

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT



Dr. and Mrs. G.P. Gibner

Let's turn back the pages of time again as Highlights from the Past to the Present visits with another of the Pioneer families. This week the spotlight centers on the family of Dr. Gibner, a noted early day doctor who served the residents of this area for some twenty-nine years.

The setting for the beginning of our story is Tyler, Alabama where George Paton Gibner was born on November 28, 1871. He was the son of Henry Clay and Geneva Gibner a farming family. While only a small lad in 1873 George Paton Gibner accompanied his parents to Texas where they settled north of the town of Lindale, in Smith County. The Gibners were farmers on the Sabine River.

Dr. Gibner's name was actually Payton but as a young child he found his name quite difficult to spell so his mother took the "y" out to make it easier, so his name is Paton.

Miss Minnie Tucker was born on November 24, 1878 in Mt. Sylvan, Texas also in Smith County. She was the daughter of Jerry and Sarah Tucker a farming family of the area. Miss Tucker attended school in the town of Mt. Sylvan.

The opportunity of school did not come to Dr. Gibner until he was nine or ten years of age and he then went to school at Lindale. Graduating from Lindale High School Dr. Gibner continued his schooling at the University of Texas where he graduated. His desire was to become a medical doctor, and accomplished this hope when he graduated from the University of Texas School of Medicine in Galveston.

Romance arose in the life of Dr. George Paton Gibner and Minnie Tucker. It is often recalled how Mr. Gibner would speak of his courting days for he would ride some ten miles to the home of Miss Tucker on his white mule. On October 5, 1898 the couple were married.

Upon his graduation and also after marriage, Dr. Gibner took up practice at the small town of Swan, Texas in Smith County. The couple made Swan their home until 1902. Two children, Beatrice and Clay, were born here.

The family moved to the neighboring town of Lindale where Dr. Gibner continued practicing until 1906. He had been doctoring in cotton country and there was very little money there. Hoping to find a better location away from the cotton farming area the family moved to Knox City, Texas where Dr. Pope and Dr. Gibner had offices together. Knox City was at that time the end of the Orient Railroad which came from Sweetwater. Another son Pope was born in Knox City.

In 1912 the family moved to Haskell, Texas where Dr. Gibner again continued with his medical profession. Still not satisfied Dr. Gibner began specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat conditions. He would travel throughout central Texas fitting glasses and doing some surgery. But as time passed Dr. Gibner's health began to fail him and the family moved to the west to settle in a dry climate. They made their home in Nara Visa, New Mexico for one year or until 1917.

On August 17, 1917 the family moved back to Texas

and settled in Hansford County there they lived just south of the town of Old Hansford. Their first home was located on the Hansford Hill with one room set back into the hill. When a home was found in town they moved to town. Dr. Gibner's office was located on the square. He and Dr. Honey were partners. The Gibner's final child, Woodrow, was born in Old Hansford.

Beatrice and Clay received their schooling at Knox City while Pope went to school in Haskell. Spearman had begun when Woodrow was ready for school and he finished there. Clay recalls picking cotton in south Texas and remembers very little time for entertainment or recreation. Picking cotton was the only way the children could have money of their own. What entertainment the children had was playing baseball which was done twelve months out of the year. A fair as well as a carnival can sometimes be remembered once a year.

Many calls were made by this well known country doctor. He would recall that one time he was out in his Modle T and became stranded due to a snow storm. He saw a light and followed it by foot to the home of Mrs. George Whitson and often he remarked that the light was what had saved his life. Mrs. Whitson always kept a light burning for the purpose of strangers who might become stranded or lost.

During the winter of 1918 the snows were deep and prevented Dr. Gibner from making his calls by car. The ranchers would furnish a horse for him to ride. His calls would sometimes take him away from home for a great deal of time. When epidemics would breakout he would stay out with the sick until completely exhausted going from one farm home to another tending to the calls.

Mr. Gibner had the responsibility of rearing the children for her husband was away the majority of the time. One time was particularly recalled by some of the residents of Ochiltree County. For in 1918 or 19, a terrible flu epidemic broke out and the two doctors of Ochiltree County, Dr. Brewer and Dr. May, took ill. The county was left without a doctor. Dr. Gibner left his patients in Hansford County to the care of Dr. Haney and went to Ochiltree County where he stayed in the O' Dell Home for two weeks caring for patients in the vicinity.

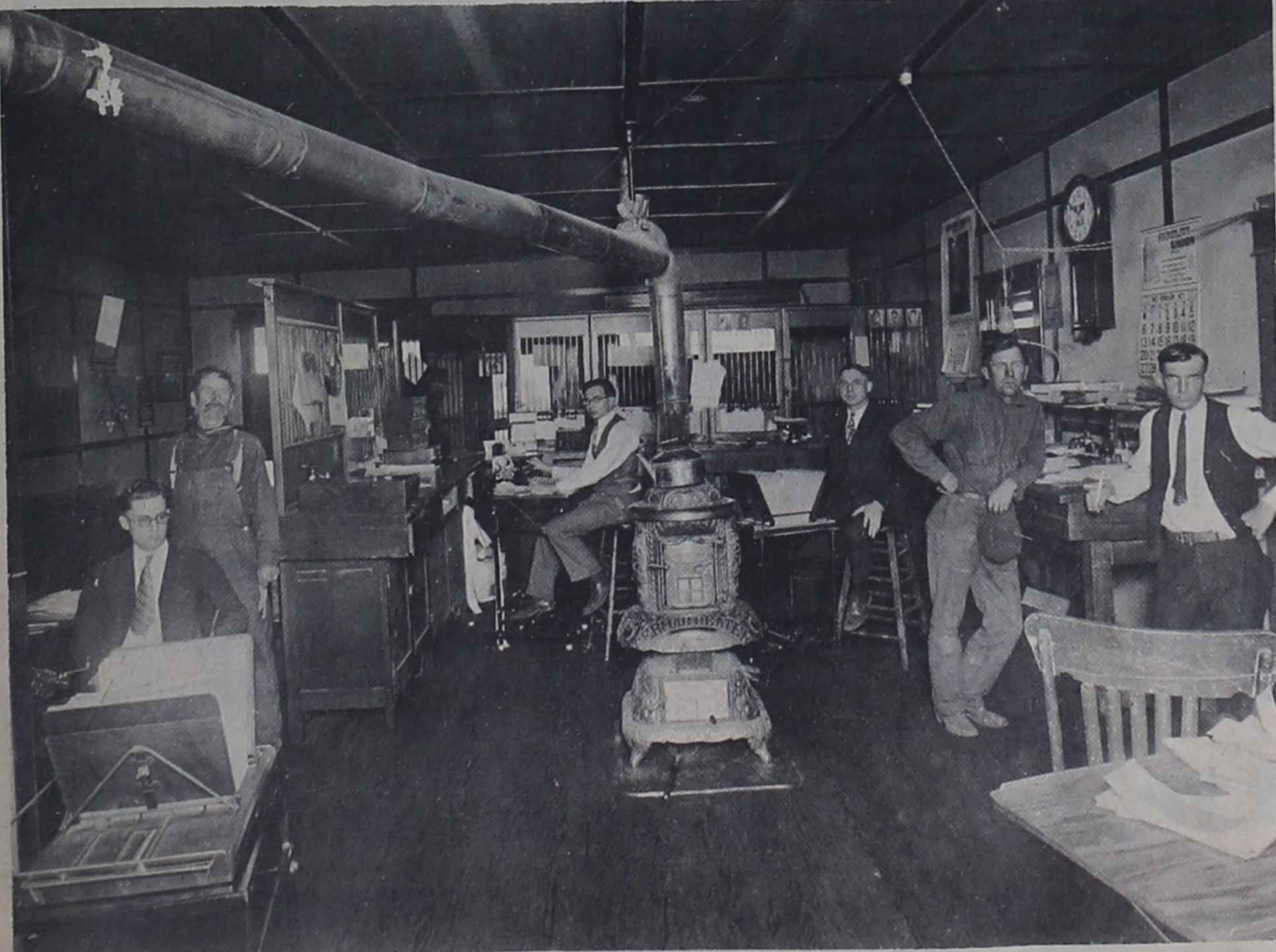
Castor Oil was the pet cure for nearly everything as far as Dr. Gibner was concerned. He felt no one could take too much Castor Oil. The Modle T was his source of transportation and his doctoring territory covered the area north of the Canadian River through-out Hansford County.

One time while he was out he became so tired he overturned his car. Other times his son, Clay, would drive for him. Hospitals were quite uncommon for that day and time. All the many babies which Dr. Gibner brought into the world were delivered in the homes. It was quite a break for the doctor when he could have the help of a practical nurse. He never had a nurse in his office. When someone needed major surgery they would have to be taken to Amarillo or Shattuck.

When a patient was sent to Shattuck, he would sometimes make the trip by train and if the train didn't have to stop to load more than one or two cars of cattle the sick person might make it to the hospital in seven or eight hours. We do not know how to appreciate the modern conveniences we have in medical facilities until we look back to see what our forefathers struggled through.

Dr. Gibner enjoyed reading throughout his life and would read good literature along with medical journals. As the years passed he was visited quite often by his son, Clay, and the son noticed a great deal of books of the detective and western style. Clay thought his younger brother, Woodrow, was reading this literature and called it to the attention of his mother. His mother told him that Woodrow wasn't reading the books it was his father. When Clay talked to his father about the books he had

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Pictured are Clay Gibner, W.M. Lieb, Charles Darnell, Ralph Bort, Ernest Lieb and Bob Thom.

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PASTOR ROBERT CORDES SELECTED OUTSTANDING MAN IN CONSERVATION

Pastor Robert Cordes, pastor of the Oslo Lutheran Church was selected by the Fort Worth Press and some 18 other supporting companies and institutions as the most outstanding professional man (non-farmer) interested in the promotion of conservation practices. He will receive an award at a state wide banquet in the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth this Saturday night.

Pastor Cordes has been

serving the Oslo Lutheran church for six years. During this time he has written several articles for newspapers, attended soil conservation tours and given conservation inspiration to the Oslo Community.

He states God has given us a great trust in resources of water, soil, minerals and the Gospel of Christ. We are to be good stewards in all areas, not just one. The Christian is not just to be

a Christian in the Church on Sunday but to use all his abilities to farm in the wisest and most constructive way. Farmers can be careless in their tillage and water usage. But so many are awakening to the fact that a great responsibility has been placed in their hands to practice good conservation practices.

The Hansford County Soil Conservation Group, Mr. Willard McCloy, Chairman, submitted Pastor Cordes and this is the first time this area has ever been a state winner. Our area offers their congratulations.

The Oslo Community was also submitted as an out-

standing area practicing good soil conservation. This community also won first place in the state of Texas. Again, congratulations are in order to this community. Some outstanding farmers live there and have long practiced good conservation usage. Several have served on the county soil conservation committees. Mr. Wm Johnson and Mr. Robert Ferguson are on the board at the present.

Several persons plan to attend the Ft. Worth banquet this Saturday night and receive the award as the most outstanding community this year in Texas Conservation Practices.



Pastor Robert Cordes

Changes In Postal Services Set For Gruver Post Office

The limited adjustments in some postal services ordered in Washington March 10 by Postmaster General John A. Gronouski to save \$12.7 million will begin to take effect in Sunray and other cities on May 4, Blanche Taber said.

Service changes are planned locally, Mrs. Taber said, but the changes will not strongly affect the Gruver Post Office service.

Window services on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until noon will be limited to one employee, who will handle stamp sales, parcel post, C.O.D. and registered mail, and general delivery. However, a major change affects money orders and miscellaneous window service.

Domestic and international money orders will not be issued on any Saturday morning. Such money orders may be purchased Monday through Friday.

Star route carriers operating from Gruver will not accept any money order applications on Saturdays. Otherwise, star route service

will remain unchanged.

Among the miscellaneous window services to be affected are inquiry and claims, information, meter settings, trust fund deposits, and box rent collections. None of these services will be available on Saturdays.

Normal parcel post service will not be affected. It is expected that these service adjustments will substantially reduce expenditures without impairing essential postal services.

Mrs. Taber emphasized that no essential major services are affected under the orders. There will be no change in box delivery or special delivery, for example. Regular business such as first class mail will be handled in the same priority as usual.

The economy step is in line with President Johnson's programs under which the recent Federal income tax was provided.

Mrs. Taber urged residents to transact as much of their postal business as possible on weekdays.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Evans Receive Award

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Evans, Gruver, Texas, have been cooperative observer with the U.S. Department of Commerce Weather Bureau for twenty years this month. Today, the Weather Bureau is presenting Mr. and Mrs. Evans their length of service award, a lapel button. The actual presentation was made in Gruver by T.L. Gibson, Meteorologist in Charge, Weather Bureau, Amarillo, accompanied by Principal Assistant B.R. Curry of the Amarillo office.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans have faithfully made daily observations of precipitation and

temperature these 20 years reporting the results to the Weather Bureau monthly for routine publication in the Climatological Data for Texas. They also participate in the Bureau's storm network, all without monetary compensation, without such services as Mr. and Mrs. Evans have rendered it would be impossible for the Weather Bureau to pursue its programs satisfactorily. We owe them a great debt for which we say "thank you".

Mr. Evans operates an oil distributorship in Gruver. T.L. Gibson, Meteorologist in Charge

ELECTION SLATED

Saturday, May 2, is an important voting day for citizens of Gruver. The Democratic Primary will be held at the usual voting place, the High School Agriculture building. The Republican Primary will be held in the High School Building. Members of both parties are urged to turn out and vote for the candidate of their choice.

NOTICE TO BASEBALL FANS

An organizational baseball meeting will be held at the First Christian Church Monday May 4th at 8:00 p.m. All churches or groups sponsoring a little league baseball team or pony team should be represented. Rules will be discussed. A schedule will be drawn up.

Please check with your group and get a representative at this meeting.

IN THE GRUVE

The city of Amarillo changes its population markers about every year and uses an estimated population. We noticed last week that the town of Vega had done likewise.

Vega's 1960 population was about 650 and the town is now claiming on its new signs going into town, a population of 950. We learned that the latter figure was arrived at by the number of water meters in town.

We think it is a good idea to change the population signs as a town grows and did a little research on Gruver Tuesday.

In 1960 Gruver had 315 water meters and a population of 1,030. This figured out to 3,269 people for every water meter.

Now Gruver has about 500 average water meters and using the same ratio above the population should be around 1,634. Of course, that is only an estimate but the figure could be more, rather than less.

For instance, Gruver has many houses occupied by only one person. But, it probably doesn't have any more one-person houses now than it did in 1960. Most of the people coming in are young families with children.

Our guess is that the town will reach 2,000 in a year. This is more the reason to be thinking about modernizing our city setup and adding a policeman, nightwatchman or whatever is needed now or will be needed in the near future.

It is somewhat a mystery how the town is growing considering the lots available to build houses on. We believe that 50 rent houses could be rented today, if they were available.

Gruver is missing out on a lot of building opportunity while this area is in a rapid growth stage due to increased irrigation. It will mean that Gruver farmers and others will have to travel from 50 to 100 miles in the future to buy merchandise and supplies that could be sold here where the money would go into the community.



Who's afraid of the big bad fly?



ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Elliott of Lubbock, Texas announce the engagement, and approaching marriage of their daughter, Phillis Rae, to James Lee Metzger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Metzger of Levelland, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lubbock High School and will receive a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education in July. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Tech Singers, and the B.S.U. Miss Elliott is presently Public School Music Teacher

and Choir Director in the Gruver Public Schools.

Mr. Metzger is a graduate of Levelland High School and Texas Tech where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics. At the present he has a fellowship teaching math at Tech and will receive a Masters Degree in Math in July. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha and the Tech Band.

The wedding date has been set for August 1st at the First Methodist Church, Lubbock, Texas.

Y.W.A.'s Attend House Party

The Young Women's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church toured to Plainview where they were guests at the District House Party. The trip was made over the past weekend.

Outstanding programs were the topic for enjoyment of the group and party. Noted speakers included Mrs.

Charles Caldwell of Midland, and Mr. Guy McKinney, missionary from Hong Kong. The group from Gruver enjoyed their stay.

Those making the trip were Patsy Harris, counselor, Virginia Murrah, Gayle Walker, Judy Holt and Patsy Johnson. The group was joined by Jeanine DeWeese who lives in Plainview.

REGIONAL 4-H ELIMINATIONS HELD

The District 4-H Eliminations Contest was held in Canyon April 25th at the West Texas State College.

Hansford County had four entries to qualify to go to the State Contest at College Station. This Contest is called the 4-H Roundup and will be held June 2-4.

First place in the Farm and Ranch Management Division went to Allen McCloy and Bill McCloy for their demonstration entitled "Feedlot Profits or Losses".

Another First place went to Sharon Parks and Patricia Henderson in the Safety Division for their project entitled "Lawful Drivers are Survivors".

Second Place in the Electric Division was taken by Sylvia Parks and Suzanne Dixon for their project "Adequate Circuit Protection".

Another Second Place went to Evelyn Kelly and Don Kelly for their project of "Windbreaks" in the Forestry Division.

The top four group with projects have qualified for the State Roundup.

Other winners include Second place to Doug McCloy and Mark McCloy in the Junior Division under the Farm and Ranch Management division with the subject of "Feedlot Profits or Losses."

The Civil Defense project "Safe Water for Survival" by David Johnson and Judy Gillispie in the Senior division took 3rd place.

Another third place was taken by the Junior division Miss Kay Johnson in Clothing Educational Activity with her project entitled "Let Wee Willie Help You".

Wade Parks and Carolyn Henderson in the Junior Division took third place with "Magic Interlude" in the Share the Fun division.

First place in the Junior Division by Gail Brothers was her project "Beef for Fitness" in the Foods and Nutrition Educational Acti-

vity division.

The The Favorite Food department with Bread and Cereal as her project, Rebecca Hutchinson placed 1st

A second place was taken by Cindy Hutchinson in the Favorite Foods bracket and Meats Division.

Bob Womble, Monte McCloy, Alva Henderson and Phillip Fleming made a second with their Rifle entry in the Junior Division.

Third place in the Rifle division went to Alan Dixon, Gerald Scribner, James Scribner and Mike Johnson with their Senior Entry in Riflery.

The above entries are all from Morse with the exception of the two Hutchinson girls, who were from Spearman.

Gruver had a Second Place entry in the Electric

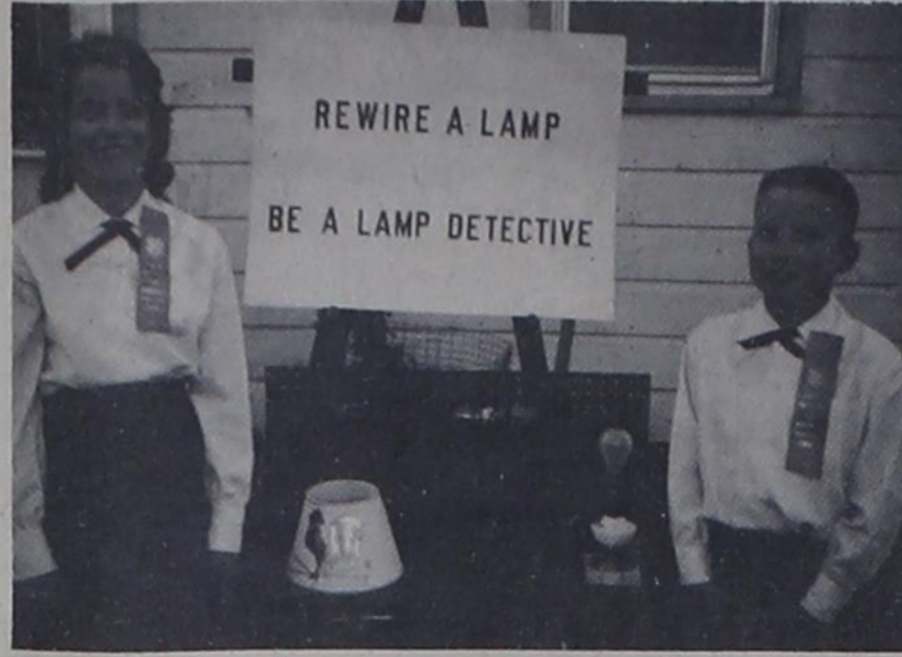
Buddy Etlings Host Bridge

The Saturday night bridge club met April 25th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Etling.

High honors for both the man and woman went to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stedje.

Refreshments of cream pies and coffee along with snacks were served to the guests throughout the evening.

Those enjoying the night of bridge were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stedje, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo McClellan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henson and the hosts Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Etling.



Linda Webb and Doug Messer stand beside their 4-H project which placed 2nd in the Junior Division at District Contest held in Canyon.

Division. Lynda Webb and Douglas Messer took the honors with their project

which was "Rewire a Lamp ---Be a Lamp Detective" This was a junior entry.

THANK YOU

I am extending my appreciation to all my friends for the cards, flowers and visits which I received during my illness.

Hootie Cline

Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Garmertsfelder were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Bergin and family.

LARGO MUSIC RECITAL HELD

The final recital of the Largo Music Club was presented April 26th at 3:00 p.m. in the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Glen Truax is retiring from teaching.

Outstanding special guest was Frank Pittman, a student which had studied under Mrs. Truax's leadership. Frank presented the Prelude in C Sharp Minor and

Theme from the Apartment. Other students in the musical presentation were Linda Spivey, Paul Westfield, Steven Kirk, Marla McWhirter, Fay Gross, Mandy Hart, Dalynn Brummett, Debbie Bayless, Connie Trindle, Janice Trindle, Dean Bayless, Toni Hudson, and Patricia Massad.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Brittain and Mrs. T.F. Goeller of Wichita Kansas, parents and sister of Mrs. Glen Truax will be visiting in Gruver this week.

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Choirs Hold Music Club Program Tuesday

Gruver Music Club a member of the State and National Federations of Music Clubs met in the Fellowship Hall of the Gruver Methodist Church April 28th. The program was a choral presentation under the direction of Miss Phyllis Elliott.

The Boys Choir sang two selections: "Eternal Father" and "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian." The Junior High Choir sang three selections: "The Army Song", "Ashgrove" and "Autumn Leaves". A Junior High girls quartet consisting of Brenda Williams, Debbie Bayless, Anita Jackson and Betty Dewees sang "Little Wheel a Turnin'."

The Girls High School Glee Club concluded the program by singing four numbers: "Heavenly Father", "Japanese Lullaby", "How Sad Flow the Streams" and

"I'm gonna Ride the Chariot." Also on the program was "A Good Note of Music" given by Mrs. Paul Westerfield and a closing meditation by Mrs. Wm. Logsdon.

A single ribbon award was received by Gruver Music Club this week. This award was given from National Federation of Music Clubs for their program on Parade of American Music.

Following the program refreshments were served by Mrs. W.J. Eddleman, Mrs. W.L. Johnson and Mrs. A.C. Bort.

The next program will be May 5 at 2:00 in the Gruver

Memorial Building. At that time the Gruver Music Club will present Mrs. John Boney's Dance Class in a special program in observance of National Music Week.

National Music Week, which always begins on the first Sunday in May and continues through Mother's Day, will be celebrated for the 41st year on May 3-10, 1964, under the sponsorship of the National Federation of Music Clubs, a non-profit organization dedicated to Music.

SPEARMAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Spearman Golf Club has slated a tournament which will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Spearman Golf Course. All members of 1963 and 1964 and prospective Hansford County members are invited to join in the fun.

The ladies enjoyed an afternoon of painting and refreshments served by the hostess.

Those attending were Polly Jones, Jennie Hart, Ann Thom, Jim Kate Garrett, Jewel Holt, Mary Sullins, and the hostess Mrs. Myrtle Bernstein.

China Club Met Wednesday

The Gruver China Painting Club met in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Bernstein Wednesday April 22nd for

CODES FROM MORSE

Mrs. D.M. Womble and Mrs. Mack Dortch spent Friday in Amarillo visiting Mrs. H.L. Gey, mother of Mrs. Womble, who is in the Thurmon Convalescent Home there.

Mrs. Arnie Clifton spent Friday night with Mrs. Josie Hays. Mr. Bob Hays continues to remain in the Spearman Hospital recovering from a second operation.

Mrs. Grace Adams of Dallas is visiting with her father, J.M. Miller, this week.

Evelyn and Julian Cordova of Denver are spending their vacation time with her parents, the John Thompsons. Sunday afternoon they went boating on the lake near Dalhart.

Mrs. Desmond Kelly, Evelyn and Don shopped in Amarillo Saturday afternoon

on their way back from the 4-H Contest in Canyon. They also called in the home of R.C. Wombles. Jeannie Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Vogt in Pleasant Valley.

Leaders, Mrs. H.B. Parks, Mrs. Wilson McCloy and Mrs. P.M. Dixon and a number of 4-Hers spent Monday after school making a final clean-up of the town in readiness for the judging of the community contest on Tuesday.

Grant Miner headed up the committee for getting the drinking water checked in Morse. The reports sent in on this as to the bacterial content on each individual well.

Mrs. Wes Balentine and children of Borger were in town last week visiting her parents-in-law, the Mike Balentines. She also visited in the Tom Dortch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy West

were in Morse for the week end visiting her parents, the R.C. Wombles. Jeannie and Tommy now live in Oklahoma City. Jeanne is enrolled in a Beauty School at this time.

Miss Donna Cator was home from McMurry College for the weekend to visit her parents, the Pete Cators.

Mr. Desmond Kelly took Ray Kelly, Elaine Kelly, Ariene Barkley, Bill Pittman and Bob Gillispie to Lubbock for the Interscholastic League tryouts. They visited in the home of Wayne Kelly while there.

H.D. CLUB MEETS

The Home Demonstration Club met on Thursday in the home of Mrs. Jack Johnson, Sr. Mrs. H.B. Parks gave a talk on "Labels" on your foods you purchase.

National Music Week May 3-10

"Whereas music plays an invaluable influence in the life of our world; and whereas music is one of the most sublime of human pursuits and is subscribed to by all races and creeds; and whereas music is the language of all peoples and one of the greatest forces in creating peace and harmony; and whereas the National Federation of Music Clubs--dedicated to encouraging young musicians, to increasing musical knowledge, and to advancing American music--and its cooperating organizations join forces to direct attention to the dynamic influence of music in everyday living. Now, Therefore, I Don Hudson, Mayor of the City of Gruver, Texas do hereby proclaim the week of May 3-10, 1964 as National Music Week and ask that all citizens of this community observe and take part in activities, recognizing the importance of music, musicians, and musical organizations in the cultural life of our City, and State, and the Nation, and World. Dated this 29th day of April A.D. 1964.

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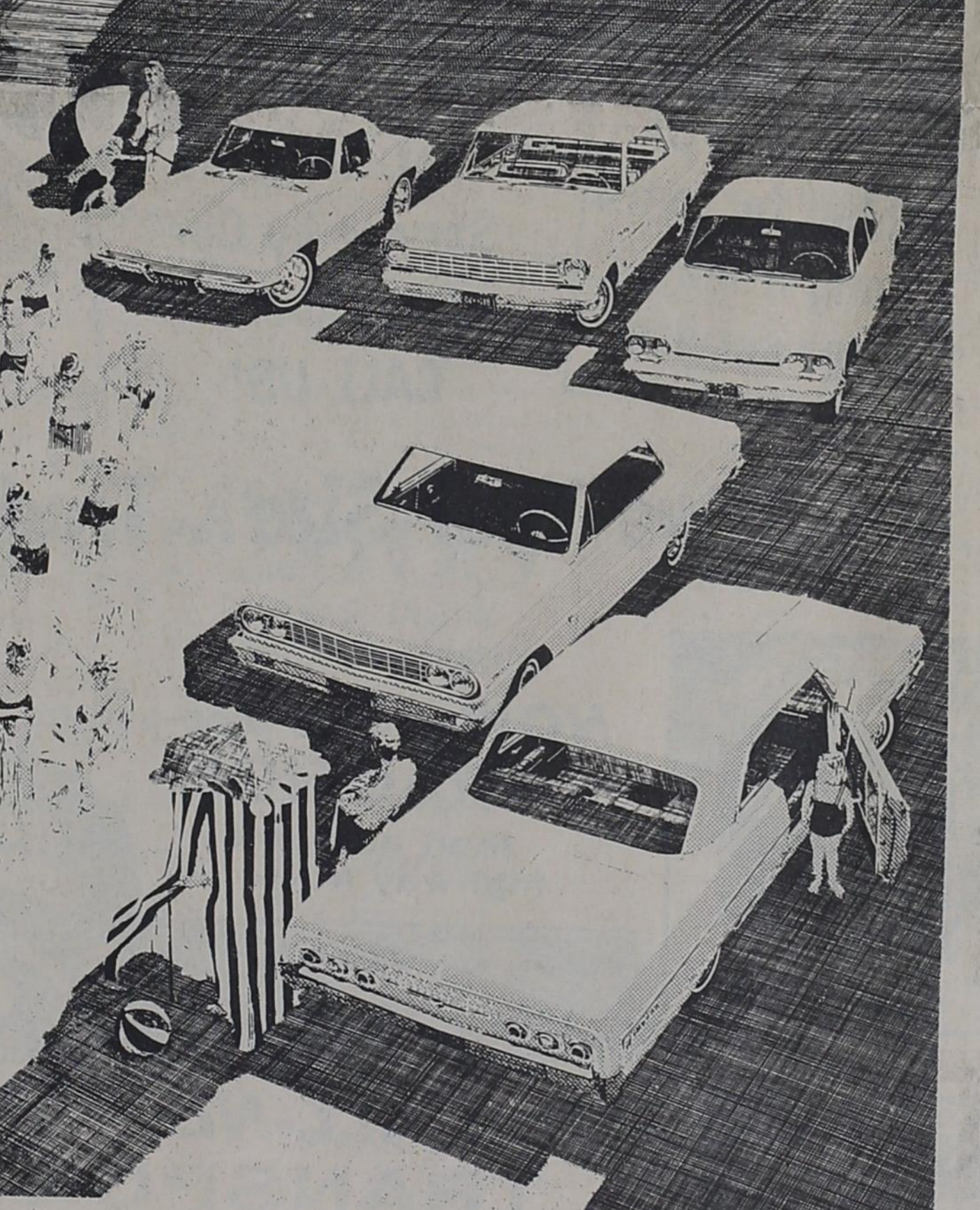
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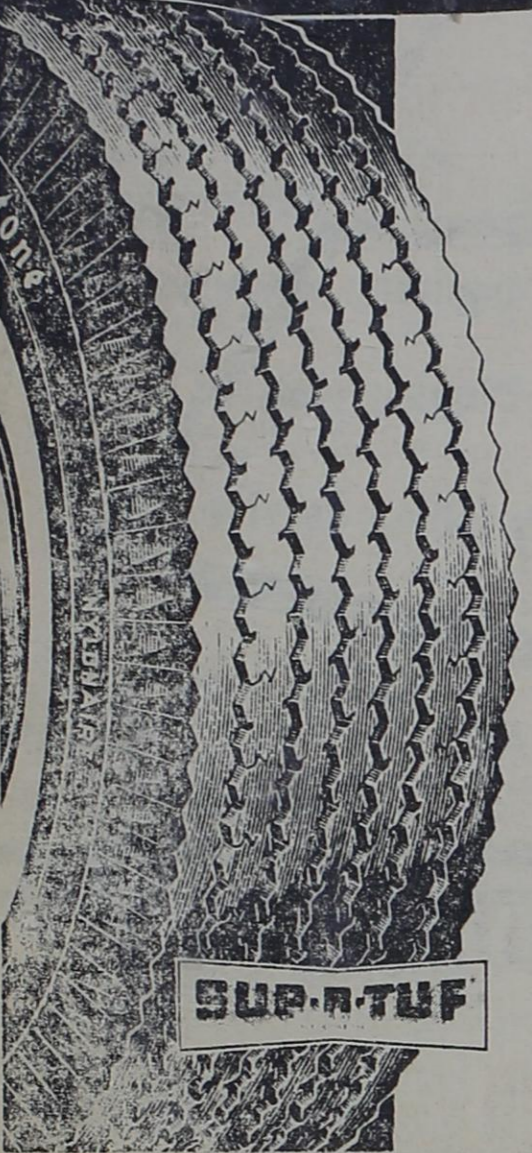
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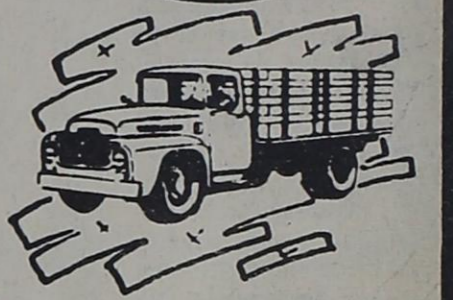
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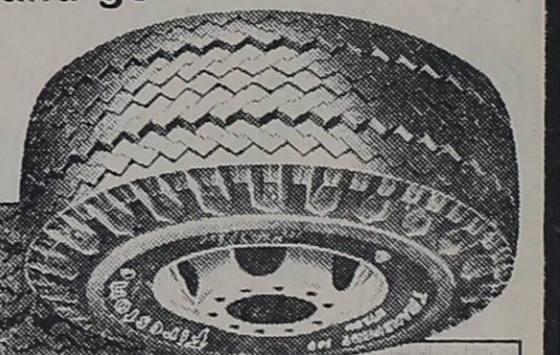
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DEKALB DISTRICT SCOUT CAMPOREE HELD

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The Pioneer District Scout Troups held their Camporee on the Palo Duro Creek on the ranch of Mrs. Coy Holt. The Camping party was held April 24th 25th and 26th.

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One hundred and fifteen boys and fifteen adult leaders represented the Pioneer District. The towns represented were Guymon, Tex-

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The boys enjoyed their cookouts as well as the outside life. The boys had a campfire Saturday night and during this time these boys were presented awards for their scout crafts which had been judged on Saturday morning. Gruver received a 3rd place and a yellow

ribbon for both patrols. The Methodist Men sponsor the Gruver Boy Scouts and Archie Nelson, F.A. Shapley, Oliver Wallin, Pete Maupin and Albert Hahn, visited the boys and helped to make the camporee a big success.

The boys from Gruver enjoying the Scouting Outing were Allen Gruver, Tommy

Hahn, Kenny Graham, Sam Gruver, Kenneth Lenard, Mike Riley, Skeeter Crawford, Rickey Hollis, Wesley Maupin and Mike Brown. The scout master is Lynn Holland and his assistant is Monte Shearer.

The entire District of scouts wish to thank Mrs. Holt for their place of camping and for the hospitality shown to them.

CUB SCOUTS HOLD DERBY

The regular meeting of the Cub Scouts met Monday night April 27th in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church.

The opening ceremony was presented by Den I under the leadership of Louise Evans. Those included on the program for the opening were Lanny Cotton, Doug Ferguson, Bruce Knight, Jay Crawford, David Evans, Billie Boone and Dustin Frazier.

The highlight of the evening was the pinewood derby for model cars. Three runs were held for the boys with the first run winners being, Steve Barber, Eddie Goodrich, Dustin Frazier, Steve Barber, David Evand and Kenny Brown.

The final run winners were first place, Dustin Frazier, second place, Steve Barber and third place Kenny Brown.

Each of the three finalists were presented a trophy for their places. Dustin Frazier

will represent Cub Scout Pack 50 at Guymon on May the 12th.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Den I of the Cub Scouts met for their regular weekly meeting Monday afternoon April 27th in the Fellowship hall of the Christian Church.

The boys finished their projects which were bird houses made from plastic bleach bottles. Also included in the meeting was a practice for the opening ceremony for the night meeting.

Those present for the Den meet were Nathan Wright, Lanny Cotton, Doug Ferguson, Bruce Knight, Jay Crawford, David Evans, Billie Boone, Dustin Frazier and their leader, Louise Evans.

Den III met on the same afternoon in the home of their leader, Mrs. John Cotter for their regular meeting.

This den began work on their Indian theme for May by making ankle bracelets of Indian designs.

Those present for the meeting were Robert Blount, Marvin Jones, Steve Barber, Johnny Cathey, Timmy Jones,

TEXAS HEART WEEK

by Linda Webb, H.D. Agent

Despite all the work and research which has gone into fighting heart disease, this health menace remains the nation's number one killer. 54% of all deaths in the United States are caused by heart and blood vessel diseases. This is more than all other causes of death combined.

May 4-16 will be declared "Texas Heart Weeks" for Hansford County. The Heart Fund Campaign this year is being sponsored by the Hansford County Home Demonstration Council.

Kicking off the Texas Heart Fund Campaign will be a presentation of films on

Larry Hollis, Danny Leonard Jimmy Cotter and the leader Mrs. John Cotter, Jr.

different types of heart diseases from the Texas Heart Association. Especially featured will be information on effects of high blood pressure, rheumatic fever-heart attacks, and misconceptions about heart diseases.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the showing of these films Tuesday, May 5, 1964, at 7:30 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. There will be no charge for admittance. A Baked Goods Sale will be held in conjunction with the Heart Film Presentation, with all proceeds from the sale going to the County Heart Fund.

"Help your heart fund-- help your heart!"

State Bank No. 1763

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE GRUVER STATE BANK

of Gruver in the State of Texas at the close of business on April 15, 1964

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	326,770.70
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	294,000.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	15,206.57
Loans and discounts (including \$33,324.41 overdrafts)	2,289,529.98
Bank premises owned \$29,258.49	
Furniture and fixtures 2,972.60	32,231.09
Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
Total Assets	2,957,739.34

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	2,019,866.12
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	10,000.00
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	2,055.70
Deposits of States and Political subdivisions	581,722.63
Certified and officers checks, etc.	13,906.18
Total Deposits	2,627,550.63
(a) Total demand deposits	2,209,550.63
(b) Total time and savings deposits	418,000.00
Total Liabilities	2,627,550.63

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital: (a) Common stock, total par value \$100,000.00	100,000.00
Surplus	1100,000.00
Undivided profits	130,188.71
Total Capital Accounts	330,188.71
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	2,957,739.34

MEMORANDA	
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold with agreement to repurchase)	250,000.00
(a) Loans as shown above are after deduction of valuation reserves of	7,879.62

I, R.L. Thom, Vice President, of the above-named bank, do solemnly affirm that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ R.L. THOM
Correct--Attest: A.R. Bort, Kenneth Irwin, D.G. Cluck, Directors.

State of Texas, County of Hansford, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of April, 1964, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. My commission expires June 1, 1965...Helen Fisher, Notary Public.

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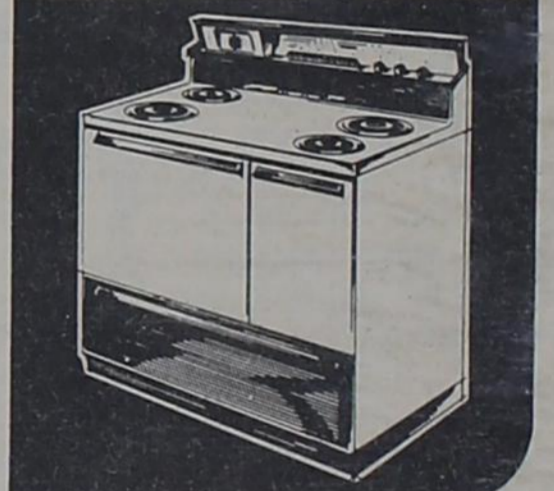


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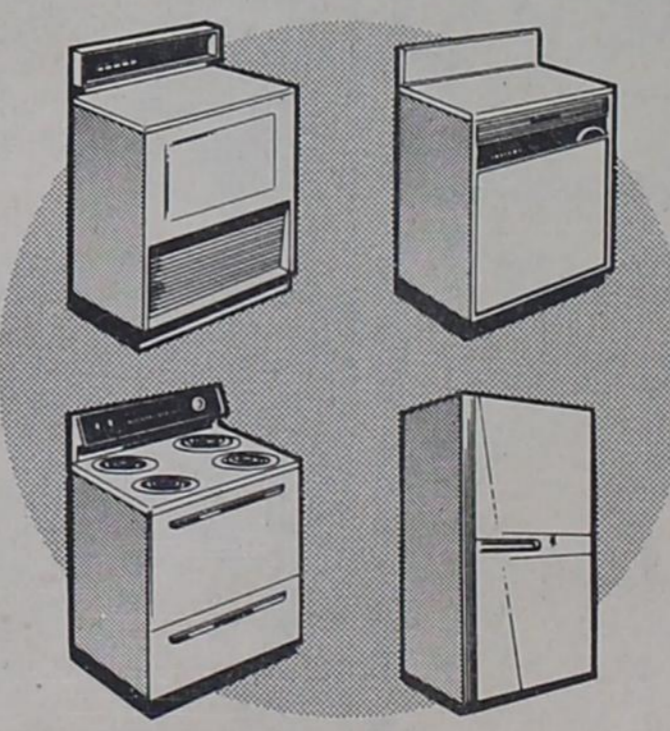
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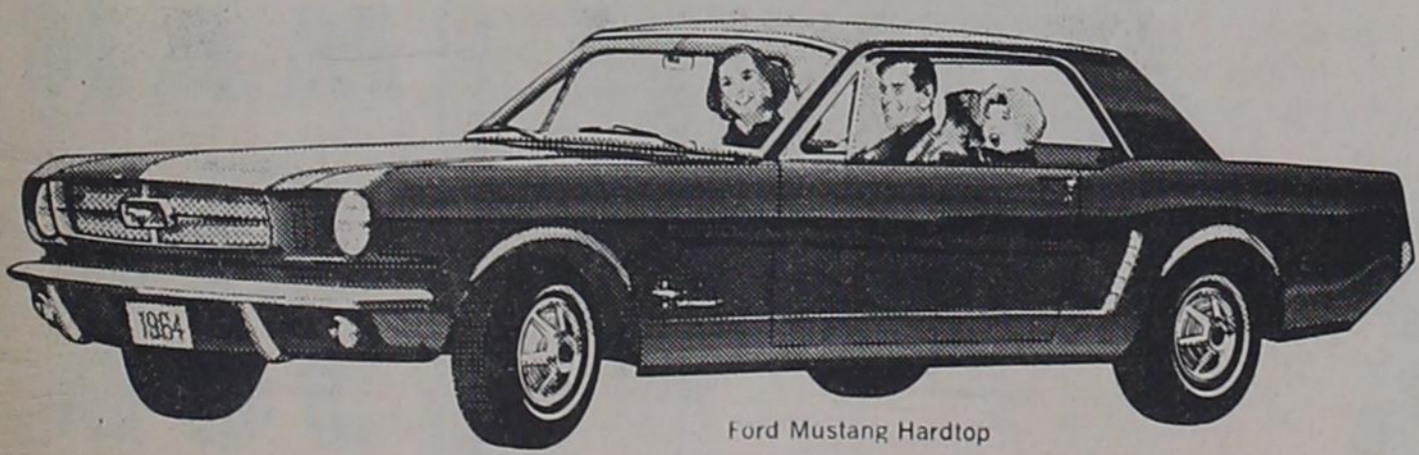
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT
been reading, Dr. Gibner replied that he was tired of reading all that good literature.

Mrs. Gibner passed away in 1946 and from that time on Dr. Gibner stopped his practice. He lived at his home until his death in September of 1956. Dr. Gibner served as County Health Officer of Hansford County for several years.

The children have married with Beatrice marrying W.S. Hiler who passed away. The couple made their home in El Paso where Beatrice continues to live. They have two children, Gibner and Barbara.

Clay Gibner married Hazel Lowe and this couple has two children, Peyton and Verna Lee. The Clay Gibners make their home in Spearman where Clay is associated with the First State Bank of Spearman.

Pope married Margaret Erwin of Lubbock and they make their home in Spearman. Pope is engaged in farming interests. They have two children, Jerry and Marvel Jo.

The youngest son, Woodrow married Lois Pryor of Shawnee, Oklahoma. This couple has two children, Lynn and Tommy. Woodrow and family make their home in Spearman where he has farming interests.

This completes another story which brings the history

THE WAY I SEE IT

Robert Cordes, pastor
Cebu Lutheran Church

It hurts and I'm glad. This sounds brutal. But I'm serious. More and more it hurts farmers to see their soil swirl away in dust clouds. Farmers are becoming more concerned with soil layer entrusted to them by the Almighty God.

I'm glad farmers are hurt when they realize their soil is moving. It is causing them to use good conservation practices. When ever a person's conscience hurts, that person will seek to ease the pain. This results in good farming.

This spring the breezes have gotten out of hand. And the sparse rainfall has added to ominous clouds of dreaded dust filtering into city homes and cars. City persons are interested too in good farm practices.

Have you noted the good Conservation farmers? Many fields have had no soil removed by these hard winds. These farmers have used surface tillage, keeping trash on top to hold the soil. They have been out quickly chiseling and stirring the powdery top. These farmers have been rewarded by seeing their land remain for them and their sons to farm.

But some farmers are careless. They abandon their farms to the battle of the wind. Some may live miles away and not take the effort to travel with equipment to stir up "mother earth".

Yes, farmers conscience are hurting more and more as they see the soil blow, or water run off after a huge rain. and I'm glad these men are beginning to conscientiously take their task of farming seriously.

The Panhandle winds will blow. We will get periods of sparse rainfall. But thanks to our modern day farmers, we won't have a mass exodus of our precious topsoil--topsoil that must be preserved for generations to come.

I'm glad it hurts farmers

of our county into the focus point. The Gibner family has been quite instrumental in the progress and growth of Hansford County. Dr. Gibner is a quite outstanding figure in the County History and will long be remembered as well as praised for the life he has led as a Country Doctor of Hansford County.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander have returned home from Houston where they attended an Association of Christian Churches meeting.

Larry Lowery of Dumas underwent surgery last Tuesday in St. Anthony's Hospital. He is now doing fine. Mr. and Mrs. Hank Lowery were in Amarillo during his surgery.

Mrs. Homer Cluck, Mrs. E.C. Curlee and Mrs. Agatha Rafferty along with Jimmy Cooksey and Bonnie

Sullins enjoyed the delicious Mexican Dinner served by the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Spearman Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McClellan have returned home from their vacation in Aransas Pass Texas.

Guests in the home of Mrs. A.R. Bort Monday morning were Mrs. Robert M. Carp of Windy Acres Ranch near Stinnett and Mrs. Ben Gilliam of Stinnett.

Mrs. Maude Alexander and Mrs. Buddy Murrell

spent Monday in Amarillo on business.

Mrs. A.R. Bort and Mrs. Claud Watkins spent one day last week in Stinnett visiting.

Mr. Buddy Etling was in Hamlin, Texas last week for a day on business.

Mrs. Homer Cluck, Mrs. Agatha Rafferty, and Mrs. LaMoyne Cator spent Monday in Amarillo shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Irwin spent several days last week in Missouri and Kansas. They visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Southerland of Windsor, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Sedden Irwins of Iberia Missouri.

Guests Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Heath were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baskin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Owens and Jed of Tulla were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cooper for the weekend. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hingerd and family had dinner with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Talley of Miami visited in the home

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LEGION AUXILIARY MET TUESDAY

The Sullivan R. Spivey Unit 154 of the American Legion Auxiliary met at the Memorial Building April 21, 1964.

The president, Mrs. Elizabeth McClellan reported that the 18th District Convention was held in Childress April 11th and 12th. The convention was a very worthwhile and interesting meeting. Several of the state officials were present for the convention: Department President, Mr. Harold Cooper; IV Division President, Mrs. Carl Flack; State Department Rehabilitation Chairman, Mrs. Joe Matthews; Department Poppy Stamp Chairman, Mrs. John Coleman; Department Child Welfare Chairman, Mrs. Mary Flint; and Department Hospital Representative, Mrs. Ira Ott.

The post nominating committee was appointed for the officers for the ensuing year. The committee was made up of Mrs. Jamie Wilmet, chairman; Mrs. Alice Walker and Mrs. Cleo Walker.

Those present for the meeting were Mesdames Maude Alexander, Margie Barkley, Elizabeth McClellan, Agatha Rafferty, Mary Sul-

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SENIOR TRIP SLATED

The 1964 Seniors leave Friday May 1st at 5:00 p.m. for a trip which will take them through ten states and the District of Columbia.

worked hard to raise the money for the trip. They have been engaged in such work as handling the concessions for both the Basketball and Football games throughout the year.

tournament as well as the Senior Play were also responsibilities of the class. The School Annual is a product of the Seniors and much work and time is set forth to complete this project.

A Senior Chili Supper along with three work days were included in the line of work done by this deserving class.

MUSIC FESTIVAL SLATED

by Mary Cluck

An exciting four day adventure begins Wednesday morning, April 29, as 88 Gruver High School musicians depart for the Tri-State Music Festival in Enid, Oklahoma.

The series of contests begins Wednesday night when the Greyhound Band performs its contest marching routine.

Thursday will be a busy day with several activities scheduled. These activities include a concert, a marching demonstration, and instrumental clinics.

The concert and sight-reading will be held Friday morning. The band will attend a concert Friday afternoon.

The Seniors will leave Enid Friday night to go on their Senior Trip. The remainder of the band will march in the "Million Dollar" Parade Saturday morning.

F.T.A. AND STUDENT COUNCIL MEET JOINTLY

by Arlene Barkley

April 27, the Gruver High School study hall was the scene of the monthly F.T.A. meeting. This was a special meeting to which the members of the Student Council were invited.

The Student Council is the organization in our high school which is made up of students and represents the student body. Each of the four high school classes has two representatives on this council.

The F.T.A. is also very eager to improve our school in anyway it can. The F.T.A. members have found that perhaps through working with the Student Council and gaining insight to some of the small problems which exist in our school, they can better be able to improve the school.

At the April meeting, the president of the Student Council, Jim Cooksey, led an open discussion on the possibilities of projects for

without interested parents who are willing to go with the band, the trip to Enid would be impossible. The sponsors include the following: Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Murrell, Mrs. Bill Etling, Mrs. Harvey Holt, Mrs. Aubrey Rasor and Miss Phyllis Elliott.

either or both organizations. the following possibilities were discussed: It has recently become a problem among the students that perhaps two representatives on the Student Council from each class do represent enough of the student body.

It was also suggested to have a rally or campaign in the spring to let the student body know what is being done and to aid the students in electing the best possible members to the council.

The problem of who makes up the devotional committee was talked about. Another possibility discussed was that of an honor roll if the faculty was in favor.

It was to let the faculty in on what organizations are doing, help the faculty to become interested and secure their help in projects. In this way the organizations

ELAINE KELLY PLACES FIRST

by Kathy Fletcher

Gruver High School was honored when Elaine Kelly Placed First in the Girl's Persuasive Speaking, at Regional Contest in Lubbock Friday.

Friday afternoon, April

24, at 3:00 o'clock, three carloads of students left for the Regional Interscholastic League contest in Lubbock. Twelve students from Gruver qualified for the regional contest after qualifying in the District contest held in Stratford last week.

The group returned Saturday afternoon after visiting Texas Tech campus with their sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Pat Westerfield, Coach Chapman, and Coach McCreary.



Elaine Kelly

Thank You

The 1964 Seniors would like to say thank you for the wonderful cooperation shown to us in regard to our work days the past three Saturdays.

The numerous businesses who have given us space in their windows were a real help. Paddy's Butane & Oil and the Gruver 66 Service Station receive a special—thank you—for letting us use their garages for our car washes.

There is also a very special group that each and every senior will be eternally grateful to, and that is the Senior parents. They have supported us faithfully the entire year, and encouraged us to overcome many hardships.

As the Washington-New York Trip approaches we

Livestock Team Will Go To State

by Harley Murrell

Tommy Gamfory, Van Etling, and Harley Murrell made up the Livestock Judging team which tied for six and seventh places in the area.

will each and everyone know that it could not be possible had it not been for the people of Gruver. We want you to know that we will never forget the wonderful spirit you have shown in your loyal support of our class throughout our senior year.

in the top ten percent and qualified them to represent the Gruver F.F.A. Chapter as well as the entire area in the State Livestock Judging Contest.

The meet was held in Lubbock last Friday April 24th at 3:00 p.m. The contest was on the Texas Tech Campus.

The land judging team consisting of Rex Shapley, Mike Stedje, and Jerry

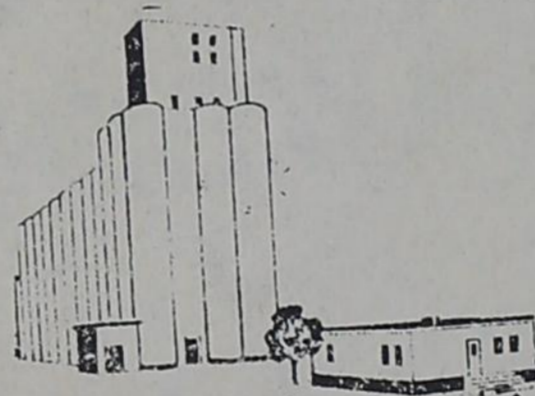
Evans won fifth in the overall contest. Rex Shapley was fourth high individual of the contest.

The dairy team consisting of Lynn Stedje, Madk Hoel and John Knudson judged classes of Jerseys Holsteins, Brown Swiss and Guernsey.

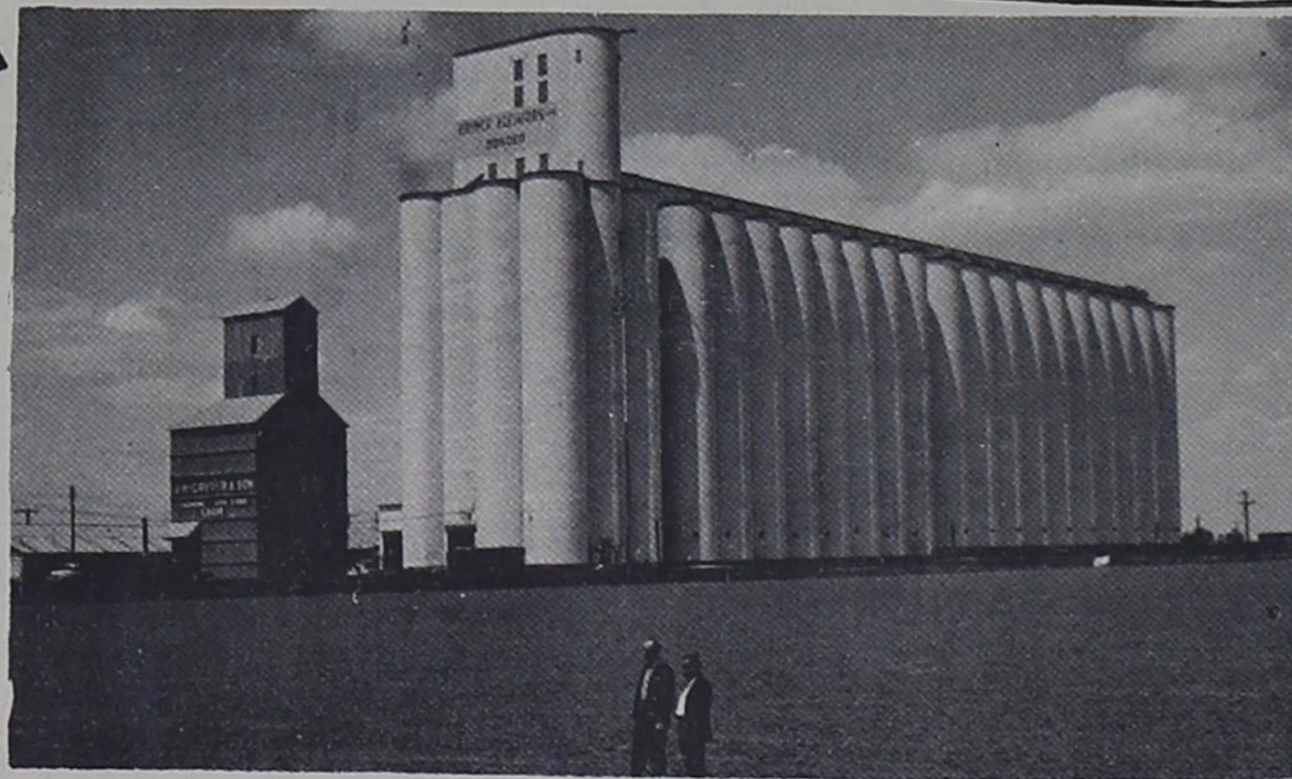
Dennis Stedje, John Cooksey, J.W. Ward, and alternate Joe Wallin made up the crops judging team. They identified 50 seed samples, graded fifteen samples, and judged six sets of seed samples.

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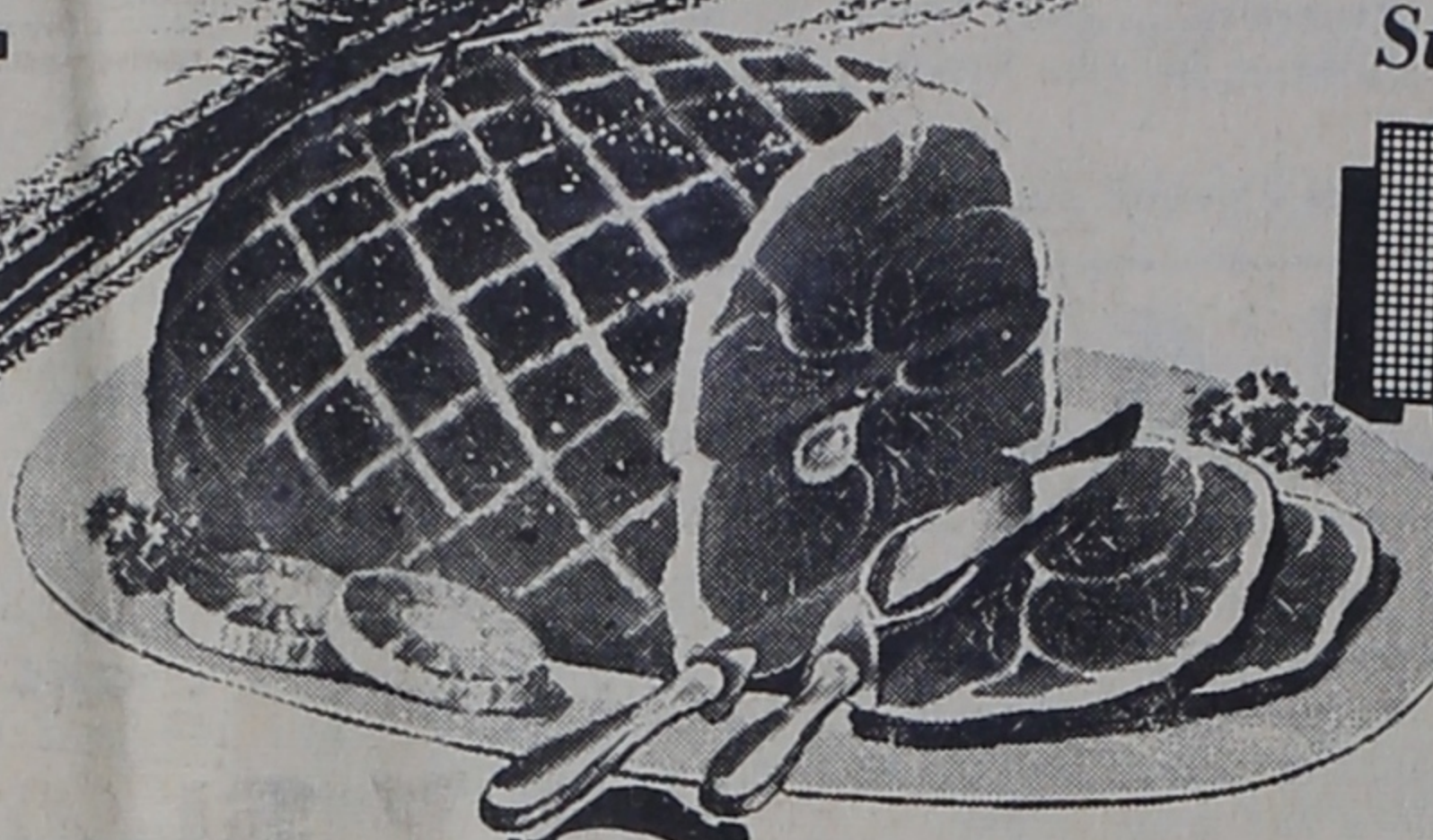
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