

# The Gorman Progress

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## Of '28 Hold Re-Union



On May 17th, 1928 there were 19 boys and girls graduated from Gorman High School. We all took different roads to travel; after 20 years we were reminded of our school days in Gorman High. A class get-together was planned and the roads began to turn again to Gorman. This reunion was discussed by the members of this class at different times. We had planned to have this reunion but it had been so many years ago, I was afraid that many members had forgotten. I began to write letters and cards to find out where each member was, I wrote to each member or to some of their kin to find out where they all were.

I began to hear from some of the members and all were in favor of the reunion, so I decided I'd have to locate Miss Dena Meyer, who had been our sponsor. I knew that she lived in or around San Angelo, Texas but I didn't know her name as she had married I had learned from some source during these years since we had all left ole Gorman High. After trying to think of some one I might write to find her, I finally decided upon the idea of just advertising for her in the San Angelo paper and of course I got an answer by return mail telling me she was Mrs. Thos. B. Hill, so I wrote her a letter telling her about the plans. She was very excited about this and wrote that she would come to the reunion that she almost knew who it was by the ad in the paper. Every one that had ever known she had taught school in Gorman began to telephone her that she was being advertised for.

August 7th was the date finally decided upon, but picking a date that was suitable for every one was not easy. I wrote each member a card telling them to come and bring a basket lunch and we would meet at Bass Lake. The closer the time came the more excited I got. On Thursday I received a letter from Velma "Doo-ey". I didn't have time to write back she would be here and was the same "Doo-ey" but who is now Mrs. C. R. Wood of Vernon, Texas.

When we got out to Bass Lake, Amber Dukes, who is Mrs. Bishop Craddock of Sundown, Texas was there with daughter, Jane, age 4, who had us all wined over in a few minutes. She also had her son, David, who wanted to go swimming even before we ate dinner. He spent quite a bit of his time in swimming and trying to find money that was thrown in the lake.

Ruth McKittrick, who is Mrs. R. L. White of Muskogee, Oklahoma, took a post graduate course with us and is now a professional artist. We all knew that she would some day bring fame to Gorman as she could always draw and paint. She has won many prizes with her pictures. She has also done illustrations for a book, "Outdoors in Oklahoma".

We were all glad to see Mrs. H. L. Morgan of Waco, Texas. She was so surprised to get my card and she wondered how I found her address. That is a long story but where there is a will, there is a way. Her daughter Frances was with her. Frances is an X-ray lab technician at Camp Hood and was more than glad to make the trip to Gorman with her mother to see

where her mother went to school. Lesta Higginbottom who lives in the Kokomo community and has made a Missionary Baptist preacher, was there with his wife, Thelma who will be an ex-officio member of our class. Lesta was always quite in school and did not have much to say but we know he has come a long way and we are all proud of him.

Then, of course, there was Dee Burleson who lives in Eastland and is with the State Welfare Department. We will all know who to see about our old age pensions. His two sons, John Dee and Don, were with him and they really enjoyed swimming and looking for the nickels and dimes that were pitched in the water.

Odell "Quail" Thompson who lives in Gorman and is in the furniture and hardware business, was the baby of our class. Mrs. Hill, (Miss Meyer) said Odell has finally grown up after all these years.

We had a picnic lunch, plenty of fried chicken, potato salad, cakes and pies and cold drinks. When we were almost through with dinner here comes the "paper man" with his camera and we feed him lots of fried chicken, to get him to take our picture for the Progress.

The afternoon was spent reminiscing and wishing all the others were there. I read a letter from Sibyl Merritt now Mrs. H. E. Fletcher of Moriarty, New Mexico. She sent some pictures of her son and daughter and her grand-daughter and wanted to know if any of the rest of us could boast of being a proud grandmother. Her son is in the Navy.

We ate supper about 5:30 and decided to have another reunion next year, the first Saturday in August at Bass Lake, which is now Frank A. Gray Memorial Park, and we are hoping that all of those who were not here this year will be present next year.

The members present were: Texas; Mrs. H. L. Logan, Waco, Texas; Mrs. C. R. Wood, Vernon, Texas; Mrs. Bishop Craddock, Sundown, Texas; Mrs. R. L. White, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Mrs. Carlton Bassett, De Leon, Texas; Odell Thompson, Gorman; Dee Burleson, Eastland.

Others present were: Frances Barrett, Waco; David and Jane Craddock, Sundown; John Dee and Don Burleson, Eastland; Mary Lee and Carla Jean Bassett, De Leon; Mrs. Lesta Higginbottom, Gorman and Carlton Bassett, De Leon.

Members of the class who were unable to attend: Herschel Reynolds, Henrietta, Texas; Schmick Ramsay, El Dorado, Ark.; Jack Winners, El Dorado, Ark.; Aubrey "Dick" Russell (somewhere in California); Vernon Welch, Winters, Texas; Edith Gray (Mrs. Preston Ligtfoot) Sweetwater; Carnie Courtney (Mrs. Aubrey Holt) Kermit, Texas; Murtice Simpson (Mrs. Fred Rodgers) Gorman; Gladys Adams (Mrs. Lowell Pittman) De Leon; Bessie Simmons (Mrs. Bill Reynolds) Cisco; Zelma Eison, Gorman; and Sibyl Merritt (Mrs. H. E. Fletcher) Moriarty, New Mex.

## Weaver Cemetery Working

The semi-annual working at Weaver Cemetery will be held August 31, 1948. Rev. Taylor Henley will speak at the devotional hour. Come with a full basket, your hoe and rake.

## Duster Transfers Students To G'man

In a recent meeting of the school boards of Gorman and Duster, held at Duster, the latter a community of Comanche County, contracted to transfer their complete district to Gorman for the year 1948-1949.

The present plan is that Gorman shall operate an elementary school of eight grades in the Duster school building. The high school students are to be brought by bus to the Gorman High School.

Committees from each board have partially worked out the route of transportation for the bus or buses.

## Gorman School To Have Vet Housing Program

The Gorman School is sponsoring a veteran housing project. The building located across the street from the school on a lot purchased by the school will have three modern apartments. It was secured through the Federal Housing Administration at Camp Bowie.

On separate account the school borrowed approximately \$3,500 to meet the cost of moving and renovating, also the purchase of lot. The notes of same are to be allayed by rental payments.

The first choice of apartments will be to teacher veterans.

## CARTER REUNION

The children of P. S. Carter held their first family reunion at Frank A. Gray Memorial Park, August 15. Those present were: Mrs. W. A. Clements, Tyler, Texas; Mrs. A. C. Hopper, Bernardillo, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Carter, Sipe Springs, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Carter, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carter, Rising Star; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Taylor and Earl; Mr. T. J. Carter; Jim Carter; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rawls and family and Mrs. Allie Rawls, all of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bennett and children, Mrs. Rupert Cagle and children, of Big Springs; Mrs. C. M. Williams and children, Cohoma, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams and Mrs. Merle May of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Taylor and family, Ranger; Mrs. Mandell Poyner and Terry, Gorman; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Jackson and Miss Faye Durbree of Rising Star; Mrs. Mary Adams, Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. John Durbree and son, Kermit, Tex.

## To The Voters Of Precinct Two

Since time does not permit me to make another house to house campaign, may I resort to the local newspaper to agai solicit your support and influence in my campaign for your next County Commissioner and give you a few ideas I have as to what we need most in our precinct and what I shall try to do if I am elected.

First to have the whole-hearted cooperation of the people and the Commissioners Court. Next to improve our relationship with the Highway Department so that we can have our part of the State Highway and Farm to Market Roads in this precinct. I will see to it that each and every part of the precinct get their fair share of the road work and when possible men from each section will be employed to do the work in their part of the precinct.

If I am elected, you are invited to bring your problems in and I assure you, you will have a chance to present your claim and get a fair consideration whether you are a large or small tax payer.

As to the road equipment I will place some of it in all parts of the precinct so that we can better serve all the people and at an earlier date after each rain.

If this meets with your approval then I shall appreciate your vote August 28th.

I remain yours for your next Commissioner,  
H. H. (Howard) WILLIAMS  
Pd. adv

## Oil Company To Drill 24 Wells



C. P. PORTER

C. P. Porter of Alice and Eastland, vice president and general manager of the Coast Oil Company, has launched a drilling campaign which calls for putting down 24 wells at an estimated cost of \$660,000 in the Kirk pool, along the boundary between Eastland and Comanche Counties.

Six producers already have been drilled by the Coast, two others are under way and two drilling rigs are to be kept busy until the remaining 16 are put down.

Porter and Morris Cannan, San Antonio geologist, recently purchased the five-story Petroleum Building in Eastland. The structure, which is to be air-conditioned was built at a cost of over \$300,000 during the great oil boom of 1920.

Porter took part in that boom as a driller.

## METHODIST NEWS

W. F. Smith, Pastor

"The coolest place in town", thus some have described our church since the installation of the air-conditioner, and we can now say, "the cleanest place," for we have an electric cleaner.

Brother Bowman was with us last Sunday, bringing the message of the morning, in the absence of the pastor.

Plans are being made for the dedication of the picture "Christ at Heart's Door", that has been purchased by the Young Adult Class for their room. This picture by Warner Sallman, who is considered by many as the greatest living artist of religious paintings, is alive with deep-glowing beauty of the original. The picture is to be the theme for the evening service Sunday with the interpretation by one of the members as the climax. This is a rare opportunity and an urgent invitation is extended to all.

Among those who have been in college during the summer are Mrs. Grace Clark and son Jerry, Mrs. John Kirk, and Wm. F. Smith, Jr. They will have only a few days at home before assuming their fall duties. They have been missed while away from from us.

An article in a recent issue of a church magazine reminds me that our editor deserves a bouquet for offering us space in our local paper. The writer of the article was speaking of the fact that churches need more room in our papers, more publicity than a repetitious, routine announcement. Our editor has kindly offered us space without asking for it, which is greatly appreciated.

## Card Of Thanks

We take this method of thanking all you people of Gorman and surrounding territory, for the many favors shown us in the past. We feel that we owe everything to you for the success we have enjoyed the past fourteen years in the show business in Gorman.

We are turning the business over to Messrs. George Hollifield and Hubert Craddock, and feel that they will carry on the business as it has been in the past, trying all ways to bring you the best in clean entertainment.

Our sincere best wishes to all of you.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Capers

## Our Library

A REVIEW OF LYDIA BAILEY  
LUCRETIA FAIRBETER

In 1947 Kenneth Roberts, who is reputed to be America's greatest historical novelist, presented Lydia Bailey to the reading public.

The time of the story is the dawn of the 19th century when the United States began to show the world that she was a nation to be reckoned with.

Action in the adventure takes place for the most part on the Isle of Haiti in the Caribbean Sea but the characters against their wishes find themselves in France and Tripoli.

Albion Hamlin on seeing a portrait of Lydia Bailey falls in love with the young lady. Lydia, a governess, is reported to have died of yellow fever while in Haiti. But a soldier of fortune among Albion's denies the rumor and declares that he has seen Miss Bailey since the epidemic. To Albion there is indication of her being held prisoner.

In Haiti after a long and difficult search Lydia is found only -- for the two to be carried through the terrors of political and racial wars.

King Dick, a big black, follows them halfway around the world to rescue them from slavery.

Mr. Roberts says he wrote the book to show that consistency, which has been considered a virtue, inevitably brings ruin to innocent people and innocent countries.

The reader will see the shameful acts of the United States passed off as diplomacy. He will see good too, and perhaps will emerge from the reading a little less bigoted and a little more gracious.

Ed. Note -- I appreciate these book reviews Mrs. Fairbeter has been sending in. You will find this and many other fine books in the Progress Library.

Mrs. Tucker visited our Library Monday and found a number of books that are on the preferred reading list for Home Demonstration Clubs. As soon as I can obtain this list I will see if I can get the rest of these books.

## REVIVAL MEETING



FRED PORTER, Evangelist

The local First Baptist Church will begin a Revival Meeting Sunday, August 22nd to continue through August 29th.

Rev. Fred Porter, pastor of the North Temple Baptist Church at Dallas, Texas will be the guest Evangelist for the services.

Services will be held twice daily at 10 A. M. and 8:15 P. M.

The music will be under the direction of Mr. Andrew Pittman, local director, and Mrs. O. R. Buchanan, Pianist.

The people of this city and adjoining territory are urged to attend these services.

## JOHNSON BAPTIST CHURCH

REVIVAL STARTS AUGUST 20

Rev. Parnell of Tilden, Texas will preach at the Johnson Baptist Church Revival which begins August 20th and continues through the 29th.

Dean Gardner will be in charge of the Song Service.

## SINGING

There will be a singing at the Assembly of God Church in De Leon, Sunday afternoon, Aug. 20.

## Organization Set Up For Better Rural Roads

A state-wide organization has been formed, the sole aim of which is to provide and sponsor a planned program designed to give Texas all weather rural roads.

Many state-wide groups interested in all rural problems have attempted in the past to sponsor better rural roads. However, each organization had its individual program, and many times it enabled pressure lobbyists to play one group against the other. In order to avoid this in the future, these state-wide groups met with many individuals and representatives of such organizations as were primarily dependent upon good roads, and it was decided to form "THE TEXAS RURAL ROADS ASSOCIATION".

All modern benefits now received by the rural people of our state are the result of organized effort. The rural mail service, rural electrification, telephone, conservation districts, Co-ops, and many others were made possible only after the people organized themselves into one common group and worked for enactment of the necessary legislation. Realizing this, THE TEXAS RURAL ROADS ASSOCIATION will attempt to organize ALL the people of Texas who are not now satisfied with the mileage



## OIL NEWS and PERSONNEL In and Around GORMAN

W. B. Johnson No. 1 K Koonce at 2392 feet.

Gillispie No. 1 Waller drilling at 515 feet. They will set 10 inch casing at 650 feet probably Wednesday.

Gilbert Drilling Co., out of Kilgore rigging up on the Anderson place northwest of the G. T. Sloan place southwest of Gorman. This is an offset to J. C. Cook.

An outfit has moved in on the Old Kirk Ranch--now known as the J. E. Anderson place near the Indian Mountain Community. This reporter could not obtain the dope on WHO? What? about this lease for publication but will ferret it out within a day or so and give the dope to this column as soon as its available.

Coast Oil Corp. No. 1 George Bell has set oil string at 2134 and are awaiting completion.

Robert N. McKissick No. 1 George Bell are expecting to acidize Wednesday afternoon.

Coast Oil No. 3 and No. 5 Della Graham are still in the process of rigging up.

Coast Oil No. 1 H. H. Richardson are moving in.

Mellard and Kirk No. 1 Moseley are acidizing today after having perforated Tuesday night using 140 shots. They worked about 38 feet of pay.

W. B. Johnson No. 1 G. T. Sloan drilling at app. 200 feet.

Reo Drilling Co. No. 1 B. F. Porter drilling at 1250 feet.

A. W. Gregg et al moved their outfit from the old Boyd Well which they had hoped to salvage 'by burning out a quantity' of iron which had been lost in the hole but which did not respond, to their new set up about 5 miles south of De Leon--this is the Keith place out on the Dublin road from De Leon.

Ryan Hayes and Burke's No. 1 Rushing, with Choate in charge of drilling operations is drilling at 3100 feet. They may not hit pay for another 100 feet or so.

No. 1 Clayton ran oil into the pipes for the first time Monday morning. This well is producing slightly more than 60 BBLs. potential test figures without having been acidized and without having been carried as far as they had intended to go.

of better rural roads they are receiving.

Once organized, the Texas Rural Roads Association will attempt to get legislation providing a long range, well planned program of rural road building. Such a program has resulted in our having now an excellent system of state highways. Without a well planned program, the present highway system would probably have not been what it is. At the present there is no such planned program for building rural roads. The only means of obtaining such a program for rural roads is through a state-wide organization working for us.

Judge Roger Garrett of Anson, Director of the Texas Rural Roads Association for the 24th Senatorial District has called a district meeting for Tuesday, August 24, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the Windsor Hotel in Abilene, at which time all interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting and to join in the movement to obtain better rural roads. Organizations of all people interested should be the correct method to get results.

Such an organization as The Texas Rural Roads Association has long been needed. Many things which modern science has developed and which are in use for the betterment of urban areas, are now being denied the rural sections due to poor rural roads. It is hoped that every person interested in "Getting his county out of the mud" will join in with Judge Garrett and the other local citizens in organizing a substantial local group who will work with the Texas Rural Roads Association.

Hon. P. L. Crossley, County Judge has been appointed County Chairman of the Texas Rural Roads Association for Eastland County. He was chosen for this job because of his interest in rural roads and his willingness to work for the betterment of his community.

Mrs. Onie Anderson was in Hamlin Saturday to attend the funeral of a friend.

## KING THEATRE

Victor Mature - Coleen Gray  
In  
Fury at Furnace Creek  
Also  
Cartoon - Color Comedy  
Saturday  
Jimmy Wakely  
In  
Partners of the Sunset  
And  
Willard Parker  
In  
Wreck of the Hesperus  
Also  
Brick Bradford No. 8  
Sunday and Monday  
Edward G. Robinson  
Burt Lancaster  
In  
All My Sons  
Also  
Leon Errol Comedy  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
Burt Lancaster - Yvonne De Carlo  
In  
Brute Force  
Also  
Cartoon - Sports - Comedy  
Cartoon - Comedy  
Thursday and Friday  
June Haver - Lon McAlister  
In  
Scudda Hoo! Scudda Hay!  
Also  
Cartoon - Comedy  
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Ed. Note--The King Theatre is one of a select few in the United States to present this picture for the first time. It's a rip-roaring Western depicting a cattle drive on the Chisholm Trail - most of it is taken on the open range instead of saloons like so many of the western pictures.

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FOR SALE—Model B John Deere Tractor with equipment. Priced right for quick sale. A-1 condition Jack Lane, R. 1, Carbon 8-26p

FOR SALE—36 head Geese. J N Jordan, R. 1, Gorman or phone 42J Carbon. 8-26p

FOR SALE—House in A-1 condition. Reese Allday, Phone 32.

FOR SALE—Indirect Floor Lamp, \$8.00. Child's play cabinet and doll bed; three-quarter bed mattress and springs. Reese Allday

FOR SALE—Used Vacuum Cleaners, standard makes, in good condition. \$5 and up. Reese Allday Phone 32.

FOR SALE—Ivory and Pon Piano See John Layton. 8-26p—

WANTED—Butcher, apply at the Gorman Frozen Food Lockers

FOR SALE—One large box quilt scraps \$1.00. Progress Office.

FOR SALE—Oil Stove, cheap. One mile east of the Hancock Fruit Stand, 3 miles east of Gorman.

FOR SALE—Extra good No. One 2-bushel peanut bags—.09 cents. Golden Oak Feed and Produce

FOR SALE—Four-room house and lot, east of school house. Levi Belyeu.

**Carbon News**

**WILLIAM OSCAR HAMILTON**  
William Oscar Hamilton was born September 11, 1885 at Fort Worth, Texas and died August 14, 1948.  
He joined the Baptist Church at the age of 21. He was married to Effie Cordis McGaha, July 5, 1908.  
He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. E. B. Bledsoe of San Antonio and Mrs. T. E. Woody, Stamford, Texas; four grand children; one sister, Mrs. Joe McBeth, one brother, Roy Hamilton, both of Rising Star.

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Wilson and family of Elmdale, Mr. Jim Foster and Family of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cavanaugh and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. Dunn were entertained with an ice cream supper in the D. D. Sandlin home last Friday night.  
Mrs. E. H. Boyett and Mrs. E. R. Trimble visited Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thurman of Gorman last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gregg of Oil Center, New Mexico and daughter, Mrs. Cunningham and baby of Jal, New Mexico visited Mr. and Mrs. Ike Butler last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rhyne and family of Phillips, Texas are visiting relatives here this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Murray are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Luther Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Snodgrass.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stubblefield and son Mack visited in Arkansas and also their son, Jack and wife in Oklahoma.  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Herring of Merkel visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson and other relatives here last week. Miss Betty Robertson returned home with them for a visit.  
Etoil Butty of Odessa visited her Aunt, Mrs. Fannie O'Brian and Mrs. Fannie Welch and also Clarence Hastig and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hines and daughter Marjorie visited in Bell County over the week end.  
Miss Johnnie May Fifndley and her brother Gene of Wichita Falls were in Carbon on business on Saturday.  
W. H. Gilbert and family of Dallas and Weldon Bruce of California are visiting their mother and sister Mrs. W. H. Gilbert and Esta Lee.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loper and daughter, Patsy visited relatives in Munday over the week end.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arnold spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother Mr. and Mrs. Lester Arnold of Munday.  
Mrs. McLauren and son and Mrs. K Kingsberry and daughter of Merkel spent the week end with their mother and sister Miss Reba Ransome and Mrs. Ransome.

**Henderson Re-Union**

The annual Henderson Reunion was held Saturday August 13th at the Reunion grounds, 6 miles north of Gorman.  
Since our last meeting there were no deaths, one marriage, and one birth reported - some were ill and could not attend.  
There were only 17 relatives present but all had a very enjoyable day and a good lunch.  
The afternoon was spent slicing watermelons, taking pictures, and playing "42". It was voted unanimously to meet next year on the second Sunday in August so that Relatives present were: Mr. and those working could attend.  
Mrs. John W. Henderson; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Henderson and daughters, Darlene and Dolores and Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes all of Gorman.  
Out of town relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Henderson, May, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W.W. T. Henderson and son W. T., Jr. of Ft. Worth, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Henderson, Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harris of Rising Star.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to express my deep appreciation to all my friends and neighbors for the prayers, the cards and flowers, also to the Doctors and Nurses, especially, Dr. Ed, at the Blackwell Sanitarium for their special kindness shown me during my recent illness.  
May God's richest blessings be always with you.

**LINNIE SMITH**

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
For Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
H. H. (Howard) WILLIAMS  
A. M. (Judge) THURMAN


**HEART AILMENT FATAL TO DAVID CARTER CLAITOR**

David Carter Claitor, age 58, passed away on Wednesday, August 4th in the Santa Fe Hospital in Temple, of a heart ailment after an illness of three weeks.  
Mr. Claitor was born November 12, 1890 in Kosciusko, Miss. He had lived in Temple for the past 28 years and had been employed with the Santa Fe Ry. for 35 years.  
Mr. Claitor married Stella Bowdlen in 1912, near Brownwood.  
He was an active member of the First Methodist Church and served on the Board of Stewards of Temple Church. He was also member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge.  
He is survived by his wife; one son, David F. of Corpus Christi; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Rasso of Dallas; two brothers, John Claitor of Gorman and Gordon Claitor of Dublin; three sisters, Mrs. J. T. Singleton of Cone, Mrs. E. C. Moorman of Cisco and Mrs. Clarence Jamison of Shreveport, La.  
Funeral Services were held at Hewett Funeral Home Thursday August 5th at 10:30 A. M. Rev. L. B. Parks officiated.  
Pallbearers were: R. E. Windland, M. W. Lovell, Sr., Fontaine Erskine, Andrew Sewell, E. B. Powers and George H. Haase.  
Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple.

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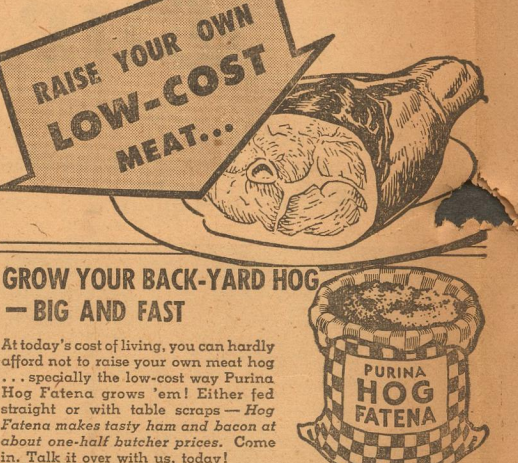
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**Cheaney News**  
By MRS. BILL TUCKER

4 P. M. Saturday, August 14th in Ranger, when Miss Gwendolyn Gentry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gentry, became the bride of Mr. Clifford Floyd of Ranger. The young couple left immediately for Odessa, their future

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home. The Community wishes them all the happiness in the world, and a long life together.

The Church series of meetings came to a close Sunday night, after having spent a full day together. Lunch at the noon hour, song services in the afternoon and then closing services at 8 o'clock. One addition by baptism was the visible results, and much good may come of the faithful work done by Brother Hogland.

The Baptist Revival with Paul Stevens of Abilene doin gthe preaching will begin Sunday, August 22nd and continue through the 29. Bible school will be held each morning and an invitation is cordially extended to everyone.

Visitors in the Samuel Lemley home the past week were: Mr. & Mrs. Ray Holland of Turkey, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bagwell of San Francisco and Mr. Bob Watson of Eastland.

Friends were glad to again meet Friends were glad to again greet Mr. Luther Cooksey and daughter, Evelyn of Fort Worth, who were present for church services Sunday morning.

Lynn and Billy Dan Walton, of Strawn visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Eloise Wisdom of Odessa is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kincaid and daughter have returned from a vacation in Shreveport, La. and Brownfield.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank our many friends for their thoughtfulness during the time of our sorrow and at the loss of our beloved Mother, Mrs. J. W. Hughes. We deeply appreciate the beautiful flowers and cards.

Mr. W. L. Samuels and family

**Card Of Thanks**

We wish to take this means of thanking everyone who assisted in any way during the illness and death of our husband, father and grandrathier, Tom Frasier. Many thanks for the food lovely flowers and each word and deed of kindness. May God Bless You.

The Frasier Family

Total premium for the 1948 Live stock and Junior Livestock shows

at the 1948 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24 will be \$62,291.

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**THANKS**

I desire to express my very deep appreciation to the people of Eastland County for the wonderful vote I received in my race for District Judge in the July Primary

The courtesies extended by those whom I contacted during the campaign, and the loyalty of my many friends will long be remembered.

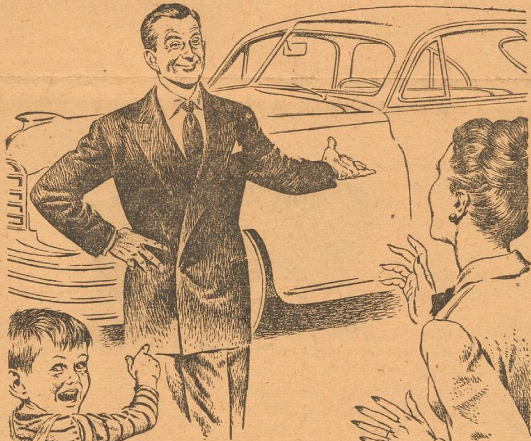
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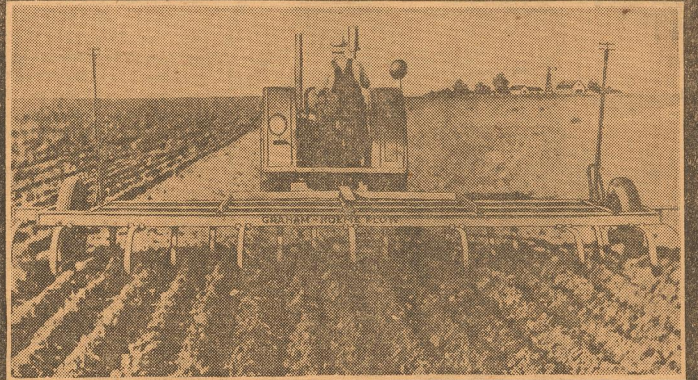
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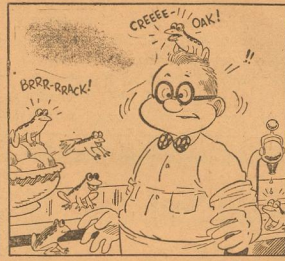
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Personals

Miss Ozella Pulley and Mrs. J. H. Barbee have returned from a ten days vacation spent in Carlsbad and other points in New Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McGlamery of Austin are spending this week with her mother Mrs. Mary F. Kimble. Miss Cornelia Bolen of Jackson, Ala. and Mrs. Erin T. Fuller of Selman, Ala. returned to their respective homes Friday after a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Ashworth of Fort Smith, Ark. are spending their vacation in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jane Eppler and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hooker of Fort Worth spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Hooker.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Ormsby and family of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Steiner also of Dallas visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ormsby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward May of Abilene were in Gorman Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. Ellen Oldham and also Mrs. Fannie Scott who is ill in the hospital at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Little of Eastland visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boucher Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Boswell, who have been vacationing in New Mexico, are expected home some time this week.

Mrs. John Kimble and John Edward report a wonderful vacation trip to Eureka Springs, Ark. They returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Lennie Walker and Arnold Anderson spent the week end in Dublin.

Mrs. Frank Leazar, who will be remembered as the former Frances Arnold of Desdemona, was taken to St. Paul's in Dallas Monday for diagnosis and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brummett and Sylvia were in Fort Worth Thursday afternoon.

Charlie Underwood and Joe Ormsby were in Borger over the week end to visit Mr. and Mrs. Billie Chas. Underwood.

Mrs. Bill Heflin of Fort Worth spent last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jess Richardson, returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Arvil Miers of Houston are in Gorman this week. Their son had a tonsillectomy at the Blackwell Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Pullig and Miss Della Pullig spent Sunday in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone Jr. and son.

San Marcos - Graydon Baze of Gorman was among 42 students of Southwest Texas State College who have recently been placed in teaching positions by the College Teacher Placement Bureau.

Truman W. Beard, superintendent of the Gorman Schools will receive his Master of Arts Degree from the Hardin Simmons University, Friday, August 20th.

Mrs. Thelma Morgan from Waco

and Miss Frances Barrett from Camp Hood and Homer Mason of Sidney visited the Masons recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gallager and Barbara from Agua Dulce; Mrs. E. L. Mason, Kingsville and Mrs. W. G. WiWinters from California were home. They left Monday for points South.

Reese Allday has been appointed manager of the Airway office in Ft. Worth, effective September 1.

Reese won the All-State record for vacuum cleaner sales the first two weeks he was with the company. Mrs. Allday and children will join Reese as soon as living quarters are available.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glasson returned Wednesday from a month vacation in Post, Lamesa, Lubbock and Borger.

Joe Ormsby is working for an oil company in Borger.

Mrs. C. Pittman has returned from Altus, Oklahoma where she has been visiting her sisters Mrs. Mattie Barker and Mrs. Cora Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell and family have just returned from a week's vacation in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Baze and Fof of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs.

Lou Bullman, also of Dallas visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baze. Dorothy Ann returned home with them after spending a week in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Baze and son left this past week end for Denison where he will take a position as assistant coach.

Mrs. James E. Ludiker returned to Fort Worth Thursday after a visit with her sister Mrs. Eugene Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry and son Jim my of Dallas were Gorman visitors Sunday. They were on their way home from California.

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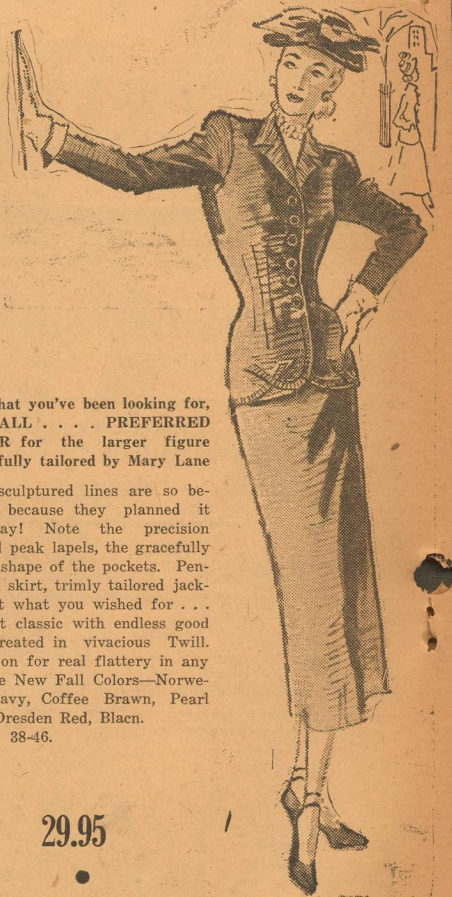
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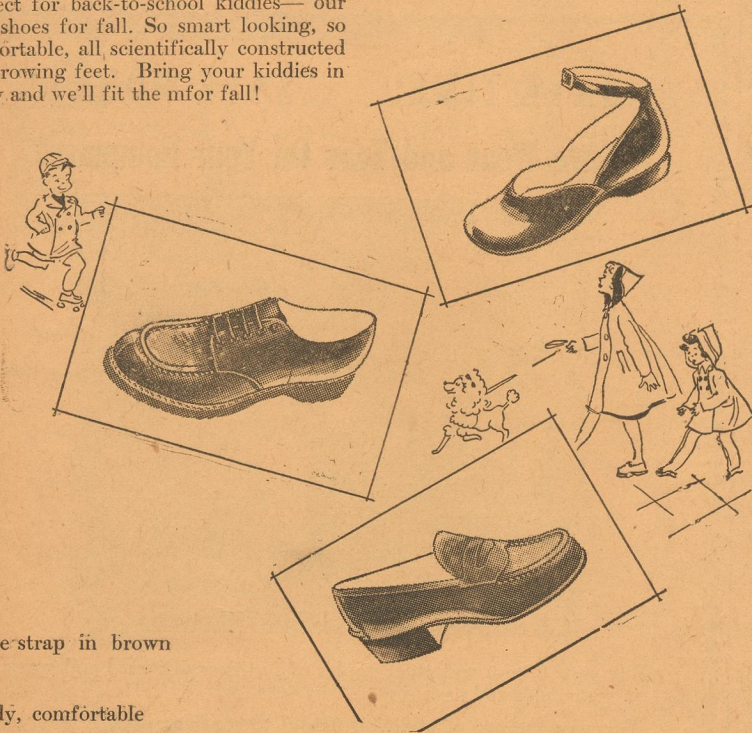
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