

Invitational Tournament Here Dec. 14-19

Water Subject Under Discussion By City

A group of some 60 men which included representatives from the towns of Gorman, De Leon, Dublin, Comanche, Stephenville, Hamilton and Hico and representatives from the Brazos River Authority met at the Sunset Cafe at Dublin to discuss the organization of a water district for the Proctor Dam. Representatives from Gorman were B. M. Bennett, Gabe Wright and Arlon E. Smith.

Mr. John D. McCall, representative with the Brazos River Authority, said that his organization had contracted with the government to increase the size of the dam for water conservation. The dam in its original state was to serve as a flood control dam. Additional cost for enlarging the dam will be paid by the Brazos River Authority. Mr. McCall said that the additional cost to enlarge the size of the dam would cost the Brazos River Authority some \$3,500,000 with a payout period of about fifty years. Mr. McCall stated that his organization was a state organization and would not seek any outrageous prices for its water. Should these seven towns fail to organize and purchase the water rights then the water would be sold on further down-stream to some other towns.

Actual construction on the dam must begin on or before June 30, 1960 and should be completed in approximately 3 years, depending largely upon the extent of money the federal government prorates each year to the project.

Mr. Homer Hunter, Engineer with the Brazos River Authority, stated that the seven towns would require approximately 13,000 acre feet of water annually by the year 2000. An acre foot is 333,333 gallons of water. The engineering has not been worked out to date but the most feasible way to distribute water to the

different towns would be to build a central water storage at Dublin and then distribute the water to De Leon, Gorman and Stephenville from that point. Based on present estimates the water at the dam site would cost 2 1/2 cents per thousand gallons and then a cost of five cents would be incurred for the treating of a thousand gallons of water. Water in the Proctor Dam would be of a very high quality with a low salt water content.

The cities in the water district have two ways to go:

1. All the distribution facilities to the city gates to be furnished by the Brazos River Authority and each town would pay a certain price for the water consumed.

2. All distribution facilities to be owned by the Water District (towns mentioned above) and financed by these towns through the sale of bonds.

No definite concrete figures have been arrived at but a good figure for the price of water at the city gate would be 18 cents per thousand gallons which would be about the same as the cost of water being pumped in our own town today.

Mr. Gabe Wright and Mr. Arlon E. Smith voted with the other towns represented to form the water district which will not obligate our town either way. The main reason for forming the water district at this time is to get the bill written where it could be presented to the legislature for passage should a special session be called in the early part of next year.

Members appointed by the City Commission on Saturday, Dec. 5 to represent Gorman on the Water District Board were B. M. Bennett and W. G. Kirk.

Next meeting of the board is scheduled for Dec. 14, 1959.

Peanut Producers Uged To Vote In Referendum 15th.

Mr. D. B. Warren, member of Board of Directors of Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association, has strongly stressed the importance of all peanut producers voting in the coming marketing quota referendum to be held Dec. 15, 1959. In accordance with the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has set this date for voting to determine the wishes of the producers relative to marketing quotas for the 1960, 1961, and 1962 crops of peanuts.

According to Mr. Warren if at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum favors quotas, they will be in effect in each of the three years. If more than one-third of the voters oppose, quotas will not be in effect for 1960 and another referendum would be held in 1960 for the following three years.

Mr. Warren emphasized that if marketing quotas are approved in the referendum, growers who comply with their allotments will be eligible for price support at the full announced rate, and marketing penalties will apply to the excess peanuts produced. He stated, however, if quotas are disapproved in the referendum, quotas and penalties will not be in effect for 1960, and price support will be available at only 50 percent of parity to growers who comply with their acreage allotments.

Peanut marketing quotas have been in effect each year since 1949. The last referendum was held in December, 1956, when 93.5 percent of the growers voting approved marketing quotas for the 1957, 1958, and 1959 crops.

See complete schedule of bowl games in J&S Sports

with the Rock Bluff were Liberty, Cheaney, Beattie, Bethel, Duster and Oliver Springs. There were visitors from Gorman, De Leon, Comanche and a few came from points in West Texas.



Bro. H. F. Skaggs was the principal speaker for the day, and for him the day was one of much joy for it had also been planned, without his knowledge, to honor him on his 82nd birthday which was December 4th.

Bro. Skaggs was born in Johnson County but when he was only three weeks old his family moved to Comanche County and settled on the land where he has lived since 1877.

His wife, whom he met at an Apron Party, is the former Miss Lizzie Lee Browning. The couple have 10 children, eight of whom were present. They have 32 grand children and 18 great grandchildren. No deaths have occurred to any of Bro. Skaggs descendants, but a sin-in-law passed away last August.

His old friend Bro. Ben Clement, who is 83 years old, was the oldest visitor attending the day's celebration.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

PEANUT & COTTON REFERENDUM DEC. 15
Voting boxes will be located at the following places:
Ranger - City Hall
Eastland - ASC Office
Cisco - Chamber of Commerce
Gorman - Smith Bros. Chev. Co.
Carbon - Carbon Ins. Office
Rising Star - City Hall
Polls will be open from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m.

These boxes will be for voting both cotton and peanuts. Husband and wife may vote.
Voting date: Dec. 15, 1959.

CATTLE RUSTLING TO B EDISCUSSED AT BROWN JUG CAFE
A meeting of all persons interested in the apprehension and conviction of cattle rustlers will be held at the Brown Jug Cafe this evening at 7 p. m.

Subject will be a reward fund of \$500 to \$1000 to be paid for the arrest and conviction of the persons who stole cattle from Adrian Bryant and others recently.

BUSINESSMEN TO ENTERTAIN WIVES
Members of the Businessmen's Club of Gorman will entertain their wives at a dinner, Monday, 6:30 p. m. in the School Cafeteria.

SOCIAL SECURITY REP. HERE ON DEC. 14TH
On Monday, December 14, 1959 a Social Security Representative out of the Regional Office in Abilene will be in Gorman at the City Office.

W. J. DUKES TO OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Duke will receive family and friends Sunday, December 20, 1959 in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

RECITAL IN DE LEON
On Tuesday night, December 15, 1959 Mrs. J. M. Holdridge of De Leon will present her pupils in a musical recital at the First Methodist Church in De Leon.

In the group she has three pupils from Gorman. They are Carole Rae Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rankin, Carolyn Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Othell Clark, and Becky Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Goodwin.
The public is cordially invited.

DRIVER'S TEST THURSDAY 17TH AT FIRE HALL
Examinations and drivers tests for drivers licenses will be given at the Fire Hall in Gorman on Thursday, December 17th.

PO Says Mail Early For Xmas

This week the Post Office Department again placed in each box in town and on the rural routes slips marked "All for in Town" and "All for out of Town" for the patrons to tie their cards, place the slip on top of the bundle and hand them to the clerks. This will avoid having to handle them more than once.

The public is urged to mail their parcels and cards early in the month to assure delivery by Christmas Day. To mail early in the day is emphasized because most people wait until late in the afternoon to mail and this causes a congestion. It will help tremendously if you will mail your cards and parcels early in the day.

Christmas cards unsealed may be mailed any place for 3 cents. In order for your cards to be returned or forwarded you will have to place a 4 cent stamp on your cards.

Your cooperation with the above suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

For the convenience of patrons the Post Office will remain open all day Saturday, Dec. 12th and 19th.

Mrs. Leroy Gowan Dies At Amherst

Sad news was received in Gorman early Wednesday morning when Bro. Leroy Gowan called Mr. Gus Frossard notifying him of the death of his wife, Francis Gowan, who had passed away during the night Tuesday. Mrs. Gowan died in the hospital at Amherst, Texas.

Bro. Gowan was minister of the Gorman Church of Christ for four years and during that time they endeared themselves to all who knew them.

Funeral services were held today, Thursday, December 10, at 2:30 in Amherst.

Burial will be in Atlanta, in East Texas, on Friday, December 11th.

Survivors besides her husband are one son, Joe, and one daughter, Carolyn.

High School Teams Entered In Carbon Touney

The Gorman High School Basketball teams will play in the Carbon Invitational Basketball Tournament Friday night.

The girls play Putnam at 5:15 p. m. on Friday with the boys meeting Eastland "B" team.

The Gorman sextet and the Desdemona girls are favorites to meet in the finals Saturday night with favorites in the boys division being Carbon, Eastland, Olden and Carlton.

Grade School Cagers Play In Putnam Tourney

The Cubs played in the Putnam Tournament last week.

The girls lost to Desdemona and Cisco.

The Cubs won the opener with Desdemona but dropped the second game to Eula.

The Grade School boys, girls and "B" boys played Carbon on Monday night. Carbon won the girls game and the boys B team games. The Gorman boys won over Carbon in the final game.

Large Sum Is Released For Proctor Dam

The initial sum to start the Proctor Reservoir, in the amount of \$290,000.00 has been released. It was announced by R. D. Collins, Director of the Brazos River Authority, that construction is due to begin on June 30, 1960.

By stepping up the time table the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers believe the project can be completed within three years. Water from the reservoir will be available for use within five years, Mr. Collins stated at a meeting held in Dublin.

The total cost figures for the dam is to be \$15,000,000. Water from the reservoir would be sold by priority with municipalities getting first choice, then industries and farmers and ranchers for irrigation.

It can be expected that the economy of the surrounding areas will be boosted considerably for a large labor force will be employed during the three years of construction.

Gorman was represented by City Commissioners Gabe Wright and Arlon Smith and County Commissioner B. M. Bennett for the general discussion. Among other towns represented were Comanche, De Leon, Dublin, Hamilton and Stephenville.

On Monday, December 14th another meeting is to be held in Dublin, central location, for the purpose of studying figures and the plans being formulated. Mr. Homer T. Hunter, consulting engineer, will preside at the meeting.

Thirty Teams Entered

The Gorman High School Invitational Basketball Tournament will begin December 14th and continue through December 19th with no games scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16th.

The opening game in the tournament will be at 1 p. m. on Monday between the Olden and Gordon girls. Other first round games on Monday will be between Abilene B boys and Gordon at 2:15 p. m.; Lingleville and Cross Plains boys at 3:30; Scranton and Cross Plains girls at 5:15; Ranger and Putnam boys at 6:30; Priddy and Putnam girls at 7:45; and Priddy and Moran boys at 9 p. m.

Action will again start at 1 p. m. on Tuesday with Olden and Comanche B boys followed by De Leon and Gustine girls at 2:15; Dublin and Gustine boys at 3:30; Gorman and Dublin girls at 5:15; Gorman and Scranton boys at 6:30; Huckaby and Eastland girls at 7:45; with the De Leon and Huckaby boys playing the final game of the day.

On Thursday consolation bracket games will begin at 1 p. m. with the night session opening at 5:15 with Moran and Comanche B girls playing the last first round game followed by three games in the winners side of the bracket.

Friday will bring eight more games beginning at 1 p. m. and ending with a 9 p. m. game Friday night.

Twelve games will be played Saturday beginning at 8 a. m. with the girls consolation and championship semi-finals being unheeled before noon.

In the afternoon session beginning at 12:15 the boys teams will be narrowed to finalist in the consolation and championship brackets.

The finals will start at 5:30 p. m. with the consolation girls game followed by the consolation boys game at 6:30. The girls winner will be determined at 8 p. m. and the boys champion will be decided at 9:15 p. m.

The De Leon girls and Lingleville boys are defending champions of the tournament and both will again be contenders this year.

Other girls teams that will be in contention are Priddy and Gorman, who was runner-up in the 1958 tourney.

Boys teams believed to be strong besides Lingleville are Cross Plains, Abilene B, Priddy, Scranton, Olden and De Leon.

A first and second All-Tournament Team will be chosen in each division with trophies going to the winners, runner-up and consolation winner in each division. Coaches gifts will also be given to the coaches of the winners, runner-up and consolation winner.

Thirty teams are entered in the tourney: sixteen boys and fourteen girls teams. The tournament represents the largest in several years at Gorman.

Admission prices will be 50c for adults and 25c for students for each session. Tournament tickets for entire tourney will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. The concession stand will be open throughout the tournament.

Referees for the tourney will be Bill Little, James Perkins, Gene Rodgers, Garner Rice, and David Goodwin.

Hospital Report

The following were listed as patients at Blackwell Hospital on Thursday morning:

- 301 - Mrs. Frank Carver, Comanche
- 302 - Larry Chambers, Gorman
- 304 - Mrs. W. G. Morris, De Leon
- 304 John Hill, Cisco
- 306 - Mrs. J. E. Hobson, Eastland
- 307 - Mrs. Mitchell Campbell, Gorman
- 303 - Mrs. J. J. Tucker, Ranger
- 310 - Mrs. J. T. Harris, Olden
- 311 - Mrs. R. F. Vonn
- 312 - Mrs. R. M. Russell, Gorman
- 401 - Wesley Eads, De Leon (No Visitors)
- 403 - Mrs. T. J. Hale, Carbon
- 404 - W. R. Green, Gorman
- 405 - Mrs. E. E. Hudman, Moran
- 406 - Mrs. D. S. Beck, De Leon
- 408 - W. C. Bradshaw, Comanche
- 409 - R. D. Whatley, Gorman
- 410 - Mrs. A. D. Garrett, Cmnche
- 411 - Mrs. John Wilson, Carbon
- 412 - J. D. Spivey, Comanche
- 414 - Sara Hodges, Gorman
- 415 - Mrs. G. A. McDaniel, Carbon
- 416 - Myra Plumlee, Comanche
- 417 - O. B. McDonald, Comanche
- 418 - Tommy Craven, Gorman

Births At Blackwell

Jeffery Lesley born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Lesley of De Leon weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces.

Charles Donald Lindley, Jr. born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindley of De Leon of December 6 weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

Tuesday, December 8. Burial was in the Ranger Cemetery.

Mrs. Barton is also survived by two sons and one daughter.

History of Rock Bluff Bap. Church



Comanche County, Texas
December 6, 1879
Constitution

On Saturday before the first Sunday in December, J. M. Strickland and H. F. Reynolds met with the following named brethren and sisters; to-wit: Jason Clark, N. W. Broughton, M. C. Reece, W. J. Skaggs, W. P. Smith, Lewis Howard, Ed. T. Broughton, J. W. Broughton, Sisters Lucinda Reece, Malinda Lewis, F. J. Skaggs, Flora Broughton, Mary Howard, M. J. Smith.

Bro. Reynolds was chosen moderator. N. W. Broughton, clerk pro tem.

After examining the letters of the above named brethren and sisters and their articles of faith and covenant, they were organized into a church to be known as the Rock Bluff Baptist Church and the right hand of fellowship given and the charge delivered by Elders Strickland and Reynolds.

The first known pastor of the church was Bro. R. S. Underwood. The first church clerk, Bro. J. W. Broughton.

For the first 8 or 10 years, this group met in a log school house for services. The log house had a hewn slab door and shutter-board windows. The people sat on split log benches. Where now you see varied colored automobiles, there stood hacks, wagons

and saddle pines on the clearing above the red rock bluff. Part of the land where the present church stands was given by B. F. Clark in 1887. At that time Rock Bluff built what was possibly the first church building in Comanche County. Higginbotham & Co. gave land to finish out the present site in 1911. The present church building was built in 1927 after tearing down the old building. Some of the older churches which were organized from Rock Bluff membership were Liberty, Harmony, Turkey Creek, and Antioch. Of these only Liberty is still active.

The church covenant is the 12th. Chapter of Romans. At this time we have no pastor but we are prayerfully seeking one. Our present church clerk is Vera Joiner. We have had three pastors who are still living. Bro. H. F. Skaggs who pastored the church for 41 years, Bro. Charles Killough, 2 months, Bro. C. Q. Herndon, 1 year and 4 months.

At present we have 83 members, 35 of whom are in regular attendance. Our deacons are Bro. M. J. Pounds, R. F. Smith, and W. C. Browning.

There was an over-flowing crowd of over 200 people who joined in observing the church's 80th. birthday. Other churches whose members were invited to participate in worship services

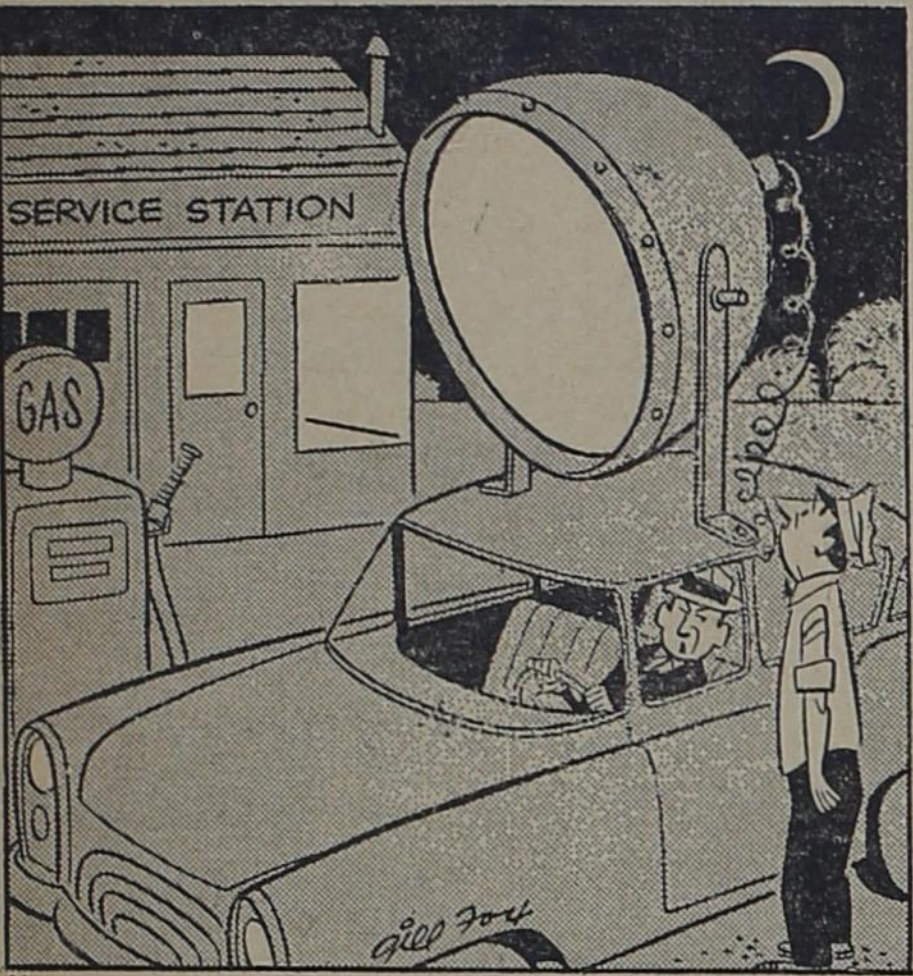
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DESDEMONA NEWS

ETHEL KEITH, Reporter.

Mr. Tommy John Williams of Louisville visited Sunday with his grandmother, Granny Northcutt, and Eva.

Bennie Dean White, wife and two daughters of Denison spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. J. N. Abernathy, and family.

Mrs. Dess Abernathy spent Thursday and Friday in Snyder with a nephew who is quite ill.

The B. M. Keith family of Cisco spent Saturday here with his sister, the Pug Gutherys, and his mother, Ethel Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abel and son, Larry Bob, spent the week end here with their parents, the R. H. Abels and R. Joiners. Also the Bob Miears of Arlington were here for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Krapf of Ft Worth and Mr. Estes Clayton and family were here the past weekend.

Mrs. Joe Merrill, who has been a patient in the Gorman hospital for several days, is expected to be home early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rogers visited Sunday with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lane, enroute home from a trip to Dallas where Ted had been to a heart specialist recommended by his family doctor. The doctor in Dallas reported that Ted was improving satisfactorily but will have to report to him every two weeks.

Mr. Murrah Foote and Mrs. Maggie Pool were quietly married in a double ring ceremony Saturday night at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church parsonage. Rev. Buel Bryan read the vows. Alton Brown was best man and Mrs. Myrt Reed was matron of honor.

All of Mrs. Pool's children and grandchildren were present. They are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pool and daughter of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. James Pool and sons, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Skinny Lewis, Vicki and Philip Stan of Desdemona, and a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burleson and baby of Ft Worth.

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OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

By Florence Richardson

Our though for the week: "Always begin somewhere. You can't build a reputation on what you intend to do."

Several from this community enjoyed the services at Rock Bluff Sunday. We were happy to have a part in their program.

Mrs. Jeanette Kinser attended the funeral of Mr. Fate Brown in Eastland Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B. A. Hirst and Mrs. Watson were shopping in Stephenville Thursday.

The James Miears visited with the L. F. Miears Saturday night.

Mrs. J. N. Watson is spending a few days in Eastland with her sister.

The Rex Kinsers and the Loyd Glassons visited the Albert Hendricks in the Kokomo Community Thursday night.

The Homer Richardson and the Garland Perys were visitors on Sunday night in the Clyde Setzler home.

Don't forge tour New Year's Singing at Oliver Springs.

LOCAL MASONS ATTEND WACO MEETING

The Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 AF&AM was well represented at Grand Lodge in Waco this week.

Those attending were Bill Parr, M. F. Boston, E. E. Todd, Dr. W. M. Brogdon, Joe Collins, and Nelson Rand. Pat Collins of Ranger was with the group from Gorman.

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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

T/Sgt. and Mrs. James Tescon of Travis Air Force Base in California are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Watson, until after the Christmas holidays. Pfc. and Mrs. Johnny Watson of Dyess AFB, Abilene were home for the weekend.

Visitors for the weekend in the R. O. Rankin home were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Britton and children of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jordan and daughter of Flatwoods.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Browning visited this weekend with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Timms, in Winters.

T/Sgt. Joe Cook and family spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Scythia Bagwell. Joe has been attending a special missile school in Amarillo. He is being moved from Florida where they have been making their home, to the state of Maine.

Mrs. Bert Crawley of Arlington spent the first of the week with friends in Gorman.

Mr. Millard T. Elliott of Marion, N. C. surprised Mrs. Elma Elliott with a visit last Tuesday. It was the first time Mrs. Elliott had seen her brother-in-law in about 24 years.

They climbed the highest peak in the Blue Ridge Mountains of N. C. at that time in company of other mountain climbers. However, they are agreed they could not repeat that very pleasant experience after so many years have taken their toll of our strength.

Mrs. Lois Robbins visited her mother in the home of Mrs. V. W. Day on Tuesday.

LYNDALL MORROW ON HONOR ROLL AT HPC

James Lyndal Morrow was on the A Honor Roll at Howard Payne College for the first nine weeks of the semester.

Lyndall is a 1958 graduate of Carbon High School and is a Sophomore at Howard Payne in Brownwood.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow of the Kokomo community.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wyatt, recent newlyweds, being honored at a reception Saturday evening, December 5 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nix.

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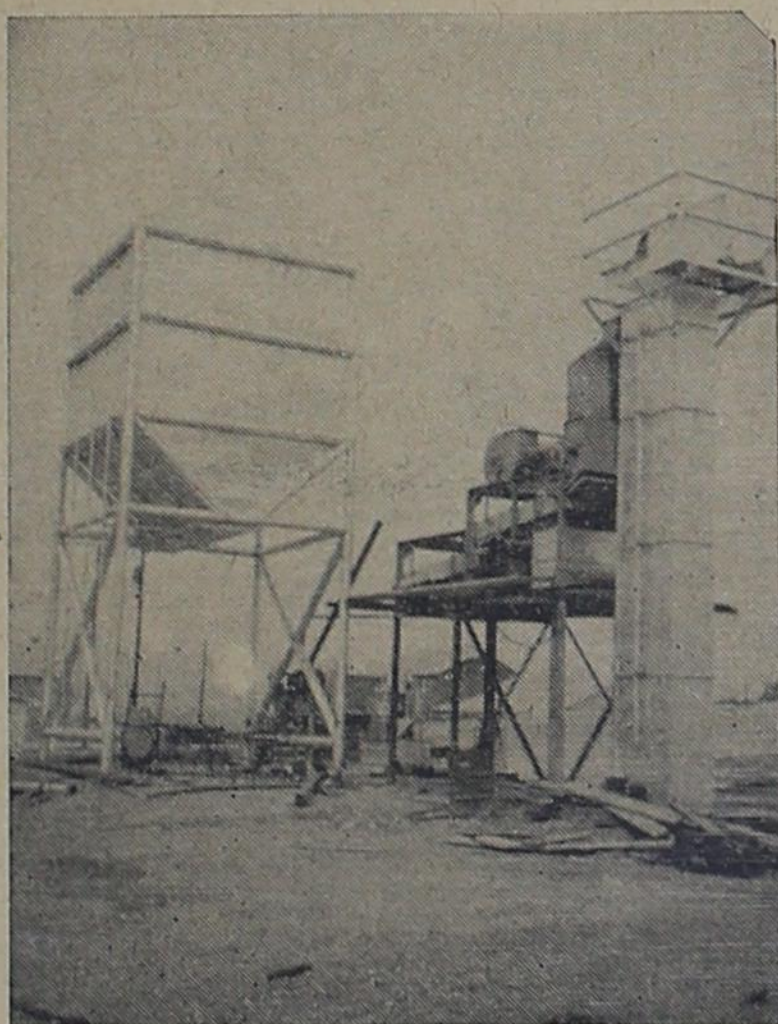
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KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Jordan

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller and children on Wednesday were her dad, Mr. and Mrs. Flatt of Rucker, and Mrs. Fullers, aunt, Mrs. Kennedy of Levelland.

Enjoying a musical in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks and Sylvia on Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Glasson and Glenn Edward of Desdemona, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Kinser and Barbara of Gorman and their little niece, Pearl Kinser of Cisco, Mr. Roy Kinser of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller and children, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and children, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal.

Visiting with Mrs. W. F. Bryant on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lasater, Sandra and Jerry of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bryant, Mrs. John W. Henderson and Rev. Jackie Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Lasater and children also visited with his mother, Mrs. W. N. Stephens.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pack and children on Thursday night were her brother, Mr. Glenn Alexander of Lincoln, Neb. and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Alexander of Stephenville. Visiting with the Packs on Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Snider and Audrey of Abilene and Mrs. Collin Campbell and Addie Lou of Carbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and children were visiting and shopping in Ft Worth, Arlington and Grand Prairie on Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Jackie Heath and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett on Sunday.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Eaves on Sunday were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Drayton Lenz and son of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Webb of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eaves and children of Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood and Mrs. Wilbourne Wood and Terri of Carbon were visiting with the Albert Hendricks on Sunday afternoon.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Graham on Sunday were her mother, Mrs. Emma Lasater of Gorman, and Mr. and Mrs. Delman Eaves and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caraway and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. Whit Graham on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson and Mrs. Carra Sessum visited with Mrs. Caraway and children on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Eaves have received word that their son, Pvt. Tommy Earl Eaves, of Fort Ord, Calif., will arrive in Abilene on Dec. 19. Mr. and Mrs. Eaves will meet him in Abilene and he will spend his furlough here. He is completing his basic training and will be assigned to a new camp when his leave is up.

Sylvia Hendricks spent the weekend in Gorman with Mary Shell.

FOUNDATION LAID FOR NEW PHONE BUILDING

The concrete foundation is now ready for the beginning of construction work on the new telephone building to be built in Gorman. The materials are being delivered to the site and soon, weather permitting, the work will be in full swing.

Gov. Price Daniels Proclaims Dec. 13 Safety Sunday

Sunday, December 13, has been designated by Governor Price Daniels as "Safety Sunday" in Texas to signal the opening of Christmas-New Year's holiday traffic safety campaign throughout the state.

The Governor's proclamation said efforts to "end death and destruction on the streets and highways of Texas will not fully succeed until each driver comes to realize that traffic safety is a spiritual concern." The Governor urged each citizen to help awaken in the conscience and mind of every driver the realization that negligence at the wheel of an automobile is a transgression of God's Own Command, "Thou Shalt Not Kill." He also asked the assistance of every pastor in Texas by reminding each church member of his moral responsibility in obeying the traffic laws.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. LETHA KING

Family and friends surprised Mrs. Letha King on her 76th birthday this week with a card and gift shower. Here birthday cake was baked by Mrs. R. L. Sharp. On some flimsy excuse she was brought to town and when she returned home the guests and gifts were waiting for her.

Several friends came over from Desdemona. Twenty were present for the party and she received sixty-one birthday cards.

Hostesses were Mmes. R. L. Sharp, Lendon Shipman and Weldon Shipman.

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To determine the best model for your shooter, he'll want to know, if your man is a hunter, the types of game he ordinarily shoots. Or, if he goes in for target shooting, does he prefer trap or skeet? A list of the guns he already owns will also give some idea of his preferences. Since fit is important in a fine gun, your sporting goods dealer will ask your man's sleeve length and neck size (short and thick or long). This will help him fit the gun to the man and make sure that the gun you give is the perfect gift come Christmas morning.

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Sabanna Valley Game Preserve Association will have a Christmas Party in connection with its regular meeting at the Center Point Community House Tuesday night, December 15. This will be an open house affair and everyone is invited to join in the merriment.

Games of "42" and Canasta will be played and refreshments will be served. Gifts will be exchanged. Anyone may bring a gift not to cost over 50c and preferably of a comic nature.

Ladies are asked to bring a pie or cake for refreshments. Drinks will be furnished by the Association.

Come early - a good fire will be burning and the house will be warm.

OLD-TIMER VISITS PROGRESS OFFICE

Occasionally old-timers come by the Progress office. Recently Mr. J. Henry Ray of Vernon stopped in to ask about a number of folk. Mr. Ray was with the Water-Pierce Oil Co. of Dublin - the only distributors in this area in 1904. He drove a tank wagon pulled by four percheron horses and delivered coal oil to De Leon, Sipe Springs, Rising Star, Gorman, Rucker and back to Dublin. He carried a five gallon can of gasoline which was sold to use in irons.

In Gorman Mr. Ray's customer was Frank Townsend who purchased coal oil and about two gallons of gasoline.

Sometimes Mr. Ray would be late making his trip and Mr. Townsend would reprimand him by saying, "Farmers have been without light several days because they couldn't get coal oil."

SHORT STORY

Three Of A Kind
By F. L. Rowley

ROSALIE had seen it coming for several weeks. Even so it was a shock to have Mr. Longtree tell her that her services would no longer be required—as of Friday. Her eyes followed him now as he walked over to the big window and stood looking out. She was sorry for Mr. Longtree; almost as sorry as she was for herself. At times she thought the old man seemed even lonelier than she—if such a thing were possible. And now that a dying business had forced him to let her go, there would be no one left to listen to his simple little stories.



"Here comes Mr. Jenkins," said Mr. Longtree. Rosalee blushed. Mr. Jenkins was their best customer. She had phoned him at once when Mr. Longtree had given her the bad news. Now she was slightly ashamed of herself. What in the world did she expect Mr. Jenkins to do? She had to talk to someone though, and he had always seemed genuinely interested in the little shop—and in her.



Longtree bristled. "What would you have me do? Hire sky-writers?"

"How are you, David?" Jenkins sang out as he charged into the shop. "And how's my favorite salesgirl?" he asked, turning to Rosalee.

Rosalee smiled. She felt better already. "I'm fine, Mr. Jenkins. What can we do for you today?" Then she blushed again. That wasn't really fair—not after asking him to rush right over.

Jenkins raised his eyebrows. Then he grinned. "It's this jacket." "You don't like the jacket?" asked Mr. Longtree anxiously.

"It's a fine jacket. I just wondered if Rosalee would help me pick out a tie to go with it."

"OH," Mr. Longtree turned to walk away. "Just a minute, David. I should like to discuss something with you—something that might help your business."

David Longtree gave his customer a long, steady look. Then he grunted: "Business? What's that?"

"You might find out if you weren't ten years behind the times."

Longtree bristled. "What would you have me do? Hire sky-writers? Give prizes away on television?"

"Nothing that drastic. There's a vacant store at Fourteenth and Main. That's a bus-stop, David."

"I know. I've looked at it every day this week. Only I'm an old man, Mr. Jenkins, and I'm afraid to ask what the rent would be; my heart couldn't stand a sudden shock."

"My brother owns the building," said Jenkins confidently. "I—I don't know," said Mr. Longtree uncertainly; he pulled up a chair and sat down.

Rosalee could have kissed Mr. Jenkins. She knew from experience that whenever David Longtree expressed doubt about anything he was already sold on the idea. He would move into the new store—and soon. "I think it's a wonderful idea!" she said.

"Think it over, David. Meanwhile, in return for the suggestion, I should like to take Rosalee out to lunch. Fair enough?"

Mr. Jenkins was shaking his head from side to side. "If you hadn't called me this afternoon I might have lost you—for good. Do you think it's only old men like David who experience loneliness? I never realized that I'd only been drifting until I met you. What man in his right mind would buy fifty-three shirts in so short a time?"

Rosalee laughed. "Was it so many?"

"It was; in less than six months." "I didn't realize. Funny that I should think of you as soon as I was in trouble though. When David gave me the bad news a strange feeling of loneliness seemed to crush me."

"That makes three of us. We'll find another clerk to help David in his new store. Then we'll do something nice for two other lonely people. Right?"

Rosalee squeezed his arm. Nothing could be "righter".

J & S SPORTS

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There will be about sixteen post season Bowl games this season and most all of them, in fact all of the Major Bowls, will have a team playing that is rated in the top ten of the nation. The Cotton Bowl has the No. 1 team, Syracuse playing the No. 4 team, Texas, Most sportswriters are saying that the Longhorns might as well go fishing; but those of us that live in the Southwest believe Texas will give the New Yorkers a good ball game.

The following is the facts, figures, locations, dates, seating capacity and opponents in bowl games:

Dec. 19 - Blue Bonnet at Houston - Teams: TCU vs. Clemson; seating 100,000; national TV and radio, CBS - Channel 4 in this area.

Dec. 19 - Liberty at Philadelphia - Teams: Penn State vs. Alabama; 100,000; national TV and radio - NBC - Channels 9 and 5 in our area.

Dec. 26 - Blue-Gray at Montgomery, Ala. - All-Star teams; 22,000; national TV - NBC - Channels 9 and 5 in this area.

Dec. 26 - Copper Bowl at Tempe, Ariz. - Southwest All-Stars vs. National All-Stars; 30,000; national TV, CBS - Channel 4 in this area.

January 1 - Cotton Bowl - Syracuse vs. Texas; 75,500; National TV, CBS - Channel 4 in this area. Time approx. 3 p. m.

January 1 - Rose Bowl - Washington vs. Wisconsin; 100,000; National TV and radio, NBC Channels 5 and 9 in this area.

January 1 - Sugar Bowl at New Orleans - LSU vs. Ole Miss; 83,000; National TV and radio, NBC - Channels 5 and 9 in this area.

January 1 - Orange Bowl at Miami - Georgia vs. Missouri; 78,000; CBS TV, Channel 4 in this area.

January 2 - Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla. - Arkansas vs. Georgia Tech.; 42,000; CBS TV, Channel 4 in this area.

January 2 - East-West at San Francisco - All-Star team; 60,000; on NBC TV, Channels 5 and 9.

January 9 - Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala. - All Star teams; 40,605; NBC TV, Channels 5 & 9.

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