

Girls Softball Tourney Set August 12-15

The Rising Star Jaycees have scheduled a Girls Softball Tournament to begin August 12 through 15 at the Jaycee Ball Park.

Area teams are invited to participate, and entry blanks may be obtained by writing Tommy Pernell, Box 608, Rising Star, or by calling 817-643-4131 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each weekday.

Entry deadline for this tournament has been set for Thursday, August 5.

Retirement

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SEMINARS-The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service is planning a series of one-day Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. All employers or administrators of pension plans are required to file these returns on their employees by Oct. 15, points out an Extension economist. Seminars are scheduled for Austin, Aug. 3; El Paso, Aug. 5; an Extension economist. Seminars are scheduled for Austin, Aug. 3; Houston (two seminars), Aug. 11-12; San Antonio, Aug. 17; and Corpus Christi, Aug. 19.



- July 22
M.J. Dulges
Willie Cooper
Nellie Maynard
Terry Byrd
Mabel Ralston
Gene Christian
- July 23
Beulah Cook
Gwen Dale Winfrey
- July 24
E.E. Winfrey
Eddie Murphy
- July 25
Billy Morrison
Melanie Ratliff
- July 26
James Cox
Susie Bailey
- July 27
C.A. Claborn
Larry Gerhardt
W.C. Brush
- July 28
Ethel Barnes

Arts & Crafts Exhibit Set For August 9

An arts and crafts exhibit and sale will be held in Rising Star August 9 through 14. To be one of the featured activities of the local Bicentennial committee, the exhibit will be held in the Breeding Building, just north of West Texas Utilities.

Articles and items to be exhibited and sold must be hand-made, an announcement from the committee stated. Exhibit booths are to be decorated in a Bicentennial theme, by the exhibitor, and an award will be given to the best decorated. Exhibitors are encouraged to wear Bicentennial dress.

The entry fee for one card table space is \$1.00, three card tables will be \$2.50 and five tables will be \$4.00. Entry fees will be presented to the Bicentennial committee for repair and restoration of the market building.

All sales of the crafts will go to the exhibitors. Exhibitors will be responsible for damage or loss of their items. It was stated that exhibitors intending

to sell items on display must maintain their own booths and handle their individual sales.

Arts and crafts booths will have to be constructed Sunday afternoon, August 8 and Monday morning, August 9, until 10:00 a.m. at which time the exhibit will open. Exhibit hours are from 9:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. daily through the week, August 9-14.

A letter with the entry fee should be mailed no later than August 6 to Mrs. Louis A. Mayfield or reserved by telephone to Mrs. D. Breeding, 643-4901, or Elizabeth Robertson, 643-2783. Exhibitors are requested to please give a brief description of the articles to be exhibited.

All local and area artists and craftsmen are encouraged to have an exhibit in the show. Food items may also be exhibited and sold.

The working committee consists of Mrs. D. Breeding, Louis A. Mayfield, George Steel, Melvin Shook, John (Skeet) Clark, Horace White, Ed Witt, E.L. Ratcliff and Miss Elizabeth Robertson.

Junior Rodeo To Take Place July 30 & 31

The Rising Star Jaycees will sponsor a junior rodeo July 30 and 31. Starting time for each of the performances is 6:30 p.m.

Events for youths 12 and under include goat tying barrel racing, flag racing, (all for the girls), steer riding (for boys and girls), and barrel racing, break-away roping, and the flag race (all for boys).

Included in the 13 and over events are goat tying, barrel racing, flag racing, break-away roping (girls), tie down roping,

Beginners Class Slated At Lakewood

Beginners, eight years and up, may take swimming lessons, July 27 through August 7, Tuesday through Saturday at Lakewood Recreation Center, it was announced this week.

A spokesman for the country club said that this will be the last series of classes for beginners. The swimming classes will be taught from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

bareback broncs, bull riding, and wild horse racing (boys).

A \$10.00 entry fee will be charged for all events, with the exception of the wild horse race. A \$15.00 fee will be charged for this event.

A \$50.00 gift certificate will be awarded to the best all-around cowboy entered in the rodeo.

Entry blanks may be receiving by writing Rising Star Junior Rodeo, P.O. Box 522, Rising Star, Texas 76471, or by phoning 817-643-7142. A Jaycee spokesman said that each contestant must obtain an entry blank before rodeo time. No entries will be accepted by phone.



Local People Render Aid To Stranded Vietnamese

Once again the people of Rising Star have extended a helping hand to someone in need, and have shown in a realistic way that this little community, located at one of the ten million crossroads of these United States, very definitely has a heart.

The incident in point was this: about 4:30 on a recent afternoon, a small, old model car limped into the eastern city limits, then died rather abruptly. Three youthful and rather weary travelers got out of the vehicle to determine just what mechanical failure had brought their journey to this sudden halt. Upon investigation of the situation, a local city police officer learned that the weary travelers were indeed strangers to our area. They were, in fact, Vietnamese, two brothers and their sister, ranging in age from seventeen to years of age.

The (pronounced Tay), Son (pronounced Shon), and Phuong Ngueng formerly lived in Saigon where their parents, two sisters and three brothers still live.

When it was decided by local mechanics that the repair of the Ngueng vehicle would require considerable time, food, and overnight lodging were provided by local people. The next day the auto was repaired, compliments of some local citizens, funds were provided by a local church and individuals the auto license and inspection stickers were brought up to date and the youthful refugees were sent on their way to their new home in New Orleans were the boys expect to

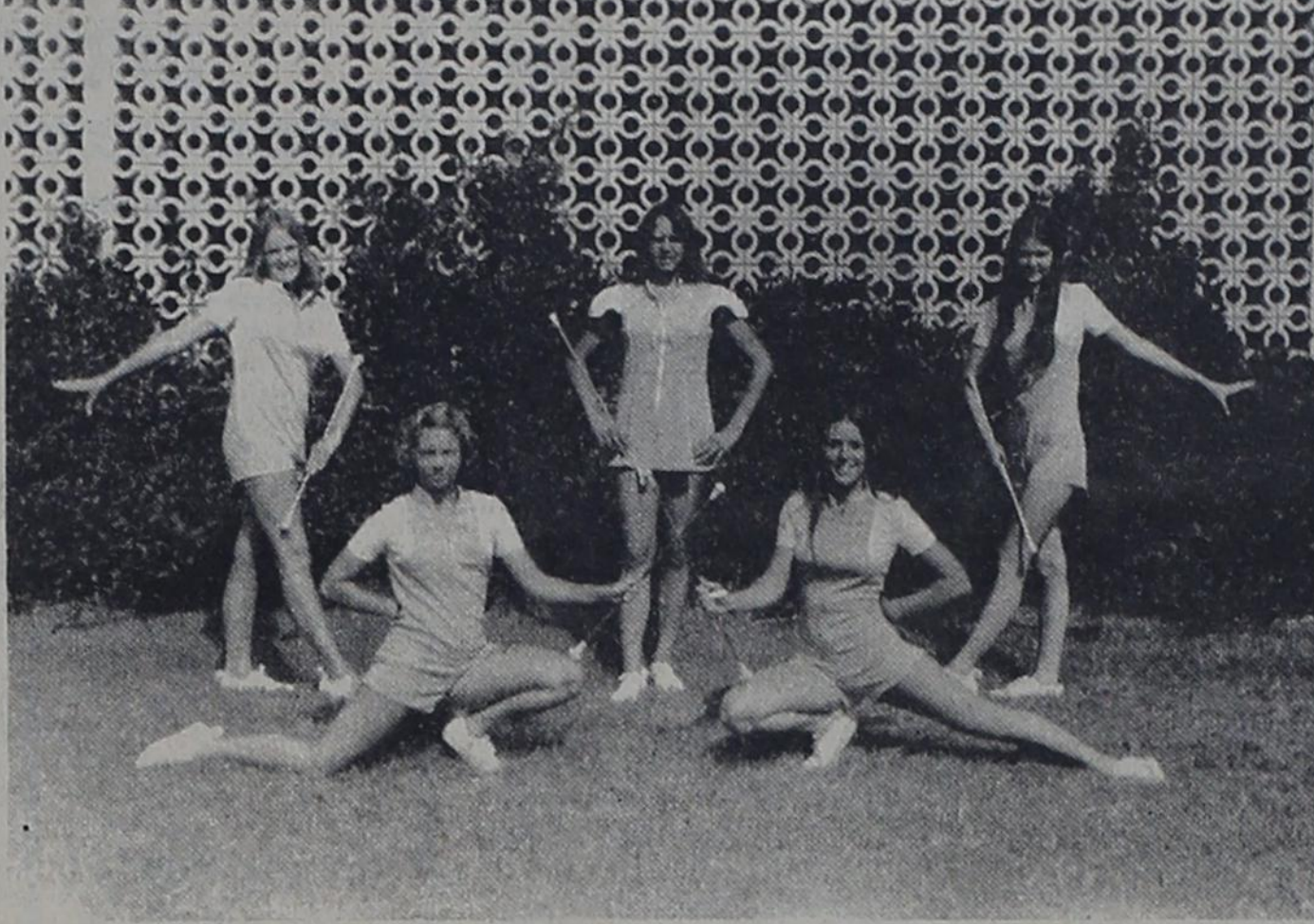


Pictured above are three Vietnamese young people who paid The Rising Star a visit last week while their car was being repaired here. Shown from left to right are The (Tay), Son (Shon) and Phuong Ngueng. They expressed their appreciation to the people of Rising Star for the help given to them.

find employment as scuba divers for an offshore drilling firm, and the girl will continue her education as a senior in high school.

In a brief interview, The, the older of the trio, stated that he and his brother and sister had been in the United States approximately eighteen months, and during that time had lived in Oregon and New Mexico.

When asked his impression of the United States he smiled and said, "Lot's of freedom", and in his limited English vocabulary he added, "We thank people of Rising Star for kindness, generosity, and hospitality. We hope to prove ourselves worthy of citizenship and would like some day to bring our family to United States."



The Rising Star High School majorettes for the 1976-77 school year are pictured above. This photo was made earlier in the summer while the twirlers were at twirling camp at Cisco Junior College. Pictured from left to right are Sharon McGinnis, Kaycee Rugherford, Lisa Campbell, Tabby Chambers, and Becky Wilson.

Golf Winners R.S.H.S. Twirlers Attend Scramble Cisco Junior Workshop

Two teams, each with a score of 66, tied for first place on Sunday's Mixed Golf Scramble at Lakewood Recreation Center.

A playoff resulted in the team of Jack Scott, I.B. Loving Lou Grider and Jean Fore winning first place, with a bird on hole number six.

Coming in second place was the team of Jack DeBusk, Marvin Porter, Frankie Smith, and Mary Ann Brown.

A total of 29 golfers entered the scramble play, it was reported.

The Rising Star High School majorettes were among some 340 participants in the 1976 Southwest Twirling Camp and Drum Major Clinic held on the campus of Cisco Junior College June 6-11.

Baton twirlers and drum majors from high schools, junior highs, and elementary schools all over the Big Country and other parts of Texas as well as Oklahoma attended the five-day clinic-workshop in Cisco. They were given instruction in the latest techniques in baton twirling and drum majoring, and they also learned new baton routines for performance during the coming year's sports seasons.

NARFE Sets July 26 Meeting

A dinner meeting and musical program will be the feature for the meeting of the Eastland Chapter 555 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees on Monday, July 26. The dinner, to be at the Ramada Inn in Eastland will be at 7:00 p.m., following by the program at 8:00.

President Al Van De Putte of Ranger will side over a short business session. Secretary Cliffogene Witt of Rising Star will serve as program chairman.

Shero is slated to speak at the remaining week-day meetings, through Friday night, at the 7 a.m. services and those at 7:30 p.m.

Then on Sunday, Shero is to address the combined adult Bible classes at 9:30 a.m. and will speak at both the 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. meetings.

Owen Aikin, local preacher of the Church of Christ, states: "We urge you to take advantage of the remaining opportunities to hear the Word of God proclaimed with force and simplicity by John Shero. You will also enjoy the stirring Gospel singing at the evening meetings, led by Damon Smith of Comanche."

He further adds that appointments for private study and visits, as well as free transportation to the meetings, are available by calling 643-6162.

July 31 Is Homecoming Tax Return Set At Deadline Sipe Springs

Residents and former residents of the Sipe Springs community will meet this coming weekend, July 24 and 25 for the annual homecoming and cemetery meeting.

On Saturday night, music and visitation will be enjoyed in front of the Masonic Hall. On Sunday, a basket lunch will be served at noon, and the business meeting for the cemetery Association will be conducted.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chambers and little daughter of Grand Prairie visited Roxie Butler Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brandau of Denver, Colorado are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Boggs.

Texas and former drum major at Texas Tech. Camp Director was Mr. Eris Ritchie of Cisco, who has directed the CJC camp for seventeen years.

During the camp, each instructor selected a group of our of the first two classes to perform the routine learned that week in the camp talent show. The R.S.H.S. majorettes were selected to perform from their class.

The high school majorettes for the 1976-77 school year are Sharon McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGinnis; Kaycee Rutherford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rutherford; Lisa Campbell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schlittler, Tabby Chambers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Chambers, and Becky Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wilson.

Special Services To End Sunday At Church Of Christ

The local Church of Christ will conclude a week-long evangelistic effort this Sunday, with the final service set to begin at 6 p.m.

Special speaker for the occasion has been John Shero, an internationally known Evangelist, now associated with the Austin Avenue Church of Christ in Brownwood.

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County Tax Election Set For August 14

Faced with what it called a pressing need for more revenue to offset a growing - and whopping - annual deficit and especially to maintain the county road system, the Eastland County Commissioners' Court has asked the county citizens to approve a 30c road and bridge fund tax.

The election has been set for Saturday, August 14. It has been called under an amendment to the State Constitution which permits a county to levy a 30c special tax above the general fund maximum of 80c per \$100 valuation for Farm-to-Market lateral roads and flood control purposes.

Last year, said County Judge Scott Bailey, the county spent \$180,000 more than it received in taxes and similar revenues. "If this trend continues," said Bailey, "There is little or no likelihood of a reduction in costs; inflation, with a capital, has seen to that," said the judge. The only alternative is an increase in revenue.

For instance, a Commissioners' Court fact sheet sets out that a road grader costing \$19,000 in 1964 now costs \$50,000; steel grader blades once priced at 75c per linear foot now cost \$3.50 per foot; the cost of diesel fuel has jumped from 17c per gallon to 45c and gasoline from 23c to 50c. Other costs, including wages, have increased in proportion.

But inflation is not the only reason the county finds itself in the unhappy position of having to draw heavily against its reserves in order to keep essential services going and pay its bills. New and burdensome obligations have been imposed by Legislative mandate. These force the county to buy public liability insurance at great cost; to acquire Workman's Compensation coverage at a rate which amounts to \$12 for each \$100 of wages paid, an increase of \$60 on a \$500 monthly wage; and to pay retirement and medical benefits that have become essential fringe elements of almost all public and private employment programs.

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is the most economical means of meeting the revenue problem, Owen and the other County Commissioners, Dill, Danny Woods of Precinct 1, and Jack Blackwell of Precinct 2, pointed out. They explain that all of its revenues would remain in the county. Nor would it affect the \$3,000 homestead exemption allowed by law. Property owners who qualify within its provisions would then pay none of the increase on homesteads rendered at \$3,000 or less. If, however, the county should have to resort to an increase in valuations - an alternative to the proposed tax increase - for the additional revenue needed to keep its services intact and pay its bills, some of these valuations could, of necessity, be pushed above the \$3,000 exemption ceiling.

But more seriously, an increase in valuations would have the effect of increasing state revenues from county property with no more benefit to the county. The state, the Court pointed out, levies a tax of 12c per 100, and this tax would be collected on all the higher valuations and sent to Austin.

"Revenue Sharing Funds from the federal government have been of great assistance in meeting county cost obligations," said Bailey; but the County Judge expressed doubt that the benefits of these federal funds, politically uncertain as they are, has been enough to offset the inflation they helped fuel. "They could be cut off at the whim of the national administration," he reminded.

Because most taxpayers make their payments early," he said, "But if no taxes were paid before the January 31 deadline, that balance would be wiped out by the end of the year," he said, warning that unless revenues from tax sources can be increased to meet climbing operating costs, it is certain to be further endangered.

At present the County has no bonded or warranted indebtedness. Its only deferred obligations are for the original microfilming of the County Clerks records and for road maintenance ma chinery being paid out of current revenues.

But there is no assurance, say the County Commissioners, that Eastland County will not be called upon to issue bonds or warrants for future needs. For that reason, they point out, it is essential that the county maintain a sound and solvent financial posture as the basis for a good credit rating. Eastland County has never defaulted on a debt and "we hope the citizens of the county will help us keep that record good by voting the 30c road and bridge fund tax," said Bailey.

One prospect in which the county may be forced to issue time obligations is being seen in state and federal standards for modern jail facilities. The antiquated Eastland County detention structure is older than the turn of the century. It is regarded as certain it will come under severe government scrutiny.

"Our obligation as your Commissioners' Court," said Bailey, "is to manage the county financial affairs in an efficient and sound manner. We are laying this need before the people of the county in the hope they will make it possible for us to do our job well and maintain the services so vital to county order and welfare."

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Geye and Debbie of Clyde and Mrs. Helen Donham have returned home from a few days in Colorado.

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We express our sincere appreciation to our friends for their concern during Weldon's illness, and hospitalization.

CARD OF THANKS

We are indeed grateful to the people in the Rising Star area for their assistance to us in the wreck just north of Rising Star last week.

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FROM OUR CHURCHES

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Universal Full Gospel Assembly

J. Edgar Hoover once said "The Spectacle of a nation on her knees is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an Atomic bomb."

What a Spiritual Awakening we would see if God's people would bind themselves together and fall on their knees in prayer and intercession for our Nation.

II Chronicles 7-14: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their Sin, and will heal their land."

As we face the upcoming election for the President of these great United States, let us pray that God's Man will be elected, and will lead our Nation back to the humble Statutes set forth by our fore-fathers, and back to God. Prayer is the only answer to all of our problems. Whether it be in a home, a Community, or a nation. The hour in which we are living is so unsure and so uncertain, and we don't know what the future holds, but if we know the One who holds all of our tomorrows in His Hand, we can stand on His word and claim the Victory for Our homes, our Community, our Nation. We choose our own destiny and right now we are at the Cross Roads--so let us pray that we might walk in His way and be led by Him.

Bro. McGinn

Free transportation to the services is available by calling 643-6162.5

Our sick includes Willie Mae Buzbee, who is better but is still in the Brownwood hospital (room 307). Mrs. Adrian Jenkins is also improving in the Cisco Hospital.

This Saturday evening, at 7:30 in our building here, David Martin and Marilyn Clark are to be united in marriage. Herschel McDonald, a former minister here, is to perform the ceremony.

Don't forget that our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 2-6. There will be classes for all from 2 years through adults.

Be sure to attend the remaining services of the "Meeting". May your week be a good one. Call us if we can help in any way.

--Owen Aikin

Others who attended were Cheerful Byrum, Viola Payne, Vada Arnold, Leta Hicks, Thornhill, Winnei Anderson, Jean and Margaret Andetson, Maggie Smith, Elza Witt, Mamie Webb, Jerry Watson, Keven and Ralph Bomb, Delta Webb and Winnie Stock.

Several special songs were sung by Cheerful Byrum with her autoharp with Viola Payne accompanying her on the violin.

Vada Arnold gave the devotional on "Love" and we closed with sentence prayers by all.

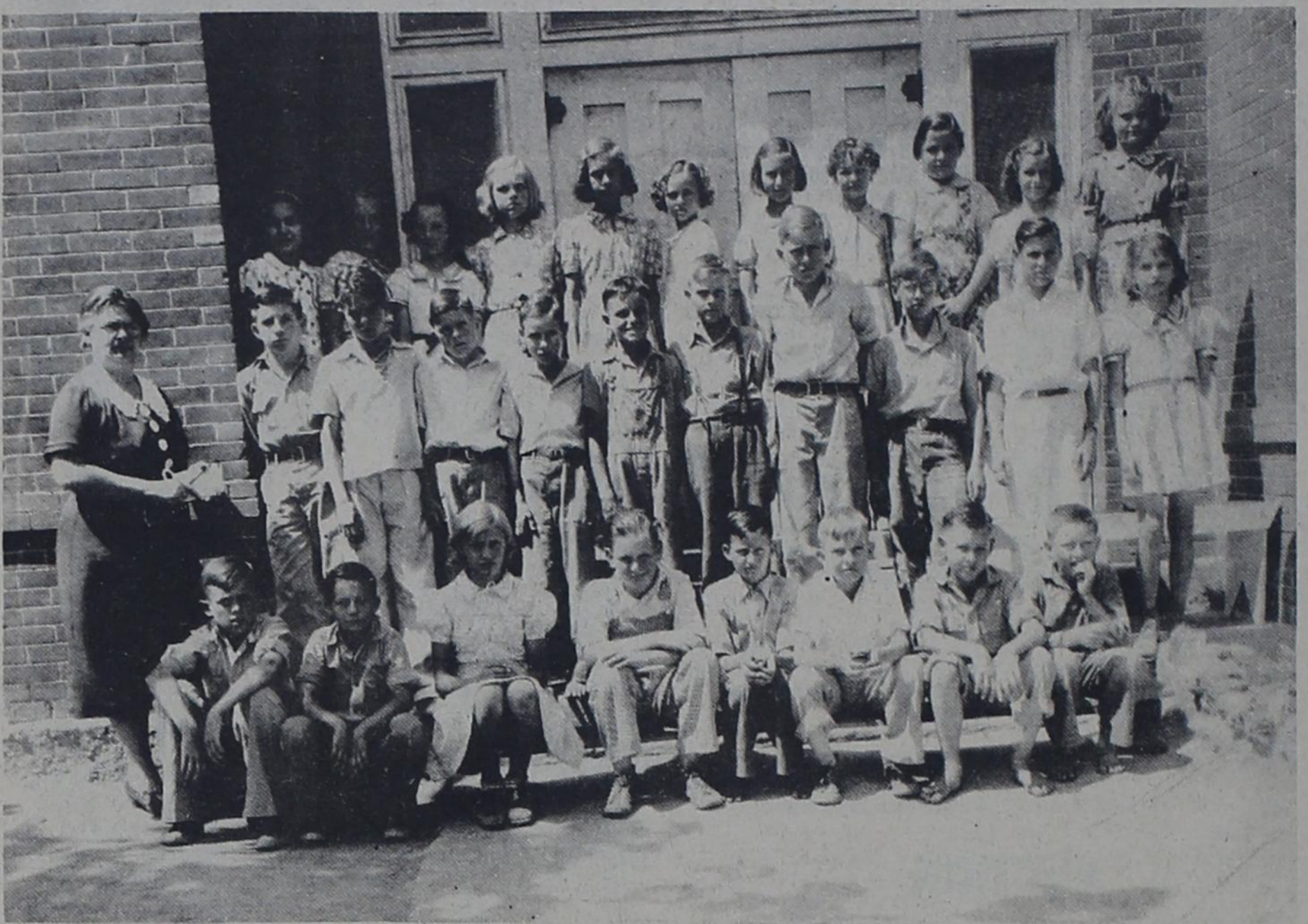
Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed sharing testimonies and prayer requests.

Come and study, bring your prayer requests and let the Lord bless you every Thursday at 2:30 in the home of Winnie Stock.

Winnie Stock, Reporter

People in the News

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Milner visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Collins of Canyon last week. The also visited their granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Chester and children of Amarillo.



Mrs. Ray Smith and the 1936-37 Third Grade Class of Rising Star Public Schools. Pictured front row (left to right) 1.- 2. Bud Siekman, 3. Barbara Hill, 4. Huston Upton, 5. Loyd Seeber, 6. Travis Johnson, 7. Bobby Zellars, 8. Herman Lyons, (second row 9. Don Dukes, 10. Don Jenkins, 11. 12. J.W. Starkey, 13. Jerry Gossett, 14. 15. 16. 17. Frank Payne, Jr. 18. Peggy White, (third row) 19. 20. 21. Wanda Roach, 22. Beth Boland, 23. 24. 25. Lillie Mae Meyers, 26. Brock, 27. 28. May Beth Busby, 29. Gloria Jean Jones.

Photo submitted by M.J. Dukes.

Texas Watermelon Crop Plagued by Bad Weather

AUSTIN--Having survived less than ideal growing conditions, the state's watermelon crop is now being harvested.

"Harvest began in South Texas, and then moved to the Coastal Bend and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. It is now underway in Central Texas and Winter Garden fields," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported.

Tonnage is expected to be somewhat lower than usual, although planted acreage in the state is the same as the last two years, at 55,000 acres, White said.

Quality is reported excellent in most areas. Most growers in South Texas, the Coastal Bend and Lower Rio Grande Valley report that the growing season this year was too cool and wet, resulting in shorter tonnage.

Some fields in the Valley have been hit with disease while others suffered severe hail damage; however, fields in that area are in the final stages of harvest.

In East Texas, excessive rainfall has damaged some of the crop, while in North Texas, some hail damage was reported following a late-June storm.

But despite adverse weather, watermelon supplies should be adequate, Commissioner White said.

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What kind of a layworker are you in the building of God's Kingdom? Recently I was reading an article written by Dr. West of the Missouri East Conference. In his article written by Dr. West of the Missouri East Conference. In his article he recalls to mind the various types of laypersons as published in the former Christian Advocate some years ago, and then adds his own comments about a special group dear to the heart of all pastors.

"There is the tired layman who will work if coaxed. But the tired layman complains so much for anyone. Second, there is the retired layman. He believes he has done his share and sits idly by, exercising his right to criticize. Third, there is the rubber-tired layman. He may go along if the way is clear and the road is smooth. Then finally we have the flat-tired layman. He once was closely affiliated with the church, but he suffered a puncture and never recovered his wind." Said Dr. West, "That was the end of the quotation, but I would like to add another category the tireless layperson whose heart is in the work and who cooperates constantly with steady support in the total program of the church. Such persons are a joy to their colleagues in the congregation, to their pastor and to their Lord."

Perhaps, without realizing we fit in one of these categories so it is we stand in need of prayer. We pray for you that you fit in the latter and are a blessing to your God as to His Church.

Reports on those hospitalized indicate that Mary Boase has returned home after a bout in

Stephenville, and Frank Winchester is home after surgery at West Texas Medical Center. Mrs. Marie Abernathy is still a recovery patient in Hendrick after surgery for repairing a broken hip. We continue to thank Our God for the miracle of healing and continue to pray that those in need of His divine healing will soon have their physical health restored.

On Wednesday of this week the Council on Ministries within our church met for a planning retreat to map out the upcoming program for Our Church that it may fulfill the ministry of Our Lord. Invited to share in the retreat was Rev. Jack Riley the District Superintendent of the Brownwood district of Our Church.

Worship in the Church of your choice this week, you will be blessed of God by your participation. We invite you to unite with us if you have no church home, we will welcome all who come to worship Our Lord.

Hubert Taylor

Church of Christ

Is the "Gospel Meeting", or "Revival" as it is sometimes called, an anachronism, a relic of the past preserved beyond its time? While it is true that mass meetings are no longer as important in the sharing of ideas as in the past, due to the coming of the "mass media": newspapers, radio and Television, these special gatherings of people to hear Bible themes treated still have their value and need to be preserved.

A "Meeting" permits a fresh look at an old and timeless subject: the Gospel. The people of a community have an opportunity to hear local preachers speak week after week and year after year. Vital truths can easily be missed in the routine, because they are usually clothed in the expressions that are so familiar in the regular context. The thrill of discovering new associations of Biblical ideas becomes more difficult. But with the coming of a visiting preacher, the tendency is to listen more closely and thereby to see more. The Gospel remains the best "News" that the world has ever heard and anything that can be done to communicate it more effectively is of value.

The "Gospel Meeting" also permits an additional emphasis within the community on the Gospel. It calls for special advertising; in the newspaper that allows further attention to the sweet story of God's

redemptive grace in Christ ought to be kept alive.

Special evangelistic efforts are additionally valuable and valid because they give people an opportunity to be together in an atmosphere that is nobler, richer and more uplifting than anything else ever possibly could be. The Gospel speaks of the greatest love ever shown and points the way for humans to experience its benefits and effects. The "Meeting" serves very well to deepen the awareness of this for all who attend.

Our special effort to share Gospel truths with our friends and neighbors continues through Friday night of this week and then on Sunday, July 25, The daily, weekday meetings are at 7 a.m. (maximum 30 minutes) and at 7:30 p.m. No services are scheduled for Saturday. On the combined Adult Bible Classes. At 10:30, he will be preaching in the morning Assembly and also at 6 p.m., in the evening Assembly. Bring your Bibles and attend all of these. Damon Smith, of Comanche, will be leading the singing for the evening and Sunday services.

Free transportation to the services is available by calling 643-6162.5

Our sick includes Willie Mae Buzbee, who is better but is still in the Brownwood hospital (room 307). Mrs. Adrian Jenkins is also improving in the Cisco Hospital.

This Saturday evening, at 7:30 in our building here, David Martin and Marilyn Clark are to be united in marriage. Herschel McDonald, a former minister here, is to perform the ceremony.

Don't forget that our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 2-6. There will be classes for all from 2 years through adults.

Be sure to attend the remaining services of the "Meeting". May your week be a good one. Call us if we can help in any way.

--Owen Aikin

Prayer Circle Views

The Family of God pryer circle met Thursday, July 15, at 8:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Winnie Stock for the third film strip, a preview of the next coming world power. These very timely films as we are studying prophecy and what our Bible tells us will happen in the future.

The theme song, "I Belong to the Family of God," was sung by Cheerful Byrum with everyone joining in on the chorus.

We were honored to have Zelma Morgan, 98 years young orf Sipe Springs among those who attended Bible study.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pat, Renee and Cindy Nixon from Angleton, Texas are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M.

Pat, Renee and Cindy Nixon from Angleton, Texas are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M.H. White.

Andy Palmore of Kansas City, Kansas is spending the summer with his grandmother Mrs. Cleo Palmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jones and three girls, Deidra, Tracey and Ashley of Panama City, Florida spent Thursday and Friday in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Eva Woody.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy and two daughters of Houston are visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Murphy.

Weldon Raach who has been hospitalized in West Texas Medical Center Abilene, returned home Saturday afternoon. His condition is improving and everyone is hoping for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Stark of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Stark of Crosbyton were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Dukes last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Killand of Moody, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Perzel and Sammie of Brownwood were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stroebel Sunday afternoon.

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135 acres close in to Cisco, tanks, well, some minerals, some terms could be arranged \$250 per acre.

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Nimrod News

-Eva Stroebel

Mrs. Evelyn Wiginton and granddaughter of Moore, Oklahoma spent last week at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stroebel made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Holcomb attended a bridal shower for their granddaughter, Patricia Clark, Saturday night in Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Terrell of Ft. Worth visited her parents the Wordis Erwins recently.

Those visiting the Conrad Schaefer Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schaefer and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schaefer of Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzie Green visited Goldson in the Eastland hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Abbott of Cisco dinner guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Livingston Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Bowen had his son and family of Big Spring last weekend with them.

Mrs. Ruth Livingston visited her sister, Mrs. Carrie Simpson in Abilene recently.

Those visiting the G.C. Stroebels the past week were: her nephew, Alton Richardson of Odessa; his sister, Mrs. Delma Fay Creamer and sons of Blithe, Calif.; Mrs. Lela McBeth; Mrs. Maud Hill; the Dinky Hills; Mrs. Herma Reich and daughter Lavern Plamback and Mrs. Evelyn Wiginton.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Crutfield and son, Claud were in Breckenridge, Saturday.

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In Memoriam

TOM
With all of my will and all of my might,

I, in my seclusion, tell Tom how I feel in the tenderness of night.

Of my true desperations, of the pain, and the fears,
I sense in some way he has counted each of my tears.

I tell how at first as I wept, I did cry, "Why, Lord, was I never even told"

Then I tell how a gentle reassurance came from somewhere above

By the ones who really knew of Tom's so troubled soul?"

Then I tell how a gentle reassurance came from somewhere above

That it is best never to question! One should just give and accept love.

I tell how some have felt such confusion-some even still.
How some will go on-things about him they will so soon forget.

But that to my life's very end-his memory will linger yet.

Of how I know to put his part in my life where it can best abide,

Tucked deep within my heart's love chest-wrapped in gentle love and pride.

Of how I have cleared away the shelf where the pain once stood

And will dwell only on the memories that are sweet and good.

How that since I am so young, another love and life will someday come my way.

That God simply lends each of us a someone with whom we can live, love, and play.

Tom wants me happy for with each heartbeat I recall all the secrets we shared.

Knowing fills me with "Understanding has at last come to Tom to just how much we cared."

I tell how I know his hurting was never meant to leave scars.
He knows of my whole forgiveness if it hasn't gotten tangled up in the stars.

And hears, that through God, I accept this as His will divine.
How easy to convey this to Tom in the seclusion that is all his and mine.

My heart, is yet so tender-the pain is still there.
But it is lessened each day, though, by those who really care.

Tom, himself, could have named them, these with kind love from beginning to end-

The Almighty, our dear Pastor, my family and each precious friend.
Denise Hill

Sipe Springs News

BY MRS. JACK MILLWEE

We are all looking forward to seeing all of our friends at the Sipe Springs homecoming on Sunday the 25th. There will also be a musical at the community center on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clayton of Angleton visited Mr. and Mrs. John McKeenan recently.

Visitors in the Carl Washburn home have been Robbie Price and Grace Vaughn of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Benny McClusky of Abilene.

Ruby Boswell spent the week with her sons in Arlington Mr. and Mrs. Travis Boswell accompanied her home and spent the weekend.

Moe Leonard visited DeWise Lewis in Comanche recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Whaley Jackson are back after a trip into New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Millwee, Edward and Margaret visit 4ed Mr. and Mrs. Layne Cotter at Baird recently.

Mrs. Rita Cannistraci, Chuck and Caulene visited the Millwees. Chuck and Caulene spent a few days with Edward and Margaret.

May H.D. Club Views Slides

The May H.D. Club met on July 14, 1976 at 2 p.m. in the regular second Wednesday meeting. Mrs. Alta Alexander, president, was in charge. The Club prayer was repeated in unison, led by Alta Alexander. Mrs. Sam Altum led the son "Clementine" with Carol Nelson at the piano. Roll call was answered by telling the chore you like best and why.

It was decided to have a float in the Brownwood Rodeo parade on July 29th at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Alice Regan showed slides on guiding the housewife to a wise selection of meats.

Mrs. Alta Alexander and Mrs. Clyde Allen served refreshments to 18 people in attendance.

Members and guests attending were Messrs Alta Alexander, Clyde Allen, Carol Nelson, Mae Underwood, Mary Alice Regan, Kathleen Muckleroy, Etta Altum, Beverly Ellis, Estelle Orr, Elizabeth Cook, Grace King, Ann Lewis, Annie Mae Smith, Dorothy Harris, Margaret Livingston, Lois Hardy, Ruby Hurst, and Entha Campbell.

Social Scene



Kornegay-Burnett Vows Planned

The Rev. and Mrs. Don Sebastian of Jasper, Mo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna K. Burkett of Waco to Gene Kornegay, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Kornegay of Bryan.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Kornegay of Rising Star and Mrs. Esther Jones of Cisco. The couple will be married August 7 in the First Baptist Church in Bryan.

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Bumper Grain Harvest Revitalizes State's Feedlots



TEXAS FEEDLOTS ARE ON THE UPSWING—The slump that hit feedlots in Texas during 1973 appears to be over, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. Placements into Texas feedlots during April were 22 percent above April 1975 figures. Bumper grain harvests played an important role in the recovery.

AUSTIN—The slump that hit feedlots in Texas and the nation in 1973 seems to finally be over, and indications are that more grain-fed beef will be showing up in markets across the state.

"The state's feedlot owners rang in the new year with red meat production in January 1976 showing a 27 percent increase over production during the same period in 1975," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said.

Cattle and calf slaughter accounts for a large part of the overall red meat figure,

White explained. Upturns in the state's feedlot business are here to stay, most experts feel. Feedlots which had been idle during much of 1975 are filling again with beef on the hoof.

The most recent statistics available indicate that placements into Texas feedlots during April were 285,000 head, 21 percent below March 1976 but, more important, 22 percent above April 1975 figures.

And a 14 percent increase in production of red meats during April was reported. Red meat production so far this year is slightly more

than 1 billion pounds compared with 935 million pounds in 1975.

A bumper crop of the feed grains—corn and sorghum—helped the feedlot recovery by resulting in cheaper feed. Total stocks (including oats and barley) as of April 1 were estimated at 144 million bushels, 34 percent above a year ago.

Wheat production during 1975 reached a record 131.1 million bushels. The sorghum crop of 374.4 million bushels was the second largest on record, as was the corn crop of 113.3 million bushels. The oat crop, at 19.5 million bushels, more than doubled the 1974 crop.

'75 Livestock Statistics Available

AUSTIN—The 1975 Texas Livestock Statistics book has been published, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

"The book presents up-to-date county estimates for cattle, hogs, sheep and goats on ranches and farms," White said.

Information such as imports and exports of cattle and calves into and out of the state, receipts of livestock at Texas auction markets and consumption of red meats is also contained in the book.

A free copy of 1975 Texas Livestock Statistics may be obtained by writing Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Rising Star Native Is Member Of Gospel Singing Group

The "Abundant Life Singers" of Stockton, California, will be presenting a concert on Monday, August 2 at the United Pentecostal Church in Brownwood.

Donald Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Martin of Rising Star and ex-student of the Rising Star Public Schools, is a member of the gospel singing group. Donald is the pianist for the group, as well as being a singer with the ensemble. His wife, Michelle, also sings in the group, as do Roger Chapman, of Denver, Colorado, Eddie Alldritt of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Kevin Stephenson of El Cajon, California.

The singing group is accompanied by the Spanish guitar and bass guitar, as well as the piano.

The "Abundant Life Singers" are from the music department of the Western Apostolic Bible College in Stockton. The group is presently touring the United States, presenting the sacred concerts in churches and auditoriums around the country.



Q. I've been trying to save energy this year; are oil companies trying, too?

A. Yes, and they are spending money to do it. By the end of 1976, Gulf Oil Corporation, for example, will have spent \$20 million to reduce total energy consumption at its refineries by 15 percent of that used in 1972.

At present, the company has reduced its fuel oil consumption 10 percent on its 1972 base. That translates into a savings equivalent of about 2 1/2 million barrels per year.



Pictured above are the "Abundant Life Singers" of Stockton, California. Donald Martin, Rising Star native, pictured at left, and his wife, Michelle seated, are members of the gospel singing group. Others are from left to right, Kevin Stephenson of El

Cajon, California; Roger Chapman of Denver, Colorado; who in addition to singing in the group, plays the Spanish guitar; and Eddie Alldritt of Twin Falls, Idaho, who also plays the bass guitar as well as participating as a singer in the ensemble.



The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Texas consumers should be wary of a new type of deceptive trade practice involving the sale of "rights to manufacture" products such as small decorator items, wall plaques, coasters, and sailboats.

Reports of consumer problems with such promotions by a few unscrupulous companies have surfaced not only in Texas, our attorneys note, but in at least eight other states as well.

Our Consumer Protection Division recently filed lawsuits against two such companies alleging that they were selling Texas consumers the "right to manufacture" products for which there is no retail market. Since no market exists, we allege the sale of a "right to manufacture" the products is a deceptive trade practice.

Some promoters of this new "investment opportunity" exploit consumers' belief in the need to work hard to make a profit. Typically, salesmen of such manufacturing rights will tell prospects that they can only succeed in the business by spending long hours at the work of manufacturing and by being willing to invest their own hard-earned cash.

This type of approach strikes a responsive chord in persons who have no desire to "get something for nothing." And by using such an approach, salesmen for some companies throw consumers off guard, making them less cautious than they ordinarily might be.

Contracts used in these schemes appear to make the investment foolproof. For

instance, nearly all of the contracts have a provision by which the company will buy back all or most all of the products produced by each manufacturer. And the contracts usually say the company will refund the initial investment of the manufacturer as specified production levels are reached, so that by the end of a year the consumer is "assured of getting most, if not all," of his or her money back.

The problem with the agreements is that the money to buy back the manufacturer's production and to refund the investment is obtained from the sale of more "rights to manufacture" contracts, rather than from retail sales of the goods manufactured. As a result, the plan is an endless chain of sales of manufacturing positions with no money coming into the companies from any source other than the manufacturers.

Our attorneys say there is no guaranteed way to protect yourself against this type of scheme. The best advice is to try to find out as much about the company and its personnel as possible.

In particular, it's extremely important to demand details as to how and to whom the products manufactured will be sold, because unless there is a market for the product, you will be wasting your investment money.

If you have a consumer complaint about sellers of such "rights to manufacture," get in touch with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

Form 64 (State) (3-76)

Consolidated Report of Condition of "First State Bank" (Legal title of bank)

of "Rising Star, Eastland, Texas, 76471, and Domestic Subsidiaries" (City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

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BALANCE SHEET		ASSETS		Sch.	Item	Col.	Mill.	Thou.	
1.	Cash and due from banks	C	7				1,662		1
2.	U.S. Treasury securities	B	1	E			582		2
3.	Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	B	2	E			None		3
4.	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	B	3	E			1,383		4
5.	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	B	4	E			None		5
6.	Corporate stock						None		6
7.	Trading account securities						None		7
8.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	D	4				None		8
9a.	Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	A	10			6,213			9a
b.	Less: Reserve for possible loan losses					64			b
c.	Loans, Net						6,149		c
10.	Direct lease financing						None		10
11.	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises						45		11
12.	Real estate owned other than bank premises						None		12
13.	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies						None		13
14.	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding						None		14
15.	Other assets	G	7				339		15
16.	TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 15)						10,160		16
		LIABILITIES		Sch.	Item	Col.			
17.	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	11	A			3,885		17
18.	Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	11	B+C			4,786		18
19.	Deposits of United States Government	F	2	A+B+C			29		19
20.	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	F	3	A+B+C			256		20
21.	Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	F	4	A+B+C			None		21
22.	Deposits of commercial banks	F	5+6	A+B+C			45		22
23.	Certified and officers' checks	F	7	A			31		23
24.	TOTAL DEPOSITS (sum of items 17 thru 23)						9,032		24
a.	Total demand deposits	F	8	A			4,055		a
b.	Total time and savings deposits	F	8	B+C			4,977		b
25.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	E	4				None		25
26.	Other liabilities for borrowed money						None		26
27.	Mortgage indebtedness						None		27
28.	Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding						None		28
29.	Other liabilities	H	9				230		29
30.	TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)						9,262		30
31.	Subordinated notes and debentures						None		31
		EQUITY CAPITAL							
32.	Preferred stock a. No. shares outstanding	None		(Par value)			None		32
33.	Common stock a. No. shares authorized	50,000.					250		33
	b. No. shares outstanding	50,000.		\$5.00 (Par value)			250		34
34.	Surplus						398		35
35.	Undivided profits						None		36
36.	Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves						895		37
37.	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)						1,016		38
38.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 30, 31, and 37)						10,160		

MEMORANDA			
1.	Average for 15 or 30 calendar days ending with call date:		
a.	Cash and due from banks (corresponds to item 1 above)	1,170	1a
b.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell (corresponds to item 8 above)	350	b
c.	Total loans (corresponds to item 9a above)	6,410	c
d.	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (corresponds to Memoranda items 3a plus 3b below)	220	d
e.	Total deposits (corresponds to item 24 above)	8,955	e
f.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase (corresponds to item 25 above)	None	f
g.	Other liabilities for borrowed money (corresponds to item 26 above)	None	g
2.	Standby letters of credit outstanding	None	2
3.	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more:		
a.	Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more	120	3a
b.	Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more	100	b

I, Mildred Hounsel, Comptroller-Asst. V. P. of the above-named bank do solemnly (SWEAR) (AFFIRM) that this report of condition (Name and title of officer authorized to sign report) (including the information on the reverse side hereof) is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: *Mildred Hounsel* (Signature of officer authorized to sign report) Directors. *John R. [Signature]* *John [Signature]* *John [Signature]*

State of Texas County of Eastland, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of July, 1976, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. My commission expires 6-1-77. *[Signature]* Notary Public.

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May News

BY LUDENE MICHAEL

VANILLA WAFER CAKE

1 stick margarine
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
1 six oz. package vanilla wafers (crushed)
1 3/4 oz. can Angel Flake coconut
1/2 cup maraschino cherries (slivered)
1/2 cup pecans (chopped)
1 tsp. vanilla
Mix sugar and margarine thoroughly. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in vanilla wafer crumbs, coconut, pecans, cherries, and vanilla. Put in well-greased and floured angel food pan or bundt pan. Bake for one hour at 275 degrees F. or until done. Let cake cool in pan. Do not remove from pan for 6 hours or overnight.

BRILLIANT ICING

1/2 cup fresh orange juice (or more if needed)
2 cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons margarine
Mix and cook until thick, about 10 minutes or less. Pour over cake while hot. (It is also good without icing).

Mrs. Johnny Weathersby fell and fractured her right hip Tuesday. She is a patient in the Gorman hospital, where her condition is stable at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Michael visited her Wednesday evening. Billy Mike Michael also visited her Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. H. B. Holdridge, Jr., and Nita Brashear of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gee last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Howard and Emily Allison of DeLeon and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thompson of Cisco visited in the Floyd Michael home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Michael visited Mr. and Mrs. Julian Steele and Lucille Vernon Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Michael visited their daughter and family in DeLeon one day last week.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Marjorie Lyons who passed away Tuesday, July 13 in Dallas after a short illness.

Our sympathy is also extended to the Holland family in the loss of their son, Charles Wayne Holland, 19, of May. He attended May High School, where he would have been a senior this fall.

Visitors in the May Church of Christ were Charlie Garner, Martha Ezra, and Barry Lynn of Ira, Texas, Edna Atherton of Rising Star, and Leah Hodges of Lubbock.

Emma Burnett Haddock of Caldwell, Texas, passed away July 5 after a short illness. She is survived by three children and several sisters and brothers. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Charlie Garner has moved back to May from Murphy, North Carolina. We welcome him back.

Lon McDaniel is convalescing at home after a twelve day stay in the Comanche hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chambers visited relatives in May last week.

Lucille Vernon of Corcoran, California is visited her aunt Mrs. Bobb Henderson in Rising Star, and other relatives in Gorman and May.

Mr. and Mrs. Windle Glenn of Lake Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Todd of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woods and children, Susan and Glenn of Lubbock have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Grace Glenn the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Windle Glenn, Mrs. Grace Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Kelso and children of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Ozel Gilbert of Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Barker and boy of Rising Star and Mrs. Billy Pinkard of Brownwood visited and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. May Friday night.

Mrs. Opal Fleming and Mrs. Grace Glenn visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Goldston of Rising Star Saturday morning.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verdell Haney were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Verdine and Monica; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Verdine and David of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haney, Bryan and Mark of Hale Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuesser and Jenna of Victoria and Mrs. Francis Downing and Roger of Longview were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Waldrep. They all attended the G.

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Pioneer News

- Mrs. A.C. Halsell

MY GIFT

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Entrusted by God to my care --
It came bearing only this warning --
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Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Halsell Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were daughter, Mrs. Lou Rodenberger and granddaughter Mrs. Kathy Wilcox and little son Jimmie all of Bryan and Miss Laurie Debidour of Paris France. Laurie spent her Senior year in Bryan four years ago. She was an exchange student from France. Her residence home was with Dr. Charles and Lou Rodenberger and family at that time. Laurie has just finished college in Bruges, Belgium. It is an interesting and enjoyable visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Don Parsons and family and Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Parsons were camping at Proctor Lake Thursday night. Those visiting them on Sunday were Mrs. John Neill and daughter Jennifer of Monihans and Mrs. Truitt Parsons.

Other visitors with Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Halsell were David Carl Taylor, his Dad Onis Taylor of Denton. They were enroute from a visit in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bates and Dianna Taylor.



Twilite Acre News

BY JANICE HARVEY

This week has been a busy one. This past Friday, July 16, we had a residents birthday party. Honorees were Willie Cooper, Ethel Barnes, and Buster Rixford. Punch and individual iced cupcakes were served to residents and visitors. Mrs. Nell Maynard, Earl Epley and Bryant Houston provided musci and the traditional birthday song. Many thanks to Anna Bell Pittman and Nell Maynard, Earl and Clara Epley, and Minnie Reynolds for helping with our party.

Saturday afternoon, Kaye Whiteaker and Lynn visited with all residents and Lynn played several selections of piano music for us. Later Saturday evening, Mrs. Bynum and her friend from Brownwood gave a recital of spiritual music and residents were invited to sing along. Thank you for coming.

Any groups interested in singing or playing for us should contact the Activity Director after 1:00 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays. We would love to have you come and be with us.

Ben H. Moore of May held our devotional Sunday afternoon. Residents enjoyed the message very much. Thank you Mr. Moore for the lovely poem and do visit us again.

George Varner was visited by his grandson, Mr. and Mrs.

Johnnie Weathersby is in the Gorman hospital much improved.

Mary Flortine Hammitt is expected back this week from Abilene where she has had eye surgery.

Ethel Degman was visited by her daughter, Lena Mae Chambers.

Mrs. Ethel Brown is at home again since her eye surgery in Brownwood. She is improving normally, and she can see normally. We are so glad of her successful operation. Mrs. Brown's visitors during the week were Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Garret, Mr. John McFerrin and Gene. Mrs. Jack White, Mrs. Curtis Pell and Jennifer and Mr. Pete Fore.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Foster on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Garrett of Cross Plains.

Mrs. Jean Fore reports that Rev. Purvis and wife will attend a Revival while vacationing in New Mexico. He will also be preaching some, there. Rev. Troy Brooks of Ferrin, Texas filled the pulpit at the Baptist Church in Pioneer, Sunday in the Pastor's absence. He was accompanied by his wife and child.

We were reminded again of how thankful we are for all the wonderful rains when Mrs. Calvin Roady reported 15.7 inches at her place since the rains started in the early part of the month.

Those visiting the Roadys this week were Mr. and Mrs. Floy Manard and daughter and son-in-law if Rising Star; Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Freeman of Clyde, Mr. Mack C arty, Mr. Charley Harrell and Mrs. Annie Laurie Alexander.

Mrs. Gladys Sessums made a business and fun trip to Ft. Worth last Wednesday and Thursday. Their visitors this week were Mrs. Lottie Sooter and grand daughter, Debra from Abilene and Mr. D.I. Sessums of Ft. Worth.

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Fambro Gate and Panel Co.--Amfob flt. dk.--Cisco.
H. Tom Sutton--Ford Pkup--Ranger.
Tana Sharp--Ford Pkup--Cisco.

David McCaghen--Chev. Pu--Cisco.
Ronnie Reese--Chev. 2dr--Olden.
Kathy Owen--Pont. Cpe.--Eastland.
E.E. Frost--Yamaha Mc--Eastland.

91st Dist. Court
The Northern Assurance Co. of America vs. Melba Opal Rankins. Appeal from the award of the Industrial Accident Board.
Denver Felix Stagner, Jr. vs. Debbie Ann Stagner--Divorce.
William A. James vs. Judy F. James--Divorce
Mildred Hounsell vs. Lyric Collins Hounsell, Jr.--Divorce
Rita Jean Howell vs. Alton Alvin Howell--Divorce
In Re-Mary Edna Bingham--Change of Name.
Raymond Thomas Hattox vs. Patsy Ann Hattox--Divorce

Marriage License
Patrick Henry Pittman and Jana Diane Ragland.
Ray Gene Davis and Patricia Faye Gray.
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Paul David Martin and Marilyn Margaret Clark.
Tommy Houston Cozart and Doris Lynn Peel.
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1/2 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon lemon juice
3 eggs, separated
1/3 cup cornstarch
1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped
3 egg whites
Few drops yellow food coloring

For crust, prepare Crunchy Oat Crust as recipe directs; chill.
For filling, blend together pineapple juice, 1/4 cup sugar, orange juice, lemon juice, egg yolks and cornstarch in a medium-sized saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is thickened and glossy. Cool. Fold whipped cream into pineapple juice mixture. Beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add remaining 1/4 cup sugar, beating until stiff peaks form. Fold egg whites and food coloring into pineapple juice mixture. Spoon into pie crust. Sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Chill. Makes 9-inch pie.

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