





**MRS. VELIA ROBERTS HONORED ON 80TH BIRTHDAY DECEMBER 30**

Mrs. Velia Roberts was honored with a surprise birthday dinner at her home in Desdemona by her children on her 80th birthday, Sunday, December 30th.

Approximately forty-eight members of her family met for the day of celebration.

Mrs. Roberts, the former Velia Chisum, is a native of the Lowell Community in Erath County. She was married to Mr. Roberts and they lived in and around Desdemona many years. Mr. Roberts died in 1949. He was a farmer and rancher and also operated a laundry in Ranger.

Mrs. Roberts enjoys cooking and entertaining her 24 grand and 34 great-grandchildren.

Those present for the day and assisting in the celebration for the honoree were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. Barbara Clayton, all of Desdemona, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lewis, Kenneth, Larry, Scotty and Lori of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart, Joey, Lynn, Josh Danny and James of Olden, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fonville, Janice, Anita and Dorothy Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Calver, Ray and Renee and Miss Robie Dake of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. James Norris and Jana of Kokomo, Mr. and Mrs. Q. Z. Rainey and Becky of Carbon, Mrs. Faye Rattiff of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Rainey and Renae of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. Moon, Shayne and Nena Phae and Jeff Chisum of Lingleville, Mrs. Marline Woodall and Dicie Lynn of Gorman, Nellie Wilcoxson and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brummal of Dublin. Also Phil Fonville of the U. S. Army.

A daughter, Mrs. Eva Cook of Okla. was unable to attend.

**HOSEA SPRATLINGS TO MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Spratling of Galveston will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Sunday, January 20 in the Director's Room at the Galvez Hotel.

Many of the older citizens will remember the Spratlings as they were former citizens of Gorman, and they keep up with the Gormanites through the Gorman Progress. Mr. Spratling has received his Eastland County Centennial Book and was very complimentary of the quality of the printing and the history of the county.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Marrs of Waco were weekend visitors with his son, the Rev. and Mrs. Kent Marrs.

**Senior Citizens**

The Senior Citizens are getting too old and decrepit to meet these past few meeting dates. They are all past the "Three Score and Ten" age, walk with a tottering weave, and stooped, bending shoulders.

A brief resume of our members: Arthur (we call him "Fats"), as his hair is so fluffed up, and Murel (her cat secret is out at last. The kittens that drowned were frying size. She says they make as good pies as any squirrel does. She says just try it) Littlefield; Florence (we all get hurt by her lashing tongue. Though she is so thoughtful of others we love her, sometimes Kent; George, I know why they all call me "Honest", as I am so conservative in calling out my counts) and Lola (all wonder why I call her Bossy. You should hear her say "change that shirt. There is a ring around the collar. Change those socks as they do not blend with your clothes and curly hair." Poor me) Bennett; C. C. (we call him Baldy The reason he has been missing a lot of games - tooth trouble. Come on back, you should know that you will not sprout any new teeth until warm Spring showers come) and Ora (his better half. Though she is not Boss) Easter; Newton (all are afraid to cross him, as his temper is near boiling point) and Rosa (we call her Double Six as she is a slave to it. She is not Boss either. A fine person) Bennett; Chester (we call him Heavy. When he steps, he leaves tracks in the sands of time) and Vera (that is something else. Her tongue is loose on both ends and wobbles in the middle. Though we all appreciate her so much, a friend to everybody) Henderson;

Stoker (we call him Speedy or Spendthrift. He has been absent so long. Come on back, we miss you, sometimes) Richards; Mae Quinn (such a pleasant player. Hope she gets

well soon. We miss you; Den-ny (he is still looking and longing for her yet) Moss; Paul (the shuffler. He studies his dominoes so seriously before each play) Dietz; How-ard (the man with the long

face. Always afraid to bid) and Golda (our Sponsor. She is so kind and nearly afraid to bid, as she does not want to offend anyone) Lancaster.

I hope this brief biography will please everyone, as I have really tried to give it when the weather is good. So "Watergate."

Honest (just history, why?) Reporter

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**Political Column**

The Gorman Progress has been authorized to announce the following persons as candidates for office subject to the Democratic Primary in May:

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Eastland County School Supt.:  
ALTON ROAN  
CARLOS J. TURNER  
JIMMY HUGHES  
O. C. (Stubby) WARDEN

Congress of the United States:  
17th District, Texas:  
OMAR BURLESON (re-election)

Eastland County Judge:  
SCOTT J. BAILEY (re-election)

91st. District Clerk:  
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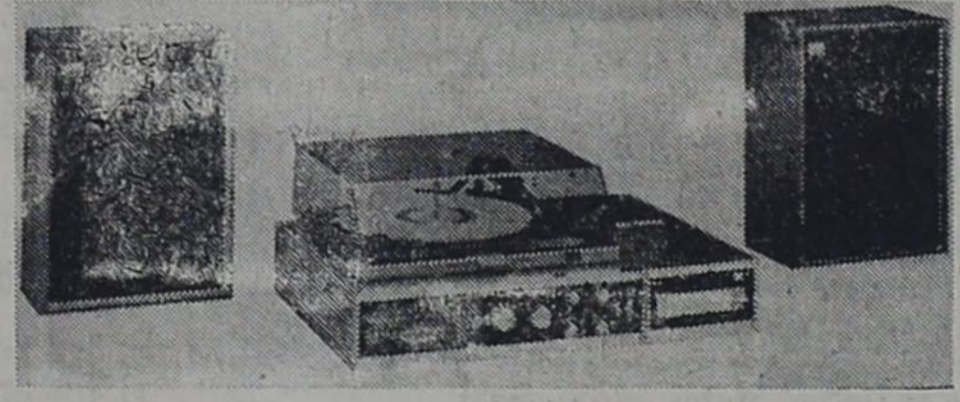
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**UMW Observe Call To Prayer**

The United Methodist Women met at the church Monday at 2 p. m. to observe a Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Mrs. Chas. Duran was in charge of the program that began by the distribution of prayer cards and each one present reading in unison from the card. Mrs. Duran further explained the offering objectives, ministries in the U. S. for young children and teenagers and ministries overseas for peace and justice. Those taking part in the program were Mrs. Bob Green and Mrs. F. R. Haile, who gave most informative talks on the mission objectives in the U. S. which included the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St.

Louis, Illinois, the Bethlehem Center in Augusta, Ga. and McCurdy School at Santa Cruz, New Mexico. Ozella Pulley on mission objectives overseas, which included student project in South Africa and Angloan Refugees in Maire; Don Moorman on the Hutment Ministry in Bombay and the Ikuno Community Development Center in Japan; Mrs. A. E. Pino, Jr. on Latin America, which included the People's Central Institute in Brazil, and "Exodus", a Protestant-Roman Catholic group of workers in Costa Rica. Ozella Pulley conducted the Pledge Service for 1974. She began by asking "When I needed a neighbor, where were you?" She closed with the verse of scripture from Mark 12:30 "and thou shalt love the Lord

**Woman's Study Club Begin New Year of Work**

The Woman's Study Club met ready, willing and eager to get started back to work after a nice holiday rest. Fourteen members and one guest, Mrs. Kim Cockerham, were greeted by hostess, Mrs. J. T. Brown on January 14. After being served a delicious meal, everyone settled down for the business meeting. President, Mrs. Claude Fuller, called the meeting to order and asked secretary, Mrs. J. T. Brown, to conduct the roll call. Each member told of a woman she greatly admired. Some talked about very famous women, but still others told of some friend, neighbor or relative that had influenced them. The finance committee announced plans for a Bean Supper January 24th. All proceeds will go to the Gorman Fire Dept. to help toward the purchase of a new fire truck. Tickets may be purchased

from any club member or at the door that night. The bean supper will be held at the School Cafeteria January 24 from 5 to 8 p. m. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Several plans were discussed as a fund raising project for the school field house, but they will be announced at a later date. The officers for next club year 1974-75 were elected and they are as follows: President, Mrs. Claude Fuller; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Fred Rogers; Secretary, Mrs. Joan Butler

Treas., Mrs. Clinton Revels; Reporter, Mrs. George Simmons; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Ray Rankin; Critic, Mrs. O. R. Buchanan. The program theme was "Friendship." Each member made a gift for the person following their name in roll call. Every gift was a true work of friendship in the amount of time, thought, and effort that had gone into them. Everyone really enjoyed this program, but who doesn't enjoy opening a gift?

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
Please accept my thanks for the kindness shown me while in the hospital. The cards, flowers and words of encouragement meant so much. A special thanks to Dr. Canut, Dr. Pino and the staff of Blackwell Hospital for the good care and attention. God's richest blessings on all of you is my prayer.  
Mrs. Burton Dennis

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in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1973 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

ASSETS	
Cash and due from banks	\$1,496,831.04
U. S. Treasury securities	406,000.00
Obligations of other U. S. Government agencies and corporations	100,000.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	752,867.20
Other securities	4,500.00
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	800,000.00
Loans	2,153,732.65
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	28,720.55
Real estate owned other than bank premises	35,112.70
Other assets	19,141.79
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$5,796,905.93</b>

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,797,167.20
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,283,024.24
Deposits of United States Government	31,404.87
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	257,715.57
Deposits of commercial banks	19,313.78
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$5,388,625.66</b>
(a) Total demand deposits	\$3,937,675.15
(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$1,450,950.51
Other liabilities	15,977.94
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$5,404,603.60</b>

RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES	
Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to IRS rulings)	169.10
<b>TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES</b>	<b>\$169.10</b>

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Equital capital-total	392,133.23
Common Stock-total par value	50,000.00
No. shares authorized 500	
No. shares outstanding 500	
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits	142,133.23
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	100,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>392,133.23</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$5,796,905.93</b>

MEMORANDA	
Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	\$4,980,207.80
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	2,079,621.17

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