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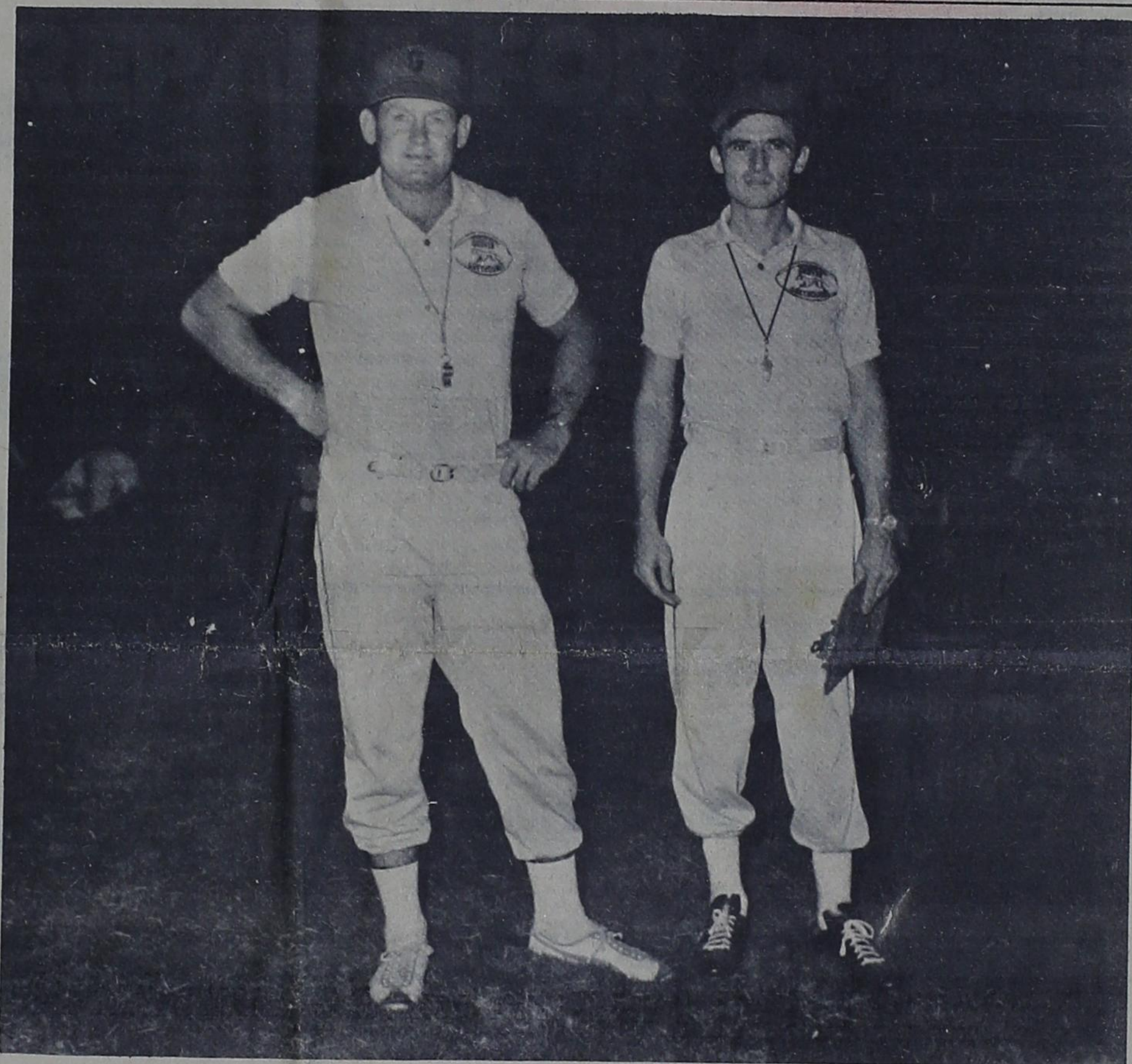
## THE GRUVER

# INDEPENDENT

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# HOUNDS PREPARE FOR OPENER

Six experienced players and as many B-team graduates will be carrying the load when the Gruver Greyhounds open the 1962 football season at home against the Clarendon Broncos Sept. 7.

Coach Corky Chapman's defending 1-A champions won't be favored to win the district again, but they could if the above mentioned number of players come through. Chapman, who will be

assisted by Wayne Tip-ton and Bill Clemmons, has four regular starters back in the fold and two other players who started some during the 1961 season that saw the Greyhounds reach the regional playoffs before losing their first game.

Tony Shapley, Francis Shapley, Ronnie Ward, Tommy Lowery, Wesley Eddleman and Tom Hale all saw starting duty last season.

Francis Shapley, a standout last season, will be expected to carry much of the offensive punch from his wingback position. Though weighing only 135 pounds, Shapley one of the most elusive runners in the history of Gruver football teams.

Much of the team's success will depend on Jimmy Cooksey, junior quarterback. Cooksey, considered a good running quarterback is counted on to be the team leader from his signal calling position.

Eddleman, an end last season, is being moved to the backfield. The 150-pound senior is rated a good running prospect by Chapman. Ray Kelley, a 160-pound B-team grad from Morse and Wayne Leathersman, 165-pound

sophomore will battle it out for the fullback slot. Both have good potential.

Tony Shapley, 175-pound senior center; Ronnie Ward, 150-pound junior guard; Tommy Lowery, 170-pound senior tackle and Tom Hale, 140-pound senior end will head up the forward wall. All were starters last season.

Mark Armstrong, a 200-pound junior, is expected to move into the other tackle spot and could be a big factor as the season moves on. Other tackles are John Guy Folley, 155-pound senior and possibly Alan Saltzman, 150-pound sophomore.

Other linemen are Jon Jarvis, 125-pound junior; Bill Pittman, 130-pound junior; Rex Shapley, 160-pound sophomore and Jerry Gum-

fory, who could break into the starting lineup.

Reserve backs are Bob Gillispie, 145-pound junior; Danny Riley, 135-pound sophomore and Bill Cator, 140-pound sophomore.

Boys with no previous experience on the varsity are John Knudson, 150-pound sophomore; Ronald Ross, 135-pound junior, and John Campbell, 110-pound sophomore.

Last season the Greyhounds sailed through 11 straight foes before being nipped 22-19 by Kress in the Class A regionals.

The Greyhounds knocked off Claude, 38-14; Class AA Perryton, 8-0; Groom, 14-7; Pampa-B, 46-0; Clayton, 14-0; Stratford, 28-6; White Deer, 22-8; Panhandle, 21-0; Stinnett, 15-8 and Sunray, 30-20 in regular season games and blanked strong McLean of

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## Greyhounds -

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2-A, 13-0 in bi-district.

This season the Greyhounds will have two different teams in the district. White Deer and Stinnett have moved up to Class AA and Sanford-Fritch moved into the district. The Greyhounds will still play Stinnett in a non-conference game.

Gone from last year's schedule are Claude, Perryton, Pampa-B, Clayton and White Deer. Those teams were replaced by Clarendon, Canadian, Spearman, Lefors and Sanford-Fritch.

After opening at home against Clarendon Sept. 7, the Greyhounds travel to Groom Sept. 14, have an open date, then go to Canadian Sept. 28 and to Spearman Oct. 5. The second home game will be against Lefors Oct. 12.

Gruver opens the conference slate Oct. 19 at Sunray, Sanford-Fritch comes to Gruver for a conference tilt Oct. 26 and the Greyhounds travel to Panhandle for another district game Nov. 2.

Stinnett will be in Gruver Nov. 9 and the Greyhounds play their final scheduled game, a conference tilt against Stratford here Nov. 16. Stratford is the District

1-A favorite and has been ranked sixth in the state.

Gone from last year's district-winning team are three outstanding backs and the same number of linemen. Halfback Doyle Sturman, fullback Ronnie Riley and quarterback Roger Vernon will be sorely missed by the Greyhounds. All three boys started three years for the Greyhounds and all weighed around 175-pounds.

D.A. Caor, 165; Gary Winkler, 140 and Curtis Harris, 170, were all outstanding linemen. Ray Smith, a 140-pound reserve back is also gone.

Chapman, though realizing everything depended on how the young players developed, is fairly optimistic about the team's chances. "If some of our younger players develop, we could have as good a team as we had last year," he said. He told the boys the same thing in a pep talk last Sunday after equipment was issued for the first workout.

Corky picked Stratford as the team to beat and is thankful that he gets the Elks at home the last game of the season. Though Stinnett and White Deer have been the publicized teams of District 1-A for the past few years, Gruver has the best record--in the Panhandle for that matter

## Church News

This week is Sunbeam Focus Week at the First Baptist Church in Gruver. The Sunbeams met at the church Tuesday morning for visitation and then gathered at the City Park for a watermelon feast. Thursday at 3:00 they had "Christmas in August". Each Sunbeam brought a gift to be sent to Missionary Bruce Conrad, Newkirk, Okla.

Date to remember--Sept. 2, Off to College and Back to School Day.

GA Coronation was held at the church, Wednesday evening, Aug. 22.

The Brotherhood of the church voted at their last Continued on page 5

among Class A teams.

The Greyhounds, under Chapman, captured the District 1-A crown in 1958 with a 9-0 record; tied with Stinnett and Spearman for the title and compiled a 9-1 mark in 1960 and were undefeated in regular season play last season. The Greyhounds have won or tied for the district title in three of the last four years.

Tipton, newly hired head basketball coach, won state last year at White Deer. Clemmons, in addition to assisting Chapman, will coach the junior high team.

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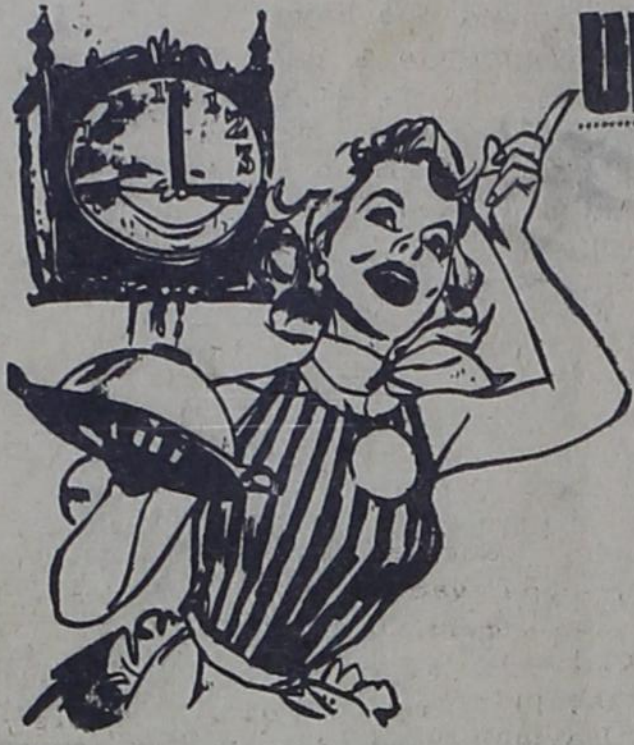
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## Local Events

Isla Fay Dozier is spending her vacation at the Roy Byrds and Junior Pinkertons. Bryn Peddy is spending the week in as preparing for fall at S.M.U. Rianna and John Cluck return home Friday summer school at U. and Mrs. L.G. ton of Bakersville, f. have been visiting the Lester Sturman e. Mr. Clayton is brother of Mrs. rman. Also Mrs. ry Johnson and child of Guymon spent day in the Sturman e. s. Homer Long and ghter Mary Donna neth were in Gruver ting in the homes of Moyne Cator and Elvin ght on Monday. r. and Mrs. Don Larrr, Donna and Steve nt the weekend with Perry Hawkins. Don Marr is the son of s. Hawkins. r. and Mrs. Joe Long Hamlin have been iting in the home of . and Mrs. Charles one. Mrs. Long is the other of Mr. Stone. r. and Mrs. E.P. rench and family from eat Bend, Kansas have en visiting in the home

of their cousin Iva McElhaney. Iva McElhaney will leave Saturday for Beatrice, Nebraska to attend her nephew's wedding. She plans to return Monday. Blanch Tabor hosted bridge club Saturday afternoon. Agatha Rafferty, Gwenfred Lackey and Mary Lee were guests. Cindy and Marcia Cutter are visiting in the home of Gay Fletcher. Reverend and Mrs. Cutter are planning to arrive here Friday. Mr. and Mrs. McClure have been visiting in the home of Mrs. W.N. Fletcher for the past two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jeffries, Janie and Mar- iana left last week for Indiana to visit with Warren's family. While there they received a call telling that Warren's nephew was killed in a car wreck in Kansas. They returned to Missouri where his nephew was buried Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erickson and Carmen and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper leave for their mountain cabin in N.M. Saturday. They will meet Charles mother, father and brother and will spend several days together. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cooper are in New Mexico on vacation for a few days. Reverend and Mrs.

Lamson, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Crawford, Sue, Jay and Linda, Mike Ralston and Reinhold Koerbel are attending the Christian Church Family camp at Cedar Glenn Canyon. Thursday evening the intermediate department of the First Christian Church went to Spearman for a bowling party. Mrs. R.Y. Jones was sponsor. Those who attended were: Dan Ralston, Virgil Bratton, Angela Cator, Amy Cator, Sue Crawford, Cindy Benson, Kathy Benson, Judy Walker, and Reinhold Koerbel. Billie Thoreson returned home from Colorado Springs Thursday. He is getting along fine. Everyone is happy to have him home again. Fran Maupin hosted bridge club Friday night. Those who attended were Messrs. and Mmes. Paul Westerfield, Linn Hart, Elmo McClellan, Jr., Don McLain and Ralph Mathis. Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Byres and Doris are visiting their son and his family in south Texas. Reverend and Mrs. Kirk and family are spending their vacation in south Texas. The laymen in the Methodist church have taken his place. Russell Parchman filled the pulpit in the Sunday morning service. Russell is Assistant Pastor and Youth Director

of the Wesley Methodist Church in Borger. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Fulfer and Joe have just returned from a vacation in Red River, N.M. Mr. and Mrs. Si Dozier returned from a vacation in Red River, N.M. Mr. and Mrs. Val Winger and Kay Winger have returned home from summer school at Texas Tech. The Gruver Clinic is the place for the oral polio vaccine. The sab-in-type vaccine will be given from 6-10 p.m. Saturday under the supervision of Dr. D.E. Hackley. The vaccine will be given to all ages for 25¢. A new business establishment in town is the W.A. (Poss) Bratton Mechanic Shop located at 312 North Womble. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sturman and Doyle have moved into their new home on Chase Street. Curtis Harris was involved in an accident in which he was run over by a piece of farm machinery. He is in the Guymon hospital. It is not thought that he was seriously hurt. Curtis is the son of I.L. Harris. Bill Chandler, Annie Ruth Gumfory, and Buddy Lowe, son of George C. Lowe, were all stung by yellow jacket wasps. They have all had to have medical care. Everyone should watch for the

wasps for they can be quite painful as well as dangerous. Miss Emily Blackstock of Brownsfield, Texas is visiting in the home of Dotty Jones. Emily is an English Major at Baylor University. Brother Porterfield of the Community Bible Church is holding a two week revival in Springfield, Missouri. Mrs. Porterfield and children are in Fort Worth visiting with her parents and will go to Springfield this week. Layman K. Beard of Amarillo filled the pulpit last Sunday. Layman George Michael of Odessa will officiate this Sunday. Mr. Clyde Barber has returned from summer school at Texas Tech. Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Reed of Spearman are the proud parents of a baby girl named Hailee Lou. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mrs. Eleanor Reed of Spearman are the grandparents. The swimming pool is closed for the winter. It has been open since May 18 and has been operated by Bill Duncan and James Dorman. **Church -** Continued from page 2 meeting to lead in our Fall Revival. Committees have been elected to work out all the details. The R.A. baseball team played the Sunray

team Saturday night. Final score-R.A.s 23-Sunray 13. Last Friday night the Junior class of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Harris for a hamburger supper. **NEW CHURCH OF CHRIST PREACHER** Newcomers to Gruver are the Reverend and Mrs. White and family. Reverend White is the new pastor of the Church of Christ. The Whites are moving to Gruver from Olton, Texas. They have two boys and one girl who will attend the Gruver school. Rev. White has been preaching for about seven years. He has held churches in both Bovina and Canadian. Rev. and Mrs. White are originally from Wellington. **ADCOCK GOING AWAY PARTY** A party was held in the American Legion building for the Reverend and Mrs. Adcock and Dwayne who plan to leave Gruver soon. The community was invited and many friends arrived to give them a warm farewell. A cookie jar was present for love gifts. The Church of Christ women served punch and doughnuts. Euline Green made a farewell speech. The community of Gruver will miss the Adcocks.

## 1962 Gruver Football Schedule

Sept. 7	Clarendon	Here
Sept. 14	Groom	There
Sept. 21	Open	
Sept. 28	Canadian	There
Oct. 5	Spearman	There
Oct. 12	Lefors	Here
Oct. 19	* Sunray	There
Oct. 26	* Sanford-Fritch	Here
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