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Desdemona Homecoming Saturday, August 8th

Desdemona Named For A Pretty Girl Post Office, 1882

The following news article appeared in a 1939 special edition of the Desdemona Gusher:

"It was approximately 1882 when Desdemona was named for one of the early white girl settlers, Miss Desdemona Wynn. The town had for many years been known as Hogtown but when the post office was located the name was changed.

Miss Wynn was the daughter ofquire Wynn, the first Justice of peace in Desdemona. Her mother was a cultured Southern woman although she was an invalid. Miss Wynn, legend has it, was also well educated and a lovely girl. She taught one of the first schools in Desdemona.

It is probable, although not certain, that a town meeting was called to select the name. At any rate R H Pierce, one of the leading merchants of the town sent in the name and it was used.

Miss Wynn was a sister of the late Mrs Tom Henry, and aunt of Tip Henry and Mrs Eula Jones of Desdemona. She taught school for a time in Fort Worth.

The girl for whom Desdemona was named has been dead for several years.

Committee Completes Reunion Program

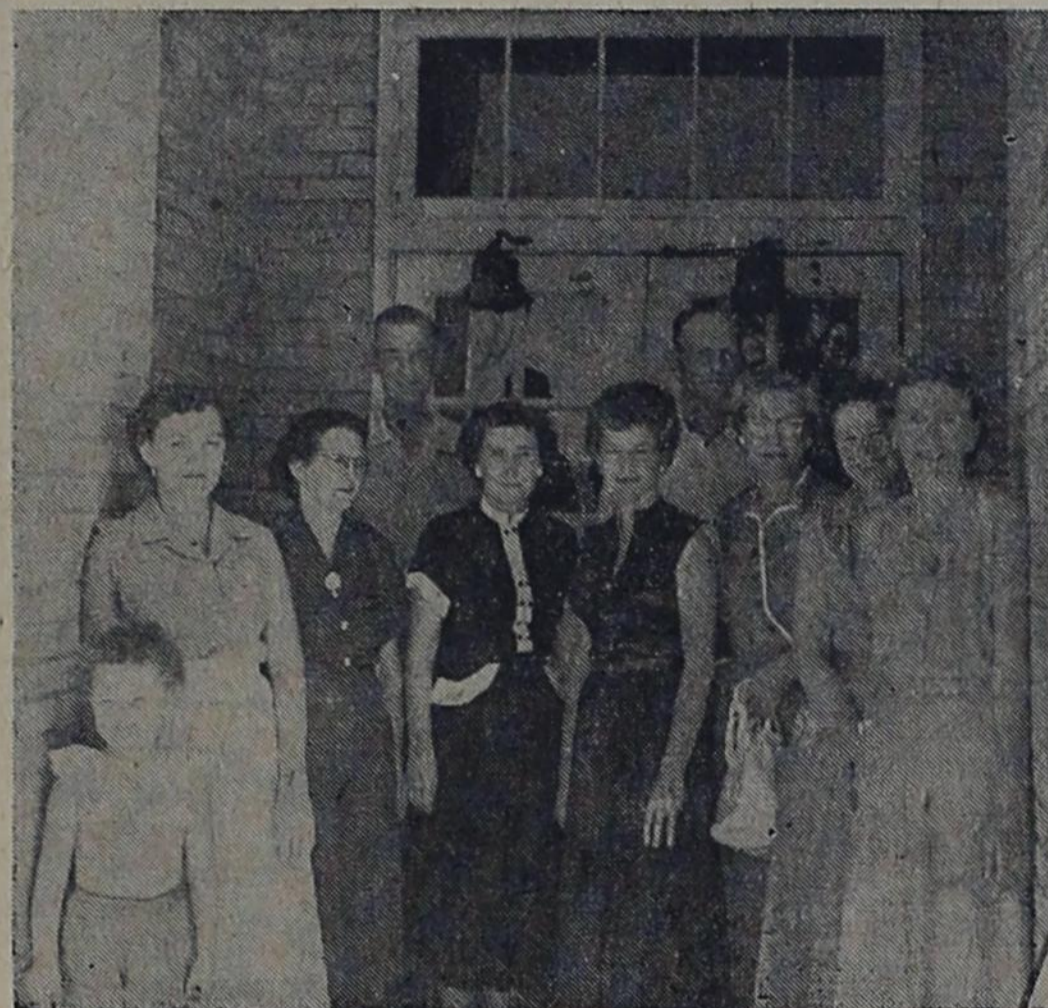


Photo by Fairbetter

Members of the program committee for the Desdemona Reunion on Saturday, who were on hand at Desdemona when the Press and Photographer Fairbetter dropped in for an interview recently are from left to right front row: Brenda Gale Roberts, Mrs Morgan Roberts, Mrs H H Williams, Mrs Jessie Sparkman, Mrs Harold Inman, Mrs Bob Koonce, Mrs Sam Powers, Mrs Ott Ragland; and in the back row Dove Lewis and Sam Powers.

Boom Days Fantastic Interlude For The Hometown Folk

Desdemona Boom Days, when Hog Town was rocketed overnight into a population of some 15,000, were a fantastic interlude for the hometowners. The years when black gold flowing in fountains reaching the sky raised some bank accounts seven figures high.

In the interlude every man was for the space of time a king with dollars, thousands of dollars, coming to him through no effort of his own. The Duke Well No 1 had come in and the lot on which a man's house rested was worth a small fortune. Then there were other wells.

Hordes of strangers poured into the suddenly awakened village on Hog Creek and for lack of housing speedily erected shacktown, a shelter of boxes, a bed and table under trees, a wagon, a Model T.

Residence owners with their families made their living quarters smaller, taking in roomers or boarders. Some put in stocks of groceries, hardware and other saleable articles.

The business area of what one sident called shotgun buildings stretched a mile and a half eastward.

For many the interlude was profitable, for some it was a thrill, for others it was tragedy.

Looking at the town today a visitor wonders if the folks who found the pots of gold thought the boom days would be endless. Or could they have had a premonition that the days were only an interlude and that they would shortly find themselves as they were looking back on the plenty of yesteryears.

Only a few can be found who continue to enjoy the wealth that came with oil.

A thorough search finds not one palatial home built during the interlude.

But the folks who stayed on when the boom had run its course are mighty fine people. Perhaps they have found life with less wealth less difficult.

LOCAL FOLKS ATTEND FUNERAL AT MERKEL

Mrs Emory Hill and Mrs Lois Fulce of Dallas, Basil Hill and Mrs Cecil Cox of De Soto, Texas joined Mrs Albert Taylor and son, Billy Ferrell, in Gorman Sunday night. They attended the funeral of their uncle, W R Hill, in Merkel on Monday.

Mr Hill was a brother of the late Mr Emory Hill. Mr and Mrs Bud Allen of Sundown also attended the funeral.

Desdemona Farmer Dies Suddenly With Hand At Plow

The family of Stonewall Jackson Holder and the Desdemona Community were shocked with an intense grief at the discovery of the sudden death of Mr Holder.

He died Wednesday, July 29th, while working in his field. His wife discovered his body.

Funeral services were held at the Desdemona Church of Christ on Friday at 2:30 P M with Brother Leroy Cowan officiating. The burial was at Stag Creek Cemetery.

Stonewall Jackson Holder was born June 6, 1880 in the state of Georgia. He was married to Ida Mae Clark in April, 1903.

Surviving the deceased are besides his wife, two sons, Barney Holder of Ranger and Carl Holder of Fort Worth, and a daughter, Mrs Agnes Rushing of Ranger.

There are also four sisters and two brothers: Mrs Mattie Bowen of Georgetown, Mrs Grace Matlock of Moffet, Mrs Annie Walker of Temple, Mrs Gladys Smith of Austin, Jim D Holder of Austin, and George Holder of Royce City.

Pony League T'ment To Get Underway On Monday Night 7 p. m.

A Pony League Baseball Tournament will get underway on Monday night at 7:00 P M at Sportsman Park in Gorman.

Entering in the tournament up until Wednesday afternoon were Abilene, De Leon, Eastland, and Gorman. More teams are expected to accept invitations before Monday.

There will be two trophies awarded, one to 1st place winner and one to 2nd place winner. There will also be an all-tournament team selected and each player on this team will be awarded an individual trophy.

Admission price for these games will be 25 cents for all from the age of 12 up, except the players and managers of teams entered. They will be admitted free.

The Ponies won over Stephenville 10-6 in the 1st game of the Stephenville Tournament. Their next game will be played at 8:00 P M Friday.

ILLNESS IN GORMAN

Mrs Gladys Rainey continues to be a patient at Blackwells.

Mrs Harry Maupin was registered at Blackwells on Tuesday. Mrs Homer Richardson was a patient at Blackwells this week.

Mrs Connie Yarbrough continues to be a patient at Blackwells.

Vicki Frossard developed pneumonia during the week end. She was treated at Blackwells and expected to be returned to her home on Tuesday or Wednesday. Norman Anglin entered the hospital on Monday afternoon.

Arlene Fuller Hooper has returned to the home of her parents. Her condition is reported to be good.

Mr Mack Underwood continues to be confined to his home.

The condition of Mr Will Capers is unimproved.

BIRTHS

Danny Wilson Curry born to Mr and Mrs Lester Curry of Brownwood arrived on July 24th. Mrs Curry will be remembered as the former Miss Jo Lantron of this city.

Janet Beatrice Levens born to Mr and Mrs Jack Levens of Rt 1, Eastland on August 1st weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces.

Freddie Dale Lane born to Mr and Mrs James Paul Lane of Rt 2, Rising Star on August 1st weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Budget hearing for the Gorman Independent School District will be held at 8 p m, Monday night, August 10 at the Grade School office.

R. C. Mehaffey, President Board of Trustees

Gorman Eastern Star Chapter No 443 will present a program commemorating Robert Morris's birthday on Monday, August 17.

All members urged to be present. Visitors are welcome. Virginia Parr, W M Theresaa Baker Sec'y

The New Hope Revival will begin Friday night, August 7. Rev McBeth, a former pastor in the Cisco Association, will do the preaching. Come and worship with us.

Methodist Churches Schedule Revivals

Methodist Churches in Desdemona and Carbon have scheduled revival meetings for August. The pastors of the churches with their members have invited Gene Baker to conduct their song service.

Baker directed the singing at the Desdemona Methodist in the summer of 1952.

The Desdemona revival begins August 10th and continues until August 16th. Rev W E Shipp of Breckenridge will preach.

The Carbon revival begins on August 16th and continues until August 23rd.

Rev Hall pastors the Carbon Church and Rev Rupert D Coles pastors the Desdemona Church.

ELTON REYNOLDS HOME BURNS

Misfortune has again struck the Elton Reynolds family. Last week their home and household furnishings were destroyed by fire.

Word has come to the Gorman Progress that the family stays with relatives in Gorman at night. During the day while Mr Reynolds farms they find shelter under a tree. There are six children and the mother.

The Reynolds live on Route 1, Gorman.

The Gorman Progress passes this word along in order that those who have furniture, furnishings or clothing which they can give to the family will see this article and answer the need by carrying same to the family.

WITH OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

We hear from R F Wood, father of two boys in Korea, that Cpl Clifton Wood is soon to leave for home.

Clifton has much to look forward to but he will also be looking backward since he will have to leave his brother, Pfc James Wood, in Korea.

The boys have been stationed within two miles of each other. James will not be coming home for about a year.

Junior Love of the Cheaney and Alameda area is now home from his tour of duty in Korea. He was seen in Gorman this week.

J O Jackson and Gaynelle came in on Friday from San Diego. J O is on leave before sailing. He will be in Gorman about 20 days.

Cpl James W Lantron left for Camp Pendleton, California this week after spending his leave with his grandmother, Mrs Dashie Connor, and friends.

Seen about town is Cpl Floyd Lantron who has just returned from service in Korea. Floyd is spending his leave with his sister, Mrs Jo Curry, and other relatives. He will report to Camp Hood for further assignment.

OLD TIMERS WILL BE HONORED REUNION GUESTS

The Old Timers of Desdemona will probably receive more notice than the rest of the folk attending the Desdemona reunion on Saturday.

Hundreds of folk will be wanting to see those who knew Desdemona before and after the Oil Boom.

The names Snodgrass, Abernathy, Henry, Madding, Sparks, Caruth, Davis, Thurman, Matthews, Daniels, O'Rear, Palmer, Terrell, Hawkins, Bearden Way, Brown, Bagwell, Griffin, Prater, Powers Jones, Malby, and Rushing among the names that will strike a familiar chord.

MARKET IS FULFILLMENT OF COMMUNITY'S DREAM

"Should we or should we not provide a public market for the area farmers?"

The question appeared debatable until the spring of 1952, specifically the month of May. It was then that a movement got underway with publicity boost through Progress. A H Bibby, prominent business man, with other members of a volunteer committee including Ernie Todd, Harvey Parker, Hubert Craddock, and James McCoy, with a representative group of townfolk and farmers, who were few in number met in the newspaper office. They began to put their words into action.

The movement which had so few backers in its beginning spread and was immediately recognized as a non-club, all community project. By May 27th forty business, farmer, professional men and women proved that as "Money Talks" so "Talk often makes money." They made sizable contributions.

The lease was signed with the Magnolia Company. The shed began to go up with a number of men working until the wee hours of morning. Static had practically lost even

a toe-hold. Fifteen other folk had made donations during the week.

Reviewing the columns of the local newspaper the first season was only a fair beginning.

But it had again been proven that "where there is vision there is a way."

Early in May of this year farmers and business men began to demonstrate collective cooperation with its valuable by-product fellowship. Alfred Taylor, Durward Warren, Pete Mauney, James McCoy, Claude Fuller, Ernie Todd, Harvey Parker, Crofford Thurman, Morgan Bennett, Les Wallace and Oda Monroe readied the market place for summer season.

Speck Clark and Roscoe Reeves were on hand proving that the government still monkeys in business according to Harvey.

Recent rain brought a swell in the produce of local farmers. The truckers have been literally meeting the farmer at the market.

Some truckers make contacts and go to the farms. Others wait their turn in line as fifteen or possibly twenty trucks and pickups are loaded.

The produce is distributed over a wide area. Some going to other states.



Durward Warren, enterprising young farmer poses with his Indian Trail Festival Entry. The patch which the early melons came from has brought Warren several checks running into three figures. Warren patronizes the Gorman Farmers Market. Bill Frasier's son is mounting the rear. Photo by Fairbetter

Manager Bill Frasier Says Market Soon To Be Area's Best

Bill Frasier, manager of the Farmer's Market, pausing in the midst of his sales and shipping clerk duties this week, stated that the rains really gave the farmers a break as well as the market and the truckers.

However, he said many farms in scattered areas were bringing

in produce that would have made it without the rain due to the showers that failed to be general throughout the spring.

Frazier said he farmers and the truckers were finding that the Gorman Market was the best place to sell and the best place to buy.

Durward Warren, who produced an early melon crop, bumper in size, has had three calls from an Abilene firm requesting that loads be ready for pick-up by their trucks.

Local folks are buying enough to know that the mart has selected produce.

W Dee Smith assists Frazier during the day and Mr Armstrong stays with the market at night.

Radio Stations Get Fine Melons From Business Men's Club

The wide awake Business Men's Club of Gorman, this week, sent some of Gorman's finest melons along with the prettiest peaches anyone ever tasted, to a number of radio personages.

Doc Rummon, farm director of WBAP, received a melon and a half-bushel of peaches.

Murray Cox, farm director of WFAA, also received a melon and peaches.

The Early Birds received two melons and peaches. Jack Gordon of the Fort Worth Press was another recipient of a melon.

Durward Warren provided the melons and Dallas Jobe donated the peaches.

Card Of Thanks

I would like to take this method of thanking the doctors and nurses for taking such splendid care of me in the Gorman hospital. Also for the wonderful friends and relatives who visited and sent cards and flowers, and those that donated their services in any way. Thanks again and again.

May God bless each and everyone.

Mrs Bruce Hooper

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In The Man from the Alamo

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SATURDAY Guy Madison - Andy Devine

In TRAIL OF THE ARROW

And Kirby Grant - Chinook

In YUKON GLQD

Also Color Cartoon

SUNDAY - MONDAY Clifton Webb - Barbara Stanwyck

In TITANIC

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TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY Joseph Cotton - Teresa Wright

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Congressman
17th District

The House of Representatives has passed legislation setting cotton quotas for 1954.

Beginning the latter part of March, I proposed to the Agriculture Committee and to officials of the Agriculture Department that special consideration and exceptions should be given to acreage quotas for West Texas by reason of the severe drought suffered for the last three years. Although the formula is not spelled out in the law, there are assurances clearly providing that the State and County history on cotton can be adjusted for abnormal weather conditions. These adjustments will be made on the County and State level. The Bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, sets the National quota at 22 1/2 million acres. It limits and State's cut to 29 1/2 percent of its 1952 acreage.

I had hoped to get an applicable provision in the law regarding peanuts, but since the Bill only dealt with cotton, the Committee could not consider it at the time. Quotas are already set and acreage measurements are now being made in some places. It may be a wishful hope, but there is still an outside possibility that the Secretary of Agriculture may not have to apply cot-

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DUSTER ROCK BLUFF NEWS Reporter, Mrs Ernest Johnson

Due to entertaining a new granddaughter that came to make their home with Mr and Mrs Alfred Hanifon of De Leon, I failed to get the news in last week. The newcomer is Rhonda Dianne.

So here is the news for last week. Visitors in the J J Smith home were Mr and Mrs E M Rasco of Wink, Mr and Mrs Bud Rasco of Sweetwater, Mrs Claud Chapman of Loraine, Mr and Mrs Jake Sparr of Eastland, Mr and Mrs Stanley, and Mr and Mrs Scott.

Mr and Mrs Bailey King from Munday, Mr and Mrs H J Bateman of Brownwood, Mr and Mrs Curley Lipson and children are here from Japan but will make their home in El Paso. All visited the Carl Graham family.

ton quotas for 1954. The August 10 production estimate could conceivably not make it necessary. The July 8 estimate of 24.6 million acres in cultivation did not take into account 1 1/2 million acres already abandoned in West Texas.

The record of the Eighty-Third Congress is now made, and even though Appropriations and estimated expenditures are staggering, something like 13 billion dollars has been reduced from the original estimates of the past Administration. In spite of this reduction, there will remain huge deficits, and in the closing days of the Congress, the Administration asked that the National Debt limitation be raised from 275 billion to 290 billion dollars. I opposed the lifting of the ceiling, because if more borrowing and more deficit financing are proved necessary, the President can call a Special Session.

A Bill is pending before the Congress, and I hope it will have consideration in the next Session beginning next January, to bar expenditures in excess of revenues in any fiscal year, except in wartime or in a period of grave National emergency declared by Congress.

It seems the best way to hold down Governmental expenditures is simply to not have the money to spend. Some of the savings reflected in the reduction of expenditures were brought about by reduction in civilian employment by Executive Agencies of the Government. As of August 30, the Federal payroll in these Agencies was reduced by 116,999.

The biggest single reduction has been in the military. Since approximately 80 percent of all Federal spending goes for the payment of past Wars and for current Defense preparation, if real savings are to be effected, they must obviously come from this source. I hope the reductions in Military items, and particularly in the Air Force, prove to be what Mr Charles Wilson, Secretary of Defense, says they are: More defense for less dollars. He has also put it another way: More defense for each dollar spent. There is no doubt that we should have been getting more defense for each dollar spent. The only question is, how much defense is needed.

In next week's column, I shall try to give a schedule of my visits over the Congressional District and will invite anyone to contact me at a time and place designated.

Attend The Original "OLD RIP" HORNED TOAD DERBY
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FRIDAY - AUGUST 7
3:00 P. M. - Active Race for the Kids
5:00 to 6:30 P. M. - Program - Fox Band and Entertainers
7:30 P. M. - Crowning of the Queen
9:00 P. M. - Street Dance
SATURDAY - AUGUST 8
3:00 P. M. - Trades Day Event - Moslah Temple Shrine Band will play Around Square
7:00 to 8:00 P. M. - Concert by Shrine Band
8:00 P. M. - Boyce House - Father of "Old Rip" Story
8:30 P. M. - Old Rip Horned Toad Derby
20 CONCESSIONS

Jack Graham and family of Houston visited Mr and Mrs Carl Graham. They and Carl visited Mr and Mrs Marvin Harris at Snyder, R C Warren at Lamesa, Mr and Mrs J C Holland at Denver City, and they went to Carlsbad Caverns, N M. Also Mrs Della Graham at Loraine.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Heathington and Ronnie have returned to their home in El Dorado, Kansas after a two weeks visit with his parents, Mr and Mrs W W (Bub) Heathington.

The Heathingtons had all their family home last week except Mrs Paul Heathington, who was unable to be with them on the account of the serious illness of her mother.

Mr and Mrs W W Heathington and Bobbie Dalton in McGregor last Tuesday. Mrs Dalton was the mother of Helen Heathington.

Little James La Mier and Paula Karen Heathington have returned to their home in Rotan after spending three weeks with their grandparents here while their mother was with their grandmother, Mrs Dalton, during her grave illness.

Now for this weeks news: Duster Baptist had a good attendance for church and Sunday School.

Don Frasier of Ft Worth preached at the Church of Christ Sunday. They had good attendance with several visitors. Their meeting will begin Friday night the 7th. Bro Willis Wallace will do the speaking. You are invited to attend these services.

Rock Bluff Baptist Revival closed Monday night with 4 conversions and 5 additions to the church. All who attended were revived spiritually with the good messages of Bro Lee Fields. There was a total of 669 in attendance in our prayer groups. The baptism service will be Sunday evening at 2:30 at Mr Aubrey Eyles' tank. If you live in one of these communities, do as God's word teaches, "Don't neglect to assemble yourselves together in worship to God."

Mr and Mrs Rye Coan, Mr and Mrs A L Coan and family, and Mr and Mrs Johnnie Gray attended the Coan Reunion Sunday at Lake Eanes.

Mr and Mrs Bill Coan of Fort Worth spent the week end with his parents, Mr and Mrs Rye Coan.

Mr and Mrs Geo Scott and Nel-da Coan were in San Angelo visiting Mr and Mrs Lonnie Brewer and family.

Mr and Mrs Robert Miears of New Mexico and Mr and Mrs Raymond Joiner of Desdemona visited Monday with Mr and Mrs A L Coan.

Mr and Mrs Dwayne Waller and son of Killeen visited her parents, Mr and Mrs S Heathington, this week end.

Mrs Tom Johnson has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs Jenkins, who is very ill in the Gorman hospital. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs L L Dukes, Sr honored her husband and son, L L Dukes, Jr with a turkey dinner Sunday, the 26th, on the occasion of their birthdays. Those present were Mr and Mrs M J Dukes of Rising Star, Mr and Mrs T D Joiner and children of Gorman, Mrs Bishop Craddock and children of Sundown, Mr and Mrs W D Duke and children of Carbon, Mr and Mrs L L Duke Jr of Beattie, Mr and Mrs Robert Terrill of De

Patience of Skipper Aboard 'Gulf Clipper'

The patience of the Skipper aboard the "Gulf Clipper" in Corpus Christi Bay July 23rd relieved the thought implied in the old saying, "Cuss like sailor."

When we boarded the Gulf Clipper for a boatripe in the Gulf of Mexico on Thursday morning at 10:30, we were met at the dock by the neat white-shirted, blue capped, owner of the boat.

No swaggar to him for all his trips on the Seven Seas, pleasant, businesslike, sure. He was our three-in-one host, skipper, captain, and mate.

We had enjoyed listening to "Mexican Joe" along with several other current jukebox favorites when the other 99 fellow passengers had paid their deck fares and found their deck seats. We were passing the time of day with congenial shipmates when our conversation was interrupted by the realization that our boat was circling for the third time.

With everyone wondering, the skipper pulled close to a small pier and called for a machinist. There it began. Two hours with

never a let-up, turning, setting, pulling, wrenching the skipper, the machinist, the cabinboy, with the hand of every well-wisher who dared.

Every man aboard appeared to have an aching yen just to touch the helm. Maybe his was the magic touch that would right the cable.

A few felt lucky to actually be told to steady the wheel as the machinist rushed to the hold passing the skipper who hurried to the fore. Silence seemed to be a language with them.

Well there we were thinking, "It can't be more than a minute now." We had an inkling the machinist was due on another boat.

The watches said 12:30 noon. And suddenly our Captain came up from the hold. His freshness was gone. His drenched clothes clung to his body. His beard in two hours had grown two-days length.

Then we noticed a stiffness in his limb. Had he paid this price in the Armed Service? We had no way of knowing.

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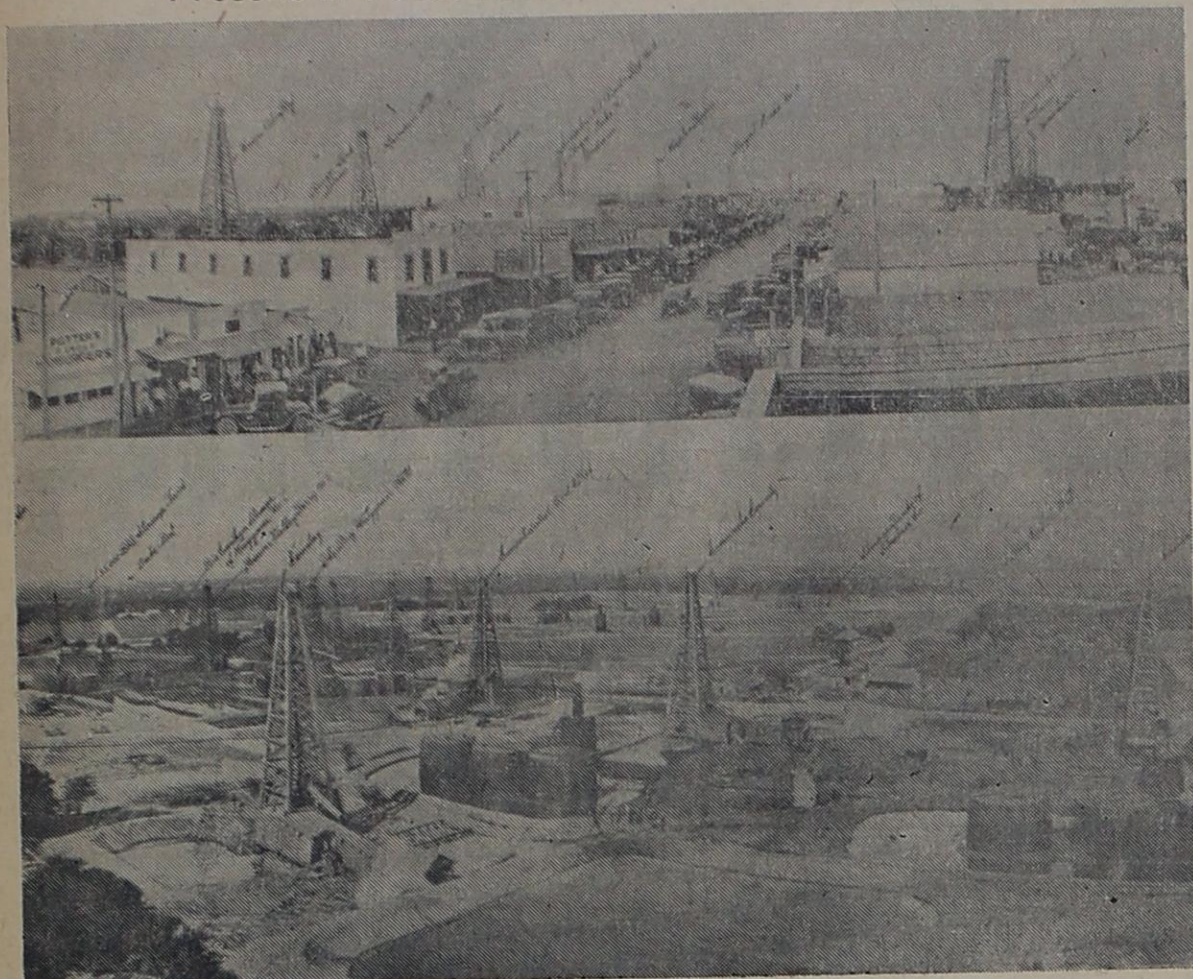
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A scene in Desdemona in the early Twenties



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Gabe Wright Displays IH 'C' Farmall

Gabe Wright announced today that he had contracted with J D Tate and Son of De Leon to handle IH parts and machinery in Gorman. A model C Farmall is on display at Wright's Garage.

FIRST TRAIN RIDE FOR YOUNGSTERS

Mrs R C Mehaffey carried her grandson, Mark Bland, who has been visiting here, back to Dallas last week end. She was accompanied by Judy Mehaffey and Mary Del Thompson, who along with Mark Bland, were taking their first ride on a passenger train.

The party visited with Mr and Mrs Jimmy Mehaffey until Sunday when Jerry Mehaffey and Roy Rawls arrived to bring them home.

Speaking of the Mehaffeys, we know that Joe had a wonderful time at the National Scout Encampment in California and in visiting other states and in Canada. But not a sign of Joe have we seen about this office.

DESEMOMONA NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Ethel Keith

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Church of Christ for Mr S J Holder, age 70, who passed away on Wednesday afternoon quite unexpectedly while plowing. Interment was in the Stag Creek Cemetery near Sipe Springs.

Mr and Mrs Geo McNett of Arabia have been visiting her grandmother, Mrs Ida Wilhite.

Mrs Dan Johnson of Pampa left for her home Saturday after visiting with her parents, Mr and Mrs Tom Northcutt. Her father has been quite ill with pneumonia.

Mr and Mrs W H Davis returned home Wednesday after a 10 day tour through the Grand Canyon, Salt Lake City, Utah, and other points in Colorado.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Wells visited the week end with her mother, Mrs Pearl Miles.

Sunday, July 26th marked the 77th birthday of Jep Bowles. The day was enjoyed by a birthday dinner with the following children present: Mr and Mrs A E Thompson, Mr and Mrs Jessie Bowles of Ft Worth, Mr and Mrs J T Bowles of Abilene, also Mr and Mrs Seth Bowles, a brother,

of Gorman. Also Mr and Mrs Will Tremell, Mr and Mrs Chess Varner, and Mr and Mrs Carl Varner of Ft Worth.

Mr and Mrs John Arnold spent Thursday night in Sundown with their daughter, Mr and Mrs Frank Leazar and Beverly Joe. Mrs Arnold's mother, Mrs Ludia Koonce, was with them but remained in Sundown to visit with another daughter, Mr and Mrs Odis Wright.

Mrs Mack Keith left Sunday for her home in Odessa after a weeks visit here with her parents, Mr and Mrs Hubert Rainey.

Fish Buckley attended the banquet Thursday night at the Connelle Hotel in Eastland given by the Texas Lightweight Co, sponsored by the Shaw Equipment Co.

Correction — In a recent statement it was reported that Mrs Burley Saint was soon to sail for Korea. It should have read Japan. Mrs Saint and daughters will report to San Francisco, California August 16. Burley Saint is auditor at the Fushu Ordinance Depot at Fushu, Japan.

Mrs J C Lee is a patient at the Gorman hospital at this writing.

Mrs Rudolph Duke, who has been a patient at the hospital in Gorman, was able to be home on Thursday.

Mr Bates Duke, who has been home 3 weeks with a part of two fingers gone as a result of an oilfield accident, was able to go back to work in Lovington, N M.

Mr Tommie Beaty has been home nursing a toe injury received in the oil field.

Little Karen and Phil Wallace of Stephenville spent part of this week visiting with Morris Ray and Linda Greenhaw.

Mrs Casey Meazelle has been on the sick list for several weeks.

Mr Maborn Wilcoxson and son, Brooks, attended the funeral of an uncle, Arch Holbrook, at Farmersville this week.

Mr and Mrs Jim Woods of Florida were here visiting with herd sister, Mrs Ollie Fien, and spent the week end in De Leon with a sister-in-law, Mrs Lee Northcutt.

Mr and Mrs Mutt Wilcoxson and children, Randal Ray, Judy, and Joe, are spending a two week vacation here with his parents, Mr and Mrs J M Wilcoxson, and mother, Mrs Ethel Keith.

PERSONALS

Mrs E C Sutton visited friends and relatives in Abilene the week end.

Mrs Ada Keeler and Joe of Austin, visited her uncle, W T Maynard in Gorman, Monday.

Mrs Nora Bible of Santa Anna visited her brother, W T Maynard, Wednesday.

Truman Maynard and family of Eastland visited their parents, W T Maynard and wife, Monday night.

Mr and Mrs S W Fields of Houston are visiting his sister, Mrs Geo C Snyder, and Mr Snyder. He also visited a sister in Sudan.

Dr and Mrs Bill Brogdon spent the week end in Athens with her father. Her mother is visiting in California.

Ladell and Jonetta DeFreese of Dallas, nieces of Mrs Brogdon, came home with their aunt for a week's visit.

Mr and Mrs Bert McGlamery of Austin visited with her mother Mrs E W Kimble, during the past week end.

Mr and Mrs E L Denins had as their guests Sunday Rev B M Dennis and son from Truth or Consequence, N M, Mr and Mrs R C Dennis of Sundown, Mr and Mrs Elmer Dennis of Wichita Falls, Mr and Mrs M F Dennis and Ruth, Mr and Mrs Ode Dennis, and Mrs James Kinser, all of Gorman.

Mrs W P Seale of Dimmit is visiting in the home of her brothers, the J N Watsons, and her sister, the T S Richburgs.

Clyde Maynard and sons Wilburn and Billy Guy of Odessa, spent Sunday night with his parents, the W T Maynards.

Melvin Maynard and family of Center Point visited his parents, the W T Maynards, Saturday night.

Mrs Mollie Bennett has returned from Fort Worth where she visited with her son, Jack Bennett, and family for two weeks.

Mrs Frank Dean has gone to Borger where she is visiting her daughter, Mrs Paul Ormsby, and family.

Mrs Dean was accompanied by Mrs Edna Nunnally who has joined the Phil Gates for a vacation trip to Colorado.

Mrs L D Riddle of Desdemona was a business visitor in Gorman on Wednesday.

LAYTON PLASTER FAMILY VISITS HERE MONDAY

Brother Layton Plaster and family of Merkel were Gorman visitors on Sunday evening and Monday.

Citizens of the town along with his former congregation, the Church of Christ, were happy to see the pastor and his family again.

Brother Plaster gladly accepted an invitation to deliver the Sunday night message at the local church.

The Plasters plan to move to Missouri where he has accepted a pastorate, leaving Merkel before school opens.

Layton stated that the new church in Merkel was almost completed. It has been built during his pastorate at the cost of about 40 thousand dollars.

Henry Scitern has been employed as head carpenter and foreman of the job.

Mr and Mrs J O Seale and sons David and Jerry of Dimmitt visited in the homes of their uncles and aunts, the J N Watsons and the T S Richburgs, Monday night August 3 and Tuesday 4th.

Mr and Mrs Teddy Mac Harrelson of Lubbock and Mrs Floyd Harrelson and daughter of Cisco were visitors of the Dr George Blackwells on Tuesday.

W T Maynard and wife of Gorman visited his brother, Harrison Maynard and wife of Romney, Saturday. Other visitors in the home were his sister, Mrs Nora Bible of Santa Anna, a nephew, Roy Maynard, and boys also his daughter, May Glover, and Ernest of Rising Star.

Suther Brown and wife of California visited his cousin, Mrs W T Maynard, Friday.

Mrs Edward Roberts and children and Mrs Vernon Warren and children visited their parents, the W T Maynards, Tuesday evening.

Mr and Mrs Frank Roberts of Dallas, visited Mrs Florence Butler Sunday bringing her mother, Mrs McCroan, for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Mr and Mrs Jimmy Dean of Big Spring visited with Mrs J Frank Dean during the week end.

Mr and Mrs Clyde Ballard of Abilene visited with Mrs Caroline Bennett on Tuesday.

CHEANEY NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Bill Tucker

We have some illness in the community at this reporting. Mrs Layton Rogers has had minor surgery on her hand this past week, to remove a growth which continued to enlarge at a rapid pace and was very painful. Little Miss Lougene Rogers, her granddaughter, helped keep house during the time.

J B Blackwell is having to take things easier since his medical check-up at Fort Worth some time ago. Neighbors have been helping with his plowing.

We would like to report one peach tree on the John Tucker Place which produced enough fruit this year to fill 86 quarts, cobbler pit three days in a row, one and one half bushels to be dried for next winter's fried pies, and a good bushel that went to waste before we knew they were ripe.

The women of the Cheaney church met Thursday at Mrs Joe Butlers and canned peaches and cleaned house and did all the ironing for her while she is still recuperating from surgery.

Mr and Mrs Calvin James of Hobbs, N M visited her relatives, the Jim Grice family and O M and Miss Artie Pilgrim, recently. They also called in the John Tucker home, while here.

Mr and Mrs Garland Christmas and son of Longview visited his uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Sanford Lemley, last week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our gratitude for the many kindnesses shown to us during our grief at the loss of our husband and father, Stonewall Jackson Holder.

The family of Stonewall Jackson Holder

Mrs Eva Blackwell and her two sisters who were visiting her paid a call on Mrs John Love, who when teaching school at Triumph many years ago, boarded with the Vestal family.

The group attending the Farm Bureau Institute this week at A & M College are Mr and Mrs John Love, Mr and Mrs Clyde Coates, Ray Norris and Mrs Bill Tucker. Vesper Services were held Sunday evening, prior to the opening session on Monday.

The convention will be through Thursday with Roger Fleming, secretary-treasurer of AFBF, as speaker at the annual banquet in the evening, which will climax the meeting.

A visitor in the William Melton home for an indefinite time is a brother, Noonan Melton, who hails from Avery, Texas.

Cheaney folk send best wishes to Minister Bill Grasham and wife, Eleanor, who are on vacation in Arizona and California.

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CLOVER FARM CORN	2 No. 303 Golden Cream Style	29¢	CLOVER FARM GRAPEFRUIT	No. 303	21¢
CLOVER FARM TOMATO JUICE	46-Oz. Can	29¢	CLOVER FARM GRAPE JUICE	24-Oz. Bottle	37¢
CLOVER FARM POTATOES	2 No. 303 NEW WHOLE	29¢	HAIR TONIC	Lucky Tiger 4-Oz. Bottle	43¢
RED HEART DOG FOOD	2 Cans	29¢	MERCUROCHOME	Bottle	10¢
PEAS EARLY JUNE	2 No. 303 CONCHO	29¢	IVORY SOAP	Large Bar	13¢
CLOVER FARM PINEAPPLE	2 Flat Crushed	29¢	IVORY SOAP	Med Bar	8¢
BLEACH CLOVER FARM	2 Qts.	29¢	IVORY PERSONAL	4 Bars	27¢
CLOVER FARM PICKLES	Fresh Tiny Kosher Dills Pint	35¢	IVORY FLAKES	Large Box	27¢
GLLENDALE TUNA FISH	1/2's Flat CHUNK STYLE Can	29¢	IVORY SNOW	Large Box	27¢
PUDDINGS	2 Pkgs. ROYAL INSTANT	29¢	CAMAY SOAP	2 Bath Bars	23¢
JUNKET FREEZE MIX	2 Pkgs. All Flavors	29¢	CAMAY SOAP	2 Reg. Bars	17¢
MILK EAGLE BRAND	Can	29¢	LAVA SOAP	Reg. Bar	11¢
DOG FOOD KASCO	5 Lb. Bag	79¢	DUZ	Large Box	27¢
			SPIC & SPAN	2 Med Boxes	49¢
			CRISCO	1-Lb. Can	29¢

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Breckenridge Rancher Joins Bank Staff



Abilene Reporter-News (spl) August 1, 1953 - John Amos Wright, 34, former county agent, peanut association official and Stephens County rancher, will become vice president of the First State Bank of Abilene August 15, Briggs Todd, president, announced Saturday.

Wright, engaged in ranching three and one-half miles south of Breckenridge until taking the bank position, will also be associated with the Southwestern Peanut Company here.

The new vice-president will be

in charge of the business development program of the bank, Todd said.

"We feel that his experience and education particularly qualifies him for a very helpful and useful service to all people in this section," Todd said.

"His business and agricultural experience will be helpful in dealing with businessmen. He has a knowledge of the oil industry that will be helpful in the bank's services to all," the president added.

Wright is a native West Texan and brings a vast business and agricultural experience with him as he makes his debut into the banking business in Abilene.

He was born at Ivan, about 15 miles northeast of Breckenridge, June 24, 1919. His father, D R Wright, has been a rancher there all his life.

Tech Honor Graduate

He is an honor graduate of Texas Technological College at Lubbock. Wright majored in animal husbandry and graduated with the highest scholastic average in the animal husbandry department in 1940 with a bachelor of science degree.

At Tech he was a member of

the student council, the livestock judging team that went to Fort Worth, Denver, Kansas City and Chicago, business manager of the student association and a member of the Block and Bridle Club and Alpha Chi. He was listed in the 1940 edition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Graduating from college in 1940 he went to Mills County as county agent where he served until 1942.

From the county agent's job he went to Gorman as manager of the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association where he remained until May, 1950 with the exception of a little over two years service in the Navy.

Wright was a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy from 1944 to 1946. He saw service in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans aboard the USS Koiner, a destroyer escort. He was on overseas duty a little over a year.

In 1950 Wright returned to Breckenridge. There he ran his Lazy X Ranch, which is about three and one-half miles south of Breckenridge in Stephens County, until taking the post with the First State Bank here.

Wright has been active in civic work. He is a member of the Lions Club, Texas Tech Exes Association, and was on the rules and grades committee of the Southwestern Shellers Association.

His recreational outlets are hunting dove and deer.

He and Mrs Wright, the former Ouida Davis of Graham, have two children, a daughter, Ouida Jo Wright, 6, and a son, John Amos Wright, II, 2.

The Wrights will make their home in Abilene.

PASTOR TO PREACH AT METHODIST REVIVAL OPENING FRIDAY NIGHT

Rev Floyd Thrash will preach at the morning and evening services of the Methodist Revival beginning Friday night.

Morning services will be held at 10 A M beginning on Monday. Evening services begin at 8 P M. Group services are held at 7:30 P M preceding the preaching hour. The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship visited with the D Leon MYF on Sunday night.

The Senior and Junior Groups are expected to meet in separate groups for 30-minute meetings prior to the evening services beginning on Friday night. Rev Lloyd Sanders will meet with the Seniors.

Committees on Evangelism, Education and Missions met on Wednesday evening prior to the official board meeting at 8 o'clock.

The Woman's Society made improvements at the parsonage during the pastor's absence last week.

Brother and Mrs Thrash and Judy reported a profitable and enjoyable stay in Arkansas.

Mrs G C Acrea conducted the devotional at WSCS business meeting on Monday afternoon the subject of which was "The Angel Face, Stephen who was the first recorded Christian martyr."

Plans are to send every family a schedule of the meetings of the Revival starting Friday evening.

The Friendly Fellows Class with their families enjoyed a barbecue feast Tuesday evening at Frank A Gray Park.

De Leon's Peach And Melon Festival To Be Held August 13-15

De Leon's annual Peach and Melon Festival gets underway on Thursday, August 13 with a big downtown parade at 6 p m.

Scheduled for the same date will be the queen's coronation at 8:00 p m followed by the queen's ball at 9:00. Also at 9:00 the John Tarleton Band will give a concert downtown. Each night of the festival there will be a drawing for valuable prizes at 9:45.

Friday night will feature a bathing beauty contest at 8:00, and a big old fiddler's contest at 8:30.

Climaxing the Festival Saturday will be a free watermelon slicing at 4:00 p m. Then at 8:00 an amateur show, featuring the famous Hillbilly Kids. An old fashioned square dance will be held in the city hall gym at 8:30. At 9:30 an auction will be held on prize melons entered by local farmers.

BeeBe Shugart's carnival will be an added feature each night. This year's show offers to be the best held here in past years.



By Kernel Gene, aPe

Barnum was right - you can fool some of the people some of the time - any way I do appreciate the folks in Desdemona and Carbon Methodist Churches inviting me to lead the singing in their Revivals. Mike Stacy sent me word that he would be glad to assist me with a few solos so any of you folks who happen to attend these meetings have something to look forward to when Mike sings.

This week I have enjoyed working with the folks in Desdemona getting news and pictures for their Homecoming Saturday. A picture showing a portion of the town and oil fields is printed on an inside page.

A card from Chas. Nichols this morning states that he and Mrs Nichols are heading toward Texas.

Marcy Allen was displaying a 50 pound yellow cat in front of the Progress office today. It was caught in the San Saba.

Miss Joiner, Midland Weds Mr Alvie Dillard

Miss Lucille Joiner of Midland recently became the bride of Mr Alvie Dillard of that city.

Mrs Dillard is the daughter of Mr and Mrs T D Joiner of Route One, Gorman. A 1950 Gorman High Graduate, where during her freshman year, she reigned as Football Queen.

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Church Of Christ Meeting Starts Friday

The new date for the Gospel meeting at the Gorman Church of Christ is here, August 7-16. The date was changed from the one originally set because of illness on the part of Woodie Holden, who was to do the preaching.

A new Public Address System has been installed in the church and is to be in use during the meeting as well as at all other services. This will make it much easier for all to hear and especially those who are hard of hearing.

Not only are there speakers in the auditorium but also one put in the nursery thus making it possible for mothers who need to use the nursery with their small children both to see and hear the service.

A friendly invitation is extended to all to attend the meeting. The date is August 7-16, services daily at 10:00 A M and 8:00 P M. Daily morning services will be held through the week beginning Sunday.

OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

Rev Clement and family, Bro Hugh Newsom and the Clyde Setzlers ate last Sunday dinner with Mr and Mrs Gregory.

The Rex Kinsers visited Saturday night with the Basset Hirsts.

The A J Stewarts visited with the A D Daniels Monday night.

Bernice Daniels and family have returned to their home in Houston after a weeks visit with his parents, Mr and Mrs J E Daniels.

Rev Clement and family and Mr and Mrs Perry had Sunday dinner with the A J Stewarts.

Mrs C E Atchison, Mr and Mrs Wayne Atchison of Eastland, and Mrs Failles of Comanche visited in Roswell, N M last week in the home of Mr and Mrs James Failles. Mr and Mrs Wayne Atchison spent the day Sunday with Mr and Mrs C E Atchison.

Kenneth Watson and Jimmie Bryan visited last week in Benridge.

Mr and Mrs G H Parker spent a few days last week with relatives in this community.

Suppall visited with Fr...

Donald Setzler and his friend Charles Young of Louisiana have been visiting with Mr and Mrs C C Setzler.

Mr and Mrs Velton Setzler have moved to New Mexico.

Mr and Mrs Daniels visited with their daughter at New Hope Sunday evening.

Mr and Mrs Goats have returned home after a two week visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs Daniels.

Ray Woodall spent Sunday night with Jack Abbe.

Rev Clement filled his regular appointment here with good attendance.

The Norman Woodalls and Jack Abbe visited with Mr and Mrs Joe Ben Koonce Friday night.

Jack Abbe visited with Ray Woodall Saturday.

Rev Buel Bryan is conducting arevival meeting at Amity and reports good attendance. The Rex Kinsers attended the meeting one night.

Mr Bond is reported as unimproved.

Some of the community have been visiting in Rock Bluff where Rev Lee Fields is holding a revival.

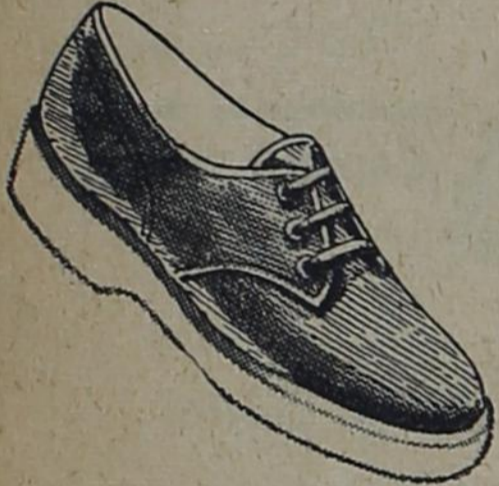
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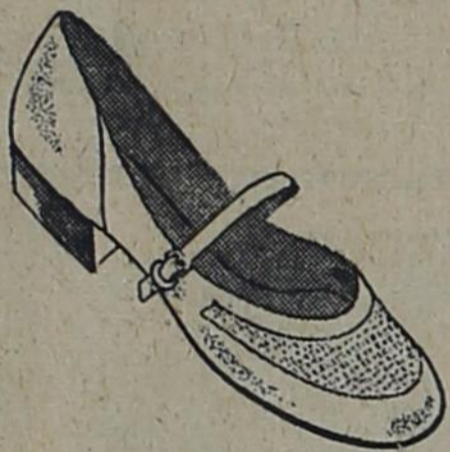
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