

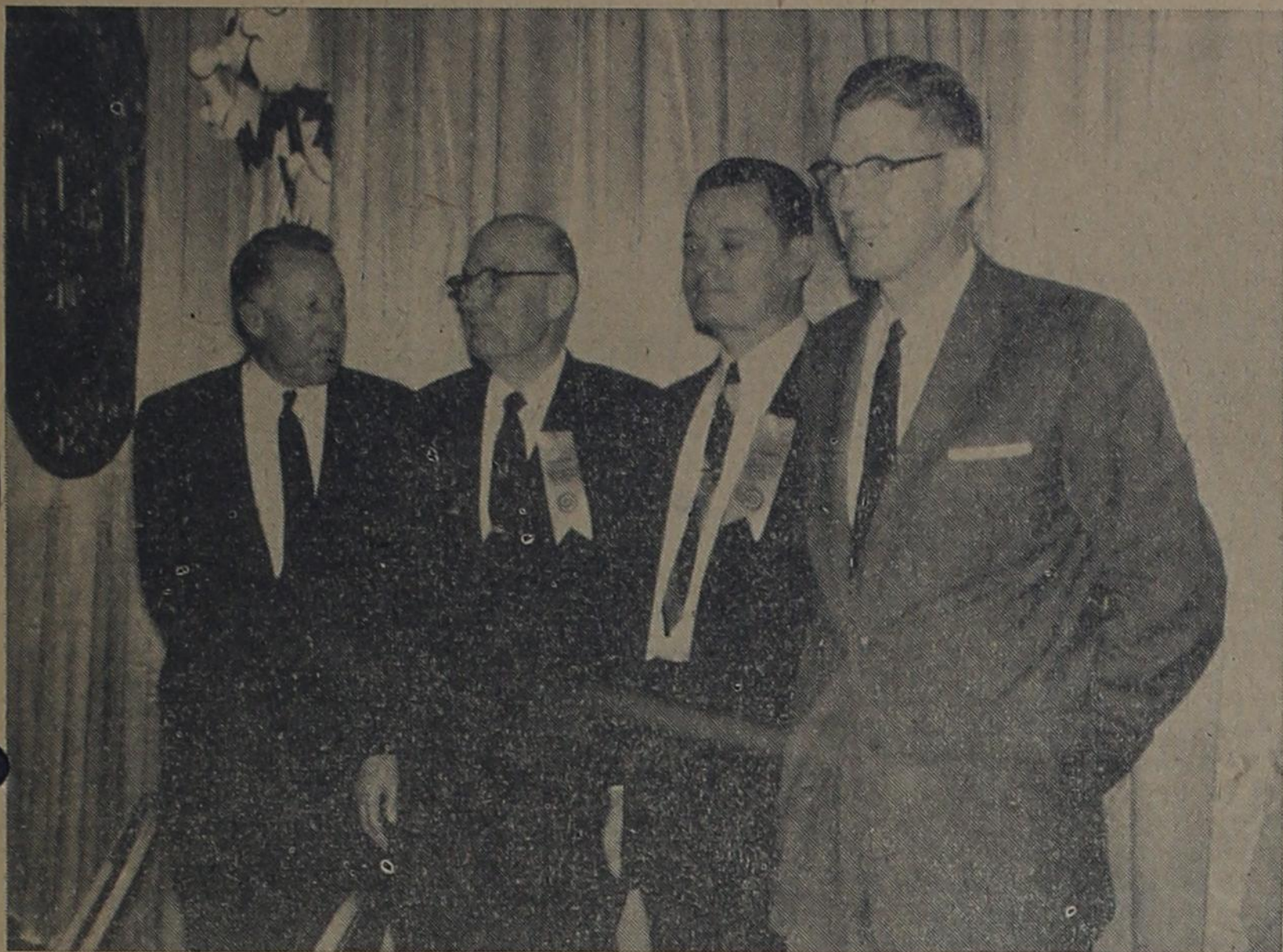
Texas Electric Quarter Century Banquet Held At Ranger

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DELAYED — The above picture was taken at the Texas Electric Service Company Quarter Century Banquet which was held at the National Guard Armory in Ranger, November 19th.

Left to right: Leonard E. Read, president of the Foundation for Economic Education, Inc., New York; B. Thomas, president of Texas Electric; Fred Fogers, V.P. and Treasurer; and James Ellison, pastor of the Ranger Methodist Church.

Mr. Thomas complimented the members of the Quarter Century Club on the part they have played in making Texas Electric one of the leading utility companies. Now working on his second Quarter Century button, Mr. Thomas can well be proud of the part he and the members of this group have played in laying the foundation of a company whose byword is "Service above Self".

Pointing with pride to the past Mr. Thomas stated that we could look with optimism to the future provided we put forth the effort to grow and build.

Mr. Read, guest speaker, used as his subject "What You Can Do About It".

Pointing out how the government has gradually usurped the rights of the average citizen by heavier taxation, he said, "A little more than a century ago the average citizen had a 95-98 percent freedom of choice with each income dollar. That was because the take of government - federal, state, and local was 2-5 percent of all earned income. But as government departed from its limited position and entered into enterprise after enterprise, and as it assumed more and more the responsibility for the welfare of the citizens, the take of all earned income, percentagewise, increased. Today, the take is about 33 percent."

Using a number of illustrations, Mr. Read explained how we are gradually becoming a socialized people by being forced to place more and more dependence in governmental agencies.

"It ought to be clear how woefully ineffective all of us are who come to life only when our own ox is being yoked. But imagine the effectiveness of the medics and others coming to the aid of the power and light industry when "public ownership" campaigns are on the rampage! And, equally, how effective you could be when making private property case for others! Thinking of each industry and of each profession as a minority, I am reminded of this wise advice:

"If these minority groups would save their own skins and their own souls, they would first fight for the rights of all men; second for the rights of others than their own; and last, if at all, for their own."

Ed. Note: We regret that space does not permit using Mr. Read's speech in its entirety. We have tried to touch some of the highspots hoping that you will read between the lines and join him in his trend of thinking - which is, "free enterprise, for a free people".

A NEW BOY ARRIVES AT KEITH GREGORY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gregory are the proud parents of a son, Durwood Hugh, born on November 15 at Blackwell Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gregory of Gorman.

The Progress offers its apologies for omitting this birth announcement last week.



Right - Eastland District Manager, Frank Sayres of Eastland, preparing to introduce Mr. Thomas at the Texas Electric Quarter Century Banquet. Frank, as he prefers being called, is an example of what a young man with personality, ability and a desire to advance, can do. Frank has only been with Texas Electric twelve years. Prior to that he assisted his Dad in the operation of a dairy near Breckenridge.

Mr. Sayres was a masterful, master-of-ceremonies, and kept the program for the evening moving at a lively pace.

Eastland district is composed of several counties.

Pecan Bake Show With Pecan Show At Cisco Dec. 6 - 7

The Eastland County Home Demonstration Council announces plans for a Pecan Bake Show to be held in connection with The Eastland County Pecan Show, December 6 & 7 in the Home Appliance Building in Cisco.

The committee for the show, Mrs. Ernest Schaefer, Mrs. W. D. Hazel, and Mrs. Herman Schaefer met with the Home Demonstration Agent, Sandra Kirkland, to plan the show. Five classes of baked goods, cakes, pies, candy, cookies, and bread will be featured. Each entry must contain pecans. Entries must be in place by 11 a. m. on December 6. Any man or woman in Eastland or adjoining counties may enter.

There will be coffee, donuts, pie, and chili available for sale for those who visit the show. Proceeds from this sale will go to the Eastland County Home Demonstration Council.

Detailed rules and regulations for the Bake Show will be announced later.

Sandra Kirkland, CHDA

Louise Scitern Bride-Elect Of R. Tinkler

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Scitern announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Louise Scitern, to Rollo Tinkler, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Tinkler of Houston, on December 17, 1957 at the Church of Christ in Gorman.

Mr. Tinkler is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and is now working on his Master's Degree there and preaching at the Oliver Street Church of Christ in Stamford, Texas.

Miss Scitern is a graduate of Gorman High School and is now attending Abilene Christian College and employed by Scarborough, Black & Tarpley of Abilene, Texas.

Miss Nellie Fonner Becomes Bride Of S/Sgt. Oscar H. Lucke

Miss Nellie Fonner of Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, became the bride of S/Sgt. Oscar H. Lucke of Offutt A.F.B., Nebraska, on Monday, October 7, 1957.

The bridegroom was reared at Gorman and graduated from Gorman High School in 1949. He is the son of Mrs. Gladys Lucke of Gorman.

Fire Destroys Home Here Thurs.

Fire destroyed the home of Mrs. Joe Wrachford, the former Runez Gregg, last Thursday around midnight. Mrs. Wrachford was renting the house from U. E. Westmoreland of Goldsmith. It was believed that the fire started in the wiring, and a strong north wind caused the fire to get out of control.

The house was completely enveloped in flames within a few minutes, and Mrs. Wrachford lost most of her furniture and belongings. The Gorman Fire Department answered the call quickly, but nothing could be done.

Snow Over The Weekend Totals 3 To 5 Inches

A snow which was confined mostly to this area of the state fell here over the weekend and measured from 3 to 5 inches deep on the ground. The official measurement of the moisture received from the snow was 1.55 inches.

The snow started falling early Friday morning and continued most of the day. The snow which fell on Friday was relatively light and much of it melted before the day was over. But on Saturday night the snow returned and covered Gorman and the surrounding area in a blanket of white that measured 5 inches and over in some places.

The snowfall left the area even wetter than before. In fact streets and country roads were the muddiest that they have been all year. This was a relatively early snow for this area, and may mean a hard winter.

USDA Surplus Food Commodities Issue Date Is Set

Our next issue date for USDA Commodities, for Precinct Number Two, Gorman, Carbon and Desdemona, will be Tuesday, December 10th, 1957.

During our serving days, we are not permitted to complete, nor take new applications. We have a few applications in the above area that are not completed. These should be completed before our next issue date.

J. J. Porter, Sr.

Hospital Report

The Blackwell Hospital of Gorman reported the following listed as patients on Monday morning:

- 201 - T. H. Loveless, De Leon
- 203 - Floyd Region, Carbon
- 204 - Mrs. Elbert Denton, Gorman
- 206 - Mrs. Clyde Martin, R. Star
- 207 - Mrs. Johnny Reed, De Leon
- 208 - R. H. Ables, Desdemona
- 210 - Mrs. Jewel Moore, Gorman
- 401 - Wesley Eads, De Leon (No Visitors)
- 402 - Joe Hurley, Cisco
- 403 - Earl Herrington, Abilene
- 405 - Mrs. Alma Cloud, Comanche
- 406 - Mrs. F. E. Woodall, Gorman
- 407 - Dick Weekes, Comanche
- 411 - Mrs. Della Brown, R. Star
- 415 - Mrs. W. A. Chisum, Dublin
- 416 - Joe Clark, Gorman

BIRTHS AT BLACKWELLS

George Stevie Region, Jr. born to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Region, Sr. of Carbon on November 22 weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces.

Emily Sue Harris born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris of Carbon on November 23rd weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

Patricia Ann Reed born to Mr. and Mrs. John Frank Reed of De Leon on November 23 weighed 6 pounds and 15 1/2 ounces.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Gladys Lucke last week were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Maxwell, Janet Lynn and Regina Gay of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cooper and James of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper of Gorman, and Mr. and Mrs. John Yowell of El Paso.

Highway Dept. Seeks Bids On Duster Road

A legal notice is being published in the Progress this week by the Texas Highway Department stating that the department is seeking bids on the Duster to Gorman road, which will be called FM 588 and will be 7.182 miles in length. The legal notice appears on an inside page of this issue.

This means that the long awaited Duster road is now a reality. Of course, the road will probably not be finished until late spring or summer. Glenn Trotter, Resident Highway Engineer of Comanche, said that he would inform the Progress as developments arose concerning the farm-to-market road.

Cubs Feted With Banquet Monday

The Gorman Grade School football team was entertained with a banquet at the school cafeteria Monday night. Supt. and Mrs. Graydon Baze, Coach and Mrs. David Goodwin, the Cubs and their dates, enjoyed the occasion. Terry Shell, a member of the team, served as master of ceremonies.

The Cubs were champions of the Junior High District and lost only one game to mighty Cisco in a non-district clash. The Cubs were undefeated and untied in district play, and beat such teams as Stephenville, Hamilton, Dublin Granbury, De Leon, and Glen Rose, in district games.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ormsby and Paul Dean of Borger are visiting Mrs. Frank Dean and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ormsby through the Thanksgiving holidays.

Desdemona Basketball Tournament In Progress

A Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament is being held at Desdemona High School. The tournament started Tuesday, will skip

Wednesday, resume on Thursday and continue through Saturday. Trophies will be awarded to the First and Second place winners and to the Consolation bracket winners. Individual awards will be made to the outstanding player on each team.

Boys teams entered are Lipan, Lingleville, Gordon, Strawn, Putnam, Abilene Christian High School, Carbon, and Desdemona.

Girls teams are Rising Star "E", Gordon, Carbon, Strawn, Putnam, Lipan, Tolar "B", and Desdemona.

Funeral Services For A. J. Kinser Held On Friday

Funeral services for A. J. "Dan" Kinser, 75, were held Friday, November 22, 1957 at the Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Clack, pastor of the church, the Rev. Buel Bryan of Desdemona, and the Rev. Lee Fields, of Carbon, in charge of services. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery. Mr. Kinser had died at the Blackwell Hospital on Thursday following an illness of several weeks.

Andrew Jackson Kinser was born September 7, 1882, at Marble Falls. He was married to Miss Bessie Thompson on April 27, 1904, at Burnet. They moved to Gorman in 1928 from Marble Falls. He was a member of the Midway Baptist Church for many years.

Survivors include his wife; 6 sons, Rob, Roy, and Rex, all of Gorman, Ray of Scranton, and Ralph of Buena Park, Calif.; and Richard of Dalhart; and 1 daughter, Mrs. Ruby Overstreet of Gorman. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Rea.

Pallbearers were A. L. Underwood, Arland Clement, Marion Dennis, Tom Broom, Oscar Quarles, and Marvin Lewis.



HULLS by Kernel Gene, aPE

Returning to Gorman Monday I learned of the death of Editor Norman Wright of Ranger. Later in the day I picked up a copy of Sunday's Ranger Times and read his last column in which he complimented me on my knowledge of peanuts and hoped that I did not take offense at his and Editor Moore's comments from time to time.

I knew Norman better through his column than I did by personal contact. I admired him for his convictions and ability to put those convictions into words. Men of his caliber are difficult to replace. However, when the Master calls one what a wonderful way to go - while you are doing what you enjoy most.

"No man who is fit to live need fear to die. To us here, death is the most terrible thing we know. But when we have tasted its reality it will mean to us birth, deliverance, a new creation of ourselves. It will be what health is to the sick man; what home is to the exile; what the loved one given back is to the bereaved. As we draw near to it a solemn gladness should fill our hearts. It is God's great morning lighting up the sky. Our fears are the terror of children in the night. The night with its terrors, its darkness, its feverish dreams, is passing away; and when we awake it will be into the sunlight of God." — Fuller

Such I believe would be the thoughts of Norman Wright entering his new office.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Richardson will spend Thanksgiving in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hefley.



Nadine Brewster, Deputy Grand Matron, District 3, Section 4, Order of the Eastern Star, discussing events of the evening with Theresa Baker, Worthy Matron, at the close of chapter Monday evening, November 18th.



Members of Eastern Star Chapter No. 443 entertaining their Deputy Grand Matron in the recently renovated dining room of the Masonic Lodge. Seated left to right: M. F. Boston, Worthy Patron, Mmes. M. F. Boston, Ray Rankin, C. C. Acrea, B. M. Bennett, E. E. Todd, Clinton Revels, W. O. Parr, Joe Collins, Eugene Baker, Worthy Matron, J. W. Richardson, and Mrs. Thelma Hemphill, past district grand matron who accompanied Mrs. Nadine Brewster, Deputy Grand Matron, on her visit to the Gorman Chapter.

Duster News

Mrs. Lorene Johnson, Reporter

Thanksgiving Day is set aside to gratefully acknowledge the act of giving thanks, especially

to our Heavenly Father, for blessings, spiritual, temporal, and eternal. The giving of thanks to God for His manifold mercies and blessings, should be one of our daily acts of devotion to our Creator.

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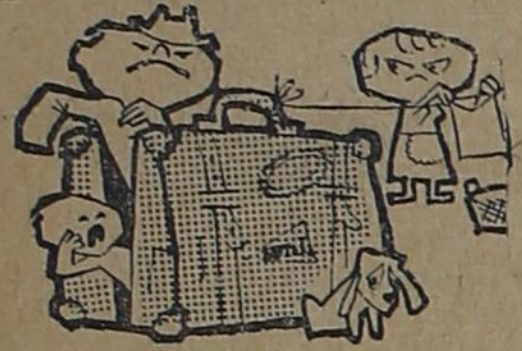
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Highlights and Sidelights

From Our State Capitol By Vern Sanford.

AUSTIN, Tex. - Legislative machinery is not built for speed. This was demonstrated as Texas lawmakers moved into their third week of work on a bill designed to prevent occupation of schools by federal troops.

A multi-hour filibuster by Sen. Henry B. Gonzales bogged down proceedings in the upper chamber. House members marked time to wait for Senate action. This apparently was to allow the House committee to consider both the Senate and House proposals before reporting.

Earlier, both House and Senate committees heard a number of religious and educational leaders speak against the bill. Protestors said, in effect, that the measure would be detrimental to the school system and would encourage violence.

Legislative proponents retorted the witnesses seemed "more interested in cramming social dogma down our throats than in educating our children."

STILL AT IT - Texans are riled about the tidelands again.

A suit filed by U. S. Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell the day before he left office seeks to establish the tidelands boundaries of Gulf Coastal states (including Texas) at three miles out.

Texas claims tidelands 10 1/2 miles out by virtue of its 110-year-old annexation agreement with the U. S. A law passed by Congress in 1953 requires the

rough roads there were only a few out to church Sunday at the Bethel Baptist and Church of Christ.

Mrs. Will Haynes is at the bedside of her father, Mr. Chatman, at Whitney who is ill.

Mr. Ernest Johnson is a patient in the Dublin Hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mears of Ft Worth and Mrs. Stella Joiner of Desdemona, Miss Pansy Coan and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Coan of Ft Worth visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abb Coan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Yvonne Perry and daughter of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stokes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Franks of Mineral Wells visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Franks, on Sunday.

federal government to respect the states' "historic boundaries."

Gov. Price Daniel called on the Legislature to protest to President Eisenhower concerning Mr. Brownell's action. Daniel, who co-sponsored the 1953 tidelands bill, read a letter from the President which said, in effect, that he would continue to honor Texas' claim.

House immediately passed a resolution in keeping with the governor's request.

Daniel said that Brownell "added insult to injury" by asking in his suit that Texas be required to pay the federal government money received from leases on tidelands beyond a three mile limit. This would amount to more than \$26,000,000 which the state has salted away in the public school fund.

House also passed a resolution asking Congress to call a constitutional convention. Purpose would be to draft amendments limiting the power of the federal government where it infringes on state powers.

LAKE STUDY PROMISED - Governor Daniel promised advocates of free use of rural lakes that they will have their inning.

A number of legislators from rural areas have tried during the special sessions to change the law which limits water in small (200 acre feet or less) farm ponds to livestock and domestic use. Freedom to use the water for irrigation is sought.

Present law requires a special permit from the State Water Board to gain irrigation privileges. Farmers say getting such permits is complicated and too expensive.

But spokesmen for cities and downstream users vigorously oppose a change. They fear wholesale irrigation would dry up the streams leaving no water for them.

Governor Daniel said he would not submit this issue for the special session which "is dragging

enough as it is." But he promised a study of the problem with a view, perhaps, to making permits easier to get.

INSURANCE QUIZ - Senate investigating committee continued to put Insurance Department employees on the carpet to determine how well that agency is carrying out its functions.

Asst. Comm. Paul Connor took full responsibility for a three-months delay in action on a critical report concerning Preferred Life of Dallas. It was handled as quickly as possible "under the circumstances," said Connor. He pointed out the department was in a period of reorganization at the time and that it received hundreds of such reports.

T. W. Goad, for 17 years a department examiner, testified that examiners' morale was at an all-time low. He attributed this to (1) legislative cutting of examiners' per diem pay and (2) hostility from companies which feel state charges for an examination are too high.

COST OF CRIME - Board of Corrections adopted a 1958 budget of \$4,045,720 to take care of the all-time-high state prison population.

However, only \$1,025,829 of this comes from tax money. The rest is earned by the various farming and manufacturing enterprises operated by inmates.

Number behind bars has climbed to an average of 9,726 this year to 4,987 in 1947.

MORE MONEY FOR TEXAS - Texans have been getting richer faster than the average U. S. citizens in the past 27 years.

University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports Texas average income increased 447 per cent from 1929-57. U. S. average increased 279 per cent.

But there's a less rosy side. Last year Texas per capita income still hadn't caught up with the national average. It was \$1,686 compared to \$1,940.

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Circle of the First Baptist Church met in the Educational Building at 6:30 Monday evening for their regular meeting. Mrs. Bert Bennett, Circle Chairman, presided. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Mrs. Harper. The rest of the evening was turned over to Mrs. George Blackwell who brought the first half of the book on Africa, continent in commotion, written by one of our missionaries, Ira N. Patterson, of Ala. First, Paradox among the continent, 2nd, from slave coast to self-government, 3rd, from a hole in the ground, 4th, from place of slaughter to land of hope.

All who missed this meeting surely missed something. It was brought to us in a most informative manner.

Africa is one of the richest countries in the world. 98 percent of all the diamonds in the world come from Africa and 55 percent of the gold comes from Africa. Our own missionary from Gorman, Winfred Harper and wife, are missionaries in Africa and friends of the writer of this book.

There were 14 ladies present: Mesdames Bert Bennett, Ethel Harrell, George Blackwell, Frank Dean, Vera Hamrick, J. R. Todd, J. Q. Eakin, Jess Richardson, Gowan, Dave Harper, Morgan Bennett, Buena Van Winkle, and Helen Claxton.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Mrs. Hamrick. We were then served hot chocolate and delicious pound cake. Grace was led by Mrs. Harrell.

Mrs. J. W. Richardson

CARD OF THANKS

From the depths of our hearts, we sincerely thank each one for their acts of kindness shown in the passing of our dear husband, father and grandfather. A special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Blackwell Hospital, to the ministers who spoke words of comfort, to the quartet and pianist who rendered beautiful hymns and music, for the food brought, and for the beautiful floral offering.

When your hour of sorrow comes, may you be comforted by wonderful friends as we have been. Our prayers will be that God will bless each and every one.

Mrs. Dan Kinser
Children and Grandchildren

SEVENTH GRADE NEWS
Laneta Rodgers & Linda Harrison

The Junior High Football Banquet was held last Monday night. The mothers of the football players planned the banquet. They also cooked the food. We want to thank all of the mothers for helping. We had a good time. The football boys went in together and bought Mr. Goodwin a sheet and two pillow cases.

School turned out at 2:45 on Wednesday and we will not have to go back until next Monday. We are getting out for the Thanks giving holiday.

We hope all of you don't get sick over the turkey and all the trimmings.

Keeping Up With Our Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Clark and Jimmy visited relatives and friends in Denton last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Broom and Tommie, Mrs. Burma Hickey and Jessie and Chock Broom and two daughters, Johnny Bell and Shirley Key, attended the funeral of their uncle, Gene Broom, in Dallas Saturday, November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Robbins of Abilene were guests in the home of Mrs. V. W. Day last Saturday.

Mrs. Gladys Lucke has returned home after an extended visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Maxwell of Dumas.

GEORGE CLARK IS MEMBER OF CHAMP NAVY TEAM

George Clark, son of Mrs. Lela Clark, was recently a member of a softball team that won the championship of a league at the Naval Station in Guam, Marianas Islands. The trophy that was awarded to George is on display in the Progress office. George was the Captain of the team that represented his ship, USS Cayuga County (LST 529), in the Dunga-ree League.

The team, called the Demon Devils, won 20 of their 24 games including 17 straight games. George's team was the only ship represented in the league, and his team could not practice as much as the other teams because the ship was out to sea much of the

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. (AHTNC) — Army Pvt. Jimmie R. Rachel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Rachel, Route 2, Gorman, recently was graduated from The Ordnance School's Parts Course at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

During the six-week course, Rachel was trained in the use, interchangeability, identification and storage of ordnance repair parts.

Rachel was graduated from Gorman High School in 1953 and attended Tarleton State College, Stephenville, and Texas Tech College at Lubbock.

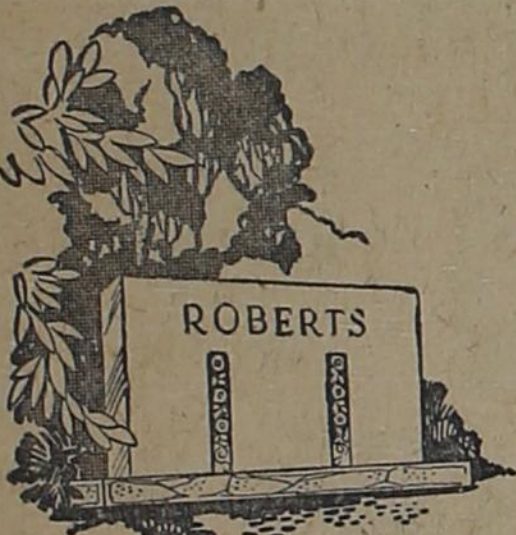
time. George played catcher and was one of the best hitters on the team. His mother received a letter of commendation from his commanding officer.

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