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Local News In Brief

Mrs. Ina Parten and son, James Parten, and family of Cisco visited her daughter, Mrs. Jack Mitchell, and family of Fort Worth recently.

Mack Stubblefield was in Stanton on business last Friday.

Dub Reynolds, Tommy Rice and Truett Norris were deer hunting near Fort Stockton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green and children of Houston spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hastings, and Lois.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Sherry of Morenci, Ariz. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Campbell, and brother, Bernard Campbell, and wife last week.

Bob Jackson of Odessa visited his mother, Mrs. Jewell Jackson, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hughes spent from Thursday to Sunday of last week with their son, Tech, Sgt. Edwin L. Hughes, and family of Rosanky. Sgt. Hughes is scheduled to leave for Thailand on Sunday, Dec. 13 where he will be stationed for one year.

Mrs. Annie Scott of Wichita Falls and Tola Wilkins of Des Moines, Iowa visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Burleson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stacy and son visited Brady Thompson and family of Arlington Friday.

Leamon Cox of Fort Worth visited friends here Sunday and returned Saturday at the Baptist Church.

Recent visitors with Mrs. Callie Vaughn were Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Vaughn, and Mrs. Tony Wade of Midland, Mrs. Nancy Vaughn of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown of Clyde and Mark Brown of Fort Worth.

Bryan L. Butler of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Butler, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Browning attended the funeral of his cousin's husband, Fred Hodges, in Arlington last Wednesday. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. Mr. Hodges, 64, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack.

Guests last Thursday night of Mrs. Pearl Snell were her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Strickler and her sister, Mrs. E. E. Blackwell, of Fort Worth. On Friday they all visited another brother, E. V. Strickler, and wife of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parson of Everman visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Reese Sunday.

Jo Ann Been Is Installed In Beta Xi Chapter

Jo Ann Been, daughter of Mrs. Truman Been, was among 42 active and participating members recently installed into the Beta Xi Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron Professional honorary home economics fraternity at Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos.

Miss Been was one of 30 active members installed in ceremonies held at First Methodist Church in San Marcos. The installation made the Beta Xi Colony of Phi U the 62nd chapter of the 62-year-old organization. A junior home economics major, Miss Been is president-elect of the Beta Xi Chapter of Phi U.

WEDDING SHOWER

Miss Ottilie Millican, bride-elect of Ronnie Lasater was honored at a shower held at the Homemaking Cottage on Saturday evening, November 28.

Shower decorations were gold and white, chosen colors of the honoree.

Among the guests were her mother, Mrs. Bill Millican, her fiancé's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ari Lasater. Special guests were Mrs. Ada Falk and Mrs. Tranny Stephens, grandmothers of her fiancé. The guests were served punch and wedding cookies from a table laid with a lace and gold tablecloth.

Hostesses for the event were: Beth Duncan, Debbie Garrett, Wanda Pack, Imogene Norris, Ruby Norris, Jeanna Pack, Cleo Duncan, Deon Fields, Naoma Kanady, Wanda Thomas, Jolene Johnson, Mary McDaniel, Evelyn West, and Linda Norris.

Basketball News

The Carbon High School girls played in the Eastland Tournament last weekend and were defeated in their first game by Eastland 51-30. High scorers for Carbon in the game were Diane Norris 17 points and Sherry Stubblefield 7 points. The girls came back Friday night and defeated De Leon 32-30 to win the consolation trophy. High scorer for Carbon was Debra Casey with 10 points.

Both boys and girls high school teams enter the Woodson tournament this weekend. Remember the Carbon tournament to be held December 17-18-19.

Carbon plays Blanket here Dec. 15.

Star Tigers Win Regional Title Over Carbon

The Star Tigers won the Regional Title over the Carbon Wolverines by a score of 72-36. The Star Tigers and Carbon Wolverines both had a season record of 11-1. The Star Tigers run out of a spread formation throughout the whole game. The Wolverines did not look as sharp as they have in the past games. The game went in favor of the Star Tigers and against the Carbon Wolverines. The Wolverines have had a real good season this year and we are very proud of them.

Kokomo Club Has Community Meeting Nov.

The Kokomo community Club met in the club house on November 21. President Billy Bob Walker, who called the meeting to order, presided over the business meeting.

The treasurer's report, given by Alvin Lasater, reported that the ladies of the community made \$34.00 on their concession stand at an auction sale in Eastland.

Work continues on the New building and it is hoped it will be ready for use soon. Billy Bob Walker led the closing prayer.

Refreshments were served by Mmes. Alvin Lasater, D. F. Eaves, and Albert Hendricks.

The Garden Spot

By DEMARQUIS GORDON
County Agricultural Agent

The 1970 Eastland County Peanut crop is expected to yield slightly under the good crop of 1969. County Agent De Marquis Gordon says with about 80 per cent of the peanut crop harvested, it now appears that the average yield will be about 100 pounds per acre under the average yield of last year. Last year's average yield was 1,277 pounds per acre, second only to the 1963 yield of 1,474 per acre.

Tommy Lawson, ASCS County Executive Director, reports that the average yield is between 1,170 and 1,175 pounds per acre on farms that have turned marketing cards into the office.

There were 34,057 acres of peanuts in Eastland County this year. This compares to 33,799 acres in 1969. The county agents says the total peanut production in the county should be about 40 million pounds compared to 43 million pounds last year. If the estimates are correct the value of the county peanut crop would be just under 5 million.

Gordon says some growers have reported better yields than last year, but most are reporting lower yields. Yields on irrigated peanuts have been very good while dry land yields have fluctuated considerably.

Several farmers had lower yields caused by salt damage in irrigated peanuts this year. Generally the dry land grades are down.

Peanut harvest continues to run ahead of last year's schedule. The weather has been almost ideal for peanuts harvest, Gordon reports. As harvest nears completion, farmers are hoping for some rain. Moisture is needed for small grain crops and winter cover crops, Gordon adds.

The dry weather and high winds have caused wind erosion to be big problem on sandy fields.

Open House to Honor Medfords In Carbon Church Sunday, Dec. 13

Family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Medford of Carbon are having open House at Carbon, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church, to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of the couple, from one to 5:00 p.m., December 13, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Medford were married Dec. 14, 1920.

They have lived in Carbon all their lives. Mrs. Medford is the former Molly Stacks.

They have one daughter, Mrs. W. B. Ramsey, of Morenci, Arizona.

No invitations will be sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend this 50th Wedding Anniversary Party.

Cash Prizes and Ribbons Offered In Three Pecan Bake Shows

'Tis the Season for Sweets! A Pecan Bake Show will be featured in conjunction with the annual Eastland County Pecan Show to be held on December 11 and 12 in the Eastland county courthouse lobby.

All entries in the youth and adult bake show must contain pecans. The five divisions include: pie, cake, nut bread, candy (must enter at least 8 pieces); and cookies

(must enter at least 8 pieces).

Cash awards and ribbons will be awarded to the top three places in all five divisions of the bake show.

Cash awards shall be as follows: First place - \$2.50; second place - \$1.50 and third place - \$1.00.

There will be a grand champion and reserve champion in both the youth and adult divisions.

Cash awards shall be as follows: Champion - \$5.00 and reserve champion - \$4.00.

Principal Baze Attends Seminar

Rayneal Baze, Eastland Elementary Principal, was one of five elementary principals to attend the Safety Education Workshop, in the Education Service Center, Thursday, December 3, 1970, at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Ewell Sessom, Consultant, Safety and Driver Education, Texas Education Agency conducted the workshop.

Schools were among 150 in Texas selected for a pilot study in Safety Education. Objectives of the pilot study were: (1) Integration of safety education into the total school curriculum, (2) development of new techniques of instruction, and (3) development of a unified accident reporting procedure.

Homemaker Of Year Sought

The search is on for the Texas Conservation Homemaker of the Year for 1971.

Each county may enter one woman in the contest. The contestant and/or her husband must operate a conservation farm or ranch under a basic soil and water conservation plan developed in cooperation with the local Soil and Water Conservation district. She does not have to be a member of a home demonstration club or live on a conservation ranch or farm.

Further information may be had by calling the county HD agent's office.

Grand champion and reserve champion entries will become the property of the show and will be sold. Also bake show entries, belonging to home demonstration club and 4-H club members, will also be sold to the public during the show.

All entries must be in place by 11 a. m. on Friday, December 11. Any man or woman, or school age youth in the county is eligible to participate in the bake show.

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PRIZE MONEY FOR BEST CENTERPIECES

Prize money and ribbons will be awarded to the top pecan centerpiece arrangements during the annual Eastland County Pecan Show to be held on December 11 and 12 in the Eastland County Courthouse lobby.

The pecan centerpiece and arrangements made from pecan or parts of the pecan plant, such as leaves, must be entered by 11 a. m. on Friday, December 11. Entries may be picked up on Saturday afternoon. Any adult or youth in the county is eligible to enter this division.

There will be three prizes given to the top three entries as follows: first place - \$10.00; Second place - \$5.00; and third place - \$3.00.

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Forty-eight exhibitors participating in the first Senior Citizen's Fall Harvest Bazaar earned \$374. from their sale of handmade crafts, oil paintings, knitted and crocheted sweaters, ceramics and many other lovely articles. The Bazaar was held this last Saturday at the First Christian Church Annex in Eastland, and was sponsored by the Eastland county Home Demonstration Clubs.

The Bazaar was proclaimed a big success by everyone who attended. It was estimated that some 500 people attended the Bazaar throughout the day. Exhibitors were from Eastland County except Mrs. J. C. Lily, of Stephenville; and Mrs. R. C. Henderson, of De Leon.

Many requests were made that the Bazaar be made an annual event in the County each year.

Contract Bridge League. In the National Mixed Pairs championship finals Margaret Bearman, Lake Leon, Rt. 2, Eastland, and Gus Frossard, Gorman, Texas, topped their section. In ten days of play, eight major titles will be decided, and between four and five thousand players will compete.

Issue Dates for Surplus Food Given

The next issue date for the Surplus Foods for Rising Star, Okra, Carbon, Gorman and DeLeon is Tuesday, Dec 15.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Royce Eugene May,
Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 91st District Court of Eastland County at the Courthouse thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 4th day of January A. D. 1971, to plaintiff's petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of November A. D. 1970, in this cause numbered 25,472 on the docket of said court and styled in the matter of the Marriage of Shirley Laverne May and Royce Eugene May.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: This is a Suit for divorce and custody of minor children as is more fully shown by plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this the 16th day of November A. D. 1970.

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Sunday morn. worship	11	Morning Worship	11 a.m.
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Eastland County's petroleum industry produces 395,790 barrels of crude oil valued at \$1,270,187 and 4,968,219 thousand cubic feet of natural gas valued at \$680,946 for an annual economic value of \$1,950,833.

These figures, just released by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, show the county ranked 151st among state counties in oil and gas production during 1969.

Texas production which has registered an increase over each previous year during the past decade hit another all-time high in 1969 with 1,151,775,000 barrels, according to U.S. Bureau of Mines statistics. This is a production increase of 24.2% since 1960.

"Production from Eastland County helped meet this record demand," says Kenneth E. Montague, Association

President. "We are now calling on it and the rest of Texas to meet an even greater demand as events in the Middle East have again forced us to dip into our declining reserves. Fortunately, the price for Texas oil is inadequate to stimulate enough exploratory drilling to replace reserves."

Eastland County landowners and others with mineral interests received \$243,854 in royalty last year. Texas received \$58,429 from crude oil production taxes and \$48,326 from natural gas production taxes.

Estimated drilling expenditures totaled \$522,699 with \$203,970 of that amount spent on dry holes yielding nothing for the driller. Ira Rinehart's Yearbook showed drillers completed 9 oil wells, 3 gas wells and 13 dry holes. Six wildcats were drilled and all were dry.

Services To Begin In Cross Plains

Rev. E. J. Hierholzer of Kilgore will preach four nights at the old time gospel mission in Cross Plains. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. each evening. The service will begin Thursday night and continue thru Sunday morning and evening service.

The county's oil and gas processing plants also, added to the economy. The Oil and Gas Journal listed 6 natural gasoline plants with a capacity of 60.3 million cubic feet daily.

Reports from the Texas Employment Commission show some 130 persons were directly employed by the oil and gas industry in the county with an annual payroll of \$718,912.

Co. Businesses Are Urged To Sponsor Entry

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce invites all Eastland County merchants and organizations to sponsor a contestant for the annual Eastland County Pecan Queen Contest, which will be the week of December 7-12, in Eastland.

Rules and Regulations for the Queen's contest are as follows:

1. Contestants must be between the age of 16 and 19 as of July 1, 1971.
2. Contestants must be single (never been married).
3. The contestant's home must be in Eastland County.
4. The winner will be expected to represent the pecan growers at the County Pecan Show December 11 and 17th and the State Pecan Queen Contest in July, 1971.
5. Contestants will be judged on the basis of beauty, poise, and personality. Contestants will wear formals. (There is no talent or swim suit competition.)
6. Contestant must provide a billfold size picture, head and shoulders, black and white, for publicity purposes.
7. Entry deadline is December 1, 1970. Send entry on a sheet of paper containing the information to: Ben McKinis, Box 146, Eastland, Texas 76448.

It Has Been

By Vada Arnold

When the Blake Oil Field, southwest of Rising Star was the busiest place in this section, people were moving into Rising Star and area by the hundreds,—some oil field workers, some lease dealers, some business men of different types and some just plain loafers and trouble makers who followed the crowd to new oil fields and law enforcement was getting out of hand.

The Rising Star City council realized the need of a man who could enforce the law and clean up a bad situation in the town. An open dance hall was operating along with several other places of bad repute. There was stealing, and bootleggers was in evidence.

The attention of the council was called to Si Bradford at Strawn. They invited Mr. Bradford to come and look the situation over. As a result of his coming to Rising Star for an interview, he was hired.

He went to work at once. His experience in law enforce-

ment, his bearing and quiet but forceful manner soon gained the respect and admiration of citizens in general. He

quieted the town and kept it in hand without any trouble. City officials praised him highly for his good work in a difficult situation.

Si Bradford's career as a West Texas peace officer started at Strawn in 1900 as deputy constable, when Strawn was a booming coal mining town. Most of his service of 40 years as a peace officer was spent at Strawn. He served on the police force at Ranger, chief of Police at Rising Star and deputy sheriff at Eastland.

He was born in Randolph County, Ala. After his father's death in 1876, he came to Texas with his mother in 1880 and settled at Riverside, in Tarrant County. They moved to Palo Pinto County in 1883.

Bradford's fame became nationwide when he tracked down and helped capture three of the four Cisco "Santa Claus" bank bandits in a gun battle at South Bend in 1928. The fourth bandit was shot at Cisco.

(Continued next week)

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Eastland County HD Council Held Meet In Eastland

The Eastland County Home Demonstration Council held their regular meeting and Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the basement of the First Baptist Church, Eastland. The business meeting was held at 10:30 a. m., and followed by a covered dish luncheon. Christmas gifts were exchanged following the luncheon.

The program was given by Mrs. Mary Dietz of Desdemona. She spoke on the topic, "Making Christmas Decorations and their Use." The recreation period followed the program. The meeting was then adjourned.

The Council will meet again at the Farm Bureau meeting on January 6 of next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Duriel Reid of Eastland Drug Company have made arrangements for Mr. Charles A. House of Dallas to show selections of original oil paintings from European and American artists. Sunday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 7 p. m. in the Eastland Womans Club.

The paintings come from all over Europe. Most of the artists are young and unknown but have talent, and paintings may be purchased at substantial savings.

The public is cordially invited to attend the presentation.

Louisiana Cajuns are descendants of Acadians expelled by the British from Nova Scotia in 1755.

Of course there were novels,—"Woman Against Woman," "Wife in Name Only," "Barriers Burned Away," and "Thorns and Orange Blossoms."

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