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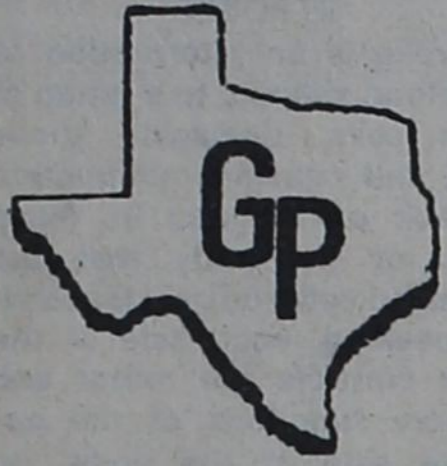
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Gorman, Eastland County, Texas 76454

APRIL 4, 1985

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CITY - SCHOOL - HOSPITAL ELECTION SATURDAY



Press Points Joe Bennett, Publisher

Well things are back on a more even keel around here this week since Lonnie has gotten back from his "time off".

We thank everyone for their patience and understanding of us getting their printing out and publishing the Progress.

Please remember that this Saturday is VOTING DAY in three different elections in Gorman.

You have your own say as to who you vote for, as that is your privilege, but just make sure you cast your votes on Saturday, April 6th.

Got word that the Firemen have set the Open House dates for the new Fire Hall and the date is Sunday, April 14th.

We will have a story and picture on this for next weeks paper, but I just wanted to tell the folks ahead of time so they can plan on attending the event, which will mean so much to our volunteer firemen, who do such a marvelous job for us in this and surrounding communities.

There were a "bunch" of fish eaters at Corky's fish fry, and there was a "Bunch" of fish consumed.

Guess Monty and the other folks at the bank really enjoyed the grub, cause they started a new advertising plan this week of congratulating business firms in Gorman.

We appreciate the First National in their new advertising campaign of honoring business folks in town and we are looking forward to working with them on something that's been needed for a long time.

Got another note the other day: Dear Joe,

I recently saw a note to you from Mrs. Dorothy Dean Rose in the Press Points. I would like very much to have her mailing address.

My mother, Myrtle C. Alasbrook, lives with me now and she really looks forward to the "Progress" each week.

Sincerely, B. G. Alsabrook 307 N. Frances Dallas, Tx. 75211

We have mailed Dorothy's address to him.

Joe Williams hollered at me the other day and reminded me to mention the concert by The Ravens rescheduled for Saturday, April 6th at Frank Gray Park.

Five Candidates For Two Places Of Commissioner

Blaine Gibbs, Service Station Owner, L. F. Kellogg, Plumber and Jo Ann White employed by Allied Representatives at Blackwell Hospital in Central Supplies are candidates for Place III.

Seeking Place I on the Commission are Jack Simpson and Lupe Torrez, employees of Birdsong Peanuts.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE SLATED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

In commemoration of our Lord's death, burial and resurrection, there will be a service at 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday at the First United Methodist Church.

GORMAN BOYS WIN RISING STAR RELAYS

The Gorman High boys track team amassed a total of 159 points to outdistance Santo with 107, to take top honors in the Rising Star Wildcat Relays.

Gorman's girls did not fare as well as Santo outscored May and Eden to win first place honors in the meet.

Stacey Slampa won 3rd in the long jump with 14'53/4", second in the triple jump with 32' 1" and the 400 meter relay team came in second with 54.67 seconds.

Marsha Williams Roy Johnson Pledge Nuptials

Marsha Ann Williams of Desdemona and Roy James Johnson of Gorman were married, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in Gorman.

Marsha is the daughter of Bob and Murlene Wisdom of Desdemona. She graduated from De Leon High School in 1974 and is employed by Mobil Oil in Breckenridge.

Roy is the son of Troy and Dorothy Johnson of Gorman. He graduated from Gorman High School in 1964 and operated Johnson Portable Buildings in Gorman for six years.

The couple purchased the former Jerry Yates mobile home and have moved it 1 1/2 miles east of Gorman to the J. O. Gowan farm which has been family owned since 1913.

moved from March 30th due to bad weather. The musical group is made up of local young men and they do a good job of entertaining.

All the school children have been enjoying their "Spring Break" but will have to go back to school next week. Ugh!

The Gorman Lions Club meeting was postponed until next Tuesday due to our cooks being out due to the spring break at school.

And remember to smile... because God Loves You!

Five Vie For Four Places On Hospital Board

Five candidates filed for the four places to be filled on the South Eastland County Hospital District Board.

Candidates include Lowell Rawls, manager of Higginbotham Lumber; Hershell Cordell, Sentry Traffic employee; and James Miears, incumbent, Higginbotham Store Manager; and seeking a First Term on the board are candidates, Monty Montgomery, President of First National Bank and Steve Estes, employed by Ebba Iron.

Gorman Schools Take Spring Break April 1

Students and teachers were dismissed Monday, April 1 from classes for the Annual Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, April 8.

BOYS Team totals - 1. Gorman 159; 2. Santo 107; 3. Eden 91; 4. Santa Anna 33; 5. Mullin 29; 6. Blanket 27. Shot put - 1. Cooper, Santo, 40-2 1/4; 2. Pittman, May, 40-8; 3. Harrison, Gorman, 38-10. High jump - 1. Ripley, Gorman, 5-8; 2. Edwards, Santo, 5-6; 3. Harper, Santo, 5-4; 4. Spearman, Blanket, 5-4. Discus - 1. Gibbs, Gorman, 114-7; 2. Harrison, Lometa, 111-6; 3. Conrad, Lometa, 109-7. Long jump - 1. (tie) Ripley, Gorman, 18-7; White, Eden; 2. Spearman, Blanket, 16-2. Pole vault - 1. Hunter, Gorman, 11-0; 2. Cooper, Santo, 11-0; 3. White, Rising Star, 10-6. 3000 - 1. Dillard, Eden, 10:58.66; 2. Escobar, Eden, 11:07.23; 3. Ramirez, Gorman, 11:12.44. 400 relay - 1. Santo, 46:11; 2. Gorman, 46:49; 3. Mullin, 47:48. 800 - 1. Pacheco, Gorman, 2:06.67; 2. Ancaudis, Eden, 2:15.61; 3. Roberts, Eden, 2:19.82. 110 high hurdles - 1. Woodall, Gorman, 1:49.5; 2. Garza, Santa Anna, 1:57.5; 3. Ripley, Gorman, 1:57.8. 100 - 1. Shelton, Mullin, 11:89; 2. Blankenship, May, 12:07; 3. McDonnell, Santo, 12:24. 400 - 1. Blankenship, May, 54:61; 2. Hunter, Gorman, 54:88; 3. Torres, Eden, 56:32. 300 intermediate hurdles - 1. Pacheco, Gorman, 42:77; 2. Woodall, Gorman, 44:53; 3. Donnell, Santo, 44:53. 200 - 1. Dennis, Santo, 24:58; 2. Lankford, Blanket, 25:03; 3. Smith, Mullin, 25:12. 1600 - 1. Dillard, Eden, 5:02.09; 2. Escobar, Eden, 5:27.01; 3. Ramirez, Gorman, 5:12.68. 1600 - 1. Gorman, 3:41.37; 2. Santo, 3:50.52; 3. Santa Anna, 3:52.13.

Pony League Baseball

If you are 13-15 years of age

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Kokomo Extension Club will meet at Kokomo Community Center at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 8th.

Prepared Child Birth Classes each Tuesday night at 7 p.m. starting April 2nd and continuing through May 7th at Blackwell Hospital.

Hospital Auxiliary Bake Sale set Friday morning April 5 at 8:00 a.m. in front of the Post Office.

Monthly 4-H Meetings will be held the Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

South Eastland County Hospital District Board of Directors will have its Regular Monthly Meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Blackwell Hospital.

Gorman City Commissioners will meet the First and Third Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall.

Gorman Housing Authority Board will meet the Second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of High Rise Apartments.

Crimestoppers will meet the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

A Musical will be held the Second Friday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Woman's Auxiliary of Blackwell Hospital meet First Tuesday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center at 2:00 p.m.

Gorman Lodge 716 AF&AM stated meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Members urged to attend.

Gorman Chapter 443 O.E.S. meets First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

South Eastland County Hospital District Tax Office has recently moved back to Blackwell Hospital.

Incumbent and Write-In Candidate For School Election

Daryl Hirst, incumbent and employee of Gorman Milling Company will be the only name on the ballot for the two places to be filled on the School Board.

Monty Montgomery, President of First National Bank has announced he will be a Write-In candidate for the post vacated by Wesley Warren, who did not seek re-election.

Montgomery did not want to run against Warren, and learned about his not seeking re-election until it was too late to get his name on the ballot.

Charlie Garrett will serve as Election Judge, and Clerks will be Dorothy Hatcher and Betty Overstreet.

L. F. KELLOGG SEEKS SUPPORT IN CITY ELECTION SATURDAY

I have filed for Place 3 on the City Commission of the City of Gorman.

Since 1954 I have worked with the city and for the city on the water and sewer systems. I have previously served on the City Commission and am again asking for your support in the City Election next Saturday, April 6th.

I will do my very best to work with the present commissioners or anyone elected. Your vote would be sincerely appreciated.

L. FL Kellogg -GP-

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank each and every one who helped Veora Goodwin in any way during her illness.

Ruffus Goodwin

and wish to play Pony League Baseball this Summer, please meet at the Baseball Park, Friday, April 5 at 6:00 P.M. for practice.

Elections will be held Saturday, April 6 for electing Two City Commissioners, Two School Board Trustees and Four Board Members to South Eastland County Hospital District Board of Directors.

City and Hospital elections will be held at the Fire Hall with Mozelle Rhymes serving as Election Judge for both elections and Clerks will be Gradydon Baze, Cindy Curb and Bess Curb for the City, Hospital Clerks are Frances Simpson and Peggy Collins.

Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

OFFICIAL BALLOT SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

April 6, 1985

Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an X in the square beside the name of the candidate of your choice.

Vote ud para candidatos de su preferencia por poner un X en cuadros cerca de los nombres de los candidatos de su preferencia.

CANDIDATES FOR GORMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION: TWO (2) POSITIONS TO BE FILLED FOR THREE YEAR TERM:

- Daryl Hirst
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OFFICIAL BALLOT SOUTH EASTLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT ELECTION

APRIL 6, 1985

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ELECTION FOR FOUR BOARD MEMBERS: VOTE FOR FOUR (4) OF YOUR CHOICE:

- Nelson "Monty" Montgomery
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Lowell Rawls
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James Miears
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Hershell Cordell
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Steve D. Estes
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OFFICIAL BALLOT CITY ELECTION CITY OF GORMAN

April 6, 1985

Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an "X" in the squares beside the names of the candidates of your choice.

VOTE UD PARA LOS CANDIDATOS DE SU PREFERENCIA POR PONER UN "X" CUADROS CERCA DE LOS NOMBRES DE LOS CANDIDATOS DE SU PREFERENCIA.

ELECTION FOR TWO COMMISSIONERS: FOR COMMISSIONER, PLACE 1

- Lupe Torres, Jr.
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Jack Simpson
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FOR COMMISSIONER, PLACE 3

- Blaine Gibbs
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Jo Ann White
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L. F. Kellogg
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Sunrise Service Slated Easter at First Methodist

A 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, open to the community, will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Gorman on Easter Sunday.

dish breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Howard Hagood in charge.



**VOLUNTEER PARTY SLATED FOR GORMAN CARE CENTER APRIL 12**

A volunteer party will be held at the Gorman Care Center at 2 p. m. Friday, April 12th. Anyone who has ever donated time, work or had anything to do with serving the patients at the home are cordially invited. Their work has been greatly appreciated and we would like for it to be continued.

The public or anyone is welcome at any time and we urge anyone to come who would like to do anything for the residents. Contact Wanda Tidwell or Virginia Clegg. Call 734-2202, or Res. 734-3127 for any information.

—GP—

Mrs. Kennard Royal and daughters, Kimberly, April and Jessica of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lindsey and Dirk and Laurie of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunn and Eric of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. George Bolt, Katie and Jeremiah of Stephen-

**Early Filing Pays Off In Social Security Benefits**

The Supplemental Security Income Program, which includes benefits for aged individuals age 65 and over, began prorating payments on October 1, 1983.

The proration of payments is based on the filing date. Prior to October 1, 1983, when a person filed for SSI, the date used for eligibility was the first day of the month in which filed. Starting October 1, 1983, for example, if a person files on the 15th day of the month, the payment is prorated starting the 15th and paid from that day. Therefore, a

ville, honored Mrs. John Bolt of Nashville, Tenn. at the home of Mrs. Ester Bolt on March 23rd. Mrs. Bolt went home with the Bill Dunns of Arlington and is now at home.

person that meets all the basic factors of eligibility and files after they turn age 65, loses benefits. Due to this loss of benefits, Social Security has made it possible to file early for SSI aged benefits. For example, if a person meets the income and resource limits, turns age 65 on January 10th, but fails to

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file until January 25th, he loses 15 days worth of benefits.

If you are nearing your 65th birthday and have little or no income and assets, you should file SSI aged benefits before you reach age 65 in order to avoid loss of benefits. You may file 30 days prior to your

**Cynthia A. Dickerson Completes Electronic Technician Course**

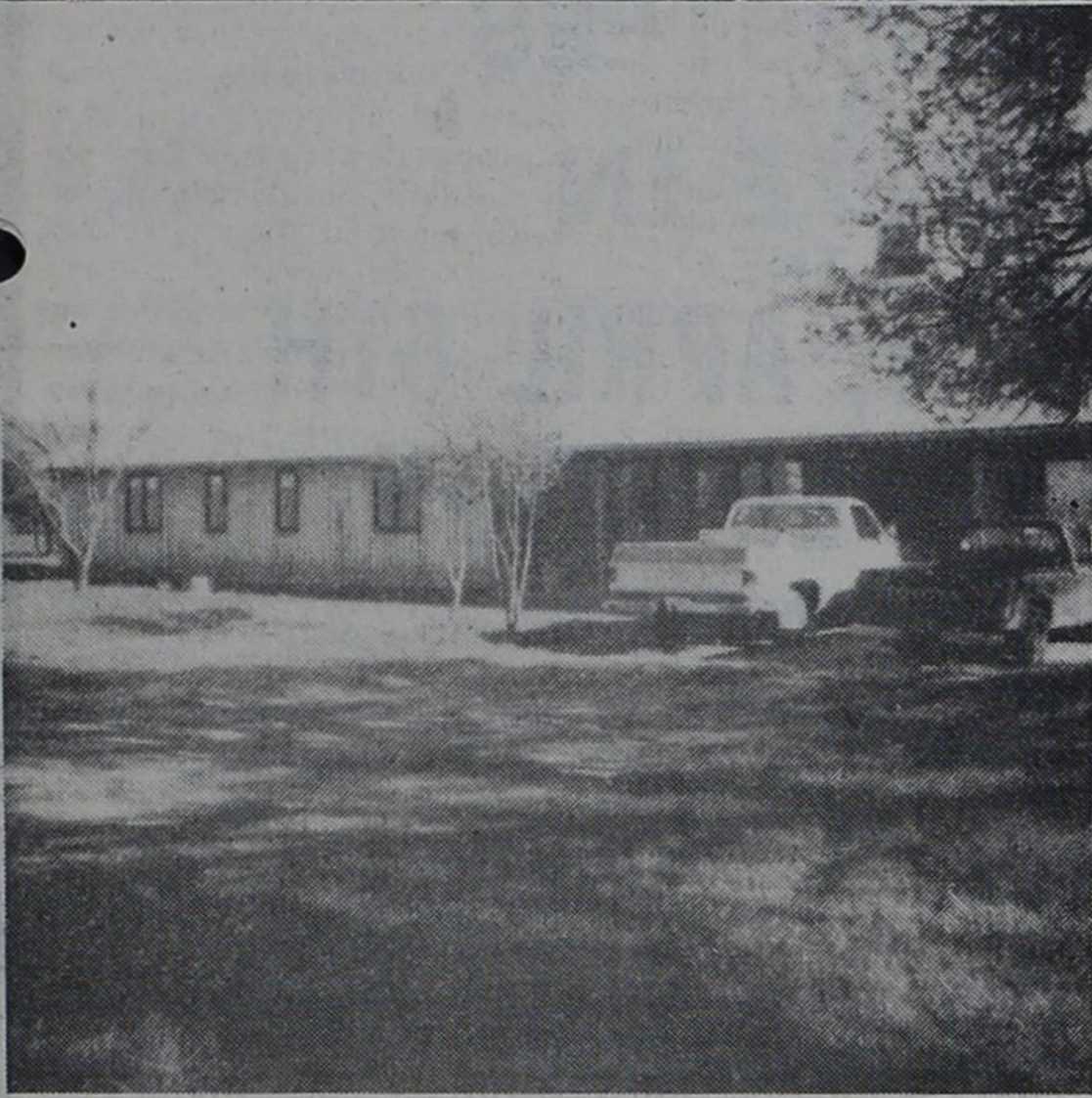
March 26 (FHTNC)— Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Cynthia A. Dickerson

65th birthday. This may also affect Medicaid entitlement.

For more information concerning SSI, contact your servicing Social Security office at 142 S. Pioneer, Abilene, Texas, or call 915-695-1240.

son, daughter of Cynthia Leverett of De Leon, Texas has completed the Advanced Electronic Technician Course in the U. S. Navy.

During the 10-week course conducted at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., Dickerson received instructions on the operations, maintenance and repair of communication station receiver systems with an emphasis on antenna couplers, voice terminal units and microwave equipment.



NEW HOME of Bob Boswells out near Oakland Cemetery is nearing completion. The Boswells recently retired and have been working on the new home at their own pace and have done most of the work themselves.

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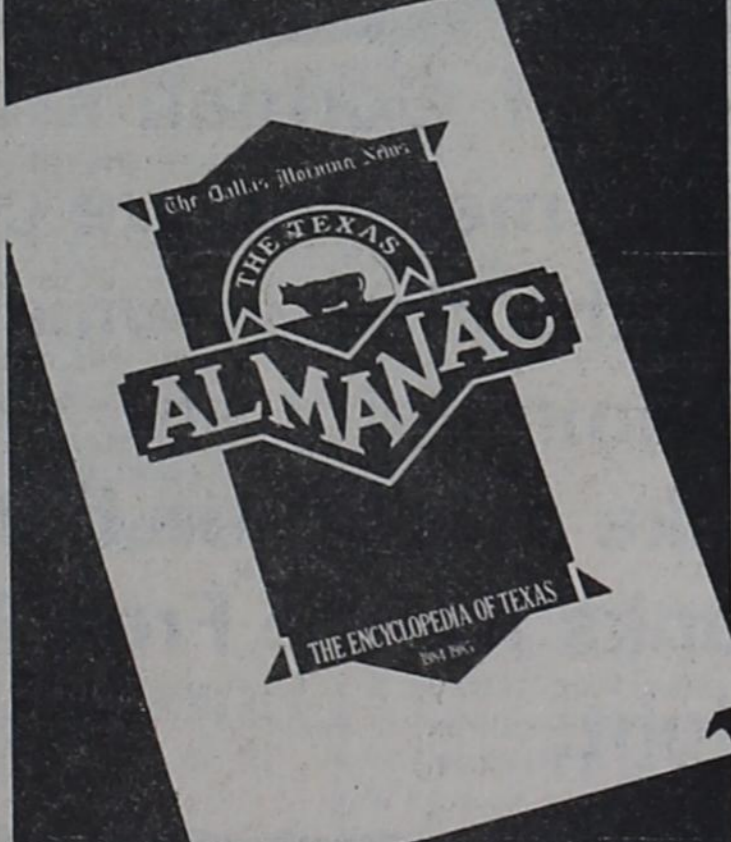
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## Gorman team wins honors at Weatherford UIL meet

Gorman High School team took first place at the University Interscholastic League literary meet at Weatherford Junior College Thursday with 120 points.

Competing in the two-day district 14-A event were high school students from Carbon, Cross Plains, Gordon, Gorman, Lingleville, Lipan, Rising Star, Santo and Tolar.

**Results are:**  
 Number Sense — 1. Andrew Martin, Gordon; 2. James Dickson, Gordon; 3. Stephen Teichman, Gordon  
 Calculator — 1. Andrew Martin, Gordon; 2. Stephen Teichman, Gordon; 3. Rhonda York, Lipan  
 Typewriting — 1. Melissa Morgan, Cross Plains; 2. Randy Anderson, Gorman; 3. Janie Flores, Gorman  
 Science — 1. Rhonda York, Lipan; 2. John Hyde, Tolar; 3. Wesley Kitchens, Santo  
 Shorthand — 1. Melissa Henry, Gorman; 2. Angie Plaunty, Gorman  
 Readywriting — 1. Matt Buchanan, Gordon; 2. Tracy Parks, Lipan; 3. Debra Dowell, Lingleville

**News**  
 Newswriting — 1. Randy Anderson, Gorman; 2. Steve Stampa, Gorman; 3. Rhonda York, Lipan  
 Editorial writing — 1. Sherry Pelkington, Lipan; 2. Rachel Watson, Gorman; 3. Brad Harrison, Lipan  
 Feature writing — 1. Randy Anderson, Gorman; 2. Sherry Pelkington, Lipan; 3. Scott Gressett, Gorman  
 Headline writing — 1. Randy Anderson, Gorman; 2. Dave Roberts, Lipan; 3. John Cooper, Lipan  
 Spelling — 1. Karen Wilson, Rising Star; 2. Tamara Higgins, Lingleville; 3. Shannon Bond, Carbon  
 Lincoln-Douglas debate — 1. Randall Gibbs, Gorman; 2. Tommy Curb, Gorman  
 Standard debate — 1. White and Morgan, Cross Plains; 2. Rambo and Hyde, Tolar; 3. Scott and Raburn, Tolar  
 Informative speaking — 1. Cindy Newlin, Tolar; 2. Bryan McCullough, Gordon; 3. Gaylon Richter, Tolar  
 Prose interpretation — 1. Stacy Walker, Lipan; 2. Todd Whitley, Tolar; 3. Lisa Birk, Gorman  
 Poetry interpretation — 1. Cindy Newlin, Tolar; 2. Sherry Pelkington, Lipan; 3. Leann Webb, Cross Plains  
 Persuasive speaking — 1. David Canady, Cross Plains; 2. Traci Brock, Lingleville; 3. Brian Thomas, Tolar  
 Championship — 1. Gorman, 120 points; 2. Lipan, 105; 3. Gordon, 80.

## DESDEMONA NEWS

The ladies monthly social WILL NOT meet in April. So we'll see you the second Monday in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Cochran and Amber of Tolar visited the past weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Annie Collum.

Helen and Bill Collum honored her mother, Mrs. Elaine Skinner of Gorman, with a birthday dinner in their home last Sunday. Others attending were Mrs. Annie Collum, Dale and Kathy Collum, Terry and Dan Collum.

Spaghetti supper will be served at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona Saturday, April 13th from 6 p. m. till 7. All proceeds go to help pay for the Glorietta trip in June.

Also this group is collecting green stamps for the trip. Please contact Kathy Collum if you have stamps to donate. TRank You.

Mrs. Nannie Guthery, who has been a patient in the Gorman Rest Home since November 83, will observe a birthday Sunday, April 7th. She would enjoy hearing from her friends and neighbors. Her address is: c/o Care Center, Gorman, Texas 76454.

Norman, Judy, Annie and William Koonce of Dallas visited Sunday with Rickey, Tenia, Christal and Courtney Koonce. Tenia recently had surgery but is reported doing fine.

Make plans to attend the annual Desdemona Cemetery Working, to be held April 26th. Business meeting will be at 11 a. m. followed by a basket lunch at noon. Your help is appreciated.

Also dates in the future to remember are Desdemona Homecoming, which is always the second Saturday in August (10th this year); Victor Cemetery Working, which is always the last Saturday in May (25th this year).

## Schools win UIL honors

**WEATHERFORD** — "The Plum Tree," presented by Rising Star High School, and "Rise and Shine," performed by Gorman High School, won the District 14-A, Zone 1, UIL One-Act Play contest Thursday night at Weatherford Junior College.

"Circumstances Alter Cases" by Gordon was the alternate.

Rising Star and Gorman also performed their winning plays at the district contest Friday at Weatherford Junior College.

All cast members of the Rising Star play won honors during the contest. Callie Gray was named best actress. Jami Long, Laura Cox and Karen Wilson were named to the all-star cast, and Leslie Alford, Rene O'Connor and Danetta Bible were given honorable mentions.

From Gorman, Traci Burns was named to the all-star cast, and Rhett Harrison was named best actor.

Other students named to the all-star cast were David Marsden and Jamie Ellis of Santo, Sherry Thornton of Gordon and Cathy Files of Carbon. Honorable mentions were given to Vicki Martin of Santo, Beverly Johnston of Gordon and Michael Norris of Carbon.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone who helped us in our time of great sorrow in the loss of our son, brother, grandson and nephew, Tommy Kent.

Thank you Bro. Marion Dennis for your nice service; Pat and Lisa Cornwell and Juanita Fuller for the beautiful music and also Ray Daniels and Higginbotham Funeral Home for their kind services.

Again we thank everyone for their prayers, visits, food and beautiful flowers.

In memory of Tommy Kent.

Bert and Doris Kent  
 Terry and Dianne  
 and Alma Vann  
 and Twyla Wallace  
 —GP—

Visiting with Mrs. Pauline Dennis during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Currie of Stephenville.

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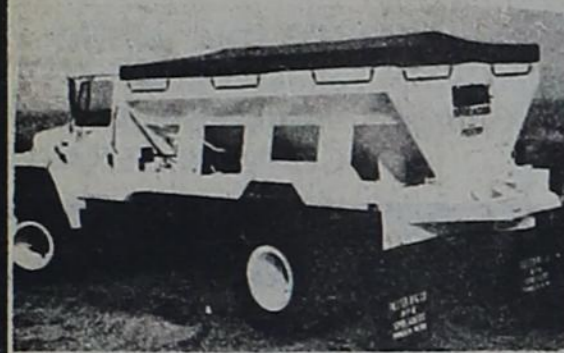
I want to try to thank my many, many friends and relatives who expressed their love and concern for me through such a long hospital stay in Eastland, Abilene and our local hospital. Thanks for every act of kindness, for the cards, the phone calls, the many visitors and especially for the special prayers that were offered in my behalf. I want to give special thanks to my very dear friend and neighbor, Anna Rush, for her untiring and unending acts of kindness and concern. With much love and kindness for everyone of you:  
 Your friend,

Leland Warren

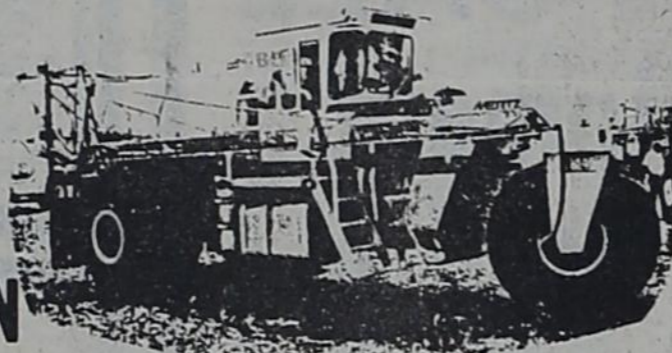
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## D.N. "Monty" MONTGOMERY SEEKS ELECTION TO GORMAN ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY WRITE-IN IN THE SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH SCHOOL ELECTION

Mark Your Ballot Like Sample Below:

OFFICIAL BALLOT SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

April 6, 1985

Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an X in the square beside the name of the candidate of your choice. You may vote for a candidate or candidates whose name does not appear on ballot by writing a name in the space below.

SAMPLE

CANDIDATES FOR GORMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION: TWO (2) POSITIONS TO BE FILLED FOR THREE YEAR TERM:

- Daryl Hirst
- D. N. "Monty" Montgomery
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NOTE: Please Mark Your Ballot Like The One Shown Here. Place an "X" in the Square beside the name of Daryl Hirst as shown. Then Write in the name of D. N. "Monty" MONTGOMERY on the line below Daryl Hirst on the Ballot.

YOUR VOTE IS APPRECIATED

The First National Bank is proud to have as one of its Valued Customers **Corky Brown** of Brown Feed Store.



Corky is also one of Gorman's fine civic minded young men and we congratulate him for the fine service he renders for the community and area. We would also like to say, on behalf of everyone, thanks for the Free Fish last Thursday night.

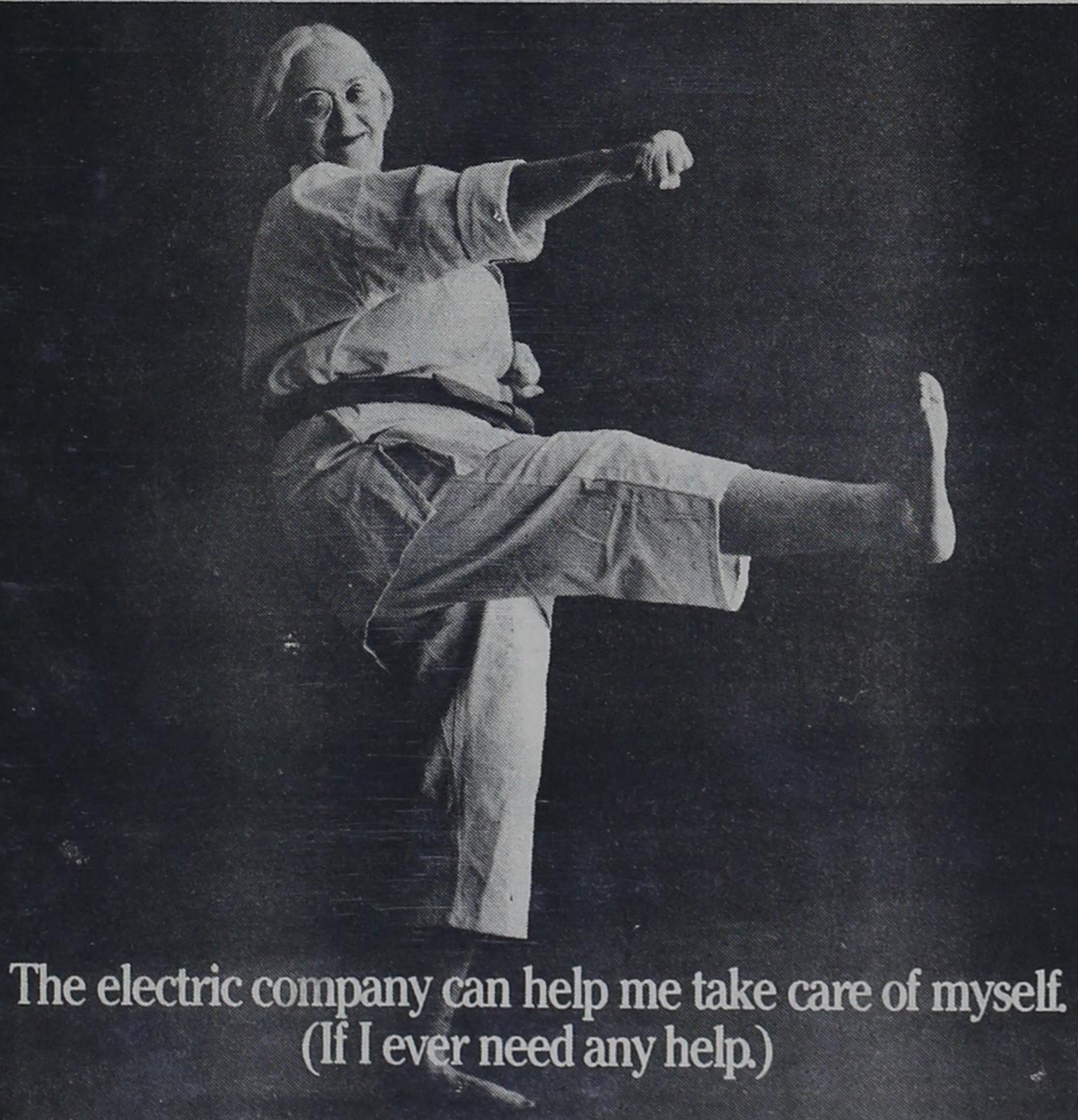
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# Report Needed Concerning Medicare Payments to Rural Hospitals

WASHINGTON\* D.C. — A federal report concerning Medicare payments made to rural hospitals is long overdue, Congressman Charles W. Stenholm said last week in a speech in the House of Representatives. Speaking on behalf of small hospitals, Congressman Stenholm called for "the prompt delivery" of a report being conducted by the Department

of Health and Human Services (HHS). The study, which was due to be released seven months ago, will determine how the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) payments affect rural hospitals. Congressman Stenholm, and other rural area representatives, believe the current reimbursement system favors urban area and is unfair to small town hospitals.

"The payment system assumes that rural wages and other costs are lower than those in urban areas," Stenholm said. "Because of this theory, rural hospital reimbursements currently are 25 to 47 percent less than those to their urban counterparts for precisely the same services. I am convinced this is entirely unfair."

Congressman Stenholm, who presented President Ronald Reagan with a work paper on the same subject at a private meeting two weeks ago, said the report should have been released by Secretary Margaret Heckler's office in August, 1984. The delay is costly to rural hospitals, which have had to operate under the unfair system. The group of congressmen has asked that the system be modified as soon as possible.

When the study is released, the administration will have the option to rectify the system.

The Stamford Democrat cited several imbalances in the DRG program during his special order address. He said the DRG formula does not take into account that in order to provide quality care, rural hospitals must pay competitive salaries, and sometimes must pay even more than rural hospitals to draw employees to the sparsely-populated areas. Hospitals in small towns do not have the opportunity to buy goods in quantity, at discount prices, like larger hospitals do.

Rural areas, Stenholm continued, also have a disproportionately higher percentage of elderly residents than metropolitan areas. On the average, elderly patients require more care and a longer hospital recuperation period. The higher percentage of elderly citizens should be considered in the DRG formula, Stenholm said. Such a consideration would greatly aid the rural hospitals.

The congressman gave a brief sketch of the 17th District to make his point. According to the 1980 census figures, the median age in the country was 30.0. At the same time, the median age in 27 out of the 35 counties in the 17th District was higher than the national average. Coke County had the highest median age of 44.3. The median age for Eastland County was 39.2 in 1980.

Along with a high median age, the percentage of resident aged 65 and over is higher in the district than in the nation. The national rate of elderly citizens was 11.3, but in the district that percentage is 15.6. Coleman County has an elderly population of 10,439, of which 25.6 percent is at least 65. Eastland County has an elderly population that makes up 23.2 percent of the residents here.

"In my district, this situation is coupled with the fact that my constituents live in areas where many have to travel quite some distances to receive health care. The sparsity of the population and the size of the hospitals may not be

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LUNCH  
Monday: Pimiento cheese sandwiches, pork and beans, tator tots, applesauce and milk.  
Tuesday: Spaghetti, lettuce and tomato salad, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, honey and milk.

## COUNTY RENDITION DEADLINE WILL BE MAY FIRST

The State Property Tax Code requires that all business personal property be rendered each year between January 1 and May 1. The Eastland County Appraisal District wishes to remind business owners that the renditions should be returned to the Appraisal District office by the May 1, 1985 deadline.

According to the Property Tax Code, renditions filed after May 1, 1985 cannot be accepted. Business personal property not rendered by that date must be assessed for the owners by the Appraisal District staff and placed on the tax rolls.

The telephone number to call is 629-8597 and the Appraisal District office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse.

## GREEN THUMBERS ATTEND TRAINING SEMINAR IN RANGER

More than 120 Green Thumb workers and host agency sponsors from a 13-county area met Tuesday, March 19, at the Senior Center in Ranger, Texas.

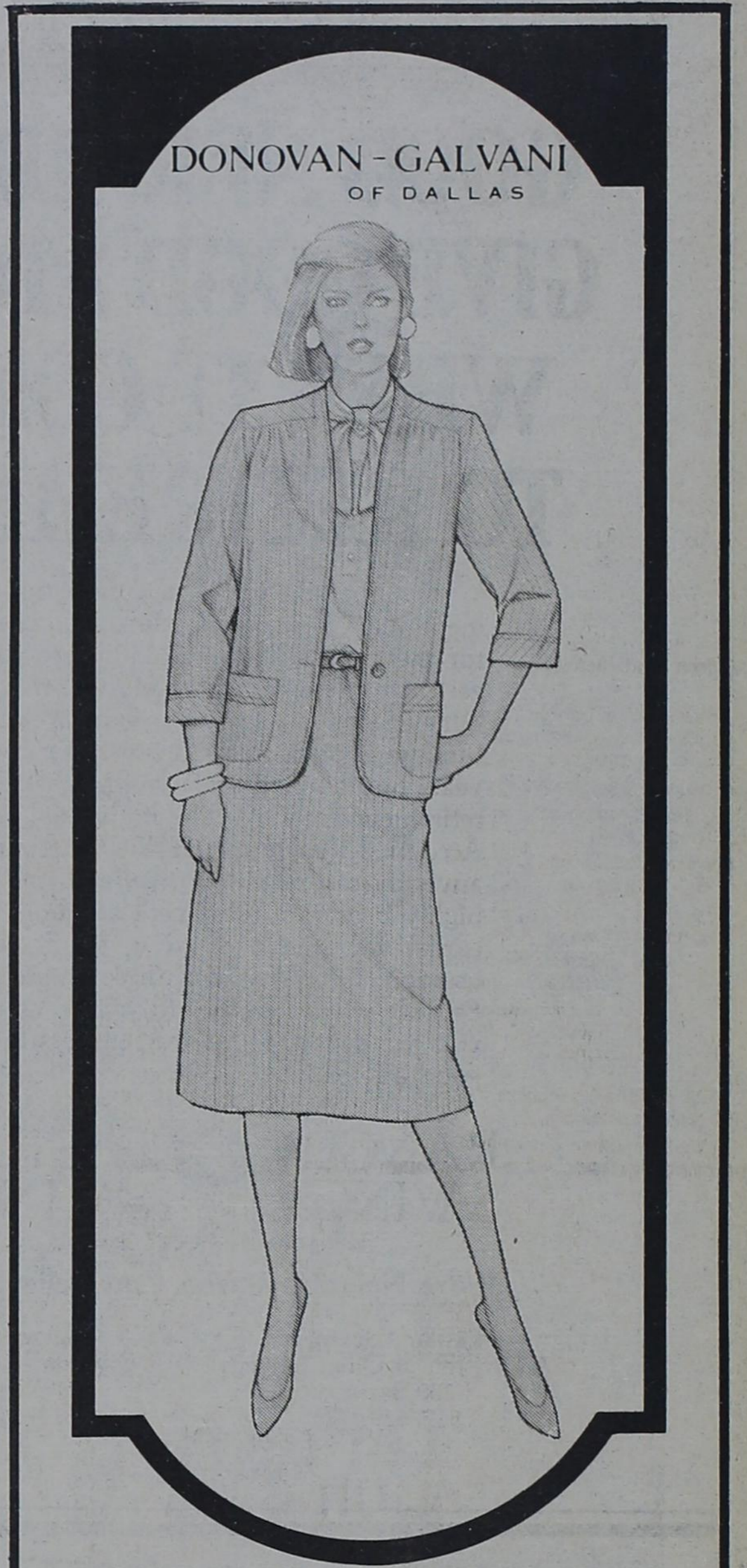
The training seminar featured Eastland County Judge Scott Bailey, who discussed the need for wills and estate planning; Mrs. Opal King, King Insurance Co., Ranger, whose subject dealt with the various kinds of supplemental insurance for seniors; and an in-home safety program presented by the Green Thumb staff. Dr. Jack Elsom, President, Ranger Junior College, welcomed the seminar participants to Ranger.

Green Thumb, an older worker program, is funded by the Department of Labor through Title V of the Older Americans Act. Sponsored by Texas Farmers Union, Green Thumb provides part-time work opportunities for seniors in rural areas. Program operation began in 1970 and currently includes 111 counties employing over 1,000 older Texans who are played with local non-profit organizations to provide needed community services.

Local Green Thumb workers and sponsors attending the seminar included Opal Mauney and Site Director, Mozelle Rhymes of Gorman.

typical for the nation, but that makes those West Texans no less deserving than other Americans of access to quality health care. The only way they're going to continue receiving that care is if the DRG formulas are adjusted to allow the rural hospitals to survive," Stenholm said.

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Friday: Hamburgers, cheese, tator tots, ice cream and milk.



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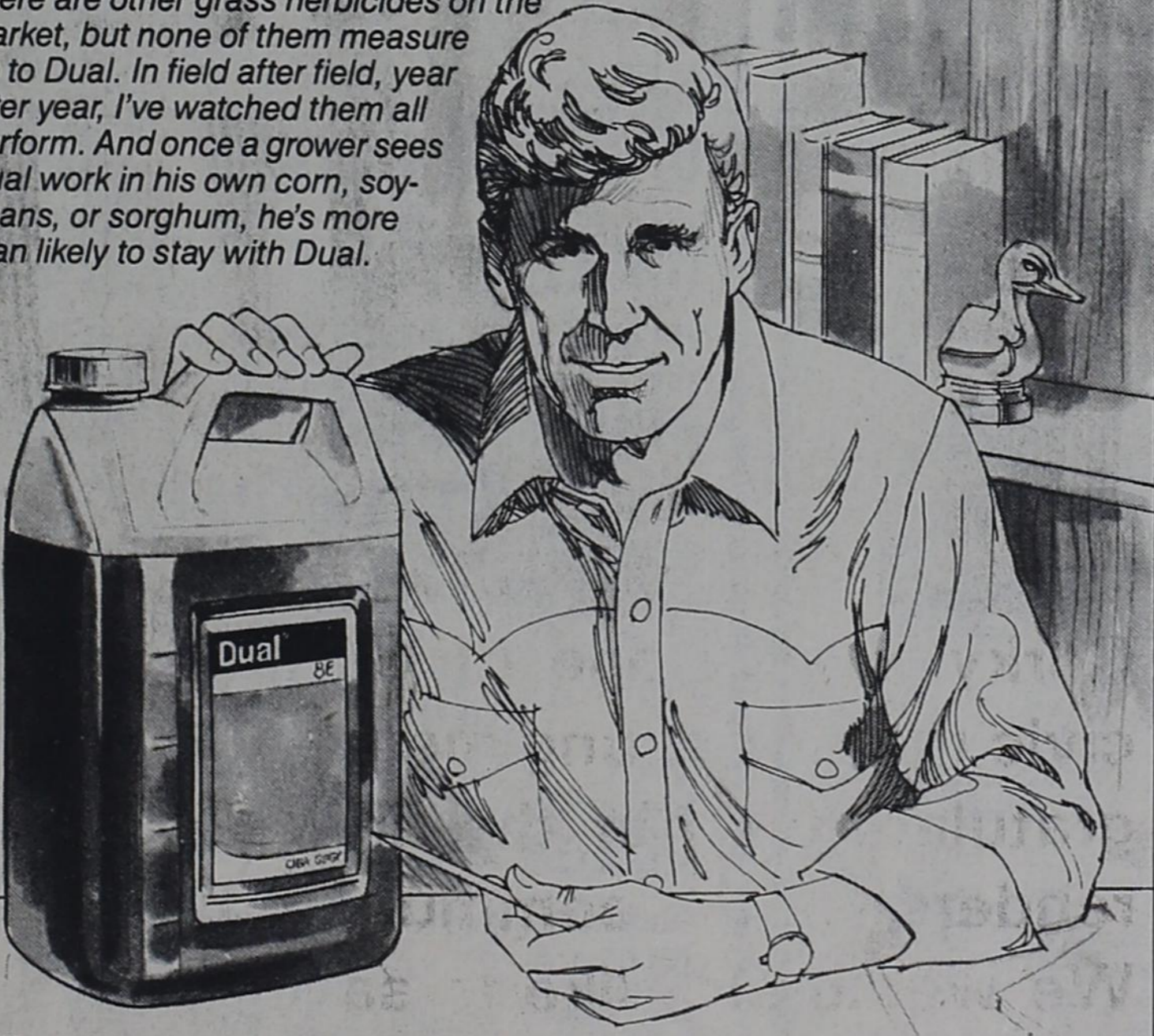
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## KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Zelda Jordan

**HAPPY EASTER** to every reader of this column. May you all have a happy day with your loved ones as you worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and commemorate His death on the cross and resurrection from the grave so that we may have eternal life through Him.

### REVIVAL APRIL 7-14

There will be a revival at the Kokomo Baptist Church April 7-14 with services beginning at 7 p. m. each evening. The pastor of the church, Bro. Clarence Wilson, will be the evangelist and Woodrow Browning will be directing the music with Helen Browning at the piano and Glynda Bond at the organ. There will be special music and special emphasis at each service. Monday: Senior Citizen Night; Tuesday: Couples Night; Wednesday: Kokomo Family Night; Thursday: Neighbor Night; and Friday: Youth Night. Everyone is welcome.

Frankie Jarrett of Gorman and Angela Creed of Desdemona were visitors at Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Kathy Rodgers of Brownwood was a visitor on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little, Mrs. Mamie Little and Mrs. Dora Garrett attended the Battle of Songs in Fort Worth on Friday night.

Mrs. Mamie Little and Mrs. Ima Boles of Clyde visited with Mrs. Dora Garrett on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Claude Fuller visited during the weekend in Marble Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaton, Chad and Lindsey, and Juanita and Christi shopped in Austin on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers, Kevin, Jason and Corby of Brownwood visited on Sunday with Mrs. Berniece Rodgers.

Many from the community enjoyed the good fish fry at Gorman on Thursday night. Our thanks to Brown Feed Store, Birdsong Peanuts and the chemical companies for sponsoring this community event each year. It is such a wonderful opportunity for friends and neighbors to get together for fellowship and good food and to learn of the new products and methods to help

with their crops.

Mrs. Dean Collins and Mrs. Dora Garrett visited with Mrs. Donnie Rone at the Eastland Memorial Hospital on Sunday afternoon. We wish Mrs. Rone a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mary Jo Eaves underwent gall bladder surgery recently in the Eastland Hospital, and I am happy to report that she is home now and doing fine.

Mrs. Nancy Hendricks visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbourne Wood and Mrs. Daisy Wood at Carbon on Friday night and helped Wilbourne celebrate his birthday.

Be sure and let me know about your Easter news.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters at the Kokomo Baptist Church following the Sunday morning service. This is a time of homecoming at Kokomo and a

wonderful time for visiting with friends and family while the little ones are entertained with the egg hunt. Everyone is welcome.  
—GP—

### NOTICE TO CARBON VOTERS:

My name is Larry Bryant and I would like to become your write-in candidate for the unexpired term of Lynda Mortimer on the Carbon School Board.

I am employed at Mitchell Energy and farm part-time in the Kokomo area. I have grown up in this area, graduating at Carbon Public School and attending Cisco Junior College. My children, Susie and Kyle, are both attending school at Carbon, therefore, I have a vested interest in our community and school.

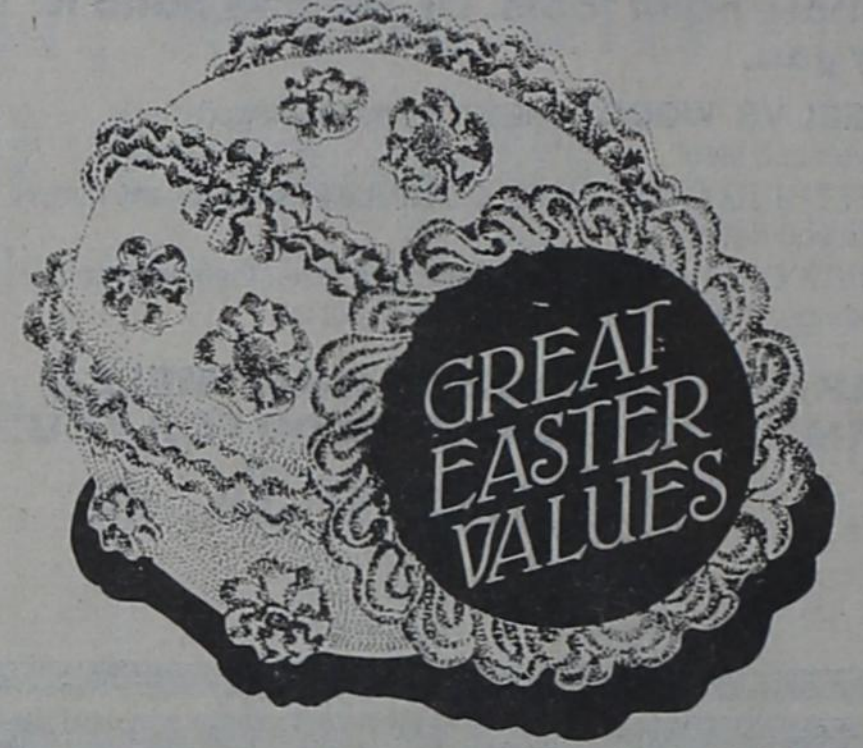
Previously I served a one year term as school board member and I believe that I did a good job in representing you. Please consider me as your write-in candidate for the Carbon School Board.

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Larry Bryant

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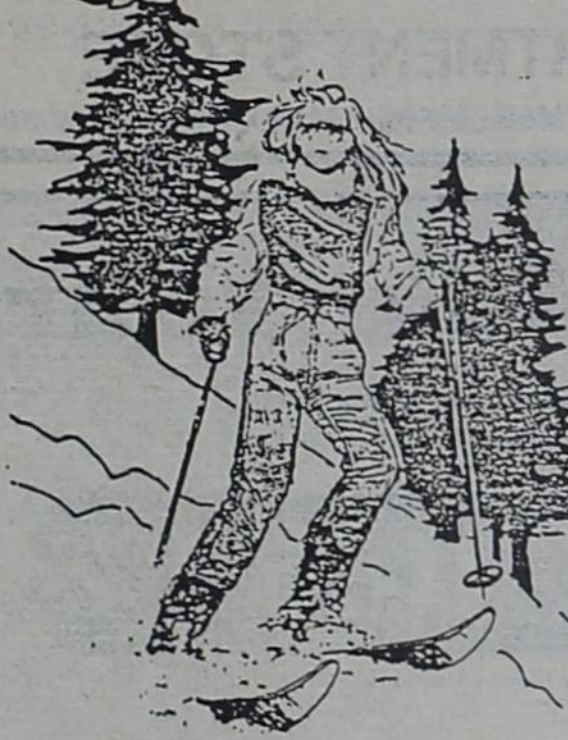
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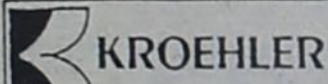


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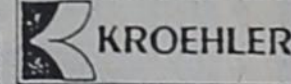
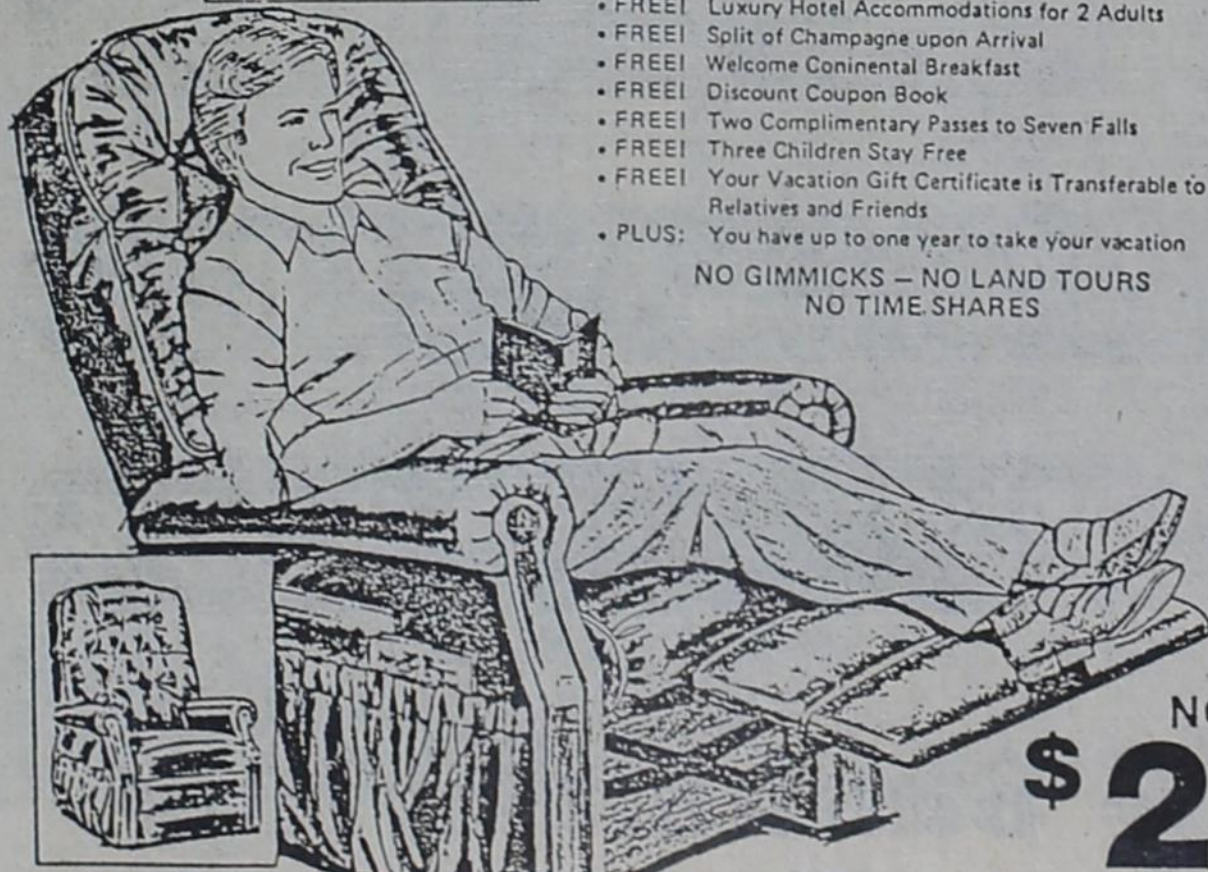
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