

Through The Editor's Specs

by BAB

When I walked into the First State Bank in Rising Star shortly after noon Monday, Miss Pate Goss, secretary to the officers of the bank, looked at me with a woe-begone expression.

"It looks as if our town is going to be just a source of bad news," she remarked.

Only two hours before the First Baptist Church of Rising Star, a modern edifice attractively done in red brick and white trim, had burned to the ground with a loss estimated in excess of \$125,000, and less than a week before, sitting at her desk facing the lobby, Miss Goss had watched a bandit brandish a pistol as he ordered Cashier Lane Wells to send all of the bank personnel to the rear. The bandits got something more than \$9,000 of the bank's money in that holdup—or rather the insurance company's money—and they haven't yet been apprehended.

By Edward Gibbon's formula, the little town of Rising Star does appear to be making quite a bit of history, locally at least. As Gibbon wrote in his Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire to explain the little that one of the Emperor Antonines had left in record, history is "little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind."

Misfortunes, indeed. The loss of a magnificent church building seems so wanton and useless. But it happens, and it happens for reasons that are obscure in the thoughts of Providence.

But it will be built back, if I know my Baptist friends. They are an individualistic lot, very square-chinned and distinguished by a lot of toughness in adversity. As Arthur Smith, one of the deacons said to me, "We've got to" Arthur is past his allotted three score and ten and he has invested a lot of those years in the First Baptist Church in Rising Star and to have all that effort come to futility because of a disaster is simply unthinkable in his book. And so it is with others of the church.

It will be a stronger and a better church because of the challenge of adversity.

It seems a big price to pay, but that is about the only profit you can figure from such a loss. A new church, a better church and as a result, a better community. Because towns grow, like individuals, by the challenges they receive. Life is a process of problem solving, and people who are not confronted with difficulties, rarely develop character and backbone.

Being myself a Methodist what I shall miss most of the lost Baptist church is the carillon in its steeple. Three times daily the music of its bells floated over the community, in the awakening morning, at noon and in a vesper benediction. It was the only carillon in the county, I believe, and it was made by a famous carillon firm in Pennsylvania.

It was very pleasant listening to it, especially so in the dusk. I hope that in their planning for the new edifice, they will find a way to put it back.

FIRST CHILD—A SON
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harding of Levelland have announced the birth of their first child, a son, born Friday, Oct. 2. The baby weighed six pounds and 11 ounces. It has been named Darren DeStrom. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tipton of Levelland and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Harding of Rising Star.

DIXON BOGGS IN HOSPITAL
Dixon Boggs was a patient in Brownwood Community Hospital this week following an attack at his home Sunday afternoon. His condition was reported to be fair.

Windle Glenn of Lake Jackson, Texas, recently spent a week with his mother, Mrs. Grace Glenn, at May. He was joined by his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woods of Stamford, over the weekend. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Chambers of Brownwood.

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WHERE THREE GOOD TEXAS COUNTIES GET TOGETHER

Roping Club Will Host Barbecue Saturday October 10.

The Rising Star Roping Club will be host to its annual barbecue at the rodeo arena Saturday, October 10, at 6:30.

More Citizens Buy Markers to Identify Streets

During the past week several more local citizens have contributed to the Chamber of Commerce sponsored street marking project.

As these intersection markers are purchased by local citizens and businessmen, they are put up on the already erected supports.

The two blue and white reflective signs and all necessary hardware to mark one intersection costs \$15.75. Anyone desiring to pay for an intersection can do so at any of the following business locations: Jenkins Insurance, Shults Implement, or The Rising Star.

Following is a list of those who this week have purchased a \$15.75 intersection or made a contribution:

F. M. Middleton (1)
C. R. Tyler (1), and
Milton E. Walters \$10.00.

The barbecue is an annual community social event in which the club expresses its appreciation for the support which the public gives to its summer rodeo series.

The 1970 rodeo series was one of the most successful in the 18-year history of the club, so much so that the season was extended for two performances to meet the demand.

Tickets for the barbecue have been priced at \$2.00 to cover the cost of the catering, and they may be purchased at the Jenkins Insurance Agency or the Winfrey Feed and Peanut Company office.

"We have developed an interesting program with good food as a highlight of the evening," said A. D. Jenkins, chairman of the barbecue committee.

Included in the program is a cutting horse contest.

3 Inches Rain In September

Rainfall in the Rising Star area during the month of September totaled 3.01 inches, according to the official weather bureau records kept by John W. Lee, local weather observer.

October 14-October 30 Absentee Voting Time

Wednesday, Oct. 14, to Friday, Oct. 30, inclusive, is the period for absentee voting by personal appearance in the Nov. 3 general election.

Any qualified voter in Texas who expects to be absent from the county of his residence on Nov. 3 may cast an absentee ballot. To do so, he should take his voter's registration certificate to the county clerk's office during its hours of operation in the Oct. 14-Oct. 30 period.

In addition to state, district and local races, the Nov. 3 ballot will include seven proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

By subject, the proposed amendments relate to: (1) censure and removal of judges; (2) authority for mixed beverage laws; (3) assessment of farm, ranch and forest lands; (4) reconstitute State Building Commission; (5) county road bonds and assessed valuation; (6) increase value of homestead exemption from forced sale; and (7) authority

Bank To Ask Verification Of Accounts

Continuing a policy initiated last year, the First State Bank will shortly mail letters to about 20 percent of its depositors and customers asking them to verify the bank's figures on their checking and savings accounts and loans.

Each letter will give the figures on the customer's accounts, which he will be asked to verify or note a balance not in accord with his own records and return on a special form in a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

The policy will enable the bank to give even better service to its customers, said James Rutherford, president.

Mrs. Ester Cowley has returned from a two weeks visit with her son and family Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stovall at Tucson, Ariz. She reports a delightful trip.

to consolidate functions of government.

Texas has a record 4,150,645 registered voters this year. Normally, absentee voting accounts for approximately five per cent of the total vote turnout.

Kittens Take 6-0 Win Over Blanket Team

The Rising Star Kittens defeated Blanket Junior High football team 6-0 in a game played on the Rising Star field Thursday night of last week. The Kittens scored their touchdown and the lone score of the game in the second period, J. B. Jarvis carrying the ball into the end zone in a 30-yard run. The try for point was missed.

The Kittens threatened once in the first period but a fumble stopped the drive.

The remainder of the game was a defensive battle.

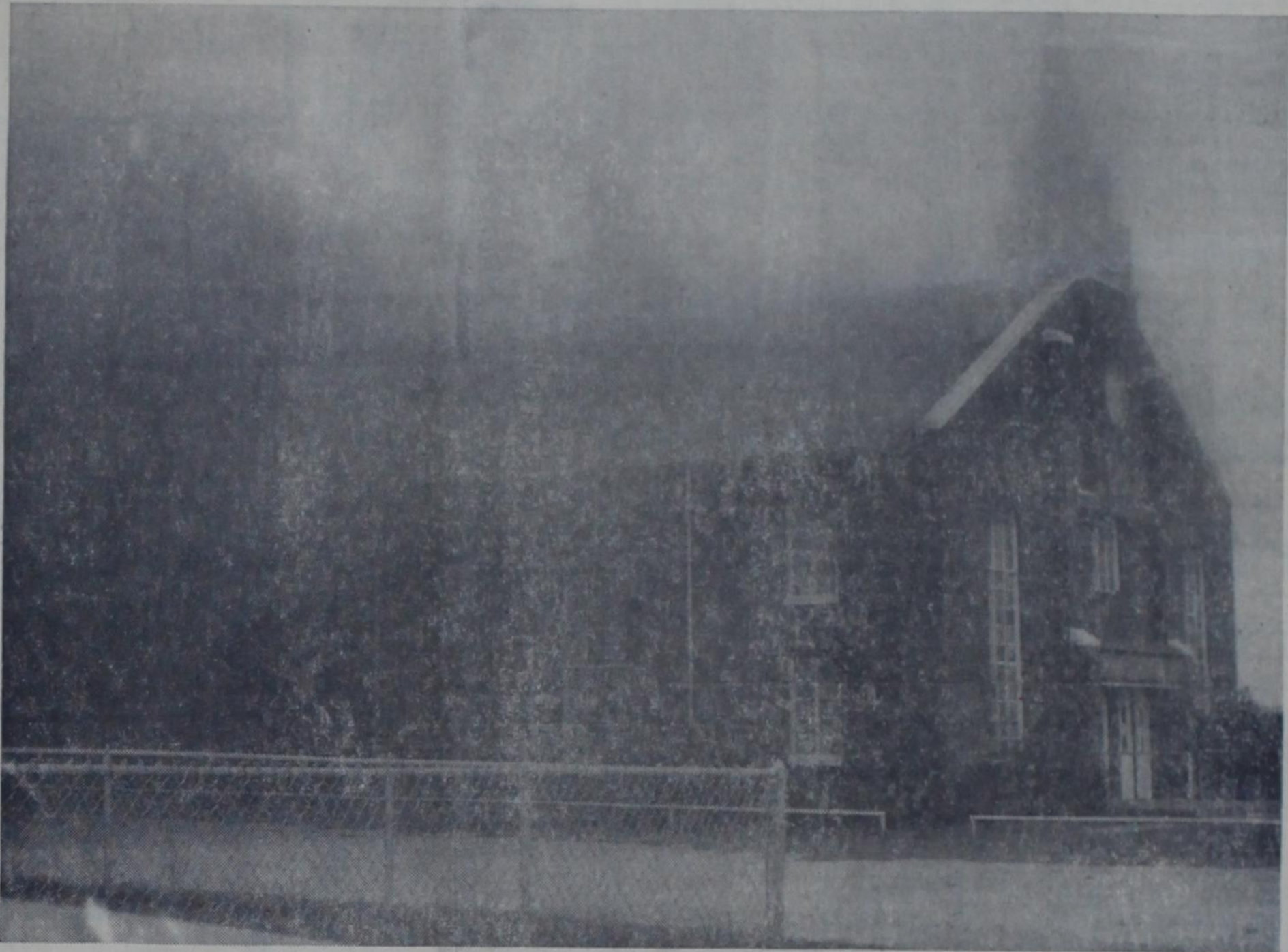
Public Invited To Stephenville Tour Oct. 15

STEPHENVILLE (Sp) — More net profit for Texas peanut growers is the joint aim of two related educational programs here on October 15.

Scheduled in the morning is the firsthand inspection of results at an ambitious project on the Jimmy Grissom Farm, where 48 chemicals (each applied in three different amounts per acre) are being demonstrated in the control of peanut diseases.

Scheduled in the afternoon is the annual field day of the Texas A&M University-Tarleton Experiment Station, where the emphasis of research is centered on the control of peanut insects, the selection of quality seed, the use of herbicides, and the breeding for new varieties.

First Baptist To Rebuild Burned Church



Over \$125,000 Loss Sustained In Monday Fire

The board of deacons of the First Baptist Church of Rising Star, meeting Monday night, voted to recommend immediate rebuilding of the church structure which burned Monday morning, and to submit the proposition to a called meeting of the congregation Tuesday night.

Pending completion of the new building, the church will hold its worship services in the chapel of the Higginbotham Funeral Home and its Sunday school in the high school gym building. The church received invitations from the Methodist and Seventh Day Adventists also offering facilities.

The First Baptist Church building in Rising Star was destroyed by fire Monday morning with a loss in excess of \$125,000. The beautiful red brick structure burned rapidly once the flames reached the open air.

Only the church organ and grand piano and a library belonging to the pastor, the Rev. Vic Allen, and valued at more than \$1,000 were saved. These were removed through the front doors of the sanctuary while the back of the church, containing the educational and social departments, was wrapped in a mass of flame.

A colonial style, brick nursery, adjacent to the church building on the south, and the parsonage where Rev. and Mrs. Vic Allen live, were not burned, although the fire, whipped by a stiff southeast wind, reached and occasionally brushed the parsonage.

Free units from Cisco, Eastland and Cross Plains joined the Rising Star FD in fighting the blaze and in protecting the parsonage and other nearby buildings with hosed water.

The magnificent red brick structure, completed in 1950, during the pastorate of Rev. Van Martin and dedicated in 1951 had been continuously improved since its construction. The church was sheathed in brick during the pastorate of Dr. H. K. Neely in the late 1950's. Included in the loss was a carillon, installed in the steeple as a memorial to the late wife of County Commissioner, L. J. (Buck) Collins. Mr. Collins and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Parker gave the carillon which was said to have cost in the neighborhood of \$9,000. The rich, resonant notes of the bells which rang at 8 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. on weekdays and called worshippers at regular church hours on Sunday, had become a characteristic and appreciated feature of the community atmosphere.

The organ and the nursery which were not burned, were gifts of the late Ira Hudler and his wife.

The loss was only partially covered by insurance.

Members of the board of deacons said Monday after the fire that the edifice would be rebuilt.

Meanwhile invitations were received from the Higginbotham Funeral Home, which has a chapel seating more than 200, the First United Methodist Church and the schools offering use of their facilities to the congregation in the conduct of services pending completion of a new church building. The Seventh Day Adventists also offered use of their facilities.

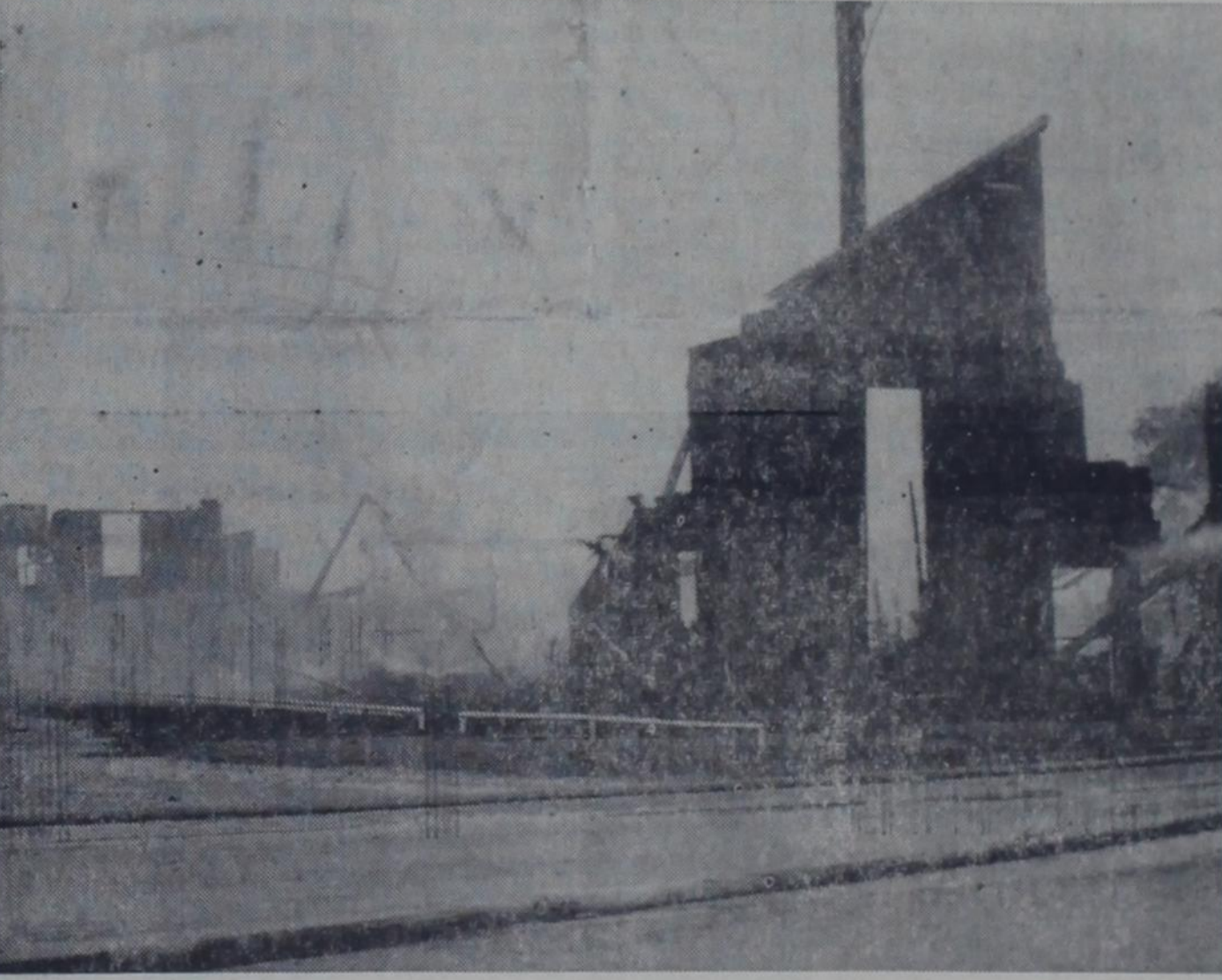
There was no determination of how the blaze started, but members of the church were inclined to blame a hot water heater which had been giving some trouble.

Otho Carter, caretaker of the church had lit the heater Monday morning in preparation for a baptismal service scheduled for Monday afternoon.

Among the church equipment which was burned were (Continued from Page 5)

ABOVE — Billows of black smoke are shown pouring from the ventilators and other openings in the roof of the First Baptist Church in Rising Star shortly before flames burst from the rear and quickly consumed the \$125,000 structure.

BELOW — These charred ruins are all that were left of the attractive red brick building an hour later.



Cynthia Hounsel To Appear In State 4-H Show

Cynthia Hounsel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hounsel of Rising Star, will be one of 24 4-H dress revue winners from over Texas to be featured in "Going Places With Texas Fashions" in the Food and Fiber Pavilion at the State Fair in Dallas October 17.

They will be on the show in the 200-seat theater in the Pavilion with shows that include "Make It Yourself With Wool" and famous author, Helen Corbett's food show, Texas Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said.

Mrs. W. J. Stroman of Lometa, a member of the auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, is helping sponsor the show that emphasizes wool as one of Texas' leading natural fibers.

Kay Elmore, clothing specialist with the Texas A. & M. University extension service will be commentator for the fashion shows that will be given at 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m.

New Contractor Takes Over Highway 183 Job

Work was resuming on the reconstruction of U. S. Highway 183 south of Cisco Tuesday this week after the State Highway Department had negotiated a new contract for the completion of the job with the Pioneer Construction Company of Abilene, it was

announced by R. P. Haun, Jr., resident highway engineer at Eastland.

The Abilene firm was selected to complete the job, subject to State Highway Department approval, by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Houston, bondsmen for the defaulting original contractor, Darco Construction Co. of College Station.

Units of the new contractor were going on the job this week.

Haun said that a resurvey of the job had indicated that about \$310,000 worth of work is yet to be done to complete the job. The bondsmen still stand all cost of construction in excess of the original contract price of \$1,233,730, which is all that the state will be required to pay, Mr. Haun said.

"We expect to have the highway in much better shape for traffic within 90 days, bearing bad weather," said the engineer.

One asphalt surfacing on a

40-foot wide travelway is scheduled for completion by the first of the year. The final coating of a double 2-shot bituminous surfacing as provided for will be done next spring, Haun said.

The new contractor has 120 days in which to complete the job.

Some of the pavement laid on the section is temporary and will be covered with a new base to bring it to level with the rest of the width, and all of this will then be covered with the 40-foot two-shot asphalt surface, Haun explained.

May Methodists Set Lord's Acre

The First United Methodist Church at May, has announced its Lord's Acre Festival for Saturday, October 10.

A public auction will be held, and the Country Store will open at 2 p.m., where needlework, children's clothes, baked goods, home canned foods and various other articles will be sold.

At 7:30 p.m. a turkey dinner will be served in the church dining room. The Country Store will be located in the basement of the church. The public is invited to attend and help in this worthy cause.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dukes were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Erwin, Ronald and Belinda of Hobbs, New Mexico, and a granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Adams of Lubbock. The Erwins also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Erwin at Sabal.

Council Sets Vote On Sales Tax

The Rising Star City Council voted this week to submit the proposition of a one-cent City sales tax to the voters coincident with the general election of November 3.

The tax, if approved would be collected with the state sales tax and the proceeds remitted by the state at quarterly intervals.

The councilmen stipulated that the first proceeds of the tax, if it is approved, would be used for the purchase of a new fire truck and other necessary fire fighting equipment.

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**Peanut Tour
 Thursday A. M.
 Set At Gorman**

Peanut demonstrations in the Carbon and Gorman area will be toured Thursday morning. County Agent DeGordon said the tour will leave from the Carbon Peanut dryers at 8:30 a.m. October 8. Among the demonstrations to be visited is a fertilizer demonstration on Jerry McHaffey's farm, and a peanut

variety demonstration on B. E. Simpson's farm. Gordon said 25 different combinations of fertilizers were compared in the McHaffey demonstration and seven different varieties of peanuts were compared in the Simpson demonstration.

The county agent said the Texas Peanut Producers organization and the Texas Experiment Station Cooperated with the Extension Service on these demonstrations.

**AT THE STAR
 OFFICE SUPPLIES**

**4-H Club Program More
 Than 'Cookin' and Cows'**

"It ain't all Cookin' 'n Cows" says the National 4-H News. The 4-H program is progressing with the times and National 4-H Club Week, Oct. 4-10, is a good time to look at the image and scope of this well established national youth organization.

Mrs. Judy Cardwell, assistant home demonstration agent, says she hopes people will learn to think of 4-H projects other than beef, swine, cooking and sewing.

These projects are still popular, however; others have been added which will be of interest to all young people as well as rural 4-H'ers.

Some of the newer projects are bicycle, dog care, automobile, and photography. Other projects which reflect the expansion of the 4-H program include camping, horsemanship, woodworking, public speaking, horticulture, and money management.

Ken Hounsel, a fifth grade Rising Star student, worked on a dog care project for the past two years. He became interested in this project when he saved enough money to purchase his dohite poodle puppy, Mitzi. Ken has taught Mitzi several tricks as well as learning to feed, wash and clip her properly.

Ken is one of the 87,000 4-H'ers in the nation enrolled in the 4-H dog care and training program.

Other projects Ken has been involved with are swine, foods and nutrition, beef, and pond management.

Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hounsel, Rising Star. Becky Kincaid, active Eastland 4-H club member, has had home improvement as a project this past year. Becky has learned to arrange for new storage areas in her room. She painted her room selecting a color scheme that suited her personal taste. Becky, carried on this project with the help of her mother, Mrs. Robert Kincaid, as her adult leader.

Adult leaders who have knowledge or experience in a certain area help members with their projects. If a 4-H club does not have a project leader for a topic a member wants to work on, the member can work on it with parents, people in the community and organizational leaders in his club, it was explained.

Certificates and or medals are presented to county winners in various competitive areas of 4-H. Saving bonds, trips relating to the subject of their projects, or trips to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago are awarded to winners on the state level.

Three Eastland County 4-H'ers have won state honors and brought home a total of \$5750 in scholarships.

Carter Hounsel was presented a 4,000 scholarship by the Houston Livestock Association for his outstanding project work with livestock.

Patsy Moseley, Olden 4-H

club member, won at the State 4-H Foods Show. First place was a \$500 scholarship. Patsy is a freshman at Tarleton State College. This scholarship is sponsored by Fant Milling Co.

Tommit Lee was the latest scholarship winner. With his outstanding work in the field of wildlife, Tommie won \$1200 scholarship from the Fogor Co. Tommie kept records of his work and entered his record book in Wildlife Conservation. A \$50 savings bond was presented him as a district winner.

The 4-H program is open to all young people in the United States between the ages of nine and nineteen.

Clubs in Eastland County include Happy Go Getters, Cisco, Olden, Nimrod Willing Workers, Rising Star, Gorman and Carbon.

Eastland County extension agents, Paul Campbell, assistant agricultural agent and De Gordon, agricultural agent.

Lunchroom Menu

MONDAY, Oct. 12—Bar-B-Q weiners, mixed vegetables, peach cobbler.

TUESDAY, Oct. 13—Chicken-fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, apple sauce cake.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 14—Spaghetti and meat balls, carrots, corn and tossed salad.

THURSDAY, Oct. 15—Beans, cheese, pickles and onions.

FRIDAY, Oct. 16—Stew, Cobbler, Crackers and bread.

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**Flower
 Talk**

BY
LUCILLE HUDDLESTON

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THANKFUL FOR MY HOME TOWN—RISING STAR

The construction of America dates back so far that we cannot calculate when it began. America has been through wars, floods, fires, depressions, and every kind of force known; but the most dangerous foe of America is man. Mankind has been carving its name over this land for years.

Men spend millions of dollars each year beautifying the already beautiful land, and yet all the buildings and fine stores are only scarring our land. Where huge cities now stand, beautiful pine and oak trees once towered. Of course, we all know that with our greatly increasing population, the people have to build their homes somewhere; but what parents want their children to grow up in huge cities where playing cut-of-doors means running across the streets? What parent wants to see his children amazed at the sight of a farm animal? More and more crime in these huge cities is increasing because of the crowded homes, poverty, and hunger in the slums of cities.

Sometimes we think of ourselves as being unfortunate because we live in a small town where there is not a variety of things to do and places to go. If we would only stop to think of the actually unfortunate people who wish so much to be able to take a long drive in the country and see a kind of nature which has been unblemished by human hands.

THERE'S ROOM AT THE TOP

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senior trip. We have been discussing where we want to go and what it will cost us. So far we have not decided between New Orleans and Mexico. We just hope that we can reach a decision by the end of the school year. In English IV we are working on term themes and early English literature. Algebra II has become very interesting since we have started graphing solution sets. In Chemistry we are learning how to balance chemical equations. Political parties are the source of discussion in Civics lately. In Bookkeeping we are learning about cash journals. We seniors are now selling light bulbs. If anyone needs any light bulbs, just call seniors, and we will be more than glad to sell some to you.

Good-bye for now.
PAT

WILLING TO LEARN

Can you believe that our first six weeks of the long school year are already over; although, everyone did not do as well as we had hoped, we are setting our goals for better grades.

NOT FINISHED—JUST BEGUN

The sophomores have pulled through the first six weeks of school in fair shape. When we think about the summer vacation, it seems years away. There was really a lot of school spirit shown last week because of the game with our biggest rival, Cross Plains. Of course, everybody is looking forward to the game with Hico this Friday. We know the Wildcats will do a great job.

IN THE FISH BOWL

Six weeks' tests are over.

Some tests were really hard right, S.J.B.
Last week we saw a really bouncy show. We saw two trampoline artists; they were great.
This six weeks in Biology we start looking through microscopes. We get to see all the little creepy, crawly things we have never seen before. In English I we Fish will be reading biographies and autobiographies. All the stories are about famous people. In Algebra I we will be studying axioms, equations, and problem solving. The Home Ec. I girls will still be studying foods. This is the news from the Fish Bowl.
Till next week,
MARY LEE

AGRICULTURALLY SPEAKING

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That about wraps it up from the FFA world.
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Please buy a ticket, contribute to a worthwhile cause, and enjoy the rodeo.
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Virginia Willis, Fred Rayburn Nuptials Said at Brownwood

The bride wore an empire gown of antique white satin. Sleeves and neckline was accented with scalloped lace. Her shoulder length veil of silk illusion fell from a head-piece of lace, sequins and pearls. She carried a cluster bouquet of white gladioli florets and white carnations. Bridal attendants wore empire floor length gowns of soft blue trimmed with lace. The flower girls wore identical gowns.
Ovie Carroll, Jr., was best man and James Calhoun served as groomsmen.
A reception was held in the church following the ceremony. The bride's table was

laid in lace and centered by an arrangement of white and yellow gladioli and blue pom poms.

The couple will live in Pearsall.

Mrs. Mabel Ralston of East Pioneer Street, in Rising Star attended the wedding.



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THE GORDON SPOT

By DE GORDON, County Agricultural Agent

It will soon be election time for Soil and Water Conservation District Director in zone 2 of the Palo Pinto District. This zone includes the Northeast corner of Eastland County. It includes all land in Eastland County east of the old Wichita Falls and Southern Railroad right-a-way which runs through Ranger to Desdemona.

Sam Powers of Desdemona is the present director. The election will be held in the Desdemona school building at 8:00 p.m. on October 14. A program is being planned for the election meeting. All landowners in this zone are urged to attend this election.

Peanut production is probably the largest economic industry in Eastland County. Every person in this county is affected directly or indirectly by this industry. Much of the progress made in peanut farming can be credited to the experiment station in Stephenville. Scientists there developed the Starr variety which is the major peanut variety grown in the Southwest. It was named in honor of the late W. B. Starr of Cisco.

The station was once known as the West Cross Timbers Experiment Station, but is now known as the Texas A&M—Tarlton Experiment Station.

You will have an opportunity to visit this station and see some of the research work on October 15. This will be one of the most interesting and educational field days you have ever attended. Whether you are a farmer, businessman or house wife make plans to go to Stephenville on October 15.

Peanut harvest is getting under way in Eastland County. If the weather will permit peanut combines will be busy during the next few weeks.

A lack of proper equipment adjustment and improper equipment use are the source of large losses to peanut producers in the Southwest each year. These losses are due to excessive split kernels, loose shelled kernels and foreign material. The combined losses due to these deductions amounted to over \$130,000.09 for Eastland County producers alone.

There are a number of causes for these losses. Some of the main ones are excessively fast combine field speed, excessive combine cylinder speed, improper combine adjustments, rough handling and walking on loose or bagged peanuts, alternate rain and partial curing in the field, and high air temperature in the field while peanuts are curing. Not much can be done about the last two items but much can be done about the others.

Information supplied by some 25,000 Texas farmers and ranchers will become the basis for the field official crop production estimates for each county and the State.

A representative number of farmers and ranchers in Eastland County will be among the 25,000 in Texas receiving the questionnaire from State Statistician Cary Palmer of the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service in Austin. The questionnaire will be mailed during the last half

The only thing we might be mistaken for are STOP signs.

Our first game is drawing nearer. We play Gustine on October 19th. Since the date isn't too far away, we are working out harder than ever. We are scrimmaging, shooting, and running endlessly. It's worth it, though, if we win!

Sara, our manager, is up and at 'em and ready to go for our first game. It's hard to maneuver on crutches, but she is doing a sensational job.

That is all my little birdie whispered in my ear for this week so until next this is your birdbrain signing off.

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THE RISING STAR

Wildcats Spoil Cross Plains Homecom'g 16-8

The Rising Star Wildcats did as predicted Saturday night and spoiled the Cross Plains homecoming with a 14-8 football victory over the Buffaloes.

The Cats combined two successful offensive thrusts with a stubborn defense to gain and keep their victory in spite of repeated Cross Plains threats.

Middleton scored first for the Rising Star team with a heads-up play in which he picked off a fumble by his teammate, Tommy Bibb and ran the last three yards into

the end zone to capitalize for the Cats on an unusual play. Quarterback Dick Clarke passed to Larry Alford, right end, for the extra two points.

Cross Plains tied the score on a three yard plunge by Bill Melton, a few minutes later. Halfback Rodney Renfro added the two extra and trying points when he ran around the right side for the goal line.

The play was set up by a Rising Star fumble on the six yard line after the Cats had held the Buffs on downs at the point. But the Cats lost little time

in putting the game in their win column, driving 50 yds in 10 plays for the score after taking the second half kick-off.

Bibb scored the tally from the five yard line with a smash up the middle.

The remainder of the contest was a defense battle in which the Cats preserved their victory despite repeated threats from an inspired Cross Plains team.

This week the Cats come home to face the Hico team in a game Friday night at 7:30 at Wildcat stadium.

Game statistics:

Cross Plains	Rising Star
11 First Downs	15
199 Rushing Yardage	166
23 Passing Yardage	41
1 of 5 Passes Completed	5 of 12
1 Passes Intercepted	2
3 for 34.0 Punts, Avg. 3 for 35	1 for 15 Penalties, Yds 2 for 30
2 Fumbles Lost	4



AWARD—Cong. Omar Burleson, right, receives "Watchdog of the Treasury" award, presented by Vernon Scott, executive vice-president of National Associated Business Men, Inc.

Cong. Burleson Honored For Record On Economy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Omar Burleson was presented today the "Watchdog of the Treasury Award," of the National Associated Businessmen, Inc. The award was made in recognition of Burleson's voting for economy and against inflation. The presentation was made by H. Vernon Scott, Executive Vice President of the businessmen's organization.

The N.A.B. has been rating members of Congress on their votes for fiscal responsibility since 1964 and presents awards for each Congress to those members whose records are for economy and against excessive Government spending. Burleson has received the award on previous occasions. In accepting the award Burleson said, "Government, like an individual, cannot forever spend money it doesn't have and maintain the confidence and credibility necessary to support it. The interest on the public debt is now approaching \$20 Billion. The prospects

are for more deficits and more borrowing." "In addition," Burleson said, "the Federal Government is engaging in costly programs for which it was never designed, which end in failure and waste. There is enough expense of Government without doing so many things of doubtful value."

In acceptance of the recognition, Burleson expressed his appreciation for the encouragement it gave him to continue efforts to keep the Country's financial position strong and at the same time restrain the inflationary pressures eroding the value of the dollar.

"In the face of all the demands for more Federal money, restraints have not to be imposed if inflation is to be curbed," Burleson said. "I question no man's sincerity but I do question judgment. The symbol of the bulldog is good but sometimes I feel he is surrounded and cut down

Mail Vote On Wheat Quotas Set October 12

A mail referendum on 1971 crop wheat marketing quotas will be conducted October 12, through 15, Sec. of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin announced. In the absence of the new legislation for the 1971 wheat crop, current law requires that the referendum be held. However, a second congressional resolution like one initiated July 24, 1970, would result in a further postponement of the referendum. This congressional action could take place at any time prior to the start of a referendum on October 12.

Individual allotment notices will be mailed to about 1.6 million persons holding an interest in established farm wheat allotments.

Signed ballots need to be mailed or delivered to the county offices by October 15, 1970. Preliminary results of the referendum will be compiled and announced by USDA

Voters to Decide Fate 7 Amendments Nov. 3

The seven proposed constitutional amendments for consideration this year are:

To Be Voted on Nov. 3, 1970
Amendment No. 1—Amending Article V, Section 1-a, of the Texas Constitution, relating to removal, retirement, or censure of justices, judges, and justices of the peace under prescribed circumstances

Amendment No. 2—Amending Article XVI, Section 20, Sub-section (a), to authorize the legislature to enact a mixed beverage law regulating the sale of mixed alcoholic beverages on a local option basis.

Amendment No. 3—Authorizing the legislature to provide by law for the establishment of a uniform method of assessment of ranch, farm, and forest lands based upon the capability of the lands to support the raising of livestock or to produce farm and forest crops.

Amendment No. 4—Amending Article III, Section 51-b, Subsection (a), to reconstitute the State Building Commission as a three-member appointed commission.

on or shortly after October 20.

Sec Hardin announced April 14, 1970, a national wheat marketing quota of 1,210 million bushels and a national allotment of 43.5 million acres.

A 2/3s or more "yes" vote for marketing quotas would bring a domestic marketing certificate, valued at \$1.39 per bushel, the total price support on that portion of the crop then would be \$2.54 per bushel—90% of parity as of July 1, 1970. Domestic certificates would be issued subject to penalty.

If the referendum fails to carry, the price support loan rate would be mandatory at 50% of July 1971 parity. This would be \$1.41 per bushel based on current parity. Loans only would be available to producers remaining within their 1971 allotment acreages.

Amendment No. 5—Authorizing any county to issue road bonds in an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property in the county under certain conditions.

Amendment No. 6—Amending Article XVI, Section 51, to increase the value of the homestead exempt from forced sale from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Amendment No. 7—Authorizing the legislature to provide for consolidating offices and functions of government and for performance of governmental functions by contract between political subdivisions in any county.

Dates for the distribution of USDA Food in Eastland County, to be distributed at the food center, 301 S. Mulberry Street, Eastland, have been announced by Leo Clinton, administrator, as follows:

Monday, Oct. 12—Eastland, Olden, and Ranger.
Tuesday, Oct. 13—Pioneer, Rising Star, Gorman, Carbon, Okra, and Desdemona.

Wednesday Oct. 14—Cisco, Scranton and Nimrod. Persons who cannot come to the center on these dates can come on Thursday, or Friday, Oct. 15-16.

Food Distribution Dates Are Announced

Dates for the distribution of USDA surplus food to eligible Eastland county persons during October has been set in the following schedule:

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The food is distributed at the county food center, 301 Mulberry Street, Eastland. Persons who cannot go to the center on the above dates may come on Thursday or Friday following. Leo Clinton, food administrator, said.

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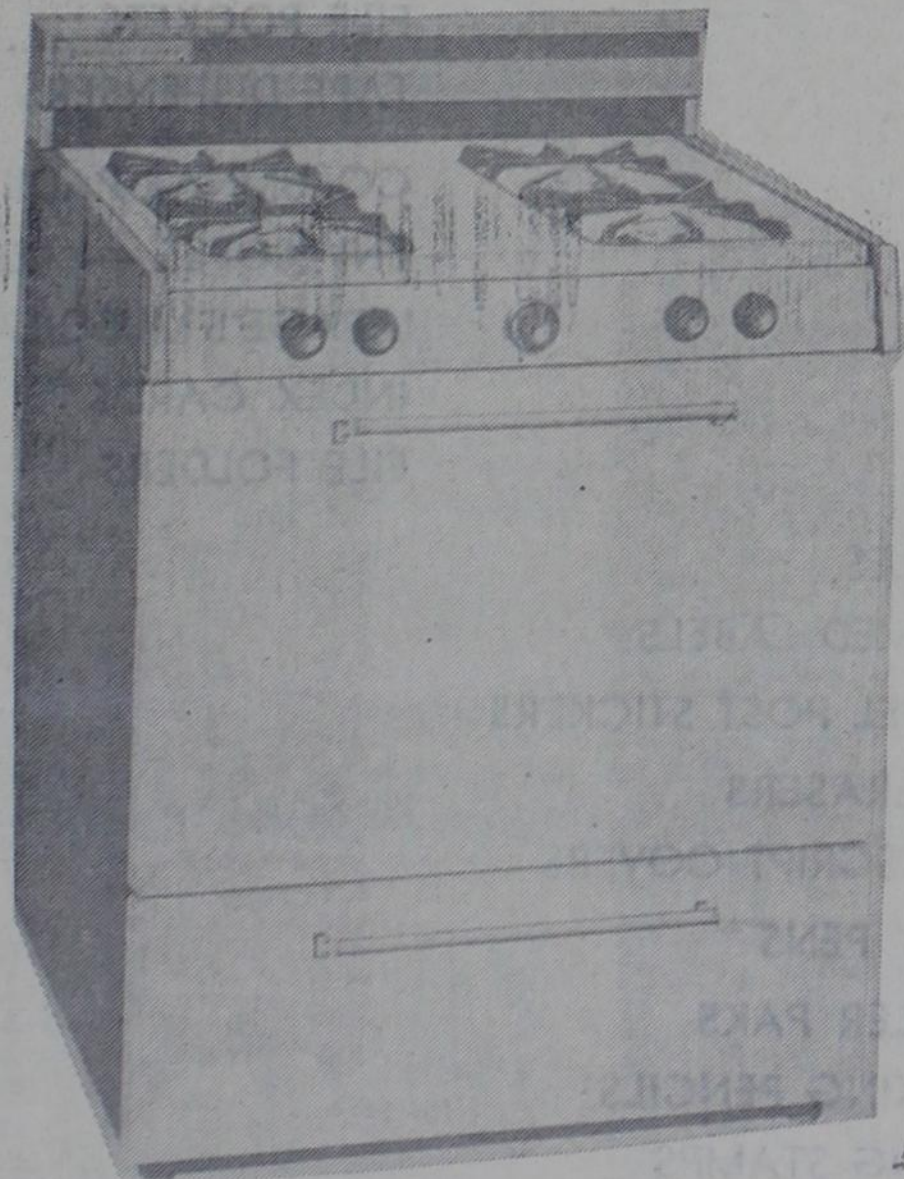
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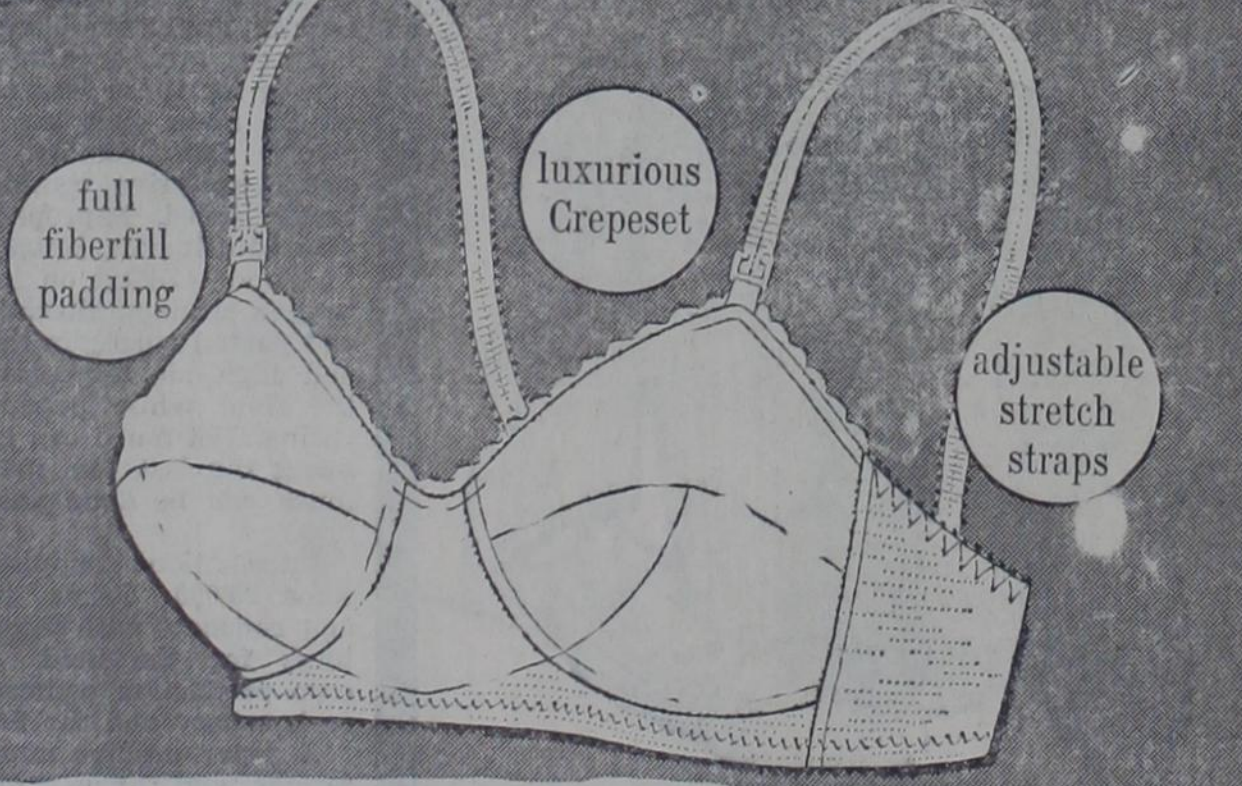
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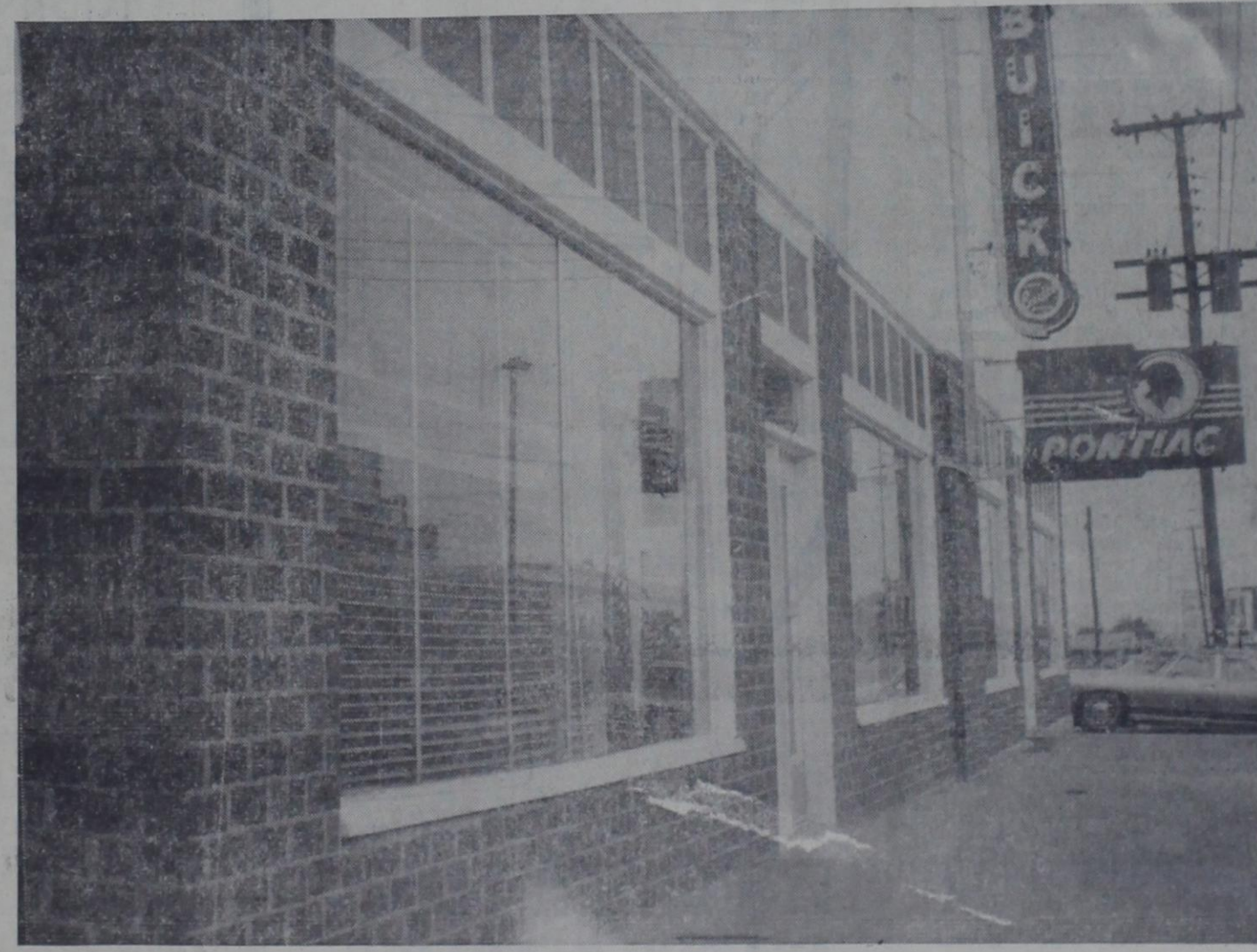
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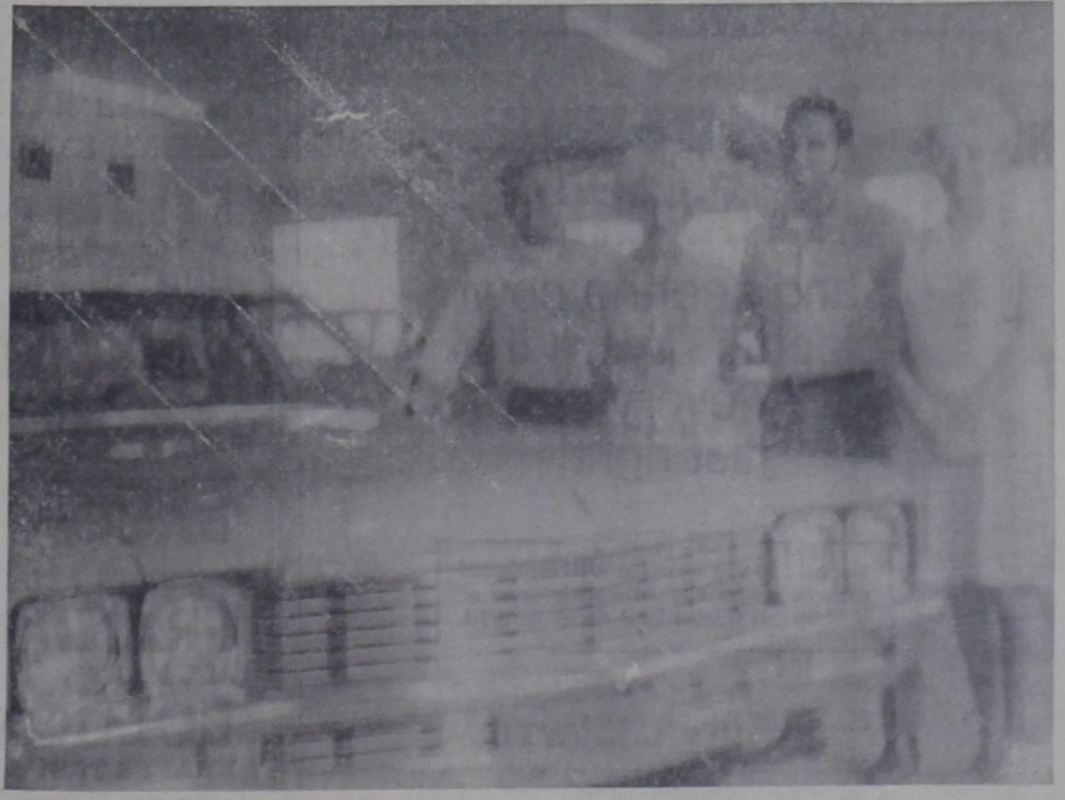
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OWNER AND SOME OF STAFF—Curley Waddell, partner in the Friendly Buick-Pontiac at Brownwood, and three members of his staff, Mrs. Eula Mae Verde, Wade Brincefield, sales manager, and Mrs. Louise Parmenter. The two women have charge of the office.

"Hadn't you rather have a Buick?" is more of a statement than a question, according to the people at Friendly Buick-Pontiac in Brownwood. It simply states what is in the minds of most automobile owners when they think of a new car, says Curley Waddell, one of the two partners and the active head of the company. "Price is often the determining factor, but there is disputing the fact that Buick means an ultimate in car ownership," he said. "Buick has been around a long time and so has Pontiac, a fit companion for its bigger brother, and both of these fine cars have kept their places in the affection of so many people because of the quality each has maintained." The Friendly people are dedicated to continuing that reputation for quality, not only in selling Buicks and Pontiacs, but in providing the service which keeps their owners happy in the possession and use of a good, good automobile.

The Friendly agency, owned by Waddell and his partner, Stuart Coleman, who joined forces four years ago in the

"We would like to invite people in the Rising Star and May areas who like good cars, in the medium price range, sold under a guarantee reinforced by generations of good service, to visit our showrooms," said Waddell. "We have what they are looking for."

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Better Than Average Pecan Crop Is Forecast For Central Texas

Price Outlook Good, Field Day Group Is Told

Despite one of the heaviest insect infestation in several years, the 1970 pecan crop promises to be a little above average for much of Central Texas, according to reports by program speakers and visitors at the annual Eastland County Pecan Field Day 12 miles southwest of Cisco Friday.

The northern part of the region, including Jack and Stephens Counties, has been hit hardest by insects, while counties in the central and southern areas have fair to outstanding crops, the pecan men reported. The price outlook is good, they agreed.

The pecan case bearer, which

attacks the nuts while they are tiny, is still the No. 1 enemy of the pecan orchard, according to Dr. J. W. Worthington, extension horticulturist at the Stephenville Experiment Station. This year, the case bearer showed up in early June and those who did a good job of straying have good crop prospects.

Dr. Clifford E. Hoelscher, extension entomologist at Stephenville warned that pecan men should be alert for any signs of weevils, which strike just before the nuts reach the harvest stage—early October. Few weevil signs have been reported this year, he added. Pecan men recalled that weevils took a heavy toll in orchards last year.

The field day was held at the Scranton Pecan Farm, a 1,500-tree orchard a mile east of the community of Scranton, which is owned by David Hooper, Abilene attorney, and operated under lease by Dale Carlile of Cisco, who also

owns a large orchard east of Nimrod.

County Agent DeMarquis Gordon arranged for several tractors pulling wagons to transport nearly 100 pecan orchard men, area county agents, and others interested, including the agriculture class of Cisco Junior College. The caravan moved through the big orchard with frequent stops to study disease signs, improved varieties, general cultivation practices and so forth.

Dr. Jerral Johnson, plant pathologist of the extension service at A & M College, answered several questions on spraying. He noted that improvement in spray results has been obtained through use of poisons in light oils that won't evaporate while being applied. This, he added, has cut the chemical content to about a gallon per acre.

Discussions brought out that spraying by airplane and helicopter has proved to be a big labor saving venture, but that the best results are obtained by use of machine behind a tractor. Tom Denman of the Stephenville station also assisted with the program.

Carlile, whose 1970 crop appears outstanding, said he cultivated the orchard 11 times this year to keep he ground clean, put out some 200 pounds fertilizer per acre, and to spray twice. He used

a Sevin-Zinc-Duter mixture June 4th to control case bearers and to treat for rosette and other diseases. On July 25th, his sprayers used a Sevin-Sulphur-Zinc mixture for similar problems.

The orchard was planted by Dallas Jobe in the early 1930s and progress in the 160-acre orchard has been slow. At present, the trees are huge, well trimmed and healthy and the orchard appears ready for peak production, it was pointed out. Hail has damaged the trees several times, but no signs linger.

After a luncheon at the Nimrod Neighbors Progressive Club house, the pecan men returned to the orchard for a demonstration of harvesting and spraying equipment. Tree shakers made by Gould, Lockwood and James-Way were on hand. They can handle trees up to 36 inches in diameter and can reach up some four and a half feet.

Harvesting equipment is a good investment, Carlile said. You save time, have a minimum of crop loss, and get your nets at the best time, he said. Harvesting machines sell from \$2,000 to \$12,000.

Gordon and the Eastland County Pecan Growers Association sponsored the field day, which was described as a good success from all standpoints.

Baptist Church Fire—Continued from page 1

six pianos in the educational department and the fellowship hall, along with kitchen and dining equipment and other furnishings.

The fire was discovered about 10:30 Monday morning when passers-by noted smoke beginning to pour from a series of ventilators on the roof and to curl under the edges of the roof. It apparently started in the middle rear of the structure because the smoke was heaviest there and it was there that the first flames burst from confinement. Authorities said that the flames had probably smoldered and spread through the rear portion of the closed building for some time before discovery, and had built up such heat and headway that when they reached the ample oxygen of the atmosphere the fire became too general and rapid for any fire-fighting equipment to cope with.

Mrs. Allen, wife of the pastor, was not at home when the fire occurred. She is in Eastland Memorial Hospital recovering from surgery following a broken knee.

Data Processing For Vote Sign-Up

Voter registration in Eastland County is being modernized and efficient data processing techniques will deliver better poll lists more economically, County Tax Assessor-Collector Edgar Altom has announced.

The system is being implemented through an agreement with Western Data Services of Waxahachie, Mr. Altom reports.

The company used the current voter roll to make up the first batch of data cards. Persons who registered in this county last year will receive a fully filled-in application card to be signed and returned to the tax office for registration.

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NIMROD NEWS

BY EVA STROEBEL

Mrs. Beulah Sheridan left Tuesday morning for Oklahoma City to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lucile Kerr. They will go to Norfolk, Va., to attend the wedding of Mrs. Kerr's son.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stroebel were in Abilene last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamb and baby of Fort Worth visited his parents, the Troy Lambs, recently.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cozart last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cozart.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Townsend visited Mrs. Beulah Sheridan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud McBeth of Denver City, Texas, and his mother, Mrs. A. N. McBeth of Cisco, visited the G. C. Stroebels Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cozart and her mother, Mrs. Ben Williams of Rising Star, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams in Big Spring last week. While there they visited their son and brother, Bewell Williams, who is a patient in Veterans Hospital.

Mrs. Bobby Qualls and children of Cisco visited his mother, Mrs. Violet Walker, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stroebel visited Mrs. Maud Hill and the Dinky Hills Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schaefer visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Weiser, Sunday



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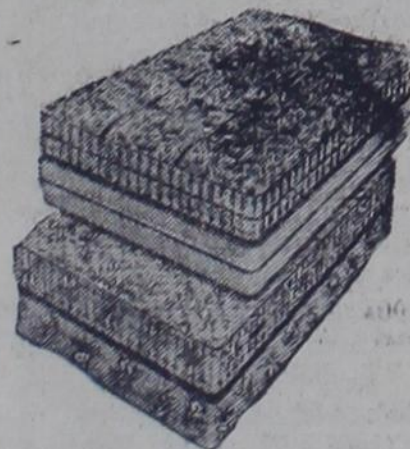
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