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High School Valedictorian



Louise Scitern, daughter of Mr and Mrs H L Scitern who rated a full page in the school annual as the most beautiful girl, has been named the 1953 Class Valedictorian proving "beauty and brains do mix."

Louise was a member of the FHA for two years, in 1952 she was voted class favorite.

She was given a recent honor when the Progressive Study Club chose her as their candidate for the Queen of the Indian Trail Festival.

Her church membership is with the Church of Christ.

She plans to work after graduation.

Congratulations From Omar Burleson Gorman Folks

As a former resident of Gorman, it is natural that I should take great pride in the new school building and auditorium.

Gorman will always be a "second home" to me, and I join with everyone in the appreciation which I know is manifested in the community for these accomplishments.

The new school building and auditorium is a real mark of progress in a deserving town, and I extend to all my congratulations.

My good wishes to the 1953 high school graduating class who can always remember with pride and gratitude the opportunity of being the first class to graduate from these fine new buildings.

Jay Grocery Marks 18th Anniversary

Eighteen years ago Dick Jay put in a grocery in Gorman. Satisfied customers have made the Jay Grocery a successful business.

The store has outgrown two buildings so it became necessary to move. In the present location the store in reality occupies two buildings, the one facing on Kent is about sixty foot frontage, the other, the feed store opening on Roberts with about thirty feet frontage.

Jay and his son, Thurman, besides dealing in groceries, meats and feed have added other items and produce to meet the needs of their customers.

Mr Jay has been the Mayor of Gorman for the past three years.

Interests other than the grocery are oil and sports, including fishing and hunting.

New High School and Auditorium



Accident Fatal Mrs. Carl Ervin

Funeral services for Mrs Carl D Ervin, known to her many friends as Majorie, were held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 P M at the Methodist Church.

While driving to the Gorman Peanut Company Thursday afternoon the pan of her 1949 Ford hung on the rail of the railroad crossing near the mill. The impact brought the car to an instant stop and sent her forward on the steering wheel. Unaware of the seriousness of injury and being unable to move the car, she got out of the car and in her own words, "Tried to get to Carl."

Mr Melvin Shell and Mr Aubrey Grisham seeing her fall repeatedly in her effort to get to the mill rushed to her assistance. They carried her to Blackwell hospital where relatives were summoned and every aid possible was given her before she passed away at four-thirty o'clock.

Rev J L Ray and Rev Tom Small conducted the services.

Mrs Ervin was born August 7, 1922 in Gorman. She was educated in the Gorman school. After marriage she had been employed at several different places including the Gorman Peanut Company. At the time of her death she was working at the Emerson Cafe.

Surviving her are besides her husband, her children, Royal Joe Wilson, Derrell Johnnie Wilson, Jerry Wilson, and Judy Ervin.

Also her parents, Mr and Mrs J H Hicks, and her sister, Mrs R W Hampton.

Pallbearers were Melvin Shell, Keith Whitt, Othel Clark, Roscoe Reeves, Wilbur Shell, and Hubert Craddock.

Interment was made at the Gorman Cemetery.

Industry Draws Folks From Rural Area Small Schools Close

Many folks in the Gorman area have watched with a feeling of the regret, through the last four decades, the migration of farm folk as industry has drawn them to what they believe and sometimes find greater financial gain.

The march of farm folk to the large manufacturing centers has lessened the scholastics of public schools in the smaller communities until they have been forced to close.

Surely there is a most interesting history of all these smaller schools beginning with biography of the founders, early teachers, and trustees. Too, there are always benefactors.

But this history will probably never be written in a book despite the fact much of it can be read today in the imprints made in the men and women who so long ago attended the schools.

Five times Gorman has provided a larger school for increase of enrollment.

Beautiful memories and interesting tradition are linked with the stories of the schools that have closed among which are Big Valley, Duster, Triumph, Indian Mountain, New Hope, Kokomo, Alameda, Oliver Springs, Willow Branch, Thompson, Flatwood and Grandview.

Grade School Valedictorian

Janey Thompson, daughter of Mr and Mrs J O (Quail) Thompson and all-around student, earned honors that won for her the place of grade school valedictorian. She will deliver the address at the Grade School Commencement Exercises tonight (Thursday).

Her musical talent includes her ability to play the piano and the saxophone. She won superior rating at the Annual Spring Piano Guild in Abilene. She belongs to the band and the choral club.



At the interscholastic meet of literary events she entered the Math division.

Janey plays softball, basketball and volleyball on the Jr High teams.

Her church membership is with the Gorman Methodist.

High School Salutatorian



Mary Beth Watson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arlan Watson, has won the honor of being named salutatorian of the 1953 Graduating Class.

In 1952 Mary Beth was rated the Friendliest Girl in High School. She was a cheer leader for two years. In 1952-53 she was head cheer leader. In 1952-53 she was captain of the basketball team. For two years she was a member of the FHA.

During her sophomore year she was president of her class and in 1952-53 she was reporter.

In the Interscholastic meet she placed in typing in 1952 and again in 1953.

Mary Beth plans to enter business college at Draughtons in Abilene.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Grade School Salutatorian

Burnet Lee Eison, better known as Butch, has been named Salutatorian for the graduating class of the Gorman Grade School.

The son of Mr and Mrs Burnet Eison, Butch has spent all of his school days in Gorman and likes it.

For two years he has beat the drum in the band and as he said, "sometimes the symbols."

In the Math Division of the interscholastic meet he won 3rd place.



Burnet is a member of the Gorman Church of Christ.

Mr and Mrs Lee Mayfield of Galveston are visiting her parents Mr and Mrs A C Files.

Michaels Elected To Head Coach Gorman High

Bill Michaels, of the Gorman teaching staff, has been elected head coach for the year 1953-54. Michael is the son of Mr and Mrs G W Michael of May, Texas. He makes his home at the W M McMillan residence.

A Daniel Baker graduate, the coach will take his Master's Degree from Texas Christian University during the summer semester.

Coming to Gorman in September 1951 he became associated with the school as Jr High coach and as a Jr High teacher.

His two years work have shown him to be an efficient instructor and coach. His cooperation and initiative with his ability merit his promotion.

Michaels has widened his acquaintance in a number of communities and towns by his appearance with the Michael Band. He weilds a sometime winsome and sometime wicked bow but never a wearisome tune.

Ross Wilson had resigned as coach but continues as a member of the teaching staff.

SENIOR WILL

La Von Snider wills her curly hair to Norma Jacobs. Jo Ann Capers wills her Brain In Geometry to Ernestine Weaver and her quiet ways to Frances Robertson and her Play bool to Norma Jacobs. Joe Broom wills his way with women to Ronald Jackson. Mary Beth Watson wills her mid night oil in her lamp to Georgia Mauney and Hopes that she will make better use of it, Sylvia wills her golden tipped hair to Peggy West and her whisk broom, which was left to her when she was a freshman, by Adele Fairbetter, to Manning Fairbetter to sweep the cob webs from his brain. Louise Scitern wills her large figure to Anita Warren and her boyish ways to Betty Foster.

Patsy Stewart wills her strutting ability to Verna May Wood. Doyle Lynn Clark wills his ability of saying poetry in Literature to Mrs Underwood and his willingness to come to school to Jim Self. Frank Kirk wills his extra credits to Edwin Hattox. Billy Neil McDaniel wills his ability to get along with girls to Alton Brown. John Askew wills his ability to get out of class to Odell Gilmore and G W Wood. Lane Campbell wills his ability on field trips to Manning Fairbetter.

Dwaine Watson wills his 20-20 vision to Don Laminack. Charles Mauney wills his ability to get along with Mr Bramlett to G W Wood. Milford Fuller wills his enormous size to George Warren. George Rodgers wills his speed to Bob Love. Jerry Skaggs wills his four year lettering ability to Beny Cates and his scoring ability to Donnie Mauney. Jimmy Ray Rachel wills his speed to Hawn-Ege. Billy Gene Whitlock wills his "gay gibson with a watch pocket" to La Doyt Maupin.

The Class as a whole wills Mac Beth back to Mrs Underwood. The girls will their Curley Ques back to Mrs Deavenport. The class wills their "Hot Dawg Making" in "The Panther Bar" to the Junior class.

Many of the members inherited their businesses, other have achieved success through their own initiative but they agree that the exchange of ideas is beneficial to all.

Most Likely To Succeed Boy Wins High Honors



Jerry Skaggs, son of Mr and Mrs Archie E Skaggs who was named by the 1953 Graduating Class as the most likely to succeed, graduates with high honors. Skaggs made the highest grades of any boys of the class.

He lettered four years in football and was captain of the team in 1951-52 and 1952-53. During the 1951-52 season he won a place on the all-district team.

Treasurer of his class for four years, he was in the FFA three years.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Skaggs plans to enter Tarleton in September.

Melvin Shell Honored As YPO Membership

Melvin E Shell, President of the Gorman Peanut Company, has been admitted to membership in the Young President's Organization, Inc.

YPO has its headquarters in New York City and membership is restricted to Presidents of companies having an annual sales of over \$1,000,000, and members must be not over 43 years of age at time of becoming a member. At the present time there are 517 members in the United States eight of these being from Texas.

The purposes of this corporation are: "to develop and promote the exchange of ideas, experiences, and practices pertaining to the problems of American business management; to take aggressive action in support of those principles that will further the development of individual incentive; and to take any action necessary or appropriate to carry out the foregoing purposes."

A recent edition of the American Magazine carried an article on the YPO and how it was organized by Ray T Hickok, President of the Hickok Manufacturing Co., of Rochester, New York.

The YPO holds an annual meeting at designated places and any number of special meetings that are deemed necessary. An "IDEA EXCHANGE BULLETIN" is published monthly.

Gorman High School Senior Class Of 1952-53



Top Row, left to right: Wesley Dwaine Watson, John Wesley Askew, Frank Marsh Kirk, Jimmy Ray Rachel, George David Rodgers, Mitchell Lane Campbell, and Milford Quincy Fuller; Middle Row left to right: Charles Victor Mauney, Billy Neil McDaniel, Doyle Lynn Clark, Joe Vaun Broom, Billy Gene Whitlock, Jerry Skaggs, and Mrs M F Allen; Sponsor; Bottom Row left to right: Patsy Stewart, Doris La Von Snider, Oza Louise Scitern, Mary Elizabeth Docia Jo Ann Capers.

Architects, Builders, Electrician, And Plumber Produce Finest School

Every since the floor of the old high school began to rot and fall through folks in Gorman have considered a new school. Some believed the building of a new school just couldn't be done. Some believed it shouldn't be done - - the building of a new school.

The school administrator became interested to the degree that he took a census of opinion. The census showed the majority of participants in favor of a new school if it could be financed.

Aware that the people had some two years previously set the tax rate high enough with other income to take care of the liquidation of proposed bonds over a period of years, the school authorities were able to show the people how a new school could be built.

Archie E Skaggs was president of the school board when the bond election was held. Other trustees were Dr D V Rodgers, Hulon Lasater, Cullen Rodgers, T O Shelley, A D (Pete) Mauney, and J W (Pete) Ramsey, who was

secretary of the board.

Architect H. Leo Tucker of Abilene must be credited with presenting the blue-print that proved to be the design for one of the most beautiful if not the most beautiful schools built in any town of less than 25 thousand population in the last ten years. The style is new and the building has some features that have been constructed for the first time among which is the corridor hall with its overhead lighting extending the length of the building.

Carl Butler, Jr and Buddy Williams of the B & W Construction Company of Olden and Bryan put a crew on the job with a foreman, Carl Butler, Sr, who knew how to use a blue-print, to get the desired results. In every type of their work from ceiling to mortar Butler and his men have produced a finish that bears close inspection.

T D Smallwood of Cisco, electrician, has installed fixtures that give abundant light. Appropriate in design the lamps cause no offending glare.

The inter-communication sys-

Cloninger Returns Peanut Itinerary

S E Cloninger, Manager of the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association, has returned from a business trip to Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Several meetings have been held over the State of Oklahoma in an effort to secure members and most of these meetings have been well attended. All of the peanut growing sections of Oklahoma have had plenty of rain and the farmers are all in high spirits.

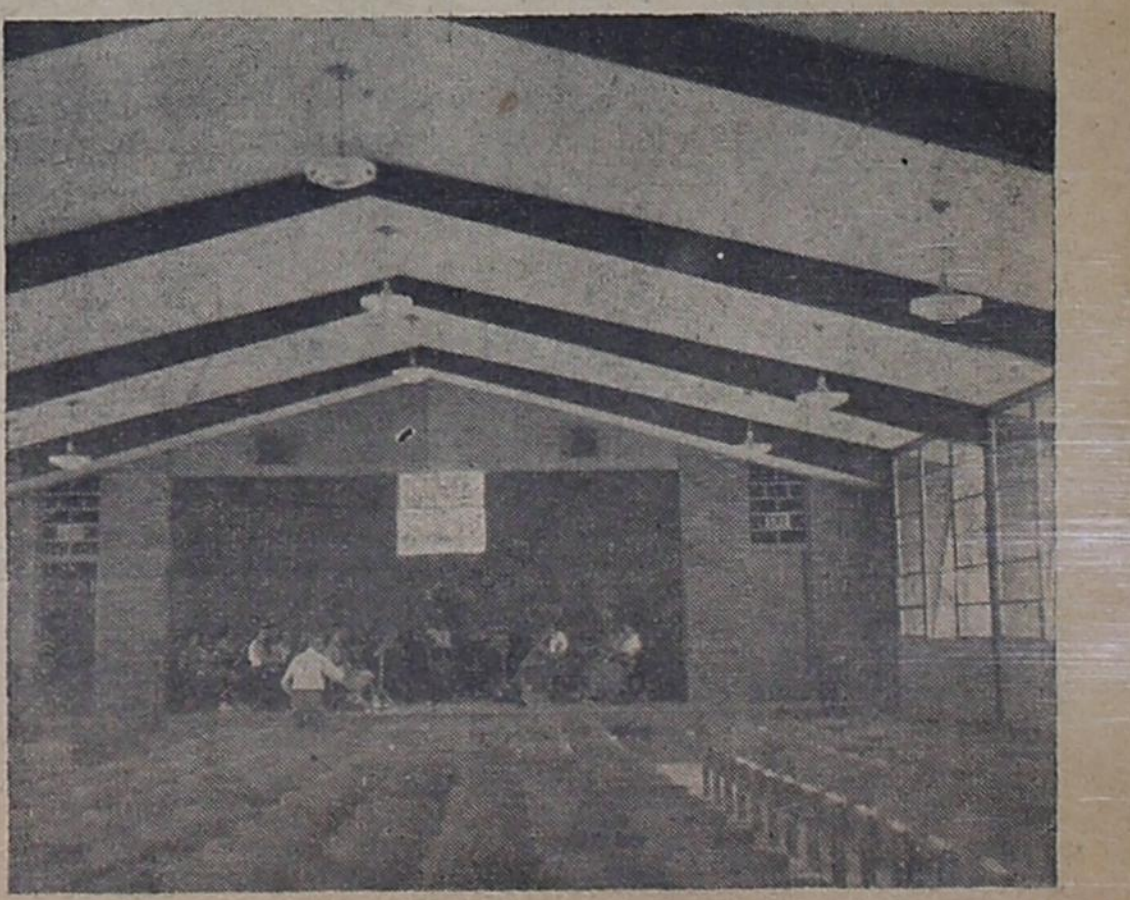
No further meetings are contemplated at this time, however, the membership drive will be continued in the next issue of the Southwestern Peanut Growers News.

tem was installed by the Telephone Corporation of Ft Worth.

J C Carr of Abilene installed the plumbing. He is reported to be one plumber easy to get along with, knowing his business and ready to please, which is, of course, largely responsible for the attractive and substantial appearance of the plumbing.

Cooperation has given Gorman our beautiful school.

Interior of New Auditorium





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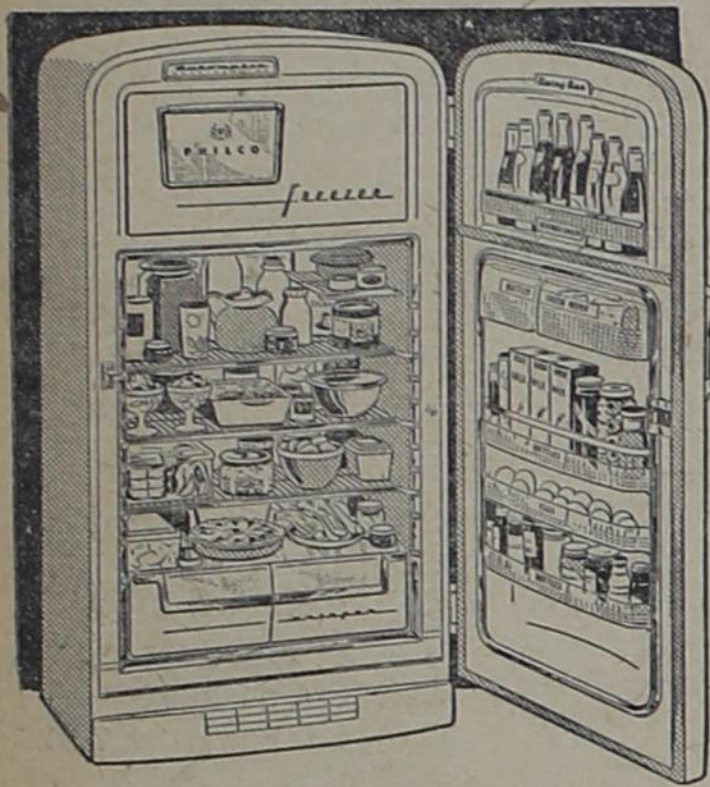
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OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District

A Committee of the United States Senate has voted to increase the salary of Members of Congress and most Federal Judges to \$25,000 a year. I shall not support such a proposition if it comes to a vote in the House of Representatives.

If the Congress would cut out a lot of useless activities, pay more attention to strict legislative matters, and less politics, it would not be necessary for us to remain in almost continuous session every year. It would be cheaper for the individual Member of Congress and to the Nation if we did our work in six months and went home.

Another thing more important than increasing salaries for Members of Congress would be to extend the term of office and prohibit spending of huge sums of money to be elected. Common sense will tell anyone that a man who spends thousands of dollars to be elected is receiving it from sources to which he will be obligated after he is in office. At least he should be if he is going to accept such contributions.

Personally, I had rather have a little time off in order to attend to personal business back home than to have an increase in salary. It is true that in some parts of the United States, only rich men are elected to public office because they can spend great sums on a campaign. There are a number of millionaires in the Congress today, and I doubt if it would be good for the country if the Congress became a "rich man's club." President Eisenhower favors increasing salaries for Senators and Representatives and has said, "There is danger, conditions being what they are, that only the well-to-do could afford to serve in Congress."

Another argument is used that many people in Government receive more than a Member of Congress. Many "bureaucrats" appointed by the Executive and approved by the Senate are paid more than those who have jurisdiction over them. Congressman Martin Dies has suggested that no "bureaucrats" be paid more than a Member of Congress and maybe this is a good idea.

Be this as it may, I repeat, I shall oppose an increase in salaries at a time when we are making great efforts to economize

WOULD YOU RATHER BE A MULE?

The following was taken from Texas Outlook, official publication of Texas State Teachers Association:

"One o' my girls had her heart set on bein' a school teacher, but I talked her out of it. Teachin' school is too much like bein' a preacher's wife. It's a high callin', but people expect you to give more than they pay you for. You take the teachers here in town. The only difference between them and Christian martyrs is the date an' the lack of a bonfire.

They was hired to teach and they do it. They teach the young uns that can learn, and entertain the ones that fell on their heads when they was little. But that ain't enough. They're supposed to make obedient little angels out o' spoiled brats that never minded nobody, an' nurse little wildcats so their mothers can rest, an' make geniuses out o' children that couldn't ever have no sense with the parents they've got.

But that ain't the worst. They've got to get up plays an' things an' sing in the choir an' teach a Sunday School class, an' when they ain't doin' nothing else they're supposed to be a good example. Then they don't get much pay an' can't pay for good board an' buy decent clothes an' top of ever'thing, they can't hold hands comin' home from prayer meetin' without some pious old sister with a dirty mind startin' a scandal on 'em.

I'd just as soon be an ole plow mule. A mule works just as hard but it can relieve its soul by kickin' up its heels after quittin' time without startin' any talk."

— The News Bulletin
San Antonio Teachers Council

and balance the budget.

The returns from my annual Questionnaire have been exceedingly gratifying. A few are still coming, and to date, more than 7,500 have been received. A preliminary check shows that most people in the 17th Congressional District decidedly favor balancing the Budget and reducing the huge public debt before reducing taxes. People in our area also, by about 2 to 1 favor an equal percentage of reduction for all taxpayers when taxes are reduced.

Overwhelmingly, those in our area believe that Governmental authority and the expenses it entails, should be turned back to the States and that Government should get out of business and not compete with private enterprise.

The poll shows great favor for the continued effort at Government Reorganization.

People also believe that the United States should continue Military support to the Free Nations of the World if these countries do their part towards building up strength to oppose Russian aggression and Communism.

More strict immigration laws are overwhelmingly favored, and by 3 to 1, the outlawing of the "Union Ship" is favored.

A very great majority have also expressed themselves affirmatively requiring labor Unions to publish financial reports.

A final tabulation will be completed in the next few days and the total results will be furnished in a separate report to this news paper. I hope everyone will find in of interest.

This method of giving people the opportunity to express themselves is, in my opinion, true representative Government I certainly feel it is my duty to know how the people whom I represent think and feel on the various issues with which I must deal.

I am most grateful for the many encouraging words which have accompanied the Questionnaires.

OUR HEREDITY INCREASES OUR DEBT TO POSTERITY

Far be it from the citizens of Gorman to look at the school building and boast, "Look what we have done." But rather they must say, "Our heredity increases our debt to posterity, so we have built the best. We cannot afford to do less considering those who have done so much for us."

About sixty years ago there were those who said, "We must have a school for our children," but where?

The Masonic Lodge is, in history, coupled with philanthropy. By some arrangement school was kept on the lower floor of the hall, a frame building situated on the site presently occupied by the Tom Bennett home.

The Gorman Progress would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows incidents about this school, its pupils or teachers.

According to Walter Underwood (and we don't know whether anyone gets fined for quoting Walter or not) the late Dr A M Allen taught in the school. He recalls that Allen was a great athlete, a talented man and smart enough to use his talents. School teaching as always was "Poor Pay." A vocation with Allen was bricklaying. Evidencing this fact is the building occupied by Frossard's Department Store.

Gorman's second school building was a two story frame located near the site now occupied by the Curtis Spence home.

In 1911 a red brick three story was built on the present grade school site. In 1923 the old high school was built. In 1936-37 the red brick was razed and replaced by the present white brick grade school and gym.

The Homemaking Cottage was built in 1939 and 40. The ball park was built in 1940-41. It was after World War II that the school obtained buildings from the government surplus supply and remodeled them into a bus garage, V A and Shop building and an apartment house.

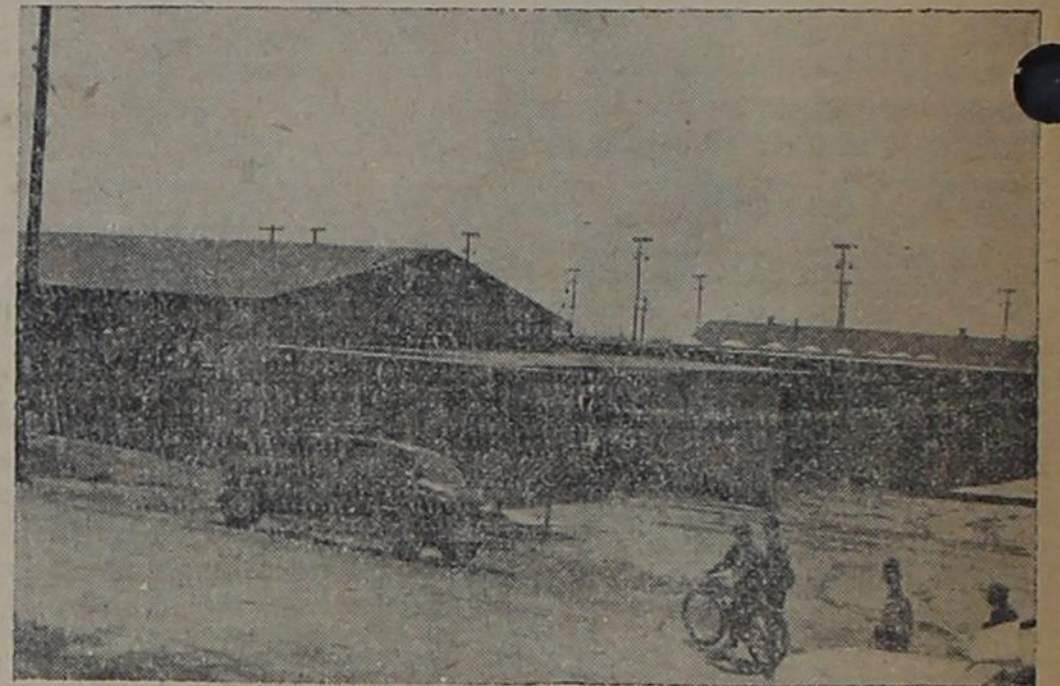
Citizens, School Board, and Teachers of the past have made these and the new building possible.

Among the two whom tribute should be paid are the late T L Gates, Arthur King, Bert McGlamtry, and Cole Nunnally.



to the class of **1953**

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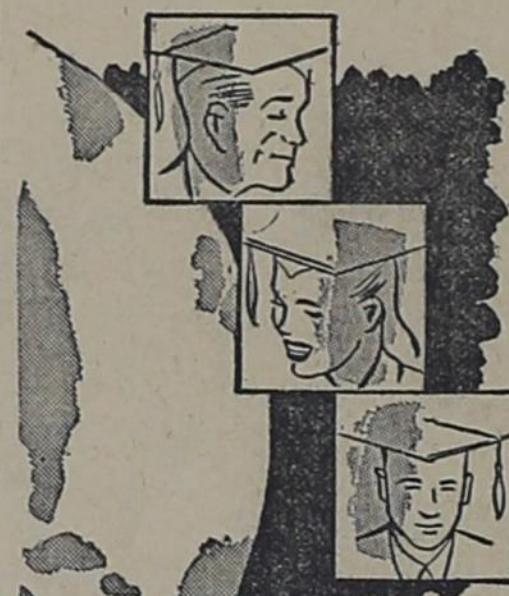
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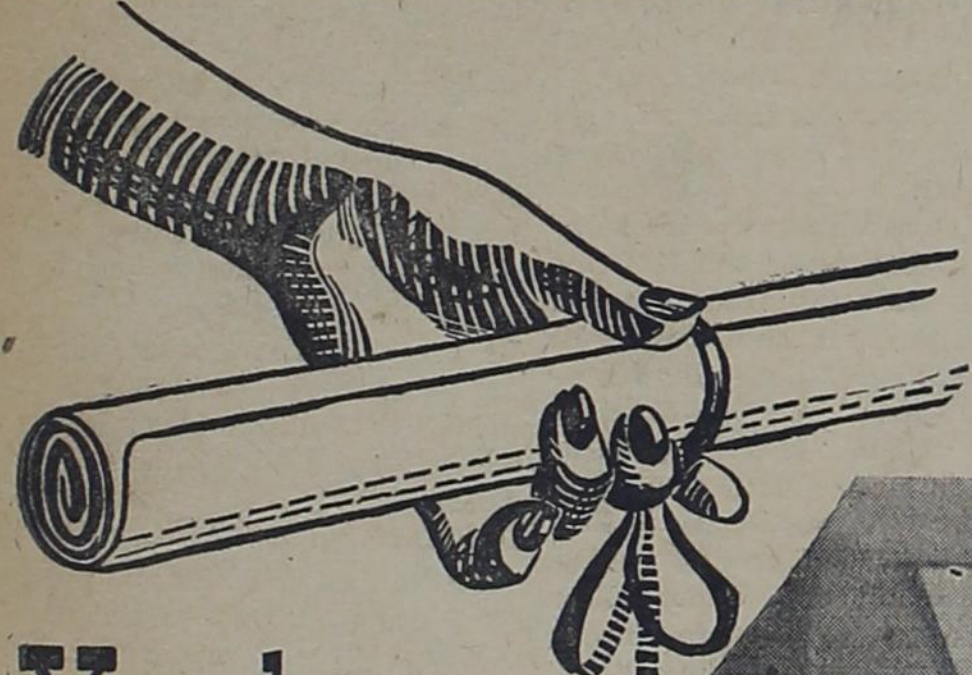
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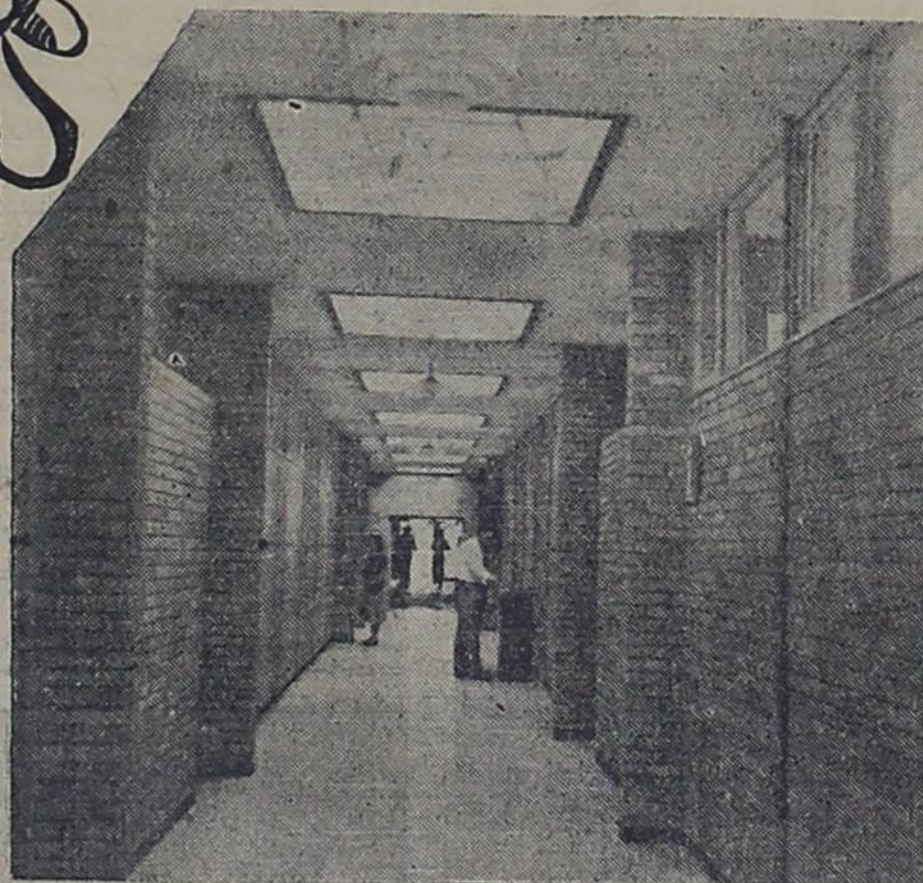
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— and may those who walk down this hallway to enter the rooms of our new school do so with pride and determination to gain all knowledge possible from those who strive to teach.

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There we were! Snaggled toothed and freckled faced
Ready to begin with education a race.
In the grade school building we went into Miss Larry's room, marked one.
Our fun and happiness had barely begun
There are a number of us seniors who started in then
We were our for a goal and determined to win
There was Jerry Skaggs, La Von Snider, Mary Watson, Jo Ann Capers, Sylvia Enloe, Billy Gene Whitlock, Dwaine Watson, Milford Fuller, Charles Mauney, Lane Campbell, and Doyle Lynn Clark
We were all striving for that well-known mark
In the second grade Mrs Higginbottom thought we were a mess
And now that we are seniors we must confess
We really thought that we were quite bright
When we stopped printing and learned to write
Mrs Ormsby gave a look of despair
When aside from us Jimmy Ray, Billy Neil, Charles, and Louise sitting there
They each soon became someone's special playmate and now that we're seniors they really do rate
In the third grade with the aid of a stick
Mrs Ormsby finally "learned us some 'rithmetic"
Mrs Clark took us where Mrs Ormsby left off
Trying to teach us English and though we did not mean to scoff
We just couldn't seem to learn the rules
Even though she warned us we might grow up to be fools
In the fifth grade we advanced
Up those long stairs we merrily danced
Mrs Kirk thought it best that we use weekly readers
Does she know to this day that we off' times were little cheaters?
The sixth year was also a year to remember
Especially along in December
When the Christmas tree was decorated with care

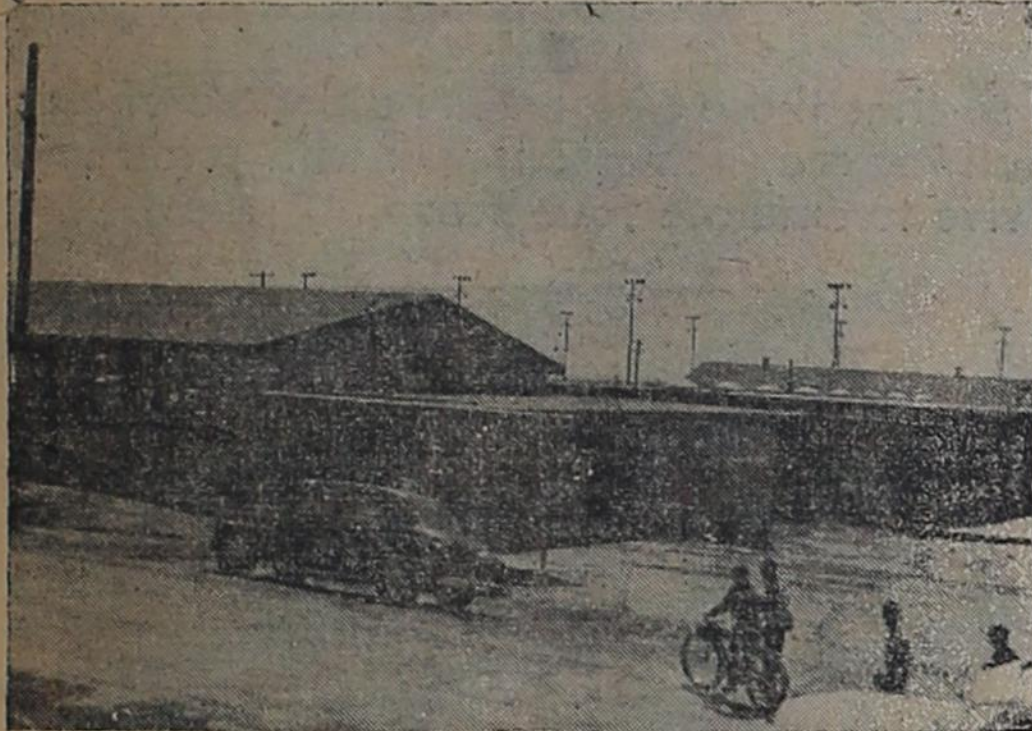
And there was a new member our excitement to share
Our new friend's name was John Wesley Askew
When we were in doubt about art he came to our rescue
Our teacher was new. A little lady named Miss Spruill
Her by-word was kindness, she didn't know how to be cruel
She liked us I guess - cause she followed us then
On to the seventh, what a wonderful friend
In the eighth, with Mrs Echols we were on the top-notch
We quit playing hide and seek, play house, jacks, and hop-scotch
We graduated then according to rule
And felt mighty pert to be in high school
As freshmen in high school we began to be told
Until we were "honored" by being smeared with lipstick and charcoal
Our sponsor was a jolly little lady, patient and good
As you've probably guessed, it was Mrs Underwood
As sophomores we really sprang into action
Making basketball, football, and track our main attraction
Our minds still filled with sport
We took time out for parties with our sponsor, Mrs Deavenport
Then there came marching into our room
Two wonderful kids, Patsy Stewart and Joe Broom
All through our 11th year the future looked bright
As we eagerly awaited junior-senior banquet night
As we prepared for the banquet whose theme was the "Dutch"
Mrs Underwood helped us out with decorating and such
Now that we're seniors we realize with a sigh
That we must soon bid good 'ole GHS good-bye
At the end of the year we all must part
But each will take a pleasant memory of school in his heart
We'll always remember the guidance and care
Of Aunt Kate Allen who was always there
As we think of all these things
Our banquet, our annual, Galveston, and rings
We realize and our hearts grow sadder
To think that at last we've reached the top of the ladder

TEACHERS PREPARE PUPILS FOR COLLEGE OR CAREER
Home grown products are usually favored and generally believed to be the best but the imported teachers in Gorman are not running second. They rank with the teachers reared in Gorman.
The administration, the teachers, the special instructors and other employees are doing a splendid job of getting students in their preparation for a career or for college. They are providing a healthful atmosphere.
Mrs J M Nix, Mrs John Kirk, Mrs M F Allen, Mrs Mack Underwood, and Coach David Goodwin, who are among the homegrown employees having attended the public school here or Hankins College that formerly operated in Gorman.
Superintendent Gibbs from Glen Rose, the Ross Wilsons from Brownwood, the E C Bramletts from the Granbury area, the Deavenports from Hamilton, and Midland, Mrs Buchanan, formerly of San Angelo, Bill Michaels of Rising Star, Mrs Lillie Wilson of Eastland, Mrs Mamie Clement formerly of the New Hope Community, Mrs John Henderson from New Mexico, Miss Virgie Shaw of Breckenridge and Bandmaster, Charles Nicholls of Le-Moyne, Iowa, are along with the homegrown rendering a creditable service to the students and the community in turn.
They have spent many hours in the college class room preparing to teach in an underpaid field. Day is not done for them when closing time comes. Often the week is not ended with Friday for many duties have developed which require their presence on Saturday.
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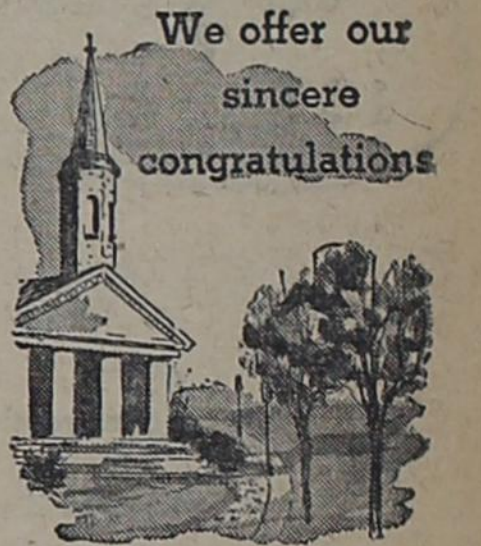
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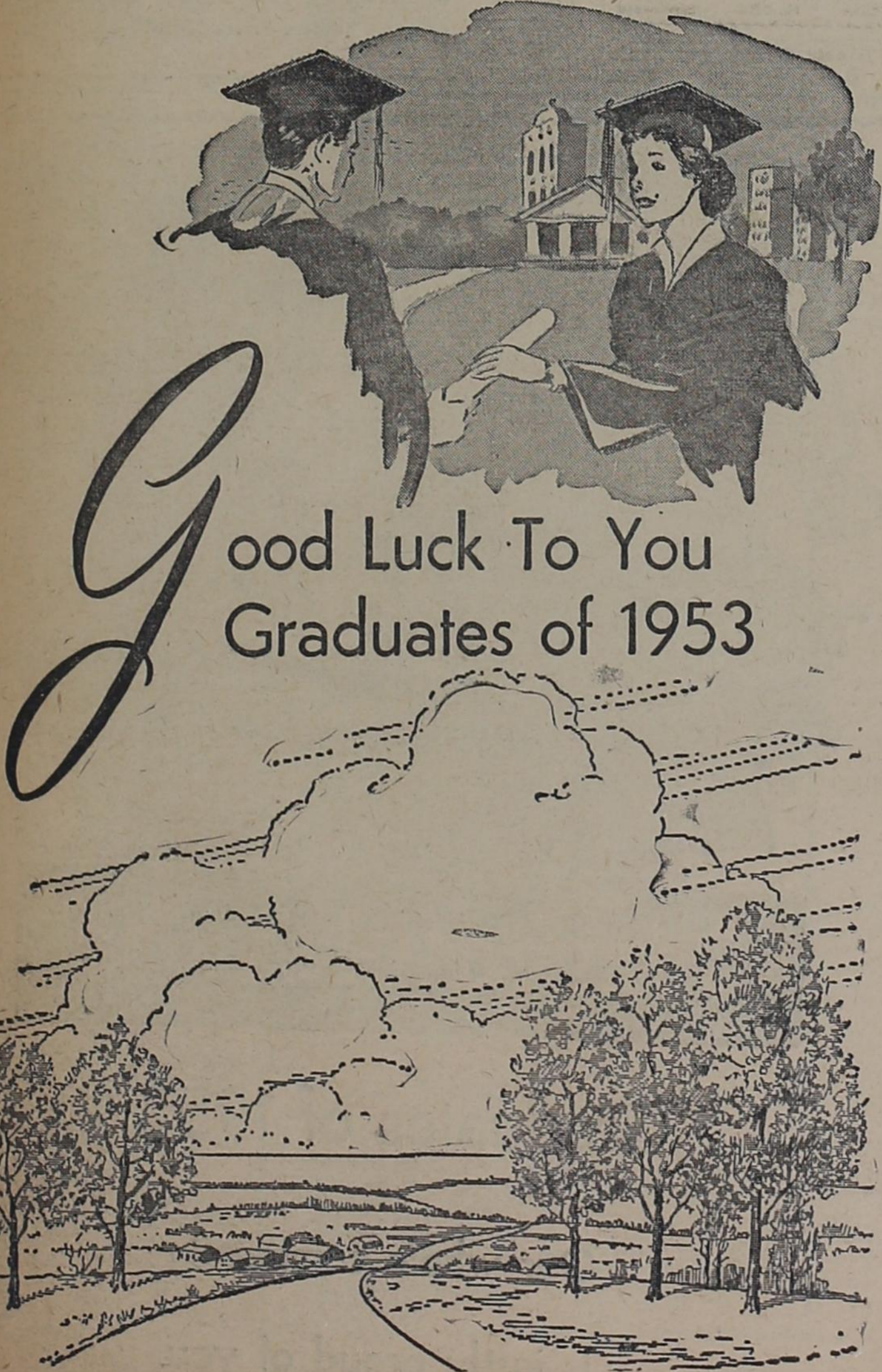
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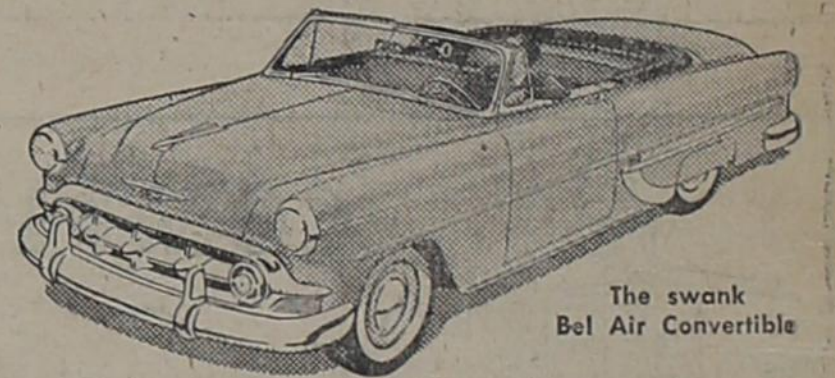
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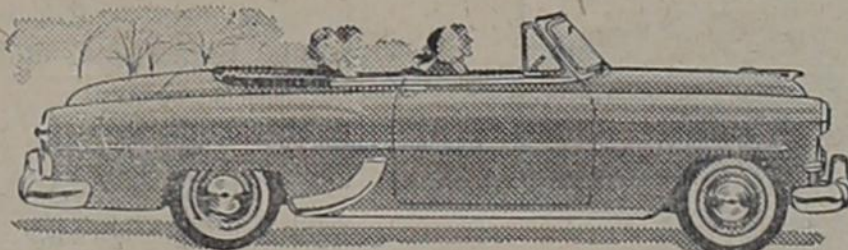


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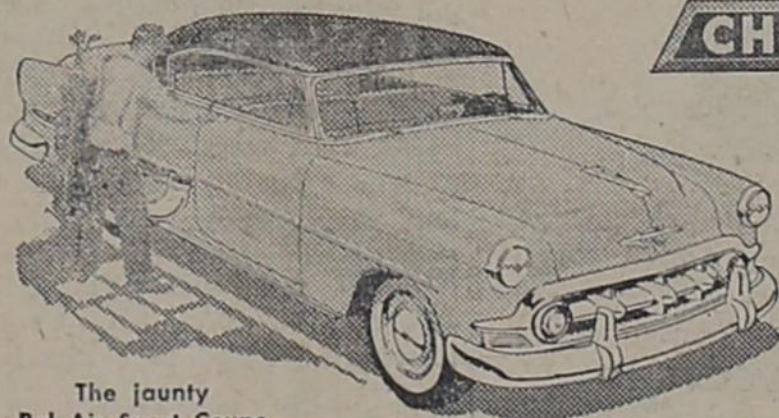
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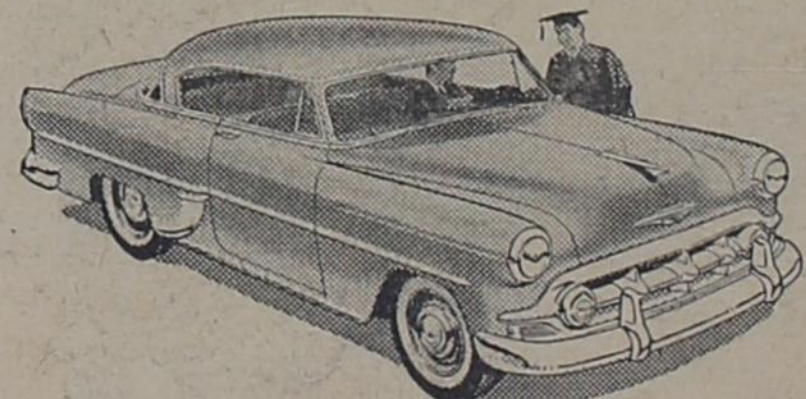
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Sealed bids will be received by the Carbon Independent School District for the sale of property described below. Bids are to be opened at 8 P M, June 2, 1953.

One composition, unlined frame building 16 feet by 48 feet to be moved. Right is reserved to refuse any or all bids. 5-28c

CARD OF THANKS

George Warren, who recently experienced an appendectomy at the local hospital, wishes to express his deep appreciation to the doctors, the nurses, and his many friends for the acts of kindness shown him during his stay at the hospital. The cards and flowers added much pleasure to his stay.

NEW WINDOWS CREATE OPTICAL ILLUSION

New windows being installed in the grade school create an optical illusion.

The all-steel windows replacing the old sixteen light sashes open with a surprising ease in comparison to rotting wood frames that refused to be raised. They are being painted in browntone to match the new building.

Strangers looking for the new building on seeing the improved grade school might readily be deceived by the optical illusion.

MRS BERTHA MEHAFFEY TO RECEIVE B A DEGREE

DENTON, Tex. (Spl) May 21 — Mrs Bertha Leona MehaFFEY from Gorman is a candidate for the bachelor's degree at North Texas State College.

Commencement exercises will be held at the NTSC main auditorium at 8 P M on June 4. Baccalaureate services will be at 11 A M on May 31.

Mrs MehaFFEY is majoring in elementary education.

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NOTICE - Please pick up your dishes at my home. I do not know to whom each belongs. Mrs Hicks.

FOR SALE or TRADE - 23 foot modern Trailer House. Tommie Key at Gin.

LOST - One boot, the mate to pair has been shown in the Progress window. Anyone finding same please return to Carl Curtis. 1tp

OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. C. E. Atchison

The revival meeting closed Sunday morning with a larger congregation than we had at any of the evening services.

Even though the bad weather prevented some people from coming to church we are thankful for the more than four inches of rain that fell here during the week.

It was good to see Mr D L Bond in church Sunday morning. Due to ill health he does not get out very often.

Other Sunday church visitors were Jackie Ray Abbe and Mr and Mrs Frank Hagood of Gorman, Rev and Mrs Floyd Fleming and children of Rock Bluff, and Mr and Mrs Jack Adeock and daughters.

Mr and Mrs Ernest Park of Sudan were guests of Mr and Mrs O C Reid last Thursday.

Little Robin Elizabeth Parker is visiting her grandparents here while her parents, Mr and Mrs Buster Parker, are getting settled in their new hom in Louisiana.

Mr and Mrs A J Stewart and son, Mike, visited with her parents, Mr and Mrs Garland Perry, Sunday.

Rev Dixie Clement and family and Rev Lee Fields were luncheon guests in the D L Bond home Sunday.

Visitors of the C C Setzler Sunday, other than their children, were Mr and Mrs Charlie Park of Robinson Springs, Mr and Mrs Wayne Atchison of Eastland, and Mr and Mrs Charlie Atchison.

John Mathis writes from Odesa that he is working at odd jobs now and expects to have steady employment in thirty or sixty days.

Norman Woodall was in Amarillo last week at the bedside of his mother, who is seriously ill. He expects to be with her again on Thursday of this week when she will undergo major surgery.

Billy Hunton spent last week in Ft Worth visiting with Mr and Mrs Melvin Daniels.

It has been reported that Melvin will be moving back here in the near future to continue his farming operations.

Illness In Gorman

Gus Frossard and I C Underwood left this morning for Temple to accompany Mack Underwood home.

Mrs O D Bibby is reported to be improved. She continues to be confined to her home.

Dr A A Brown, who experienced an appendectomy on May 8, continues to be a patient at Black wells.

Other Gorman folk registered at Blackwell Hospital on Tuesday morning were L C Frasier, Mr May and Plez Montgomery.

George Warren was released from Blackwells last week following an appendectomy.

CODY LOVES MOVE TO DALLAS

Mr and Mrs Cody Love have moved to Dallas where Cody has been employed for about two years.

Friends will be missing the Loves at church, school, and about town. But they have the good wishes of the folks back home hoping the greener pastures never suffer from lack of rain fall.

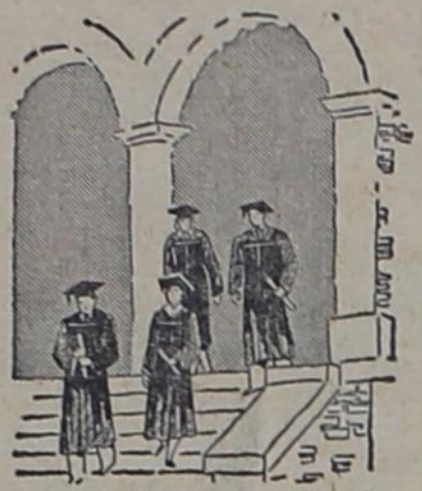
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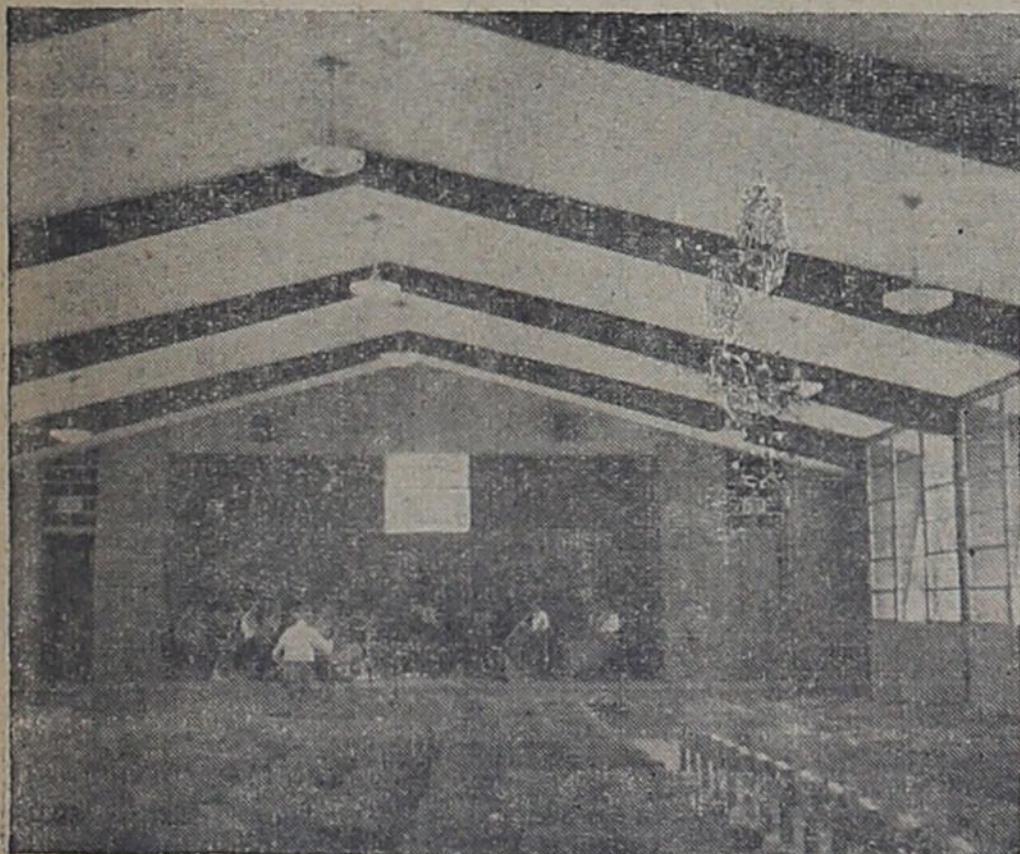
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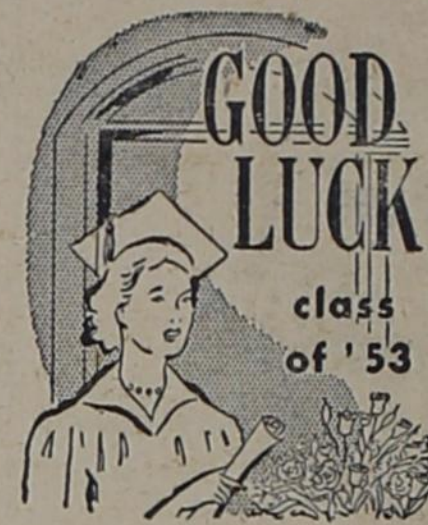
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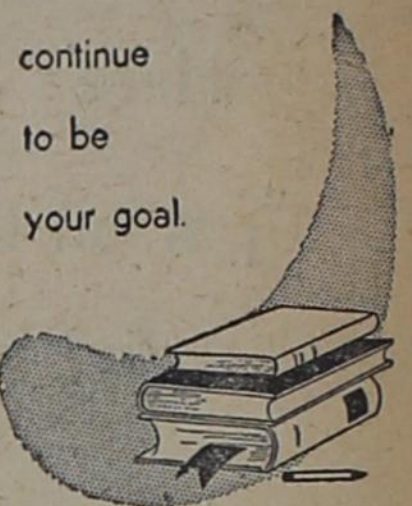
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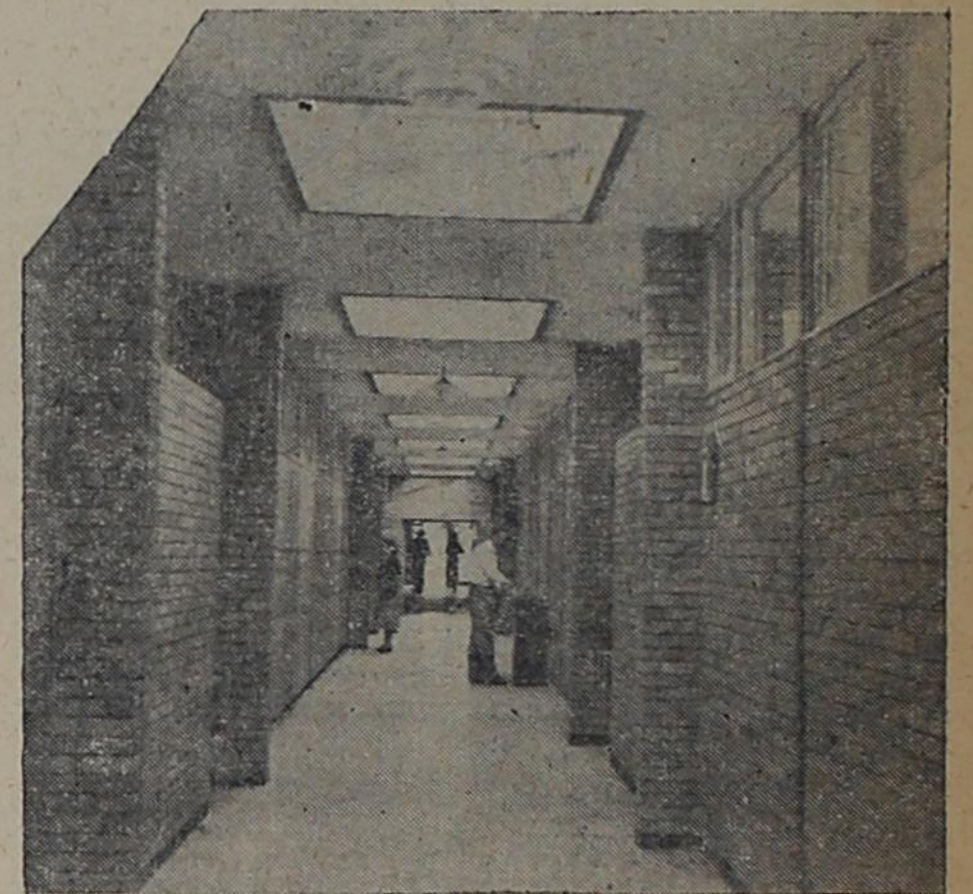
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GORMAN FOLK VISIT WACO STORM VICTIMS

Clyde Pulley, Tom Bennett, and Aubrey Bennett went to Waco last week to see relatives who live in the storm stricken area. The daughter of Mr Bennett and her family had not suffered injury or damage. But an uncle of Clyde, Mr J G Pulley, suffered the destruction of his eight room home. By some act of Providence Mrs Pulley and their rumors were in the two rooms of the house left standing. They were not seriously injured.

HEALING WATERS

The planting and growing of plants and flowers is apparently acting as healing waters to Mr C O Alsobrook who was for so many months confined to his house. During the past year Mr and Mrs Alsobrook remodeled their home at the corner of Scurry and drew his interest with an intensity that started him on the hobby of flower gardening and tree culture. Mrs C M Swanson of De Leon visited in Gorman on Tuesday. Mr Swanson is the market man at the Locker Plant.

A Tribute To Sylvia Valli Enloe

Surely everyone who knows Sylvia Valli Enloe is happy for her that she is a 1953 Gorman High Graduate. She is a Gorman product and one to be proud of for she would be a credit to any school. Meeting every obstacle with her chin up she has come smiling through. To know her is to be her friend. Sunday School workers remember her childhood days. Her wide eyes missed nothing. Her quick mind learned every lesson and her memory did not fail her. Her school teachers know her as a cooperative person who makes their task light. Her friends know her as a wholesome person whose sincerity they can not doubt. There are those who have made opportunity's door ready for her to open. And they have found that Sylvia Valli took counsel with the same gratitude that she accepted any favor. Her benefactors will feel great reward in seeing her wear the cap and gown. "Stay as sweet as you are, Sylvia." **FRASIER'S FIND SUCCESS LIVING AT IMPERIAL**

Rev and Mrs F P Frasier are finding success in their vocation and profession at Imperial, Texas. Rev Frasier, who had preached in several communities in this area and worked at the Southwestern Peanut Growers, decided in 1948 to sell their home and use the proceeds to go to school. Both Rev and Mrs Frasier took their degrees from Howard Payne in Brownwood. After which she began teaching at Imperial and he accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Imperial. Since his pastorate began the congregation has built a new church and an educational building and they are free of debt. The Frasier's have been visiting with relatives here this week including his brother, L C who is a patient at Blackwells and his father, J C Frasier. Mrs Frasier is the former Elsie Pierce.

They Walk Not Alone

They walk not alone these who during the week have suffered so great and so tragic a loss. The community of Gorman has grieved with the family. Truly it is an awe-inspiring sight to see so many seeking to help in some way. Never is the table laden with so much and so carefully prepared food. Neighbors who are blessed with more worldly good have sent in groceries that all but fill the cupboard. Men and women alike have felt their hearts ache as the bereaved weep their tear wells dry. There were those who saw a child almost to manhood grow as he tried to bridge the gap that grief had broken wide. Choosing those whom he would have sit with his mother through the night, selecting the songs that she had loved. A second child forgetting himself sitting as the moments ticked slowly trying to console the father. A third child dreading for sleep to come lest he dream the truth he could not erase. And yet another, a baby girl, knowing so little of death, she does not realize her loss. But they, the husband, the father, the mother, or sister, walk not alone. Gorman walks with them.

PERSONALS

Mr and Mrs Truman Maynard of Eastland visited with his parents, Mr and Mrs W T Maynard, during the week end. Mr and Mrs Robert Hicks have moved to Cameron, Texas. Mr and Mrs Charlie Petree and daughter, Lois Eaton, and baby of Cisco visited their parents, Mr and Mrs W T Maynard on Tuesday night. Mr and Mrs Petree and Roy Maynard of Gorman went to Fort Worth on Wednesday night to visit their sister, Mrs Johnnie Stuart. Mrs Petree will remain for an extended visit. Mr and Mrs J E Porter of Beach, North Dakota are spending their vacation visiting their parents, Mr and Mrs G W Porter and Mr and Mrs Whit Russell. Mr and Mrs Conway Perry of Fort Worth visited with his father, F S Perry, and aunt, Mrs Callie Lowe, on Sunday. Mr and Mrs Bill Wood of Paducah visited her sister, Mrs J M Nix, and Mr Nix during the week end. Mr and Mrs W J Ormsby and Mike Stacy left early Sunday for Warm Springs, Georgia for Mike's regular check-up. Sussanne Rankin of Ft Worth has been seen about town during the week. Mr and Mrs Frank Frasier of Midland visited with their parents this week. Mr and Mrs M H Fairbetter, Milton and Manning, and Mr and Mrs Wade Russell, visited in Breckenridge Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs George Bratcher of Phoenix, Arizona, who is enroute to Chiple, Georgia. Lucille Joiner of Midland is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr and Mrs T D Joiner. Mr and Mrs Jimmie Morris of Levelland, Mrs Hupp Morris, James Gee, and Pamela of Brownfield visited Mr and Mrs John Browning Thursday night and Friday. Mr and Mrs Gus Frossard and Vicki visited in Brownwood with the John Sharps on Sunday. Mr and Mrs Frossard attended the Shoe Convention in Dallas on Monday and Tuesday of last week. Mr and Mrs T M Collie of Eastland visited with Mrs T F Morrow on Sunday. Miss Ella Davenport of Oklahoma and Mrs Emma Brown of Cisco visited Mrs Fannie Hunt last Tuesday. Mr and Mrs J L Glasson has returned from an extended visit with their children in West Texas.

MURL PITTMAN HOME FROM ARABIA

Murl E Pittman has returned from an 18 months stay in Arabia where he is associated with the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company. Pittman has a three months leave. He has visited his mother, Mrs C Pittman. Mrs Pittman, his wife, has been living in Cameron with her mother.

HANKINS EXS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD 21ST MEET

The Hankins College Ex-Students Association are getting prepared for their twenty-first annual reunion. Members gathered at Bass Lake for the first time in August 1933 for an organization. Although they have been organized only 20 years they will be meeting for their twenty-first time. The first Sunday in June is the date set for the reunion. Mrs R E Boucher, president, stated that plans are well underway and that members have been notified by invitation. The Progress expects to publish the program scheduled when it is completed.



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Brief History, Gorman By High School Students Of 1943-44

In the Gorman High School library there is a history of the town of Gorman. This history was compiled by a History Class of the year 1943-44. The book tells of the founding of Gorman, its incorporations and development. There are within the book a narrative of the development of the business district and the founding and growth of the Post Office, the school, the churches, the Excelsior Club organized in 1915, the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association, Gorman Peanut Company, and the Blackwell Sanitarium. Mrs M F Allen taught the class. Students participating in research and editing the book are Mary Charles Hagood, Thelma Jo Meador, Mary Rice and Lorene Fuller, Jerry Clark, Doyle Allen, Eula Lee Mehaffey, Dorothy Echols, Ina Jo Russell, Lila Kinnison, Theda Dollberry, Joy Payne, Truman Snell, Marie Lucke, Johnnie Ben Duggan, James Miers, Leroy Denton, Felix Wood, and Kinser Thompson. Next year, being the tenth since this book was compiled, additional pages might profitably be added. Too, there are a number of folks in Gorman who may be able to contribute to this history but unfortunately they are the folks for whom time is running out.



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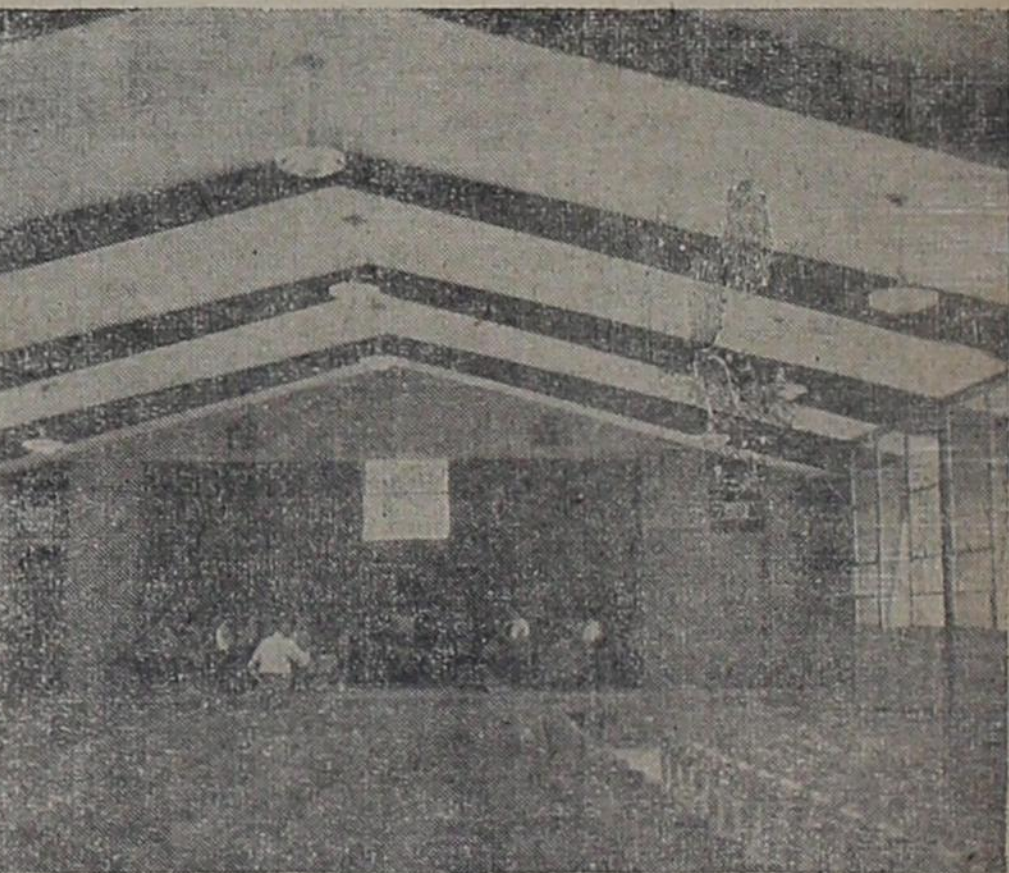
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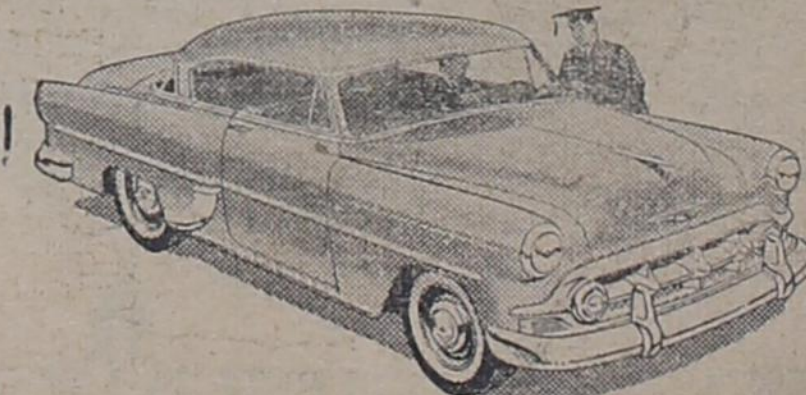
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JUNIOR NEWS

This past week has been both a frantic and wonderful week. On top of moving from the old building to the new one we had the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Since the juniors planned and decorated for the banquet, we believe it was one of the most beautiful in a long while. We used the theme "Hitch Your Wagon To A Star." Everyone was impressed with the color scheme of blue and silver.

We wish to give special thanks to Mrs Cloninger, who did such a fine job of helping us in Mrs Underwood's absence. We certainly would like to thank "Casey's Iron Works" in Desdemona for the loan of almost everything in his shop. He was certainly cooperative and without his help we could not have carried out the theme of a rose garden so well.

While I am in such a thanking mood I would like to take time out in behalf of the junior class and thank the businessmen and the teachers for their co-operation. I imagine they would like to know what happened to some of us when they sent us on those "short errands" that took two hours.

We hope the juniors of next year have as much fun planning for their banquet as we did. We hope it will be as nice or nicer since we will be their guest!

CAFETERIA IS ASSET

The school cafeteria is an asset to the school. Nutritious meals, carefully prepared, are served hot at a minimum cost.

Milk tops off the balanced diet. Mrs Burnet Eison manages the cafeteria. She is assisted by Mrs Bill Smith and Mrs Ava Mason. A number of students work in the lunchroom from one to two periods daily serving meals.

New equipment has been added during the past year.

General repairs and redecorating is accomplished between school terms.

SENIOR SEZ

Reporter, Mary Beth Watson

SENIOR TRIP

It was a gay and excited group that left the new school building at 2:15, May 7, heading for Galveston and the most exciting trip of all for us. We were accompanied by Mrs Allen and Mr Michaels. Every senior went except Jo Ann Capers, who was ill and we missed her very much.

We arrived at our destination about 1:30 a m Friday morning, a sleepy but happy bunch. We started off the visit with a "splash" when many of us went swimming before daylight Friday morning.

Some rested a little Friday, some went to town shopping, and others rented bicycles, went for a swim, etc. The day flew by and that night nearly everyone went to a dance given by the Galveston Fiesta Association for the visiting seniors, who numbered about four hundred. After the dance we went to the carnival and Mr Michaels took his first ride on the roller coaster.

Saturday our group was scattered from the beach to town enjoying the various kinds of entertainment offered.

Saturday night, after going in swimming, everyone got together and went back to the carnival and enjoyed the rides, candied apples, cotten candy, etc. Then everyone had to pack for we were to leave early Sunday.

Sunday morning we left the Hotel Galvez at 7:20 and hit the road for Houston. We went to the San Jacinto Monument, through the Battleship Texas, and then some of us went boat riding.

We came back through Huntsville and visited the prison and Sam Houston's old home.

From there we were homeward bound. Nearly everyone went to sleep on the way back. When we rolled into Gorman at 11:50 Sun-

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Front Row left to right: Charles Nicholls, Mrs Lillie Wilson, Mrs John Kirk, Mrs J M Nix, Mrs Mamie Clement, Miss Virgie Shaw, Mrs E C Bramlett, and David Goodwin.

Two teachers not shown in the picture are Mrs John Henderson and Mrs Mack Underwood.

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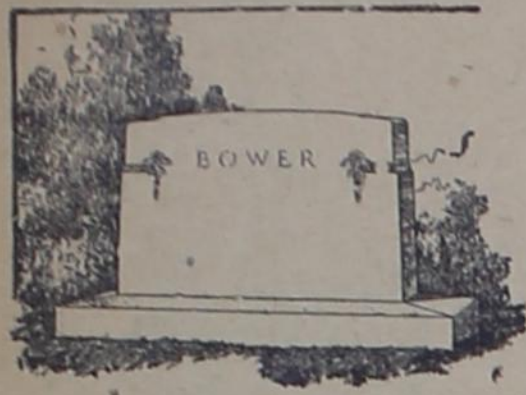
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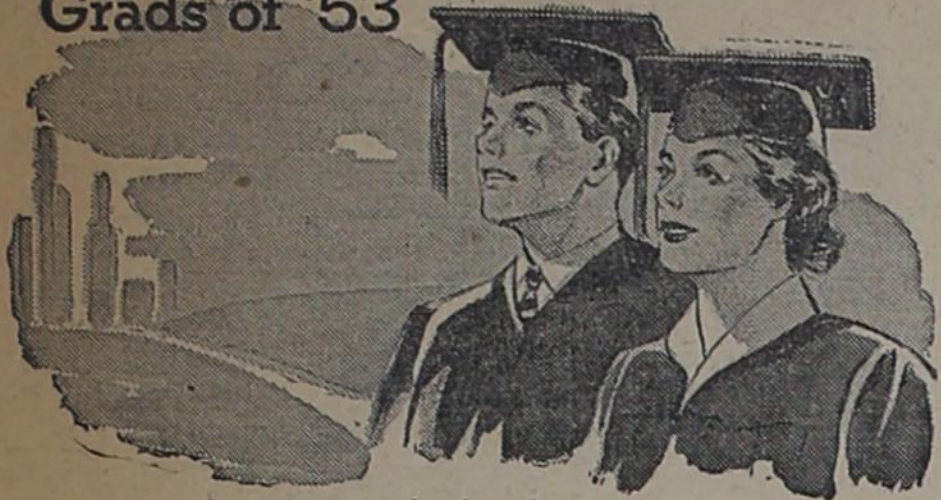
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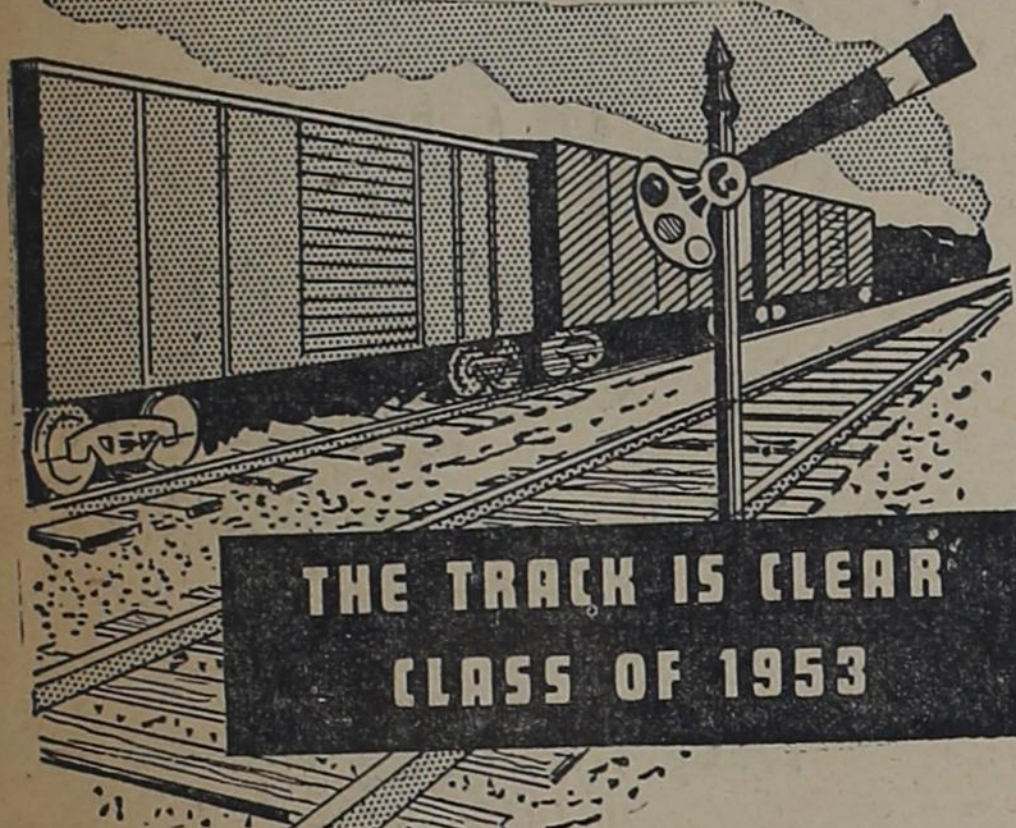
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Building Construction and Architect Fees	\$88,866.37
Classroom Equipment	6,395.45
Office Equipment	350.98
Auditorium Equipment	5,834.50
	\$101,447.30
Repairs to Windows in Grade School	9,050.00
Total Cost	\$110,497.30

Friendly Ladies Meet For Morning Coffee

The Friendly Ladies Class met in the home of Mrs J O Thompson on Wednesday for their regular monthly morning coffee and business meeting.

Mrs G C Acrea gave a brief devotional "Family Life."

Members and associate members present were: Miss Vibella Baker, Mesdames Dean Kirk, W G Kirk, J W Ramsey, Dorothy Hatcher, R C Mehaffey, Ed Harrison, Frank Rhymes, Keith Whitt, Melvin Shell, C R Day, Milton Fairbeter, Mrs Acrea, and the hostess.

Children of the members enjoyed recreation on the lawn.

Mrs Melvin Shell will host the June meeting.

Card of Thanks

If we were to begin now and thank you to the end of time, we could never thank enough. You have proved to us how many friends our darling girl had as well as all of our family.

We did not know everyone loved us so, which is more comfort than anything. There are so many to whom we wish to express special thanks and hoping to not miss anyone we mention all of the churches, the school, Dr Cole, Dr Rodgers, and Mrs Rodgers. We will never forget Brother Small and his members who so faithfully ministered to us in time of trouble. And the teachers of our boys, Joe, Derrell and Jerry. To the many who brought good and groceries, the flowers, cards, smiles, and words of comfort, those who visited, and those who sat up.

We cannot forget Mr Lane, I C and Charlie.

If we have overlooked anyone please accept this thanks in the paper.

The family of
Marjorie Hicks Ervin

Hi! Feller - Have You An Air Gun

Of course, you were very happy to receive the gun that is all your own and someone was very happy to be able to give you a gun so much like a firearm.

No doubt the parents, uncles, aunts, sisters, or brothers giving the gun or providing the money for the purchase have trusted you to be careful in choosing your target.

They have depended on YOU to ask yourself the question "Does my target belong to me? Am I destroying something useful that belongs to the public or some individual?"

Once there was a school boy whose family were very wealthy. His parents had given him a fine airgun. But he did not remember to be careful. He puts some tiny little holes in a beautiful church window that had been given to the church by a poor woman in honor of her husband who had died.

Fortunately, his parents had the money to replace the window.

Then there was a very great hunter one who had a real gun. He was hunting for deer but he shot before he was sure of his target. And do you know he shot his very best friend?

But another boy with an airgun forgot to be careful when he was trying to find out why his gun would not shoot. He peeked in the barrel. The BB came out and the boy wears a glass eye.

Your airgun can be lots of fun or it can be a dangerous weapon. Remember Dad would not point his gun at a person and he wouldn't destroy other peoples property.

BIRTHS

David Robert Cole born to Mr and Mrs Kinloch Giles Cole of Breckenridge on May 6 weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces.

Jeffery Lynn Lightfoot born to Mr and Mrs Jerome Loyd Lightfoot on May 10 weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces.

Terry Dean Petree born to Mr and Mrs Joe Lee Petree of Cisco on May 14 weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces.

Douglas Robert Dobbs born to Mr and Mrs Douglas Reed Dobbs of Andrews on May 14 weighed 6 pounds and 1 ounce.

Masonic Lodge Holds Open House

The Gorman Masonic Lodge were host on Tuesday the Masters, Wardens, and Officers Association of the meeting of the month. The meeting of the month is a monthly event as an open house. Gorman visitors were invited by invitation.

Members from the Rising Star, the Cisco, the Eastland, De Leon, and Ranger Orders were present.

GOOD SEED



See... FLOYD NUNNALLY or JIM HOGAN

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DUSTER ROCK BLUFF NEWS

Reporter, Mrs Ernest Johnson

Everyone seems to be very grateful for the good rain we received this week in our vicinity. We got 4 1/2 inches.

All the churches had good attendance Sunday. Rev Glen Biggs of Waco will preach at Rock Bluff Sunday and Sunday night. You are heartily welcome to come to these services.

Mr and Mrs Robert McClellan of Snyder visited with Mr and Mrs Johnnie Gray Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Raymond Stanley of Bangs visited Mr and Mrs L F Stanley Saturday.

Miss Polly Coan has moved to Ft Worth where she is employed with the Texas Finance Co.

Mr and Mrs Frank Frasier visited his parents, Mr and Mrs Irvin Frasier, over the week end.

Mr Jack Harrison of Jayton and



to you of '53

WELL DONE

We all wish you "the very best"
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1953 GRADUATES

and may each tomorrow bring to you a greater measure of success.

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To You who made this building possible:-

Congratulations to each of you who were foresighted enough to have erected this fine building for the youth and faculty of your school district. We are proud to have had a part in building it.

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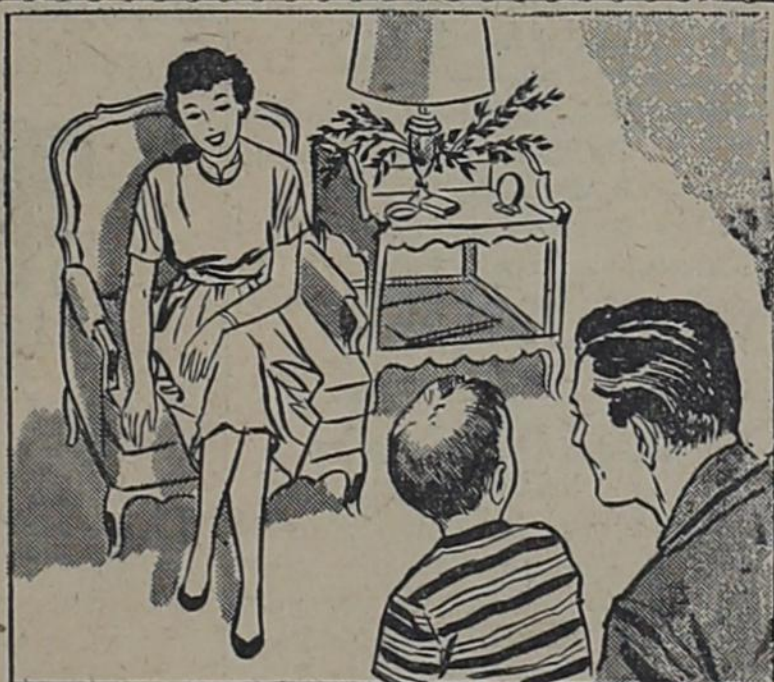
on this important occasion in your life.

and commend your faculty for their efforts in your behalf and the interest they take in our community.



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DESDEMONA NEWS
Reporter, Mrs. Ethel Keith

Miss June Jacobs of Ft Worth was a week end visitor with her parents, Mr and Mrs W Jacobs.

Mr and Mrs E E Roach of Ft Worth visited the week end with her brother, Mr and Mrs Edwin Tombs.

Mr and Mrs Morris Nance and children of Midland was here this week visiting with her mother, Mrs C H Genoway, and families. Sgt Harrold Burleson and family left Sunday for Georgia where he will be stationed in the A F.

Mrs Maud Fuqua and Mrs R C Craft attended the funeral in Gorman of Mrs Carl Ervin.

Mrs Edna Clayton is visiting this week with her son, Mr Estes Clayton, and family at Katy.

Mr and Mrs Richard Craft of Ft Worth are spending their vacation here working on their ranch and with their cattle.

Mr and Mrs Raymond Joiner spent the week end visiting in West Texas with their children.

Mrs Ethel Keith visited in Dublin Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs N S Partain.

Mrs S W Walker and children of Mertzton spent the week end with her parents, Mr and Mrs R H Abel.

Among the ones from here to be in Ft Worth Saturday were Mr and Mrs H C Abernathy, Mrs Jessie Sparkman, Mrs Howard Williams, Mr and Mrs L P Hammonds and sons.

Mrs Aaron Hensley of Lingleville visited one day last week with her parents, Mr and Mrs W H Davis.

75 descendants of D D Lewis met for the first time in 4 years for a family reunion in Stephenville. It was voted at the meeting to meet each year at Stephenville the 3rd Sunday in May.

Mr and Mrs A O Lewis of Clovis, N M spent Monday night with the R G Lewis family.

Mr and Mrs Virgil Northcutt and Miss Paula Marine of Strawn went to Abilene Tuesday for Virgil's check up with his doctor.

Cecil Robertson FINISHES TARLETON

Stephenville, May 21 - Cecil Lee Robertson of Gorman is one of 73 candidates for graduation at Tarleton State College here May 24.

Cecil graduated from Gorman High with the 1951 Class.

He is the son of Mr and Mrs C H Robertson of Gorman.

Entering Gorman High in 1949 Cecil lettered 2 years in basketball and 1 year in football.

In September he plans to enter the University of Texas.

TEN BOXES OF CLOTHING SENT TO WACO SUNDAY

In answer to a last minute call Gorman folks hurriedly brought ten boxes of clothing to the Gorman Progress and a box of groceries which were carried on to Waco Sunday morning.

Carbon had called the Progress to say they would be sending a truck on Friday at noon. With the rain pouring down and only a short time to spare few folk got the word. The Carbon truck did not make the run on Friday but called for boxes early Sunday.

Senior Prophecy

As we take a ride on the magic carpet into the future, in the year 1963 we see John Askew slaving over a project to put a motor under the world so that everyone who wants to visit other planets can do so.

As we travel on we spy Joe Broom coming out of a side entrance to a theater. He is now director of a group of chorus girls on Broadway.

Traveling down the road of the future we run into Lane Campbell who now has a large interest in one of the world's largest peanut farms.

Next who should we meet but Doyle Lynn Clark, our old classmate and basketball star. It isn't hard to guess what he is doing. He's coach at his old Alma Mater, Baylor University.

Well who's this coming down the road but Jo Ann Capers? She is now teaching speech and piano and keeping house.

Who's this smart looking career girl we're meeting? It's only Sylvia Enloe in one of the latest Paris fashions. She's secretary for one of the rich bankers in Dallas.

Milford Fuller is riding to meet us on a brand new tractor. He's the other stockholder in the world's largest peanut farm.

What's this coming through the air - is it Superman? No, it's only Frank Kirk in the new airplane he bought. He's still planning to go to college someday, but right now he is satisfied with making barrels of money raising minks.

Charles Mauney appears before us now, still wearing that sheepish grin. He finally bought that little farm just outside the city limits of Metcalf Gap.

Billy Neil McDaniel has just about worn that little red Ford out by now making such frequent trips to Downing. If June doesn't hurry up and say yes he'll be forced to buy a new car!

We spot Jimmy Rachel as he stands in the pasture of his huge cattle ranch counting out enough steers to buy Pat a new fur coat. He's quite a gentleman now.

Who's this young man with the

Baseball Round-up
By Alvis Rodgers

Howard Green, President of Big State League, tossed out the ball to open the new Sportsman Field.

The Little Leaguers and Ponies took a twin win Tuesday night at the opening of Sportsman Field.

The Little Leaguers came from behind to win the opener from Smallwood Electric, Cisco, by a score of 11-10 while the Ponies beat the Clay Lumberjacks of Comanche 3-2.

The Little Leaguers showed to be an improved team over their first game. Ronnie Love was the starting pitcher for Gorman giving way to reliever David Revels in the fourth. Mickey Rogers took over in the top half of the sixth to finish the game. These boys gave up 7 hits and 10 runs.

Micky Rogers hit one into deep left field for a home run in the 3rd.

Gorman went into the bottom half of the sixth inning trailing by a score of 10-5. Making 6 runs they came back to win the ball

doctor's kit we're meeting? Why, it's George Rodgers. Imagine his being a doctor!

Here's that quiet little lady - Louise Scitern. She's now in partnership with a nice-looking Wood boy and they have a little cafe just outside of Eastland.

Here we find Jerry Skaggs who has taken Mr Bramlett's place teaching Ag in GHS. Bramlett seems very pleased with Jerry because he is following so closely in his footsteps.

La Von Snider is now teaching reading and spelling over in good old GGS. She took Mrs Kirk's place after she retired.

Dwaine Watson has just opened up a new modern drug store in Gorman. He is now competing with his former boss, John Kimble.

Who are we meeting now? Why it is Mrs Mary Beth Watson-Enloe with little Robert Franklin Enloe Jr and little Lizzie enjoying an all-day sucker each.

Last as our travels into the tomorrow of each member of the 1953 senior class, we encounter Billy Gene Whitlock puffing a 50 cent cigar. He's just been elected for a member of the Texas Legislature!

GLEN MEHAFFEY WINS TWO GOLF FLIGHTS

Glen Mehaffey playing in the Annual Eastland Golf Tourney last week won two flights.

Glen is one of the eight or ten Gormanites who get around to playing the Eastland Course several times each month.

Card Of Thanks

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. We also want to express a personal appreciation for your courtesy in giving good publication for the hospital.

With kindest regards,
John F Barker and
De Leon Hospital Staff

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the flowers, food, cards and visits during our sorrow. May our Heavenly Father bless each of you.

Mrs D P Holliday
Mr and Mrs D R Holliday
Mr and Mrs L D Holliday
Mr and Mrs W D Holliday
Mr and Mrs R A Holliday
Mr and Mrs Carl Cox
And the Grandchildren

game 11-10. Every boy in Little League Uniform got to play in the game.

The Ponies defeated a strong team from Comanche behind het 3 hit pitching of John Rodgers. Big John went the full route giving up 3 hits, 2 runs, and striking out 11 men.

Max Pierce was the long ball hitter of the evening with a hit ball going into deep center field for a home run.

Kenneth Watson turned in the defensive play of the game. He went over second base to come up with what should have been a hit to get his man at first.


All Pony League boys got to play with the exception of Leo Harrison, who was not feeling well during the game.

Between games the spectators were fortunate in hearing Ward Green, President of the State League, make a speech on not only the good different Leagues were doing organized baseball, but the each individual child receive the way of training and stamanship.

The Farm Club, managed by Monroe, will play a club Cisco here Monday night at P M. The Little Leaguers play the Braves from Cisco. The Braves are supposed to be C No 1 team. They have not defeated in League Play year. The colored boy that ed last night is their main center. Lets see you out at the game Monday night.

GOOD LUCK to the

class of 1953



Best wishes on your graduation. May the future fulfill all your dreams.

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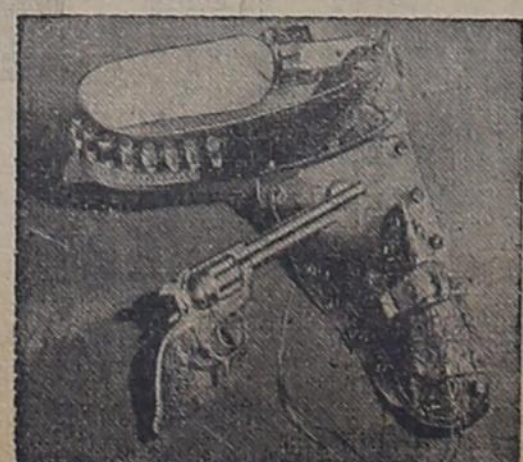
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Tall Can - - 37c

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good fortune on the road ahead, '53 gra

May the road ahead be smooth. We hope all your undertakings will be crowded with success.

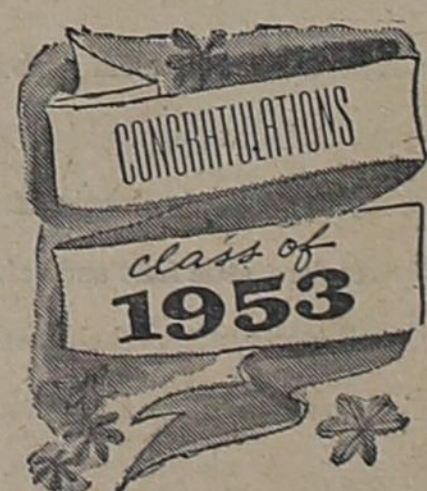
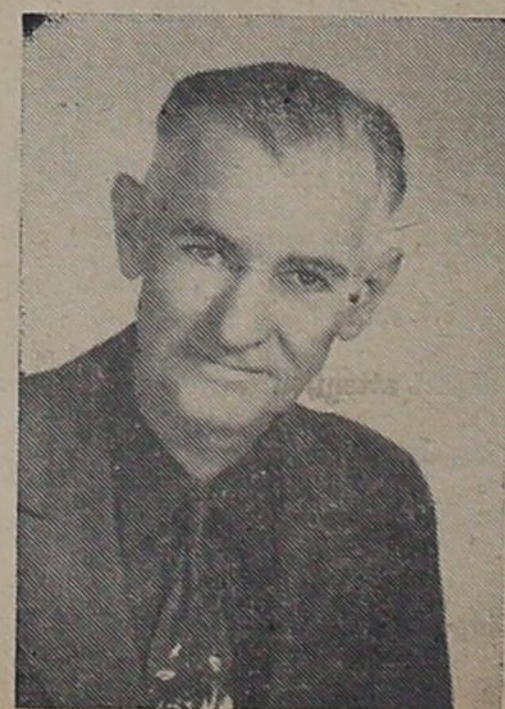
E. L. DENNIS, Constable



May you find the right road and follow it to success.

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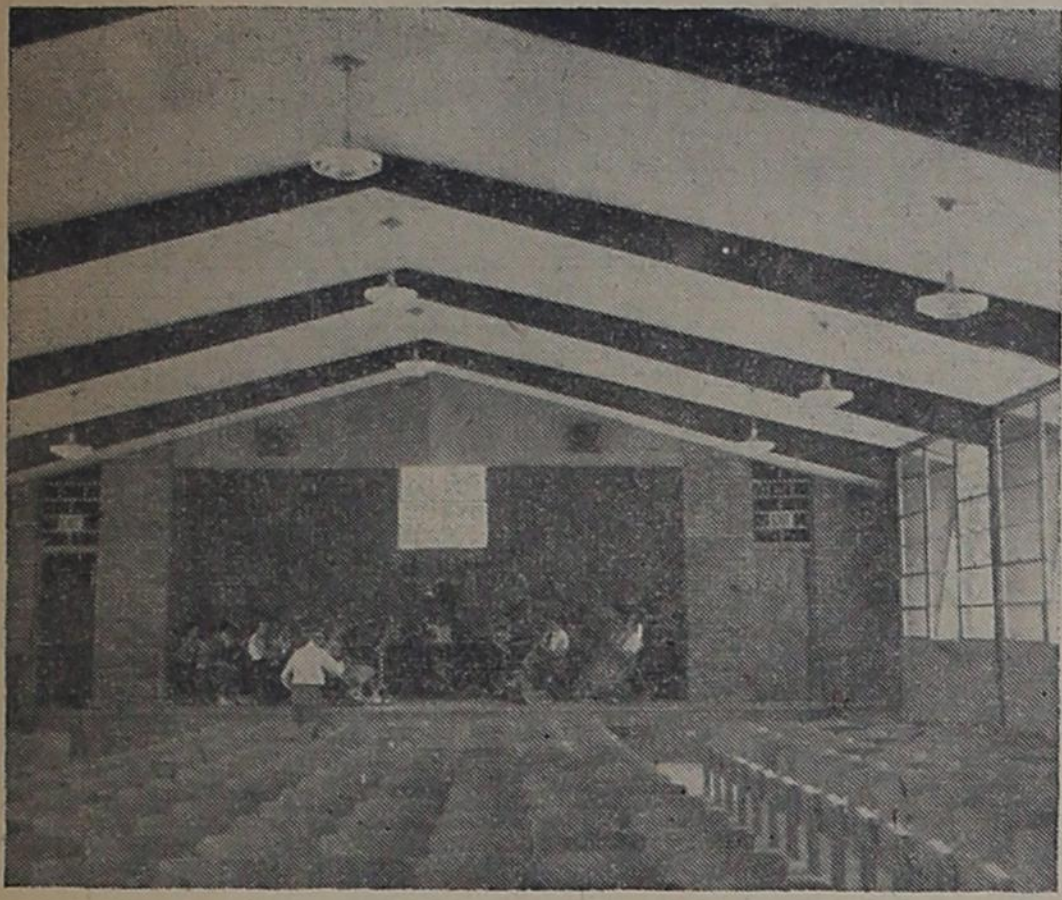


Accept our best wishes for the future.



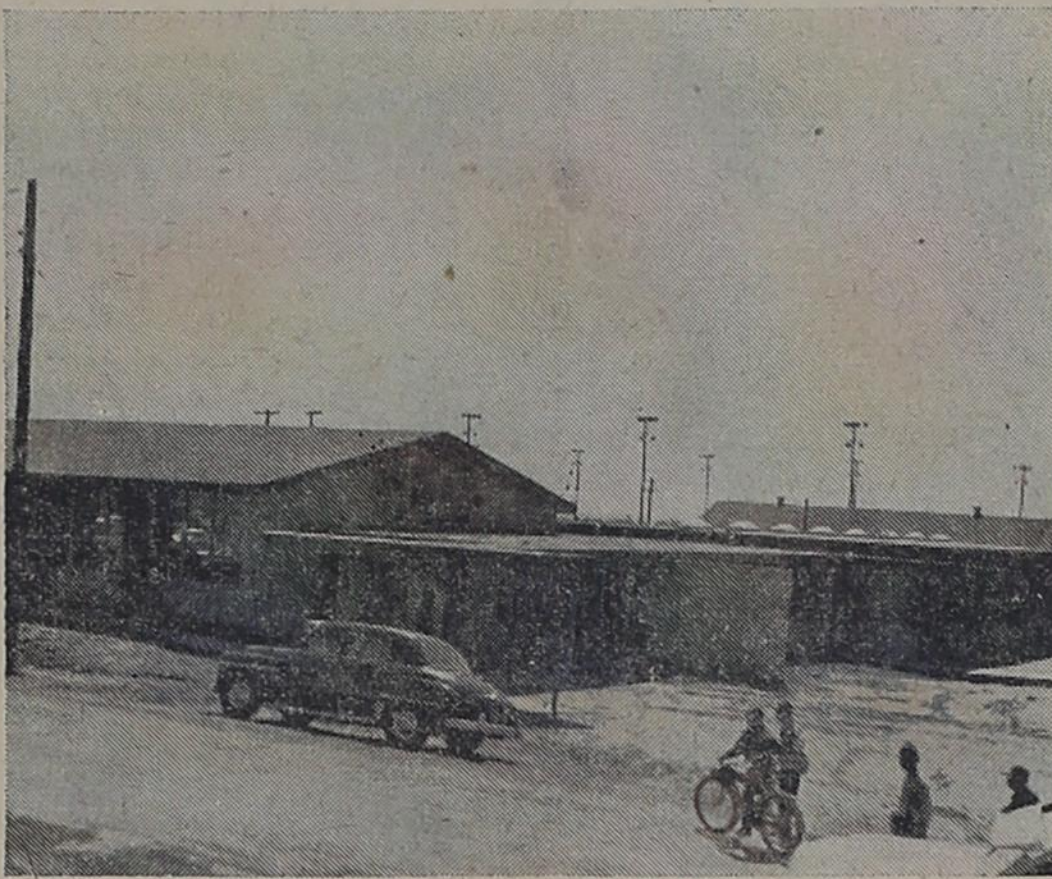
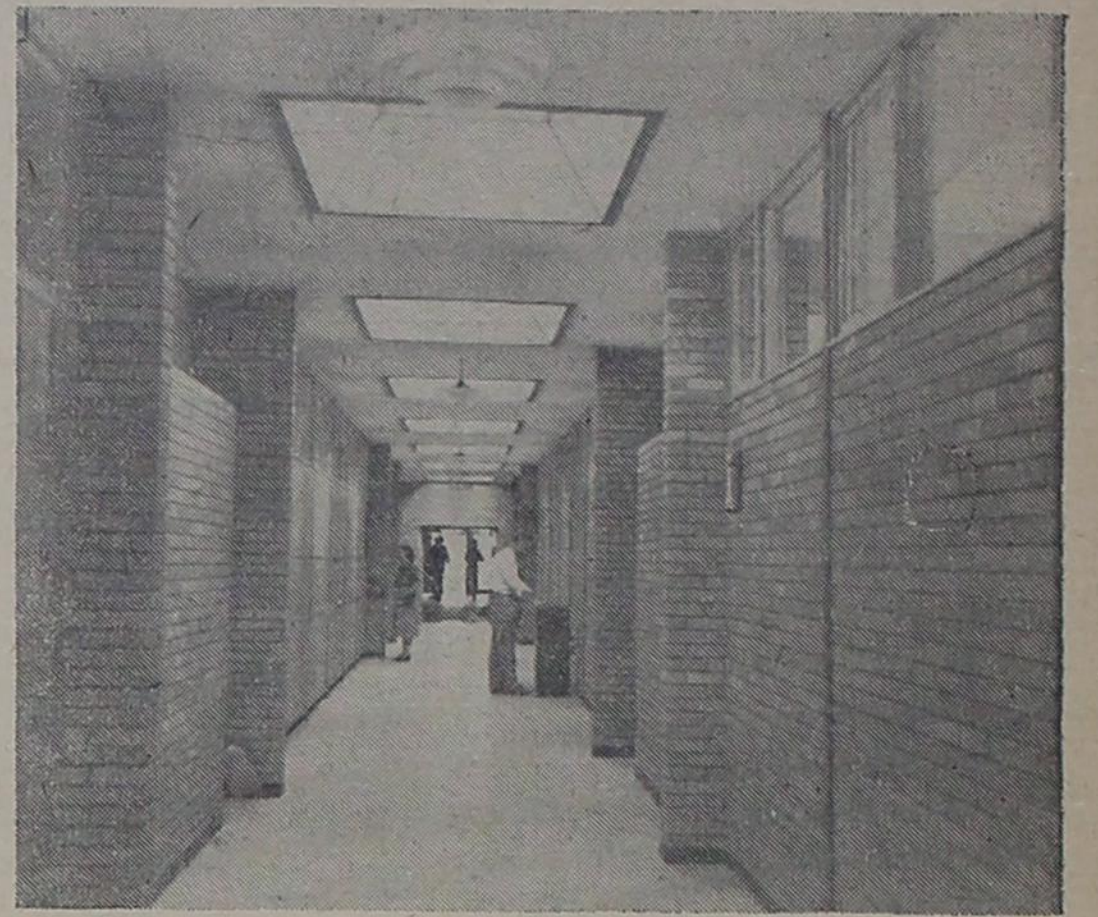
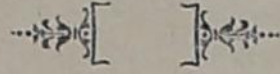
Throughout the years we have watched you grow in knowledge and wisdom - we have shared your joys and sorrows, your victories and defeats. We are proud of you and also proud of the new buildings you leave for others.

MR. and MRS. W. C. EMERSON



GORMAN'S FUTURE IS PARTIALLY BOUND WITHIN THESE WALLS.

THE HERITAGE OF OUR NATION IS KEPT ALIVE BY THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO TEACHING OUR YOUTH.



The Temple Is Complete - -

and we join with others in expressing our appreciation for the privilege of erecting this edifice for the students of this area.

For years to come we will refer to these buildings with pride and recall with pleasure our association with the school trustees, faculty, patrons and students of your school district.

H. LEO TUCKER

Our Sincere Thanks To You:-

A job well done, thanks to all who worked with us during the construction of your school building and auditorium.

The completion of these buildings was made possible by the fine cooperation of those who dug the ditches for the foundation - those who hauled the sand and gravel and other materials - and those who labored efficiently until the time came to say, "It is finished".

CARL BUTLER, Sr.

To the People of the Gorman Independent School District:-

It was a pleasure to work on a job like the Gorman school buildings and I enjoyed the association with every one in and around Gorman. It was also a great pleasure to associate with the school faculty and trustees.

I. D. SMALLWOOD



Photo by Fairbetter

Left to right:- Leo Tucker, architect and engineer, Abilene; Buddy Williams, Carl Butler, Jr., B & W Construction Company Bryan, Texas and Construction Foreman Carl Butler, Sr., Olden. Photo was taken at the entrance of the new school building.

To You who made this building possible:-

Congratulations to each of you who were foresighted enough to have erected this fine building for the youth and faculty of your school district. We are proud to have had a part in building it.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation of all we came in contact with during our stay in Gorman.

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Announcements

The Central Texas Turkey Growers Association will meet in Eastland Thursday evening, May 1st at 8:00 P. M. The meeting will be held in the courthouse on the second floor in the courtroom. The west door will be open. Everyone who is interested in the turkey industry is welcome to attend Mrs J H Tidwell, Secy.

Rev Glen Biggs, student at Baylor University, will preach at the Rick Bluff Church May 24th, Sunday, at 11 o'clock and again at 8 P M. The public is invited

Methodist Vacation Bible School will open at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning, May 25th. Enrollment will begin on Sunday morning in the various children's classes. The superintendent, Mrs Frank Rhymes, and the workers are very anxious that every child who can possible attend be present and On Time at each daily session. The school runs five days. All classes join the opening assembly.

Watermelon Growers will meet next Friday, May 22nd at 8 P M in the Agriculture Building at the school.

D. Warren, Head Melon

Miss Rozelle Winston, Ass't County Home Demonstration Agent, will leave June 15th to be Home Demonstration Agent in Coryell County at Gatesville beginning June 16th. This announcement was made by Miss Annie Lucy Lane, District Agent for Women, this week.

Mrs. Jobe Presents WSCS Program "All One Family"

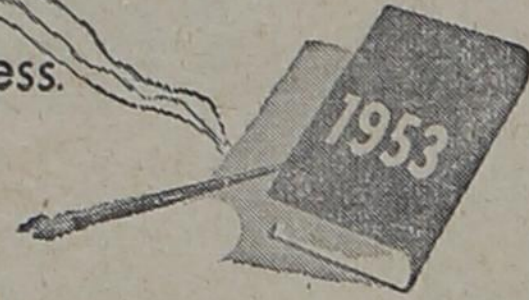
One of the most interesting and best prepared programs of the conference year for the Woman's Society of Christian Service was

presented by Mrs D J Jobe on Monday afternoon at the Methodist Church. The topic was "God's Plan — All One Family."

Assisting her by giving response talks were Mrs Marvin Blair, Mrs Newt Crawley, Mrs Giff Acrea, and Mrs Milton Fairbetter. Mrs E W Kimble gave the devotional.



We wish you every happiness and success.



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A special number, a vocal duet, was sung by Mrs Barton Eppler and Mrs Wilbur Shell.

Every woman is a potential member of the WSCS and each one should find time to attend the society and participate in the various Christian services rendered by the WSCS.

Afternoon Tea To Honor Conway Perry's On Sunday, 2:30 - 4:30

On Sunday afternoon from two-thirty until four-thirty Mr and Mrs Conway Perry of Ft Worth will be the honored guests at an open-house tea in the Milton H Fairbetter home.

Hostesses for the occasion are Mrs D J Jobe, Mrs G C Acrea, Mrs W G Kirk, Mrs Gene Baker, and Mrs Fairbetter.

The women are extending a wide and courteous invitation to all the friends and acquaintances of the Perry family to be present to meet the new bride. No formal invitations are being mailed since the Perry family is of longtime residence. The hostesses made no attempt to make either an exclusive of an inclusive invitation list. But they are very anxious that each one take advantage of this opportunity to meet Mrs Conway Perry. Both men and women are expected to call.

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THURSDAY - FRIDAY
Tyrone Power - Julia Adams
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MISSISSIPPI GAMBLER
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And
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In
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Sterling Hayden - Phyllis Coates
In
FLAT TOP
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Color Cartoon
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY
Paul Christian - Viveca Lindfors
In
NO TIME FOR FLOWERS
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THURSDAY - FRIDAY
Randolph Scott - Donna Reed
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HANGSMANS KNOT
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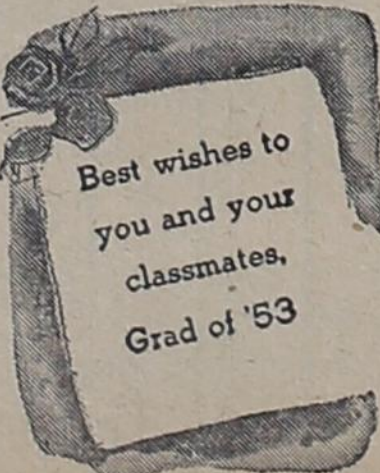
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WITH OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Ken Ezzell writes from Lackland AFB that he needs back, present, and future issues of the Gorman Progress. While putting in what he calls a 16-hour day Ken is looking forward to getting into the printing end of the deal in the Air Force. That will mean some schooling. (If he isn't too good already), eh Ken?

Word gets around that Raymond Emerson of Ft Bliss, El Paso, will be home this week end.

Mickey Parker of Amarillo AF Base spent the week end in Gorman.

Roy C Brown, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Brown, Gorman, was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Korea.

Now the senior American division on the peninsula, the 25th landed in July 1950, shortly after the Communists attacked the Republic of South Korea.

Corporal Brown arrived in Korea last December and is assigned to Company B of the division's 35th Regiment.

Before entering the Army in July 1952, he was employed by the U S Potash Company in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Colon, Republic of Panama
May 14, 1953

Dear Gene:

Just a line to let you know we are doing fine. I arrived here feeling O K and not a bit air-sick. Fred was at the airport to meet me and he had a three day pass. We live in a little town named Colon. We are about 5 miles out to Fort Davis. It is very strange here but I am learning every day. It also rains every day and every night. I got here just as the rainy season began.

We get lots of fresh vegetables and fruits. Fred brings in bananas from the jungle where he cuts them himself.

We are about 50 miles from Albrook A F Base where O H Lucke is stationed. When we get a car we plan on going over to see him.

On May 2, my older brother, Bill Graham, came through the canal on a destroyer, USS Gatling. He didn't dock on this side by us but did over on the other side. We went over and spent Sunday with him. We sure did enjoy being with him again. He will go to San Diego, Calif, then to Pearl Harbor, to Japan, and then to Korea.

I was only planning on writing a short note but have got started and can't find a stopping place.

We have several nice places to go to here in town. The YMCA and the Clubhouse for servicemen. We can go out to the base swimming any day of the year and then, of course, the movies.

I must close for now but we will let you hear from us every once in awhile. We sure do enjoy the paper and it helps us not to get so homesick.

Friends always,
Joyce and Fred Eaves

P S We get our mail at Fred's address:

Pvt Delmon F Eaves
US 54068836, Hq Btry,
764th AAA Gun Bn,
Fort Davis. Canal Zone

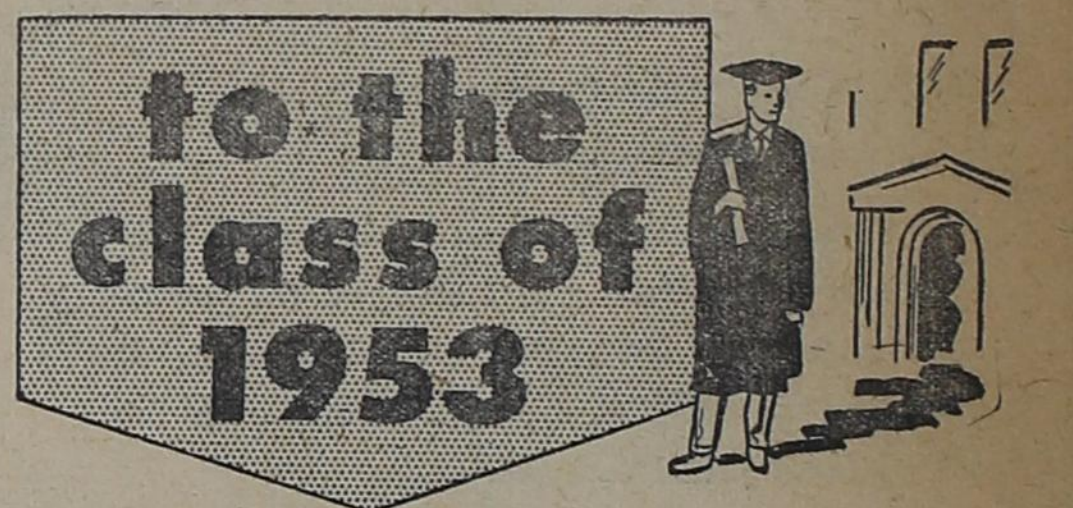
GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL Commencement Program

Friday, May 22, 1953 8:00 P. M. High School Auditorium
Processional "Royal Pageant" by Mark Mrs. O. R. Buchanan
Invocation Rev. Tom Small
Salutatory Mary Beth Watson
Piano Solo "Tennessee Waltz" La Von Snider
Reading Jo Ann Capers
Song Quartet
Jerry Skaggs, Doyle Lynn Clark, Jo Ann Capers, Mary Beth Watson
Class History John Askew
Presentation of Class Key Jerry Skaggs
Valedictory Louise Scitern
Song Senior Class
Awarding of Honors and Scholarships Ross Wilson
Presenting The Class To Mr. Mehaffey Charles Gibbs
Presentation of Diplomas R. C. Mehaffey
Benediction Rev. J. L. Ray
Postlude "New Colonial" by Hall Mrs. O. R. Buchanan



TALLYING SCORE AT INDIAN TRAIL RELAY - April 18

Huddling against the wall and seeking shelter from the freezing north wind that hampered the athletes taking part in the Indian Trail Relays which were held at Brogdon Field in April are the following who helped keep score: Field Director Charles Gibbs and Mary Evelyn Laminack. Others seated Mary Robertson, Don Laminack, Richard Curtis, Don Joiner, Howard Hagood and Brawner Lee Files. Standing are Coach David Goodwin, Jackie Don Wheeler, Nellanna Mehaffey, Jerry Dupuy, Paul Robertson



Our very best wishes go with you. Good Luck!

We cherish memories of our old school but are justly proud of our new high school and auditorium.

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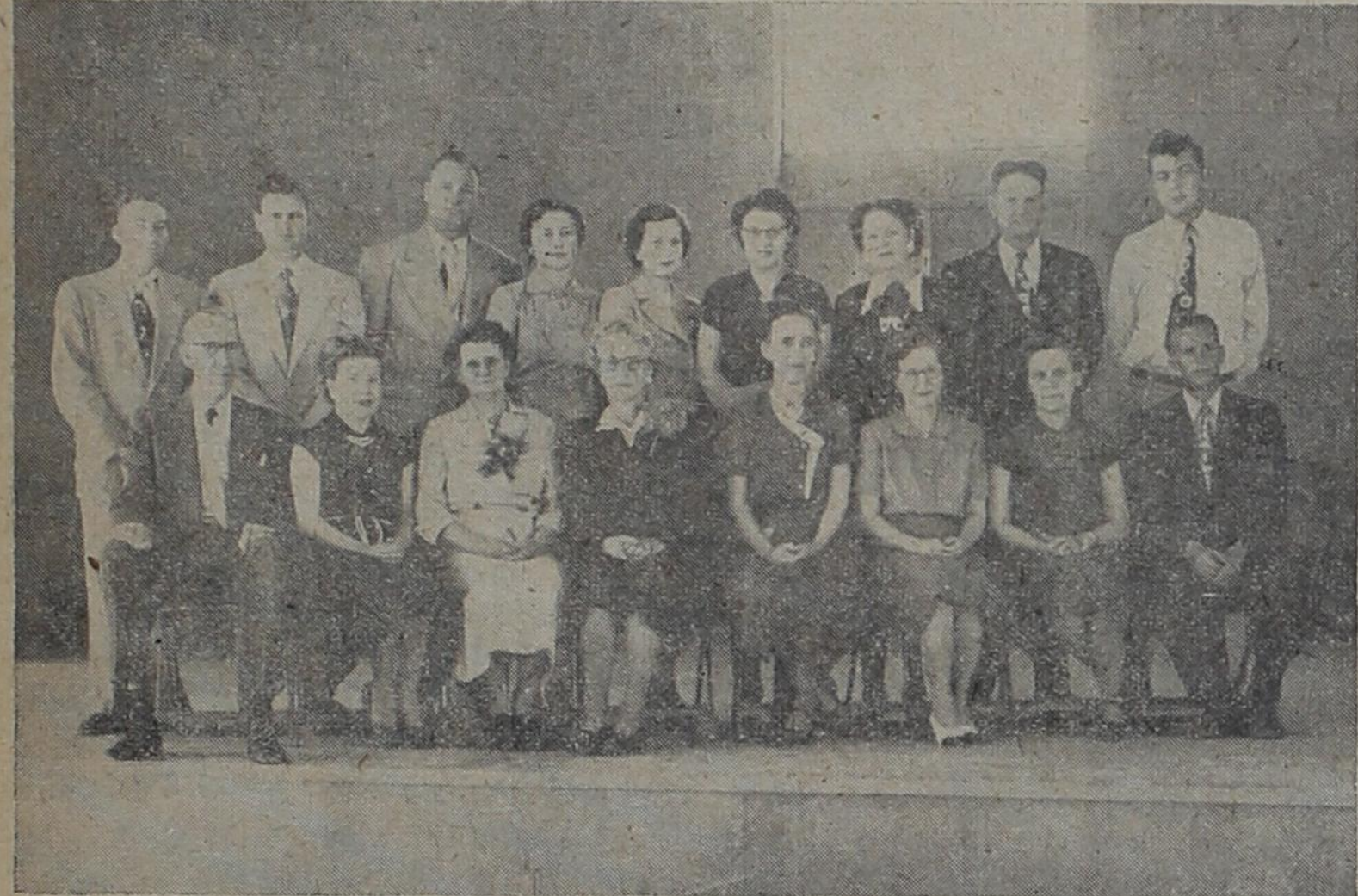
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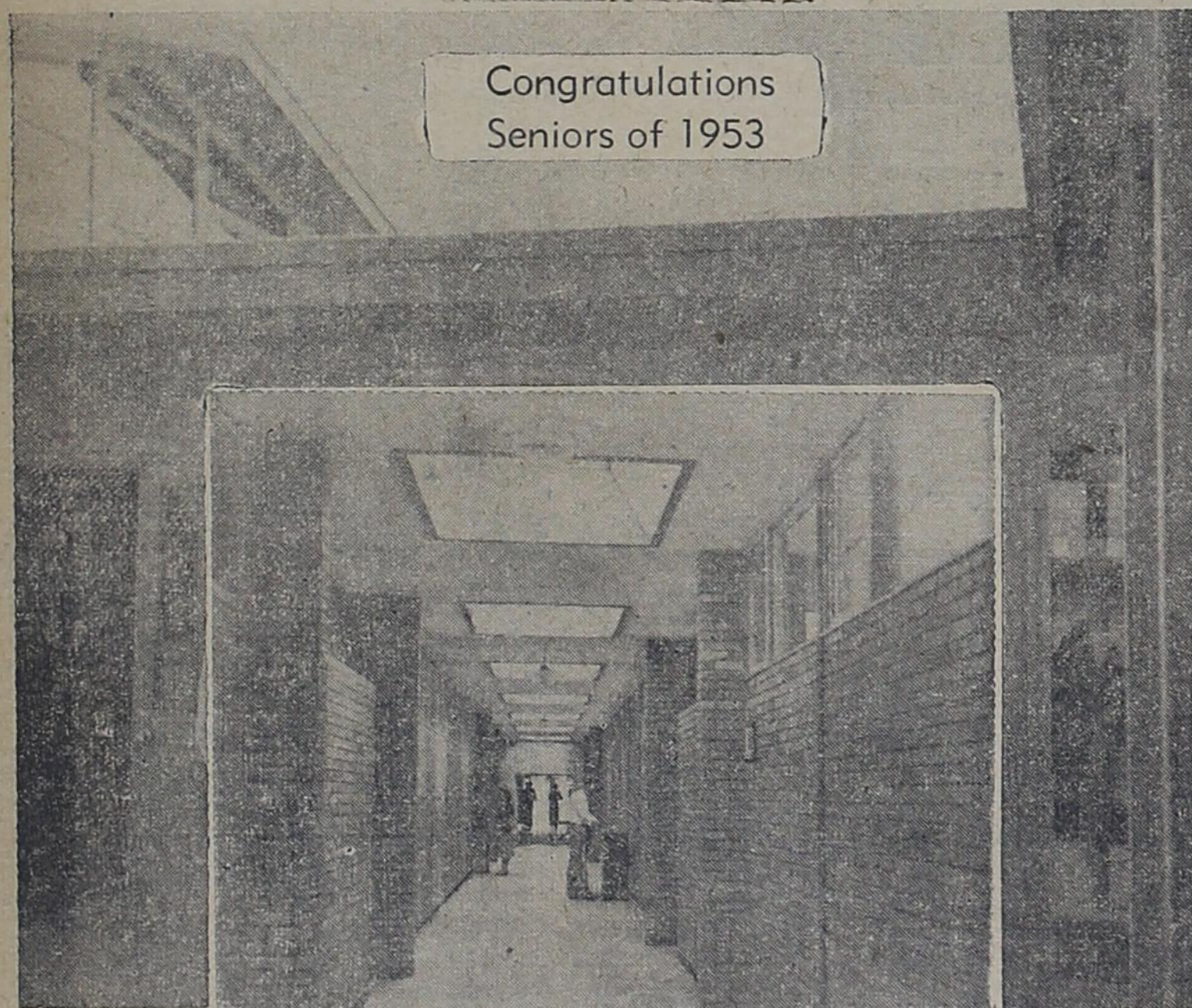
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Front Row left to right: Charles David Goodwin. Two teachers not shown in picture are Mrs John Henderson and Mrs Mack Underwood.



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