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Members of the Building Committee of the Gruver First Baptist Church beam a welcome for area residents and friends to attend the Dedication Service to be held Sunday, April 4 at 2:30 P.M. Included in the group picture from the left are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rasor, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Schad, Mr. and Mrs. Les Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bevill and the Reverend John Denton.



PICTURED in the lovely kitchen of the new activities building are: above, left to right, Misha Davidson, Mack Hoel, Bob Gillispie, and Gordon Gross.

Baptist Set Sunday Dedicatory Program

The Gruver Baptist Church has set Sunday, April 4, as the date for the formal dedication of their new Activities Building as well as other improvements and refurbishing in the original unit of the long-established Church in Gruver.

The Activities Building of brick and concrete blocks begun in the Spring of 1975 is an imposing addition to the Baptist Church unit with Sims Metal Building Company of Perryton as the contractor. The estimated value of the new building was set at \$154,661.00. Area lighting further enhances the building site.

A special Dedication Service has been set for 2:30 P. M., Sunday, with several of the former pastors of the First Baptist Church in Gruver participating in the Sunday services. Included on the afternoon program

will be testimonies by the Building Committee including Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rasor, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Schad, Mr. and Mrs. Les Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bevill and the Reverend John Denton.

Special music will be offered at the Service by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris, Les Barkley, and Rachel Paint-

Following the inspirational program will be an Open House with members of the Building Committee serving as hosts and hostesses for the occasion.

Included in the facilities in the new Activities Building which is joined to the original building by a covered port are seven upstairs classrooms. On the main floor are two resttooms which are complete with showers for use of over-

night youth groups and guests of the Church. A spacious and well arranged modern kitchen is a highlight of the Building.

The large, spacious Fellowship Hall and Recreation Room is located at the east end of the building which also includes a smaller group room which features a fireplace.

Extensive remodeling has been completed throughout the Church unit. Many classrooms have been paneled and some walls textured. The entire Church has been carpeted adding to the inspirational atmosphere of the area. Also included in the remodeling have been the addition of five restrooms; dignified commodious study for the Pastor; and a bright roomy office area for the Church Secretary.

A much needed library with adequate shelves for all age literature and teaching material is located in the remodeled section. Three nurseries for various ages with bright youth inspired interior decor have been situated in new loca-

Also a feature of the remodeling has been the addition of a parlor area with blue flocked floral design wall paper and a lightedmirror dressing area for use of wedding parties and other special guests.

A cordial invitation and welcome have been extended to all area residents and friends of the Gruver First Baptist Church to participate in the joyful occasion of this, the Dedication Service, at 2:30 P.M., Sunday, April 4th.



Agco of Spearman, and Hansford County will have their grand opening this Saturday, at their location 2 miles East of Spearman, on the Perryton Hiway. One of the biggest features of the grand opening, will be a free barbecue, to begin at noon this Saturday. Jim Ivey, manager of AGCO will be on hand to welcome everyone to the barbecue.

Specialists in the field of animal nutrition, fertilizer and all types of field seeds, etc., will be on hand for the GRAND OPENING.

Jim and everyone at AGCO takes this means of inviting you to the free barbecue and GRAND OPENING this Saturday.

Trash Burning Ban Encouraged

Due to the present severe dry conditions and the fire hazards involved, Mayor Kenneth Irwin and the mem-Fire Department have is-

sued a plea to area residents to discontinue burning trash while these conditions existthe resultant fire may destroy something of value of yours or your neighbors!

Stolen Car Provokes Sunday Search

A young Perryton man in an unsuccessful theft of a motor vehicle became the object of a search by area law men Sunday night when he took to the fields in an attempt to escape capture late in the evening.

The calm of the Sabbeth was rudely broken about 10:00 P. M. Sunday when 19 year old Joel Franco of Perryton became the object of a search by area lawmen following the theft of a car from Perryton. Young Franco proceeded in the stolen vehicle from Perryton, traveling east to Spearman on Highway 759 where he was pursued but eluded capture by Spearman City Police Chief Wayne Maynard who was joined in the chase by Chief Deputy Sheriff Masingill and Highway Patrolmen Sims and Marshall.

An alert to Gruver City Police Chief Jimmy Ratliff resulted in a roadblock be+ ing set up about 5 1/2 miles east of Gruver. The suspect ran through the roadblock and proceeded north on Highway 207 headed toward Guy-

At approximately the location of the T. C. Harvey Feedlot, a tire blew out on Franco's stolen vehicle and he took to the fields on foot, running in a westerly direction. A search was made of the entire area for about four hours until the officers decided to call the search til morning.

At about 8:30 A. M., Monday morning, Franco appeared at the Oscar Lee home, one and one half miles west of Gruver, asking for a ride. Mrs. Lee called Chief Ratliff who asked if the man was wearing a brown shirt

and when answered in the affirmative asked to have the man held until he could get there.

Immediately upon arrival at the Lee home Chief Ratliff apprehended the man, taking him to Spearman to be charged with theft of the motor vehicle and resisting the arrest. At a late hour Monday evening, Franco remained in the Hansford County Jail.

Officers in the area should be commended for their diligence in searching for the fugitive and for warning area residents of the possible danger from the suspect when he eluded apprehension and took to the fields.

SOS For Weathermen

An important meeting of all those interested in helping in the "Weathermen" this year during the tornado and severe weather season has been set for 7:30 P.M. April 9th at the LaCasita Room of the Gruver State Bank.

A meteorologist will be present to show film and help the group organize for community action during severe weather. All those people who have CB equipment and are interested in helping are urged to attend this meeting.... 7:30 P.M., April 9th, LaCasita Room, Gruver State Bank. Be there if you would like to help.

Cuba is touched by the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

School Board Election Is Saturday

Saturday, April 3 is the time for the Gruver School Board of Trustees election -the place, the Gruver Elementary School -- the time, 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

The terms of two Board members expire this year and both of them have filed for reelection. Names on the ballot include Bill Logsdon, Jr., and Val Winger, both encumbents.

Election officials for the election which will include those in election precincts numbered 2, 3, and 4, and 7 (Hansford County) and 2 (Sherman County) are Sonny Riley as Presiding Judge; Mrs. Elsa Mae Peddy, Mrs. Carolyn Hicks, and Mrs.

Nova Lee Walker as Clerks. All voting in the Gruver School Board election will be at the Gruver Elementary

School. It is your privilege and responsibility to vote in our Gruver Schools' Election unless you have already voted absentee, show your interest in our young people and our Gruver Schools.

PTA Set For April 5

The April meeting of the Gruver PTA will be highlighted by the Choir Concert under the direction of Miss Patti Smith, Gruver Choral Director.

The meeting, called for 7:30 P.M. in the School Auditorium, will be highlighted by the appearance in concert of the 6th Grade Choir, the Junior High School Choirs and the Gruver High School Girls Choir.

Judge Rules Against

Temporary Injunction

District Judge Richard Countiss refused to grant the temporary injunction against candidates L. M. Womble and Dan Desimone being sought by Ruth Gumfory. The plaintiff, Ruth Gumfory filed suit against Womble & Desimone maintaining that they were not legally qualified to enter their names as candidates for commissioner of precinct 3 because of residence

requirement. The hearing was held at 3 p. m. in Hansford County Court-

In an earlier hearing on March 15, Countiss ruled that Mrs. Gumfory "had the right to bring suit" and also ruled that the Commissioners Court, the Democratic Executive Committee and the Democratic Chairman and the County Clerk were "necessary parties" in the suit.

NOTICE TO GRUVER RESIDENTS:

A blood pressure clinic will be held April 5th, First Christian Church, at 6 p. m. til 8 p. m., The clinic is free to the public. The Happy Hearts Home Demonstration Club will sponsor the clinic, and the American Heart Assoc. of Hansford County.

For further information contact Harry Stumpf Pres. American Heart Association, bers of the Gruver Volunteer Phone 659-2109, Spearman



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NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN - No credit extended to Hardesty & Langston will be honored unless approved by me in writing. James B. Langston, Jr., Box 1028, Guymon, Okla. 73942. 24-2tc

Card of Thanks

Dear Friends in Gruver.

Words do not come easy at a time when we want to express our appreciation for all the many kindnesses you have done. So many have done so much and we will be forever grateful. To all of you who were so kind to bring food, flowers, cards, phone calls, words of sympathy, financial aid, and especially your prayers and love, we are so thankful. It is difficult to enumerate the many deeds that were so meaningful to all of us. To try and thank you would be impossible so we just ask God's richest blessings upon each one of you. Friends mean so much and your love and concern has helped lighten the load during our heartbreak and sorrow. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Jo, Rhonda, and Ron Riley Earl and Hollie Riley Ona McClenagan

The Dean McClenagans The Richie Fletchers The Chan Foster Family

To all those people in-volved in helping fight and haul water in the fire March 23, we want to say "THANK YOU". Without the help of all you wonderful folks the fire would have been much worse.

The Wes Whitaker Family

We want to thank all those who gave so gen-erously of their time and equipment, the fire dep-.. tments, water truck and maintenance equipment to put out the fire on the Cator ranch Tuesday and also those who helped to fight the fire.

Bob Cluck & Mrs. La Moyne Cator

Political Announcements

The Gruver Statesman is authorized to announce the candidacy of the foll-owing candidates for public office, subject to the action of the voters in the May Primary Elections FOR COUNTY COMMISS -IONER

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Speaker For Greyhound

A Dallas Cowboy Coach from Paris, Texas, has been selected to speak at the annual Greyhound Athletic Banquet to be held April 20th. Gene Stallings, a defensive backfield, who is now a full time defensive backfield Coach for the Cowboys will be the keynote speaker for the evening, according to Mrs. Pat Holt for the Gruver Greyhounds' Mothers Club.

Banquet

Other highlights of the evening will be the naming of the outstanding Greyhound athletes for the year along with the announcement of the winners in the three drawings which are being sponsored by the Mothers' Club. Prizes include a \$50 Savings Bond, donated by the Gruver State Bank, and two season tickets for all the Greyhound home games. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the

Greyhound Mothers' Club. An April 9th deadline has been set for reservations for the Banquet this year and tickets for \$5 each may be purchased from Mrs. Sis Gross or Mrs. Mavis Hart. Only adult tickets will be sold for the Banquet which is open this year to the members of the newly formed Gruver Greyhound Booster Club as well as parents of

the Gruver Athletes. Gruver Youth istrators from across the Place At

Rodeo

The Muleshoe Tri-State Rodeo was held in Clovis, New Mexico arena March 26, 27, and 28 with several from Gruver attending. All-around honors at Muleshoe went to Dan Ellis of Muleshoe and Tammy Cleve- Band Concert because of land of Dumas. Team tro-

phies went to the Muleshoe Boys and the Dumas Girls. Coveted Sportsmanship trophies went to Leslyn Mc-Lain of Gruver and Clay

Fowler of Hereford. Placing for the Gruver Girls were Teresa Cluck, 1st in Barrels, 5th in Goat Tying; Candy Thoreson, 2nd in Poles and 4th in Bar-

rels; Leslyn McLain, split 3rd and 4th in steer riding. Gruver Boys participating included Buster Davis, 5th in Steer Wrestling; David Armes, 5th in Team Rop-

The Gruver Girls are currently leading the year in team points while the Gruver Boys occupy second place next to Muleshoe. Officers for this year in the Gruver Club are Buster Davis, president; David Armes, vice president; Candy Thoreson, secretary; Leslyn Mc-

Gruver youth plan to participate in the Claude Rodeo April 9th, 10th, and

Lain, treasurer.

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Pictured lining up for the recent Immunization Clinic held at the Gruver School are Mrs. Randy Brown and children, Christy, Chad, and Brendy. Aiding with the paper work of the Clinic were Gruver PTA members Mrs. B. J. Renner, Mrs. Howard Hinton, and Mrs. Rodney Clawson. GHS Senior Brian McMellian registers for his "shots".

Immunization Clinic Held

Mrs. Mozelle McClellan, Gruver School Nurse, has reported that close to 200 persons received immuniza tion shots at the recent Clinic ba, R. N., also from the held at the Gruver Schools. The free clinic was conducted by Mrs. McClellan

who was assisted by Mary E. Carrea, State Department of Health and Berlinda Ley-State Department of Health. Gruver PTA members:

Mrs. B. J. Renner, Mrs. Howard Hinton and Mrs. Rodney Clawson assisted with the registering and the paper work involved in the clinic.

All Region Band Concert Held Here

Region I, Class CC Junior High All Region Band which is sponsored by the Band Division of the Texas Music Educators Association performed in Concert at the Gruver School Auditorium at 7:30 P.M., Saturday, March 27.

Approximately 300 parents, teachers, and adminarea were present for the Concert. Schools represented in the All-Region Band included Dalhart, Phillips, Vega, Sanford-Fritch, Sunray, Shamrock, Spearman, Clarendon, Stratford, White Deer, Panhandle, Canadian, Stinnett, and the host, Gruver.

The Gruver site was selected for the First Annual Junior High All-Region the fine facilities available at the Gruver Schools.

Outstanding Band Direc tor Mrs. Marjorie Hemphill of Coweeta, Oklahoma (a suburb of Tulsa), was the event. Included on the program were five selections, "Winchester March" by John Edmondson; "Chester" by William Billings, arranged by Gerald Tolmage; "Lethbridge Overture" by James D. Ployhar; "Bad, Bad LeRoy Brown" by Jim Croce, arranged by Elliot Gilman; and the concluding popular "Rhinestone Cowboy" by Campbell.

Clinician for the All-Region

Among those from Spearman in the All-Region Band were April Pearcy, Flute; Deanne Baker, Connie Etheredge, Clarinets; Patti Short, Alto Clarinet; Dawn Bridges, Vicky Kyler, Alto Saxophone; Leisa Merril, Baritone Saxophone; James Pierce, David West, French Horn; Chris Bodey, Wayne Meek Cornets; Susan Steele, David Hall, Baritones; Stan Sherwood, Randy Stafford, Trombones; Kevin Kirk, Tuba; James Bulls, Snare. Included from Gruver

Clarinet: Renee Lamberson. Bass Clarinet; Cheryl Nelson, Doug Andersen, French Horn; Clifton Peddy, John York, Baritone; Kristi Holt, Mallets. The Boys 120 High Hurdles A reception was held honor-

Sparks, Melinda Davidson.

ing Mrs. Marjorie Hemphill in Amarillo following the Concert Saturday night. Mrs. Hemphill was recently elected "Outstanding Woman Band Director of the Year" by Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Sorority. She is in constant demand as a clinician. A resident of Coweeta, Oklahoma, she formerly resided in Amarillo and was one of the organizers of the Greater Southwest Music Festival, an annual affair held each Spring in Amarillo.

Gruver was honored to have hosted such a fine program and Gruver Band Director Damon Ladd wishes to thank all those who put in time and effort toward making it such a tremendous success.

Tinder Dry Farm Land Burns

were Shellye Barnes, Shelly

Between 1500 to 2000 acres of farmland was swept by a fire Tuesday which started about nine miles south of Gruver near the Rock Island Railway right-of-way searing fields, and endangering dwellings as it burned south to within 4 and 1/2 miles of Gruver.

Firemen from Gruver, Spearman, Sunray, and Morse along with area residents battled the blaze which started about 1:00 P.M. and was brought under control around 6:00 P.M. only to break out once more about 7:15 P.M. to be battled until about 11:00 P.M. when the blaze was once more quelled. A third break-out occurred Wed, morning and once more overcome.

Along with battling the blaze the firemen were forced to combat wind gusts between 40 and 50 miles per hour during the Tuesday fire which destroyed grassland and fields belonging to Gid Nobles, Wes Whitaker, Roy Kauffman as well as several acres belonging to T. J. Bergin. Farm dwellings of these families were endangered at various times

during the fire. The tinder dry conditions along with the variances in winds and severe types of weather have produced

an emergency situation in the area which should be of concern to each of the residents with everyone

Music Club Enjoys Dance Program

The Gruver Music Club met Tuesday, March 23rd, at the Fellowship Hall of the Gruver United Methodist Church with Mrs. Archie Nelson, president, leading the group in the reading of the Federation Collect.

Mrs. Nelson also introduced Teresa Hargis, the program celebrity from Spearman. Teresa conducts "Teresa's Dance Studio" and she and some of her students presented the delightful afternoon program. The first number was a tap dance routine by Suzanne Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Hart, who danced to the tune of "Goodie, Goodie".

Pam and Rodney Dale Clawson, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Clawson, offered an acrobatic routine to the music of "How The West Was Won". The third number presented was by Miss Jill McLain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McLain of Spearman who offered a tap dance routine consisting of several different rhythms.

Teresa Hargis, the dance instructor, offered the closing number, a tap dance routine to the tune of "Yankee Doodle". These numbers along with others will be presented at a recital, May 9th in Spearman.

Mrs. Bob Gillispie gave the Current Musical Note for the day and after the regular order of business, Mrs. Fred Meyer closed the meeting with the meditation. Hostesses for the program were Mesdames: Mack Hoel, Keith Lamb, and Val Winger.

The next program will be presented April 13th.

Welcome Gruver weekend guests were the Bruce Ewings and family, Sheila and Kip, from Newton, Kansas with Bruce leading a revival at Balko before arriving for a visit with his brother and family, the Bob Ewings.

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taking extra precautions against the possibility of fire at all times.

Dorman came in 3rd with with 65.6, the event won by J. Osborn of Sunray, 61.2. Powers of Hartley time of 27.1. Leslyn Mc-Lain placed 4th in the 60 yard dash with a time of 7.4, the event won by Abbe of Dalhart, 7.2. Doughten of Stinnett won

The Gruver Girls' 880 yard Relay Team of Kelli Hart, Tracy Hart, Joy York, and Misha Davidson earned 5th with a time of 1:59.6, won by Canadian, 1:54.6. Powers of Hartley won 1st in the 100 yard Dash with 11.3. Leslyn McLain placed 5th in the 880 yard run with a time of 2:46.1, won by Throckmorton of Stinnett,

taking 2nd place with a time of 4:24.4, won by Sunray with a time of members include Sherry

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Twelve Teams In Relays

In spite of high winds and inclement weather, the Gruver Greyhound Relays were held Friday and Saturday this past weekend with Sunray Boys earning a 1st place with 93 points.

The Gruver Greyhounds placed 8th in the field of twelve, tying with the Spearman Lynx, each earning a total of 24 points.

The Gruver 440 Relay

Team of Jerry Curlee, Jim Curlee, Tout, and Breland came in 5th with a time of 46.2, the event won by Fritch with a time of 45.4. Gibson of Gruver placed 4th in the Boys 880 yard Dash with a time of 2:13.2,

the event won by Summerville of Dalhart, 2:11.2. was won by Steele of Spearman in a time of 16.0 and the 100 yard dash, Ramirez of Dalhart with a time of 10.2. Stine of Fritch won pst in the 440 yard Dash with a time of 51.9.

Gammon of Gruyer plac ed 6th in the 330 Intermediate Hurdles with a time of 47.6, won by Hunnicut

of Sunray, 43.2. Breland and Curlee both placed in the 220 yard Dash earning a 5th and 6th place respectively with time of 23.5 and 23.6, won by Howard of Fritch, 23.2.

Gross earned a 3rd place in the Boys Mile Run with a time of 5:09.4, won by Byer of Fritch, 5:08.3. The Gruver Mile Relay Team of Jim Curlee, Jerry Curlee, Brad Hardesty, and David Remmel earned a 6th place in that event Saturday with a time of 3:46.3, won by Dalhart, 3:38.4.

In the Field Events, Keasler of Sunray placed 1st in the High Jump with 5°10"; McMellian of Gruver placed 6th in the Shot Put with Hammons of Stinnett taking the event with 49°6 1/4". Burrus of Follett earned a 1st in the Discus with 136'1" and Booker's Guffy earned 1st in the Long Jump with 20°2". Gruver took 5th and 6th places in the Pole Vault with Dryden and Gammon, 1st place going to Trussel of Sunray with 13°6".

Girls Finish 2nd At Local Relays

In a tightly matched field of twelve contenders, the Gruver girls placed 2nd at the two-day Gruver Greyhound-hosted Relays held this past weekend. Sunray earned the championship trophy with 67 points; Gruver, 2nd, 65; Stinnett, 3rd, 64; followed by Canadian with 62; Fritch and Spearman, each with 56; Dalhart, 47; Stratford 38; Hartley 34; Phillips, 25; Boise City 8; and Follett 5.

The Gruver Girls 440 Relay team of Sherry Morris, Tracy Hart, Leslyn McLain, and Mittie Green placed 3rd with a time of 53, 45, the event won by Dalhart

with a time of 53.1. In the 440 yard Dash, Bev 65, 0 and Mittie Green, 5th won the 220 yard Dash in a the 80 yard Hurdles with 11.0.

2:39.1.

The Gruver Girls were edged in the Mile Relay, 4:20.8. The Mile Team Morris, Bey Dorman, San-

dra Ross, and Mittie Green. Gruver Girls placing in Field events included Lucy Smith and Brenda Dahl who placed 3rd and 6th respec tively in the Shot Put with 32 1 1/2" and 31' 1/4", the event won by Cullender of Canadian, 35' 6 1/4". Greene of Spearman won 1st in the Triple Jump with 35° 1 1/4".

Julie Barkley earned a 2nd in the High Jump with 4°10", the event won by Doughten of Stinnett, 5°1". Eva Holt and Lucy Smith placed 5th and 6th in the Discus with Purdue of Fritch earning 1st with 108° 4". Greene of Spear man won 1st in the Long Jump with 16° 11 1/2".

Gruverite Pictured on Folder

Lee Westerfield, daughter of the Paul Westerfield of Gruver, was recently pic tured on a folder from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, extolling the advantages of a 1976 Bicentennial Year "Outdoor Education Short Course" to be offered at the University May 22nd through the 28th, entitled "God and His Great Outdoors".

Miss Westerfield, who is a Freshman at the University, will be participating in the two-hour college credit course which will include areas of exposure to archery, sailing, canoeing, hunter's safety, trapshooting, environmental appreciation. marlen spike seamanship, hiking, and demonstrations with limited participation in rappeling and scuba diving for those interested.



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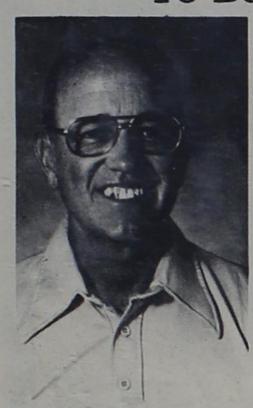




Couple To Be Honored On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben TeBeest will be honored with an anniversary reception 42 years, Sunday, April 4, from 2:00 to 5:00 in the home of their son Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne TeBeest, 202 Van Kurt, Gruver, Texas. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. No gifts please.

Girls' Basketball Camp To Be Here



F. G. Crofford An announcement has been made by F. G. Crofford, Girls' Coach at Gruver High School, that he will be conducting a Basketball Camp for girls right here in Gruver, June 14th through the 18th. Girls who will be in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades next school year, 1976-77, will be eligible to attend. The fee for the camp is

\$35,00 which will include camp instruction, a Tshirt with the student's name, injury insurance,

and some swimming. Camp will begin each morning at 8:30 A.M. and run until 11:30 A.M.; and from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Coach Crofford plans to teach the basic fundamentals of the game. He will also stress hard work and correct attitudes. One instructor for each 10 girls is included in the camp set-up and these instructors will be well qualified personnel. Girls from area

girls from Gruver and Spearman and the immediate area. Each girl will have to furnish her own work-out clothes and shoes and, if from outof-town, either housing and board, or commuting trans-

towns will be here to take

part in the camp along with

portation. An application blank is printed in the paper for your convenience or one may pick up application blanks

Couple To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Altman of Plains, Texas annouce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jena Luann, to Ricky Joe Easter, son of Mr. Joe Easter of Gruver and Mrs. Aloha Easter of Elk City, Oklahoma. The couple will be married at 7:30 P.M., April 10 in the First Baptist Church of Plains with Rev. Glenn Harlin officiating. Jena is a Senior at Plains High School and Ricky, a 1974 graduate of Gruver High School. He is employed on a farm near Plains.

New County

Work Here

Hansford County will

have a new county agent beginning April 1, acc-ording to Judge Johnnie

The new agent is Jimmy Kuykendall.

He is a graduate of West

Texas State University,

and was assistant county

for two years before being

agent of Lamb County

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Kuykendall attended

public schools in Fritch

for eight years and his

He is 29 years old.

wife is also from Fritch.

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at Coach Crofford's office in the Gruver Greyhound Gym.

This Camp will be held in the Elementary Gym. If further information is needed, one may contact Coach Crofford at the Gruver School, 806-733-2041 or 806-733-2452 at his home.

Coach Crofford plans to teach a lot of basketball and at the same time have a lot of summer fun. All applications should be in by May

This is the first time in quite a few years that a Basketball Camp has been slated for this immediate area and should prove to be of great value not only to area girls but to many from other parts of Texas and neighboring states.

And save time for a Baby Shower honoring Mrs. Jerry (Gail) Hamby at the home of Mrs. Jim Stuck, also on Saturday, April 10 with guests to call between the hours of 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at 909 S. King.

A PPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT AT GRUVER BASKETBALL CAMP - JUNE 14 THROUGH 18

I/We the parents of the below named camp member, hereby give my/our approval to her participation in all activities of Gruver Basketball Camp. I/We assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from the activities: and I/We do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the local organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants and school for any claim arising out of an injury to my/our daughter, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause.

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Engagement Announced

Mrs. Juanita Bassett, Loraine, announces the engagement of her daughter, Diane Kasinger, to Lyn Alan Heath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winson Virgil Heath of Plantation, Florida, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Collins Heath of Gruver.

The couple plan a June 18th wedding. Both are students at Lubbock Christian College.

Our Heritage of Faith...

notes from Oslo Lutheran Church

You are invited to share a joyous day with Mr. and Mrs. Rueben TeBeest on Sunday, April 4 which is the 42nd Anniversary of their marriage. The reception will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne TeBeest, 202 Von Kurt, Gruver, Texas. The reception will be from the hours of 2 - 5 pm. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. No gifts please!

Holy Week will begin on Palm Sunday with confirma tion for four of our youth. They are: Douglas Andersen. Mike Hadley, Larry Abla, & Rhett Schaef. These youth have been in study for the past two years on the doctrines of the church.

Agent Begins Good Friday will see a Tenebrae service at Oslo beginning at 7:30. The Tenebrae is a service of darkness in which we consider in depth the meaning of the suffering of our Lord in our behalf. We invite you to share in this special service.

Easter Day Worship will be at 11 am., with Holy Communion. We hope our youth that may be home for Easter will use this special opportunity to join together with the congregation in the receiving of this special Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The General Meeting of our Women will be on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:30 in the Parish Hall of the Church. We urge you to plan to attend!

If you have no church home, we invite you to worship with us at Oslo. Each Sunday we have our study period beginning at 9:45 with classes for all ages. Worship is at 11 am.

April Is Cancer Control Month

The month of April has been proclaimed as Cancer Control Month for Hansford County and each citizen's support of the American Cancer Society's Crusade is urged to fight cancer. According to plans aid

at last week's Hansford Unit ACS meet, the educational and fund-raising cancer crusade will be launched with a state goal of \$5,000,000 set. Members of the ACS Board were present at the meeting which was conducted by Hansford Unit president Judge Johnny Lee at the home of Mrs. Ted McClellan in Gruver. Cancer is actually the common foe of every man,

woman, and child, and will strike 32, 500 Texans this year. Although accurate figures are not available for Hansford County, rough approximations for like a community with a community population figure of 10, 000 -- a bit high perhaps for Hansford County but the closest approximate figures available -- indicates that 74 people in Hansford County are alive, cured of cancer; that there are 43 cases under medical care in the year 1976; that 15 will die of cancer in 1976 and that

cancer this year." Of this number nine people will be saved from cancer in 1976. An estimated 2,500 people will eventually develop cancer in our County and of this number 1,500 will ultimately die of cancer if the present rates con-

there will probably be an

estimated 28 new cases of

Governor Dolph Briscoe signed a proclamation earlier this month designating April as Cancer Control Month in Texas. Governor Briscoe urged all citizens to "observe, participate, and support the ACS's educational and fund-raising

Participating in the April Cancer Control Month in Hansford County will be many volunteers from Spearman, Oslo Community, Morse, Hitchland, and Gruver. ACS volunteers -- your neighbors and friends -- will be visiting homes throughout the County and distributing educational pamphlets with life-saving information.

Heading the year's drive as Crusade Chairman is Mrs. James Stedje at Gruver, who is a past master at conducting the campaign having served in this important capacity for many years and having, with the aid of the many volunteers in our County, set high records each year in the Crusade.

Volunteers for the various areas in the County according to Crusade Chairman Stedje include Mrs. Medord DeCamp from Hitchland; Mrs. Frances Loftus and Mrs. Charlene Bulls, Spearman; Mrs. D. L. Womble and Mrs. Lynn Davis, Morse.

Blood Pressure Clinic Slated

Members of the Happy Hearts Home Demonstration Club are sponsoring a free blood pressure clinic for anyone in the Gruver area to be held at the First Christian Church in Gruver, April 5th between the hours of 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. If anyone needs a ride in

order to take advantage of this free blood pressure clinic, call 733-2286, and a ride will be provided for you, to and from the Clinic.

Enjoying a mini visit from daughter, Merilee and family, Myles Nuttall and daughter Megan, from Leadville, Colorado have been the Bill Maupins. Interesting it is to note that Merilee now writes an "Epicurean Edibles" for the Leadville paper there.



TANYA WESTERFIELD Former Gruverite, Trophy Winner

A former Gruverite along with a fellow teammate was recently honored at a dinner in Borger which noted the conclusion of this season's basketball team competition.

Mrs. Steve (Tanya Mashburn) Westerfield, formerly of Gruver, and team mate Paula Lilly, both

valuable members of the Fishettes', were named to the Fishettes' "hustle award" and Tanya was voted the Team's most valuable play-

The women placed second in the Amarillo Women's League play and had a record of 14-6 for a season record.

Harmony Club Hosts Mother-Daughter Banquet

The Gruver Harmony Club held their annual Mother-Daughter Banquet Monday, March 22, with the members and their guests gathering at 7:30 P.M. at the Fellowship Hall of the Gruver United Methodist Church.

Thirty four guests were greeted with the theme, "Harmony Is Togetherness" effectively using Raggedy Andys to carry out the chosen idea. Special guests included Gruver Music Club president Mrs. Archie Nelson and Harmony Club Sponsors, Mrs. Keith Lamb

and Mrs. Del Cluck. Following the Invocation given by Kelley Hadley, the guests were welcomed by the Harmony Club president Beth Holt. The response was given by Mrs. Keith Lamb and Mrs. Del Cluck.

After the delicious meal, served by the United Methodist Women, the Hymn of the Month was presented by Nanette Cluck with Callie Barkley giving the "Thought of the Day". Mrs. Pat Holt gave a reading entitled "A Tribute to All Daughters" and Beth Holt gave a reading "What Mo-

thers Are". The entertainment for the evening was given by Tina Clawson accompanied by Mrs. Del Cluck. The Benediction was given by Tami Miller.

Sweet music will fill the air Monday night as members of the 6th Grade Choir. the Junior High Choirs, and the Gruver High School Girls' Choir present their annual Spring Concert at the 7:30 P.M., P.T.A., meeting in the Auditorium.

ACS Dollars in Service The American Cancer Society is not all prevention and research. Your Crusade dollars also support several rehabilitation programs helping patients recover physically and emotionally from cancer surgery.

Cancer Crusade Set The Annual Cancer Cru-

sade will be kicked off in the Hansford County area April 5th with Mrs. James Stedje of Gruver being nam ed as Hansford Unit 1976 Crusade Chairman.

In Spearman, Mrs. Garland Head, Mrs. Alva Garner, and Mrs. Joel Lee Lackey are the cooperating chairman for the Crusade and in Morse, Mrs. D. M. Womble and Mrs. Lynn Davis are co-chairmen for the Morse area.

Mrs. Medford DeCamp of Hitchland is the Chairman for that area and Mrs. Stedje will be assisted in the Gruver area by Mrs. Ted McClellan and Mrs. Edna Cluck.

The April Crusade for the Hansford area with every man, woman, and child having a personal stake in the outcome -- give so that others can live when the Cancer Crusade volunteers contact you.

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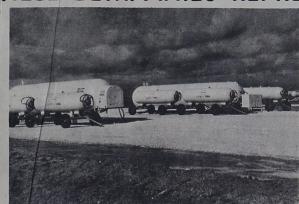






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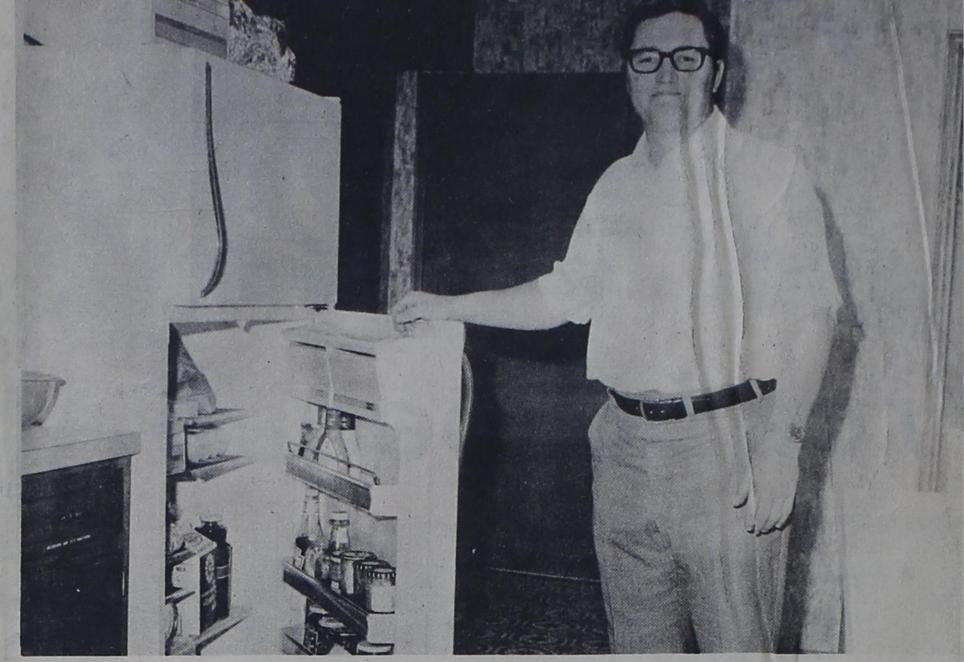




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Hospital News

Patients in Hansford
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Etling, Faye Davis,
Carolyn Coleman, Eunice
Richards, Kenneth Bullard,
Rose Beck, David Lesly,

Linda Mathson, Linda

Patricial Volden, Rosa

Ed Wheeler and Mattie

Davis were transferred to

Amarillo Hospital. Mrs.

Pierce and Mary Miesner.

Latta and daughter,

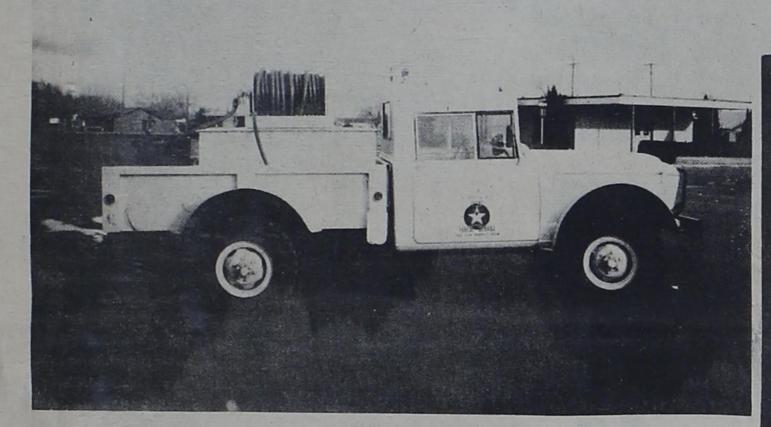
Pettitt, W. S. Jones,
Opal Jones, Ruth Garner,
Margaret Valdez and
son, Vera Campbell,
Jerry Ross, Peggy Carroll,
Mary Cornelius, Betty
Welch and Charles Perry.
Dismissed were Jo
McLaughlin, Cora Nichols,

Forecast for showers and more showers in the Gruver area -- social variety that is with an Anticipation Coffee honoring Mrs. Jim (Mandy) Derington slated for Tuesday afternoon, April 6, with guests to call at the home of the Kermit McKees between

the 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. hour.

Forecast for showers and more showers in the Gruver area--the social variety that is, with a Pink and Blue affair being planned to honor Mrs. Steve (Jessie Smith) Ryan at the Fellowship Hall of the Gruver Church of Christ--guests

of 1000 to 11:00 A.M.
Saturay.
Reseve time for a Baby
Showe honoring Mrs. Tony
(Lee Cuck) Harper on Saturday, April 10th with
guests t call at the country hom of the Leon Hobbs
betweenthe hours of 3:00 to 5:00 I M.



Fire Truck on Loan from the Texas Foresty Service in use by the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department until the new equipment arrives.

Fire Fighting Equipment Augmented

Two firefighting pieces of equipment are presently in service in the Gruver area, on loan from the Texas Forestry Service, one a four-wheel drive rural fire fighting truck and the other an 800 gallon tank truck for fire emergencies.

These trucks, on loan,
will be replaced in the near
future by the truck now being built expressly for the
Gruver Fire Department
which was purchased by the
4,000 tickets sold by the
Volunteer Fire Department

cipating include Chief Po-

lice Jimmy Ratliff, Troy

Waddell, Harley Murrell, Paul Westerfield, John Gib-

son, Ray Morrison, Sonny

Riley, Wilburn Webster,

George Paul Odom, and

ful that these men along

with others in the area are

giving up many hours that

they may be in a position

to better qualify themselves

Be aware and most grate-

Les Hart.

Local Men Participate In EMT Course Volunteer Fire Department for chances on a half a Harmony Clause Girls Enjoy

Ten Gruver men are participating in the Emergency Medical Technician Course being offered by Amarillo College in Spearman. The 130 hour course which began March 1st and will be concluded June 4th involves 40 hours of actual experience in the Hansford County Hospital in Spearman: 16 hours experiencing actual emergency case treatment at the Emergency Center of Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo as well as classroom instruction.

The men involved, all volunteers who receive no remuneration for their efforts, will be equipped to provide better emergency care for area residents upon completion of this most time-consuming and valuable para-medic course.

Those from Gruver parti-

to help you when help is needed. The Statesman salutes them for taking the step beyond the call of duty.

It Could Be You
About 54 million Americans

now living are expected to get some form of cancer during their lifetime. Give to the American Cancer Society to support its programs of research, education and service to the cancer patient.

Donnie Johnson On Honor Roll

AMARILLO -- Donnie D.
Johnson was recently named to the Vice-President's
Honor Roll at the Mid-Continent Campus of Texas
State Technical Institute,
according to Lovell A. Pillow, General Manager of
the Amarillo Campus.
Membership to the Vice-

President's Honor Roll is attained by maintaining a 3.5

grade average.

Donnie is majoring in

Welding and Fabrication and
is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

N. B. Johnson of 118 King,

Gruver, Texas and is a graduate of Gruver High School.

At the recent drawing Wilburn Webster and the Holt Brothers were the lucky ticket holders for a half a beef each on the large beef donated by Caprock for the drawing.

Harmony Club Girls Enjoy Patriotic Program

Members of the Gruver
Harmony Club met Thursday,
March 11th for a patriotic
meeting entitled "Spirit of
"76" which was begun with
the group singing of our
National Anthem and the repeating of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After the Junior Hymn & and the Junior Pledge, Beth Holt, president, led the order of business. A patriotic reading was given by Candy Thoreson. Tonya McCord offered the Thought of the Day which was followed by the Junior Collect.

The evening was concluded with a hot dog supper hosted by Kelley Hadley, Tomi Mills, and Tracie Womack.

Highlighting the weekend activities in the Gruver area is the special Dedication program at the Gruver First Baptist Church which has been set for 2:30 P.M. Sunday with many former residents and pastors of the Gruver Church present for the occasion.



Dedication Service

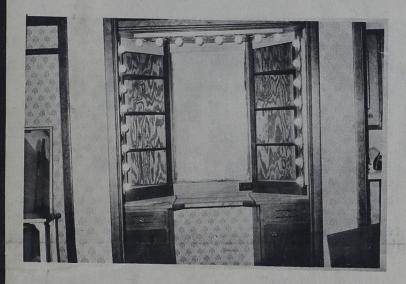


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