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Texas Peanut Producers Board To Hold Biennial Election April 30

The Texas Peanut Producers Board will hold its biennial election on April 30, 1998. The election is for directors to fill three positions whose terms have expired, plus three new positions. Any person living within the following counties who is engaged in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, peanuts for commercial purposes, is eligible to vote in his district, including owners of farms and their tenants and share croppers, if such person is subject to paying the assessment collected on peanuts within the following counties.

DISTRICT II: Counties in this district include: Martin, Dawson, Terry, Hockley, Lamb, Castro, Randall, Potter, Moore, Sherman, Hansford, Hutchinson, Carson, Armstrong, Briscoe, Floyd, Crosby, Garza, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, Borden, Howard, Mitchell, Scurry, Kent, Dickens, Motley, Hall, Donley, Gray, Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipsomb, Hemphill, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Childress, Cottle, King, Stonewall, Fisher, Nolan, Midland, Classcock and Sterling.

DISTRICT III: Counties in this district include: Jones, Haskell, Knox, Foard, Hardeman, Wilbarger, Baylor, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Stephens, Young, Archer, Wichita, Clay, Jack, Palo Pinto, Erath, Bosque, Somerville, Hood, Parker, Wise, Montague, Cooke, Denton, Tarrant, Johnson, Hill, McLennan, Limestone, Freestone,

Navaro, Ellis, Dallas, Collin, Grayson, Fannin, Hunt, Rockwall, Kaufman, Henderson, Anderson, Leon, Houston, Trinity, Angelina, Cheokee, Smith, Van Zandt, Rains, Wood, Hopkins, Delta, Lamar, Red River, Franklin, Titus, Morris, Camp, Upshaw, Gregg, Rusk, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Sabine, Shelby, Panola, Harrison, Marion, Cass and Bowie.

DISTRICT IV: Counties in this district include: Maverick, Zavalla, Frio, Medina, Bexar, Guadalupe, Gonzales, Lavaca, Dewitt, Wilson, Atascosa, Karnes, Goliad, Victoria, Jackson, Calhoun, Refugio, Bee, Live Oak, McMillen, La Salle, Dimmit, Webb, Duval, Jim Wells, Nueces, San Patrico, Kleberg, Kenedy, Brooks, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Starr, Hidalgo, Willacy and Cameron.

DISTRICT V: Counties in this district include: Dallam, Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Bailey, Cochran, Yoakum, Gaines, Andrews, Loving, Winkler and Ector.

Any person qualifying to vote in the election may place his name in nomination for directorship on the Texas Peanut Producers Board from that district by application to the above organization, signed by the applicant and at least ten other persons eligible to vote in the election. The Texas Peanut Producers Board must receive such application by March 30, 1998.

Tragedy Strikes Gorman Monday Night

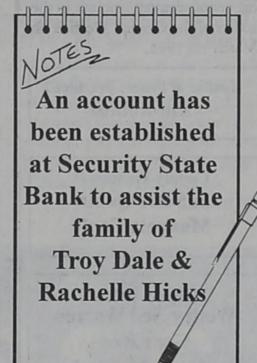
Gorman suffered a great tragedy last Monday night with the loss of one our citizens, Jarratt Hicks, two year old son of Troy Dale and Rachelle Hicks.

Shortly after 10 p.m. Monday, February 23, the fire department arrived at the scene, corner of Coke and Cressent street, to find the home of Troy and Rachelle Hicks fully engulfed in flames.

The mother, Rachelle Hicks along with the three children 8 year old Brittany, 5 year old Charlsa and 2 year old Jarratt were in the home when the fire started. Mrs. Hicks woke to find the fire spreading through the house as a result of a candle she had been burning. She immediately took Jarratt outside and returned to the house to retrieve the other two children. When she returned outside with the other two children, Jarratt was nowhere to be found. Apparently he had followed her back into the house. The child was later found by firemen, but could not be resuscitated.

The family not only has the ordeal of dealing with the loss of their son, they also lost all of their possessions. The home was a total loss. They are in need of funds, (an account has been set up at Security State Bank in Gorman for the family), clothing and household items (which can be left at the Senior Citizen's Center in Gorman). Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Troy- 28x36 pants, 16 1/2 or large shirt, shoe size 8 1/2; Rachelle- 12-14 pants, large shirt, shoe size 8; Brittany- size 8 clothes, shoe size 1 1/2; Charlsa-size 5 clothes, shoe size 11.

Funeral services for Jarratt will be held 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with Rev. Dane Gressett officiating. Burial will be in the Desdemona Cemetery. There will be a meal provided for the family at the Desdemona Community Center following the funeral services.



Wesley Neil Warren Candidate For Eastland Co. Judge



WHO I AM

I am a native of Eastland County who grew up in a rural community and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. I have a common sense attitude when dealing with people and their problems.

I was born in Gorman and graduated from Gorman High School in 1962. I received my degree from Sam Houston State University in 1967. I married my high school sweetheart, Linda Jarrett, in 1968. We are members of the First Baptist Church in Gorman. We have one daughter Nikki, who was born in 1971.

Nikki is married to Tod Forbus who is formerly of Carbon, Texas. Nikki just obtained a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Tarleton State University. Her husband Tod, is employed by Leon Valley Inc. in Carbon, Texas.

I decided to become a candidate for County Judge upon the retirement of Judge Scott Bailey, who has done a very commendable job, and his shoes will be very difficult to fill.

you do not have to be an Attorney-at- 10TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY. Law. Only 20% of the County Judges in Texas are attorneys. Judge Bailey served 16 years before he obtained his Pd. Pol. Adv. by Wesley Neil Warren, Box degree.

I believe the things that are important in serving as Eastland County Judge or any other office are: 1. Honesty and integrity when working with people. 2. Treat people like you want to be treated. 3. Communicating well with others. 4. Being a good listener. 5. Giving an honest opinion. 5. Giving an honest opinion. 6. Being responsible for your deeds and actions. 7. Serving and working well with others.

I have acquired skills from my education that are necessary for good communication. Being a good communicator also means being a good listener. I respect people and I will be honest and fair with everyone.

I have served on the following boards and organizations; 1. Gorman Baseball Commission, 2. Gorman School Board, 3. Eastland County Appraisal District Board of Directors, 4. President, Eastland County Farmers Union, 5. Community Committee member of Farm Service Agency.

In 1968, Eastland County Chamber of Commerce selected our family, (D.B. Warren and sons, Wesley Neil and Jerry) as outstanding Farm Family of Eastland County. In 1987, Gorman Chamber of Commerce selected my family as the outstanding Farm Family in the Gorman area. In 1997 I was given an award from the Gorman FFA Chapter for being a longtime supporter.

I believe that my background of working with organizations on budgets, rules, and regulations, plus my education and beliefs will make me THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR EAST-LAND COUNTY JUDGE. If elected, I can and will serve Eastland County in a honorable manner. When the time comes to evaluate my performance, you will be able to say: I am glad you have the job and I am glad I voted for you.

I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR To serve as Eastland County Judge, YOUR VOTE IN THE MARCH

Thank you, Wesley Neil Warren 297, Gorman, Texas 76454

Peanut Referendum to Set Assesment

Texas peanut producers subject to paying the assessment may also vote on a proposition to limit the refundable peanut assessment rate not to exceed \$4 per net ton for quota and \$3 per net ton for additionals, farmers stock peanuts. Such assessments to be collected at the point of first processing or sale on a "refund only" basis. Such funds are to be used for funding programs of research, education, promotion and market development. All Texas counties are within the proposed referendum area.

The election and referendum will be held under provisions of the "Texas Commodity Referendum Law." Ballots and return envelopes are available in each peanut-producing county extension office April 16 through April Texas Peanut Producers Board, P.O. are in good standing. Box 398, Gorman, TX 76454, telephone 254-734-2853.

than April 30, 1998 to be valid.



Alfred Evans will show slides of the Normandy, France Invasion (D-Day-June 6, 1944) at Taylor's Chapel Jackie Auvenshine for his words of comfort to our family.

Marvin & Waldene Jones

Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Feb. 26, 1998 at 7 p.m.

Taylor's Chapel Church is located North of Comanche on FM 2247. For additional information call Mrs. Thelma Martin (254) 842-5832.



CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our heart-

felt thanks to: the DeLeon Hospital, the

doctors and nurses there, the Heritage

Manor nursing home in Gorman, both

whom gave wonderful care of our

loved one Eulon Perry, Higginbotham's

Funeral Home in Gorman, especially

Ray Daniels for the kindness and car-

ing he showed our family during our

loss, and God Bless each and every-

one of you who sent flowers and cards

and extended sympathy, and thank Rev.

Gorman Natives Make Tarleton Honor Roll

The A honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Fall 1997 semester have been released at Tarleton State University.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll must have a 4.0 grade point ratio on the 4.0 system and be taking a mini-

mum of 12 hours. Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and 30, 1998 during regular business hours. seniors who have a minimum GPR of Ballots may also be requested from the 3.50 with no grade lower than C and

Those making the honor roll from Gorman are: Leisa Jobe-A Honor Roll, Ballots must be postmarked no later Marilyn Warren-A Honor Roll, and Traci Keith-Distinguished Student. Congratulations on a job well done!

NOTICE — Study Hall for School Children - Monday thru Friday from 3:00 til 5:00 p.m. FREE tutoring available. 301 W. Roberts in the Gorman Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. For Information Call 254-734-2546.

The Charlie Garrett Memorial Library is open five days a week from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the exception of Tuesday, when we are open until 5:30 p.m. All overdue books are five cents per day.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Oleta Moseley, Worthy Matron and Pat Moseley, Worthy Patron.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or Security State Bank, Gorman, Texas ₹6454.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Gaylord Battenfield, Worshipful Master — Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Barry Brown, Pastor - 1st and 3rd Sundays; Elder Dale Majors - 2nd Sunday - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LI-CENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE MARCH 18TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Volleyball Tournament Carbon Community Fellowship Center March 5 thru 7 — \$30.00 per team

Mixed Teams Deadline Feb. 25th For More Information Contact David Files at 639-2149 or Michelle Thackerson at

639-2244.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL KOKOMO BENEFIT STEW SUPPER - SATURDAY, FEB. 28TH

Make Plans Now to attend the Kokomo Benefit Stew Supper on Saturday, February 28th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Kokomo Community Center. Menu includes: Homemade Stew, Crackers, Tea or Coffee and Dessert. Tickets are \$2.00 for Adults and \$1 for Children.

Aletha Kay Yarbrough of Gorman passed away Monday, Feb. 16, 1998 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Yarbrough was born Oct. 29, 1903 near Pontotoc, Mississippi to Bob and Mary Hickey. She married Avery Yarbrough in Nov. 1924. He preceded her in death in Jan. 1974.

Funeral services were held Thurs., Feb. 19, 1998 at Higginbotham's Funeral Home with Rev. Hart and Rev. Price of Eastland officiating. Rendering special music were great nephew, Woodrow and Helen Browning and Juanita Fuller. Pallbearers were: Ruby Howard, Malachai Smith, Vincent Beschorner, Barney Smith, Billy Joe Smith and Billy Wendall Smith. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Survivors include: daughters, Mary Ruth Beschorner of San Antonio, Betty Sue Gurlin of St. James, MO. (who was unable to attend due to the illness of her husband, Neal Gurlin), and Jean Smith of Irving; son, Arthur Ray Yarbrough of Stephenville.

Grandchildren attending the services were Kay D. Lee of Pleasant Hill, CA., Brenda G. Beschorner of San Antonio, Katherine Gurlin of Chicago, Ill., Deborah Howard of Irving and grandson, Billy W. Smith of Irving, one step grandson, Gary Rasco of Millsap. Grandsons unable to attend were Neal Gurlin Jr. of Escondido, CA., Richard Gurlin of St. James, MO., and Robert Smith of Irving.

She was preceded in death by 3 sisters, Elizabeth Simmons, Ertie Browning, and Vester Weeden and one brother, Billy Hickey.

Survivors attending the services were nephew W.C. Browning and niece Lottie and Huppy Morris of Gorman, nieces, Murl and Bernard Campbell of Eastland, Bessie Reynolds of Cisco and Juanita and Bobby Williams of Arlington, nephews Raymond and Sandy Yarbrough of Eastland, Jack and Mary Lou Weeden of Waco and Leroy Yarbrough of Evant, one great niece, Margie and Harry Grantz of Cisco.

Mrs. Yarbrough lived alone until she was 90. She lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Billy Joe Smith in Irving prior to her last year spent at Heritage Manor.

GREAT PLACE

TO BUY...SELL

TRADE OR RENT

City Council Meeting Feb. 19th

The Gorman City Commission met in regular session on Feb. 19th with the meeting being called to order at 5:00 p.m. Those present were Commissioners Robert Ervin, Kenneth Good and Johnny Smith and John Rice was present as Mayor Pro-Tem. Absent was Mayor Jack Simpson. Others present were Ken Wheeler, Gaylord Battenfield, two representatives from Friendship Cable Co. Also Leonard Silva stood at the Commission room

the minutes as read with a second from Johnny. Motion carried 3-0.

the bills for payment with a second from Robert. Motion carried 3-0.

At this time the Commission had the first reading of the sales tax ordinance. This ordinance will allow the Commission to have the 1/2% sales tax increase Counselors are needed in many areas placed on the May 2, election.

five new hand-held radios with a second from Johnny. Motion carried 3-0. Kenneth will notify ALL Electronics help a Scout-Be Prepared. Troop #38 and make arrangements.

Johnny made a motion to raise water taps and sewer taps to \$175.00 each. The cost right now is \$135.00 for sewer tap and \$125.00 for water tap. The \$175.00 will be effective immediately. Robert made a second and the motion carried 3-0.

The Commission had some discussion with the representatives from Friendship Cable. This company is going to purchase the cable franchise from TCI Cable Co. No action was necessary.

Robert made a motion to go into executive session at 6:05 p.m. with a second from Johnny. Motion carried. (Executive session being personnel).

Johnny made a motion to adjourn from executive session with a second from Robert. Motion carried. The time was 6:15 p.m.

Robert made a motion to accept Chief Wheeler's recommendation to release Patrick Ettinger as police officer for the City. Patrick will be given a two week notice. Johnny made a second and the motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business Kenneth made a motion to adjourn with 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 a second from Robert. Motion carried

BAKE SALE

The Eastland County 4-H Council will hold their annual bake sale on Saturday morning, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m at the Eastland Wal-Mart. We invite everyone to come out and purchase some wonderful homebaked goodies and support Wal-Mart and the youth of 4-

> Leslie Wood, 4-H Council Reporter

Be Prepared

Be prepared is the Boy Scout Motto. A Scout prepares for whatever comes his way by learning all that he can. A Robert made a motion to approve Scout learns many skills from experienced mentors, and the Gorman Scout Troop #38 is looking for such mentors. Kenneth made a motion to approve A mentor can be anyone that has knowledge and is willing to share that information with others.

Please contact Troop Leader Janet Adams at 734-2202 if you are interested in helping a Scout. Merit Badge such as, Citizenship, Astronomy, Elec-Kenneth made a motion to purchase tricity and Electronics for a few examples. Call and visit with Janet to learn what is needed and how you can meets each Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Gorman Community Center-everyone is invited.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the delicious food they prepared and served the family of the late Aletha Kay Yarbrough.

We would also like to thank her nephew, W.C. Browning and niece, Lottie Morris for their help and devotion over the years.

We appreciate the support and friendship of the late Graydon Baze during her employment at the Gorman

A special thanks to her friend Alma Dickerson who gave her encouragement and help to our mother during her year in Heritage Manor Nursing Home and to the employees of Heritage Manor for their loving care.

Mary Ruth Beschorner Arthur Ray Yarbrough Betty Sue Gurlin Jean Smith

the Classifieds!

WANT TO BUY used and scrap irrigation pipe. Fair price paid. 254-639-2025. Heritage Manor is needing help in the

Housekeeping and Laundry depts. Apply

Coastal Sprigging-Early Season Discount. Sprigs for sale, coastal hay for sale.

Call 254-734-2697 or 254-977-2697 mobile. Danny Burgess. 8-2-26P Food Managment: Richeson Dairy country living. Great place to raise family.

Queen has opening for a Manager and a Assistant Manager in Gorman. City pay, Food service experience important but not necessary. Drug test required. Call Barbara at 940-549-5041 or fax resume to 940-1-22-FNC 549-6106.

INCOME TAX RETURNS CALL RICHARD WATSON (254) 734-2906

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96 ACRES EAST OF GORMAN -Oak and mesquite trees, minerals, deer & turkey. Some cultivatable, peanut quota & stock tank. A2

DOWNTOWN GORMAN GREAT LOCATION! Commercial property with an efficiency apartment. Easily adapted to any type business. Call today! C9

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school. 2 bdrm, 1 bath home, carport, stg. bldg. EASY ON YOUR BUDGET! 2 br, 1 bath frame, 2 living areas. Needs work, but PRICED TO SELL! 010

GARAGE SALE- Friday and Saturday, Inside and Outside, 9-? 203 Winkler/Bill Chandler home. Lots of misc. items too. 1-2-26C many to mention.

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2390 or Randal Mull 254-879-2270.

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single bath, frame home, app. 1500' living area, single detached garage, good garden spot, very neat and clean. \$23,000.00.

NEW LISTING: App. 3 acres, 3-11/2-2 brick, app. 1125', storm cellar, coastal, outbuildings, good fences. \$49,000.00 REDUCED! \$45,000.00.

NEW LISTING: 3-1-2 frame, app. 1625', situated on app. 6 A, barn w/ pens, coastal, pecans. \$45,000.00. NEW LISTING: App. 6 A, south

of Gorman, 3-2-2 frame, app. 1575', hay barn, good fencing, several pecans. \$35,000.00. NEW LISTING: 40 A, 3-1 mobile

home, storage building, lots of timber, good hunting, tank. \$45,000.00. 70 ACRES, pavement frontage,

large oaks, 50 acres cultivation, stock tanks, app. 15,000 lbs. peanut quota. \$700.00 A. 108 ACRES: 35 cultivation, 40

coastal, nice lake, irrigation equip., pavement frontage, good fences, steel pens, well. \$800.00 A. We NEED Your Listings. The

market is Good. Call Us. SELLING **GORMAN - DE LEON**

AREAS OVER 40 YEARS

Ranger College Dean's List includes Gorman natives

Two Gorman natives, Mary Fisher and Marlena Guthery, have been placed on Ranger College's Dean List for the Fall semester. For a student to be placed on the Dean's List they must have completed a course load of at least 12 hours with a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Softball Clinic **Begins Soon**

There will be a softball clinic in Cisco, March 1, 1998 for ages 8-18. The registration is \$10 and open to other area towns.

This clinic is for beginner to advance level of softball. Bill Baker, former Ranger Jr. College pitching coach will be covering the pitching station at this clinic. Jerry Doyle, coach of the traveling Eastland Heartbeats, will be doing the batting station at this clinic. Susan Moore, head coach for CJC Softball team, will be there working on fielding drills. Joel Prickett, assistant coach for CJC Softball team will also be working on fielding drills and batting cage.

For more information on this clinic please contact B. Ingram 442-2471.

KEEPING WITH FRIENDS

Spending the weekend with Nelda and Mac Keith (mamma & popi) were their grandchildren; Sommer Keith, Quade & Rustin Keith, Matt, Aaron & Nicki Keith. Nelda reported she loved every minute of it and can't wait for them to come again.

POLITICAL **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES

U.S. Offices	\$75
District Offices	\$60
County Offices	\$50
Justice Prec. Offices	\$40
Constable	\$40
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All political advertisements paid for by friends and/or candidates must bear at least one signature and address. All ads must be paid for in advance. (Political advertising charged for at a rate of \$2.25 per column inch).

Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused. The Gorman Progress is autho-

rized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the General Election on March 10, 1998.

> Justice of Peace: Precinct 2 **Bill Rollins**

> > County Treasurer: J. Susie Quinn Manuela Cagle

County Judge: Wesley Neil Warren Gene Kea Robert A. McCleskey

U.S. Congress-17th District Charlie Stenholm

NITA DANSBY REAL ESTATE COMPANY

108 S. Texas - De Leon, Tx 76444 254-893-6441 NEW LISTING! Great Location! Extra

Frame; tall ceilings! \$16,500. EXTRA NEAT 2 BR, 1 Bath Mobile Home in nice area! Metal canopy, carport, storage! \$14,500.

large corner lot at 311 Coke - 3 BR, 1 Bath

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161 ACRES (joins the 163 acres) tanks, postoak, game, owner financing, \$500 per acre.

> Allen Real Estate Office - 915-698-4600 Home - 915-675-0522

Henry Ross Buried Saturday

Henry B. Ross, 83, of Hawthorne, CA. passed away Monday, February 16, 1998 in Los Angeles, CA.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Billy Whitt officiating. Burial was in the Round Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Ross was born May 24, 1914 in Round Grove to Frank D. Ross and Lora Melissa Gilder Ross. He had lived in CA. since 1941 coming from DeLeon. He was a memeber of Round Grove Baptist Church and retired from the refrigerated air conditioning busi-

Survivors include: One son, Vernon Ross of Hawthorne, CA.; one daughter, Bernice Ross of Austin; one sisterin-law, Elsie Ross of Dublin.

Preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Orville Ross and Louise Ross; and one sister, Elsie Owen.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jeremy Bryan has been accepted in A.C.U. We are proud of you!

> Love, Mom and Dad

Recruiting Notice

The United States Navy Cruiser Sailors Association is actively seeking new members to swell our ranks. Membership is open to all ship's company, marine detachment, aviation division, flag personnel and midshipmen that served or are serving aboard cruisers. Associate memberships are available to past and present navy men and women, reservist, widows of cruisermen and interested individuals. For information contact: Ronald Maciejowski, (U.S.S. Worcester CL-144), 55 Donna Terrace, Taunton, MA 02780.



Sheppard to Compete at State

John Paul Sheppard competed at the U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble on Saturday, Feb. 21st at Cleburne High School. He earned a division I rating and is now qualified to participate in the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcus at the end of May.

John Paul is the son of Scott and Ruth Sheppard of Gorman.

Congratulations and Good Luck on your next contest.

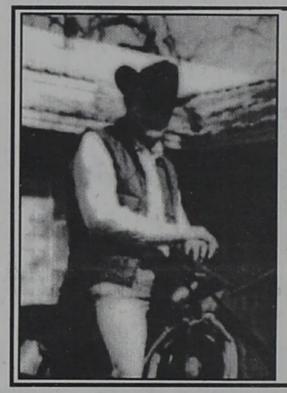
CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank each and everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one.

We appreciate those who brought food to the Scitern home for the Sunday night meal, and for the food furnished for the luncheon at the Church of Christ Fellowship on Monday.

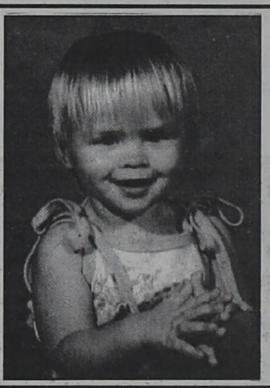
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Show Results

The 1998 Youth Project Show was held on Friday, Feb. 13 inconjunction with the Eastland County Stock Show. The results are as follows:

PRE 4-Hers: Non-Original Fiber Arts-Sidnee Martinez, Olden Club-1st place; Woodworking-Kaleb Dove, Eastland Club-1st place; Displays & Collections-Kaleb Dove, Eastland Club-1st place; Cookies "Bachelor Brownies" -Tanner French, Eastland Club-1st place.

JUNIOR DIVISION: Clothing-Candi Ross, Olden Club-1st place and Grand Champion; Clothing Accessories-Candi Ross, Olden Club-1st place; Photography-Russell Jay, Gorman Club, 1st place and Reserve Grand Champion; Original Paintings-Madyson McElvany, Eastland Club-1st place; Woodworking-Dustin Dove, Eastland Club-1st place; Drawings-Melissa Bilby, Carbon Club-1st place; Displays & Collections-Meagan Reynolds, Olden Club-1st place & 3rd place, Frederick Morton, Red Gap Club-2nd place; Cakes-Lazy Daisy Oatmeal cake-Candi Ross, Olden Club-1st place; Flower cake-Kirsten Dove, Eastland Club-2nd place & Re-

What little girl and her mom doesn't The winner of each division will redream of being "Miss America" one day? Or the young man who wants to be a movie star or on the cover of a leading magazine? This could be the beginning of having that dream come true. On Saturday, March 14th All Star Kids, will host a pageant at Stephenville, Texas. You will have the opportunity of being selected All Star Beau or Babe (Girl or boy 0-47 months). The babies will be presented on stage by and adult chaperone and we suggest

you dress the baby in Sunday best wear.

All Star Pageant March 14, 1998

serve Grand Champion; Window Box Flower cake-Dustin Dove, Eastland Club-3rd place, Nathan Ritter, Carbon Club-Participant's ribbon; Cookies-Deep Dish Brownies-Meagan Reynolds, Olden Club-1st place, M&M-Tasha Ritter, Carbon Club-2nd place; Candy-Mexican Fudge-Madyson McElvany, Eastland Club-1st place; Bread-Quick Tropical Fruit bread-Candi Ross, Olden Club-1st place and Grand Champion; Miscellaneous-Earrings-Candi Ross, Olden Club-1st place; Photos Colleague-Meagan Reynolds, Olden Club-2nd place.

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ceive a trophy and crown/medal and the 1st and 2nd alternate will receive a trophy. You may also enter the categories of sportswear, beautiful babe/beau, photogenic and chaperone/baby presentation & special event. The overall baby is determined by high point winner and will receive a 4'4" poster trophy, scepter and overall banner. The age divisions for baby competition are: 0-11 months, 12-23 months, 24-35 months, 36-47 months. All winners are

be held in Dallas, Texas. For the kids ages 4-18 years, we will offer beauty/beau that will consist of competing in sportswear, interview and Sunday best formal wear. During the interview the judges will also select prettiest/ handsome that is separate from beauty and is based on facial features only. The judges will select model of the day during the on stage presentation from each age division. Talent is offered to boys and girls who wish to present their talent presentation (not over 3 minutes) but this is a separate competition and you are not

invited on to National competition to

Sharing with Brother Bob

With the threat of World War III staring us in the face, I asked my friends at Heritage Manor what they remembered about World War II. As usual, when we finished, we were talking about something completely dif-

S.D. Gilmore lost some family and thought about what he would do if we were invaded. He also remembered gas and sugar rationing. A.V. Seay remembered flour rationing as the worst. Jack Bellows remembered rationing tires and thinks they also rationed brains. Cynthia Earles remembers listening to the nightly radio news to keep track of who was winning.

Somehow we got on to the "new flu" scare so I asked for home remedies. S.D. remembered coal oil and grease on a flannel cloth stuck to his chest under his shirt. A.V. remembered wearing analgesic balm on a rag. Veno Hale remembered carrying a little bottle of turpentine and a saying to go with it "When you come to a crowd, tip your tongue twice to turpentine and never catch the flu."

Then (name withheld) remembered a hot toddy with whisky, lemon and mint candy. (Name withheld) said that made the bottom of your feet round so you walked wobbly. (Name withheld) remembered when there were eleven bootleggers in Gorman. Whisky was \$1.50 a half gallon. It wouldn't last all night because as soon as your friends found out you had some, they helped you drink it. (Name withheld), remembers sitting on his uncle's porch in Oklahoma and seeing the smoke from seven stills. By then we were all laughing and our time was up.

> Till next time, Brother Bob

Valentine Banquet of **Cherished Memories**

by Irene West

This past Valentine's Day holds a banquet of cherished memories for some members of the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

On Thursday, February 12th, our pastor, Bro. Craig Rhoton and wife Linda, and all the Deacons and wives of First Baptist Church had a Valentine Banquet at ZJ's Steakhouse honoring the widows and widowers of the church.

The banquet room was beautifully decorated in the Valentine theme with red corsages and boutiners for everyone. Jonathan and Leanne always makes us feel so special. Bro. Craig wanted us to know that we are very special to him and the church. The food was delicious and of course we all had to try some of everything.

Then we all enjoyed a skit that a couple of our lovely college girls entertained us with, which made us all laugh alot. But the best part was that our pastor, after being out with severe pain after back surgery was able to laugh with us- We are all so thankful to God for that.

required to enter.

The age divisions are 4-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years, 16-18 years. The winners in beauty/beau and talent will receive trophies, crown/medal and their entry paid to National competition and the 1st and 2nd alternates will receive trophies. Photogenic is offered for all age divisions 0-18 years. We ask that you mail the photograph of your choice to our Dallas office where it will be judged by people in the print and media field that work with children. The photograph should be no larger than 8x10, color or B/W and done within the last 6 months. The All Star Overall kid will be determined by the high point winner will receive a trophy, scepter and overall banner. For entry form call (214) 319-STAR.

An Honest Thief?

By Dane Gressett

"Thou shall not steal" (Exodus 20:15) A gentleman in a restaurant a couple of weeks back told of a man he had recently conversed with. It seems the man made the statement that if he needed a transmission for his car he didn't see anything wrong with taking one from someone else. Honestly speaking, he's a thief!

Tens of thousands of people in the U.S. obviously think nothing is wrong with lying to the government on their tax returns or on their applications for social services. One of the reasons taxes are so high is because so many Americans are stealing from the government. And you thought "big government" was the sole problem? Then there are the health care companies that pilfer millions through Medicare/Medicaid, insurance scams, and faulty bill-

Million of Americans steal from their employers. Business men "stretch the truth" on their travel reports. Walmart fires employees weekly for stealing. For the really self-righteous who maintain that they have never stolen comes the rebuke from God's Word: "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you!" (Malachi 3:8-9)

You mean that God takes it serious when we refuse to honor Him with our money? Yes! The Bible is clear about it! But what He really wants is our love and devotion. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also... No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love tise other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." (Matthew 6:21,24)

Leslie Wood Appointed to 4-H Curriculum Enrichment Team

Leslie Wood, seventeen year old Junior at Gorman High School, has been appointed to the Texas 4-H Curriculum Enrichment Project Development Team. Placement on this newly formed committee consists of fifteen individuals that have proven records of dedication and commitment to furthering opportunities for Texas youth. Leslie is the voice of those youth, due in part to his active community service and participation in many civic projects, the Boy Scouts, 4-H and numerous High School activities.

The objective of the Curriculum Enrichment Team is to review current 4-H school curriculum needs and then to identify curricula to best meet the educational needs of public and private schools. To reach this goal the team will meet with representative of the TEA Student Curriculum Department to review existing Curriculum Enrichment Programs and identify the need for updating and or aligning with TEA mandates. To identify special needs that are not being met and to review nationally available curriculum and identify those that are adaptable to Texas. The Development Team will also identify new opportunities, training needs for Extension faculty, 4-H volunteer leaders, parents and youth, resource needs from both a human and financial standpoint, changes in contest/events design and objectives, awards and recognition needs, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of all 4-H projects areas assuring they are meeting the overall objective and interest of youth.

The horsetail is sometimes called scouring rush because it was once used to polish metal. All parts of the plant contain silica, an abrasive material.



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By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had average attendance last Sunday. Special music was presented by the Primary Sunday School Class, Brittany Shirley, Stormy Hurd, Veronica Walton and Natasha led by their teacher, Nell Ragland. Other special music was presented by the church choir singing "I'll Fly Away" with Nell Ragland at the piano. Choir members were Joan Baker, Wilma Faye Iley, Freda Riggs, Bobbie Haggard, Helen Collum, Albert Holdman, Wayne Eaves, pug Guthery led by Elwood Ragland. Visitors for the morning service was Thomas and Stormy Hurd of Gorman, Hershel and Wanda Brinson of Morgan Mill, Dorothy Layman of College Station, George and Anna Brazell of the Jakehamon Community.

Dorothy Layman of College Sta- homemade pie and drinks.

tion visited the weekend in Desdemona with her dad, Lee Pedigrew and

Dorothy Roberts spent the past weekend in Fort Worth visiting her daughter, Kevin and Ulenda Weaver

Remember the old saying "Thunder in February" means "Frost in April." So mark your calendars on April 14 and 22 just see if this old saying comes true. Being old fashion with all of these old saying is not really all that bad, it just tells your

Desdemona monthly musical will be on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Community Center (school bldg.) All area musicians and visitors are invited to attend. Concession stand opens early with lots of good sandwiches,

Desdemona Volunteer Fire Department hosted a Firemen's School on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Community Center. Over 200 area firemen registered to attend this school. Highlight of the day was to see a helicopter from Abilene Hendricks Memorial Hospital land on the school ground (west side). Kinda unusual to see a helicopter land in "Hogtown". Our town appreciates the local fire department and all of the extra work they have done working and preparing all of the equipment and trucks ready to use. So when you see any of our local firemen tell them that you do appreciate them and their dedication.

First Baptist Church will host a revival March 15 thru March 22. More details later. you are invited to

THE GORMAN PROGRESS

Constitution

ballots on whether they support the

right of Texans to choose their own

doctor, whether they support a Consti-

tutional ban on a sales tax for food and

medicine, and whether they support

keeping qualified teachers in the class-

to pass a Constitutional amendment

that ensures that every Texan has the

option to choose their own doctor,"

Mauro said. "When I'm Governor,

we're going to tell insurance company

and managed care "bean counter" that

their days of making medical decisions

Patient Protection Act that would have

given Texans the right to choose their

own doctor outside of the HMO plan. Gov. Bush may say that he's given Tex-

ans the 'best patient protections' in the

country, but Texans don't believe him.

sitions that will Constitutionally ban a

sales tax on food and medicine, and improve public education. A majority

of Texas House Republicans voted last

year to expand the sales tax on food

and medicine.

Mauro also endorsed ballot propo-

"In 1995, Gov. Bush vetoed the

"When I'm governor, we're going

Democratic primary voters will cast

Gorman ISD Menu **Mauro Supports** March 2nd thru March 6th **Patients Bill of** Breakfast **Rights To Texas**

MONDAY- Cereal, toast, jelly, juice,

TUESDAY-Oatmeal, toast, juice, milk WEDNESDAY-Egg on muffin, juice,

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THURSDAY-Rice w/sugar/cinnamon, toast, jelly, juice, milk FR1DAY-Sausage biscuits, gravy,

Lunch

MONDAY-Turkey & Cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle spear, pork-n-beans, apples, cupcake, milk TUESDAY-BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, peach crisp, cornbread, milk

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WEDNESDAY-Meat & Cheese nachos, salad, applesauce, chips, lemon bars, milk

THURSDAY-Mexican casserole, refried beans, salad, Spanish rice, hot rolls, jello, milk

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, fries, milk

Business Personal Property Renditions Due

The deadline for the filing of 1998 business personal property renditions is April 15, 1998. Section 22.01 of the State Property Tax Code requires that all business personal property be rendered each year.

Rendition forms were mailed out to all local business owners in early January by the Eastland County Appraisal District. If you own a business in Eastland County and did not receive a rendition form or would like assistance in completing it, please contact the Eastland County Appraisal District at 629-8597 in Eastland. The office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse.

SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL VALUATION AVAILABLE

The following information is provided to property owners within Eastland County in compliance with publication requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code.

If you are the owner of land that is being currently used for some type of Agricultural use or activity; you may qualify your land for a special use valuation for Ad valorem tax purposes.

Landowners who have not already filed must file for special use valuation with the Eastland County Appraisal District by April 30, 1998. The Texas Constitution provides for two (2) types of Agricultural productivity appraisal. Article 8, Sec. 1-d-1 allows what is known as Open Space Land appraisal; while Article 8, Sec. 1-d allows agricultural use appraisal. The requirements for applying and qualifying both the land and the owner are different for each of the two types.

Most property owners apply for the 1-d-1 or Open Space appraisal. This special appraisal requires that the land's use in a qualifying agricultural endeavor meets the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. The owner must show that the land's use is devoted principally to agricultural use and that it has been for at least five (5) of the preceding seven (7) years.

Landowners should be aware that the law does require a rollback to be incurred when the qualified land is taken out of agricultural use. The rollback tax includes the difference between the taxes paid under agricultural appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been on the tax roll at market value. The law also requires that the rollback tax include interest charges of seven (7) percent per year.

The application must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptrollers office. The application must contain the information necessary to determine the validity of the application.

To apply for the Open Space Land valuation or the Agricultural Appraisal use valuation on your land; you should contact the Eastland County Appraisal District.

The filing deadline for this and other available special valuation is April 30, 1998. For Additional information or to request an application; call or come by the Eastland County Appraisal District office. The telephone number is 629-8597 and the office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE

Eastland County property owners wishing to sign up for 1998 property tax exemptions and / or special use valuations may obtain the necessary applications at the office of the Eastland County Appraisal District. The Appraisal District office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland Texas. The necessary application may be requested by telephone by calling the Appraisal District office at 629-8597.

There are numerous property tax exemptions and / or special valuations available through the Texas Property Tax Code. A partial list of those available is given at the end of this article. If a property owner has a question as to his or her eligibility; they should contact the Eastland County

Appraisal District for assistance. Home owners can take advantage of the partial homestead exemptions available. As much as \$15,000 in value can be applied to your school district taxes if you qualify for the residential homestead exemption. The completed exemption application must be filed by May 1, 1998. This exemption does not have to be re-applied for each year. If the residential home owner still resides in the same house for 1998 that he or she lived in last year; and they received a homestead exemption for 1997; they do not need to re-apply for 1998

An exception to this would be a person who received the regular homestead exemption in 1997; but has turned sixty-five (65) years of age during the 1997 year. This person would need to re-apply as he or she would now be eligible for an additional or increased exemption in an amount available to those over sixty-five (65) years of age. Due to recent changes in the tax code, you should contact the Appraisal District for information if you turn 65 years of age during the year. You

may be eligible for an increased exemption amount for the current year. If you have a question as to whether you are receiving a homestead exemption or as to your eligibility for one of the available exemptions or special valuations; please contact the Eastland County Appraisal District for

information and assistance. Among the partial exemptions and / or special valuations available are: Residential Homestead, Over-65 Residential Homestead, Residential Disabled or Disability Exemption, Disabled Veteran and Special Valuation of Open Space Land (Ag-Use)

LEGAL NOTICE - - -

Deferral Available For Over 65 Residential Homestead Owners

Section 33.06 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires the following information concerning the Deferral of Certain Property Taxes to be publicized.

Property taxes on the residence homestead property of those persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older may be deferred or abated if they satisfy the requirements of the Texas Property Tax

The property owner must (in most cases) occupy the residence on which the tax is being levied or on which a suit has been filed for collection of delinquent taxes.

To obtain a deferral, the individual must file with the Chief Appraiser of the Appraisal District in which the property is located; and affidavit stating that he or she is sixty-five (65) years of age or older and that he or she does own and reside in the residence that the tax being levied on.

If a suit has already been filed by a tax unit, the individual must file with the court in which the suit was filed the same type of affidavit.

By filing the affidavit with the proper authority, the payment of taxes or forced collections through the suit is postponed until the person filing the affidavit no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.

It is emphasized that the tax is only deferred; it is not canceled. A tax lien remains on the property and interest in the amount of eight (8) percent per year will continue to accrue during the period that the collection of taxes is deferred.

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2nd Annual Upper Leon Firefighters' Association Fire School Held In Desdemona Saturday

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The course lasted eight hours and included information and training in First School at the Desdemona Community Center. This school is sponsored by the Flight-Landing Zone-Packaging and Handling, Fire Science, Firefighter Safety, and Hand Tools/Power Tools-Extrication.







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CONGRESS POISED TO BUILD ON ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

hen the 105th Congress began its second session in January, it did so against a backdrop of positive indicators, economic and other wise. But we will have to work fast and work smart this year to accomplish everything on our plate. This being an election year, we have only a few short months to get everything done.

The policies Congress has pursued in recent years have produced a stronger economy. We have passed the first balanced budget in 30 years. Unemployment is at an all-time low. Mortgage rates have gone down, allowing many more Americans to realize their dream of home ownership. Welfare is turning into workfare. Our borders are growing more secure. Our air and water are cleaner than they've been in a quarter century. America remains the freest, most prosperous country on the face of the earth.

You might say we're on a roll.

But we can do so much more to improve the quality of life for Americans — without expanding government and without busting the budget. Texans, and the rest of the country, have made it clear that they don't want bigger government, they want better government.

Foremost on my "to do" list this session is continuing to find ways to let hard-working families keep more of what they earn. I already have introduced legislation that will eliminate the marriage tax penalty. Soon, I will introduce a new bill to raise the cut-off point at which people are moved into higher tax brackets, roll back the capital gains holding period and cut the top estate tax

In addition, if a budget surplus appears on our horizon, it seems to me that half-and-half is more than a rich dairy product — it's the right formula for dealing with any surplus revenue the government receives.

Half should go toward paying down our \$5 trillion national debt. The other half should be the basis of direct tax cuts for the American people. It would be the height of folly to fritter away a budget surplus on new spending initiatives that enlarge the role of the federal government in our lives.

Another top priority for me this session will be to ensure that our armed forces remain the best trained, best armed and best equipped fighters in the world. Recently Secretary of Defense William Cohen admitted that we "have some problems as far as readiness goes." That is an ominous warning.

One of the major causes of those frayed defense edges is our seemingly endless mission in Bosnia — a mission that is consuming resources (\$8 billion so far) we otherwise would dedicate to our readiness. Congress must address this dilemma. Such a situation cannot go on forever, and I am determined that we do not recreate the "hollow military" of the late '70s.

Also on my list is the continuation of efforts to fight crime and drugs by guarding our border ever more vigilantly. Congress approved my request to fund 1,000 additional new Border Patrol agents in the 1998 budget (twothirds of which will be deployed in Texas), and now the administration has asked for another 1,000 for 1999. I will work very hard to see that funds for the additional agents are approved this year, as well.

Congress must support education on both the K-12 and college levels in a manner that in no way infringes on local control. I am also working with several colleagues to improve and update the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). And when the Senate takes up reform of the Endangered Species Act this session, I will work to ensure that the bill protects species — but not at the expense of private property rights protected by the Fifth Amendment.

Texans and the rest of America are, by and large, in a good mood, prompted by a strong economy. Be we must all remain determined in our efforts to control government spending, reduce taxes and guard against the return of big government.



In the 1996 Olympics, Carl Lewis took the long jump becoming only the second athlete ever to win golds for the same event in four consecutive Olympics.

A Valentine for Town

Story by Dick King / Illustration by Don Collins

In keeping with the history theme of this issue, Texas Co-op Power offers "A Valentine for Town", a story first printed in the magazine in 1971. During the '70's, Texas Co-op Power often published pieces of original fiction and historical vignettes. The following story will take you back to a simpler time more than 50 years ago when there was a strong sense of community and people relied on their own resources for entertainment, whether it was the time-honored tradition of storytelling or children playacting in an attic or barn.

A house without an attic isn't complete.

Pathetic, too, are the adults of tomorrow, growing up without memories of hours spent in their grandparents' attics.

What a treasure trove was my Grandfather Neill's attic in Gorman. The place was shaped like a cross, the stairs forming the base and three dormer windows the head and crosspiece. The area in the cros had been dormitory-style sleeping quarters for the eight Neill daughters, and the boxed space between the dormers was storage and closet area.

A square, rosewood piano stood at the head of the stairs, its strings years earlier withdrawn for use as choker cords in Model T Fords, its still-satiny case now filled with Dutch Boy, Texas Star and Golden Wedding Ring quilts.

Nearby, howeve, was what Grandmother called her "quilt box", filled with photographs — Minnie at the wheel of her first Dodge touring car, the swimming class at Sul Ross in the summer of 1914, a picnic at Bass Lake and the posed line of cousins. Of course, there were the baby pictures - Harold in a cart pulled by a goat, Frankie in her long, white, lacy Christening robe and Reba Dale in her wicker rocking chair.

The quilt box also contained pink

turkey feathers and mink muffs. And there were clothes - the kind that can, with imagination, make the wearer a princess or the owner of a Kentucky Derby winner.

Scattered throughout the attic were boxes of arithmetic and grammar texts, loose numbers of Nick Carter and Buffalo Bill dime novels — once read surreptitiously. Suede high topped shoes with pencil-sharp toes rested on top a stack of Holland's and American Mercury magazines.

Grandmother's attic was the ideal place for cousins to play. A discarded the newspapers and the letters that wall telephone and a box of dishes and utensils were passports to hours of play-like.

We were having a delightful time one Christmas — made more pleasant by discovery of a batch of love letters exchanged before Aunt Pearl and Uncle John were married. There daughter, Nancy, my sister and I were as thrilled over the trove of letters as if they had been leaves from a Gutenberg Bible.

clock, the bulk we secreted among the magazines. A few we kept for careful reading.

As Nancy read one of them with proper dramatic effects - we howled with laughter. Each word of endearment Aunt Pearl had penned buckled us. We were so loud we

didn't hear the squeaky stars.

Suddenly, they were by the square piano — Mother and Aunt Pearl. They listened a minute. Aunt Pearl extended her hand, and Nancy filled it with the sheets of pale blue statio-

Our memories are dim on details, but were remember the bonfire Aunt Pearl built in the backyard, and we remember the dinner conference at which adults agreed that Grandfather should hire someone to clean out the attic — to dispose of the magazines, made it unsafe.

It was February before Grandfather Neill got around to having the attic cleaned, and the young man hired was a labor-saving expert. Rather than haul boxload upon boxload down the stairs, through the door and to the lawn, he had an idea.

Remove the screen on the north window and toss the debris to the drive below. And he did.

Out went The Essentials of Ge-We hid some of the letters in a ography and other reminders of the time when youths purchased their schoolbooks.

> Holland's and American Mercury. Out flew the feathered boa one of the aunts had worn to a prom.

Joining the heap in the drive was

Ranch, Progressive Farmer,

Out went copies of Farm and

an assortment of newspapers that Grandfather had put on the floor when he cured some hams in the at-

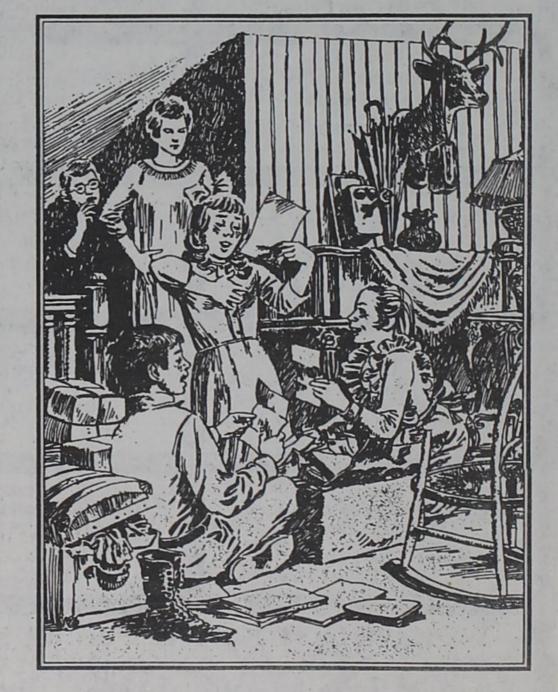
Out, too, went the collection of letters — the letters that Nancy, my sister and I had slipped so carefully between issues of magazines — the letters that we had saved from the

By the time the attic was cleared and the drive on the north side of the house resembled a city dump, it was late evening. "Don't start a fire this late," Grandfather warned his helper. "Tomorrow we'll finish the job."

The morning of February 14 wasn't old before the telephone started jingling. Mrs. Foster had found several letters addressed to "John A." A letter to Uncle John had caught in the wrought iron fence at Mr. Walker's, and Lou Kimble called about some notes ledged in the branches of the cedar in her front yard. And the day wasn't too ripe before Grandfather and his hired hand were walking through Gorman, spearing blue stationary, newspapers and magazines.

When Grandfather, tired, returned to the house, Grandmother glared: "It's alright to give the town a Valentine, but did you have to broadcast love letters?"

Grandfather, as usual, said noth-



ing. He just grunted.

The Neill's were a proment early day family in Gorman. Grandfather Neill was a Cotton Buyer.

The letters were found in a two to three block area of the families who

found the letters.

The Neill's home was located where George Bingham now lives on Cressent Street. The Foster house is still as it was back then and still looks

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On Sunday morning Ora Lee Lowrence of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lession for A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Irene Heathington, Ollie Halcomb and Cynthia Earles.

Some of Vadis Phelps guests were Kelly Carruth, Mitzi McGaha, Elnora Lindley, Birdie Hogan and Fay Tucker.

Valentine Party On Friday, Feb. 13th residents enjoyed the Valentine party. Ina Smith entertained and let everyone tell a valentine experience and quote what they most likely would give their sweet-

Mrs. Smith served Valentine cookies and pink party punch to Varona Taylor, Rubye Jones, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Sibyl Urban, Ora Mae Atchison, Cynthia Earles, Vadis Phelps, Ola Walker, Maggie Snider and Irene Heathington.

Guests were Bonnie Cox, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Amy, Audrey, Jaime and Kensey Johnston.

Some of Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers' guets were Chesley Atchison, Eddie Nichols, Ima Lee Burleson, Georgia Ann Iley, Jean Smith of Irv-

Thos enjoying "Horse Races" with Ina Smith were S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn, Varona Taylor, Velma Bennett, Irene Heathington and A. V.

On Thursday Mary Ficklen came and read out of "Home Spun" by Leon Hale. Mr. Hale writes for the Houston Chronicle.

She served delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies to Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Velma Bennett, Varona Taylor, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Ava Rodgers and guests Nancy Hendricks and Ruth

Visiting Varona Taylor were Billy and Janda Taylor and Bonnie Cox.

On Monday Ina Smith had bingo for Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Iola Johnson, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn, Rubye Jones, Velma Bennett, Irene Heathington and Ora Mae Atchison.

Amy, Audrey, Jaime and Kinsey Johnston visited everyone in the home and gave everyone a Valentine.

Visiting Iola Johnson were Ina Reynolds, Della Galloway and Nell Sherman.

Residents appreciated the cute Valentines from the Kokomo Baptist

Visiting Effie Mae Brown were Mary Ficklen, Louise Hollywood and

Modess Burgess. **Eulon Perry Passes Away**

On Monday, Feb. 16, Eulon Perry

passed away at the DeLeon Hospital. Services were 3:00 p.m., Feb. 17 at Higginbotham's Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Jackie Auvenshine officiated. Burial was in Oaklawn Cem-

Mr. Perry was a native of Gorman and lived in Oliver Springs Community and was a resident of the local nursing home for many years. He was a retired farmer.

He was survived by a sister and brother-in-law Marvin and Waldene Jones of Dublin and a nephew.

Visiting Cynthia Earles were Opal Roberts of Proctor, V.O. and Fay Huff, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Fay Johnson, A.V. Seay and Nina Joiner.

Visiting Mary Williams were Everette Corder, Lavoyce Hirst, Peggy Brooks of Clyde, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Irene West, Nancy Hendricks and Durwood Webb.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard for Ora Mae Atchison, Varona Taylor, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Irene Heathington and Iola

Rev. T.D. Whitehorn took Patty for an outing to Abilene to visit their children Dr. Mike and Marsha Whitehorn on Sunday.

Visiting A.V. Seay were Frank and Ela Reeves of Clyde, Tommy Lynn Seay, Thomas and Vicki Seay.

Some of Sarah Mize's guests were Ruth Courtorie, Gladys Fraley, Denver and Alice Rainey, Nelda Keith, Debbie Caraway, Fay and Denzel Ables and Marty Rainey.

> Aletha Kay Yarbrough Passes Away

Aletha Kay Yarbrough died Monday, Feb. 16, 1998. She was 94 years

Services were held Thursday, Feb. 19 in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with her son, Arthur Ray Yarbrough oficiating. She was buried in the Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Yarbrough was a native of Pontotoc, Miss. and had lived in the Gorman area most of her life. She was the widow of Avery Yarbrough whom she married in 1924. She was a homemaker and a member of United Penecostal Church.

Survivors are: a son, Arthur Ray Yarbrough of Stephenville, 3 daughters, Mary Ruth Beschorner of San Antonio, Betty Sue Gurlin of St. James, MO., and Jean Smith of Irving, 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchil-

Don and Nell Sherman visited Sibyl Urban.

On Wednesday morning Ennis Joiner of First Baptist Church brought chapel for Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Jack Bellows and Iola

Thelma Hampton New Resident

Thelma Hampton, wife of Lonnie Hampton has come to reside at Heritage Manor. A retired homemaker and attends First Baptist Church. They have one daughter and son -in-law, Joy and Tom Grimm and 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Visiting Mrs. Hampton were Lonnie Hampton, Daisy Slaton, Jolene

On Wednesday Bro. Bob Beeman came and had a round table discussion about World War II. Past memories returned about food, rashioning stamps, hard to get tires, gas, shoes and many things were scarce. Everyone had somebody "over there". Present were S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Jack Bellows, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore were Louise Hollywood, Modess Burgess, Effie Mae Brown, Mary Ficken and Durwood Webb.

Some of Hazel Wisdom's guests were Audrey Pond, Pat Kincannon of Hico, Eloise Williams, and Bob Wis-

On Thursday afternoon, Ina Smith had bingo for A.V. Seay, Effie Mae Brown, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor, Patty Whitehorn and A.V. Seay.

Some of Myrle Hale's guests were Mr. Basham of DeLeon, Gerald and Betty Hale of Brownwood, Ennis and

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The stew supper is the means by

Nina Joiner, Argie and Marjorie Hale, Linda, Janice, Diana and Mark Glover. Visiting Maggie Snider were Alma

Jo Etheredge visited her sister Leta

Dickerson, Jewel Snider and Diana

Richardson. Jack Bellows has returned from the Eastland Hospital. Sorry to report Mildred Bellows is in the hospital.

Stenholm **Announces High School Art** Competition

Congressman Charlie Stenholm announced plans today for the Seventeenth Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 17th District of Texas. Since it was first launched in 1982, the nationwide competition has generated thousands of local competitions, involving more than 800,000 high school students. One winning entry from each Congressional District will be displayed in the annual exhibition in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol, an area dedicated to the artistic talents of today's youth.

Students in grades 9-12 from Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Hood and Somervell Counties should enter a preliminary contest to be held in Stephenville on March 24, 1998. Entries should be brought to the High School Office or Art Room by 4:30 on March 23rd.

Other regional shows will be held in Abilene, Big Spring, Colorado City, Graham, Mineral Wells, Brownwood and San Angelo. Winners from the entire 32 counties of the 17th District will be announced at an awards brunch in Abilene on April 18. Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host this honors brunch.

Artwork must be no larger than 32" framed (framing not required) and twodimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings or collages. Artwork must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of the West Texas area and 17th District in any category, which may include but is not limited to landscapes.

For more information contact Stenholm's Stamford office at 915-773-3623 or Mary Waters at 915-968-4141.

which the community can support the Gorman and other fire departments, the West Texas Rehab Center at Abilene and fund the upkeep of the community center, so it is for a very worthy cause.

We certainly do appreciate all the faithful ones who have attended every year, and always look forward to meeting new people each year. You will be welcome at Kokomo.

Karen Patterson of Breckenridge with Glynda Bond at the piano, rendered the special music on the flute at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. It was beautiful. Other visitors were Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains, Gary Browning and Rebecca Robertson of Graham, John and Tiffany Perez of Gorman and Mike and Tammy Perez, Chad, Sharla, Royce and Angelina.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Norma Webb who has a birthday on Feb. 25.

Karen Patterson of Breckenridge spent the weekend with her parents, Earl and Betty Little.

Gary Browning and Rebecca Robertson visited during the weekend with his parents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Gladys Morrow spent tow weeks visiting with her sister, Naoma Morrow. Erlene Blakney of Lubbock and Doris Ruth Sherrell of Allen came on Tuesday and visited until Sunday. Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains, Lance Morrow of Abilene and Layne Morrow of Plains came for a weekend visit. Larry and Paula, Lance and Layne also visited with Paul and Imogene Norris.

Erlene Blakney, Doris Ruth Sherrell, Gladys Morrow and Naoma Morrow enjoyed a trip to Fredericksburg on Thursday.

Those visiting on Saturday with Paul and Imogene Norris were Larry and paula Morrow and Layne of Plains, Lance Morrow of Abilene, Ronnie and Jeanne Pack of Carbon, Lacy Pack of Texas Tech at Lubbock, Randy and Lisa Lewis and T.J. of Stephenville, Gladys Morrow of Lubbock, Erlene Blakney of Lubbock, Doris Sherrell of Allen and Naoma Morrow.

Norma Webb and Troy Scitern visited with Zelda Jordan.

Zelda Jordan visited with Cassie Brasher on Monday afternoon. Clifford Nelson also came by Cassie's for a visit.

Hazel Snider visited with Ileta Cavitt in DeLeon on Monday.

Doris Bradshaw, Hope Joiner and Ruth Bryant visited with Nancy

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