonnie (Compound) Clark remains a patient in the Eastland Hospital. Others on the sick list are Mrs. Johnnie Koonce.

A combined family birthday dinner was held in the home of Paul and Mary Dietz on Sunday, January 23rd. Those attending were Charlie and Nellie Worden of Kermit, Carl Worden of Weatherford, Ben and Frances Freeman of Ranger, Nell Rogers of Hasbell.

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drilling for oil and gas. They are afraid that a gallon of oil might kill a few crabs, Led by that (?) Ted Kennedy, the one that "walked on the water," after he had driven his car in the water with his mistress in it. Although he had a law degree, he did not report the accident for several hours. If it was just him and his liberal goons, I would say not one drop of oil nor a foot of gas from the Gulf States that take all the risk. It is a disgrace to all service men that have sacrificed so much for our country to see those yellow bellies that left our country and now are being pardoned. How in the heck can the U. S. ever get another large force in any emergency. We may be doomed.

The President says he would sign a bill to make a closed union shop.

The armed forces want to be unionized. They have the same right as all others. If any union has the right to strike, the armed forces has the same right. If they should, the nation could be destroyed forever in one day. I have always

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rogers and daughter of Abilene. Those celebrating birthdays were Mary Dietz, Nellie Worden, Joy and Nell Rogers and Carl Worden.

Mr. Joe Ben Koonce attended the Fat Stocy Show in Fort Worth. Scott and Brad Koonce spent the past few days skiing at Red River, N. M. So you guessed it - that left Billye Faye to feed the cows, etc. - but she got her "wet-back" Pat Buckley to help. Ha!

Fire and smoke damage to the home of Howard and George Iley Saturday evening, but the fast work of our local firemen saved it. The Ileys are in the process of building a new home next to their present location. So we all say "Welcome Back Home" to our community. Georgia Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Burleson.

feel so sorry for Granny Kent. Her steps are getting so tottery in her old age. Mae is still putting boards in her bridge. I have nearly balked on My Boss ordering me to do so much. (Though I go ahead, as she would take my table privileges away). Fats and Murel are still on the prowl. Cat Fuz has about decided to take up wrestling as a sideline. Double Six is ready to plant that garden.

Many years ago Uncle Barney Stanley carried a bale of cotton to the Carbon gin, run by Walter Gilbert (Floyd's dad). He did not have any pallette in his mouth.

He talked with a queer voice. Another man brought a bale at the same time. He was handicapped just like Uncle Barney. Each thought the other was mocking him. So they just tied their lines and got off the wagon ready to fight. Mr. Gilbert walked between them and explained that

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By: Mrs. Bernice Haynes
Mrs. Marie Brown left Mon-

each one had the same trouble talking. They looked at each other and grabbed hands and just laughed and laughed. A few days later they were both at the gin aagin. Uncle Barney laughed and asked if he wanted to fight. They had a big laugh. They were always friends from then on as long as they lived.

Stay in there basketball teams. We are all behind you all the way!
Look up and smile, as a smile will help you win. Just remember that the sun is shining bright just beyond those darkest storm clouds. So be ready to meet it with a smile. It will help you and all that you come in contact with. Just try to prove it.

The Rambler, Reporter

day morning for San Angelo to be at the bedside of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Truman Brown, Jr., who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perrin visited her sister, Mrs. Love, in the Lawndale Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leazar spent part of last week with his brother, who is ill.

Mrs. William Plaunty and children attended the wedding of her sister in New Mexico.

Visiting recently with Mrs. Haynes were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Billy Haynes of Duster, Mrs. Matt McClellan of De Leon and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hicks and daughter of Refugio, and Mrs. Velma Carr of Gorman.

Mrs. Bertha Roberts is on the sick list. Her son visited her on Monday.

Mrs. Highsmith and Mrs. Effie Barron are both feeling better.

Mrs. Maxine Frasier moved into her new home last week.

AUCTION SALE

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MOST PEOPLE WILL AGREE THAT WELFARE programs need reform. Most people will agree that there should be a willingness on the part of all able-bodied people to work. It is neither economically nor morally right for the Government to make it more attractive not to work than to work. Sure, there have to be jobs available but, as mentioned last week, jobs are going begging and something is wrong. The several jobs-training programs haventurned out people who either can't get work or don't want it.

THE NEXT THING IS HOW THE GOVERNMENT GIVE MILLIONS of people employment without running the public debt higher and higher, decreasing the value of our money, thus raising the cost of living for everyone? Who gains? - just about every one loses.

IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS IS THE DANGER of "out of the frying pan into the fire". The State of Massachusetts is advancing a plan which has as its purpose to turn Government welfare and unemployment benefits into paychecks. Massachusetts has one of the highest rates of unemployment and one of the most generous welfare payments of any State. Placing the jobless in self-sustaining economic enter-

prises rather than the familiar succession of dead end, "make work" Government employment has an appeal and could catch the attention of the Carter Administration and the Congress as it considers pumping billions into public employment.

FROM WHAT HASS APPEARED ON THE PLAN, non profit corporations would be set up for such activities as building renovation and repairs; lead and paint removal; energy-saving insulation of old housing; harvesting of forest on state-owned land; day care child facilities to free welfare mothers for work; and rehabilitation of railroads.

GOVERNOR DUKAKIS OF MASSACHUSETTS says any able-bodied and employable person who has been jobless for six months and is collecting Government assistance payments should be required to go to work or face cutoff of such payments. Workers would be recruited from welfare and unemployment rolls.

THE THEORY OF THIS APPROACH TO WELFARE REFORM has its appeal. The assumption is that the new job-providing business would get an infusion of capital from money that would otherwise be paid out in direct welfare benefits and unemployment compensation. There seems to be the further assumption that the corporate enterprise would be well managed and would not only be self-sustaining but would make money to support permanent jobs and hire more

ACTIVITIES

The Public Health Clinic will be open from 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. Wednesday, February 9 in Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

people as it developed. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THIS PLAN, like most, has some fine print. The Governor and his 30-person Task Force on Job Creation reckons that their plan will require an on-going subsidy and an addition of \$6 million to get it off the ground. (This is not one of the assumption but a requirement).

WELL, IT MIGHT BE SAID about anything that is better than the welfare mess we now have. This adds an incentive to this venture in reform. But there is another ingredient in this scheme. It comes down to this: Should the government get into business for itself? Where would such operations end and how good is the government's track record in managing the business it is already in? In socialist economics, business is run by government. Although there is a sort of desperation to "do something", this sort of thing may not be it.

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Lawndale News

Zelda Jordan visited Susie Wharton.
M. L. Trammell of Benbrook Add Trammell, Mrs. R. H. Scott and R. H. Scott, Jr. of Fort Worth visited with Mabel Trammell.

Aletha Yarbrough visited Emma Simmons.
Jessie and Ora Mae Atchison of Gorman visited Dewey Lindley.

Albert and Odessa Johnson of Desdemona visited Gordon Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Frasier of Loop visited Josie McClear-en.

Jean, Jody, Tanya and Kelley of Lamesa and Bert Witt of Gorman visited Edna Witt.

Loulan and Bert Jackson of Fort Worth, Georgia Morrow of De Leon, Vickie Brown, Paula Eaves of Gorman, and Arthur D. Kothman and Nell Comer visited at Lawndale the past week.

Thanks for signing the guest book.

Sunday afternoon the New Hope Baptist came at 2:30 for worship. The Church of Christ came at 5 p. m.

Monday is Bingo Day at 1:30 and we had the lobby full to play as they all like it.

Wednesday afternoon Bill Wilson brought our weekly Bible Study. Our study is still

or "Life of Christ." Thursday afternoon was birthday party for the month of January. Those who had birthdays were Edna Witt, 14th, Otis Thompson, 16th, Cora Patterson, and Georgia Leonard, 25th. As always the ladies of the Kokomo HD Club came to help out.

Those helping were Nancy Hendricks, Joyce Eaves, Na-oma Morrow, Anna Laura Clearman, Bernice Rodgers and Zelda Jordan. We had as guests, our new administrator Evelyn Yardley, Mary Frances Cope, adm. of Western Manor of Ranger, and Activity Direc-

tor Mary Lee Cagle. We were very glad to have them visit. Always glad to have visitors to all parties and any time at Lawndale.

Thursday night was singing night at seven o'clock. We had several singers who were not here. We missed you and

hope you come back this week. All residents look forward to this. We had a nice singing as always. Thanks to everyone who has a part in this.

On Friday the residents play dominoes, visit, watch TV or whatever.



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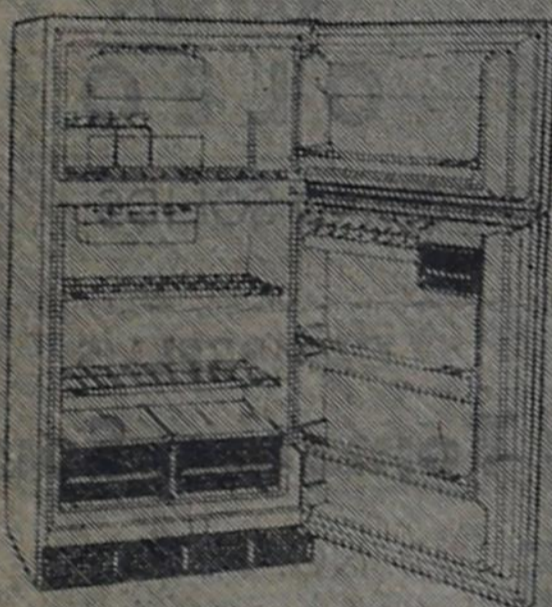
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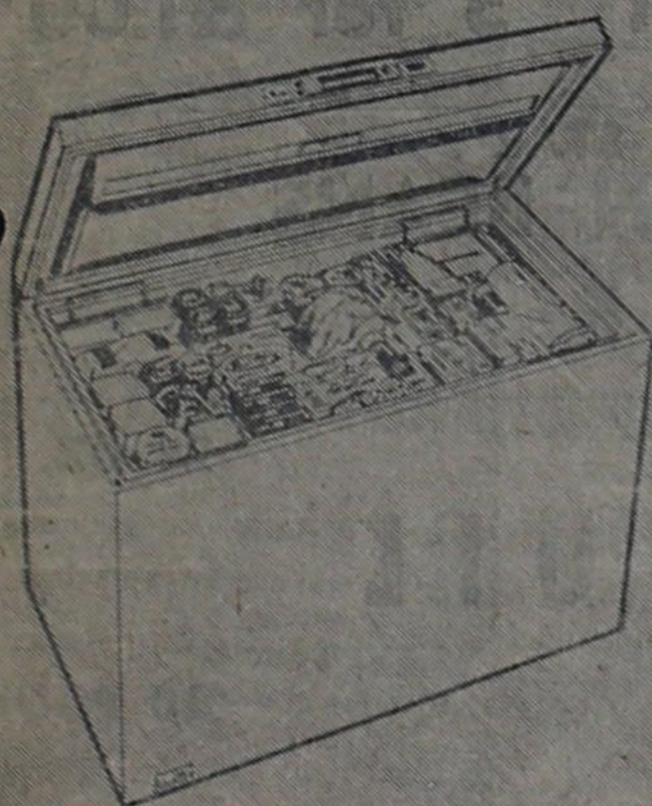


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KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN
I don't know just how much

snow we received on Sunday, but between 3 and 4 inches, making the roads hazardous. The evening services at the Kokomo Baptist Church was cancelled due to the bad roads. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joiner was the scene of a family get-together on Sat-

urday. Those present were Mr. Donald Lee Joiner and Lee of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. David Joiner, Vic and Neva of Plano, recently returned to the States from Indonesia, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Joiner of Abilene, Mr. Ennis Joiner of El Paso, Mrs. John Ed Grissom and grandchildren, Mike and Shana of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. David Clover and Jimmie Needham of Gorman, Cliff and Sharla Bramlett of Stephenville. Eliz-

abeth and Randall Gabriel visited in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers visited from Thursday until Saturday in San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Spencer, Allen and Andrea. Jamie Lewallen of Floydada spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson took his mother, Mrs. Ollie Nelson of Gorman, to Houston the first of the week for a medical check-up. Mrs. Bob Watson of De Leon visited with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan Kelly and Yancy of Lawn, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks and attended the services at Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Shackelford, Camilla and Melissa of Liberal, Kans. and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Neal and Bill of Austin visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller have been enjoying an eight day trip to Hawaii. I'll have more on this next week.

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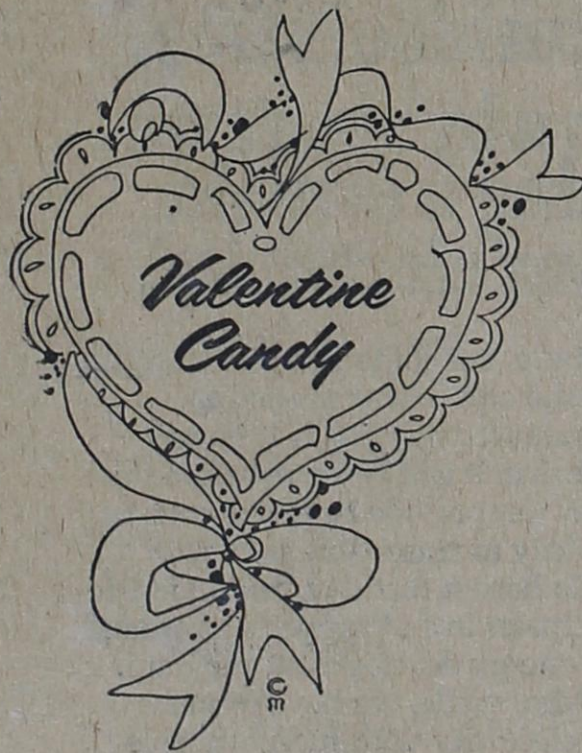
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