



HIGHWAY PATROL UNIT

Post's Texas state highway patrolmen, Gene Posey (right) and Jon Robbins (center) were visited last Saturday by Sgt. Hal Pirtle (left) of Brownfield, newly appointed highway patrol supervisor in this district. Posey has been a member of the highway patrol unit here since shortly before the first of the year. —(Staff Photo)

Mother of four killed when auto hurtles off road here

Lubbock resident first 1969 traffic fatality

Garza County's first traffic fatality of 1969 occurred shortly after 4 p. m. Tuesday when Mrs. Cornelia Johnson, 38, of Lubbock, mother of four, was killed in a one-car turnover two miles southeast of town on U. S. Hwy. 84.

Mrs. Johnson, a driver for the Lubbock-Amarillo Armored Car Company, was pronounced dead on arrival at Garza Memorial Hospital. She was the only occupant of the car.

Highway patrolmen said the car hurtled nearly 400 feet down the four-lane highway after Mrs. Johnson apparently lost control. Skid marks showed that the automobile swerved into the median of the divided highway, where it flipped over and traveled some 24 feet through the air before hitting the ground at the highway shoulder and skidding on its top across the pavement into a narrow ditch, where it landed right side up.

The investigating officers said Mrs. Johnson's body was lying on the ground about two feet from the car.

The car was en route to Abilene after having made a stop at the First National Bank here, with other stops scheduled at towns between here and Abilene, the officers said they learned.

Armored cars such as the one driven by Mrs. Johnson carry non-negotiable checks, photographic film, and other valuables.

Highway patrolmen investigating the accident were Sgt. Hal Pirtle of Brownfield and Jon Robbins and Gene Posey, both of Post. The Garza County Sheriff's department and city police department also assisted in the investigation.

Mrs. Johnson, a member of the Church of Christ, had lived in Lubbock County most of her life. She is survived by two daughters, Donna and Leslie; two sons, Ricky and Jay, all of Lubbock; her mother, Mrs. Ruby Hammit of Lubbock, and her father, Foy Cline of Levelland.

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnson were held at 10 a. m. today (Thursday) at Franklin - Bartley Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.



DRIVER KILLED IN WRECK

A 38-year-old Lubbock woman was killed Tuesday afternoon when this armored service company car she was driving hurtled 400 feet off U. S. Hwy. 84, two miles southeast of Post.

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Letters to go out in February

School trustees to crack down on delinquent taxes

Post school trustees took the first step last night at their second meeting of the week to crack down on delinquent taxpayers.

Last night's special session was called to approve a letter to be sent to all school district delinquent taxpayers on both real and personal property.

Trustees decided at their January meeting Monday night to send out the letter in a few days, following a long discussion on mounting tax delinquency totals.

Trustees voted to put into the letter the board's position that it did not want the schools doing business with those who don't pay their taxes.

The board Monday night in checking over the delinquent tax

rolls discovered a few instances in which this has unknowingly occurred.

School trustees also discussed meeting with the city council, the county commissioners' court, and White River directors to join together to employ an attorney to bring legal action for delinquent tax collections as necessary.

In other actions, trustees voted to give Supt. Bill Shiver a pay raise, his first in three years; decided to leave the decision on the future of Post's invitational basketball tournament to the coaches; approved the new breakfast program to be reimbursed by the state, and approved the request for added state and federal assistance for the school lunchroom in the form of new equipment and more reimbursement from the state.

The trustees also approved incidental supplementary salaries to nine Post teachers with the understanding that the money would be used by the teachers to pay their expenses to education subject mat-

ter conferences.

Teachers were selected for the supplemental salaries through elections by the teachers themselves.

Originally six were to be selected, but four tied for one position and rather than conduct another election the four agreed to accept equal salary shares with which to attend educational conferences in their respective fields.

The five teachers who were elected to receive \$596.33 each in supplemental salaries this year were Mrs. Lucile McBride, grades 1-3; Mrs. Sue Cornell, grade 4-5; Mrs. Mary Wristen, junior high; E. A. Howard, high school, and Mrs. Ida Jones, third grade. The four who tied for the sixth position were Georgie Willson, Gordon Lee, Mrs. Florence King and Mrs. Ruby Lobban.

The supplemental salary plan to be used for improving professional knowledge was proposed to the board by Supt. Shiver several months ago to give local teachers the incentive to continue to improve their teaching abilities.

Supt. Shiver was voted a \$927 salary increase from local tax funds for 1967-70 school year, beginning July 1, and his contract as superintendent extended an additional year through the 1971-72 school year.

The increase will boost his salary to \$14,325 next year of which \$11,325 will come from state support funds. The hike would be an increase from \$2,071 paid the administrator from local taxes to \$3,000.

The school district was paying considerably more of all school administrators' salaries as recent (See School Board, page 8)

Post Rotarians hear talk by Bob Nash

Bob Nash of Lubbock's Radio Station KFYO and a former president of Lubbock's downtown Rotary club, spoke at the weekly luncheon of the Post Rotary Club in City Hall Tuesday noon on public relations and communications.

He deftly public relations as "doing what people like or making people like what you do." He emphasized to business men to remember there "is no general public" or "average man."

Thursday night opening set for Post Library

The Post Public Library will reopen on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 o'clock after being closed on that night for the last several weeks.

Mrs. Pee Wee Pierce will be the volunteer librarian on duty.

George L. Miller, librarian, announced that the library schedule will also be continued from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursdays.

Members Interact Club hold party

Members of the Rotary-sponsored Interact Club were presented their membership cards and lapel pins at a party Monday night in the City Hall.

The club, which is for boys of high school age, was organized last September, with Rotarian Bill McBride as its director.

Bob Collier was master of ceremonies and principal speaker at the party. "Stop spinning your wheels" was the general theme of the talk he made to the boys.

There were also talks by McBride and by Neff Walker, Interact Club president. McBride's talk was on the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

The membership cards and lapel pins were presented the members by Curtis Lee, Rotary Club president.

Refreshments of cold drinks and cookies were served.

1,023 voters signed up as deadline approaches

Voter registration in Garza County totaled 1,023 up to 3 p. m. Wednesday, according to T. H. Tipton, county tax assessor-collector.

Jan. 31 is the registration deadline for voting in 1969 elections.

'OLD YALLER' IS POISONING VICTIM

Old Yaller, one of Post's better-known dogs, died late Sunday afternoon, evidently the victim of a dog poisoner.

He died despite all a veterinarian could do after his owner, Wayne Thomas, took him to Slaton when he became ill Friday night.

Old Yaller was the subject of a feature story in The Post Dispatch a few years ago after he "adopted" Thomas, a city mail carrier, and accompanied him daily on his mail route.

The Thomas family thought a lot of Old Yaller. So did a number of other people, including Thomas' sister, Mrs. Lois Floyd, who is offering a \$25 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who poisoned Old Yaller.

Per acre production may be record

Biggest cotton crop in years about 'in'

Garza County's 1968 cotton harvest stood at 27,098 bales today by actual gin count for what County Agent Syd Conner called "the biggest county crop since the allotment program began in the mid-50s" and probably "the biggest per acre production in Garza County's entire farm history."

Area gins, now in the "just sitting stage" waiting for the final stragglers to hit the gin yard, aren't expecting much over 150 bales total still to come, but a susun will take a little time.

The county agent said per acre production is over 100 pounds over the 93 pound per acre 10-year average.

Graham Co-op gin led the way this year with 7,050 bales ginned, the most for that gin since "one year back in the 30's when there was no acreage restrictions."

Other gin totals, reported in yesterday's Dispatch gin roundup included 3,000 bales for Planters Gin, 1,608 for the Storie Gin, 4,225 for the Close City Co-op, 1,450

bales for Basinger which was closed by mechanical difficulties back in December, 4,250 bales at Pleasant Valley, 2,913 Garza County bales at Hackberry, which counts only half its ginning as Garza cotton, and 1,852 Garza bales at the Grassland Co-op, which counts only one-third of its bales as Garza cotton, and 750 bales at Kalgary Gin, which estimates only 30 per cent of its production as Garza cotton.

The Kalgary Gin figure is a new addition to The Dispatch's gin count.

Cafe's kitchen is destroyed by fire

Fire destroyed the kitchen at the Hi-Way Cafe, 701 North Broadway, during the noon hour Sunday, forcing the cafe to remain closed for several days while repairs are being made.

The fire, believed to have caught from a hot water heater, caused heavy smoke damage to the front of the cafe in addition to destroying the kitchen, according to Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Bland, owners.

The cafe is closed on Sundays. Mrs. Bland said the fire evidently started shortly before 12:30 p. m., since the electric clock in the kitchen had stopped at 12:28 when the wires burned.

Firemen began fighting the blaze about 12:35 and were able to keep it from spreading to the front of the cafe.

Physician in hospital for observation

Dr. Gerald Lively is in Methodist Hospital for observation after suffering chest pains here Monday morning.

The attending physician does not believe Dr. Lively suffered a heart attack, according to Dr. Lively's office here, and he was expected to be moved out of intensive care at Methodist yesterday.

On hospital district

County to hire advisor for proposed election

The Garza County Commissioners' Court at their January meeting this week voted to employ C. N. Bunt & Co. of Lubbock as its financial advisor for the proposed election to create a Garza County Hospital District.

No date for the election was set, however. It isn't expected to come before March or April.

The court unanimously approved the employment of the Lubbock firm and authorized it to retain the legal services of Elmer V. East, Lubbock bond attorney, to prepare and furnish all necessary legal proceedings incident to the election, canvassing returns of election and appointing a five-man hospital district board of directors.

The county will pay the Bunt firm a \$1,000 fee should the election carry and \$350 should it fail. The Lubbock firm is to pay all attorney fees involved.

The Garza Memorial Hospital trustees and the commissioners' court agreed several months ago to support an election to establish such a hospital district which would have limited taxing powers.

In the first session of 1969, the court took a number of required

annual actions.

The court voted to grant law enforcement radio operators a five per cent salary increase effective Jan. 1 and to up the pay of relief operators to \$1.27 an hour, also effective Jan. 1.

The court then established the salaries of county elected officials and county employes for 1969 with no other increase over 1968.

Travis Thomas was awarded the installation of fluorescent lighting in the county district courtroom at an approximate cost of \$600.

The court voted to purchase an (See Commissioners, page 8)

Former resident dies in Snyder

Dew Grady Davis, 64, a retired Scurry County farmer and a former resident of Post, died at 8 a. m. Wednesday in a Snyder hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of the Nazarene in Post at 3 p. m. Friday, following services at 10 a. m. at the Church of the Nazarene in Snyder. The Rev. Charles E. Peters, pastor, will officiate at the services here.

Burial will be in Terrace Cemetery here under the direction of Bell-Seale Funeral Home of Snyder.

Mr. Davis lived in Post for 1 year before moving to Snyder several years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle; three sons, Charles of Palestine, Grady of Post and Calvin Davis of Snyder; six daughters, Mrs. F. M. Reep of Shallowater, Mrs. D. O. Crawford of Cartwright, Okla., Mrs. C. W. Blacklock of Rockdale, Mrs. Harry France of Abilene, Mrs. Wayne Thomas of Post and Mrs. Willie Erwin of Snyder.

Three brothers, Simmie of Amarogordo, N. M., Raymond of Snyder and T. F. Davis of Post; three sisters, Mrs. J. W. White of Lamesa, Mrs. Joel Black of Alamogordo, and Mrs. T. J. Luther of Cleburne; 43 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.



The Dispatch office henceforth is going to be operated on a five-day week, Mondays through Friday.

This means that it is going to be closed all day Saturday rather than just Saturday afternoons.

Our back shop hasn't operated on Saturday for several years and Editor Charlie has no "regular hours" after Friday though he works as necessary to get the news pictures printed and off to Snyder over the weekends.

Mr. and Mrs. C have been the only regulars for office duty on Saturday mornings for quite some time.

Mrs. C proposed the plan to give us a day to get things done at home so Sunday can really be a day of rest.

She didn't get any argument out of us. If we haven't got the week's work done Friday afternoon, we'll probably slip down and finish it up at night.

We're looking forward to some free Saturdays and a lot more golf than in recent years.

Mrs. C also is looking forward to this weekend for another reason. The TV football season ends Sunday afternoon with the all-star games. Mrs. C says it will be nice to have her husband back.

Smith rites are held Wednesday

Funeral services for Arvil Monroe Smith, 53, who died of a heart attack about 7:45 p. m. Sunday at his home in the Close City community, were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday at the Trinity Baptist Church.

Mr. Smith had been ill for the last several weeks and had returned home recently after two weeks in a Lubbock hospital.

Born April 21, 1915, in Post, he had been a lifelong resident of this vicinity except for the time he spent in the Army just prior to World War II and 14 months he and his family lived in Arizona.

Mr. Smith, who farmed in the Close City community, was a long-time member of the board of the Close City school district before its consolidation with the Post district several years ago. He was a clerk and treasurer of the Friendship Baptist Church at Close City and taught an adult Sunday School class.

He and Mrs. Eula B. Mason were married here Dec. 22, 1936. Survivors are his wife; three sons, Harry Lee of Knox City, Bunny Noel of the home and Clinton Smith of Odessa; three daughters (See Smith Rites, page 8)

Committee reappointed

Historians receive awards at meeting

County Judge J. E. Parker reappointed all members of the Garza County Historical Survey Committee at the committee's first meeting of 1969, held Tuesday morning in the Community Room.

Judge Parker expressed his appreciation of the dedication and accomplishments of the committee members.

F. A. "Chief" Runkles presented all members with 1968 Distinguished Service Certificates from the Texas Historical Survey Committee and the Texas Historical Foundation.

He also presented the committee its third place state award for the best newsletter.

After the meeting, the group went to the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Surman, where Judge Parker presented the Surmans with a certificate of sustaining membership in the Texas Historical Foundation as a token of appreciation from the committee.

Mrs. Surman was also presented her award from the state as the outstanding county chairman in Texas in 1968.