

Melissa Clark and Chad Edgington To Pledge Nuptials in May



Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Clark of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edgington of Bedford are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Melissa Beth Clark and Chad Anthony Edgington.

Melissa is a 1995 graduate of Gorman High School, and will receive an English degree from Howard Payne University in May. Melissa is the granddaughter of Roma Hood and the late George (Ham) Porter and the late Doyle (Speck) and Hazel Clark of Gorman.

Chad is a 1993 graduate of Trinity High School in Euless, and received an English degree from Howard Payne University in 1997. He is currently a musician in Nashville, Tennessee. Chad is the grandson of Jewel Montford and the late Thomas Montford of Bedford and Mae Reed and the late Cecil Edgington of Sulphur Springs.

The wedding will be held on May 22 at First Baptist Church in Gorman.

Congressional Staff Coming To Eastland County

In an effort to make his office more accessible to constituents in Eastland County, and in the surrounding areas, Congressman Stenholm is sending a member of his staff to Eastland on Friday, March 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Warren Wills of Stenholm's Stamford office will visit individually with citizens at:

Eastland County Courthouse Commissioners' Court Room 100 West Main - Eastland, Texas

The purpose of Mr. Wills' trip is to offer an opportunity for anyone having a problem with a governmental agency such as Social Security Administration, HUD, Department of Veterans Affairs, etc., to seek assistance. It also provides a listening ear for persons who wish to express an opinion on current governmental issues. An appointment is not necessary.

THANK YOU!!!

The Panther Spirit Club would like to say thank you, to The Gorman Housing Authority, for the donation of the electric range, and the refrigerator. The appliances will be used in the new baseball field concession stand, to help make money, to support the Gorman Independent School Districts athletic program. The appliances, will help bring in a lot of money, which will benefit the school and the students. We would also like to thank Billy Don for delivering them to the concession stand. Please come out and watch the games, and support the Panther Spirit Club and the kids, thanks again.

The Panther Spirit Club

Hunter's Safety Course Set In March

The Post Oak Gun Club will be hosting a Hunter's Safety Course on March 13th and 14th. This two day course is approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

To participate, please call David Guthery at 254-734-2836.

Panther Spirit Club To Meet

There will be a Panther Spirit Club meeting, Tuesday night, March 16th at 7:30 p.m., in the Gorman School Cafeteria. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thank You

Girl Scout Meeting Set

The Girl Scouts will hold a meeting at the First United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 11th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For all girls and adults interested in Girl Scouting.

Any questions call Kim at 800-346-3215.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGES APRIL 4TH



Area Showing of New Dramatic Film "The Ride"

THE RIDE is a new entertaining, yet deeply moving dramatic film from World Wide Pictures, the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelical Association.

Smokey Banks (Michael Biehn) has just been sentenced to community service and released into the custody of Mike Stillwell (Clarence Felder) and his wife, Ellen (Jennifer O'Neill) at the Saguro Boys' Ranch. The former world champion bull rider has reached bottom, and now his only task is to teach 14-year old Danny O'Neil (Brock Pierce) how to ride a bull.

Smokey agrees to the conditions only because he doesn't want to stay in jail and face a long line of others waiting to get their hands on him. He doesn't anticipate being so affected by the young Danny's courage and determination to ride. Neither does he anticipate Linnette (Jennifer Blanc), Mike's attractive and spirited niece.

When Smokey learns that Danny is dying of cancer, he doesn't want to stick around to see it. He's become unexpectedly attached to his little sidekick and doesn't think he can face the reality of the boy's illness. He also doesn't think he can accept the God the Stillwells have shared with him...a God who would allow something like this to happen to an innocent child like Danny.

But Smokey still has some things to learn about life—when to hold one and push through...when to let go and trust...and most of all, that God is someone who really can be trusted, despite how things appear on the surface.

Pastor Craig Rhoton and the congregation of First Baptist Church would like you to attend their showing of this outstanding new film.

THE RIDE will show on March 21, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Gorman, Texas. For more information, please call the church office at (254) 734-2420.

The State of Eastland County

By County Judge Brad Stephenson

I want to begin by thanking the people of Eastland County for allowing me the privilege of serving you.

I also wish to thank the Editors of each of our County newspapers for allowing me this space.

I ask that you take the time to read and prayerfully consider the issues facing our County. I truly believe that a well-informed community will arrive at informed and proper decisions.

"WE HAVE A PROBLEM!" I doubt you need me to tell you this. We must take immediate action to address these problems!

In the mid 1980's, Eastland County had \$800,000,000.00 of property tax value on its Rolls. At the start of fiscal year 2000, it is estimated that we will have \$400,000,000.00 value on our tax rolls.

In 1989, the County started its fiscal year with \$1,500,000.00 in reserve. We began fiscal year 1999 with \$741,350.00 in all accounts. \$300,000.00 of this is pledged against our certificates of obligation leaving us with \$441,350.00 spendable in all accounts.

As you may or may not be aware, our current fiscal year budget projects a \$493,000.00 deficit.

Simple arithmetic tells us that at year-end, the County will experience a cash shortfall of \$51,650.00.

However, we recently received \$163,000.00 in tobacco settlement and interest income due the County. As such, we estimate that we will have approximately \$100,000 in reserve to begin the new millennium.

Since 1989 our County budget has been set at a deficit, particularly in the last 3 years. Unfortunately, while we enjoyed the benefit of our Reserve, we neglected to consider the effects of inflation. Granted, inflation in the 90's hasn't been high, but I think we would all agree that it's averaged around 2%. In ten years the County has lost at least 20% of its buying power to inflation alone.

After months of study, I have been unable to identify more than 3 options:

- 1) Raise Taxes
2) Cut costs and services
3) A combination of 1 & 2

I must tell you that I don't believe #1 or #2 alone can be the answer in its entirety. I do believe it will require, in the short run, a combination of increased taxes and severe cuts.

To fully understand these options and their effects, one must first understand what County Government does and how it is funded. Our 1999 budget is \$3,855,366.00. Our revenue comes from several different sources. From our County ad valorem tax we generate approximately \$2,100,000.00. The remaining income for the County comes from

fees, fines, Court costs and the State of Texas pays a supplement on our County Road maintenance based upon 686 miles of road.

County Government is statutorily required by State and Federal mandates to provide the following services. The percentage and dollar figures next to each item, are the percentage of overall budget and dollar amounts Eastland County will spend in fiscal year 1999 on that item.

Table with 10 columns: Amount, Percentage, Item Number, and Description. Total: \$3,722,420 (96.55%) - Sub-Total

Optional services include:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Percentage, Item Letter, and Description. Total: \$3,855,366 (100%) - Total

By tabulating the above percentages, you will see the County is spending 96.55% of its total income on mandated services. The remaining 3.45% is spent on services, I believe we all recognize as absolutely critical to our basic infrastructure.

You should also realize that over the past 10 years the County has had numerous extraordinary expenses including 2 capital murder trials and the improvement of Hwy. 570 at a cost of approximately \$300,000.00.

Let me give you the extreme what ifs. Our external auditor tells me and I have confirmed, to balance our last years budget strictly from a tax increase, our effective tax rate would increase by \$.15 per hundred dollar valuation to a \$.65 total tax rate. I love life too much to give a lynch mob a justifiable reason to hang me. Eastland County, business, agriculture and retired persons can not afford this drastic increase at this time.

On the other extreme, in order to balance the budget solely by cuts in service, we would have to cut 23 jobs, all non-essential expenditures and turn back much of the financed equipment of the County.

You may or may not be happy with the services you receive from the County, however, it can be much worse. Cutting nearly one-third of the County workforce would devastate your services.

The roads would deteriorate and work on our 686 miles of county roads would fall by 40%. You would stand in lines in the tax office, clerk's office, license office and recorded documents would not be returned for 6 months to a year. The court system would grind down to a crawl. Our law enforcement and public safety will be in jeopardy.

As such, I am of the opinion that we should adopt a split-the-difference policy while striving every moment to adopt

more efficient and effective management of our tax dollars.

To this extent, I have proposed to the commissioners that we revise our budget process.

In the past, the Commissioners Court has asked all Departments heads for budget requests. Upon receipt, the Court spends 3-5 days going through the budgets of offices with which they have little operational knowledge. The Court makes line item adjustments to fit the budget. Then, almost as an afterthought, we ask Steve Thomas the Chief Appraiser to come in and tell us how much money we will have.

I have proposed the following:

- 1. The Appraiser needs to tell us how much revenue the County can expect up front.
2. The Commissioners Court should establish a report a tentative tax rate taking into consideration the deficit from the current budget and our expected revenue.
3. We should establish the average (%) percentage each department has spent over the past several years and determine the amount available to each department head.
4. The department head, also your elected official, knows his or her department better than anyone, he/she can submit a budget request that is fiscally responsible.

Because of the statutorily require services, this prescription may need adjusting for certain departments.

While this is one of the most difficult times in our County's history, it is also a crossroad where we will set the course of our County for the foreseeable future.

I firmly believe that our best days are yet to come. Those days will not come without sacrifice and investment for the future.

There are good things happening today. The County has two new Chamber of Commerce managers who are bringing new optimism and energy to their communities.

Although it's only a pie-in-the-sky at this juncture, the new jail is scheduled to be complete in late summer of 1999. This facility has the potential to net between \$200,000.00 to \$400,000.00 per year for the county.

We are in the early stages of negotiations with several businesses from Metropolitan areas that have identified Eastland County as optimum for their operation.

In the long run, our commitment to expand our infrastructure and economic development will return prosperity to us all.

Today, however, we must begin with the business of solving our immediate problems.

Access to information is critical to this process. I will be writing monthly newspaper articles in my best effort to provide the necessary information. We will have town hall meetings in each community in the County. I am asking for your feedback, input, and recommendations.

After being supplied with the information, if the citizens of Eastland County want to vote on our tax rate, I will strongly support their right and duty to participate in the process.

Once again, let me plead with you to seriously study these issues and pray for a proper solution.

Above all, I pray that we would openly debate these issues, chart a course, and each citizen of Eastland County would support that course because the process is far and just.

I sincerely appreciate your time, consideration and response. Please pray that God will once again bless Eastland County.

Coaches Corner By Coach Curlee

We are fast approaching our spring break. Gorman schools will observe their spring break from March 15th through the 19th. I will include all of the activities we will be having during this time in this article.

All of our spring sports are well underway, with a lot of activities going on during this time.

The baseball team has played 2 ballgames so far. In our first game against Abilene Christian, the score was tied at 9 when the game was called due to darkness. We played Santo on March 5th, and won the game 12-2. On Thursday, March 11th the boys will play a make up game with Evant starting at 5:00 in Evant. This will be the last time the baseball team will play until our tournament which will be held March 18, 19 and 20th. There will be a bracket in next weeks paper on the tournament.

The softball team has played 4 games so far this season and are sporting a 3-1 record. On March 11th we will play a make up game with Tolar. This game will be played here at 4:30. On Friday, March 12th we will play an important district game against Early. This game will also be here and will start at 4:30. On Friday, March 19th the Tolar team will be in town for another game to start at 4:30, and on Saturday we will travel to Eula for a tournament. These girls have really been doing a good job, and we are hoping for another playoff team this season.

EULA VARSITY ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE - MARCH 20TH

Table with 4 columns: Time, Team 1, Team 2, and Location. Games include Eula vs Stamford, De Leon vs Gorman, Eula vs De Leon, Gorman vs Stamford, De Leon vs Stamford, and Eula vs Gorman.

The track teams got their season's kicked off last weekend when the junior high and high school teams traveled to Bangs for the Dragon Relays. Their next meets will be this Saturday, March 13th. Cross Plains will be hosting a combined Junior High and High School meet on that date. Our own meets are coming up on the 26th and 27th of March when we will host the Cub Relays on Friday and the Panther Relays on Saturday. We are expecting 9 schools at these meets for both days, so plan to attend and watch our kids compete.

The next time our golf team will be in action on March 22nd at the Lone Cedar County Club in Eastland. This will be a boys and girls tournament hosted by the Eastland Kiwanis Club.

The Academic All-District team for basketball has been released and we had an athlete recognized. Congratulations are in order for Ryan Keller, who served as the statistician for the Varsity Basketball team. To be on the Academic All-District team you must have maintained an "A" average during the basketball season. Ryan certainly did that and we are very proud of his efforts throughout the year.

The spirit club has been very busy running the concession stands at the baseball games this season. This group is working toward the betterment of our athletic programs, and we should all get involved in this fine organization. Their next meeting will be March 16th at 7:30 in the cafeteria.

I hope I haven't left anything out of our busy schedule. Hope to see you in the stands the next time our teams are competing.

You are Invited To A Party

You are invited to the 82nd Birthday Party and 3rd Annual Musical for Lloyd Glasson to be held Saturday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. til ?? at the Senior Center in Gorman, Texas. No Gifts Please!!!

Senior Travel Club To Host Events: March 22-26 through April 5-10 - PeeWee Basketball Tournament.

April 15th - Cindafeller
April 22nd - Senior vs. Faculty Guys - Basketball
Girls - Volleyball
The Senior Travel Club will also be selling a Gun, Model 77 Rugar Rifle, you choice of caliber. Again Thanks For All Your Support!!!!

4X4 Rally -- March 20th

Cost per vehicle and drive is \$35.00 with an additional cost of \$10.00 per passenger (7 years and older). Passengers under 7 years are free. Preregistration is required. Registrations forms must be postmarked on or before March 16th. Rally limited to 75 vehicles. Registration forms available from Janna Morris - 893-2011 or Gerald Fronk at 893-2000.

**CURTIS LEE HOLDRIDGE
BURIED MARCH 6, 1999**

Curtis Lee Holdridge, a lifelong resident of DeLeon, Tx. passed away Thursday, March 4th in the DeLeon Hospital.

Services were held Saturday, March 6th at the DeLeon Assembly of God with burial in the DeLeon Cemetery. Ray Seckinger and Lanny Spruill officiated the ceremony. Esther Ottwell provided the music. Pallbearers were: Benny Morris, Caleb Smith, E. Ray Smith, Charlie Morris, Dennis Lee Ottwell and Sonny Golden.

Mr. Holdridge was born to Arthur Henry Holdridge and Emmie Elizabeth Deaton Holdridge on June 17, 1911 in Comanche County. He married Ethel Young Vaughn on February 23, 1929 in Comanche County. He was a butcher and a member of the DeLeon Assembly of God church.

Survivors include: One daughter, Margaret McGehee of DeLeon; one brother, Frank Joseph Holdridge of El Paso; two sisters, Mattie Mae Salyer of Corrigan, TX and Grace Bonnie Murdock of Lubbock; one grandson, Woody Lee McGehee.

Preceded in death by: His wife, Ethel Holdridge; Four brothers, Jesse Hendry, Willie, "Bill", Ernest John and Floyd Arthur Holdridge; two sisters, Gladys Bilbrey and Frances Long.

**SERVICES HELD MONDAY
FOR DAVID LLOYD RULO**

David Lloyd Rulo, 76, of De Leon, Tx. passed away Saturday, March 6, 1999 in the De Leon Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, March 8, at the Garden of Memory, Comanche County officiated by Wes Howard.

Mr. Rulo was born December 7, 1922 in St. Louis, Missouri to Joseph David Rulo and Sylvia Pritchard Rulo. He was a retired sheet metal worker and had lived in De Leon 18 years. He was Catholic and a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II.

Survivors include: One son, David Howard Rulo of Wichita Falls; three daughters, Sheila Marietta of Abilene, Cherry Hensley of Lexington Park, Maryland and Sonja Townsend of Texarkana, Arkansas; one sister, Thelma Jarda of St. Louis, Missouri; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

**DE LEON SERVICES FOR
MABEL P. AUVENSHINE**

Mabel P. Auvenshine, 80, of De Leon, Tx. passed away on Friday, March 5, 1999 in the De Leon Hospital.

Services were held in the Nowlin Funeral Home chapel in De Leon on Sunday, March 7 with Ray Seckinger officiating. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery. Music provided by La Ressie Wilkerson and Vicki Robinett. Pallbearers were: Rickey Wilson, Jimmy Woodard, Jeff Hodge, Glen Hodge, Richard Glover and Rodney Jacks.

Ms. Auvenshine was born Feb. 10, 1919 in Carter Oklahoma to George Olen Hodge and Ellen Karah Hodge. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Clinton Glasson and her second husband, Eb Auvenshine. She was a homemaker and had resided in De Leon for forty years, coming from Lamesa. She was a member of the Comyn Baptist church.

Survivors include: 1 son, Cletis Boyd Glasson of Valliant, Okla.; 2 daughters, Peggy Singleton of Waco and Patsy Schwesig of De Leon; 3

**CORRECTION
FRANK J. SKILES**

Frank J. Skiles, 86, of Gorman, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 1999 in the De Leon Hospital.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Craig Rhoton officiating.

Interment with Masonic rites was held in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Born at Chalk Mountain near Glen Rose, he married M.L. Huff on Sept. 22, 1932 at Strawn, Tx. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

brothers, Olen Hodge of Gorman, W.V. Hodge of Rising Star, Boyd Hodge of Carbon; 1 sister, Viola Dennis of Gorman; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

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**ALINE MOHON HORN
LAID TO REST IN EASTLAND**

Aline Mohon Horn, 95, of De Leon, Tx. passed away Saturday, March 6, 1999 in the De Leon Nursing Home.

Graveside services were held Monday, March 8th at the Eastland Cemetery, Eastland, Tx. Jackie Auvenshine officiated the ceremony. Music was provided by C.L. Mohon, Jr.

Ms. Horn was born September 12, 1903 to John Alexander Mohon and Ella Sides Mohon. She later married Lue Butler Horn on June 7, 1928 in Eastland county. He preceded her in death September 13, 1967. She was a retired school teacher and had lived in Comanche and Eastland counties all of her life. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include: 1 sister, Amizone Nance of Rowlett; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: an infant son, Charles Eldon Horn on November 29, 1930; and by one brother, Grady Mohon and two sisters, Clista Duncan Geyer and Myrl Parker.

man, Gorman Masonic Lodge, and had worked for Skelly Oil Co. as a pumper around Kermit for 25 years before retiring.

He is survived by his wife, M.L. Skiles of Gorman; a son, Ronald Lee Skiles of Gorman; a brother, Bill Skiles of Big Springs; two sisters, Eva Davis of Tamaqua, Penn. and Maxine Lee of Midland; seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Eugene Skiles and one daughter, Sylvia Jo Carr, one brother and one sister.

**LINDA O'NEAL
LAID TO REST**

Mary Linda O'Neal, 60, of Austin, passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 1999 after a courageous nine year battle with cancer. Funeral services were held at the Cook-Walden Chapel of The Hills in Austin at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, March 8 with interment in the Simpson Cemetery in the Kokomo Community at 3:30 P.M. with Rev. Karen Grief officiating.

Linda was born in Dallas, Tx. on March 8, 1938. She was a graduate of Seagoville High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from East Texas State College and a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Texas. She was an elementary teacher in the Austin Independent School District.

She was a member of Hope Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Weldon O'Neal; a daughter, Kasi Alison Kennedy of Austin, and two aunts, Zaida Willis and Inez Whittlesey of Victoria.

Linda was the daughter-in-law of the late Rev. and Mrs. J.W. O'Neal of Kokomo. Nancy Hendricks of Kokomo is an aunt.

Notice of Meeting

Notice: Grower Meeting, Helena Chemical Co. would like to invite all producers to a grower meeting on Thursday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. at De Leon City Hall.

All major manufacturers will have booths set up to answer any questions and tell you about new and existing products. A fish dinner will be served. Please RSVP at (254) 893-2055.

**RUTH NANCE
LAID TO REST TUESDAY**

Ruth Nance, 84, of De Leon, passed away Sunday, March 7, 1999 in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Services were held Tuesday, March 9th at the St. Joe Baptist church with Bro. Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery. Music was by Terry Miller, Sherman Sides, Dennis King, Howard Nance, David Oglesby and Troy Morris.

Ms. Nance was born August 15, 1914 in Comanche county to Joseph William Oglesby and Dora Johnson Oglesby. She married William H. "Bill" Nancy June 6, 1936 in De Leon. He preceded her in death March 19, 1984. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Joe Baptist church.

Survivors include: 3 sons, Dean of Wichita Falls, Avery of Ft. Worth, and Gerald of Hope, Missouri; 1 brother, Olin Oglesby of De Leon; 1 sister, Nellie Morris of De Leon; 9 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by 1 brother, Roy Oglesby and 1 sister, Willie Mae Morris.

**SERVICES HELD
WEDNESDAY FOR
KARA KAY PERRY**

Kara Kay Perry, 34, passed away Monday, March 8, 1999 at her residence in De Leon.

Kara was born July 25, 1964 in Abilene. She attended Odessa schools and graduated from Odessa High School with honors. She moved to De Leon in 1984 and attended Tarleton State University. She married Jerry G. Perry in De Leon on January 31, 1987, and moved to Austin in 1987 and returned to De Leon in 1993 and worked for W.H. Smith Department Store from 1994 until 1996. She was an accomplished pianist and singer and played piano for several churches in the area prior to being disabled from cancer surgery in 1997.

She was a devoted mother to her two children, Micah Elise and Evan Daniel. She was a member of Alive in

**Dora Craighead Ivey
1913-1998**

Mrs. Dora Craighead Ivey, 85, passed away Friday, Jan. 1, 1999 at her residence in Irving after suffering complications from a recent stroke. She was the sister-in-law to Donald and Marie Cook of Carbon and the niece of Gladys Chambliss of Gorman.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 4th in the Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home in Irving. Interment followed in the Lone Wolf Cemetery in Mitchell County.

Mrs. Ivey was born Dec. 10, 1913 in Gorman, TX. She married Cyrus Doyle Craighead in Eastland County. They moved to Mitchell County where they farmed for many years. Following the death of her husband, she later married Judge Ivey, who preceded her in death. She later moved to Irving where she lived with her daughter until the time of her death.

Survivors include: 2 sons, Wesley Craighead of Grand Lake, CO, and Bob Craighead of Clear Lake, CA; 2 daughters, Vivian Woodell of Dallas and Shirley Green of Odessa; 2 sisters, Jimmie Salmon of Pantego, TX and Corene Keller of Bartlettville, OK; 1 brother, Bill Loughry of Ft. Worth, TX; 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Christ Fellowship in Stephenville.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 10th at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church in De Leon with Allan Brunson officiating. Music was by La Ressie Wilkerson and Vicki Robinett. Burial followed at Downing Cemetery.

Survivors include her children, Micah and Evan of De Leon; her parents, Keith and Peggy Moon of De Leon; one brother and sister-in-law, Kelly and Valerie Moon of Keller; one sister, Kenda Moon of De Leon; her companion, Randy Johnston; grandparents, Letty and Jesse Moon and Odessa Johnson, all of De Leon, her life-long friend, Sharon Gryder and her former husband, Jerry G. Perry.

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KOKOMO NEWS

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The Kokomo Community Club wishes to express their thanks to all who had a part in making their benefit stew supper a huge success. To all who donated food and helped serve and to all who came to enjoy the food and fellowship, we are very grateful. A special thank you to Bob and Brenda Hammond of City Grocery for their help. It will benefit the Carbon and Gorman Fire Departments and the West Texas Rehab at Abilene. People came from Carbon, Gorman, Eastland, Punkin Center, Flatwood, Cisco, Lake Leon, Brownwood, Stonewall, Dallas, Plano, De Leon, Olden, Stephenville, Ennis, Abilene and Kokomo.

Jerry Martin to Speak at Kokomo

Jerry Martin of Stephenville will be the guest speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, March 14th at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Martin is a member of a church in Stephenville, is a County Commissioner, and is involved in personal evangelism. He uses his varied interests in raising hogs, the dairy business, the fish bait business and as a fishing guide and the opportunities this presents to him to witness and minister to all about Jesus Christ. He also has a jail ministry.

The pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson and the members of the church invite everyone to come and hear Jerry Martin.

An emphasis on missions was presented at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, March 7. Norma Webb gave a special emphasis on giving to the Easter Mission Offering, and a video tape on Baptist Missions in Utah and Idaho was shown. We can all have a vital part in spreading the gospel through our community, city, state, nation, and internationally through our prayers and offerings.

The special music at the morning service was rendered by Kay Snider, Karen Patterson, Leona Wilson, Norma

Webb, Glenda Priest, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Daryl Hirst, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Visitors were Glenda Priest of Abilene, Karen Patterson of Breckenridge, Alissa Burgess of Granbury and Juanita Fuller.

We were happy to welcome Eric and Belinda Segura and their baby daughter, Audri to church as a family.

Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis spent several days with her parents, Delmon and Joyce Eaves while on Spring break from school and attended the stew supper on Saturday. JoAnn and Sam Gordon of Eastland visited with them on Sunday.

Glenda Priest of Abilene spent the weekend with her mother, Zelda Jordan and attended the stew supper. Others visiting with Zelda were Norma Webb and Verna Lee Little.

Visitors with Anna Laura Clearman were Dianne and Kenny Walser of Hereford, Blanton and Ella Clearman of Lamesa, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis, Kyla, Wayne, Caleb and Kaci McIntire of Arlington, Wynelle Brown of Carbon and Zelda Jordan.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Denise Redman and Jeremy Redman of Odessa, Lanis, Matt and Blake Freeman of Dennison, Kasi Kennedy and Kenneth O'Neal of Austin, Zelda Jordan, Hope Joiner, Ruth Bryant, and Martha Wood of Carbon.

Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant visited with Opal Holliday in Gorman. Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Earl and Betty Little, Juanita Fuller, Nancy Hendricks, Zelda Jordan and Woodrow and Helen Browning were among those attending the Florida Boys and the Messengers from Gorman in concert at Breckenridge on Monday night.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Linda O'Neal who was

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

Frank J. Skiles, 86, of Gorman was buried on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, M.L. (Huff) Skiles of Gorman; one son, Ron Skiles of Gorman; one brother, Bill Skiles of Big Springs; two sisters, Eva Merle (Skiles) Davis of Tamaqua, Penn.; Maxine (Skiles) Lee of Midland and all are former residents of Desdemona.

Pauline (Moore) Blanton of Kerrville passed away this past week. The Moore family are former residents of Desdemona where all of their children attended school. Those children are Louise, Margaret, Mary Frances, Kenneth, Ted, Ruth and Pauline.

Glyn Thiebaut, 90, of Desdemona passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 in the De Leon Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Alpha (Lewis) Thiebaut of Desdemona; three sons, Murry "Sonny" Stroud of De Leon; Lewis Thiebaut of Mesquite, Courtney Thiebaut of White Oak, several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Glyn was a member of the Desdemona First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years. Burial was on Wednesday in the Desdemona Cemetery.

buried at the Simpson Cemetery on Monday, March 8, following her funeral in Austin. Linda was the widow of Joseph O'Neal and the daughter-in-law of the late Bro. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal of Kokomo. Nancy Hendricks is an aunt.

Our sincere sympathy is also extended to the family of Jimmy Hendricks of Ft. Worth who was buried in the Flatwood Cemetery on Tuesday, March 9th. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. June Hendricks formerly of Kokomo, and the nephew of the late Sarah Hendricks Tuggle of Kokomo.

Zelda Jordan visited with Wynelle Brown at Carbon on Friday, and also with Linda and Kenneth Whitley and their aunt, Quida Stringer of Palestine in De Leon.

Ladies montly social was postponed until Monday, March 15 in the home of Dorothy Roberts. Visitors are welcome.

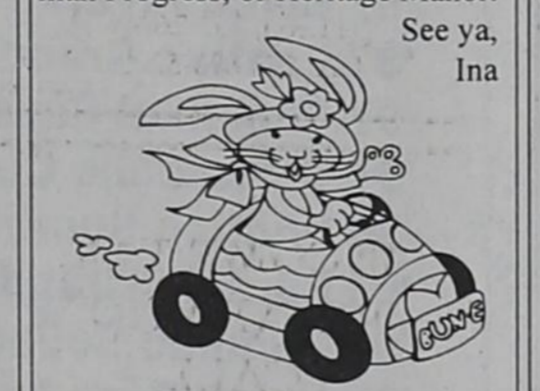
Sickness and more sickness, nearly everyone in our area has been or is sick at present time. Remember the sick with your cards and prayers. Have a nice day---Cooon.

Easter Treasure Hunt

Hey Kids, it's time to get your Easter baskets out and make sure they are in tip top shape (and big enough), because the Easter Treasure Hunt is just around the corner!

This year's treasure hunt will be Saturday, April 3rd at the downtown City Park. More details next week.

Note: To Businesses, parents and friends--As in the past, in order for us to be able to make this Treasure Hunt possible, we need donations. Money, candy, (no chocolate please) Easter eggs, treats, etc... I will be out making contacts (looking for donations) in a few days, so be ready. Donations may be left at City Grocery, Gorman Progress, or Heritage Manor. See ya, Ina



Our sincere sympathy goes out to these families who have lost loved ones. Remember them with your cards and prayers.

Marie Patty flew to Escondido California this past week to visit her daughter, Tim and Debbie Martin and family. She reported a wonderful trip.

Royce Wayne Shipman of Livingston visited the past weekend with his parents, Neldon and Billie (Abernathy) Shipman. They attended First Baptist on Sunday morning.

James and Ann Mears of Stephenville and her parents, Raymond and Estelle Lindley of Desdemona was in Fredericksburg on Saturday, March 6 to attend the dedication of the Comanche County Iwo Jima Plaque at the museum. This memorial marker was donated by the citizens of Comanche County in proud remembrance of achievements for those who served during the war in Iwo Jima in 1945.

Leo and Eloise Williams was in Baird last Saturday night to attend a birthday party honoring Corinne (Buckley) Waldon of Clyde on her 75th birthday. Others attending were her sister, Jack and Irene Pearl (Buckley) Harrison of Gorman.

Bethel Clark is wither daughter, Jimmie in Decatur who is seriously ill. Also a grandson of Bethel's suffered severe injuries in a car wreck and he is in the Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Lelan Pack of Lubbock visited the weekend with his mother, James and Dixie Ryon. Lelan and Dixie spent Friday and Saturday sightseeing and shopping in San Antonio.

Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Kevin and Ulenda Weaver of Ft. Worth was in Corpus Christi Monday and Tuesday to attend the funeral of Dorothy's neice Pam (Williams) Peterson, daughter of the late Les Williams.

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Gorman ISD Menu

March 8 to March 12 Breakfast

MONDAY- Cereal, cinnamon roll, juice, milk
TUESDAY-Oatmeal, toast, jelly, juice, milk
WEDNESDAY-Eggs, sausage, toast, jelly, juice, milk
THURSDAY-Rice w/ sugar, toast, jelly, juice, milk
FRIDAY-Sausage biscuits, gravy, juice, milk

Lunch

MONDAY-Turkey/Ham or bologna sandwiches, veg. soup, pickle spears, pork-n-beans, cookie, milk
TUESDAY-Broiled pattie, potato, green beans, roll, cake, milk
WEDNESDAY-Meat/cheese nachos, salad, peanut butter bars, milk
THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, potato w/cheese, carrots, apple crisp, milk
FRIDAY-Panther cheeseburgers fries, peaches, milk

Two More Sign Up for School Board Election

By Estelle Craddock

As of March 9th, two more citizens have signed up for election to the school board.

Glenn Glasson, General Superintendent at Birdsong Peanuts and an eight year member of the school board has filed for re-election.

Greg Goode, a local farmer has filed for a first term on the board.

In related news, faculty contracts for next year were extended to Gene Shackelford, superintendent, Doug Bowden, principal of Gorman High School, and Betty Morris, principal of Maxfield Elementary.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Frank Skiles would like to thank our family and friends for all the kindness extended to us during our time of loss.

Thank you for the prayers, beautiful flowers, food, memorials, cards, phone calls and visits. Also for sharing your memories with us or just giving a hug or extending a handshake. It all meant so much to us.

We want to extend a special thank you to Bro. Craig Rhoton for the comforting words. To Ray Daniels and Carolyn Foster at Higginbotham Funeral Home for their assistance. To the ladies of First Baptist Church who prepared the delicious meal for us. To the ones from the church choir who rendered the beautiful songs. To heritage Manor Nursing Home and staff for their care during the past four years.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we deeply appreciate. We never knew how many friends we have until something like this happens. May God bless each of you.

M.L. Skiles
Ron & Nina Skiles
The grandchildren & their families

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Varona Taylor would like to thank everyone for the calls, prayers, cards, and visits concerning the loss of our loved one.

Thanks to all who brought food during this time.

Thanks to the staff of Heritage Manor and De Leon Hospital for the loving care given to Varona.

We would like to express a special thanks to Ray Daniels and all of the Higginbotham Funeral Home staff, to Durwood Webb for the special memorial message, and to all who helped with the beautiful songs at the funeral. Thanks to the Church of Christ members who provided the meal for our family.

Thank all of you for everything. Billy & Janda Taylor Steve and Kerrie Taylor Randal & Tracey Kern Dan Huffner Bonnie Cox

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Dr. Bernard Hinsch was a guest in the home of James and Eula Mears on Sunday. Dr. hinsch is the father of Hauke Martin Hinsch, who was an exchange student here in Gorman last year.

Dr. Hinsch is on a business trip, stopping in New Jersey and Atlanta Georgia for his company. He is head of Research and Development for a company affiliated with Johnson and Johnson. He was visiting the San Angelo plant and had some free time so he came to Gorman for a visit. He states that his family are all fine and Hauke is studying hard. The family live in Hamburg, Germany.

Official Minutes for the City Council Meeting Held March 4, 1999

The Gorman City Commission met in regular session on March 4, 1999. Those present were: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Ervin, Commissioners Kenneth Good, Judy Morris, and Donnie Rodgers. Mayor Simpson was absent. Others present were: Leonard Silva, Frank Fenley, Gaylord Battenfield and Abel Saldana.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Donnie made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Kenneth made a second and the motion carried 3-0.

Kenneth made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Donnie made a second and the motion carried 3-0.

Gaylord was present to give an oral report on city maintenance. Other department heads had their reports in the Commissioner's folders. Frank was also present to discuss the possible contract with the City of Ranger.

Judy made a motion to accept the highest bid on the city house with an inclusion that the city would not own finance the property. The bid would fall to the next to highest in the event that the higher bidder could not obtain other financing. Donnie made a second to this motion. The motion carried 3-0.

No action was taken on the Employee Retirement.

Kenneth made a motion to buy two new hand held radios, one for the City crew and one for the Police Dept. Judy made a second and the motion carried 3-0. Also we need to look into the cost of upgrading the base unit in the office. These issues were confronted due to the emergency management plan that must be in compliance with the TNRC.

The Commission wants Tacy to notify Larry Bryant, the representative for Friendship Cable, to request his presence at the next available Commission meeting.

There being no further business, Judy made a motion to adjourn with a second from Kenneth. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Police Report

By Abel Saldana-Chief of Police

2-19-99-Officer assisted with funeral.

2-20-99-Officer Ballard responded to a civil matter at N. Crescent.

2-20-99-Officers Ballard/Crisp responded to loud music call on W. Kimble. Parties were told to lower the music. They complied.

2-21-99-Officer Saldana responded to locked vehicle at Brandon Apts. vehicle was unlocked.

2-22-99-Officer Ballard responded to Lave Acres reference to report of sexual assault. Incident occurred in Comanche County. Officer stood by until Comanche Deputy arrived.

2-23-99-Officer Caffey assisted with funeral escort.

2-24-99-Officer Caffey responded to Carter St. reference to wreckless driver. Officer unable to locate but extra patrol in this area.

2-24-99-Officer Saldana responded to suspicious animal under hood of vehicle on S. Kent. Call was referred to Animal Control Officer.

2-25-99-Officer Saldana responded to a break-in at the Ranchers Daughter. Report taken.

2-26-99-Officer Caffey responded to the City Hall reference to locked vehicle. Vehicle unlocked.

2-28-99-Officer Saldana responded to a welfare check at W. Coke st. Female ok.

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NOTICE
It has come to our attention that the following persons will be celebrating a birthday in March.
Irene West--March 12th-celebrating 83rd birthday
Joe Bennett--March 18th-celebrating 68th birthday
Estelle Craddock--March 22nd-celebrating 87th birthday
Happy Birthday Guys!!!!
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General Election Notice
May 1, 1999 will be the City General Election. The terms of Kenneth Good, Commissioner Pl. #1, and the term of Robert Ervin, Commissioner Pl. #3 will be up for election.
The first day to apply for a place on the ballot will be February 15, 1999 and the last day to file for a place on the ballot will be March 17, 1999 at 5:00 p.m.
Applications for filing for a place on the ballot will be available in the City Office during regular office hours.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

A Note From the Administrator

Well the trees are budding and the grass is beginning to grow. The weather is beginning to get warmer so I guess winter is almost over. But beware, this area usually has a blast of cold weatehr around Easter, so better not pack the winter clothes yet.

Here at the nursing home, we can't decide whether to use the airconditioner or the heater. Other than that, all is oging well. See you at the nursing home.

Jeff

We are happy to report Frankie Jarrett returned after a short stay in the Eastland Hospital.

We are sorry to report Cynthia Earles was transferred from the Eastland Hospital to a hospital in Ft. Worth.

The next birthday party will be March 25th at 2:00 p.m. Honorees are Mary Williams and Vadis Phelps. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Guests are welcome.

On Sunday morning Edna Joyce Brinegar of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School class for Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Velma Benent, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Hazel Wisdom, Patti Whitehorn and Frankie Jarrett.

Visiting Bea O'Neal and Doris Fowler were June Salik, Rev. Craig Rhoton, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Pat Hagood, Glenn Edward and Clarissa Glasson.

At 2:30 on Sunday Rev. T.D. Whitehorn brought the devotional for Patti Whitehorn, Jack and Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, Inez Rogers, Venita Hammon, Doris Fowler, Velma Bennett, Myrtle Hale and guests Mary Estes, Sylvia Estes, Pat Graham, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Jack and Mildred Bellows were Darrell and Pat Graham, Pat Hagood and Eunice Love.

On Monday those coming for the sing-a-long were T.D. Whitehorn,

Zelda Jordan, Nancy Hendricks, Daisy Slaton, Ethel Weaver, Nina Joiner, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadday, Ruby Lee Kinser, Alpha Mae Andry, Irene Easley and Betty Harrison. Residents were Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Velma Bennett, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Cynthia Earles, S.D. Gilmore, Ora Mae Atchison, Venita Hammon, Doris Fowler and Ollie Halcomb.

Some of Mary Williams' guests were Frdia Harrison of Mesquite, Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Maxine Frasier of De Leon and Durwood Webb.

Those visiting Ed Johnson were Eunice Love, Nolan and Mandy Treadway, Candice Ervin of Midland, M.L. Skiles, Ron and Nina Skiles and Fay Johnson.

On Friday morning Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for Jack and Mildred Bellows, Venita Hammon, A.V. Seay, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, Frankie Jarrett, Velma Bennett, Ava Rodgers and S.D. Gilmore.

Some of Ava Rodgers and Ora Mae Atchison's guests were Chesley Atchison and Edie Nichols of Stephenville, Fred Rogers, Violet Watson, Buddy Rogers, Howard and Pat Hagood, Lovelle and Benie Pulley of Roswell, N.M., Eunice Love, Dixie Ryon of Desdemona, Edna Joyce Brinegar.

On Friday afternoon enjoying a good western movie starring John Wayne were Velma Bennett, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Iola Johnson, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Dorothy Beaty, Veno Hale, Ann Mize and Ollie Halcomb.

Recent guests of Stella Files and Hazel Wisdom were Wiley and Marjie McCollum of El Paso, Corinne Waldon of Clyde, Bob and Merene Wisdom, Leo and Eloise Williams of Desdemona, Ken and Pat Kincannon of Hico, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood,

David Williams of Lawton, Okla.

Karen Guthery gave Cynthia Earles a new permanent.

Visiting Bill Hannah were Jonathan, Luann, Tiffany, Colton, Blake and Brittany VanDusen, and Catherine Hannah.

Some of Ava Rodgers' guests were Faye Tucker, Ina Brown, Jana Grice, Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

Visiting Buddy Winn were Goldie Clauson of Big Spring, Lance Winn of Irving, Harvey Winn of Carbon, Vernon and Deon Fields.

On Monday Ina Smith had bingo for Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Velma Bennett, S.D. Gilmore, Ora Mae Atchison, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Venita Hammon, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Patti Whitehorn, Frankie Jarrett and Iola Johnson.

Frank Skiles Passes Away
Frank Skiles, 86, passed way Feb. 28, 1999. The funeral was March 2 at 2 p.m. at Gorman Higginbotham Funeral chapel. Rev. Craig Rhoton officiated. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Mr. Skiles was a retired from the Shelly Oil Company. He was a member of 1st Baptist Church and Gorman Masonic Lodge. He married M.L. Huff in 1932.

He is survived by his wife of Gorman, one son, Ronald Lee Skiles of Gorman, one brother, Bill Skiles of Big Spring, 2 sisters, Eva Doris of Tamaqua, Pa, and Maxine Lee of Midland; 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Some of Cynthia Earles' guests wer Vardie Huff, Pat Hagood, David and Denna Halcomb, Betty Sue Heathington, Lowell and Benie Pulley.

On Tuesday Betty Duke came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for Jack and Mildred Bellows, Frankie Jarrett, Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Buddy Winn, Venita Hammon, Ola Walker, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Ann Mize, Velma Bennett, Irene Heathington, Stella Files, Hazel Wisdom, Ava Rodgers and Iola Johnson.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore were Lowell and Benie Pulley of N.M., Daisy Slaton, Durwood Webb, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Pat Hagood and Eunice Love.

On Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. th Hogan Band gave a concert. Present were Carroll Hogan, Lloyd Glasson, Pauline Spears, Giese and Eaelyn Sublett, Hershell and Mary Margret Gibson, Marshall and Dottie Reeves, pete Rodgers, Finis Butler, Rodger pounds, Daisy Slaton, Doris Bradhaw, Alpha Mae Andry, Ina Smith, Glenn Edward and Clarissa Glasson, Nancy Hendricks, Jackie Whitlock and Melia Madera. Residents were S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay, Irene Heathington, Stella Files, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, Frankie Jarrett, Veno Hale, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ann Mize, Hazel Wisdom, Iola Johnson, Dean Pounds, Edwina Harrison, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Vadis Phelps, Velma Benent, Rubye Jones and Bea O'Neal.

Visiting Edwina Harrison were Tommy and Betty Harrison, Rev. Craig Rhoton, Irene Easley.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Myrtle Hale were Lowell and Benie Pulley, Vickie Seay, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Argie and Marjie Hale, Linda Glover, Pat Hagood.

On Tuesday afternoon residents enjoyed another John Wayne movie. They were Jack and Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, guest Clifton Jarrett, Veno Hale, Velma Bennett, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb and S.D. Gilmore.

Some of Ann Mize and Velma Bennett's guests were Lowell and Benie Pulley, Freddie Sadberry of De Leon, Ruth Coutorie, Pat and Howard Hagood, Icy Munn, Nancy Hendricks, Debbie Caraway, Roxanna Scitern, Eunice Love and Mayvis Lasater.

Visiting Voleta Richardson and Ola Walker were Pat and Howard Hagood, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater and Jo Etheredge.

On Wednesday morning Keith Campbell came and played the electric keyboard for Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Frankie Jarrett, Ollie Halcomb, Ora Mae Atchison, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Velma Bennet and Venita Hammon.

Visiting Ollie Halcomb and Dorothy Beaty were Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, David and Denna Halcomb.

Those enjoying "Tall Tales" about bed bugs and sand storms in days gone by with Bro. Bob Beeman were Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett and Iola Johnson.

Some of Rubye Jones and Vadis Phelps' guests were Jerry Brown, Seth Johnson, Cory and Cameron Clark, Elnora Lindley, Faye Tucker, Birdie Hogan, Pat Hagood, Ina Reynolds, Eunice Love, and Mayvis Lasater.

On Thursday Ina Smith had con-

Sharing with Bob

by Robert Beeman

This week my visit with my friends at Heritage manor was kinda quiet. Most of the patients were in a lethargic mood. I put it down to the strange weather we've been having and the cold/flu that has enveloped the whole town.

The wind yesterday got us to talking a little about dust storms. Soil conservation has almost made them a thing of the past. We agreed that some new things are great while others aren't. Ant spray has almost

made horned frogs extinct.

That led us to other types of bugs. When was the last time you were bitten by a bedbug? Here are some cures. Kerosene is one of the best deterrents. Lightly spray along baseboards, as the bedbugs live in the wall. Powered sulfur can be sprinkled right on the bedclothes (sheets).

Another way is to put whisky in a sprayer and spray the bed. The

bedbugs will get drunk and fall all the way to the floor, landing on their backs, which will paralyze them. I asked if anyone had really tried this and the answer was no. Nobody with whisky in the house would waste it this way (or any way). 'til next time, Brother Bob

When grackles fly, they fold their tail feathers upward and use the tail to steer.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank the Gorman Masonic Lodge for the delicious breakfast which they prepared for the Gorman faculty. I would especially like to thank you for the award I was presented. There are no words to adequately express my thanks for all the support and encouragement that this organization gives to all of the people who choose education as a career and for all of the support they give our board members. Thanks for everything.

In Christian love,
Janda Taylor

Because of friction caused by tides, the earth's rotation slows and the day increases about a millisecond each century.

centration for Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Those visiting Frankie Jarrett and Patti Whitehorn were Kay Watson, Bill Johnson, Edna Joyce Brinegar, Clifton Jarrett, Mark Watson, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Mary Estes, Sylvia Estes, Ina Reynolds, Eunice Love, Lowell and Benie Pulley.

Ina Smith had "Horse Races" for Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ollie Halcomb, S.D. Gilmore, B.T. Hannah, Iola Johnson, A.V. Seay, Myrtle Hale, Velma Bennett and Ava Rodgers.

Some of Iola Johnson's guests were Ina Reynolds and Ruby Lee Norris of Carbon, Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.



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