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Gorman Pee Wee Tournament Slated March 9 - 10 - 11

The Gorman Pee Wee Basketball Tournament is slated for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 9-10-11 at the school gym.

The tournament will be sponsored by the Gorman Senior Class with proceeds going to the Senior Trip

Fund.

The first games will begin at 4 p. m. Thursday and Friday, and at 10 a. m. on Saturday.

There will be a concession stand open during each session, with

hamburgers, fajitas, nachos and drinks of all kinds.

So come join the excitement of watching the little kids play basketball and help the Seniors raise money for their senior trip.

LIONS CLUB BENEFIT BASKETBALL GAMES SLATED TUESDAY NIGHT

The Gorman Lions Club is sponsoring a Benefit Basketball Event this coming Tuesday night, March 14th at the local gym. All proceeds will go to the Lions Club projects, and more specifically to the fund that donates yearly to purchase animals of local students in the Eastland County Livestock Show. If there is any monies left over it will go to the Tennis Court Fund pledge, which is given annually by the Lions Club, who have donated or pledged more than \$3500 for the Tennis Court Fund.

The games will begin at 6:30 with a big "Grudge Battle" between two "Ladies" teams.

Then at intermission between games the Gorman Redhots have volunteered to perform. This is a great group of gymnastic performers and they have graciously accepted the Lions Club's invitation to perform and do their part in helping out with this worthwhile benefit.

Then at about 8 p. m. the men's game will get underway (that is if they can find any able-bodied men who can stand up to the task) to play a basketball game between the Lions Club and faculty and an outsiders team. These "Young" folks will do their utmost to entertain you.

The admission will be by donation only and whatever you wish to donate will help out.

The Lions will be serving those Great Lion Burgers beginning at 5:30 p. m. in the school lunchroom. They will offer a hamburger and ice tea for \$2.00. The concession stand in the gym will also be open for those wishing to have cold drinks, candy,

etc. And the Lions might even have some hamburgers in the concession stand if they can get some cooked up between rushes in the cafeteria. So come prepared to enjoy some great basketball - some marvelous gym-

nastic performances by the Gorman Redhots, and some unbelievably delicious food prepared by some "Expert Chefs" who just happen to be members of the Gorman Lions Club.

See you there! Okay?



Gorman Fire Department Receives Donation From American Legion



John Rudlogg, Commander of the American Legion, Post 471 of De Leon, presenting a donation check to Gorman Fire Department Chief Gene Foster from the proceeds of their Bingo Games. This is the third donation which the post has presented to the Gorman Fire Department in the past year.

Friday Night Musical Set Here March 10th

The regular Second Friday Night Musical will be held on Friday, March 10th, beginning at 6 p. m. in the Old Fire Hall.

A food booth will be open with sandwiches, pie, coffee and goodies.

All area musicians are invited and urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

—GP—
KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hollywood and Kira of Merkel were weekend visitors with his mother, Mrs. Louise Hollywood.

Senior Class To Sponsor Turkey Shoot March 12

The Senior Class of Gorman High will be sponsoring a Turkey Shoot on Sunday March 12th at the Gorman Baseball Park.

It will begin at 2 p. m. and last till whenever.

There will be skeet and target shooting.

—GP—
Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holliday were Debbie and Melissa Sanders of Odessa, Mrs. Ruth Sanders and Lewis Waller of De Leon, and Mrs. Hulon Hogan of Lake Leon, and Jessie Powell of De Leon.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK

March 6 - 10

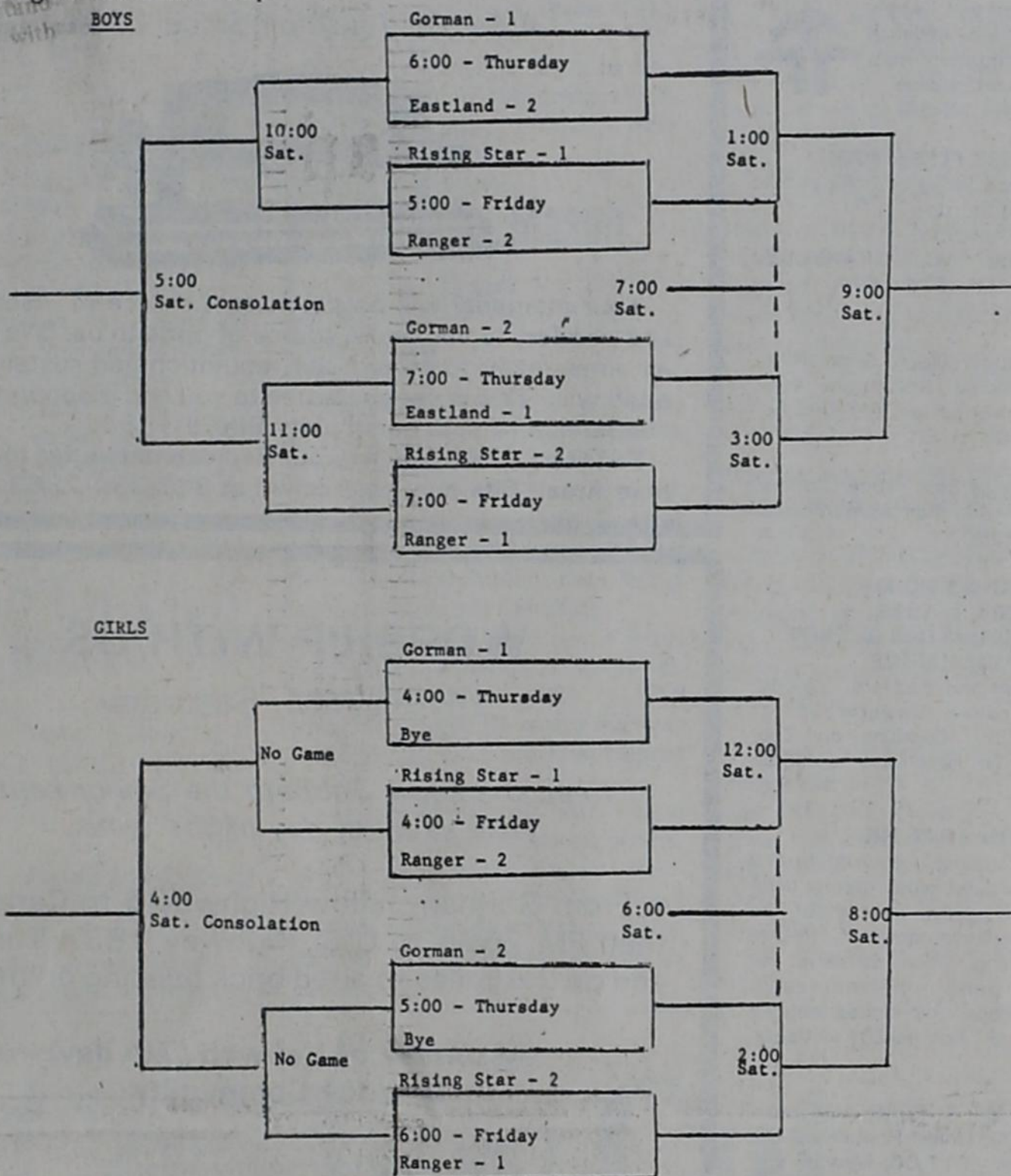
Parents are invited to come by and visit during the week. On Friday, March 10, we will have 'Parent Day'. Parents are invited to have lunch with their child on Friday.

G. W. Maxfield
Superintendent of Schools

EASTER EGG HUNT SLATED FOR MARCH 25TH AT 2:00 P.M.

The Business Alliance is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt again this year. Easter is just around the corner. This year's Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 25th at 2:00 p.m. at the Football Field.

The Easter Bunny will be in town that day. If you would like to donate Easter Eggs they may be left at Lasater's, Movies Galore or Bob's Grocery.



UNTIMELY SNOWFALL HITS AREA



The scene above shows the estimated 5 to 7 inches of snow which fell on Gorman in the early morning hours of Sunday. The snow brought all traffic thru Gorman and surrounding areas to a slow crawl.

candy, etc in the concession stand in the gym for folks to enjoy.

—J—
Thirteen Eastland Countians toured the Michael Unit of Texas Dept. of Corrections near Palestine on February 23rd. The purpose of this trip was to view the construction and maintenance of the prison. The Michael Unit is the model unit which will be utilized in construction of a prison in Eastland County in the event we are chosen to receive such a unit.

Those attending the tour were Dr. Charles Barnes, group leader, Rising Star; Bruce Stovall, driver, Cisco; Dr. and Mrs. Jim Gray, Rising Star; Jor Jarvis, Cisco; Louise Allison, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Fambro of Ranger; Mrs. L. C. Webb, Cisco; Lee Starr, Cisco; Mike Conner, Cisco; Ted Beauchamp, Ranger, and Arthur Camacho, Ranger.

Another trip is presently being planned for March 23rd. It is hoped that some Gorman folks will join the tour. If you would like to go, please contact our Hoos-Gow office in Cisco at 442-3413.

—J—
And remember to smile -- because God Loves You!

RABIES CLINIC
scheduled for April 1st
at the Ag Building.
More Information next week.

SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

Monday - Toast, bacon, jelly, juice and milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast Burrito, juice and milk.

Wednesday - Rice, juice and milk.

LUNCH

Monday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, corn, cornbread, apple crisp and milk.

Tuesday - Barbecue chicken, au-grautin potatoes, green beans, rolls, Jello and milk.

Wednesday - Burritos, chili and cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit and milk.

—GP—

John Ambrose Ripley Laid To Rest Tuesday In De Leon

John Ambrose Ripley, 85, of De Leon passed away Sunday, March 4 in the De Leon Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Church of Christ in De Leon with Payne Hattox and A. C. Morris officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery under direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Born in Dallas, he was a longtime resident of De Leon. He was retired from the post office and the electric company. He was a member of the

LANCE SHARP NAMED MVP FOR DISTRICT 23-A



Lance Sharp, a junior in Gorman High School, was named Most Valuable Player in District 23A Basketball.

Lance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Sharp and an outstanding athlete on the basketball and football teams.

Ronson Childers, a senior, was named to First Team All-District. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Childers. He has also been outstanding in athletics during his school years in Gorman.

Tonya Caraway, a junior, was named to the First Team in girls basketball in District 23A.

Tonya is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Caraway.

Kim Sharp, a senior, was named to the Second Team All-District list.

Kim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Sharp.

Nikki Warren, a junior, received Honorable Mention All-District. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Warren.

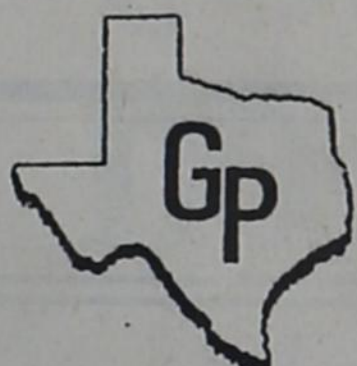
Gorman Schools and the community are proud of these young athletes and the contributions they have made to the school and the community.

Church of Christ, and the widow of Nevada Scott and Alma Maurine Hicks.

Survivors include two sons, J. S. Ripley of Gorman and Joe Dean Ripley of De Leon; a daughter, Dorothea Sikes of Waxahachie; three sisters, Lettys Fallin of Fort Worth, Orena Koonsman and Connie Herring, both of Stephenville; nine grandchildren; and eight Great-grandchildren.

—GP—

Visiting in the home of Ardith and Arline Pittman during the weekend were his brother and wife, Neal and Dorothy Brown of Kankakee, Ill.



Press Points
Joe Bennett, Publisher

—J—
That sure was pretty snow which started falling on us folks in this area on Friday night late and early Saturday morning. And this cold, snowy weather hit us right after we had had temperatures reaching up in 80's on Friday afternoon - and most folks thought the weatherman was really "crazy" predicting that awful weather when it was so beautiful on Friday afternoon. But, believe me, he wasn't crazy. He hit the nail right on the head. Gorman received around 5 to seven inches of snow and this will really help the seasoning for the prospects of this year's crops. We thank the Lord for the moisture, even though we don't like the way we got the moisture.

There will be some rather high heating bills as the temperatures dipped down pretty low for a few days.

—J—
We have a new business in Gorman. Russell Cordell and Dewey Keese have begun operations of Eastco Fuel of Gorman and are now delivering farm fuel, diesel, gas and oil to the surrounding communities. They are looking forward to serving your needs in the future and invite you to call them.

Please see their ad on page four of this issue of the Progress and give them a call and welcome them to our town.

Also we are expecting an announcement very soon on another business opening in Gorman. We can't release anything on it as yet, but we look forward to announcing the new venture very soon.

—J—
Be sure and plan to attend the Lions Benefit Basketball event on Tuesday night and enjoy some marvelous basketball, gymnastics and great food. All proceeds go to the Lions Club worthy projects. Admission will be by donation only. Burgers and tea will cost \$2 and the Lions will also have cold drinks,



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KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Zelda Jordan
Phone 639-2289

There was sure a contrast in the weather with the temperature in the upper 70's on Friday, then to wake up on Saturday morning with it very cold and sleet on the ground. And it was quite a surprise to us to wake up on Sunday morning to find we were having a snow storm. I don't know just how much snow we received, but somewhere between 6 and 8 inches, with drifts up to three to four feet deep.

It was kind of rough on the livestock and the men that had to get out to feed them, but I didn't hear of any mishaps.

The services at the Kokomo Baptist Church were cancelled on Sunday due to the weather.

God really painted a beautiful picture with the snow. As the sun

came out you could see sparkles dancing up from the snow.

Jerrell Johnson and O. C. Johnson of Fort Worth visited with their brother Orval and Viola Johnson at their home in Olden on Monday, and they all visited with J. C. and Anna Laura Clearman.

Blanton and Ella Clearman of Lamesa were visiting with the Clearmans on Wednesday and Thursday.

Our sincere sympathy to the families of S. L. Snider and Garr Bridgewater. Both were buried in services at the Simpson Cemetery on Monday. Mr. Snider was the brother of Mrs. Carrie Frasier and the brother-in-law of Mrs. Hazel Snider of our community. Mr. Bridgewater

was the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dupuy of Gorman, former residents of this community.

My sister, Barbara Bell of Denver City, had the misfortune to fall on the ice on the driveway of her home on Saturday and broke her left shoulder. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We received word on Saturday that mt cousin, Bonnie Lewallen Gregory's husband, Don, had died early Saturday morning of a heart attack at their home in Sayre, Oklahoma. Bonnie is a former resident of Kokomo.

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COUNTY 4-H PROJECT SHOW
Attention 4-Hers! There will be a 4-H Project Show this year in conjunction with the County Livestock Show. All 4-Hers can enter!
Register and enter your exhibits on Friday morning, March 17, from 8 to 10 a. m. Entries will be judged and displayed all day. Entries should be picked up between 5 and 7 p. m.

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S. L. Snider Rites Held Here On Monday

S. L. Snider, 70, passed away on Friday, March 3 in the De Leon Hospital.

Services were held at 3 p. m. Monday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home with the Rev. Norman Bruner officiating. Burial was in the Simpson Cemetery.

He lived in Eastland County most of his life before moving to De Leon. He was a Baptist and a U. S. Navy veteran of WW II. He was a retired pumper.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Snider of De Leon; two daughters, Margaret Lucille Wullger of Astoria, Oregon, and Stella Fay Scott of Sundown; his mother, Alice M. Snider of De Leon; two sisters, Carrie Frasier of Gorman and Bertha Fay Henry of Ozona; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

William Lee Phillips Buried Monday In Abilene

William Lee Phillips, 77, of Abilene, passed away Friday, March 3 in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside services were held at 10 a. m. Monday at Elmwood Memorial Park with Jesse Martin officiating.

Born in Gorman, he moved to Abilene in 1951 from Breckenridge. He grew up in Graham. He was self employed, doing yard work and tree trimming. He retired in 1970. He was a Jehovah's Witness.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Phillips of Abilene.

Kokomo EH Club Meets March 13

The Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club will meet in the home of Anna Laura Clearman on Monday, March 13th at 2 p. m.

Program leader, Dorothy Mims will give the program, "A Demonstration on Designing and Painting Knit Materials".

All club members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

Nancy Hendricks, Reporter

Garr Lee Bridgewater Buried at Simpson Cemetery Monday

Garr Lee Bridgewater, age 47, passed away at his home in Luling, Texas on March 2, 1989.

Services were held at 1 p. m. Monday at the Simpson Cemetery with Rev. Ron Carroll officiating. Interment was in Simpson Cemetery.

Born May 19, 1941 in Kingman, Arizona, he married Sylvia R. Dupuy on April 29, 1980 in Brownwood. He was an oilfield driller and served in the U. S. Air Force from 1958 to 1962.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia R. Brodgewater of Luling; three daughters, Karen Smith of Luling, Andrea Smith of Manahans, and Kimberla Nesken of Clovis, N. M.; two brothers, Richard Allen Bridgewater of Bakersfield, Calif., and Russell A. Bridgewater, also of Bakersfield.

Bakersfield; three sisters, Janie Brown of Bakersfield, Shwenna Gonzales and Pauline Cooper of Bakersfield; his parents, Joe and Nora Bridgewater of Bakersfield; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Corrina Lee Bridgewater, in 1985 and one brother, Billy Bridgewater in 1981.

Weyman B. Mason Laid To Rest Saturday

Weyman B. Mason, 77, of Ballinger, passed away Thursday, March 2 in a San Angelo nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger with the Rev. Jerry Howell officiating. Burial was in Old Runnels Cemetery.

Born in Gorman, he was a long-time resident of Ballinger. He owned Mason Floral from 1953 to 1985 when he retired. He was a member of the Rotary Club and First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Mason of Ballinger; three daughters, Martha Bailey of San Angelo, Marilyn Schwamkrug of Midland and Melinda Mason of Fort Worth; a son, Russell Mason of Lorenzo; and six grandchildren.

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery Phone 758-2665

The ladies monthly social will be held Monday, March 13th at the local cafe. Benton Echols and Zelma Williamson are the hostesses. Visitors are welcome.

"Happy Birthday" on March 8th to our good friend, Alla Rae (Friday) Holbrook in Wallis, Texas. Alla Rae was in the Class of 1951 at Desdemona High.

Anita Ashburn attended school in Desdemona in early 30's. If anyone knows where she is, address and all, please contact this reporter at box 187, Desdemona, Texas 76445.

Also this reporter is looking for relatives of Elijah, George or Lewis Keith (some of Fannie (Clayton) and Lemuel Keith). If you know anything about these, please write me.

WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE COMING TO AREA BAPTISTS

The world is coming to Cisco Baptist Association churches! Southern Baptist churches of the Cisco Association are hosting a World Missions Conference April 16th thru April 23rd.

A World Missions Conference is an adventure in missionary education designed to identify a church with the world mission program of Southern Baptists.

Four foreign, four home and two state missionaries will be speaking in twenty participating churches. These missionaries will share personal experiences from the mission field where they serve and be available to answer questions.

The public is urged to make plans now to attend.

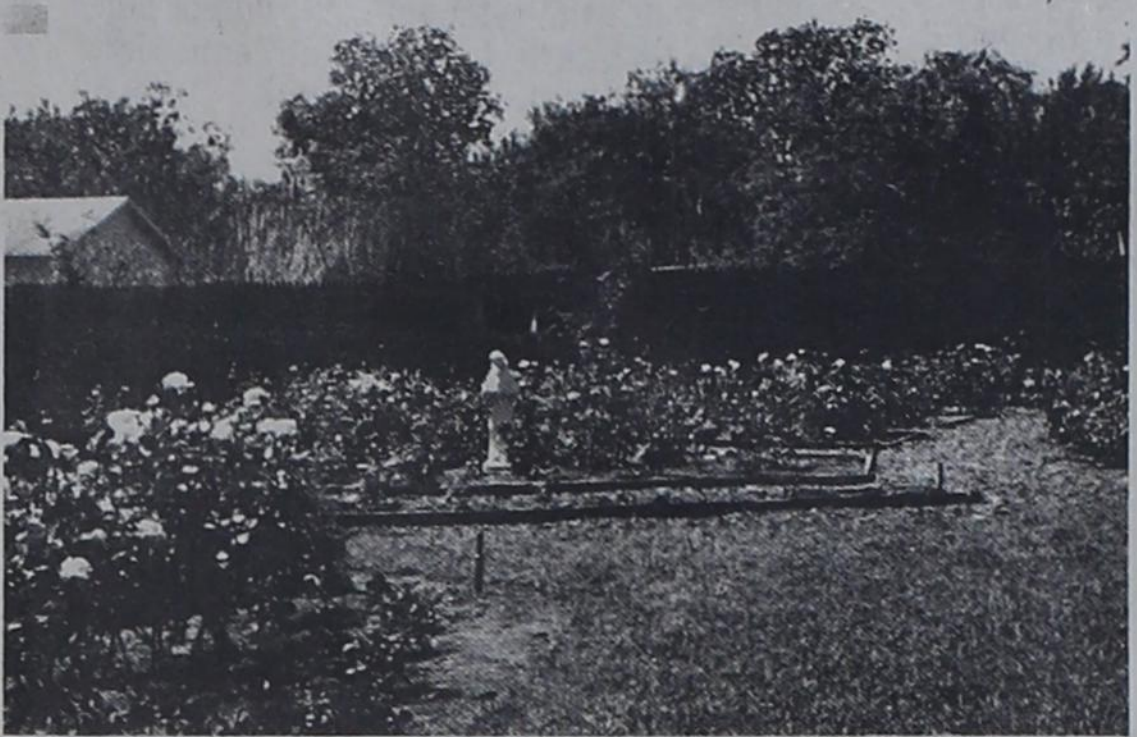
WILLIAM H. MOSER COMPLETES RECRUIT TRAINING IN FLORIDA

FEB. 9 (FHTNC)—Navy Seaman recruit William H. Moser, a 1988 graduate of De Leon High School, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Florida.

Moser's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

He joined the Navy in October, 1988.

Rose Garden Of Former Gorman Residents Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Rodgers



Shown above is the rose garden of Mrs. and Mrs. Shafner Rodgers of Dallas. The couple have grown roses for many years and have many beautiful varieties in their rose garden.

Shafner is a native of Gorman. He graduated from Gorman High School in 1930 and was married to his wife, the former Ruth Rucker in 1936. She will be remembered as a Nurse at Blackwell Hospital.

Shafner also sent a picture of a new unnamed rose that is at the Texas Research Center at Tyler. It is being budded and will be sent to experimental gardens throughout the U.S.A. Then it will be named and patented, then rooted from each bud and sold for 17 years. Proceeds will go to the Building Fund for the Church On The Rock.

Pleasant Grove residents Shafner and Ruth Rodgers are amateurs who compete in a field dominated by professionals using superior equipment, bigger budgets and inside connections with the powers-that-be.

Yet, the Rodgerses' many victories over the years prove that in the field of rose cultivation, perseverance and persistence can make the difference.

The Rodgerses, both retired, have been cultivating roses behind their home on N. St. Augustine for about 30 years.

"When we started, we set some goals for ourselves," says Mr. Rodgers. "We wanted to win a local competition, a state competition and a national competition."

The state victory came in 1973 when their roses took top honors at the Texas State Fair. Their local award came in 1988 when the Dallas Rose Society named their garden as being among the top three in the Metroplex.

The national award has proven more elusive. "At the national level the judges are all professionals, and they don't look kindly on amateurs," says Rodgers.

A walk through the Rodgerses' sizeable rose garden shows why the Dallas Rose Society conferred upon it such high honors. Dozens of different varieties of roses are present, including bushes imported from

China, Scotland and Canada.

In addition to the commercially available varieties, there are also around 40 that Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers have created themselves. One of these, the "Minnie Marcus," was commissioned for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of Neiman-Marcus.

The rose is named after Mrs. Herbert Marcus, wife of one of the co-

founders of the famed department store.

At the peak of the season, the Rodgerses spend two to three hours a day in the garden pruning, watering, and checking for harmful insects. They also perform experiments in rose hybridization.

"The possibilities are endless," says Mr. Rodgers. "Roses are like people—they're all different."

However, the Rodgerses have had considerable success out in the open with no protection from foreign sources of pollen. The lack of a greenhouse doesn't bother them a bit. "We can't afford a greenhouse on our retirement income," says Mr. Rodgers. "We've dedicated our rose garden to the Lord, and if he wants to bring some pollen in, it's O.K. with us."

After pollination, the rose hip, or seed pod, takes about three months to develop. When the seeds are mature, either Rodgers or his wife take the seeds from the pod and drop them into a glass of water. Those that float are discarded—they are no good. The rest are put in a bottle and refrigerated until the first week in January when they are planted. It takes about 40 days for the seeds to sprout, according to Mr. Rodgers.

These days the Rodgerses are not as active in the rose competitions, preferring to pursue their hobby for its own sake.

"We used to go for blood, but now that we've won, we let the younger folks take over," says Mr. Rodgers. The national championship is probably an unattainable goal for the Rodgerses at this point, but when life's a bed of roses, it's hard to complain about a thorn or two.



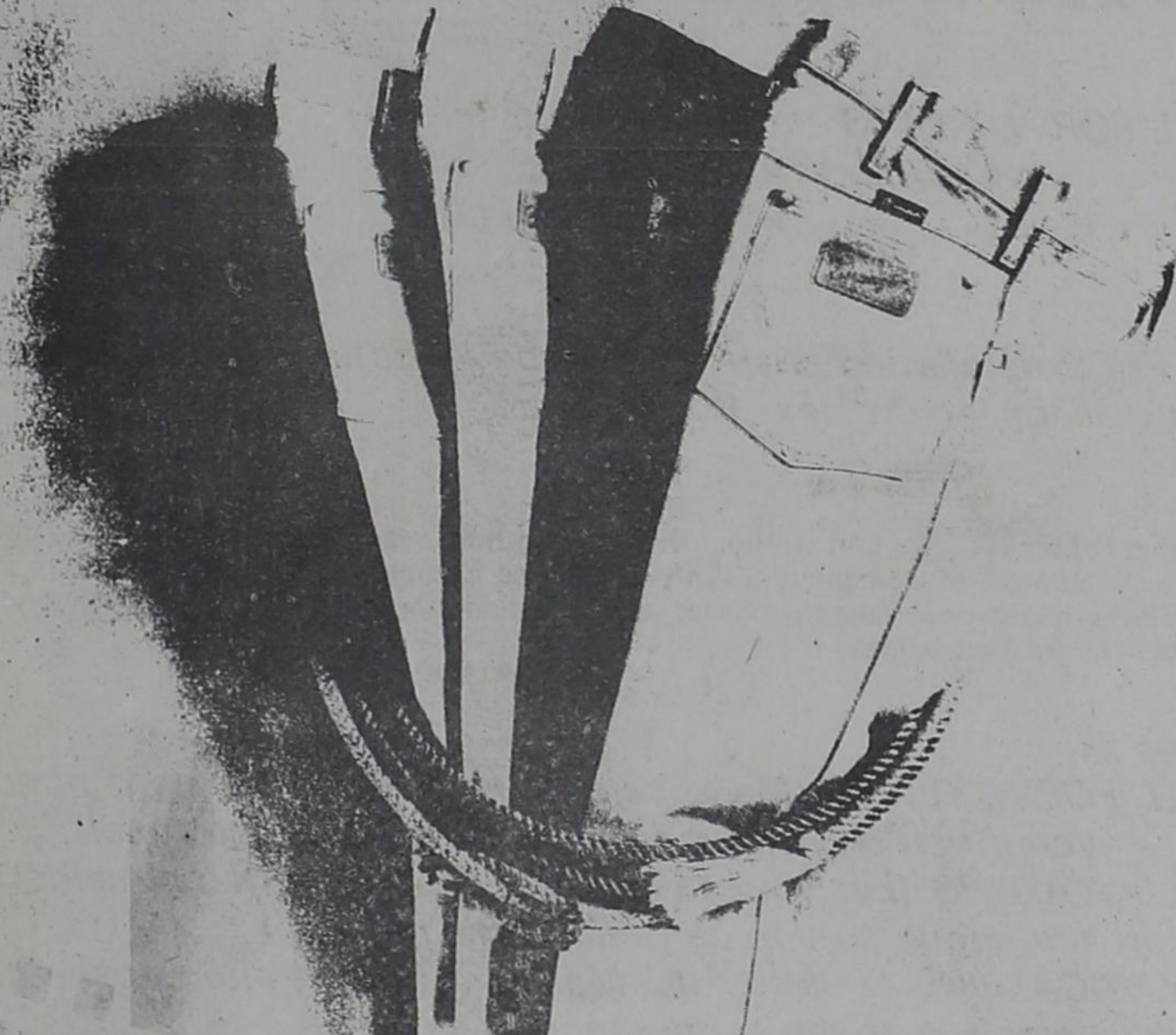
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The next monthly birthday party will be in the front lobby on Thursday, March 30th at 2 p. m. when the Kokomo EH Club will help. There will be entertainment and refreshments for everyone.

Birthday honorees are Ola Hirst, Ida Lewis and Lois Buchanan. Come and be with your loved ones.

The Carbon First Baptist Church came at 2:30 p. m. Sunday for our church services. Those coming were Rev. Sherl Taylor, Ike, Joy and Josh Whitson, Lynn Hagan, Sherrie Carlton, Maxine Morgan, Billie Stacy, Carol Sandlin, R. Lee McDaniel and Cricket Walker.

At 4 p. m. those from the Church of Christ were Bro. Curtis Maness, George and Frankie Stacy, Zena Simpson, Stella Scott, Purnia Faye Smith, Juanita Files, Janda and Tracey Taylor, Allie Mae George, Lorene Foster, Kathy Goode, Faye Brewer, and Floy Morrison.

Well the big wait is over after regular bingo on Monday when the following winners were Jess Roberts Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Iola Johnson and blackout was Garnet Adams. There had been a month's bingo accumulation of winners with highest winning games for all of February. The three top winners were Berta Poyner, first; Emma Shugart, second; and Cynthia Earles, third. Joe O'Neal and Nancy Hendricks helped.

Visiting Clara Rich were Delores and Lisa Rich and Wilda Holt of De Leon, and Jewel Whitley of Dublin.

Marion Dennis and Truitt Coffman visited Lonzo Coffman.

Those visiting Annie and Veno Hale were June Barfield, Zena Simpson, Nadine Simmons, Iola Johnson and Emma Shugart.

Bro. Ron Carroll taught the Sunday School lesson at 10 a. m. Sunday. Six residents attended.

Ima Lee Fair and Lois Marie

Taylor of Eastland visited Ruby Vandergriff.

Visiting Cynthia Earles were Dixie Pack and James Ryan of Desdemona Faye Brewer, Joy Campbell, Allie Mae George and Floy Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Overstreet visited her brother, Roy Kinser.

Those visiting Berta Poyner were Eunice Love, Tiny Frasier of De Leon, Bro. Sherl Taylor of Carbon, Stella Scott of Duster, Virginia Parr, Oma Dee Garrett, Mayvis Lasater, Emma Shugart, Lucretia Fairbetter, Bro. Marion Dennis, Joy Campbell and W. C. and Winnell Browning.

Dixie Pack and James Ryan of Desdemona and Odalee Thomas of Breckenridge visited with Emma Shugart.

Ora Mae Atchison had a nice surprise birthday party out at her old farm home. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Atchison, Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Atchison of Fort Worth, Dr. and Mrs. Chesley Atchison, Jr. and son, Robert of Ranger, Elmer Watson and wife of Granbury, Claude Pair of De Leon and Ima Lee Burleson of Desdemona.

We really appreciate Anna Rush bringing homemade cookies to go with the diet colas for our Tuesday 2:30 p. m. singing. Those present were Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona Hazel Campbell, R. Lee McDaniel and Billie Stacy of Carbon, Joan Whinton, Joe O'Neal, Nancy Hendricks, Anna Rush, Willo Rice, Estelle Erwin, Melba Frasier, Bernice Rodgers, Joy Campbell, Ava Rodgers, Velma Bennett and Bill Spradlin.

Those visiting Gertie Leeper were Norma Tedford, Terry and Donna Tedford, Ethan and Rachel Tedford of Fort Worth, Dorothy Pool of Austin, Aline Cates of Eastland, Lois Cates, Moran, Nellie Lucky, Rhoda Burney, Mae Quinn, Berta Poyner and Blondie Sanders.

Eastland Countians Visit Prison

For all of you who always wanted to go to prison but were afraid to go, let me take you on a recent trip to the Michael Unit, one of our 29 State prisons at Tennessee Colony, Texas near Palestine, Texas.

We left Eastland at 6:30 a.m. on a cold morning with nine persons on board. We picked up four more at Ranger as we headed east on I-20.

Bruce Stovall of Cisco was our driver. The comfortable bus was his that he uses for Mission Trips.

Dr. Charles Barnes of Rising Star led this sleepy, brave group from Cisco, Gorman, and Ranger. The group were of one mind: the future of Eastland County—economic and social. It is understood that Gov. Clements must build more State prisons in Texas enough to house 11,000 inmates.

Not many people can chat gaily on trivia at 6:30 a.m., but we made a feeble effort

with "cal-naps" in between. As the trip progressed we became acquainted and at 8:30 stopped for coffee at the Twin Arches.

Thus refreshed we went on our way and finally hit Fort Worth traffic. We knew we were close to our objective when we saw a sign to Palestine and the trees were tall and thick. I paid close attention to the houses near the prison, but saw no bars on their windows as one would find in some parts of Fort Worth.

Quite suddenly, we were there. The buildings were large and enclosed with two tall fences of strong steel netting topped by large rolls of razor-wire. How anyone would ever escape is a mystery to me.

We waited, huddled against the cold, for a Warden to clear us for entrance. I remember seeing a heavy steel door roll to one side for us to enter and then close behind us with a bang. All the doors were opened by remote control. After clearing another door, we waited in an area surrounded by 10 foot steel netting topped with the roll of razor-wire. Finally our Warden came and greeted us. We dutifully followed him—not wanting to get left or lost!

On entering the prison we were escorted to a conference room with a long table and comfortable chairs surrounding it. The Warden gave a short talk on what we would see and answered our questions. Then he took us to lunch in the Cafeteria used by the employees, but assured us that the prisoners got the same food. The inmates (always dressed in white—not stripes served the food and waited on the tables. They were very courteous and gave good service.

Our first tour was to the maximum security building. I was startled to see a woman guard at the door. No guns are used in the prison—only on the perimeter walls. The guards do carry nightsticks. We were shown the room containing the Riot-control equipment including face shields, etc.

The cells were along the walls with the exercise yards, covered inside and outside with 10 foot steel netting and netting across the sky as well. These prisoners get one hour of TV a day and one hour of exercise; the rest of the time is spent in the cell. Library books are brought to them.

I was glad to move on to the regular prison where the inmates have more freedom. Some were in the exercise yard while others were in the Legal library, or waiting to see the doctor. We toured the medical and dental facility next. Both are up to date and fully staffed with professional help.

I should pause here to say how clean every area of the prison was. Even when we examined a private cell (for 2), the cots were made. They have few articles, however, to clutter a cell! Clean clothes are issued each day.

Each group of cells opens into a recreation area with tables and attached stools. All furniture is steel. The craft room may be used also, after the prisoner is searched.

The education system—yes, school as usual—goes on each day. We got to see some of the classes with women teachers. They have no discipline problems in the classrooms! The inmates can get their G.E.D., BS or BA degrees, or learn a trade. The inmates also work at this prison to provide the meat for all the Texas prison

Outsiders Volleyball Tourny Slated At Desdemona

The Desdemona Community Center will sponsor an Outsiders Volleyball Tournament on March 9-10-11.

The concession stand will be open for all games and all proceeds will go for repairs of the building.

For more information contact Karen Eaves at 758-2202.

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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Visiting this week with Mack and Nelda Keith were Larry, Traci Kelly Laramie, Nikki, Mike and Lisa Moulder of Stephenville, Terri and Brent Lewis of Springtown and Steve and Kay Keith of Comanche. They celebrated Laramie's fifth birthday.

system. (We didn't tour their meat packing plant.)

Time was growing late and we had to hurry along to the visitation area for our final talk and goodbyes.

We had a long trip back and time to reflect on all we had seen and heard. Some bits of information deeply impressed me: like the Warden saying his father was a minister, but the Warden felt his job was the same as his father's—caring and helping people.

Most of these inmates are from broken homes, low income groups, or poor family life with alcohol and drug abuse.

I would not be afraid to have a prison in Eastland County now. You would agree with me, if you could see for yourself what the T.D.C. is trying to do for these people.

It's dark now and Bruce has turned the lights on in the bus. Time soon to say goodbye and gather our things as we go our separate ways. We are one mind still—dreaming of a better future for all our Eastland County folks.

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The Sabbath

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Let me ask: Is there anything else of eternal value which can be added? Nothing. The things which Paul names include everything. To Israel belongs everything, including the Messiah. To the Gentiles, nothing; except as we draw near to Yahweh by the blood of the Messiah. Only then do we become eligible to be partakers with Israel of the blessings and promises made to Abraham and the descendants of Isaac (Rom. 9:7; Gal. 3:29).

Since we must join the commonwealth of Israel in order to be recipients of Yahweh's blessings - his everlasting promises made to Abraham and to Israel - then the requirements stated in Exodus 31:16, 17 applies to us as well as to native born Israelites. The Sabbath is to be observed for ever by Gentiles as well as by the Jews. Furthermore, the Sabbath is a sign:

- That Yahweh sanctifies us, indicating we belong to Him.
- That Yahweh created the heavens and the earth in six days. Our keeping the Sabbath shows our faith in the Creator rather than in evolution as the power which causes everything to exist.

But someone says, "I am unconvinced. The Sabbath was made only for the Jews." Yahshua the Messiah, evidently, better qualified to instruct us than any one else. He said the Sabbath was made for man (Mk. 2:27). Does man include only the Jew? All agree that man includes every nationality of people. When the Sabbath was made for man, there was only one man on earth - Adam.

Was Adam a Jew? Surely all will agree that he was not. This was approximately 2,500 years before the first Jew was born. This seems to indicate the Sabbath was made for man, including all the human race, Adam being our first representative. Father Yahweh agrees with this view in his message to Israel by Ezekiel the prophet.

"... walk in my statutes, ... may ordinances, and hallow my sabbaths ... But the children rebelled against me; they did not walk in my statutes, and were not careful to observe my ordinances, by whose observance MAN shall live; they profaned MY sabbaths (Ezek. 20:12, 19-21).

Some sincere people have objected to keeping the Sabbath because they feel this is "going back under the old covenant." Let me point out that the Sabbath was given to man when he had lived no more than 24 hours - before sin and death entered into human history; therefore this was long before the old covenant was given. The Sabbath pre-dates the old covenant, so it stands separate and apart from it. Yes, the Sabbath was given to all mankind on the seventh day of Creation.

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