

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

Highlights from the Past to the Present visits with one of the more recent pioneers of the county. This couple make their home in Gruver, and are the oldest couple in the city. We are talking about the Ayres Family.

Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Ayres Sr. were married on March 23 of 1902 in Pontotac, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, in the home of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. P.W. Kimbrough. Mr. Ayres was born in 1877 near Sherman Texas. Mrs. Ayres was born in 1882 near Clinton, Missouri.

Before their marriage Mr. Ayres farmed in partnership with his brother Virgil Ayres in the Indian Territory. Virgil married first and the two decided to dissolve partnership. Mr. I.W. Ayres priced his brother's share of the land, farm house and all for \$25 and purchased it. There fore he set out on his own to make a living later to marry.

Upon marriage the couple settled in the Oklahoma Territory to make their home on Mr. Ayres's farm. Two daughters were born to the couple while they lived in the territory. They were Charmin and Vivian.

In 1905 the couple and two children moved to Cooke County Texas where they settled on a farm. There Mr. Ayres did his share of blacksmith work on the side. The remaining five children were born to the couple in Cooke County. These children were J.M., I.W., twin daughters, Aline and Pauline and Edith.

The children walked two miles to school in the small community of Liberty Hill. After school and during the summer all the children passed their time away working in the fields. The main crop was cotton and the children did their share of picking and chopping. At picking time the cotton was taken to the gins by wagon and team.

The activities for the Ayres family were usually carried out during the holidays. Christmas was always celebrated at the church with a tree for the children. There was an annual 4th of July Picnic which was held in one of the communities in the area. The Labor Day Picnic was one of the outstanding activities for it was held in Gainsville and coincided with the County Fair. There were always carnivals and rides for the children at the Fair. There were some play parties on Saturday and Sunday night the families usually joined for a singing party.

Mrs. Ayres was a good mother and was active in civic work. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club of Cooke County. At one time she was nominated and won being the mother with the "most improved kitchen" through her Home Demonstration Work.

The relatives were always welcome in the Ayres home as well as the neighbors. Enjoyable times were remembered by the children as the families would gather together.

The Family will never forget the first airplane they saw which landed in the Ayres pasture. The family was excited and a bit scared. The occupants of the plane were the neighbors relatives. The ayres family were offered rides in the plane but Mrs. Ayres was the only one to accept.

In 1925 the Ayres family made their first trip to Hansford County where they visited the Dozier family who had been their neighbors in Cooke County. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres were quite enthused over the Panhandle Country and the County of Hansford and made plans to move to Hansford County. Mr. Ayres bought one half section of land from Mr. Payne in the summer of 1926 and moved to this land in October of 1926.

The family packed their Model T truck and set out for their new land. With all dirt roads ahead of them they faced bad roads with the rainy conditions and were not far from Cooke County when they discovered they truck was over loaded and were required to leave part of their belongings with a farmer near Munster, Texas, to return later for it. Ten long days were spent on the road to their new home. Their small son I.W. Jr. was the only child to accompany them on the trip and move. They moved to a three room home with two rooms used for a bedroom and one for a kitchen. The house was heated by a coal stove.

Mrs. Ayres did her cooking on a coal oil stove. They had no refrigerator but stored their milk and butter in the well house. The home had a windmill for the farm when they moved there. Most of the shopping for supplies were done in Texhoma.

The Ayres farm was eight miles to the west of what is now Gruver. Their home was in the Lakeside Community. I.W. Jr. attended school at the Lakeside Country School and later transferred to Gruver when the school was built.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayres joined the Church of Christ together while they lived in Gainesville. They are members of the Church of Christ of Gruver. Before Gruver established their churches the Ayres family attended the church which was held in the bank building which was located where Ward Supply is now.

When Mr. and Mrs. Ayres first moved to the county, Mrs. Ayres was approached quite often with the question by neighbors, "How could she leave her children". She always replied that they would follow them and they did.

Row crops and wheat were the farming products on the Ayres farm. During the summer, the harvest boys from Gainsville would come to the Ayres home to help with the harvest. Mrs. Ayres took on the extra work of washing and cooking for the men with no thought of extra work. The grain harvested was freighted to Texhoma to be sold.

The Ayres family were instrumental in starting the hotel in Gruver. I.W. Ayres Sr. Carl and Charmin Lyle, J.M. Ayres, Pauline Winger and Alfred Henderson built the hotel in 1944 and it was completed and opened in June of 1954. The hotel still remains in the Ayres family as J.M. and Pauline are still owners.

True were Mrs. Ayres' words when she said her children would follow them to the county of Hansford. Only two of the children live out of the county now. Mrs. Aline Henderson, Mrs. Charmin Lyle, Mrs. Pauline Winger, Mrs. Vivian Green, and I.W. Ayres Jr. all make their home in Gruver. Mrs. Edith Odum makes her home in Denison Texas while J.M. Ayres makes his home in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayres have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1952 and their 60th Wedding Anniversary in 1962. They are proud of their twenty-one grandchildren and thirty-nine great grandchildren.

Pioneer Families such as the Ayres Family who have come in later years make up the continuing growth of the county. They struggled through dust storms, depression, and bleak winter weather to make their way to be a well known Hansford County Family.



Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Ayres Sr.

WHEAT VOTE TUESDAY

Wheat farmers go to the polls Tuesday, May 21, to cast what shapes up as the most important vote they have ever been faced with.

The issue is, of course, federal controls on wheat.

The issue of "what is best for the farmer" is almost forgotten. The entire situation has been turned into a political battleground and a hot battle is in prospect.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman and most of the national wheat organizations are favoring the plan but the powerful Farm Bureau is dead set against the program.

The final victory will not necessarily go to the majority. Two important factors in the voting law make the outcome unpredictable. 1. A two-thirds majority vote is needed to approve the referendum. 2. Farmers with only 15 acres of wheat will be eligible to vote.

With such an arrangement, 65% of the farmers could favor the program, but it would still fail. Also, with the small grower involved,

the bill could either pass or fail with only a small percentage of the total acres controlling the vote.

Farm Bureau, head by the big storage people, believes that a new program, more suitable to farmers, will be enacted if this vote fails.

Those pulling for the referendum are afraid that a "No" vote will drop prices and throw the wheat farmer into a crisis period.

Politics is sure to play a big part on both sides. The issue basically goes back to the Republican-Democrat, or Conservative-Liberal issues and federal controls.

The farmer has been under some type of control since the depression days of 1933. The battle between the two forces has been raging since then but has become more intense in the past few years.

For instance in the last vote only 68.4 percent of the farmers on a national scale favored government quotas. The figure was 70.7 in Texas. More than 80 percent had favored quotas in the five previous years.

Baccalaureate and Graduation Scheduled

Baccalaureate Services will be held Sunday May 19th in the High School Auditorium. The services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Kenneth Nordin of the Sherman Baptist Church of the Plant will deliver the message. The Invocation will be brought by Reverend R.L. Kirk of the Gruver Methodist Church.

The Seniors will be the honored group at the morning church service. The benediction will be delivered by Brother Alfred White of the Church of Christ of Gruver.

The graduation exercises will be held Thursday May 23rd at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

The commencement will include the speeches of the Validictorian, Sammie Cluck and the Salutarian Tony Shapley.

The highlight of the exercises will come when Reinhold Korbel exchange student from Germany will present his impression of his year in the United States.

The service will be opened with an invocation by Robert Nordin. The diplomas will be presented to the graduating seniors by Mr. W.H. Willoughby, Superintendent of Gruver Schools.

Mother's day lunch in the Bob Brooks home included visitors, Pinkey Brooks and son Mike of Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Harris, Opal Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Brooks.

Guests in the R.L. Thom home during the past week were Mrs. Ed Mead, Mrs. Katy Pooler and Mrs. Janet Ferguson of Albuquerque.

The guests were students of Mrs. Thom while she was in Albuquerque.

Mrs. Frank Tuttle of Liberal and Mrs. K.B. Snell of Greensburg, Kans. spent Pioneer Day weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Crouch.

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GRUVER VALIDICTORIAN AND SALUTORIAN NAMED

Sammie Cluck and Tony Shapley have been selected as validictorian and Salutarian of the Senior Graduating Class of Gruver High School. Sammie has a grade point average of 3.70 while Tony's grade point average is 3.26.

Sammie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cluck. She began school in Gruver and has continued through all twelve years in the Gruver School System.

She has had many honors during her years in high school. Sammie was a member of the Student Council and at one time was secretary of the Student Council.

During her four years in high school she has been a member of the F.H.A. and was president during her senior year. She was a member of the F.T.A. and Glee Club also during her last year. An active member of

the Pep Club, she served as president during her senior year. She was a member of the annual staff during her Junior and Senior years and was on the Devotional Committee for her last two years. Sammie was a member of the Junior and Senior Play Cast.

Her Junior year she was elected most beautiful of Gruver High School, and was Homecoming Queen her Senior year. She has been attendant of the homecoming queen for two years. Class favorite during her Freshman and Senior years, Sammie was Miss G.H.S. She participated in basketball during her Freshman and Sophomore years, and was a member of the one act play during her senior year.

Sammie has future plans of attending Baylor University in Waco.

Tony Shapley, the salutarian, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shapley. Tony has also completed all twelve years in the Gruver schools. Tony is carrying a 3.26 grade average to graduate.

Honors have been bestowed to Tony through out his high school years. Very active in sports, Tony has participated in basketball and football throughout all four years. He was captain of the football team during his Senior year.

Also active in band work,

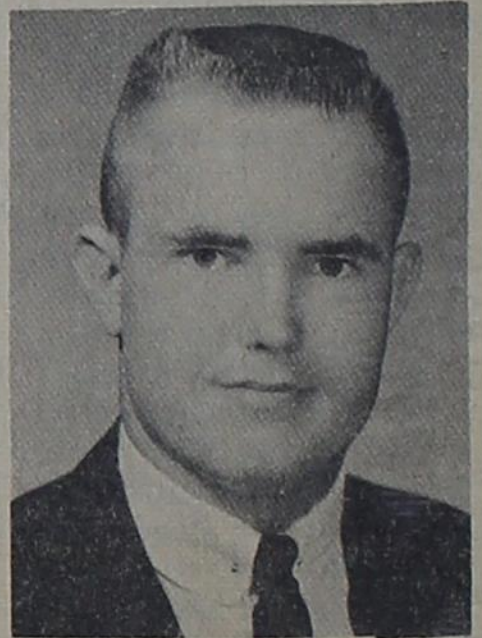
Tony has been a member of the Greyhound band during his four years in High School aside, he was a member of the German band during his Freshman and Sophomore years and the Lab band during his final two years. He was president of the band his senior year, and vice president of the band during his Junior year.

Tony was a member of the F.F.A., and was on the Land Judging Team and the Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team. He has served on the Annual Staff for his Junior and Senior years. A member of the Student Council for his four years in high school, Tony has served as secretary during his Sophomore and Junior year and was president during his senior year.

Tony has chosen Texas Tech as the college he will attend in the fall.



Sammie Cluck



Tony Shapley

IN THE GRUVE

Gruver is going to have a Chamber of Commerce or Business Men's Club.

We talked to most of the merchants in town Tuesday and all of them are interested in forming an organization that will help make Gruver a better town.

An organizational meeting to set the policy of the club will be held soon. We will announce the time and place of that meeting in next week's paper.

It's been about 10 years since Gruver had a Chamber of Commerce. The town and area has more than doubled since then.

Some wonder if it will conflict with the Lions Club. We think not. The Lions Club meets only twice a month. A Business Men's Club could meet twice a month, but not the same weeks as the Lions club meets.

It might also be better to meet at night. Since it is to be an organization made up primarily of business people, it might mean better attendance by not meeting at the noon hour. Many merchants have to be back at their stores to relieve other employees to eat. Many others cannot attend at all during the noon hour.

All of these problems will need to be worked out at the first meeting.

It rained quite a lot here last September but quit when we moved here in October. And, it hasn't rained enough to help anything since then.

Thinking that it might rain if we left for a few days, we left last Wednesday for a short trip to northeast Texas thinking our leaving would change the weather.

From what we hear, it did—the wind blew harder Saturday than it has any day this year they say.

The country was pretty and green in that section of the state, especially from Gainsville on to Deport, a small town east of Paris.

It was kind of strange to see trees growing together across roads, tall grass everywhere and small ponds of water in abundance.

Our first afternoon there was cool and the windy Texas Panhandle was the last thing in our mind, until we were shocked (or bitten) back to reality.

The mosquitoes were the first to attack and before the pains of their bites subsided, the chiggers made their mark. Between the two of them they ruined a beautiful night.

The next day was hot and humid and the thought of cutting the trip short began to enter our minds. Even in a dry, windy year like this, Gruver is a pretty good place to live.

Farmers there were also complaining about it being a dry year. They said only three or four good rains had fallen there in the last three months. That would be a monsoon season here.

Looks like we have another three-sided battle about to erupt in the South. We don't have much sympathy for any of the three—the negro, the southern white or the Federal Government.

The white people of Alabama have long deprived the negro of many basic rights. The negro, however, has done little to improve his own state of affairs and wants handout equality. We don't know what the federal government thinks its doing with troops there but they won't help the situation any.

Meanwhile, the Unute States is getting criticism from the entire world, especially those areas with colored populations.

Birmingham won't be the last battle ground of the race war. In fact, we don't think the end will come in our lifetime.

Cemetery Water Problem to Be Discussed

There is a special called meeting of the Gruver Cemetery Committee and all other interested parties. The meeting will be held Friday May 17th at 8:00 p.m. in the Gruver Memorial Hall. Make plans to attend this urgent meeting Friday night.

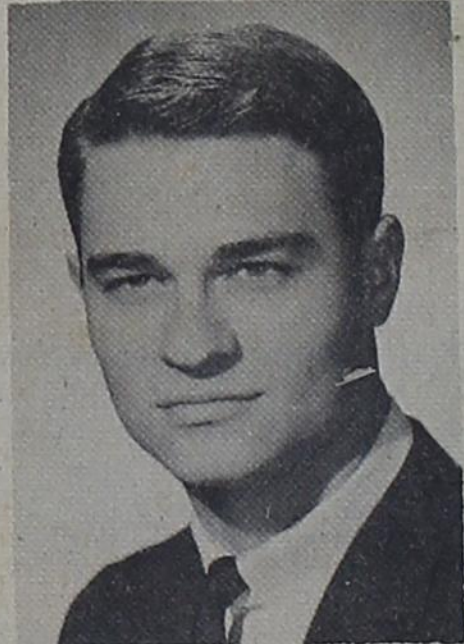
Saluting the College Graduates



LuAnn Cator receives her college degree from McMurry College in Abilene. Her major is education. She is the daughter of Mrs. Jim Cator. LuAnn has been teaching in Garland, a suburb of Dallas but will return home for the summer months in Gruver.



Kay Winger graduated at the mid-semester from Abilene Christian College in Abilene where her major was Education. Kay is the daughter of Pauline Winger. She lives in Amarillo where she is teaching.



John Cluck will receive his degree from Texas Christian College in Fort Worth. He will receive a bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Finance. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cluck. John's plans are to remain in Fort Worth.

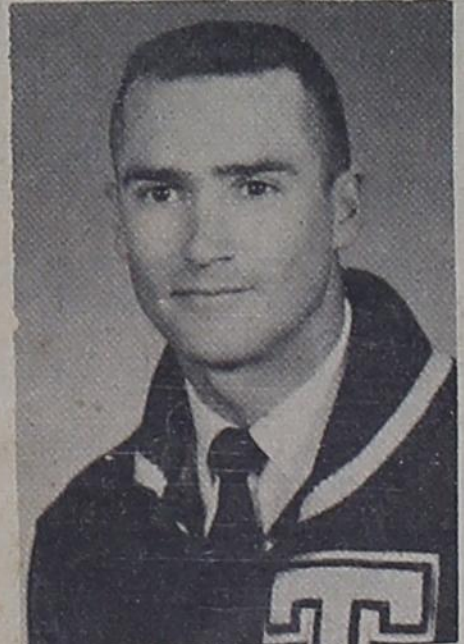


Wayne Schott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Schott, will receive his degree from Panhandle A.M. College in Goodwell, Oklahoma. Wayne's major is Animal Husbandry.

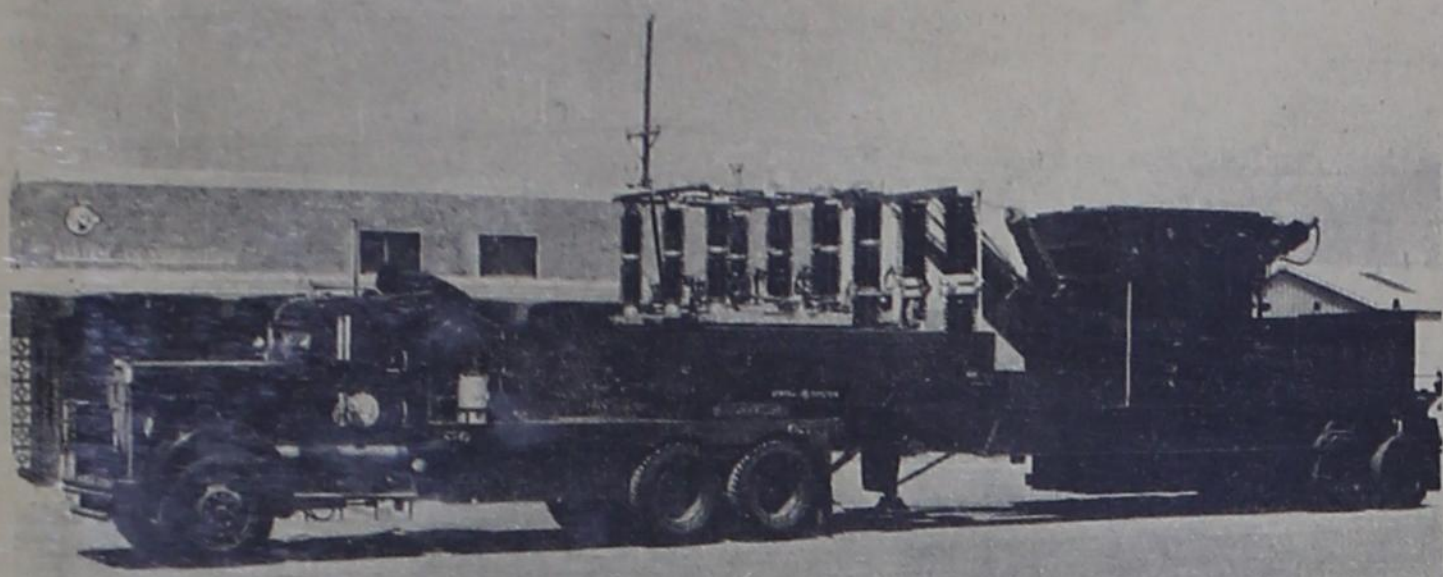
Sonny Blankenship, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Blankenship graduates from West



Jimmy Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Harvey, will receive his degree in Finance & Banking and Accounting and will graduate with honors, being in the top 25 of the school of Business Graduating Class. Jimmy is receiving his degree from S.M. U. in Dallas, and will enter the S.M.U. Law School in September.



Sonny Blankenship, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Blankenship, graduates from West Texas State in Canyon. His major in Business. He and his family will be employed and his family will live in Amarillo where Sonny will be employed.



This is Southwestern Public Service Company's traveling transformer. The new unit, built to special specifications by General Electric, is designed to replace almost any transformer in the company's system in case of scheduled repair work or emergency. The transformer can be connected to any one of three voltages on the "high", or transmission line, side, or any one of five voltages on the "low", or distribution, side. The cost of the unit? \$1.50 a pound, and it weighs 82,000 pounds.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Dalton and children of Borger are visiting in the James Allen Ayres home.

Visitors in the Tom Jones and A.L. Blankenship homes were Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Blankenship and children of Canyon.

Guest in the Pauline Winger home was Kay Winger of Amarillo.

Sue McClellan of Amarillo visited in the Herbert McClellan home over the weekend.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Chisum of Gainsville. She is the mother of Skeeze and Sonny Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Winkler left Friday for Siminole to visit in the Roy Lynn Barnes home. They returned home by way of Odessa to visit relatives.

Mrs. W.N. Fletcher remains in Norman Oklahoma with her daughter, Sally McClure.

Joe Miller is home from the hospital. He is staying in the Oliver Wallin home.

The small son of the Lynn Hollands visited with his grandparents, the A.L. Hollands of Goodwell. While there he turned a pan of hot water from the table and scalded both legs. He spent a couple days in the Guymon Hospital.

On Mothers Day the I.W. Ayres Sr. family had lunch for Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Ayres Jr., Mr. Barris, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Green and Charmin Lyle.

Mrs. Oscar Dahl visited her daughter, Mrs. Lynn Hart Sunday. She also attended church in a wheel chair, but returned to Guymon to have ex-rays Monday.

The Hez Fraziers, Mrs. Pauline Fox and Mrs. Mat Richardson of Spearman left Wednesday the 8th for a week of fishing near Mangum, Okla. at Lake Altus.

Mrs. Bill Morrison was taken to the Spearman hospital Wednesday the 8th to stay for tests. She cannot have visitors.

Bill Etling took Alfred Henderson back to Dallas last week for a check with his doctor. He is to remain for several days.

The Guy Coopers spent last weekend in Tulia with the Jim Owens family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lively and family went to New Mexico and Colorado for a few days of fishing and relaxation.

Roy Thomas and J.W. Davis of Spearman spent a couple of days fishing near Elk City, Oklahoma.

The Lum McQueens and the Alvin Byers spent last week in New Mexico fishing for trout.

Mrs. Clarence Winder and Mrs. Eugene Wood were in Amarillo Wednesday of last week to the eye doctor to check Francis's eye. The reports are good.

Jean Holland transferred to Guymon Hospital. She will remain there for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bailey spent the Mother's Day weekend in Deport Texas with Bob's parents Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Bailey.

Deanna Barnes was brought from Shattuck hospital Saturday to Spearman. Deanna wanted to be closer home, near her family and friends. She is looking forward to having "drop in" callers in Room 102 of the Hansford County Hospital.

Mrs. Grace Bennett and Reba entertained for Mother's day lunch Reverend and Mrs. R.L. Kirk and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Irwin and four children and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Maupin and three children.

The Archie Nelsons had as their guests Sunday the Clarence Winders, the Gene Woods, and the Grady Summers.

The Authur Evans family returned Saturday from a relaxing visit with relatives in Jayton, Baytown and Houston.

For Mother's Day, Mrs. Pauline Winger had for lunch the Vol Wingers, the Monte Harbors of Stinnett, the R.W. Rileys and Mrs. Alma Gruver and Kay from Amarillo.

Randolph McClellan is new president of Gruver Lions club. H.L. Kuhart of Phillips installed the new officers Friday 3rd at the Methodist Church Fellowship hall. Gene Mayfield was main speaker.

Mrs. Julia Gumfory is on a nice trip with her son Thomas and wife from Rock Springs, Wyoming. They will visit old friends and relatives in Mississippi then return to Gruver for a short stay and on to Ocean-side, California.

The Ralph Borts had Mother's Day lunch with the Del Clucks.

Week before last the Porterfields had for a weeks visit, their daughter and family from Lubbock the James Brewer family. For Mother's day and also for a week they had another daughters from Stinnett, the Jackie Haire family.

The Arthur Borts were guests of their son and family, the A.C. Borts for Mother's Day lunch.

A nicer group of people to gather, couldn't be found than the ones who met at the home of Bill Gumfory for Mother's Day. The Dave McClellans, the R.D. McClellans, the Herbert McClellans and daughter Sue

of Amarillo, The Ralph McClellans of Dumas and the J.E. Cagle family of Dumas were the guests.

The Otho Gammils were guests in the Austin Stewart party at Coons Lake near Dumas Sunday the 5th. The group enjoyed a picnic and fishing.

Mrs. Harvey Shapley of Amarillo and daughter, Betty and two children from Friona visited with Mrs. Mary Brandvik and Mrs. Myrtle Bernstein.

Pauline Winger and Miss Lorene Wells and Charmin played 42 at the I.W. Ayres Sr. Home.

Guests for Mother's day dinner in the home of Mrs. Ed Rafferty Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rafferty Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jeffries and family, Mrs. Jim Cator and Maeyann and Dotty Jones.

Mrs. M.F. Barkley spent

several days last week in the Olan Chambers home in Dalhart.

Lola Mae Cator, Pauline Winger and Curlee spent Tuesday afternoon in Dalhart visiting with the Franks.

Albert Hahn suffered pneumonia from fighting fire on the Bivins Ranch Saturday night. The smoke filled his lungs while fighting.

Gene Holland has returned home from the hospital in Guymon but will have to remain off her feet

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Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hawkins spent Mother's day in Pampa visiting in the Don Lamar home.

Edna Marie Williams spent Mother's day in Dawn with her mother at the Edgar Sowell home. She was joined by her daughters Alicia of Lubbock and Geannette and children of Spearman.

The Orville Walkers visited the Earl Gainies in Midland over the weekend.

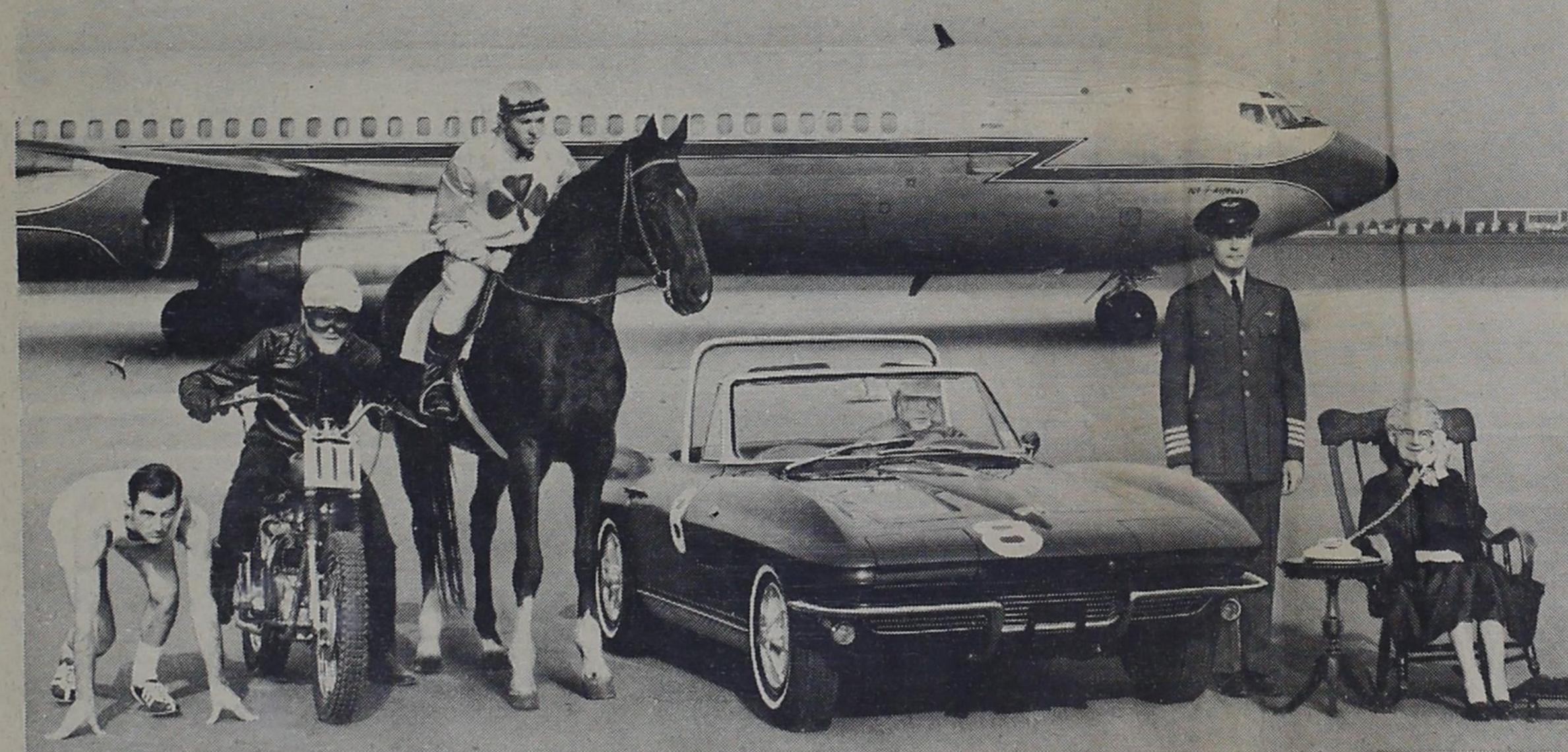
Mrs. A.W. Allen, mother of Mrs. Harley Alexander was taken to the Spearman hospital Wednesday of last week. She remained for tests and returned home on Saturday.

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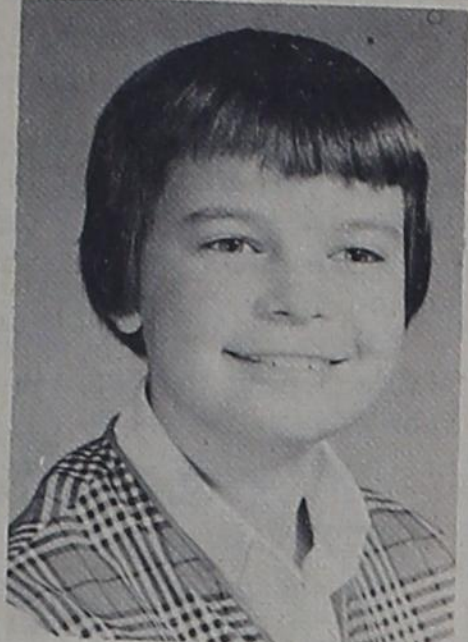
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The Validictorian of the eighth grade is Van Etling the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Etling. He will graduate into High School Tuesday May 21.



Jackie Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hudson, is the salutorian of the eighth grade class. She will receive her diploma Tuesday, night at 8:00 p.m.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday, May 20 Brown Beans and ham, spinach, corn, cinnamon rolls, corn bread milk and butter.

Tuesday, May 21, Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, combination salad, peach halves, hot rolls milk and butter.

Wednesday, May 22, Barbeque Weiners, Macaroni and cheese, green beans, cake, hot rolls, butter and milk.

Thursday, May 23 Chicken salad and tuna sandwiches, pork and beans, lettuce leaf and tomato slices, ice cream, cookies and milk.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nordin returned last Wed. after a visit with Louella's parents in Nocona, Texas.

Several of the Boy Scouts enjoyed a week of camping out this weekend. Their leader is Red Boyett.

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Beauty Contest

Friday night May 10th in the Gruver High School Auditorium, the 1963 Hansford County beauty pageant was held. The auditorium, full of onlookers who enjoyed the opening treat of the Spearman Celebration.

The event was sponsored by the Spearman Junior Chamber of Commerce. Miss Kyra Crum of Spearman was crowned "Miss Hansford County 1963".

J.D. Helms of Spearman introduced the pageant. Miss Pat Ferrin of Spearman introduced the contestants as they appeared in the contest.

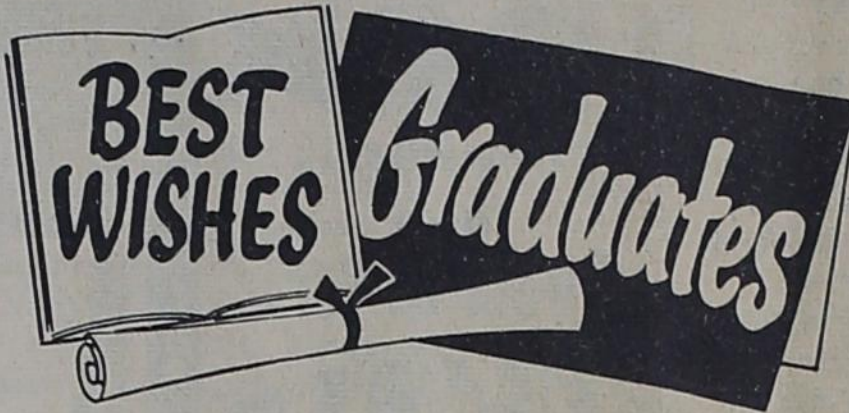
The Swing Kings of Pampa High School provided the music for the occasion. The intermission intertainment was supplied by Larry Kelly and partner of Amarillo. His pantomime performance was enjoyed by the audience and made the intermission seem

short.

The beauties entered the stage through a white arch woven with pink flowers. The background was a patio scene.

Jim Davis of Spearman presented the winners with roses and trophies. Miss Kyra Crum received the first honor of "Miss Hansford County of 1963". She was sponsored by Equity Elevator of Spearman. 2nd honors went to Linda Holt sponsored by Cut Rate Grocery of Spearman. Robbie Ownby captured the 3rd place honor.

The Rodeo Queen was crowned Saturday afternoon and the Queen was Mrs. Bart Riley. She is also the queen of the Spearman Riding Club. Mrs. Riley is the former Martha Jo McClenagan of Gruver.



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4-H CLUB MEETS

On Monday night the 4-H Club met in the school auditorium for the last meeting until September. Don Kelly, president, called the meeting to order. The pledges were led by Wade Parks and Mark McCloy with Dwight Gillispie leading the opening song. Judy Reising and Doug McCloy led the motto and club prayer.

The program was opened by members of Clothing III and V who modeled the blouses they have made in class, Sylvia and Sharon Parks and Judy Gillispie. Mrs. Jack Gillispie is their subject matter clothing leader.

Patrolman Deharde of Dumas, a member of the Texas Highway Patrol, gave a talk to the group on "Traffic Safety".

BAND CONCERT

On Tuesday night the Junior and High School Bands presented a spring concert on the school auditorium. The band is under the direction of C.A. Bundrant.

Numbers presented were South Pacific, English Folk Song, First Movement, Holy, Holy, Holy, Troika, I Believe, which was directed by student director Patricia Henderson; Fandango, Creole Lullaby, Bequine Festival, LaNuit, and Hosts of Freedom March.

The third and fourth grade band then joined the group in playing Little Scotch Suite and closing with the Alma mater song.

SCHOOL INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Marvin Armstrong of Lubbock and Mrs. Sam Reck of Phillips held a P.T.A. school instruction at Morse on Wednesday Afternoon.

Four units were represented at the meeting sponsored

by the Hansford County Council. Mrs. Bertha Spoonmore of Spearman, County Council president, conducted the opening part of the meeting.

Those represented were two members from the Waka P.T.A., one from Gruber, three from Spearman and nine from Morse. Hospitality chairman of the Morse P.T.A., Mrs. Frank Karr, served refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

MORSE DELEGATES ATTEND CONFERENCE

Mrs. Gene Dixon and Mrs. A.C. Womble were elected delegates to the spring conference for P.T.A. groups which met recently in Pampa. The Morse P.T.A. received several honors at this meeting. It was awarded a rating of superior on the publicity book, excellent on the yearbook, the oak leaf scroll for publications and a certificate of superior achievement for over-all work during the year.

SOCIAL

On Wednesday night a social was held at the Community Chapel for the Jake Clifton and family, who soon expect to move to Clayton, New Mexico to go into the motel business. Many of the Community came out for a time of fellowship to see them off. Jake and Lucille have been members of this community from its beginning and it will hardly seem right without them. I am sure as you travel through Clayton you will want to stop to visit with them.

Harold Fleming, Pastor of the Community Church, and Ray Kelly did a humorous skit for the program, which was all about the troubles Jake is going to have in the tourist court.

Mrs. Pete Cator and Mrs.

Harold Fleming served as hostesses for the occasion. Several gifts were presented to the family.

BARN DANCE

Square dancing will be held at L.M. Womble's barn at 8:00 p.m. Saturday the 18th. Admission will be \$1 per person. Robert Adamson and Jimmie Shieldnight will be the callers. The benefit will be for the community fund.

4-H Notes

Clothing 1 girls met at Oslo with leaders Mrs. Clifford Stedje and Mrs. Robert Cordes. Members present were Leal and Leah Cordes, Nancy Stedje, Mindy Murrell, Beverly Heath, Shari Henderson and Alice Stavlo.

Clothing 111 girls met in the home of their leader Mrs. Roy Roper. Members present were Dana Henderson, and Anita Jackson.

Foods 1 girls met in the home of their leader Jan Roper. Members present were Jean and Judy Hudson and Ginger Hart.

Mrs. Ted McClellan's home was the scene of the Foods 11 meeting. Members present were Lynda Webb, Linda Dodge, Cindy Benson, and Kathy Collins.

Foods 111 met in the

Alvin Cator home with Merilee Maupin, Beth White, Kathy Benson, Angela Cator, Maelynn Cator and Marilyn Stedje and the leader present.

Another section of Foods 11 met in the home of their leader Mrs. Elvin Wright. Members present were Amy Cator, Sandy Rafferty, Sadie Thomas, Karen Wright, Stephanie Hinton and Jackie Hudson.

PINK AND BLUE SHOWER FOR MRS. GENEVA

The Eugene Wood home was the setting for a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Georgia Geneva, a teacher in the Gruber Schools. Mrs. Geneva was presented a yellow baby sock corsage by the hostesses.

The Wood home carried out the spring setting with cut flowers of roses and iris decorating the rooms. The serving table was laid with an ecru cloth. The centerpiece was a pink baby shoe vase with pink peonies.

Punch was served from a glass bowl by Joyce and Francis Wood, Mindy Murrell and Sherry Bergin. Sherry also attended the guest register, of which there were thirty to register.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames Eugene Wood, Otho Brooks, Don McLain, Tommy Bergin, Pete Maupin, Dayton Barkley, Clark Winkler, Jack Henson and Moselle McClellan.

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Margaret Duke's Grandfather Dies

Sam Curry, ninety-two year old grandfather of Margaret Duke of Guymon passed away last week. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 11 in Kansas City Missouri.

Mr. Curry was emptying the trash last week when he fell and suffered a broken hip. He died several days later in a Kansas City Hospital.

Mr. Curry is the grandfather of Margaret Duke. The Dokes were former residents of Gruber. J.W. Duke was pastor of the First Christian Church.

Coffee Hosts Neighborhood

Mrs. Jim Chockley honored her neighborhood with a morning coffee May 8th at 10:00 a.m. in her home. For refreshments she served the visitors coffee and cookies.

The guests enjoyed the visiting and getting to know one another better.

The neighbors who attended were Mesdames Joh Hart, Mart Hart, J.E. Sluder, Hix Spivey, John Gibson, George Cunningham, H.M. Frazier, Howard Landrum, Walter Bass, John Hannon, Bobby Thompson, Aubrey Rasor and the hostess

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COMMITTEE THANKS CITIZENS

The American Legion Memorial Building is hoped to be repaired before too long. We all know it takes the community behind it to make a success of it.

films which he showed as entertainment for the evening.

The American Legion along with the 4-H boys and girls, their sponsors and the American Legion Auxiliary wish to thank each of you who came to the Barbecue Saturday April 27th and to all who gave a contribution to the fund to repair the building.

We also wish to thank J.C. Harris for his auctioneering of the pastires. Gratitude is also extended to Mr. Ray Jeoffroy of Amarillo for the wonderful travel

Methodist News

Mother's Day was celebrated in a lovely way at Gruver Methodist Church Sunday evening. The children's choir sang a selection of Mother's Day Songs. Younger members of the choir presented their mothers with long stem roses. Following a sermon on mothers by Brother Kirk, cookies and punch were served in the Fellowship Hall in honor of mothers by older members of the little choir.

It was good to have several visitors in our church Sunday. One of them was Pinky Brooks who was in Gruver to be with his mother Mrs. Bob Brooks. Pinkey is from Tulia.

Sunday night Mrs. Oscar Dahl was present for the special Mother's Day Service. Mrs. Dahl spent the day in her home. She is now out of the Guymon Hospital and staying with her daughter Mrs. Marvin Andrews in Guymon.

Mrs. Pete Barnes has been moved to the Hansford Hospital from Shattuck.

Joe Miller is home from his hospital stay in Amarillo and is convalescing in the home of his daughter Opal Wallin.

Gruver Methodist Young People were in Perryton last Wednesday night for the M.Y.F. Sub-district meeting.

Gene Wood Sub-district sponsor drove the young people to Perryton.

Monday was workday in the church, much work was accomplished and good fellowship was enjoyed during the day and during the lunch hour.

Francis Kirk finished the study on prayer Thursday at the meeting of the Dorcas Circle. During the rest of the summer months the Dorcas and Mary Martha Circles will be meeting only for joint meetings.

Gruver Harmony Club Meet

The Gruver Harmony Club held their monthly meeting in the First Baptist Church on May 6th.

The business discussed during the meeting was the elected officers for the coming year.

Officers elected were: Preident, Day Nell Williams; Vice-president, Freda Womble; Secretary, Elaine Kelly; Treasurer, Marian Jeffries; Reporter, Connie Cunningham; Scrapbook Chairman, Sandra Riley; Publicity Chairman, Jane Hoy; and Song Leader, Arlene Barkley.

Refreshments of cokes and dips were served by the hostesses, Trulene Hintergardt, Freda Womble, Lillie Mae Smith and Arlene Barkley.

Baptist News

The G.A.s were the ushers for the Sunday morning service. The past week was G.A. Focus week. During the evening service the G.A.s made up the choir. Also Sunday night the church discussed the Southern Baptist Convention which was held in Kansas City this past week.

Mrs. Ila Sewell visited in the church on Tuesday afternoon. She gave classes during the afternoon and evening on library work in the church.

The graded choirs of the church have dismissed for the summer.

The Workers Conference met in the Gem Baptist Church on Monday. The emphasis of the meeting was Stewardship.

The mothers of the church congregation were recognized Sunday morning during the morning service.

News has been received that George Massengale of Kimball Nebraska has suffered a heart attack. His condition seems to be improved but he still remains in the hospital.

The ladies of the Church will prepare cookies in plastic bags for Vacation Bible School. Preparation day for V.B.S. will be May 24th at 9:30. All those inter-

ested in V.B.S. are encouraged to be present. The schedule for the day will be 9:30-10:00 registration in departments, 10:10-10:30 joint worship service, 10:30-11:00 parade. The morning will dismiss at 10:00. Vacation Bible School will continue from May 27th through June 5th on weekdays from 8:30-11:30.

THANK YOU

I would like to express my appreciation to all my good friends who were so kind to remember me with their prayers, visits cards and flowers while I was in the hospital. God bless each one of you.
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Donna Cator



Jeanie Womble

Miss Donna Cator and Miss Jeanie Womble received the validictorian and salutorian honors from the Morse High School.

Donna Cator, validictorian is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Pete Cator of Morse. Donna was selected as best all-around girl in high school this year and was also named Miss Morse High. She was a member of the one-act play cast this year and has participated in

basketball for two years.

Jeanie Womble is salutorian of the class. She is the daughter of Mr. and

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Womble. Jeanie received several honors in school this year. She is featured in the annual as most popular and football sweetheart. She was active in basketball also and was named to the all district team of District 1-B.

The Senior Commencement exercises will be held on Thursday evening, May 16 at 8:00 in the school auditorium.

Eighth grade graduation will be on Friday evening,

May 17 at 7:30.

Final exams for the school will be May 15 and 16 with school being dismissed Friday the 17th at noon.

The two senior girls will leave on Saturday, May 18 with their mothers, Mrs. Cator and Mrs. Womble and will go by car to St. Louis then fly by jet to New York City and to Washington D.C. for a ten day trip.

Thus, ends another school year for Morse. It has been a year full of activities for both parents and students and I am sure we will all enjoy the summer months at home and on vacation trips.

NEWS TIPS

from the plant

Mrs. H.A. Crouch has returned home after a two week visit with her sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Rossiter of Springfield Ill. and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Smith of Taylorville, Ill. She also visited Mr. Crouch's brother and family, Garland Crouch of Springfield. She reported having a lovely time seeing many friends and acquaintances.

Brad Hardesty, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardesty celebrated his 4th birthday last Wed. Helping with the celebration were grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Merle Delano.

The Phillips Community Hall was the place where the G.A. Mother-Daughter banquet took place last Thursday night. G.A. president, Debbie Bayless welcomed the mothers. Several girls were presented badges by Mrs. Louella Nordin for passing their steps. Mrs. Daisy Allison presented a special in song accompanied by Mrs. Winnie Rhinehart. Gifts of appreciation were presented to the sponsors, Mrs. Marie Morton and

Mrs. Mary Hintergardt. Mrs. Allison received a gift also for her help in teaching the mission study. A lovely meal was served to 11 girls and their mothers, the sponsors, and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nordin, Mrs. Allison Denise Hessenthaler and Rhonda Hintergardt. A special thanks to the W.M.U. for the preparation and serving of the meal.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Osborne spent the week end in Duke and Olustee, Oklahoma visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson, Jerry Don and LeDonna Kay from Bartlesville were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Blankenship. Mrs. Thompson is Mrs. Blankenship's sister. With them came Mr. I.L. Thompson of Monroe, La. On Saturday Mrs. Blankenship and Mrs. Thompson motored to Sharon Springs, Kansas where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hatton.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Griffin, Ronetta and Brian spent Sunday in Amarillo with Patsy's mother.

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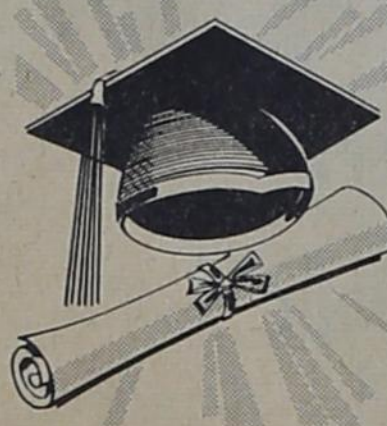


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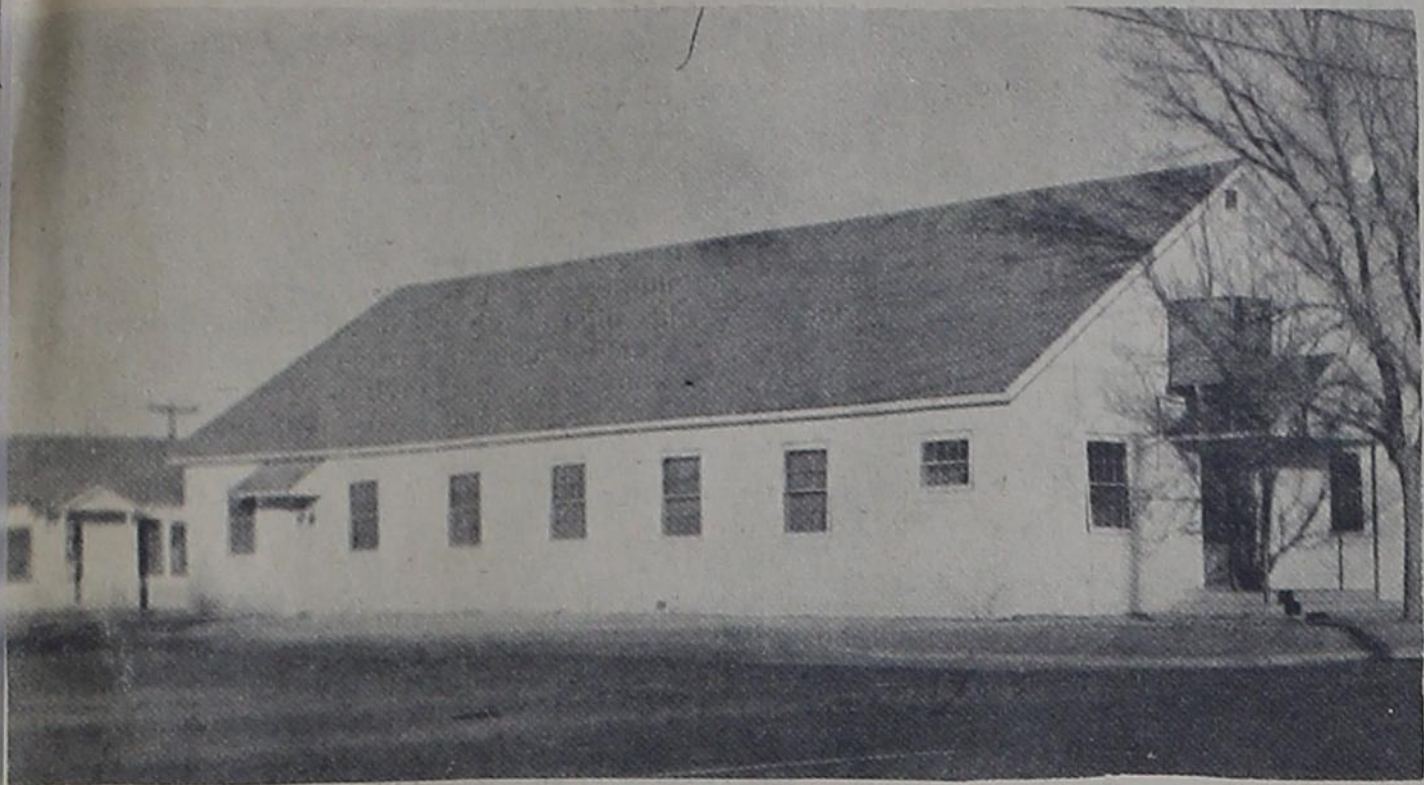


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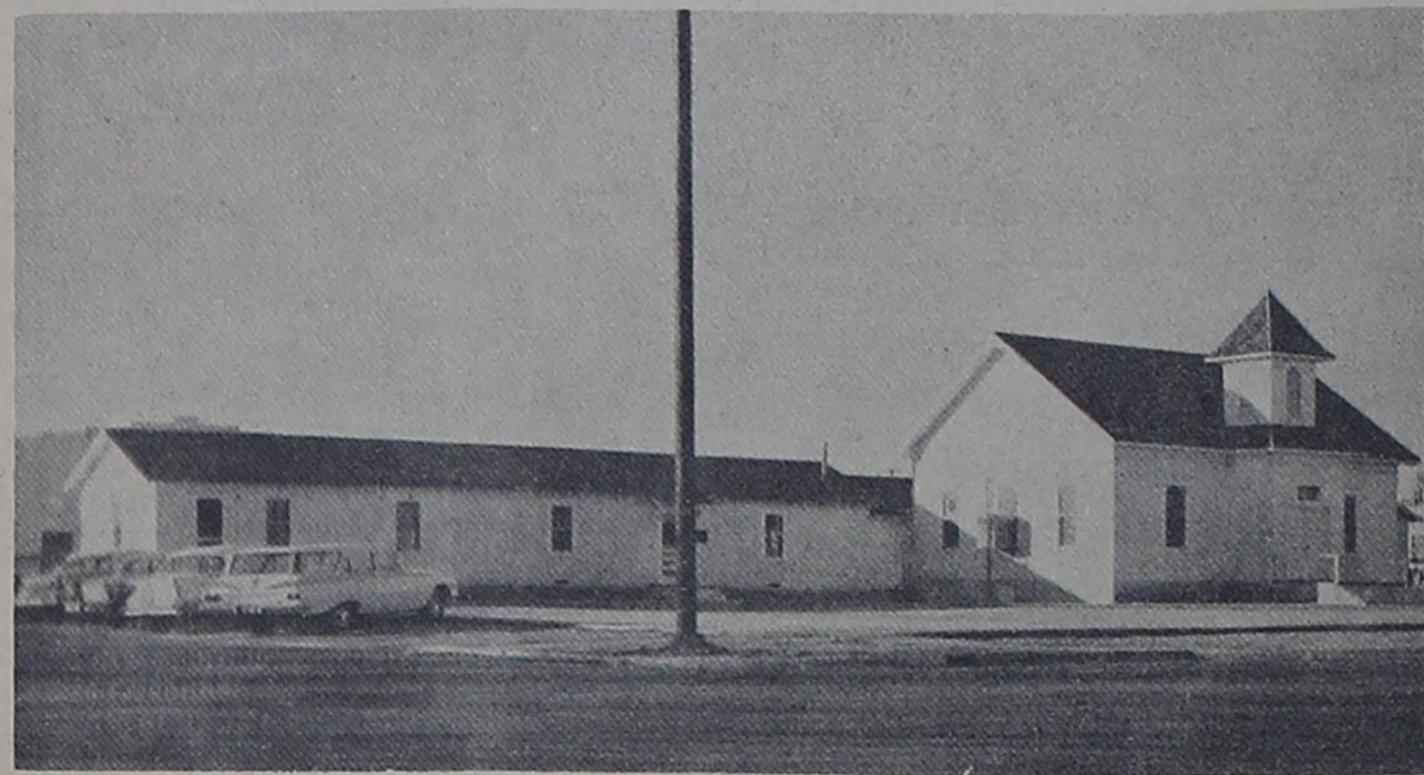
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But there is really no end. For the Church on earth is but a small, lonely, located on this planetary called "earth". Its central body is heaven. When a Christian closes his eyes in death, he himself moves on to take his place among the triumphant company in the very presence of the Lord.

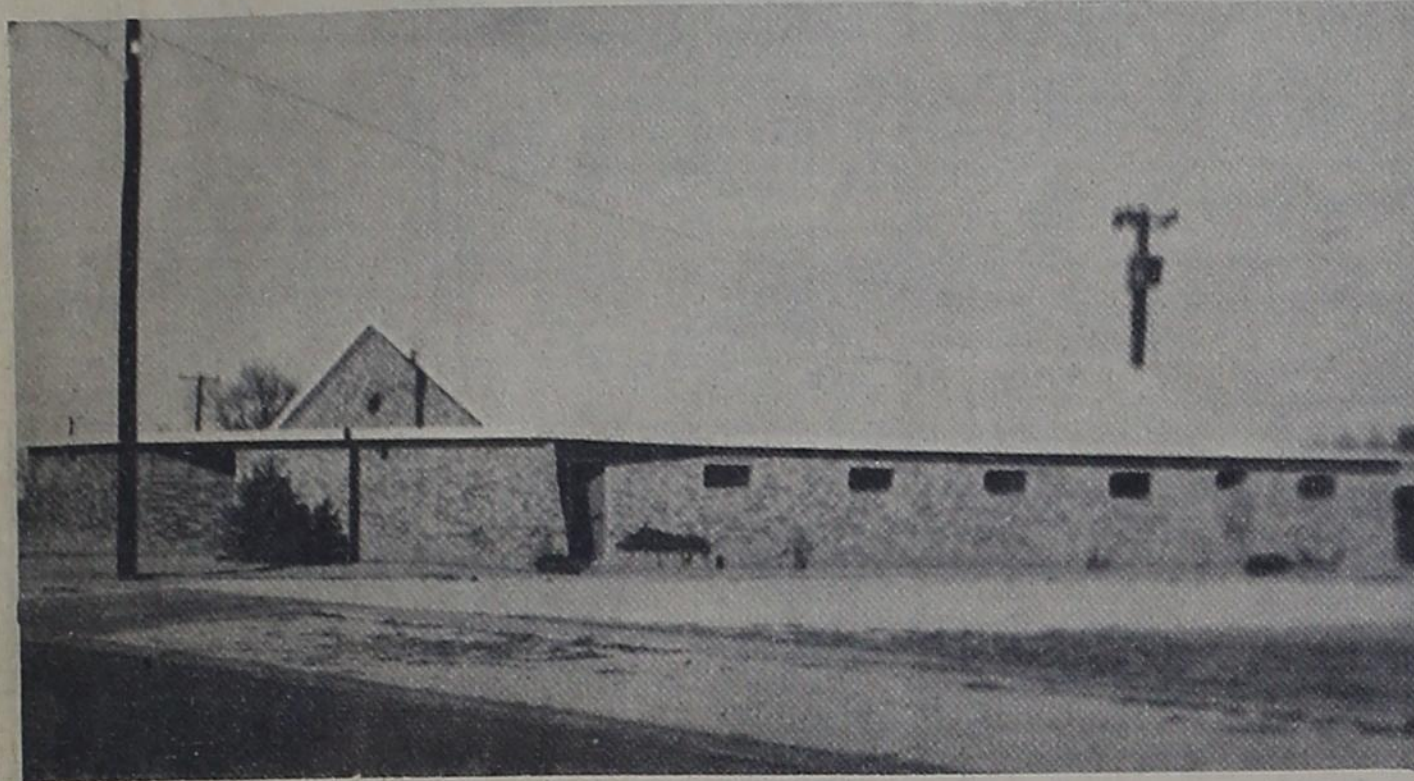
Earth has many races, nations, clubs, parties. Heaven has one. In this one family of God we are invited to have membership while yet on earth. And on earth this family is called the one holy Christian Church.

Is this church alive in your heart? Christ invaded this world to restore you to the One Holy church. Eternal life is only through Him. Live out your Christian life Christ has given you by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Church is a People...or the family...of God/



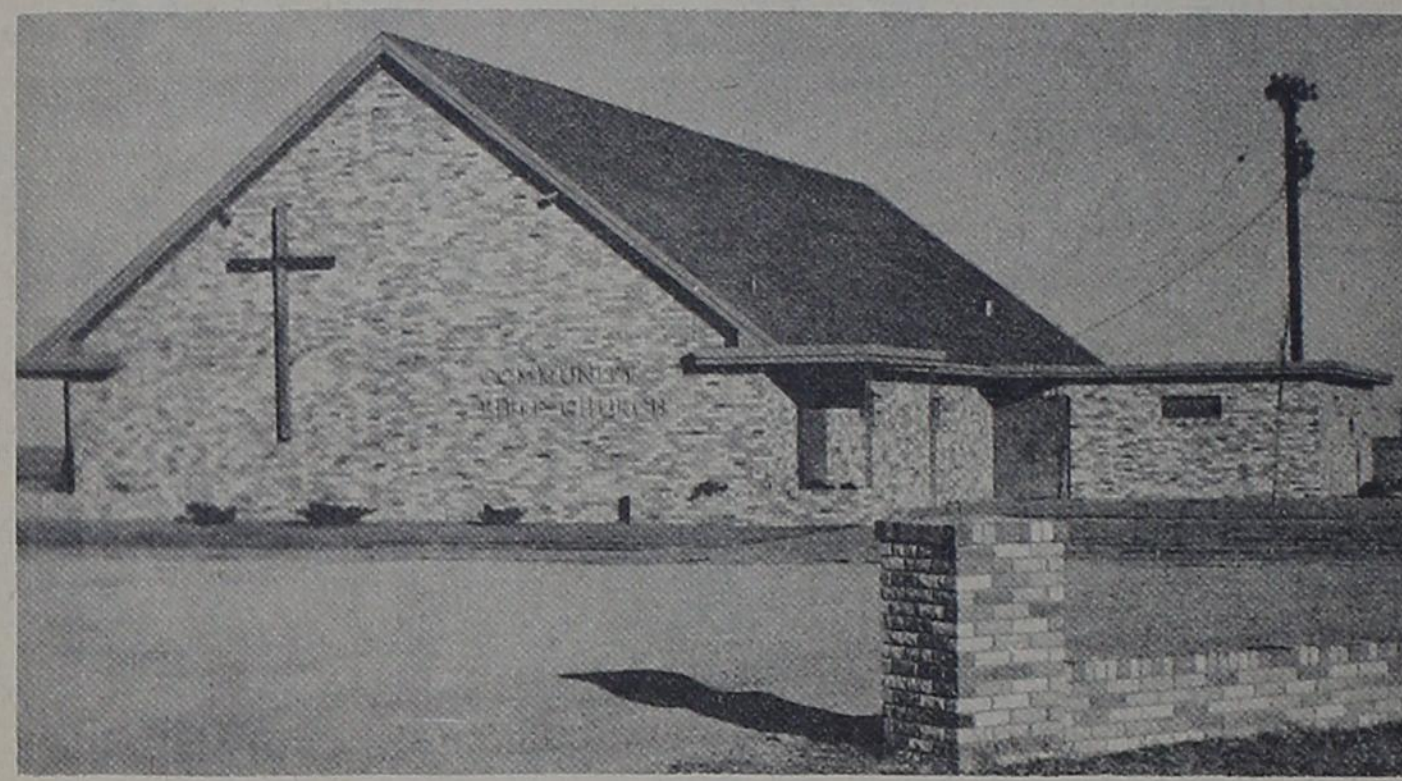
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Chi-Rho-----7:00
Adult Bible Study-----8:00
Wednesday--Juniors-----4:00
Prayer Meeting-----8:00



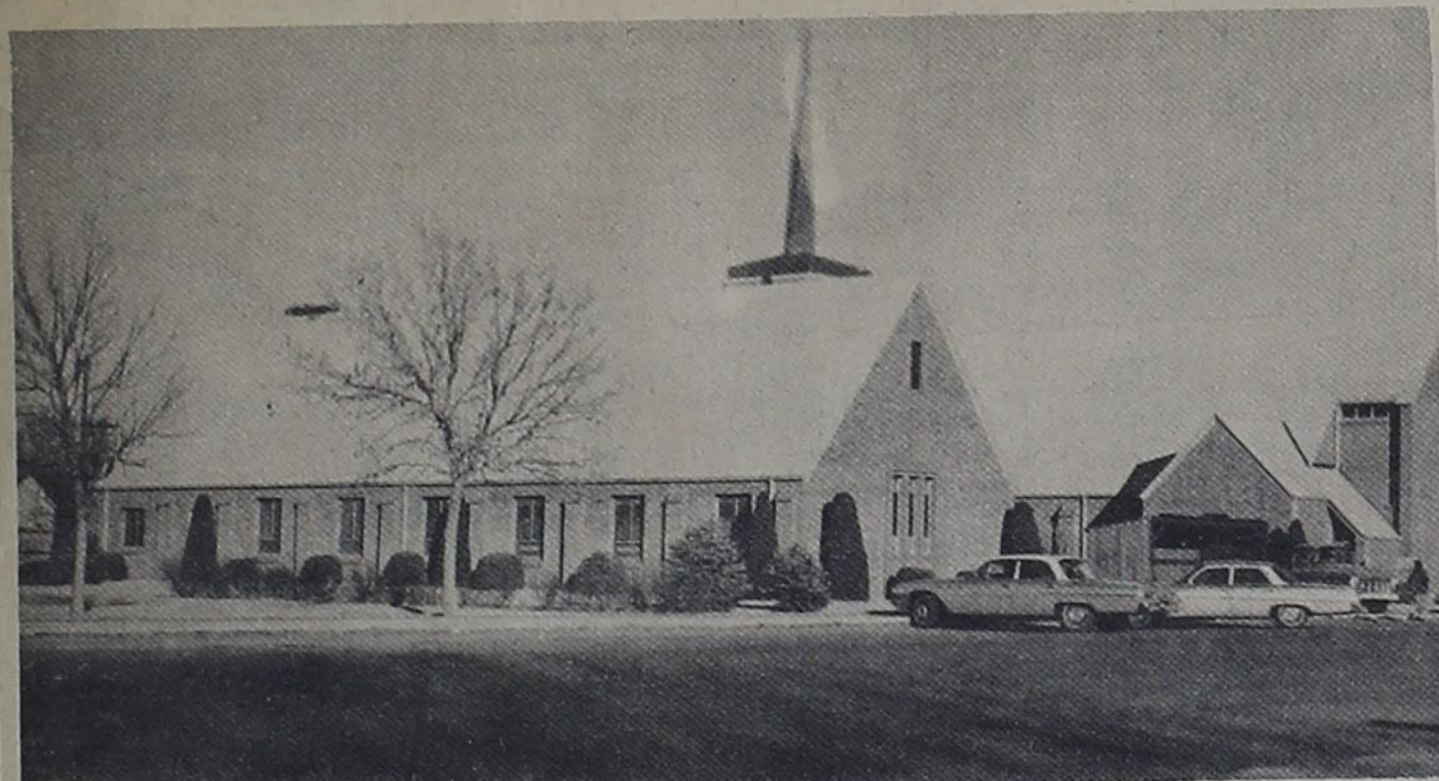
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
minister, Alfred White

Bible Study-----10:00
Morning Worship-----11:00
Evening Worship-----6:00
Bible Study Wednesday-----8:00
Ladies Class Thursday Juniors
Children Cared for-----2:00
Ladies Class Thursday Senior-----2:45



THE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
pastor, W.L. Porterfield

Sunday School-----9:45
Morning Worship-----11:00
Youth Meeting-----6:30
Evening Worship-----7:30
Wednesday--Bible Study-----8:00



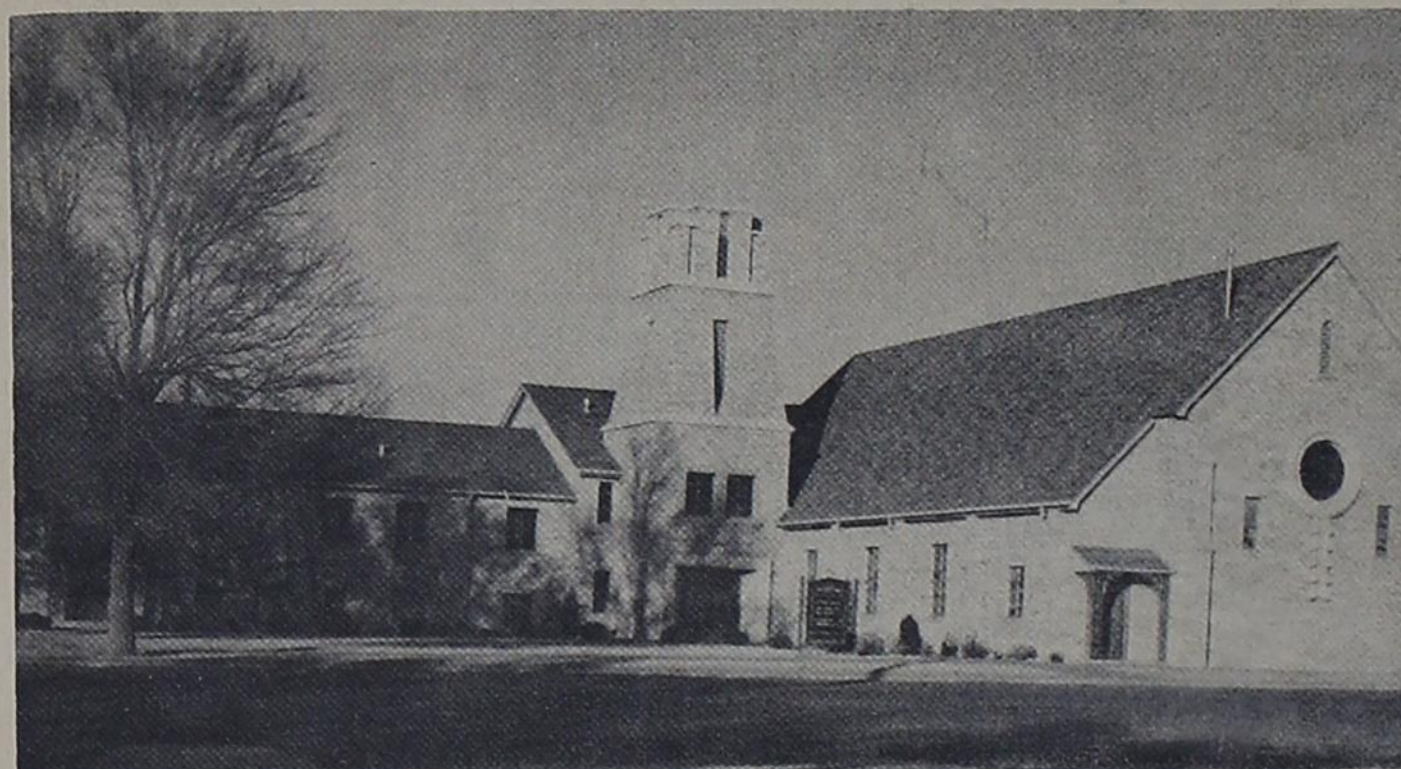
THE OSLO LUTHERAN CHURCH
pastor, Robert Cordes

Sunday School-----9:45
Adult Bible Class-----9:45
Morning Worship-----11:00
Brotherhood 1 & 3 Thursday-----7:30
Ladies Aid 2nd Thursday-----2:00



THE GRUVER METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday School----- 9:45
Morning Worship-----11:00
M.Y.F.-----7:00
Evening Worship-----6:00
Wednesday Bible Study-----7:00
Wednesday Choir Practice-----8:00
Thursday W.S.C.S.--monthly-----3:00
Dorcas Circle--Thursday-----9:30
Mary Martha Circle--Thursday-----3:00



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
pastor Reverend, A.G. Purvis

Sunday School-----9:45
Morning Worship-----11:00
Training Union-----7:00
Evening Worship-----8:00
Junior & Intermediate Choirs, Sunday-----3:00
Adult Choir Practice Tuesday-----7:00
Wednesday Prayer Service-----8:00
Wednesday Evening Lesson Study-----6:45
Y.W.A., Wednesday-----5:30
R.A.'s Wednesday-----5:30
G.A.'s Thursday-----4:00
W.M.U., Thursday-----3:00
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Primary Choir, Thursday-----4:30
Beginner Choir, Thursday-----4:00

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