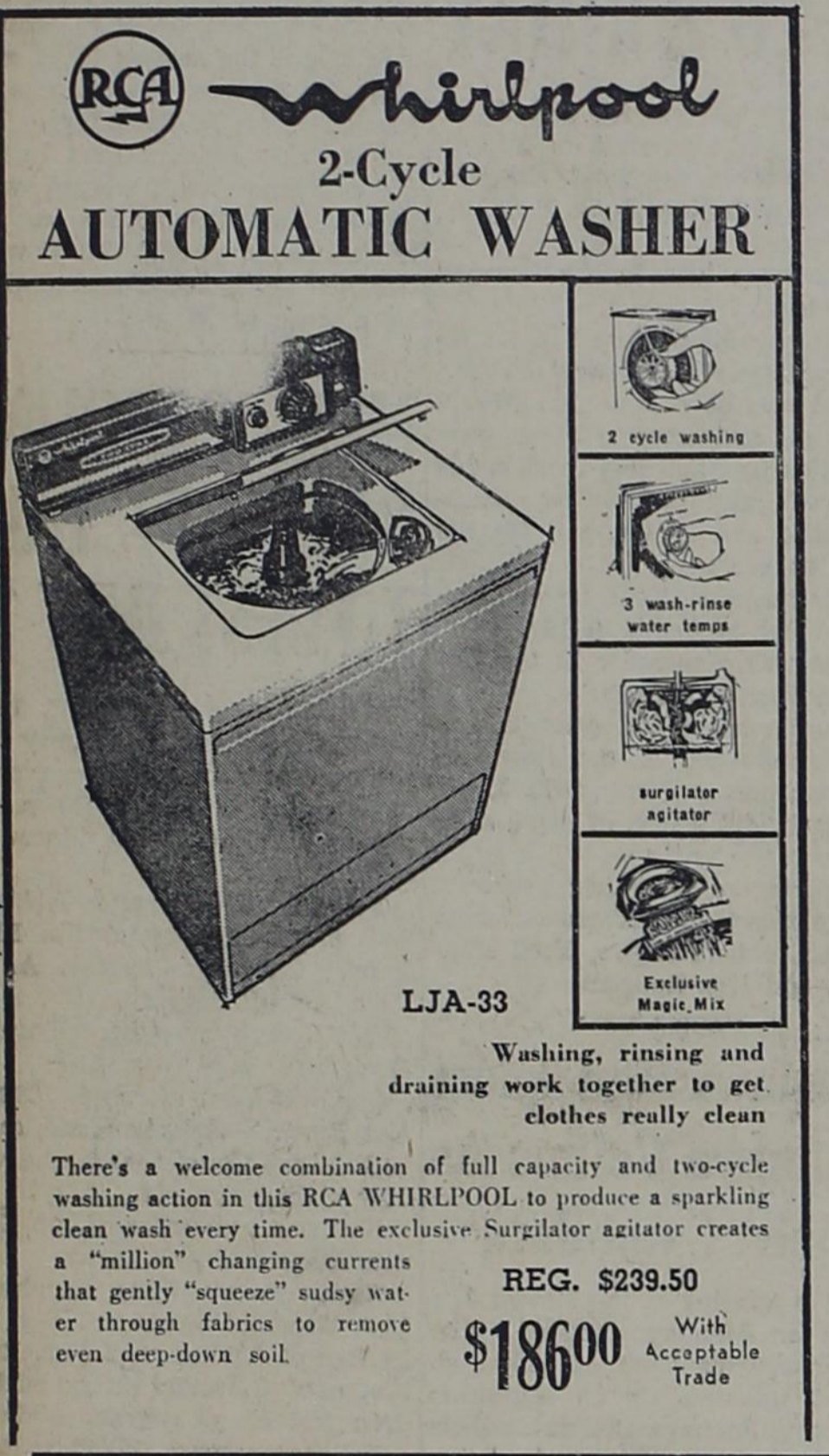


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Margaret Ellison To Coach US Team Against Russia

DAYTON, Ohio (RNS) — Margaret Ellison, coach of the Texas Track Club, got her biggest thrill at the National AAU Women's Track and Field championships here when the Texas Track Club finished third behind two fabulous Tennessee State sprint relay four-somes.

This was the first time that a Texas foursome finished in the money in the national championships.

Mary Rose of Lubbock led off, Sue Schnexnnyder of Port Arthur ran the second leg, Paula Walter of Eola, the third, and Janice Rinehart of Snyder anchored in setting a Texas women's record of 48.8.

Mary Rose finished third in the 220-yard low hurdles, a new event on the program. The all-around performer from Lubbock had won her heat easily in 30.4 in placing third behind Sally Griffith and Laura Voss, Mary was timed in 30.7.

It was her sixth race of the day. Mrs. Ellison felt that Mary more than lived up to her sobriquet "The Jerry Dyes" of the Texas Track Club. It is felt that Miss Rose is a real candidate for the 880-yard spot on the U. S. Olympic team next year.

In the 100-yard dash final, captured by 17-year-old Wyomis Tyus of Tennessee State, Miss Rinehart would up sixth in a class field of nine. Janice was second in her heat and fourth in the semifinal. Miss Rinehart's time in the 220 semis was 25.0, after a 24.3 performance in the trials.

Sue Schnexnnyder, winner of the trial heat in 11.5, had the same time in the semifinals and finished with the leaders in the finals — only to go unplaced.

Mrs. Ellison received a thunderous applause from over 7,500 track fans when she was introduced Saturday night as the head coach of the USA team against Russia. She is the first woman to serve as head coach in the international dual matches.

Optimistic about the American team's chances against Russia, Coach Ellison feels that this is the strongest team ever selected to oppose the Russians. A year ago at Palo Alto, Calif., Russia defeated our women, 66-41.

"I feel that Wyomis Tyus established herself at this meet as perhaps the strongest sprinter at 100 meters in the world. There's no question that Vivian Brown will retain supremacy at the 220-meter distance."

The American coach predicted a new world record for the red, white and blue quartet in the 440-meter relay with Willye White leading off, 100-meter champion Edith McGuire on the second leg, 200-meter champion Miss Brown handling the third leg and Wyomis Tyus, author of the fastest 100-yard dash at the AAU (10.5), running the anchor leg.

Perhaps the biggest boost in the field events will be in the high jump with Pan American champion Eleanor Montgomery and America's finest all-round female athlete Billee Pat Daniels.

The American team was trained in Dayton for a week under Coach Ellison and were enplaned for New York on July 11, before departing for Moscow on July 13.

Mrs. Ellison, daughter of Mrs. Fanny Burkett of Gorman, also will coach track teams in Poland, England, and West Germany while on tour.

GEORGE E. CLARK PROMOTED TO QTM. 2ND. CLASS, USN

USS REQUISITE (FHTNC) — George E. Clark, quartermaster second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Clark of Gorman, Texas, was advanced to his present rate May 16 while a crewmember of the surveying ship USS Requisite currently at the Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia, Pa.

Advancement is based on meeting the Navy's military and professional requirements and determined by the needs of the service and scores attained on the Navy-wide competitive examinations given bi-annually. His promotion results from successful participation in the February tests.

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CASSIE SUE NELSON AND CHRISTI ANN FULLER HONORED ON BIRTHDAYS

Cassie Sue Nelson and Christi Ann Fuller were honored with a birthday party on July 10 from 4 to 5:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hendricks. The girls were presented with white Bibles. The children enjoyed indoor games. After the birthday song, refreshments of birthday cake, ice cream, cheese crisps, and cold drinks were served to the following:

Cassie Sue Nelson, Christi Ann Fuller, Johnny and Bobby Eaves, Teddy Jordan, Ricky Fuller, Teresa and Joe Fields, Juanita, Patricia and Johnny O'Neill, Sylvia Hendricks, Mrs. Claude Fuller and Mrs. Albert Hendricks.

FORMER PASTOR TO BE FOSTER PARENTS TO EXCHANGE STUDENT

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Haynes and Bobby of Weatherford, former pastor of the Gorman First Methodist Church, left July 7th for a three week combination trip and vacation.

They will attend the National Town and Country Convention in Minneapolis and vacation in New England and New York. On the 22nd they will pick up Christian Schunable in New York, and will return by way of Washington, D. C.

The Haynes attended church last Sunday in St. Vincent Methodist Church in Chicago where Rev. Haynes worked in an evangelistic campaign a few years ago. They will attend church this Sunday at St. John Methodist Church in New York.

Christian Schunable is an exchange student from West Germany and is being sponsored by the Youth Fellowship of Couts Memorial Methodist Church in Weatherford.

He will spend this next year in the home of his foster parents, Rev. and Mrs. Haynes, and will finish his senior year of High School in the Weatherford School. Christian is also a ministerial student.

Leon Homecomers To Meet On Sunday

by Lucretia Fairbetter

Residents and former residents of the Leon Community are readying for their second annual homecoming to be held at Frank A. Gray Park, formerly Bass Lake, Gorman's picnic grounds and swimming pool, on Sunday, July 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Thearon Gilmore recall that Bob Boucher and Mrs. Kathy Gray Murphy taught at the three-room school, closed in the 1930's, at which time the land site reverted back to the Mears estate, having been donated by S. D. Mears. More recently the site and surrounding area was purchased by Rayford Burgess. A hand pump over a well marks the spot where school children congregated at recess. The school was located about two miles from the Leon River just over the Eastland County line in Comanche County.

The late Baptist ministers, Bro. Willie Skaggs and Bro. Ben Clements, held meetings in the tabernacle. Singings were both a social and religious event. The Leon Baptist Church was organized following a revival in 1909.

Early settler Ed Hirst, father of Mrs. Arland Watson, was known as the ram-rodder, community

promoter and leader for many years. John Henderson, who resides on Route 2, Gorman, also preached at Leon.

First, second, third and fourth generation families to attend the homecoming are the Richardsons, Bells, Gilmores, Hirsts, Adeocks, Mears, Fannins, Echols, Watsons, Westmorelands, Gowans, Rawls, Atchisons, Parkers, Bryants, and Seays, among others.

Dale Gilmore of Odessa, president of the homecoming group, will arrive on Thursday, today, to complete arrangements.



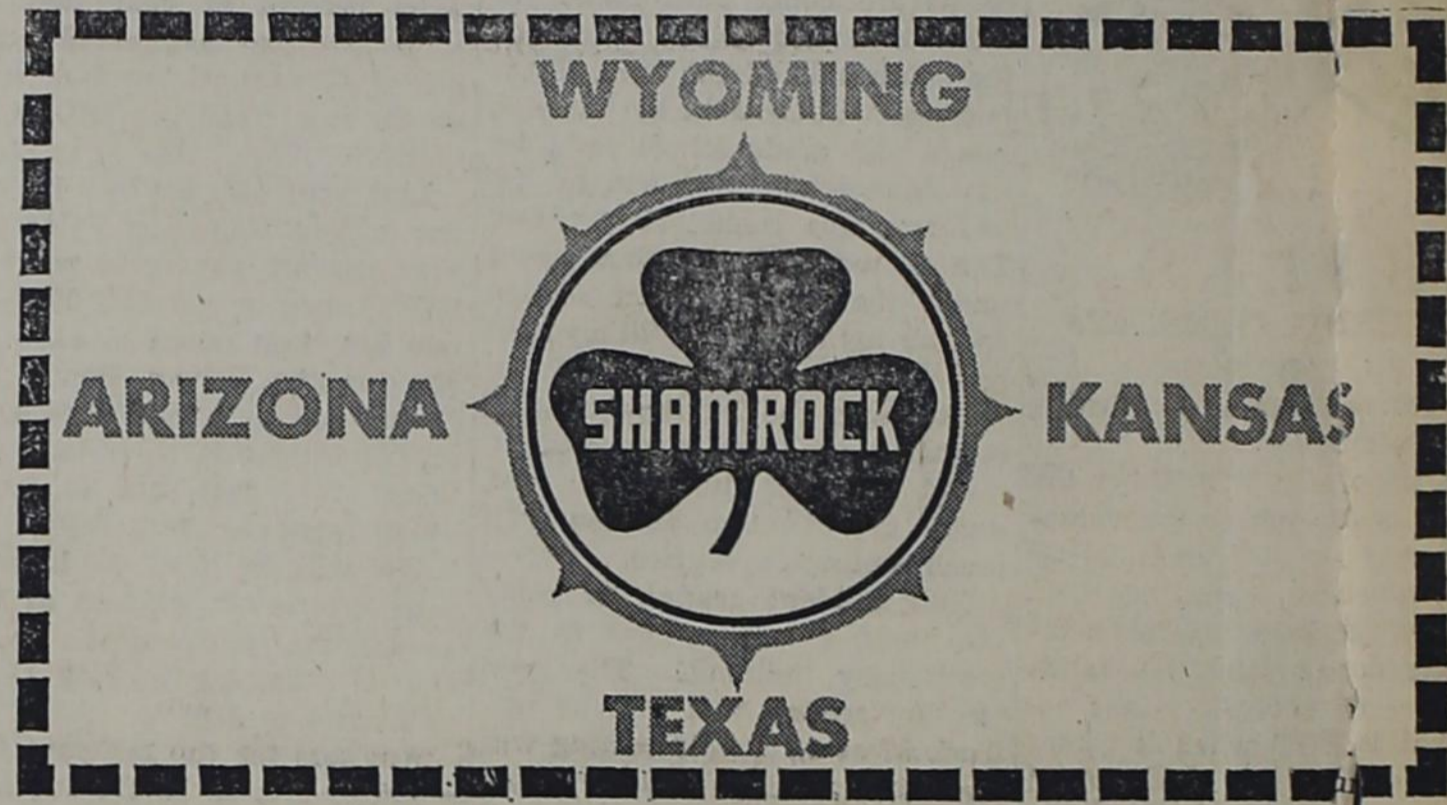
REV. ROBERT WRICHMOND TO BE GUEST PEACHER AT FIRST METHODIST SUNDAY

The Rev. Robert V. Richmond, pastor of Carter Park Methodist Church in Ft. Worth will be guest preacher at the First Methodist Church this Sunday night at 7:00 p. m.

Rev. Richmond has led the Carter Park Church in a re-location project and has just completed the second unit of a proposed master unit. He now serves in his 7th year as pastor of this church. A graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., he is in wide demand as an evangelistic preacher.

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KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

There was a very large crowd at the singing at Kokomo on Sunday. Singers came from Santa Anna, Coleman, Abilene, Breckenridge, Fort Worth, Dallas, Stanton, Brownwood, Stephenville, Morgan Mills, De Leon, Carbon, Eastland, Rising Star, and Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Graham spent a weekend recently with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Graham in Monahans.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Jumper of Big Spring and Mrs. Ward of Eastland visited one day this week with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Snider and family and with Mr. and Mrs. Delmon Eaves and family.

Mrs. Delmon Eaves has been confined to her home the past several days with the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson made a business trip to Fort Worth on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan honored their daughter, Glenda Joyce, with an ice cream and cake party on Friday, July 12, in honor of her 15th birthday. Helping Glenda celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson, Jimmie and Cassie, Sylvia Hendricks, Mrs. John Warren, Linda and Mike, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and Teddy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and Kris, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller, Christi and Rickey, Gene, Dwayne and Danny Snider, and Miss Kay Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson and family were among those enjoying the Ranger Rodeo last weekend.

Visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie B. Combs of Dallas, Mrs. L. C. Johnson of Post, Misses Ethyle and Pat Grafton of Las Cruces, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Moorman of Abilene. Sunday night visitors were Kay Browning and Dickey Eaves of Gorman.

Mrs. L. F. Pittman of De Leon spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. F. Bryant.

Sympathy is extended the Jewel Snider family on the loss of their son, Tommy Ray, in a car accident on Sunday night. The Snider family are former residents of the Kokomo community.

WILLIAMS REUNION HELD JULY 13-14 AT ABILENE

The descendants of the late Charley Hope and Nettie Hammons Williams met for their first annual reunion on July 13-14 at Abilene. The two surviving children of this union, Mr. H. H. Williams and Mrs. Robbie Williams Riddell, were both present.

Others attending were Mrs. B. F. Williams and her two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson, Curtis and Gay of McLean; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Riddell, Jane, Jean and Leslie of Lingleville; Mrs. H. H. Williams and daughter, Mrs. Morgan Roberts, Ulenda and Brenda of Desdemona; Mr. and Mrs. Less Williams, Pam, Trina and Kevin and Mrs. Angela Vanderslice of Alice; Mr. and Mrs. Debert Williams of Kermit; Mr. Charles K. Williams of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Yardley, Darrell and Stephen of Odessa; Mrs. Ben Koonce and Nelda of Desdemona; and Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Williams, Donna, David, Delores and Enid of Grafton.

Visitors attending were Lee Kruse of Amarillo, Kay Perkins of Abilene and Garth Priddy of Dublin.

The reunion for 1964 will be held at Possum Kingdom on the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in July with Leo Williams in charge of arrangements.

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We must have your help to make this plan work. All we ask you to do is to go anywhere, let any hearing company give you a test . . . get their prices . . . then come to us . . . then you be the judge. You can also help this plan if you wear a hearing aid by buying your batteries and supplies from us, or by letting us do your repairs. You can be sure the hearing aid boys will be yelling their heads off as they did when we cut the battery prices. Some said our batteries were not new, that we recharged old batteries . . . We will pay anyone \$1,000.00 that can prove the batteries we sell are not factory fresh, new batteries. The same holds true with our hearing aids, nerve instruments, or the new device that has nothing in the ear. We deal with 4 hearing aid companys with over 100 years in making hearing aids.

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RAMSAY REUNION HELD HERE ON SUNDAY, JULY 14

The descendants of the late A. M. and Rose Anna Ramsey met in the Fire Hall here Sunday, July 14 for their 20th annual family reunion.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. George Hallmark and DaSha Rogers, Mrs. Callie Clark, Miss Lorena Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George Hollifield, Mrs. Hubert Craddock and Kay Ann, Mrs. S. E. Lemley, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunt, David and Robert, Mrs. Lela Leach and Mrs. Dave L. Ramsay, all of Gorman; Mrs. Annie Bond, Jim Hallmark and James Hallmark, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Morren, Jo Ann and Jesse, all of Eastland; Mrs. P. H. Jones, Mrs. L. C. Morris and son of Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Noel and daughter, Mrs. Winnie Merchant, and Mrs. Myrtle Horton, all of De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris of Eldorado, Okla.;

Mrs. Nadine Cuban and granddaughter, Glenda of Chillicothe; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Holland, Clarendon; Mr. and Mrs. Mansel Boland and Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boland and Johnny, Tommy and Danny, Mrs. Mont Nash, Mr. Fred Boland, Mrs. Willie Shannon, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boland, all of Throckmorton; Mr. and Mrs. Newton of Wink; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith, Gene, Jo Ann and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Schmick Ramsay and Mrs. Lula Walker, all of Odessa;

Dave Smith of Salina, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and Lee of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hagerman of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Jack McHam of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Loss Ramsay of Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ramsay of Austin; Mr. Carl R. Ramsay of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Hub Maire of Southland; Mrs. Winnie Tuffing and Mrs. Nita Burress of Post; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bagwell of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon J. Beard of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hinson of Gunsight; Mrs. Buford Parker and Terry Don Gilmore of Gorman, and Buford and June Pettijohn of Snyder.

The families voted to have the reunion at the same date and place next year.

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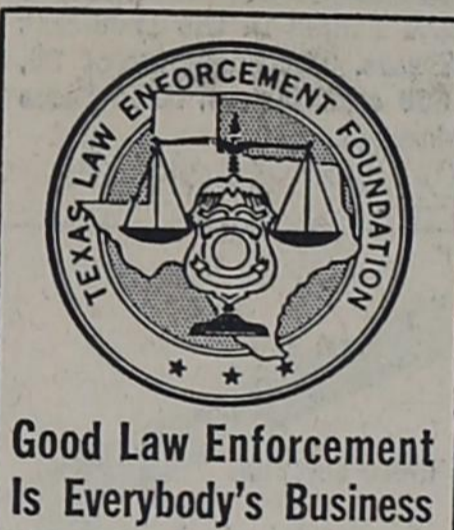
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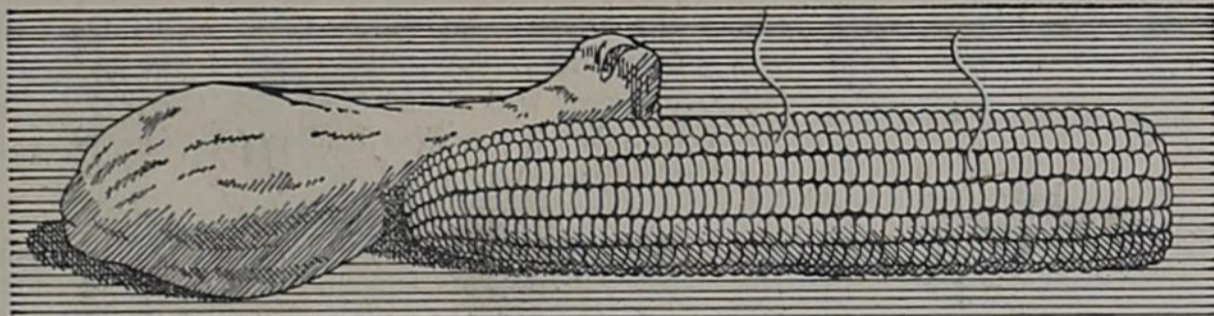
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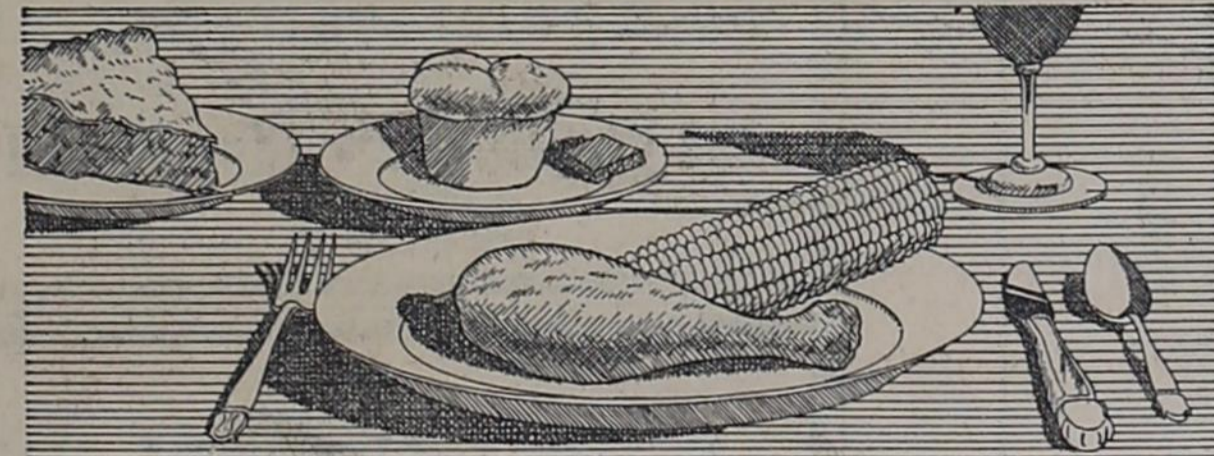
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DESDEMONA NEWS

By MRS. ETHEL KEITH

Clyde L. (Babe) Johnson is a patient in the Temple Hospital and is reported quite ill.

Mrs. Anse Brown has her right lower limb in a cast due to an injury she sustained when she fell on the street in De Leon recently.

There will be a bridal shower given in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Roberts July 23rd. honoring Miss Luenell Allen.

Floyd Redwine and family of Ft Worth were here the past week end to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Redwine, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jacobs.

Mrs. Inez Heeter returned home Thursday following almost three months in the hospital following the fall in which she suffered a broken hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nicks, Diane and Cindy, spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McMasters.

The Jasen Spannegals spent the past weekend in Oklahoma visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Don White of Balingier spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. J. N. Abernathy and family.

The H. T. Lanes returned home this weekend from a two week vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Moss and granddaughters of Oklahoma City, Okla. were here last week to visit his brother, Mr. Denny Moss. They

were enroute to see Six Flags Over Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Azle were here Thursday evening of last week to visit his sister, Ethel Keith.

The Chubbie Foremans of Arlington spent the past weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Guthery.

The Tommy Irwin family left for their home in Nashville, Tenn. after spending their vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore.

The B. C. Huffs and daughter, Sharon of Tuscon, Ariz. are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huff.

The Morris Nance family of Midland were here last week visiting the Genoways and Ott Raglands.

DUB BROWNS HOSTESS FOR FAMILY GET-TOGETHER

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Dub) Brown and Jana were hostesses for a dinner in their home Sunday, July 7. Honoree of the family get-together was Mrs. Mary Timmons of Celina.

Relatives attending were Mr. and Mrs. Solon Dennis of Celina, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pinion, Kay, Larry, Ronnie and Doug of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Timmons, Terry and Tommy of Abilene; Tommy Timmons of Los Angeles, Calif.; Dee Timmons of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Gilbert, Lisa and Stephen of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rodgers, Linda and Danny of Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stacy, Tim and Terry of Carbon; Mr. and Mrs. Don Laminack, Revis and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers, Bob and Mike, Mrs. J. C. Timmons and Vance Laminack, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers and Miss Jackie Lawson, all of Gorman.

Mr. Pete Snider was able to come home from the hospital earlier this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Able and son, Larry, spent the past week end here with his parents, Hugh Abels.

Mrs. Bryant Blankenship spent last week in Dallas taking a Glass Painting Course and visiting with friends and relatives and also attended the "Mud-Dobbers" Club of which she is a member.

Mrs. Bobby Burleson and Jerrill of Amarillo are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Williamson, and Mr. and Mrs. Russ Burleson, while Bobby is away in Kansas on special training duty.

"Uncle" Dave DeGuire is home after spending a few days in the Gorman hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams and Mrs. Morgan Roberts and girls attended a Williams family reunion in Abilene the past Saturday and Sunday. Also the Leslie Riddells and the William Riddell family of School Hill attended.

Miss Brenda Roberts is spending this week in Abilene visiting with Miss Kay Perkins, who spent last week here with Brenda.

The Herc Picklen family visited here awhile last week enroute on a vacation trip to the West.

The Frank Simpsons of McLean visited their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams, Friday night.

The Carroll Eaton (nee Patsy Sharp) family have returned to their home at Rotan after a weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Sharp.

H. F. SKAGGS REUNION HELD ON JULY FOURTH

The family of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Skaggs held their 16th annual family reunion on July 4th at Frank A. Gray Memorial Park in Gorman.

Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Skaggs, their

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to say thanks to the doctors, nurses and entire hospital staff for the care and kindness while I was in the Blackwell Hospital, for your visits, cards and your prayers.

For the good food the ladies brought to our home. For the ones that helped the boys hoe, and for all your kindness.

May the good Lord bless and keep you.

Pete Snider and Family

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of you who visited me, sent flowers and cards during my recent illness and stay in the Blackwell Hospital.

A special thanks to the doctors, nurses, and entire hospital staff for the good care given me.

Each act of kindness was deeply appreciated.

May God bless you.

John Scitern

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to each one who helped in any way at the time of loss of our dear father.

We are indeed grateful for the beautiful flowers, the food that was sent to our homes and to those who served it, and those who sat at the funeral home and for the choir and June Dossey for the music and every expression of sympathy.

A special thanks to Delton and Fae Nabors and Howard and Docy Williams for their kindness and sympathy shown each of us.

May God bless each of you in our prayer.

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grandson, Connie Mac Skaggs, and a friend, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Lee Skaggs and Tommy; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mitchell and Joe Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Farr of Abilene; Mrs. Mae Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Quinn, Larry, Gary, Terry and Sherry of Ft Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Skaggs, Ronnie and Ricky of Dallas; Kenny Hill of Meridian; Mrs. Glen Clement, Billy, Roger and Debbie of Andrews; Mrs. Lester Seaton, Randy and Glynita of Temple; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Skaggs, Frances, Ona Mae and Donnie; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skaggs, Ralph and Pamela, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dean Skaggs, LaDeana and Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Sherley

White, Sherry and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fraley, Jimmy and Danny of De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Skaggs, Mr. and Mrs. Arlio Clement, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Robinett, Sammy, DeWitt, Marilyn, Carolyn and Jackie of Gorman.

The oldest one present was H. F. Skaggs, at age 85. The youngest was Cameron Skaggs, who was almost two months old.

All of the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs were present except Archie, who was out of town and unable to attend.

A very enjoyable day was reported and the family is looking forward to meeting again next year at the same time and place.



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Co. Farm Bureau To Hold Queen Contest August 3

The Eastland County Farm Bureau Queen Committee met on Thursday, July 11, in the Farm Bureau office location in Eastland. Plans were made for the Annual Queen Contest that will be held August 3 in the Eastland High School Auditorium at 8 p. m. Purpose of this contest is to give recognition to the Farm and Ranch girls of Eastland County. The girls are to be judged on grace, poise, charm, vivaciousness, and all the qualities that go to make a winsome Texas future homemaker. A candidate must be a daughter or sister of a Farm Bureau mem-

ber, and between the age of 16-22 and single. Each contestant will be required to speak approximately one minute on some subject pertaining to Farm Bureau. Candidates already entered are Joy Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melva Love, Route 1, Ranger; Susan Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Griffin, Route 1, Carbon; Paula Norris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris, Rt. 2, Gorman. Girls who would like to enter the contest may contact Mrs. Glenn Justice, Route 2, Gorman, or the Farm Bureau office in Eastland. Those on the committee are Mrs. Glenn Justice, Chairman; Mrs. Albert Hendricks, Rt. 1, Gorman; Mrs. Beth Coats, Rt. 1, Cisco; Mrs. Leo Brooks, Rt. 1, Carbon; Mrs. Henry Fry, Rt. 1, Cisco; and Mrs. Dora Schaefer, Rt. 2, Cisco.

As It Looks From Here

Omar Burleson, M. C. 17th. District, Texas

WASHINGTON, D. C. — TO PEOPLE IN THE SMALL CARIBBEAN ISLAND he is familiarly known as old, blind Blake. The title of his favorite Calypso song is "Never Mind the Noise in the Market Place But Beware of the Price of the Fish."

IT IS A STORY IN SONG OF THE FLIGHT OF A poor people,

but it also carries sound advice. In the open markets, peddlers try to outshout one another in extolling the virtue of their produce. The loudest voice is supposed to attract the most customers, but the fish belonging to the loudest voice may be higher in price.

WHILE ATTENTION IS DEMANDED by the score of issues facing the Congress and our Government, the so-called balance of payments continues to be a most serious problem. It is complicated and not easily understood, although the facts are fairly clear.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

Calvin Coolidge is reputed to have once said "When there are a great many people out of work, you have unemployment." And it is this question of national unemployment which is causing great concern in Congress.

Big Labor, of course, keeps tugging and hauling for a shorter work week, on the premise that this would force more employment. There seems little support for such a move at this time.



But perhaps by far the most interesting proposal to solve the problem is contained in a bill introduced into Congress by Rep. James O'Hara of Michigan. He would make it a law that overtime must be paid for at double time instead of time and a half.

The premise is that if such a provision were made law, employers would hire additional people rather than pay such a premium for overtime.

This measure appears to be, in the language of Madison Avenue, a "switch" on the employment policies put into effect in Italy by the late Benito Mussolini. Faced with hordes of unemployed, his Fascist government went to all employers and arbitrarily told them how many additional people they had to put on the payroll.

And even though Il Duce started his ill-starred political career as a Socialistic editor, he kept the Italian wages among the lowest in the world.

He also made it a jail offense for any Italian capital to be kept in foreign investments.

And it is perhaps a sad commentary on the American economic plight today that employers find it costs less to pay time and a half for overtime than hire more people.

Yet any employer, faced with the necessity of making substantial contributions to federal and state welfare programs with each new employee hired, plus making contributions to various union-enforced "fringe" benefits, finds that it is cheaper to pay time and a half. This does not take into account the extra clerical and accounting work to keep records for government involved in hiring more people.

The entire system has now been set up to the point where hiring of new people is undertaken only as a last resort.

And no matter how humane Rep. O'Hara's motives are in seeking to alleviate the plight of the unemployed, means sought promise little improvement.

There is a most basic principle involved. More jobs depend on more employers. And new employers are only created when the independent entrepreneur feels he has a chance of success in some undertaking.

But taxation policies, welfare programs, union regulations, low cost imports from cheap labor foreign nations, and ruthless illegal competitive tactics by monopoly minded corporations have destroyed the confidence needed to start new enterprises. And until such time as confidence is restored, unemployment will continue to mount.

THE UNITED STATES SELLS MORE to foreign countries than it buys. In years past this figure has run from \$4 billion to \$6 billion. There continues to be a comfortable margin of income, rather than outgo, insofar as trade itself is concerned, but foreign aid, military spending and private investment abroad reverse the situation.

THE U. S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT reports that the outflow of United States capital during the first three months of this year was at the annual rate of \$3,600,000,000. In other words, at this rate it would be near to the deficit in 1960 and 1961, which averaged out about \$4 billion each year. The 1962 deficit was held to a little more than \$2 billion, or almost half of the two preceding years.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? It simply means that with gold reserves being reduced to near the required amount to support our currency, should all foreign nations holding obligations against our reserve demand payment in gold, it would be a serious threat to the stability of the dollar. Most foreign nations demand that a part of their request for payment be made in gold. Whereas, at the present time our gold reserves are something over \$15 billion, in theory we could be called upon to produce more than \$25 billion in gold. It would be something like a "run" on a bank when every depositor wanted his money at the same time.

THERE IS LITTLE OR NO DANGER of such a thing occurring in the immediate future, but the seriousness of the situation is in the long run. Should governments and dealers in goods and commodities lose confidence in the value of the dollar, serious conse-

quences could result. The dollar remains the strongest currency in the world, simply because of the confidence in it.

STRANGE AS IT MAY SOUND, some nations which we have helped most in the postwar period, having credits in this Country, are those who threaten the greatest demand. While these nations actually owe us money, and are meeting their obligations, at the same time show disposition to demand a considerable portion of payments in gold.

SINCE WORLD WAR II, we have helped the economy of some of these nations who now compete with us and, in addition,

have furnished military assistance for their protection and that of the free world. These expenditures overseas, coupled with incentives given to private businesses in the United States to invest abroad, continue to aggravate the problem in the balance of payments.

FOR THIS REASON THERE SHOULD BE a retirement of expenditures overseas and a demand on other nations that they assume a greater responsibility. While noises are loud on so many issues now demanding attention of the Congress and the Nation, we certainly need to heed "the price of the fish."

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