



Othell (Speedy) Clark Retires After 47 Years of Service



John A. Carter, Postmaster is shown presenting Othell Clark the Service Award and pin in grateful appreciation for dedicated service during an honorable career of 47 years of service to the government of the United States. Given by the United Postal Service on the occasion of his retirement, by postmaster General William F. Bolger.

On March 30, 1984 Othell (Speedy) Clark will retire after 47 years of Government Service.

The Chamber Banquet last night was an outstanding tribute to two well deserving citizens in our community. Jerry Warren is the Farmer of the Year and Mrs. Buchanan was presented with the Community Service Award. The Chamber sincerely appreciates all the help of everyone who had any part in making this year's event an outstanding and memorable one. There were many hours of hard work and effort put into this most worthwhile event and the Chamber is proud to have the opportunity to honor these most deserving citizens. The attendance was down a little from last year, but the event was well attended. The Chamber insisted on keeping the price of tickets down so more folks could attend the event and be on hand to applaud the honorees.

We add our congratulations to those of the community to Jerry and his family and to Mrs. Buchanan. They truly deserved their honors.

We are still in need of moisture in these parts and with spring now "springing" the moisture will be needed even more. We missed a good chance for rain the past weekend. It sure looked like we were going to get some moisture for awhile.

I would like to take this time and space to say a few words about the letters to the editors that we have been receiving.

Some of the letters that we have been receiving to publish in the paper are too slanderous and liable for us to publish in the paper and the language used in some is not printable. We will not publish this type of letters in the Gorman Progress.

Some of the letters are publishable and some are not. We will not publish any letters to the editor which will add to the continuation of bad feelings and unsolved situations in this community which has served to be a dividing factor in our community. All of us agree, I think, that something must be done to resolve the situation at the hospital. And I think that if the community can join in a united effort that things will be resolved. However, I don't think that our publication of letters that are worded to add fuel to the flames is not good for the community and surely not good for the newspaper. Therefore, we will not publish such letters in this newspaper.

We will not have the list of winners at the Eastland County Livestock Show in this week's paper due to space and lack of time. However, we will publish the list in next week's issue.

And remember to smile - because God Loves You!

Velda Foster
Featured Artist At First National

Velda Foster has been selected as artist of the month at the First National Bank in Gorman. Three young artists were featured last month.

The public is cordially invited to stop by the bank

and view Mrs. Foster's paintings.

Speedy began his postal career in 1936 while he was a sophomore in Gorman High School, working before and after school. The late Mrs. Rosa Boucher was postmistress at the time. The late Mrs. Dona Moorman succeeded her as postmistress and Speedy continued to work until September 1942 when he entered the military service, serving until January 1946 with the 8th. Air Force in Europe.

Following his discharge he resumed his position with the post office, and served as clerk until 1961. In September 1961 he was transferred to Rural Route 3 and he served in this capacity until his retirement March 30, 1984.

From 1959 to 1983 he served under postmaster, Graydon Baze.

Speedy stated he had served the United Postal Service under 9 presidents of the United States. Speedy's route included patrons in Desdemona and Gorman and he stated he has enjoyed the friendship and association with the wonderful people of the Desdemona and Gorman area, as well as the splendid corporation of postmistress Mrs. Ethel May and

YOUTH CENTER MEETING SET FOR TONIGHT

A meeting of concerned citizens has been scheduled for March 22, 1984 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School auditorium, to discuss prospects for a youth activity center for Gorman.

Several parents have been working hard for a center for our youth, and many of the teens of our area have expressed their desire for a center where they can meet for games, music, and other activities. So far, they have been unable to find a suitable location for the center, and as a result, the interest is waning.

All persons who have an

CARD OF THANKS

My thanks and appreciation to Ray Daniels and Rev. Darrell Dossey for being such good friends during the loss of a friend of Ours, Thomas Isbell of Abilene who passed away on Tuesday, March 13th. Also to my aunt, Sally Frasier and Jo Ann Fraley who brought food in for the family. May God bless each and everyone of you. Graveside services were held at Gorman Cemetery.

Garland and Gladys Fraley

and view Mrs. Foster's paintings.

Mrs. Merlene Wisdom. He has been active in civic and church activities. He is a certified lay leader in the First United Methodist Church where he has been a member for 42 years. He taught a Junior boys class for 21 years, and is currently chairman of the Administrative Board and choir director.

Speedy was a charter member of the Quarterback Club, serving as president during the building of Frank A. Gray Memorial Park. He served three terms on the Gorman School Board of Trustees and was president the last 4 years. He served 10 years on the South Eastland County Hospital Board of Directors and as president several years.

He served 10 years on the Upper Leon Water District Board and was active in Boy Scouts, serving as Scout Master. He also served several years with the Little League Baseball, and as announcer for the Panther football games. He has also been a member of the Gorman Masonic Lodge for 37 years.

Speedy is married to the former Louise Huddleston, they have two children Mrs. Carolyn George of De Leon and Bill Clark of Gorman, and two grandchildren Greg and Ginger George.

interest in the well-being of our youth are invited and urged to attend this important meeting. And a special invitation is extended to the young people who are interested in having a youth center.

That's TONIGHT at the High School at 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE

Water will be turned off about 8:30 Thur. 22nd to install a fire plug. We hope to have it back on by noon.

Effective this week, the landfill will be open on Saturday instead of Friday. It will be open from 12:00 noon to 6: P.M.

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Benefit For James Ryon Family Set

There will be an Auction and Benefit supper for the James Ryon Family Saturday March 31st at Desdemona.

The auction will be held at Desdemona school house starting at 2:00 p.m. Auctioneers will be Rocky Ash. Any item you wish to donate will be accepted for the auction either before or during the auction. For the items to be donated contact Larry Majors at 758-2242.

The Bar-be-cue supper will be at the Desdemona school house starting at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. If arrangements can be made a country and western band will be on hand to entertain. Donations will be accepted for the supper.

Three File For Hospital Board

Three candidates have filed for the three places to be filled on the South Eastland County Hospital Board of Directors.

Dale Curb, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Tommy Clark, filed as a candidate. Other candidates filing for two year terms are, incumbents, Graydon Baze and Lane Campbell.

Non-binding referendum pertaining to the sale of Blackwell Hospital will appear on the ballot.

Deadline for filing for a place on the ballot is Tuesday, March 27. Candidates may file with the secretary at the Tax Office.

The election will be held Saturday April 7 at the Fire Hall with Estelle Craddock as election Judge and clerks, Ina Scitern and Peggy Collins.

—GP—

To The Voters of South Eastland Co. Hospital District

I have served on the Hospital Board the last two years. Today I have placed my name on the ballot for two more years. If you, the voters of SECHD, believe as I do that our hospital needs to be under new management then vote for me on April 7th and, if elected, I pledge to continue my efforts to secure the kind of management and Hospital care this district deserves and has every right to expect.

Thank you,
/s/ Lane Campbell

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The 4-H and FFA Booster Club will hold a special meeting on Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. It will be at the School Lunch Room.

We urge all members to attend. Our Appreciation Dinner for the buyers at our Stock Show Sale will be main thing to be planned. Please try to attend. We need all of the parents to support this club.

American Legion Post 471 of De Leon will have a Public Dance, Friday, March 23 from 8 to 12 p.m. Music by Country Rhythmn from Comanche.

GORMAN LIONS CLUB MEETING POSTPONED: Dale Ales, Gorman Lions Club President informed the Progress today that due to a conflict in their meeting scheduled for March 20th has been postponed. The Club will meet the 4th Tuesday, March 27th, at 12:00 noon at the Band Hall.

DON UNDERWOOD, candidate for Eastland County Sheriff, will be the guest of honor at a coffee to be held at the Gorman Fire Hall, Friday, March 23, 1984 at 7:00 P.M. There will be plenty of free coffee and snacks, so come and meet DON, and hear him address the crime problem in Eastland County and outline his plans to remedy the problem. (Paid Pol. Adv.)

NOTICE — Anyone interest in joining a weight watchers class in De Leon call Jewell Kimmell 893-2183 or Beth Kea 893-6406 or Charlene Gilchrist 842-5852.

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

South Eastland County Hospital District Board will meet the Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.

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 each 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. Visitors welcome.

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

4-H and FFA Booster Club will meet the Third Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the School Cafeteria.

Monthly 4-H Meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic each Tuesday at Blackwell Hospital from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

AUBREY LAWRENCE ANNOUNCES FOR PRECINCT NO. 3 COMMISSIONER



I would like to take this opportunity to inform the citizens of Precinct 3, Eastland County, Texas, that I, Aubrey G. Lawrence, am seeking the position of county commissioner, precinct 3.

My wife, LaJean, and I have 4 children: Teresa of Comanche, Derenda of Brownwood, Janetta of Fort Worth, and Howard, who lives at home.

I believe that I can best serve the people of precinct 3 as your spokesman and road commissioner in our county commissioners court.

I will appreciate your support in the coming election.

Lonnie Bennett and Jennifer Stevens were in New Orleans, Louisiana from Friday thur Sunday attending the St. Patrick's Day Celebration held in the French Quarter.

CHAMBER HONORS FARMER OF THE YEAR AND OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce honored two of their top citizens on Tuesday evening when Jerry Warren was named as the Outstanding Farmer of the Year and Mrs. O. R. Buchanan was presenter with the Community Service Award for her many, many years of service in our community.

There were more than 236 folks who gathered for the annual big event. There were 236 plates of delicious food served and some were in attendance besides those counted in the serving line. The Chamber of Commerce sincerely appreciates all the folks attending the banquet, because every citizen of the community that are able to attend should be on hand. Also the Chamber wishes to express their thanks to all those who helped in any way to make this year's event a big success.

Dr. Don Newbury, speaker of the evening left no doubt in folks minds that he is one of the outstanding speakers in the world as he really entertained the folks with his outstanding humorous words and antics, while at the same time inserting some most important points of thought which gave folks many things to ponder between the many, many times of laughter. The thoughts he left with those in attendance will be with them a long time.

Rev. Darrell Dossey returned thanks and then the folks started through the serving lines to fill up on barbecue and all the trimmings. Then as everyone were finishing their meal Brent Foster and Butch "Mr. C" Crudginton got out their guitars and proceeded to entertain the folks with several numbers, with both playing guitars on instrumentals and Brent singing several songs. The folks really enjoyed this portion of the program.

Then following this, the master of ceremonies Gene Foster, president of the Chamber, introduced the out of town guests and then paved the way for the speaker who did a superb job.

To The Citizens Of Gorman

As a candidate seeking the office of Mayor of Gorman, I would like to express a few changes that I believe would be beneficial on the City's behalf.

We presently have a police chief drawing \$940.00 per month, a night watchman drawing \$840.00 per month, a part time policeman drawing \$300.00 per shift, and a city judge drawing \$330.00 per month. These figures do not include any expense on the police car that are incurred.

I see no reason as to why expenses could not be reduced by assigning the Chief of Police duties to the elected Constable, the City Judge duties to the Justice of Peace, and retain a nightwatchman only. As we all are aware, Gorman is not a high crime rate town.

With the above, this would cut considerable expense and use these funds for improving streets and cleaning up the town. We could all live in a city to be proud of.

Also, if elected, I will attempt to work out a plan so that persons over 65 will receive tax exemptions on their homestead as they do on school taxes.

Your vote will be appreciated.

Thank you,
/s/ Verlan Overstreet



CONGRATULATIONS MRS. BUCHANAN — Gene Foster, Master of Ceremonies, is shown presenting Mrs. Buchanan with the Outstanding Citizen Award.



FARMER OF THE YEAR — Jerry Warren is shown receiving the Farmer of the Year Award from Gene Foster, Master of Ceremonies during the Chamber of Commerce Banquet held Tuesday night.

Then following the words of Dr. Newbury, Foster then proceeded to introduce the person named as the recipient of the Community Service Award. As he began to give some of the background on the honoree Mrs. Buchanan, who was completely surprised, soon found out who the community was honoring.

The crowd came to their feet when she was presented with the beautiful plaque. Tears began to fill her eyes as she too began to remember some of the past years at the school and some of the folks she taught. Those in attendance who she taught as first graders were asked to stand and there were a large number of them.

Mrs. Buchanan, retired teacher and much loved lady has taught for 35 years in the first grade in Gorman Schools. Some 1000 first graders have come under her tutelage. Many came under her wing in the field of music teaching also. She has been organist or pianist for the First Baptist Church here for almost 35 years, giving of herself and her talents in worship services, weddings and many, many funeral services have been made more beautiful by her efforts. She was named Outstanding Club Woman of the Year in 1968 by the Woman's Study Club.

She was married to O. R. Buchanan in 1947 and they made a great contribution to the community with their love and service.

No person in the area in more loved and respected than this lovely lady.

Following the presentation to Mrs. Buchanan, Foster then proceeded to introduce the Outstanding Farmer of the Year, Jerry Warren.

Jerry is a native of Gorman. In 1983 he farmed 600 acres of peanuts, 250 acres

of milo, 15 acres of wheat, 25 acres of watermelons, 6 acres of cantaloupes and maintained a herd of 75 cows. He graduated from GHS in 1948 and attended two years at Tarleton State, three years at Sam Houston State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Education in agriculture.

After college, he went to work for the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service from 1963 to 1967, serving in Clay, Orange and Wise Counties. For a period from December 1965 until 1971, he served in the National Guard, stationed at Mineral Wells. He returned to Gorman and resumed farming in 1968.

He is married to former Brena Bryant, daughter of the late Adren Bryant and Mrs. Bertha Bryant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Warren. They have a son Wayne, who is a sophomore at GHS, and a daughter, Shannon, who is in the seventh grade.

This banquet was really enjoyed by everyone and folks will be looking forward to next year's banquet and presentation of honorees.

—GP—

REGISTRATION SET FOR MARCH 27TH FOR CHEESE AND BUTTER

Registration for those who have not previously registered for cheese and butter has been set for Tuesday, March 27TH at the Senior Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., according to Mozelle Rhymes.

If you have registered before you do not have to register again. Cheese and butter will be passed out the following Thursday, March 29th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

—GP—

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to the Staff at Blackwell Hospital, Staff of Doctors' Clinic and especially Dr. L and Dr. N. for their kindness and attention. Also for the flowers, cards, calls, etc. while I was in the hospital.

Vickie and Jimmy Hallmark and family

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GORMAN CARE CENTER NEWS

By Jettie Daniels

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all the visitors that visited
our facility, you make our
residents much happier by
your presence.

Bingo winners last week
were: Lennie Montgomery,
Lucille Campbell, Pearl
Westerman, and Jesse
Roberts. Black Out game
was won by; Lucille Camp-
bell.

Beon having real good
Singsongs on Thursday
Nights. Appreciate every
one's attendance your pre-
sence is greatly enjoyed by
all of our residents. If you
haven't been attending,
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with St. Patrick's decora-
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Our table had a decora-
tive table cloth on it, Punch
bowl with green sherbert
and Ginger ale, in center of
table. Surrounding this
were green glasses and
napkins, also shamrock
cookies and green candy.
This was served to our
residents and our entertain-
ers. Thanks to, Tana Sharp
and James Daniels for their
help at this time.

Our entertainers were
the Senior Citizens Band
from Rising Star, they did a
great job as always.

We had a contest all
week, Guess how many
potatoes were in the
Bucket? Mrs. Murrell Fon-
ville won first prize as she
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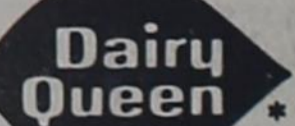
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CITY CHIT CHAT

By
Charlie L. Garrett, Mayor
 The Gorman City Commission met in regular session on Thursday, March 15, with the Mayor and all Commissioners, except Mr. Bill Mears, present. Others attending the meeting were Mrs. Brinegar, Mr. Funderburgh, Mr. W.C. Browning, Mr. Ake and Mr. Armstrong.

The Commission heard a presentation from Mr. Browning about City taxes on the Masonic Lodge Building. The Commission voted to go along with other taxing units and allow an exemption.

A contribution of \$125. was approved toward the purchase of local animals to be sold at the Eastland County Livestock Show.

The Nuisance Ordinance was tabled.

I read a letter to the Commission from the carrier of our Workmens Compensation Insurance which stated that employees should wear hard hats on certain jobs and be provided with a safety belt for rescue purpose when working in sewer manholes. The Commission approved these recommendations.

The Commission heard Mr. Ake for Lone Star Gas Company in behalf of their request for a rate increase. After further discussion, the Commission delayed action until April 19.

Mr. Armstrong presented the case of the TESCO for a rate increase. They are asking for about an 8% increase. The Commission refused this request on first reading. The second reading will be on April 5.

After reading a letter to the Commission from the Department of Health which had visited us recently, the Commission voted to contact the Company who did our water tower in 1979 and get an estimate on the cost of inspection of the inside of the water tank and checking other areas for compliance.

We have had many request to have the landfill open on Saturday rather than Friday. We discussed

Berry Greenwood Laid To Rest Saturday

Berry F. Greenwood, 89, a longtime Carbon resident, died at 3:50 a.m. Friday, March 16, 1984 at Eastland Memorial Hospital. Services were at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Carbon First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Cheryl Taylor pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Jim Hooten, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eastland. Burial was at Jewell Cemetery in Eastland County, directed by Bakker Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 14, 1894, in Eastland County near Sipe Springs, he received his teacher's certificate from East Texas State University. He was a World War I veteran, he served with the Army in France. After his discharge he worked as a carpenter on the construction of Boulder Dam, Roosevelt Dam and Coolidge Dam.

During World War II, he went to Iran and helped in the construction of refineries there. He returned to Carbon in 1946 and was the cemetery caretaker until retiring in 1981.

He was a charter member of the Sanbana Valley Game Reserve. He also was a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Eastland County Historical Society. He attended the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a brother, J.M. of Cross

this matter and voted to have it open from 12:00 noon until 6:00 P.M. beginning on Saturday March 24. The hours may be changed later in the year as the days get longer. Again we are asking that when you dump at the fill that you pile brush, lumber etc. on the pile to be burned with all other material being put IN the pit unless directed by the person on duty at the landfill. We are having material dumped all over the grounds at some time or other. Please help us in keeping the grounds looking better.

Athalie Overand Services Held Thursday

Mrs. Athalie Overand, 68, of Eastland, a licensed vocational nurse, died at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday March 14, 1984 at Eastland Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bakker Funeral Home.

The Rev. David Henley, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was at Eastland Cemetery.

Born Athalie Wood Jan. 20, 1916, in the Kokomo community in Eastland County, she married Charles Overand June 6, 1937, in Eastland. A licensed vocational nurse for 20 years, she has worked at nursing homes in Haskell, Rochester and Eastland. She had lived in Eastland since 1971 and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Elaine Rollans of Garland; Plains; four sisters, Edna Morgan and Ethel Lovell, both of Carbon, Archie Lee Crowe of Comanche and Ione Bownds of Eastland; and 14 nieces and nephews. Nephews were pallbearers.

RANGER FASHION SHOW SET FOR CANCER DRIVE

People throughout the United States are joining the fight against cancer, and this had helped to save lives. Nearly three million living Americans saved from cancer are proof of progress in research and education.

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the possibilities of cure, through helping the medical profession to have access to the latest advances in diagnosis and treatment of cancer, and through direct service to the cancer patient and his or her family said Ann Justice president of Eastland County Unit.

The Eastland County Unit of the American Cancer Society invites you to join the fight against cancer on Sunday March 25, 1984. The Smart Show of Ranger,

Most of you know that both John and David enlisted in the Air Force. David will be leaving on March 22nd. John will leave April 9th. They will both be stationed at San Antonio.

Those attending the fish fry were: Linda, Lorrie and Lewis Reynolds; Chuck, Fran and Eric Rivers; Lawrence, Shelia and Phillip Perez; Victoria and Jason Perez; Sam, Sandy, Danny, Charlotte and Terry Perez; Dale and Mary Griffin; Mike Perez, Ted Underwood; Steve and Bubba Estes.

Pallbearers were Jim Stewart, Greg Rollans, Brad Rollans, Pete Tucker, Bill Dobbins and Claude Williams.

owners Shirley Gentry and Kelly Gentry, will sponsor a Fashion Show at 3:00 p.m. at the New Gholson Hotel 215 Main St. in Ranger, Texas. The Theme will be "Suddenly It's Spring" benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Also the "Jammie Dee Dancers" will be featured. Tickets are \$3.00 and will be available at the door.

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WEEK OF 26-30
BREAKFAST
 Monday - Dry cereal, juice and milk
 Tuesday - Buttered rice, juice and milk
 Wednesday - Hot rolls, sausage and gravy, juice and milk
 Thursday - toast and jelly, juice and milk
 Friday - Pancakes, Bacon, juice and milk
LUNCH
 Monday - Beef and Veg. Soup, fried okra, cheese sticks, pears, corn bread and milk
 Tuesday - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, apple sauce cake and milk
 Wednesday - Bar-be-cue weiners, pinto beans, spinach, corn bread, Jello and milk
 Thursday - Sliced Turkey, broccili with cheese, buttered carrots, hot rolls, cookies and milk
 Friday - Hamburgers with all the trimmings, French Fries, ice cream and milk

Man Kills Self With Newly Bought Gun

A 31 year-old Abilene man apparently shot himself Tuesday with a gun he purchased that morning, police said.

Thomas Isbell, of 2407 N. Willis St., was found dead from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound from a .357 magnum pistol, oficer James Cope reported.

Justice of the Peace Clarence Collins pronounced Isbell dead at the scene at 9:10 a.m.

Police found the body in a car parked in the driveway at 1318 Graham St. about 8:40 a.m., Cope reported.

Inside the car were discovered a sales slip and gum permit for the weapon believed used, officer Randy Harris said Tuesday. "Both had today's date on them," he said. Services for Isbell, who was an employee of Independent Grocers, are pending at Mabene Allen Funeral Home, 1443 N. Second St. Born June 27, 1952, in Refugio, he married Ollie Holt. Survivors include his wife; his mother, Betty Isbell of Abilene; three sisters, Betty White of Tye, Linda Reed of Abilene and Edjth Ramsey of Aschafenburg, Germany; and a brother, Lynn of Abilene.

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SCHOOL HILL NEWS

By Mrs. Oma Lee Riddell

William and I visited on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the De Leon Hospital with Pete Williams. Pete was transferred to Dallas for open heart surgery. Pete is doing well and hopes to be home soon.

Tena Dennington, of De Leon. William and I were shopping in Eastland last Monday. Giff, Linda and

Ruby Johnson were shopping there too.

Roger, Connie, Melani and Wade Armstrong of Highland, Rev. and Mrs. Lanny Spruill and family of Lingleville were dinner guests last Sunday of J.C. and Patsy Moon.

Arthur Guenn, of Glen Rose, Willie Gale and Loretta Stephens of Stephen-

ville, along with Renia Hogg for a guide went rattle snake hunting last week and from two dens caught eighty six huge rattlers. Can't believe we had that many close neighbors. That makes me think. William shot a snake one day and it went crawling into the woods. William said, "Would you believe there goes a miracle. There crawls a dead snake?"

Leslie had William and I, Jeane, Will and Niki Grimshaw, of De Leon. Tommy, Jane and Luke Musick for dinner last Sunday. Michael Hurst was

Letter To The Editor

Thomas N. Cofer, M.D., a cardiologist from Chilli-cothe, Mo., was (and hopefully still is) trying to negotiate with the South Eastland County Hospital District Board to purchase Blackwell Hospital. These people were in town Thursday, March 15, 1984.

If the hospital were sold to Dr. Cofer this would visiting some of his family in Waco.

Dianne Hogg of Stephenville spent Thursday night with her Grandmother, Renia Hogg.

Nona Huffman spent Friday night with Blake and Delillah Morrison.

"terminate the present hospital management, which is what the community wants, and Dr. Cofer would welcome the physicians established here to continue using the facilities provided by Blackwell Hospital.

Rumors have been flying as to whether the hospital could reopen if it is closed. At this writing inquiries are being made for requirements from both the State of Texas and Medicare. Either can keep the doors sealed. Once they are closed.

As you know, the Drs. clinic is well on the way to completion. It is understood the clinic will have an

Look Who's New It's A Girl

Tony and Cheryl Anderson of Gorman are the proud parents of a baby girl, Taryn Jessica, born Sunday, March 4, 1984 at 11:14 a.m. in Stephenville. She weighed 7lbs., 2 1/2ozs. and was 22 1/2 inches long. Taryn was welcomed home by her sister Tiffany.

Deroy and Gerry Ander-

Without the facilities, the Hospital will be just another "Rest Home"! Think about it!
/s/ Dee Smithey

son of Gorman and Jesse and Mary Ann Tackett of Stephenville are the grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. H.G. (Bob) McDonnell of Plains; Mrs. Myrtle Fuquay of Stanton; Mrs. Vera Tackett of Dublin; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Palmore of Dublin are the great-grandparents.

John David and Jay Miller of Gilmer visited last week with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Munn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson of Floyada visited Monday with Mayviss Lasater.

NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK



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- Parents should date all medicines and other drugs when they buy them. Never take medicine from an unlabeled bottle.
- Only the person for whom the medicine is prescribed should take the medicine. Never share prescriptions.
- Parents should always check with the physician before giving medicine to infants and young children.
- Never give or take medicine in the dark; always read the label and follow the directions exactly.
- Never tell children that medicine is candy.
- Store medicines separately from other household products.
- NEVER take medicines in front of children. Remember that youngsters tend to imitate grown-ups every chance they get.
- Remember that poison prevention packaging is only an additional safeguard. Safety closures can help but they can't do the whole job of protecting your children. Most children cannot open poison-prevention packages, but some can.

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Director of Pharmacy

This is a public service message brought to you by The Management and Staff of Blackwell Hospital.

Letter To The Editor

I am employed as a registered nurse at Blackwell Hospital and I am PROUD of that fact. Gorman has a lot of good people and good things going on here, and that includes your hospital. I say your hospital because it is here for the people of Gorman. There is a hospital here because you people felt the need for one. Do you still feel that Gorman has a need for a hospital? If you do it is time to do something about it.

In the past five months I have seen alot of good changes happening at this hospital. We have received new equipment, built a new nursery, added new services and hired quality trained people. I for one am glad. It is much easier to work for a living when you enjoy what your doing and where you are working.

I don't know any of our employees who are enjoying collecting unemployment. They all have families that need support. But, right now many of those

people are trying to get by on unemployment. Can you tell me why?

We have good services and good people working here. So tell me why are the employees being laid off? And why are the people of this community going to another town for medical care?

I would like to invite all of you, to come visit your hospital and see for yourself just what's happening here. You may just be in for a surprise.

I've just got one more thing to say to all of you and that's this. If the people of this town don't start looking for the answers to these questions, you'll wake up one morning minus your hospital. PLEASE think about that very carefully, not for my sake or my job, but, for the fact of what it will mean to you, your children and those people you care for to be without a hospital.

Sincerely,
/s/ Rebecca Musgrove
R.N.

CARBON NEWS

By Mrs. Bob Hasting
Phone 639-2517

Spring is just around the corner in fact it will be here by the time this comes out. After a light drizzle Saturday the sand came through on Sunday evening!

Out of town relatives attending the funeral of Berry Greenwood on Saturday were Jerry Crow of Jefferson City, Missouri; Berry Don Bounds of San Ramon, California; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coppenger of Odessa; Gene Greenwood of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cloud and family of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pylant and family, Mineral Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Allison and family of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Smith of Felt, Oklahoma. Visited Mr. and Mrs. Plamer Stokes last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Taylor and Caleb of Duncan Oklahoma spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Truman Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Whitson and girls visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Veech and other relatives of Nashville and Johnson City, Tennessee during the Spring Break.

Mr. and Mrs. Obie Duncan were guests of Chief Bender at the Wesley Methodist Church Supper in Cisco recently.

Mrs. Debbie Cox and boys of Arlington visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Jackson during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hays, Travis and Cory spent their Spring Vacation in Waco, Belton and Inks Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cates and family of Navasota visited Mr. and Mrs. Obie Duncan last week. Other guests in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Thom Winnegar of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. James Arnold of Olden, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Morrow, helped them enjoy a fish fry on Monday night.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sherl Taylor Wednesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Stalcup and Ellen of Windthorst; Mr. and Mrs. Monty Neeb, Amy, Andy, and Robert of Stephenville, Mrs. Theola Neeb of Cross Plains visited Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Lona Abbott enjoyed a surprise visit with all her children during the weekend. They were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parsons of Everman; Mr. and Mrs. Don Jordan and girls of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker, of Abilene; Mrs. Charlene Marenger of Carbon. Grandchildren visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hodge and baby of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gryder and boys of Carbon.

Adrienne and Stacia Allison of Arlington are spending their Spring break with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Euell Allison this week.

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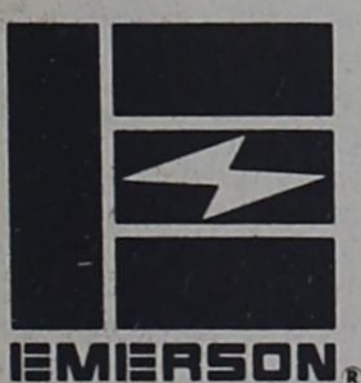
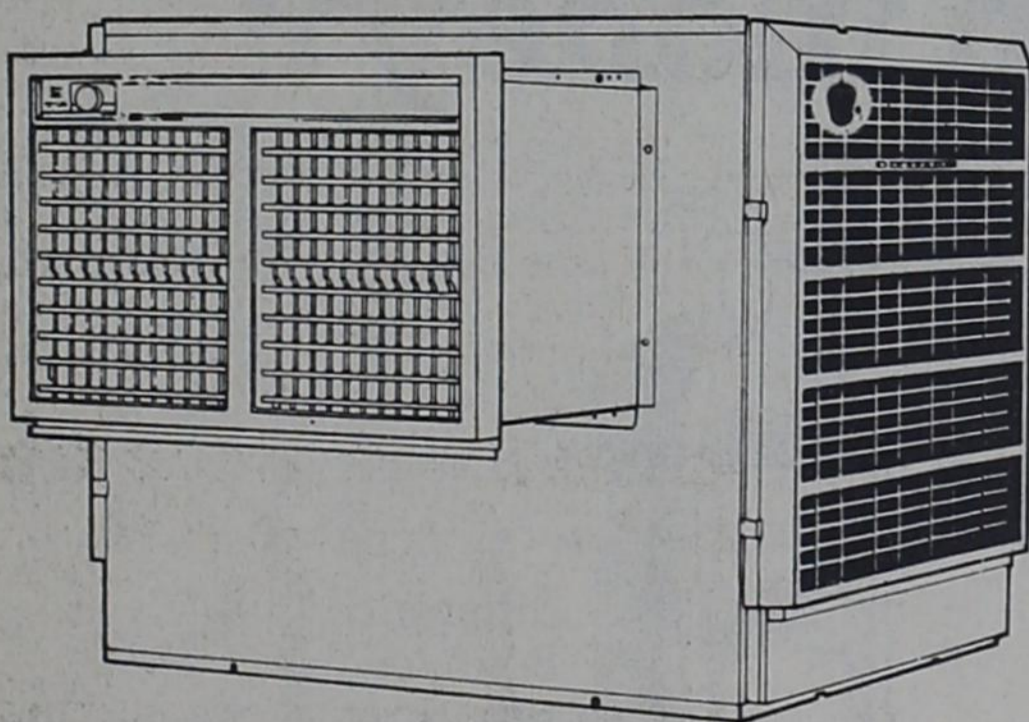
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EASTLAND COUNTY UNIT - AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SET APRIL 9-14 CRUSADE

In December, 1983 the Eastland County Unit of the American Cancer Society was formed. At that time the following officers were elected. President - Ann Justice; Vice President - Roy Gevara and Secretary - Maria Duncan. Each month the Eastland County Unit meets on the first Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Eastland National Bank. The meetings are kept short and to the point; a short business meeting and our program are the usual agenda.

At the March 5 meeting the American Cancer Society Crusade was discussed. The week of April 9-14 has been designated as Eastland County's ACS Crusade. The goal was set for \$15,000.00. This is an all out county crusade. The following are the chairmen for Eastland County: Gorman - Brenda Hirst and Debra Clark, Ranger - Shirley Gentry, Cisco - Merl Strobele, Rising Star - Becky Biggs, Carbon - Jackie Tucker, Kokomo - Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club, Morton Valley - Morton Valley Extension Homemakers Club, Eastland - Gary Barnes.

Ruby Acrea Host UMW

The United Methodist Women, met in the house of Mrs. Ruby Acrea for the second Bible Study lesson, Monday March 19, 1984 at 2:30 p.m.

Tommye Haile was the leader of the Program of the Book "The Great Physician" Lucretia gave the opening prayer. The Bible Study of the Healing stories of Luke. Tommye gave How Jesus used prayer.

What is prayer?
 How we pray?

POLITICAL CALENDAR

The following persons have authorized this newspaper to announce that they are candidates, subject to action by the May Democratic Primary. County Sheriff: Don Underwood

Commissioner, Pct. 3
 L. T. Owen, Re-Election
 Aubrey G. Lawrence

Constable, Prct. 5
 Dewey Keese, Re-Elect
 Brent Foster

Group prayer, The Role of the Word. Speaking the right words.

How Jesus used the word and How the Disciples used the word. The Role of the Healer Jesus.

Everyone discussed the many questions, prayer, and church and Special gift from God of healer as believed by the apostle Paul.

At close of program refreshments were served to all those present by Host Ruby Acrea, to those Ida Chandler, Don Moorman, Rev. Donna Ware.

Homemakers Class of First Baptist Met Tuesday March 13th

The Homemakers Class of First Baptist Church of Gorman met Tuesday the 13th at the Bea O'Neal

Bobbie Brown, Lucretia Fairbetter, Pauline Dennis, Ester Bolt, Velma Bennett, Tommye Haile.

Our last and third lesson will be in home of Mrs. Tommye Haile with Ida Chandler as leader. March 26, 1984 at 2:30 p.m.

home with Doris Bryan as co-hostess.

Annye Faye Foster open the meeting and Elaine Skinner led the prayer. The class plans to take the van to Brownwood on Saturday the 24th of March to visit Lou Burns. The class plans a visitation once each month in the area.

Gladys Chalmers gave the devotional. Lois Buchanan closed the meeting with a prayer.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, salads and pickles, roasted peanuts, coke, coffee, hot chocolate

and hot spiced tea were served to members, Lois Buchanan, Velma Hampton, Blanche Browning, Lula Vermillion, Annye Faye Foster, Betty Bennett, Louise Brown, Hazel Smith, Elaine Skinner, Iris Preston, Mavis Lasater, Geraldene Wright, Una Porter, Irene West, and Gladys Chalmers.

Opal Holiday, Reporter

Lavelle Rodgers visited over the weekend in Comfort with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Clark and Robby.

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Terry Kent of Merkel and Richard Craven of Abilene visited Bert and Doris Kent at Lake Leon over the weekend.

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