



PRESS POINTS
JOE BENNETT, Publisher

We now have a new Justice of the Peace for our precinct. The Commissioner's Court of Eastland County appointed Mrs. Sue Simmons as our new JP on Monday at their regular meeting. Congratulations, Sue. We know you will perform your duties in the highest tradition of fairness and justice.

We sincerely hope that the Commissioners' Court will not try to deprive this area of the county ANY of our just and rightful services. Maybe the recent "mistake" they made has shown them that they cannot do just anything that they wish to do without some consequences.

Now, if the Commissioners would just correct the "mistake" they made by adding all of south Eastland County into one precinct and putting an "impossible" task on just one commissioner to handle the abnormal amount of country roads he has to, then folks in Rising Star, Carbon, Gorman and Desdemona would feel a lot better toward the "shake" we are getting from the Commissioners Court.

We have been trying to hold the cost of "your" newspaper down, and have succeeded for quite a long time. However, the inevitable has come about, and we are forced to raise the cost of your subscription to the Progress. Things have just kept going up on the production of the paper and we have held off, as long as we can. So, as of the first of March, your subscription to the paper will be increased to \$4.00 for those in Eastland and Comanche County, and \$6.00 for all others. The way postage and other necessary items for printing and mailing your paper have increased, we just had to take this action. The price of the paper on the racks will be increased to 15 cents per copy.

We regret this, but hope all of you will understand our position and will continue to support your local newspaper. Thanks.

Recently we had some visitors to the Progress office from the second grade class of Gorman Elementary. We sincerely enjoyed having them tour the printing and newspaper facilities.

On Wednesday morning I received the following thank you note, which I appreciate more than you know:

"Let us thank you again for the very enjoyable and educational trip we took through the Progress office. The children learned so very much and really enjoyed every minute of our trip. Thank you for all of your extra time and effort you spent for us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lasater's
Second Grade Class

Thanks. We appreciate having visitors to the Progress and welcome them anytime. And remember to smile - - because God Loves You!

CARD OF THANKS
I want to express my appreciation to Dr. Pino, the nurses, the hospital staff, for the wonderful care I received while I was a patient in the hospital. Your kindness and concern will always be remembered by me. I would also like to say "thank you" to everyone for the pretty cards, the flowers, and especially your prayers.
May the Lord bless every one of you.
Verna Watson

Dan Reeves To Speak at Football Banquet Feb. 7



Dan Reeves, Dallas Cowboys' Coach, will be the principal speaker Monday evening February 7, 1977, at the Gorman High School gymnasium at a football banquet given by the school.

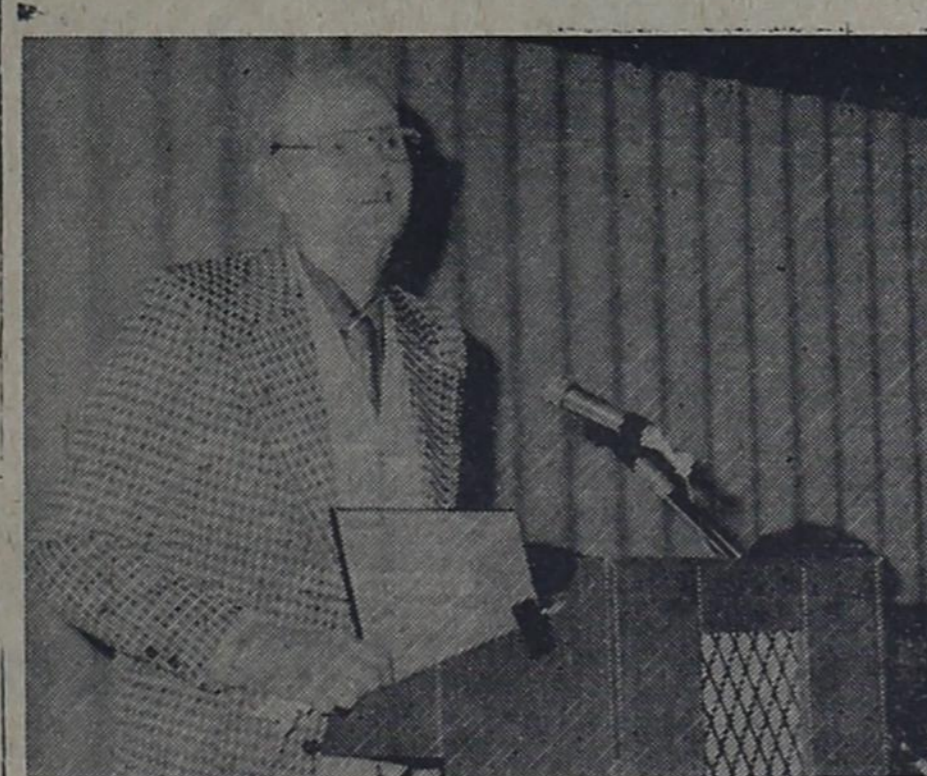
Reeves was a Cowboy running back for seven seasons and for three of those seasons a player coach. He is in fifth spot among all-time rushing

leaders for the Cowboys. Tickets, at \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students, are on sale at Jay's Grocery, First National Bank, and Lasater's Department Store in Gorman. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Gorman was the 1976 Class P State Football Champion. Gorman is proud of their Champs!

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RC&D Annual Banquet Sam Powers Honored at



Sam Powers of Desdemona was honored with a recognition plaque at the 1977 Leon-Bosque Resource, Conservation and Development Project annual meeting on Wednesday January 19th at Proctor Area Recreation Center.

Mr. Powers, a charter member of the Board of Directors of RC&D and a member for 25 years, is retiring with great expectations that a younger man from this area will accept a position on the board.

The work, time and effort Mr. Powers has given to this project has brought to him much pleasure and satisfaction. Also his knowledge of soil conservation, rural roads and community improvement projects have been unmeasur-

LAST RITES FOR MRS. THURMAN ON THURSDAY

Mrs. Archie D. (Docia) Thurman, 98, of Comanche, died at 11:20 a. m. Tuesday, January 18, 1977 at Western Hills Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. Thursday at the Carbon United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lee Fields officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery at Carbon.

Born October 8, 1879, in Texas, she married Archie D. Thurman in 1922 in Carbon. He died in 1952. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong. Mrs. Thurman lived in Carbon 65 years and had lived in Comanche the last 12 years.

Survivors include a son, Thomas Jesse Thurman of San Angelo; two stepsons, T. L. Thurman of Dublin and E. W. Thurman of Athens, Texas; 5 step-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Edna Williams of Weatherford and Flo Sutton of Uvalde.

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SERVICES FOR MRS. DERRICK ON FRIDAY

Mrs. William C. (Flossie Mae) Derrick, 74, of Stephenville, died at 4:25 p. m. Wednesday, January 19, 1977 at the Holiday Care Center in Stephenville.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Friday in the Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kermit Johnson, pastor of the Washington Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery, near Gorman.

Born May 30, 1902 in Cottonwood, she married A. J. Fisher. He died in 1943. She married William C. Derrick in June, 1945. He died in July 1969. She was a member of the Baptist Church and had lived in Stephenville the past 33 years.

Survivors include a step-daughter, Jean Dickson of Austin; three daughters, T. G. Ogle of Stephenville, Lewis Ogle of Rising Star and Mike Ogle of Eastland; four sisters, Ruth Brom of Gorman, Lula Broom of Clyde, Alpha Hogan of Rising Star and Beulah Jackson of Kerrville; and two step-granddaughters. Nephews served as pallbearers.

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CITIZEN OF THE WEEK

Our Citizen of the Week at Lawndale is Dewey Lindley. He was born to Henry T. and Sarah M. Lindley April 1, 1898 in De Leon, Texas. He had six brothers (all deceased), six sisters, three of them deceased, Mrs. Zenia Ayers of Heflin, Ala., Mrs. Fannie Wortham of Wedowee, Ala. and Mrs. Sadie Russell of Lawndale Home.

Mr. Lindley married Pearl Atchison July 18, 1920 at De Leon. He retired from oil field and farmed for several years before moving into Gorman. He is a member of the Church of Christ and came to Lawndale on August 20, 1976.

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39 Register For Defensive Driving Course Here

Thirty-nine persons signed up for the Defensive Driving Course which began Monday at the First United Methodist Church. The program is sponsored by the Retired Teachers Council with Charlie Garrett and Rev. James Peppers as instructors.

Since 35 is a capacity class, an afternoon class is also being taught. Another program will be given in the spring if the demand merits it. Mr. Garrett is highly pleased with the wonderful response to the program.



Coach Gibbs To Attend Coach of The Year Clinic

Allan Gibbs, Coach of the State Class B Championship Panther football team, has been invited to attend the Kellogg Coach of the Year Clinic which honors Head Coaches of High School State Champions of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana at an awards breakfast on Saturday, January 29 at the Statler Hilton. Coach Gibbs will receive a memento of his team's accomplishments.

The 17th Kellogg Coach of the Year Clinic game plan has been established and looks like a winner. The lineup of coaches should provide excitement and big plays galore, including such names as: Steve Sloan of Texas Tech, Fred Akers, University of Wyoming, Frank Broyles, University of Arkansas, Fran Curci, University of Kentucky, Dan Knight, Texas Lutheran College, Bill Yoeman, University of Houston, Bud Wilkerson, Duffy Daugherty, Clinic Directors.

The three-day clinic begins at 5:00 p. m. Friday, January 23 with the first lecture at 6:00 p. m. by Steve Sloan. The annual Fellowship Christian Athletes Luncheon will be the highlight of the Clinic on Saturday.

Coach Gibbs has been invited to speak at the Regional Coaches Meeting to be held in Abilene on February 5th.



Mrs. Sue Simmons Appointed JP For Precinct 5

The Eastland County Commissioners Court in a regular meeting on Monday, January 24th appointed Mrs. Sue C. Simmons of Gorman as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 5. She was given the oath of office by County Judge Scott Bailey and assumed duties of the office immediately. Her term will expire at the next general election.

Sue is married to George Simmons, local pharmacist. They have two children, a daughter, Jennifer, age 7, and a son, Mark, age 5. They have lived in Gorman for the past nine and one-half years.

The Commissioners also appropriated funds to pay Sue's salary of \$175 per month. Gorman had been without a Justice of the Peace since September 13 when the precinct was consolidated with another precinct. A letter was read from the citizens of Gorman thanking them for their action in restoring their JP court.

PANTHERS ARE 4-0 IN DISTRICT TO HOST MORAN FRIDAY NITE

The Gorman Panthers defeated Rising Star by a lopsided margin of 92 to 50 in District play Friday night with Mel Maxfield leading the Panthers with 21 points. Tim Swanent had 20, Revise Lamirack, 16. David Good, 12, Gary Jackson, 11, Larry Keith, 6, Steve Keith, 4, and Blaine

Gibbs, 2. The Panthers seemed to have control of the game throughout the contest with the Carbon Wolverines on Tuesday night. The Panthers easily outscored the Wolverines 80 to 48. Mel Maxfield hit the nets for 17, David Good, Larry Keith and Revis Lamirack, 12 each, Randy Seaton and Blaine Gibbs, 4 each, and Steve Keith, 2.

PANTHERETTES WIN OVER RISING STAR

The Pantherettes won their game Friday night played against Rising Star by the score of 56 to 47. Lisa Warren was high scorer for Gorman with 28, Amy Warren, 19, Deliah Eaves, 5 and Melinda Harrington, 4. Lori Hill was high scorer for Rising Star with 29 points.

The Gorman girls lost to Carbon in District play Tuesday night by the score of 58-55. Amy Warren led Gorman with 26 points, Lisa Warren had 16, and Deliah Eaves scored 11.

Pack was high point winner for Carbon with 31 points and Lisa Norris had 23. The Pantherettes are now 3-1 in District play.

Mrs. Glenn Jordan Is Hostess For Kokomo HD Club

The Kokomo Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, January 19, at 2:00 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Glenn Jordan for a regular monthly meeting.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Cullen Rodgers, Mrs. Odie Rodgers led the club theme, creed and prayer.

Mrs. J. L. Morrow gave the devotional, reading Psalms 121. The roll call was answered by "My Last Years' Most Enjoyable Gift" or "What My Family Enjoys Doing Together."

Mrs. Albert Hendricks gave the secretary's report.

Mrs. J. L. Morrow gave the Council report.

On February 15, a "Home Remodeling Seminar" will be given at Eastland by Beverly Nicholson and Emmett Lasater of Eastland and Katherine Cowby of Abilene.

There will be a "Healthy Heart Seminar" in Eastland on March 1, 1977 beginning at 1:30 p. m.

The 4-County HD Camp will be in Eastland in July of this year.

County Extension Agent Mrs. Janet Thomas, gave a very informative program "Arthritis - Be In The Know."

The next meeting of the club will be the Lawndale birthday party January 27 at 2:30 p. m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Odie Rodgers February 14 at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Glenn Jordan voiced the blessing before serving members and Mrs. Thomas delicious refreshments of peanuts, chips, cake, lemonade or coffee.

GORMAN AREA OIL ACTIVITY

Earl Chancellor Sales Co. Inc. of Sweetwater will drill No. 1 L. D. Holliday as a proposed 3,600-foot wildcat two miles northwest of Gorman. Drillsite is 990 feet from the south and 330 feet from the west lines of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Block 1, H&TC Survey.

The lease is composed of 160 acres.

Earl Chancellor Sales Co. Inc. of Sweetwater will drill No. 1 W. D. Brown as a wildcat two miles northwest of Gorman in Eastland County. The planned 3,600-foot test is located on a 160-acre lease. It spots 990 feet from the north and 660 feet from the west lines of Section 1, Block 1, H&TC Survey.

Rhodes Drilling Co. of Abilene spotted No. 3-B B. F. Fonville as a proposed 2,500-foot wildcat six miles northeast of Desdemona in Eastland County. Drillsite is 871 feet from the north and 442 feet from the west lines of E. Brown Survey A-566. The lease is composed of 90 acres.

SERVICES FOR R. D. TOWE ON THURSDAY

R. D. Towe, 52, of Comanche, died at 4:50 p. m. at Comanche Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 20 at Comanche Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Calvin Murphy, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Born August 2, 1924 in Colorado, he married Georgia Lee Vaughn June 3, 1950, in Comanche. He was a retired employee of the fertilizer plant in Comanche and a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army. He was a deacon of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Caroline George of Abilene and Wynne Towe and Sharon Lee Towe, both of Comanche; three sons, Jimmy of Stephenville and R. D. Jr. and Eddie, both of Comanche; four sisters, Jo Donald, Tracy Bea McGettes and Barbara Jo Towe, all of Comanche, and Grace Cotton of Carbon; two brothers, Allan and Sammie, both of Comanche; and three grandchildren.

PEANUT HULLS

A HULL OF A NOTE
Kernel Gene (Retired)

"Blessed are old retired publishers and printers who are permitted to continue working part time where their work has been their hobby."

Folk who see the "Ole Kernel" hanging around the Progress helping Joe, running errands for Estelle, and picking up an extra pence or two, continue to ask if I still own the Progress.

Definitely NO!

Joe is the sole owner and publisher, and from all reports is doing an excellent job. For a while he would extend me the courtesy of asking my opinion but I courteously refused to be the monkey. (I am the retired "aPe.")

However, it is fun to assist with the commercial printing and mailing of the paper . . . and more fun to go visit the grandchildren.

Just returned from a visit to Arlington to see Willy and Carol Gilbert and their two little ones, Carey and Caron. Folk who remember them will be glad to know Willy is enjoying his work in photography and offset printing. The family is active in their church work. They promised to come see us soon. However, city folk don't have as much leisure time as country folk.

Thanks again to all of you who have made our retirement possible.

Incidentally, I am working on a group of short stories about Gorman people, study clubs, etc. and what they accomplished throughout the years . . . and what happened to their finances when they disbanded.

GORMAN CAGERS TO HOST MORAN FRIDAY

The next opportunity to see the Gorman Cagers in action will be Friday night when Gorman hosts Moran in games beginning at 7:30 p. m.

The Gorman teams will end regular season play on Tuesday night when they travel to Rising Star.

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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Due to the continuous increase of paper, supplies, and postage it has become necessary for us to increase the price of the Progress subscriptions to \$4 for Eastland and Comanche Counties and \$6 for all other subscriptions.

This is our first increase in subscription prices in approximately five years. New prices will become effective as of March 1, 1977.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Food Stamp Rep. will not be in Gorman on the scheduled date of January 28. The Rep. will be in Gorman on February 25, 1977.

Elder Archie Sapp will be guest speaker at the Primitive Baptist Church of De Leon at the fifth Sunday service Sunday, January 30 at 11 a. m.

The Gorman Lions Club will meet Tuesday, February 1 at noon at the Band Hall.

The City Commission will meet Thursday, February 3 at 8:00 a. m.

The Chamber of Commerce Directors will meet Thursday, February 3 at 9 a. m. at the City Office.

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 3:30 p. m. Thursday, February 3 at the hospital.

Gorman School is still accepting Post Cereal box tops for playground equipment. Drop boxes are located at the Post Office, Jay's Grocery and Artistic Beauty Salon. There is only two months left before the deadline ends. So continue to save your Post Cereal box tops and place them in the drop boxes.

The Cadette Girl Scouts meet each Thursday at 3:45 in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

Gorman Lodge 716, AF&AM, Stated meetings, 2nd. Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Cub Scouts meet each Monday at 3 p. m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

WANT ADS

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FO RSALE — 80 Acres near Gorman; 30 acres peanuts, Hwy. frontage. City Water. Will split up for Texas GI. Citizen's Realty, Eastland, 629-1769 and 629-8212. 4-2-10c

LOST — Masonic Lodge ring with ruby set. Lost this week some place in Gorman. Speedy Clark, 734-2429. 2-1-20nc

WANTED — Someone to sell fabric, remnants and scraps. can be in your home. We will license you and place fabric to be sold on consignment. Contact Davis Fabric, 610 W. 2d., Cisco, Texas 76437, Phone 817-442-3989. 2-1-20p

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The Scriptures Speak

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" — Eph. 1:4.

After having declared that "all spiritual blessings

FOR SALE — 2 bedroom house, large lot, pecan trees, garden spot. Frank Kirk, 734-2638. 3-2-10p

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in heavenly places, are in Christ Eph 1:3), Paul began a list of some of the specific blessings enjoyed "in Christ." He began with a revelation of the fact that God "hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world."

Much false teaching has been the result of either misunderstanding or misinterpreting what Paul has declared here concerning our being "chosen" in Christ. Is the apostle teaching the doctrine of unconditional election, that is, he is saying: "By the decree of God... some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life, and others fore-ordained to everlasting death?" Is he declaring that God has fore-ordained certain men to be eternally saved and that "their number is so certain an definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished?" Certainly not! The Creator of this universe has provided his creation, mankind with the talent to make his own choice. In regard to salvation, man is a free moral agent. He can either accept salvation or reject it.

Well, what did Paul mean by the expression: "he hath chosen us in him?" Long ago, even before He created the world, God decided that all who accept and obey the commandments of His Son would be His chosen people. We know that "the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to ALL men" (Titus 2:11). There

SENIOR CITIZENS

Well, the freezing weather let up for a few hours. Though this Sunday night it looks like it may return again. The shower was welcome. Though what we need now is a slow warm rain, that will end in a hard rain. It would put out some running water for a change.

Our 84 gang is about headed for "the Last Roundup" so it seems. All are getting so aged and decrepit. Just barely able to get one foot ahead of the other one and that is so slow.

fore, the key to understanding the term "chosen" is found in the expression "Whoever will." In the Book of Revelation you will find the words of our Lord who said: "And let him that is athirst WILL, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17.)

Those who are chosen "in him" are those who of their own volition, have submitted their will to the will of the Son of God. This teaching concerning Christians being "chosen" in Christ, then, has to do with CORPORATE rather than INDIVIDUAL choosing. Such choosing is the direct result of people responding to the commandments of Christ by repenting of their sins, by confessing their faith in Christ, and by buried with their Lord in baptism (Rom. 6:4,5.)

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ANNOUNCING...

The Gorman Gulf has been purchased by: **Alton Wright & Dewey Keesee.**

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Big Foot is always panting like a lizard on a rot rock. Mama gives him therapy by wiggling his toes and tickling the bottom of his feet. She claims it puts new life in his blood stream. I doubt that very much. Granny Kent ran out of snuff during the last icy spell. She tried to skate to the store for some more snuff and fell on the ice. Hit her head. No damage there, just a hurt hand. Mae is building bridges. My Boss is still on that knitting. So you can guess what I am doing. Oh! n.e. the joy of such a life. Cat Fuzz is still letting the world turn by. Double Six is helping her an awful lot. Fats and Murel are on the go at least ten days a week now. The other three days are spent planning the next trips. Stay in there, you will be old some day. Then you will have to slow down.

The office gang are as crooked and as big cheaters or worse than they were last year. Poor me, while I am playing as honest as I can, they cheat and steal from me all the time. I may have to turn into a crook to be able to compete with them.

Here is a true fisherman's story. Marcy caught an eleven pound blue cat in a well (so he says). Hickey went to the same well and caught a big cat. So Mud (hold your pants) went to the south suburbs of the Nort Pole (Amarillo) at Christmas. He says up there the tanks start freezing from the bottom. While he was there a tank froze within four inches of the top. He caught 5 large cats. They would just lie in the pickup bed. Six Bass that averaged 27 and 31/10 lbs. or his fish scales. (They were tested.) Frank Rhymes and Luke said he brought home a U-Haul Trailer full of the finest fillets they ever lapped a tongue over. Huppy saw them and said it was prairie dog meat. He knows, because he went fishing with his half-brother, Mr. Monroe. He said Monroe came by and wanted him to go fishing with him. They went to a prairie dog town. Mr. Monroe unreeled his line in the hole. He drug out six dogs and said that was enough. He called them dog fish. Some left there from "the blood." Huppy could not change his mind. You see he knew Mr. Monroe dressed that meat. He had Luke and a few others over for dinner. Luke tasted just like the fillet's that Bud caught in the north.

I remember in the summer of 1913, Dad and I were putting a new tin top on a barn. I was on the barn and was nutting the last strip of sheet iron on. Dad had a long piece of lumber (1x4) with a notch in it. He was standing on the ground. I was reaching just as far as I could to try and nail it. I was holding the very end of the hammer handle. It slipped

out of my hand and hit Dad in the forehead. I could not keep from laughing (I thought). He picked that hammer up and said "If you crack another smile I will knock you off there." I believed him. You see, I could quit laughing. I have thought of that little incident many, many times. Even now when I think of it, I have to smile.

I remember one time brother Sam was a small boy. We had eaten some watermelons at the house. Sam and some others took the rinds to the hogs. There was a hog wallow about knee deep. Sam stood on the fence to throw the rind over the hog wallow. His foot slipped. He went out of sight in the mud. He got up and rubbed his eyes where he could see. He was sure cute.

Look up and smile. A smile will help you win. Remember that the sun is shining very bright just beyond those darkest storm clouds. So greet it with a smile. It will help you and at the same time help all of you meet. Try it.

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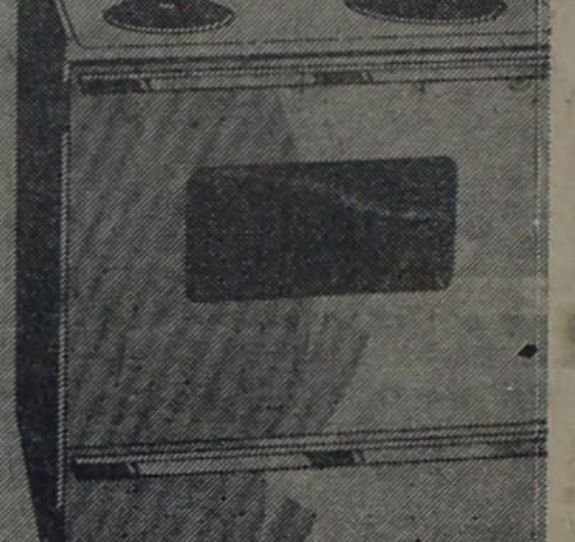


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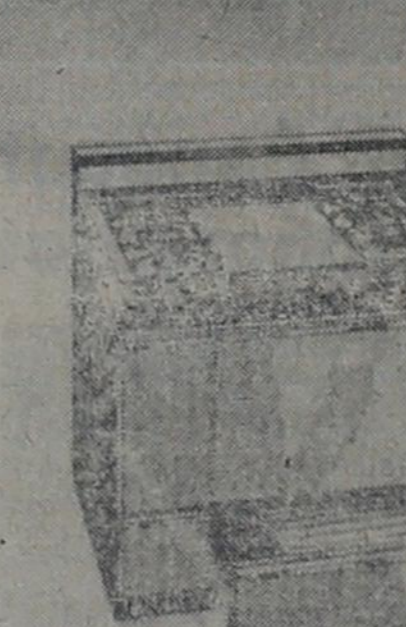


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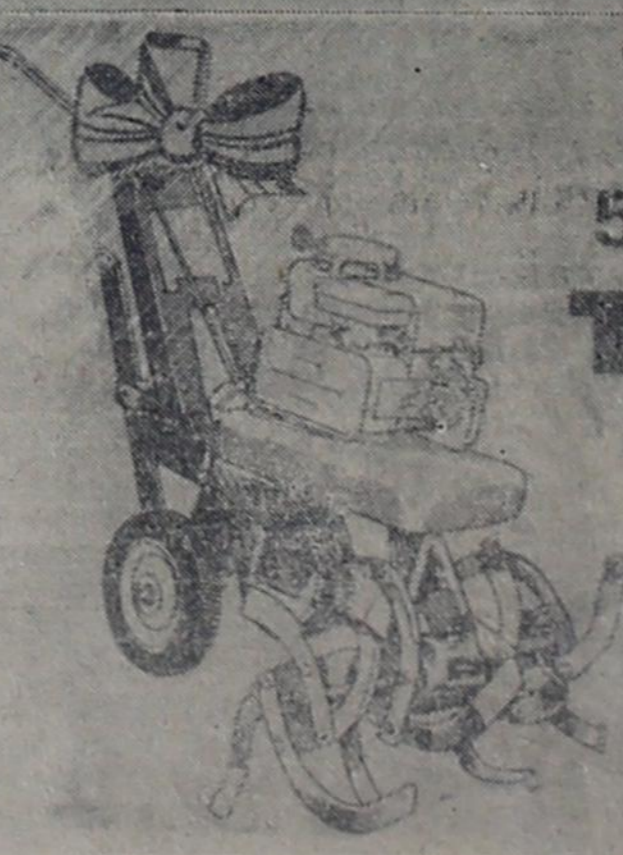
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KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

Woodrow Browning was the lay speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Bro. Bob Watson

preached at the evening service. Susie and Kyle Bryant were visitors on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman were in Abilene last week to see their grandsons, Keith and Karley Clearman, of Tuscola, show their calves and heifers in the Abilene Area Livestock Show. Ricky Fuler returned last

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Tuesday from a ski vacation trip to the Albuquerque, N. M. area. In Albuquerque he visited with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Flatt and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Flatt. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller received word on Saturday of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Homer Kennedy in Levelland. Our sincere sympathy to this family. Mrs. J. L. Morrow visited with Mrs. Rosa McNeely at the Valley View Lodge in Eastland on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks were supper guests of the Glenn Jordans on Thursday night. Ray Rodgers and his granddaughter, Tammy Rodgers, were both in the Eastland Memorial Hospital during the weekend. We wish for them speedy recoveries. Hoyt Bryant has returned to his home from the Blackwell Hospital in Gorman. We wish him continued improvement. Earl Morrow of Stephenville was visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow on Monday. **BIRTHDAY PARTY** Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers

Lawndale News

Our colds are better up here. honored their son, Jason, with a party on his 4th birthday, Sunday, January 23 in their home in Brownwood. The birthday cake, baked and decorated by Mrs. Rodgers, was chocolate and in the form of a train engine and held a picture of Jason and his brothers, Kevi and Corby. It also had the inscription "Happy Birthday Jason" in white and also had red stars around the cake. The cake was served with cold drinks and ice cream. Birthday napkins and plates were used. Jennifer Browning, who was 8 on January 20th, and Brantley Browning, who was 5 on January 22nd, were also honored. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers of Kokomo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Browning of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Browning of Winters and Kevin and Corby Rodgers.

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We have several in hospital but for different things. Our activities have been going on as usual. We had quite a few out for all them. Carbon Baptist came for worship yesterday afternoon at 2:30. The Church of Christ came for worship at 5 p. m. As I have said so many times, how much we are the home appreciate this as it gives us the chance to attend church. Monday always starts off about the same. Tuesday in Bingo day at 1:30. We had quite a few out for this as they love to play. Wednesday we had Joe O'Neal to bring our Bible lesson at 2 p. m. He is always so faithful to come. Thursday night as usual was singing night at 7 p. m.

NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE TEXAS WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

No. 2736A

Notice is given that E. R. ARNOLD, JR., Route 3, Gorman, Texas 76454, applicant, seeks an amendment to Permit No. 2521 to authorize increases in the presently authorized acreage to be irrigated and in the presently authorized water appropriation. The dam and reservoir, authorized by Permit No. 2521, are on an unnamed tributary of Ellison Spring Branch, tributary Leon River, tributary Little River, tributary Brazos River, Brazos River Basin, and are located in the Wm. DeMoss Survey, Abstract No. 73, and Station 0 plus 00 on the centerline of the dam is S 64 degrees 07' E, 3980 feet from the NW corner of the aforesaid survey, approximately 14 miles SE of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas. In lieu of the previous authorization to divert and use not to exceed 140 acre-feet of water per annum from the above 323 acre-foot capacity reservoir to irrigate 100 acres of applicant's land in the A. Smelser Survey, Abstract No. 431, the applicant seeks authority to divert and use not to exceed 220 acre-feet of water per annum to irrigate 157 acres of land in the aforesaid A. Smelser Survey, all being more fully set out in the application. Application No. 2736A was accepted for filing pursuant to §§1211, Texas Water Code, and Rules 129.02.05.001 through 129.02.70.008, and 129.06.10.001-.002 on January 3, 1977, and a hearing thereon will be held by the Commission in the Stephen F. Austin State Office Building at 1700 N. Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, on February 24, 1977, at 10 o'clock a. m. Those opposing the granting of said

We had a nice singing but missed several. So all who can please come back to help us. All the residents that can just don't miss. Some that this is all we can get them out of their rooms for. Friday we had the welfare worker. Please if you visit the home sign the guest book either at the front or back. All we have to put in this week are Bernice Rodgers, who visited Mary Timmons. Evelyn and Joey Dolberry of Comanche visited Nell Dolberry. Betty Greer of Dallas visited Ila Pulley. Aletha Yarbrough of Gorman visited Emma and Charlie Simmons. Estelle Craddock of Gorman visited Dona Moorman. Michaelyn and Jeffery Clark of Fort Worth and Roma Jewel Hood of Cisco visited Dewey Lindley. Thursday will be our birthday party for the month of January. Those having birthdays are Edna Witt (15th), Otis Thompson (16th), Cora Paaterson and Georgia Leonard, (25th). If any of the families or friends would like to come and visit, we would love to have you and know the residents would appreciate it.

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application may appear at the hearing and/or, at least five days before the hearing date, may file written protests with the Commission and serve copies on the applicant by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by attorney's affidavit. Written protests must contain the name and address of the applicant, an allegation of potential injury of the protestant, the basis of protestant's claim of right and the location of protestant's diversion, if applicable, and any possible adjustments to the application which would result in a withdrawal of the protest. However, persons filing such written protests are not entitled to be admitted as parties to the proceeding unless they comply with Rules 129.03.12.001-003 which require actual presence at the hearing. Persons desiring further information in connection with this application or the administrative procedures to be followed may contact Pam Weddell, P. O. Box 13207, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512) 475-2711. Joe D. Carter, Chairman TEXAS WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION Date: January 5, 1977

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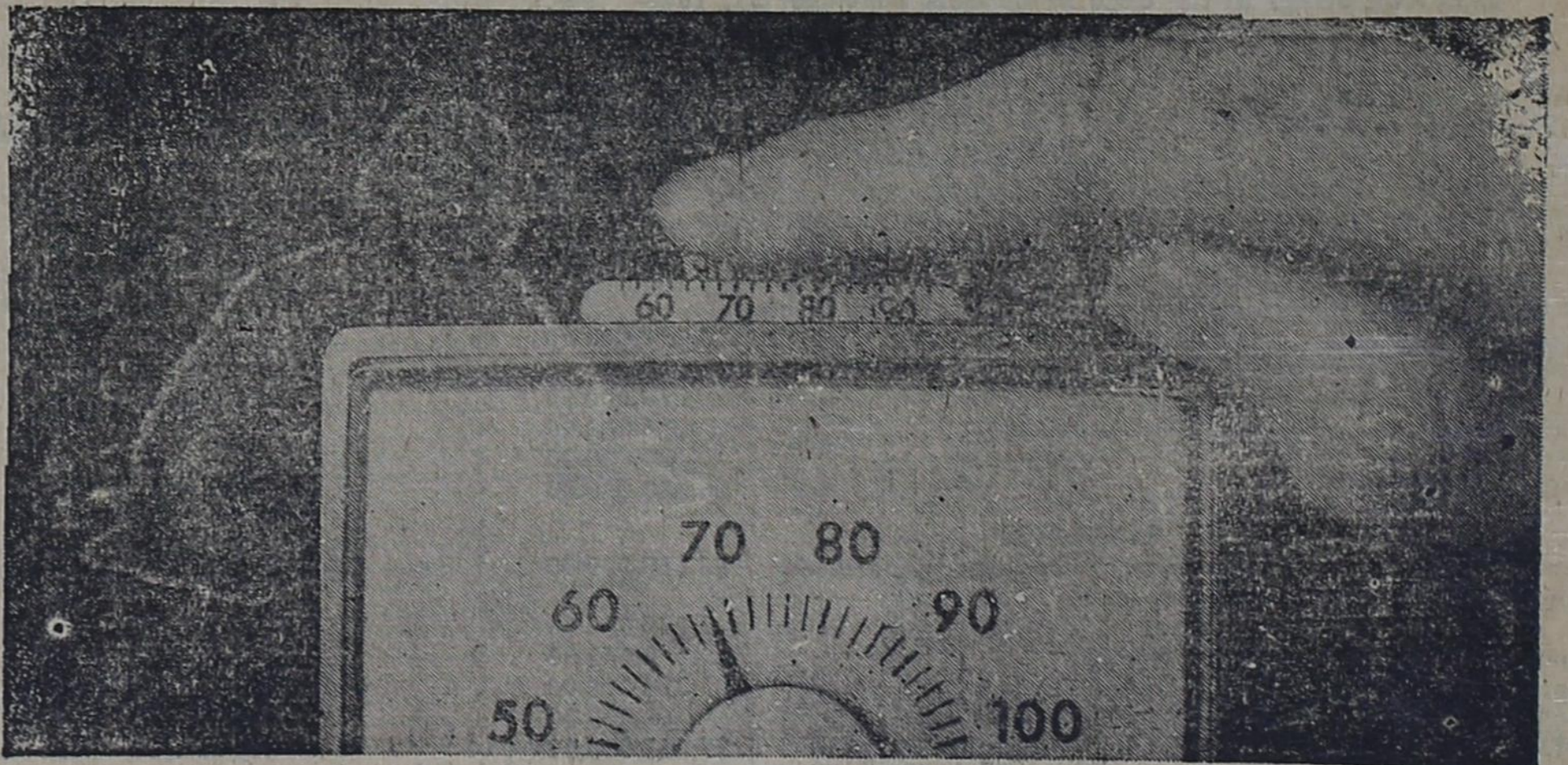
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Insulation is very important and can pay for itself by lowering your heating costs. A home with six to eight inches of insulation in the attic uses about 45% less energy than one with no insulation.

Keep the filters clean. Check them at least once each month. Dirty filters cause equipment to work harder and use more electricity.

Windows and doors are big energy losers, so consider installing storm doors and windows - at least on the north side of your house. And weatherstrip around all doors and windows.

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CARBON News

MRS. VELMA HASTINGS

The menu for the Carbon School Cafeteria for next week

January 31st through February 4th, will be as follows:
 Monday - Pizza, corn, lettuce and tomato salad, peanut butter cookies and milk.
 Tuesday - Corny dogs, pinto beans, spinach, chocolate cake and milk.

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Wednesday - Turkey and dressing, English peas, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, peaches and milk.
 Thursday - Vegetable soup, sandwiches, brownies and milk.
 Friday - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, french fries, apricots or plums and milk.

The basketball schedule for the rest of the season is:
 High School teams will play their last game February 1 with Moran at Moran at 7:30.
 Junior High schedule is:
 February 3 - Rising Star there at 6:30 p. m.
 Feb. 10 - Moran at Carbon.
 Feb. 12 - District Jr. High Tournament at Moran.

Visiting Mrs. Clyde Hall on Thursday were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Athol Claborn of Mineral Wells and also Mmes. Ima Jordan and Bess Thursman of Eastland visited in the home during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Stacks and Mrs. Faye Walsh of Springtown spent the weekend with their sister, Mrs. Mollie Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hahn of Abilene were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Guy.

Mrs. Ona Rogers spent the weekend with her daughter

and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clement of Levelland.
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Collins of Fort Worth attended morning worship services at the Carbon Church of Christ on Sunday.

Mrs. Monie Faye Warren visited her son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Warren and Gregg of Stephenville during the weekend.

A number of people from the Carbon Baptist Church went to L. L. Hale Home on Sunday afternoon for a short worship service and visit with the people there. Those dear people enjoy these visits so much. I wonder why we don't make more visits to the home. Lets try - what do you say!

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mike Morgan on Sunday were Mr.

and Mrs. Leroy Box and Brenda of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hawley of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Tyston and sons of Tyler visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Iley, also their father, Dan Boatwright, who has been very ill in the Blackwell Hospital. Mr. Boatwright is much improved on Monday.

Visiting Mrs. Mabel Greer part of last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Tyrone and Jack Tyrone of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Lillie Mae Millwee of Coolidge, Arizona.

Visiting Mrs. Lela Pruitt on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hyatt of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Pruitt of Stephenville and Mrs. Myrtle Higgins of Carbon.

Funeral services were held at the Carbon Methodist Church on Thursday for Mrs.

Desdemona News

By: VONNIE GUTHERY

Mrs. Dess Johnson spent two weeks in the Ranger Hospital. She is home doing better.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hunter of Pearsall visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson Friday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Voncille O'Brien of Comanche visited Mr. and Mrs. Pug Guthery Sunday evening.

Last Sunday was Laymen's Day at the First Baptist Church. It began at 6:30 a. m. with big breakfast for all the men. Pug Guthery presented the morning message and Moody Koonce presented the evening message with Ronnie Landers doing the announcements.

Mrs. Lorene Koonce of De Leo was among the visitors in the Baptist Church Sunday. Visitors are always "welcome."

Mrs. Johnnie Koonce is home after an extended stay in the De Leon Hospital.

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Docia (A. D.) Thurman, a former Carbon resident, who passed away at her home in Comanche on Tuesday. Burial was in the Restland Cemetery at Carbon.

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ASSETS	
Cash and due from banks	\$2,423,000.00
U. S. Treasury securities	461,000.00
Obligations of other U. S. Gov't. agencies and corps	493,000.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	980,000.00
Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock	5,000.00
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	700,000.00
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	\$3,075,000.00
Loans, Net	3,075,000.00
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	79,000.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises	26,000.00
Other assets	138,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,380,000.00
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,585,000.00
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	3,278,000.00
Deposits of United States Government	8,000.00
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	724,000.00
Deposits of commercial banks	68,000.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$7,663,000.00
Total demand deposits	\$3,860,000.00
Total time and savings deposits	\$3,803,000.00
Other liabilities	99,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	\$7,762,000.00
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Common stock a. No. shares authorized: 600	60,000.00
b. No. shares outstanding: 600 (par value)	190,000.00
Surplus	268,000.00
Undivided profits	100,000.00
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	100,000.00
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	\$618,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL	\$8,380,000.00
MEMORANDA	
Average for 15 or 30 calendar days ending with call date:	
Cash and due from banks	\$2,678,000.00
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	460,000.00
Total loans	3,075,000.00
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more	337,000.00
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HOUSE HUNTING HINTS

Tips To Help You Buy A Low Energy-Per-Month (EPM) Home

Whether you're looking for a home, know someone who is, or simply want to check the energy efficiency of your present home—it will pay you to know the facts about features that can keep home energy-per-month (EPM) costs at a minimum.

Insulation. Since the majority of home fuel dollars are wasted through the roof and exterior walls, the first thing you'll want to check is insulation.

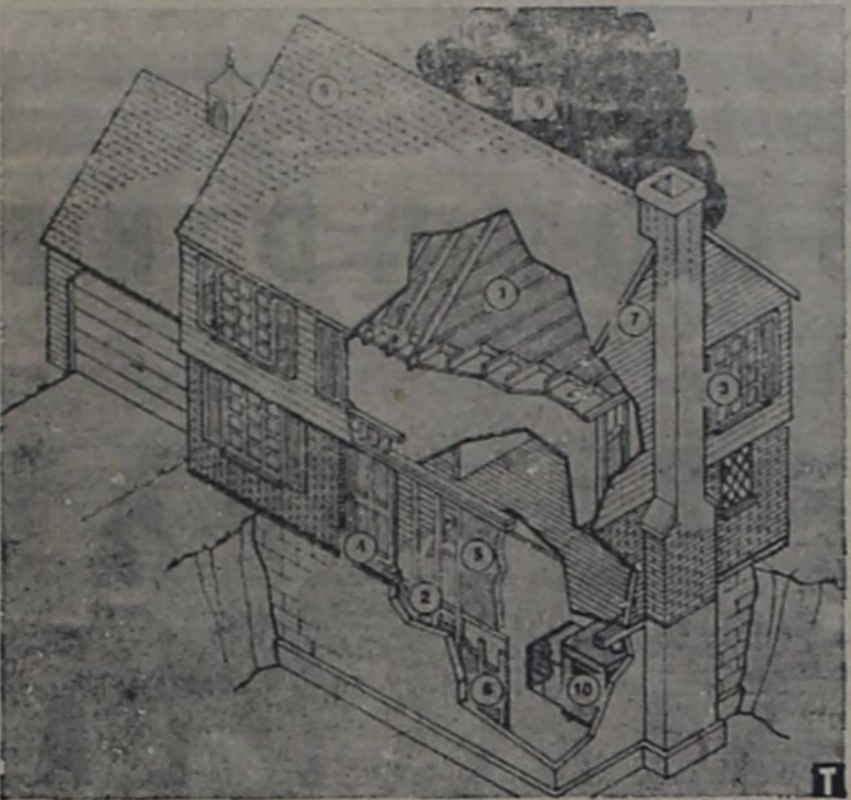
There are two kinds of insulation. One kind is fabricated into a "bat" or "blanket" configuration that fits neatly in between joists or studs. The second comes in a loose, chopped-up form that is either poured or "blown" into place with special pneumatic equipment.

To check for insulation, look between the floor joists in the attic, between exterior wall studs, around heating and cooling duct work, and between floor joists in crawl space.

In older homes—homes built before the late '60s when energy was cheap and plentiful—you may not find any insulation, or at best only a few inches in the attic. In newer homes, homes built after 1970 and homes completed within the past year or so, you might discover as much as 6 to 12 inches of insulation.

How much insulation is enough? Most government, utility and industry experts agree that at today's high fuel prices, any home should be insulated to current minimum energy standards. With batt or blanket type insulation this means a thickness of six inches (R-19) in the attic, and one and one half inches (R-11) in walls and crawl spaces. With loose-type insulation it's harder to visually judge insulation thickness, although generally 8 1/2 inches in the attic should be the equivalent of R-19.

Two recent studies, one conducted by the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) and the other by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, indicate that if you live



A low "energy-per-month" home will have these features:
 1. Attic insulation, six inches or more. 2. Insulation in floors over unheated crawl space. 3. Storm windows and doors. 4. Caulking and weatherstripping around windows and doors. 5. A minimum of 3 1/2 inches insulation in sidewalls. 6. Insulation in basement walls. 7. Adequate attic ventilation. 8. Light-colored roof in warm climates. 9. Shade trees. 10. Properly maintained and adjusted heating and cooling equipment.

in a severe climate, or live in an area where heating and cooling costs are high, 12 or more inches of attic insulation may be economically justified. Even if you live in a milder climate, the studies report, about 10 inches of attic insulation may be economically justified at today's high energy prices.

If the home you're considering exceeds minimum insulation standards in walls and ceilings, your heating and cooling costs will be less than would be the case with a conventionally insulated home. If you discover that basement walls and ductwork have also been insulated, it's a good sign that the home's current owner or builder has paid extra attention to saving energy and money.

Weatherstripping and caulking. After checking for adequate insulation, your next step will be to inspect windows and doors inside and out for weatherstripping and caulking. Look for weatherstripping

fuel or power used to heat and cool your home—gas, oil or electricity—you should know that furnace and air conditioning components vary widely in both efficiency and size.

Ask the owner or builder to explain any efficiency advantages these components may offer and check the limits on any maintenance contracts or manufacturer's warranties that exist. Also, be sure to check whether the home is divided into multiple, thermostatically controlled temperature zones. A home with more than one zone gives you the flexibility to "close-off" rooms not needed, thus saving on heating and cooling costs.

Appliances. As with heating and cooling components, appliances, too, vary in operating efficiency. Fortunately for new home buyers, manufacturers are now beginning to post their products' energy consumption on hang-tags or labels. Be sure to consider this information when it's available, since the cost of operating a stove, refrigerator and washer and dryer combined, can amount to quite a bit.

Outside. In addition to checking the energy saving potential of a home's interior features, you'll also want to check outside for such things as protective foliage and roof color.

Trees on the lot can help a house save energy during the hot months. So, too, can light colored shingles. They reflect sunlight during the summer and, together with insulation, can help reduce your air conditioning bill.

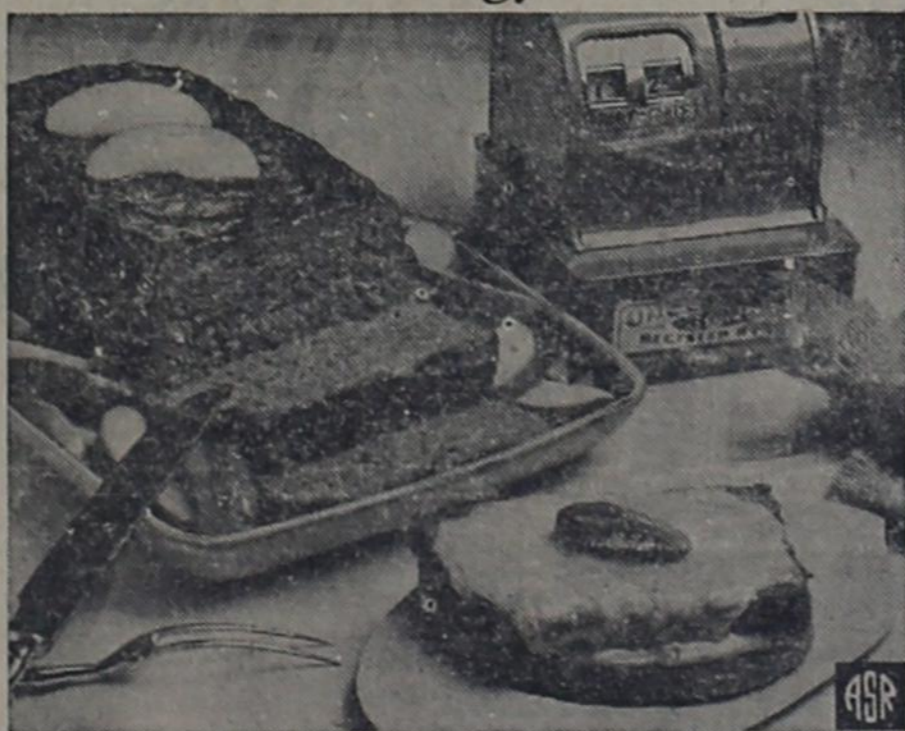
In the near future, the housing industry may very likely develop a rating system that will clearly communicate a home's EPM (Energy Per Month) costs to buyers.

For the time being, however, taking the above steps makes good sense. Due to inflation they won't keep your home's EPM costs from rising altogether. But they will help insure, that for the age and size home you buy, your energy costs will be as low as you can possibly make them.



When slicing brussels sprouts slice a little off the butt end—not enough so that the leaves fall off. Cut an X in the center and slice quickly.

A Marvelous Meat Loaf With Tangy 'Kraut'



Moist and marvelous-tasting, the flavors of sausage and sauerkraut compliment each other in this hearty meat loaf. Have it plain or baked with a sweet-sour tomato glaze. Serve to the family for dinner with a green vegetable and sautéed apple slices.

Any leftovers? For a delicious, inexpensive lunch or quick supper, turn the remaining meat loaf into open-face sandwiches with a bubbly cheese top. Spread rye bread slices with Thousand Island dressing; top each with a thin slice of meat loaf. Heat under the broiler for a few minutes; top with Swiss cheese slices and return to broiler just until cheese melts.

Sauerkraut Meat Loaf

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| 1 can (16 oz.) Libby's Sauerkraut | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 medium onion, chopped | 1 teaspoon thyme |
| 1 garlic clove, minced | 1/8 teaspoon pepper |
| 1 tablespoon butter or margarine | 1 lb. ground beef chuck |
| 2 eggs | 2 cups rye bread crumbs |
| 1/3 cup milk | 1 cup Libby's Ketchup, optional |
| 1 tablespoon prepared mustard | 1/3 cup brown sugar, optional |

Preheat oven to 375°. Drain sauerkraut well and snip or chop fine. Sauté onion and garlic in butter until soft. Beat eggs slightly in large bowl; stir in milk, mustard, salt, pepper and thyme. Add sauerkraut, onion mixture, ground beef, sausage and bread crumbs; mix thoroughly. Shape into a loaf; place in shallow baking pan. Mix ketchup and brown sugar in small bowl; set aside. Bake meat loaf at 375° for 1 hour, basting with ketchup mixture after 40 minutes if you wish. Pass remaining basting sauce at the table. 8 to 10 servings.

START WITH APRICOTS



TIPS TO HELP YOU SPARKLING HOLIDAY APRICOT PUNCH

A natural holiday crowd pleaser that's also a nutritious knockout is a bright, holiday-red punch that's made with pure apricot nectar. The nectar gives it a tangy taste while the low-sugar fruit juicy-red Hawaiian Punch adds a tropical fruit flavor and color. For quick energy, delicious taste and nutrition during the holidays, try apricot nectar chilled by itself or added to your favorite desserts and drinks. This easy-to-prepare, easy-to-serve recipe makes about 48 servings of 4-ounce each.

"Cot-Coction" of the Day

- 1 can (46 ounces) chilled apricot nectar
- 1 can (46 ounces) chilled fruit juicy-red Hawaiian Punch
- 2 cups rum
- 1 quart raspberry sherbet
- 2 bottles (28 ounces each) chilled club soda

Combine apricot nectar, Hawaiian Punch, rum and sherbet in a large punch bowl. Just before serving, pour in soda; stir to mix. For a festive touch pour punch over apricot halves in punch cups or glasses.

Eastland County 4-H Members Do Well at Abilene

Eastland County 4-H members fought the bitter cold and the tough competition at the Abilene Stock Show this past week and came away satisfied with a job well done. Theresa Scott, Neil Scott and Sam Scott of Rising Star and Jimmy Thompson of Gorman showed their steers in the Abilene Coliseum last Tuesday.

Theresa Scott showed an Angus steer to the Reserve

Grand Champion spot of the division. The steer was a heavyweight steer and placed second in the weight division and then was picked reserve champ behind the first place heavyweight that was named champion. Theresa did not sell the steer but plans to take the steer on to El Paso.

Neil Scott placed third in the heavyweight division of the other breeds and crosses. The Limousin steer had earlier placed first in his class at the State Fair of Texas. Neil plans

to enter him at some of the other shows also.

Jimmy Thompson placed his heavyweight Angus steer tenth in his class. This steer will be shown at the Fort Worth show in late January.

Eastland County 4-H will have a total of thirteen steers entered in the Fort Worth show this year. Exhibitors will be Kory Wallace, Jimmy Thompson, Danny Burgess, Theresa Scott, Neil Scott and Sam Scott.

News

Mrs. Merle Smith of Eastland is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. Gladys Chambliss.

Jettie and Burnice Daniels have returned home from Chinle, Arizona where they visited with their daughter, Mary Ann Daniels, who is in her third year as a teacher on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Mary Ann was a Christmas holiday visitor in Gorman with her parents and grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Daniels.

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variety of sizes and styles. A fireplace equipment dealer can help you select one that's the right size and will give the most satisfying service.

A woodburning fireplace can help conserve hard-to-get, expensive fuels says the Fireplace Institute, if you use it properly and have it equipped to sustain a good, long-lasting blaze.

The Institute, an association of fireplace manufacturers and distributors, offers these tips for making your fireplace more useful and enjoyable:

Select dry or "seasoned" wood. Wood with a high moisture content is one of the reasons for a smoky fire or a fire that is difficult to sustain. If you collect scrap wood, fallen branches or twigs for kindling or firewood, let it dry out for best results. Besides being difficult to burn, green wood produces wood tar and other extracts which may condense in the flue and eventually cause a chimney fire.

Use a mixture of hard and soft woods. Soft woods ignite more quickly and make a hotter fire but they also are consumed more quickly. Combine soft and hardwood logs for a longer-lasting fire.

Never use combustible fluids to light a fire. Start your fire with kindling, adding more if logs are slow to ignite. A little practice will give you the knack of starting a fire that burns steadily in your fireplace.

Use a sturdy grate that fits the fire chamber (the space in which the fire burns). The grate holds the wood off the floor of the fire chamber, allowing for air circulation.

Grates are available in a

Equip your fireplace with a screen. Fireplace shops offer screens in a variety of designs from colonial to sleek modern. They dress up a fireplace but, more important, provide safety from popping sparks or hot embers.

Keep the hearth clear of combustible material. The Fireplace Institute's Book of Recommended Installation Practices calls for a brick, slate or stone hearth of at least 16 inches in front and 8 inches beyond each side of a 6 square foot fireplace opening.

A nice, safe crackling fire can do more than warm your bones; it can help you forget fuel shortages and heating bills—at least for a few hours.

Apply Icing Here... No Experience Necessary

The setting is cool, sleek and modern, but the sentiment is warm and traditional with a home baked and decorated cake to carry the ageless greeting... "Happy Birthday!"

Baking is a snap with one box of cake mix and any fruit flavor yogurt as the surprise ingredient. Decorating magic happens as the deep one-layer cake bakes in a special "Happy Birthday" pan. Piped icing stars follow the cake's raised letter outline — with contrasting stars forming the background. (Or simply ice the letters with one color — fill in the background with another.)

Featured in the 1977 *Wilton Yearbook of Cake Decorating*, "Happy Birthday" is one of a group of interchangeable special occasion cake designs made to fit a basic 10" round ring pan. Others include a Jack-O-Lantern, Santa Claus, St. Patrick's, a long-eared bunny, and more.

Created and published by Wilton Enterprises, Inc., the \$2.00 book has 150 original new cake designs, also has a step-by-step course in basic cake decorating, plus a shop-by-mail section featuring all the tools of the home decorator's trade.

The Yearbook and many shaped pans are available in the housewares departments at most chain/departments stores, cake decorating shops, or it may be ordered directly from Wilton, Dept. JB, 833 West 115th Street, Chicago, IL 60643.

Yogurt Cake

Serves: 12
 1 box white cake mix
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 2 eggs, separated
 1 cup water
 1 carton (8 oz.) lemon, raspberry, strawberry, etc. yogurt



1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract
 Stir together cake mix and baking soda. Beat egg yolk, water, yogurt, lemon peel and extract until smooth. Add to cake mix and beat 2 minutes at high speed of electric mixer, then 1 minute at medium speed. Whip egg whites until peaks are formed; fold into batter. Pour into greased and floured Happy Birthday cake pan. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 40 to 45 minutes. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove and cool on wire racks.
 Yield: 2 - 8" layers; 1 - 7" x 11" x 2"; 1 - 10" Happy Birthday Shaped Pan.

Buttercream Decorating Icing
 1/2 cup butter
 1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1 pound (about 4 cups) confectioner's sugar
 3 tablespoons cool milk or cream
 Cream butter and shortening together with an electric mixer. Add vanilla and salt. Beat in sugar, 1 cup at a time, blending well after each addition. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl often with a spatula. Add milk and beat at high speed until light and fluffy. Keep icing covered with lid or damp cloth and store in refrigerator when not in use.
 Yield: 3 cups

Breakfast Your Way To A Better Day!

What did you have for breakfast this morning?

A cup of coffee? Coffee may wake you up and put a little temporary pep into you, but it's a stimulant, not a food. And your body needs food — real food, to start you off for the day.

Research shows we do better work on the job or in school when we eat a good breakfast. It's time to check up on your breakfast habits if you or members of your family:

- Are irritable or cranky during the morning.
- Tend to suffer headaches or that "mid-morning slump."
- Seem to gain weight even when skipping breakfasts. (Studies reveal that people don't necessarily lose weight by skipping breakfast.)
- Feel that your fingers are "all thumbs." (Hungry tissues suffer poor muscle coordination, leaving us more prone to accidents!)
- Notice that your children aren't doing as well in school as you think they should be.

While planning your breakfast menu, Tupperware Home Parties suggests that you put the emphasis on quality rather than quantity by including foods from each of the Basic Four Food Groups: Meat, Vegetable-Fruit, Bread-Cereal and Milk.

A Basic Four breakfast will make you feel better, work better, live better. Why not try the following wake-up recipes and find out for yourself?

Quick Cranberry Coffee Cake
 3 cups commercially prepared baking mix
 3/4 cups sugar
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 2 eggs, beaten
 3/4 cup milk
 1 cup cranberries, chopped
 1/4 cup sugar



Add sugar and cinnamon to the mix; stir a few strokes. Mix cranberries with 1/4 cup sugar. Add to flour mixture. Mix the eggs and milk and add to dry ingredients. Stir until flour is moistened, but the mixture still looks somewhat lumpy. Pour into two 8-inch greased pans and add the topping. Bake at 400 degrees F. for 25 to 30 minutes. For variation, use one cup chopped nuts instead of or with cranberries. Makes two 8-inch cakes. To insure freshness, store or freeze leftover cake in sealed plastic Tupperware container.

Topping
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 2 tablespoons flour
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 3 tablespoons butter or margarine

Mix together and sprinkle over top of Quick Cranberry Coffee Cake batter before baking.

Fried Apple Rings
 Melt 1/3 tablespoon butter or margarine in skillet which has a tight-fitting cover. Use McIntosh, Wealthy, Yellow Transparent, Greening, Courtland or Jonathan apples. Do not peel. Wash, core and slice 1/4-inch thick rings into melted butter, enough to cover skillet. Sprinkle lightly with salt. Cover and cook over low heat until apples are tender and look transparent. Turn once or twice as needed. A little sugar, cinnamon sugar or dash of nutmeg may be added if desired. Do not overcook. A delicious accompaniment to any meal!

Capital Ideas

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dependence on foreign oil." —Frank Osmont, executive v.p., Standard Oil Co. (Indiana)
 "There is no reliable evidence that breaking up the oil industry would either lower prices or provide more energy supplies." —Rep. Bob Krueger (D-Texas)



Osmont Krueger

ENERGY SAVERS: The International Energy Agency has figures on which countries have been the top energy conservers for the last few years. While the U.S. has cut energy use by 12.3%, we rank but ninth out of 17 countries surveyed. Topping the list is The Netherlands, with a 20% reduction record.

According to the Dept. of Agriculture, farmland values have doubled in the last five years. Average value per acre now stands at \$403.

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ENERGY QUOTES: "When we look today at the unbelievable dependence we have on Arab countries for our energy... it seems to me nothing in the world is more important for Congress to be concerned with." —Rep. B.F. Slak (D-Cal)

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It costs the U.S. government \$20 billion a year to print, process and store paperwork; and \$20 billion more for you to fill it out and keep records! The Commission on Federal Paperwork was created to stem the tide of this paper flow.

PRICES: U.S. Dept. of Labor figures show instant coffee leading the way in recent price increases with a 37.3% jump during the past year. Following is auto insurance (31.2%), local transit fares (16.6) and eggs (16.3). Decreases are led by sugar (down 18.9%), steak (13.0), chicken (11.4) and frankfurters (5.4).

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