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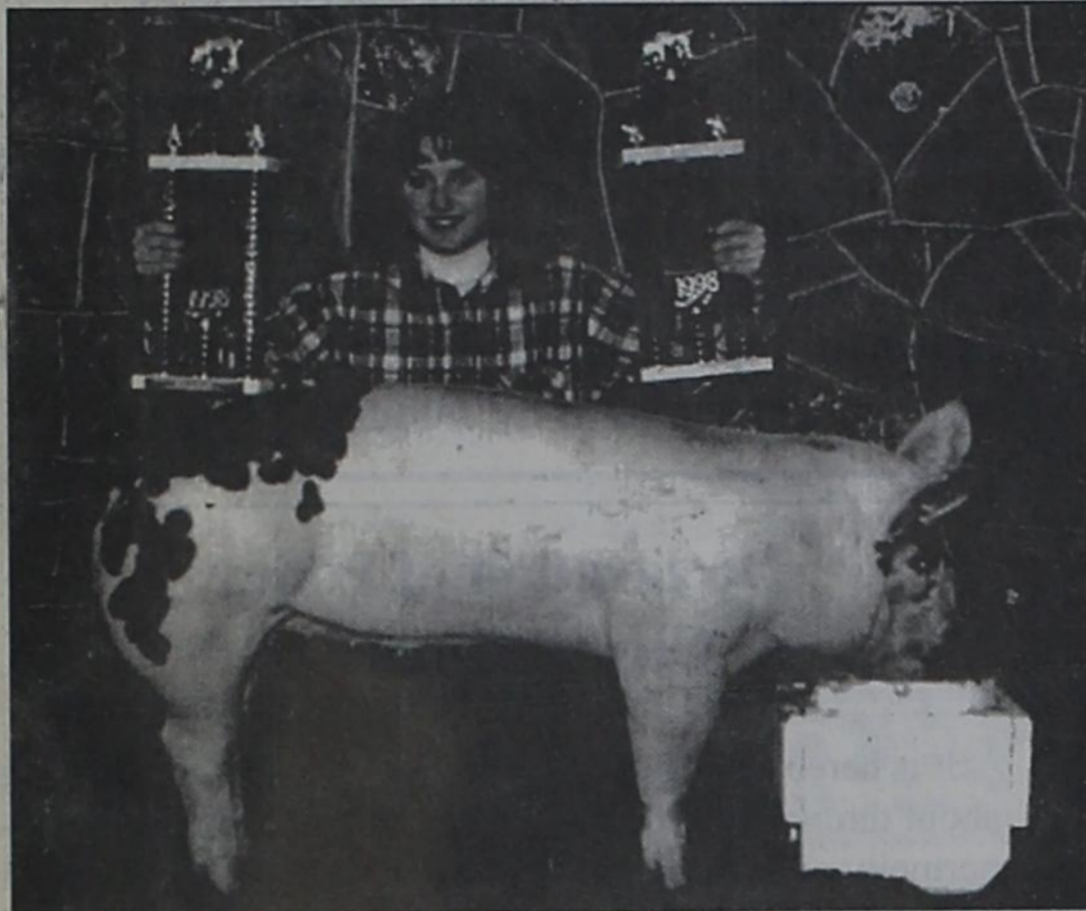
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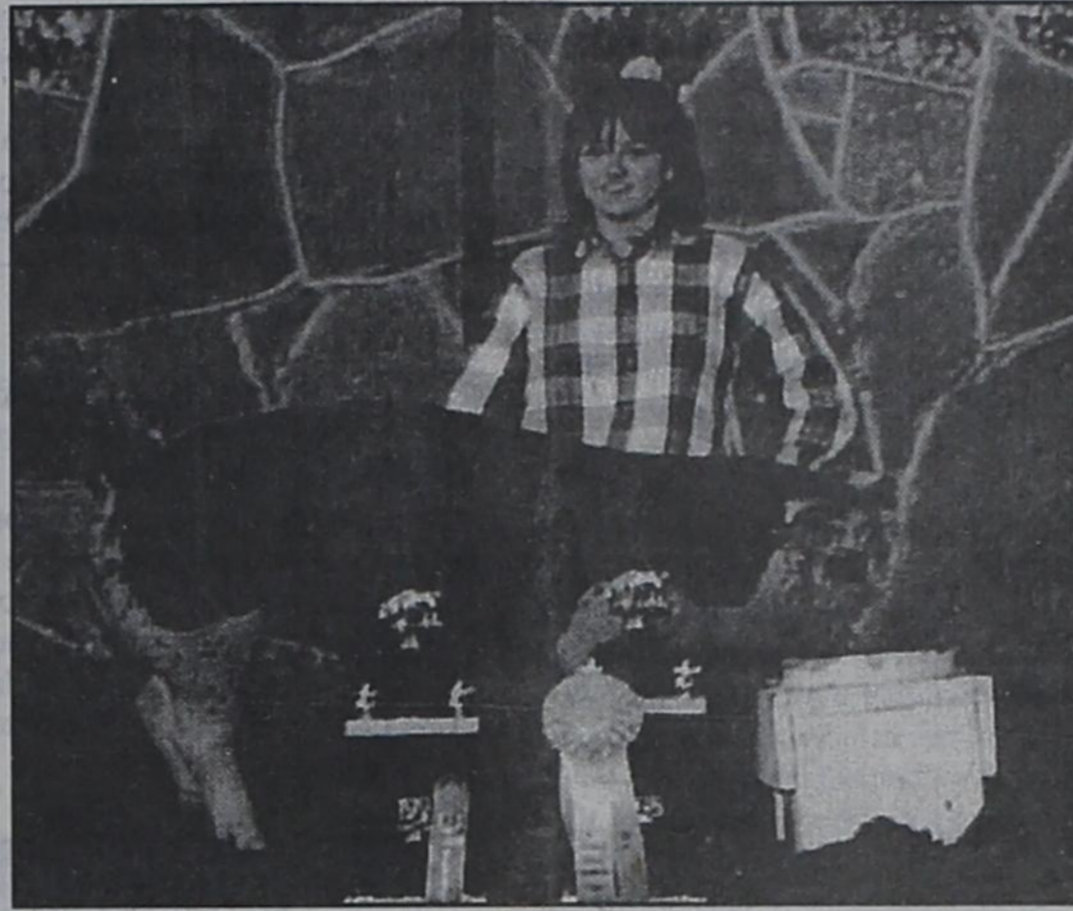
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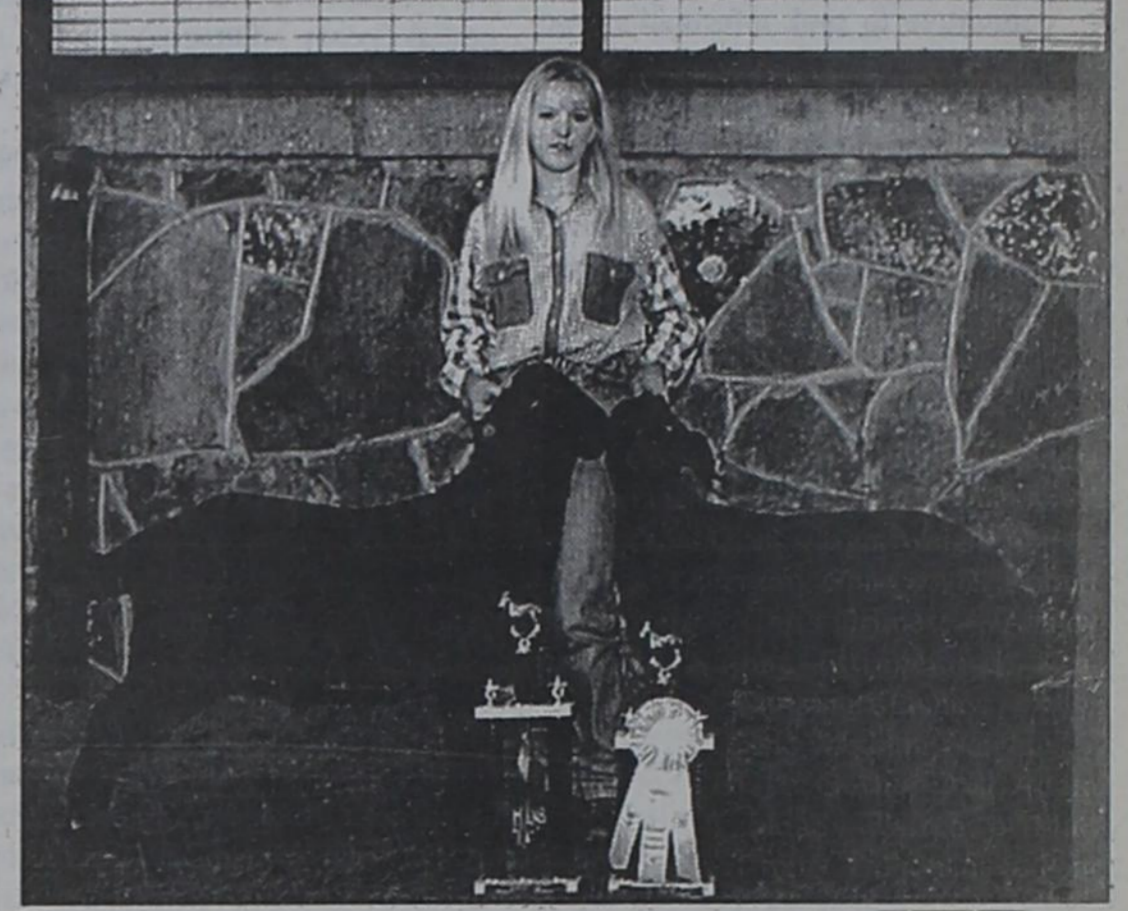
Gorman Livestock Show Results



Samantha Stephens - Grand Champion of Show Breeding & Market



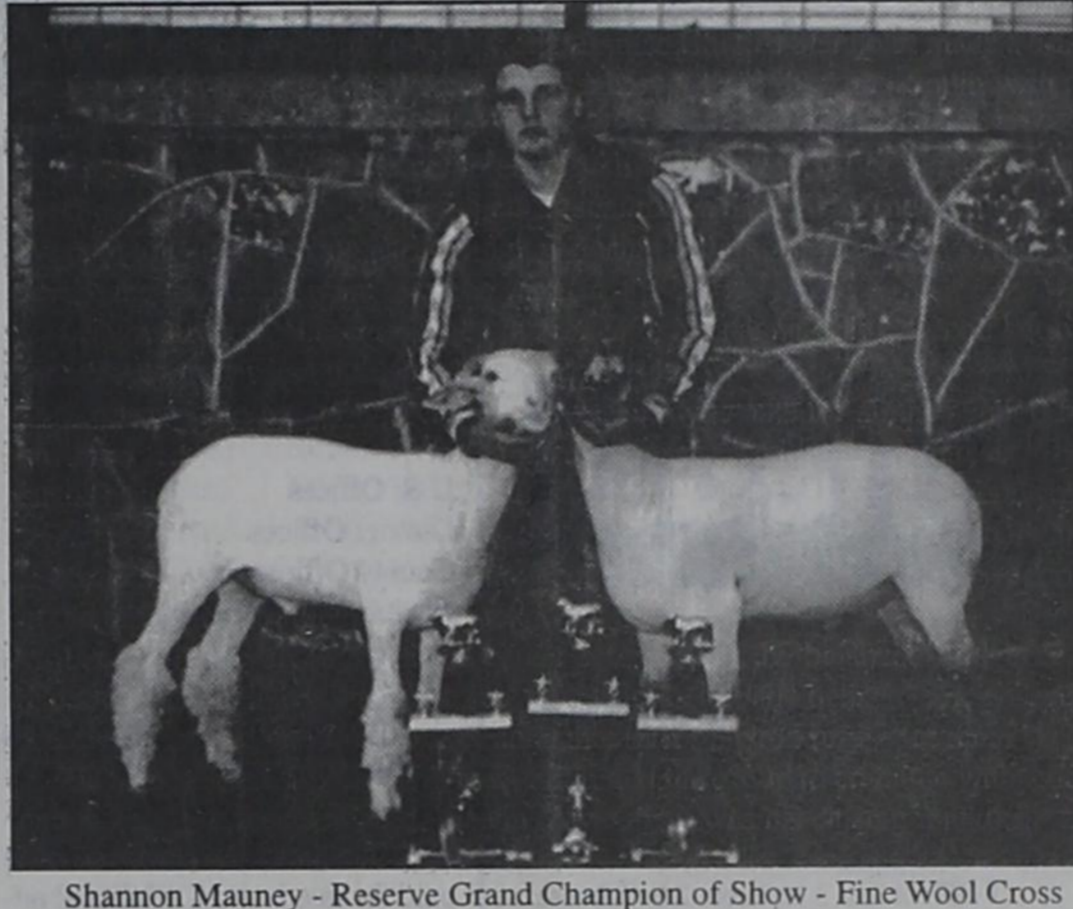
Mindy Laminack - Reserve Grand Champion of Show - Breeding



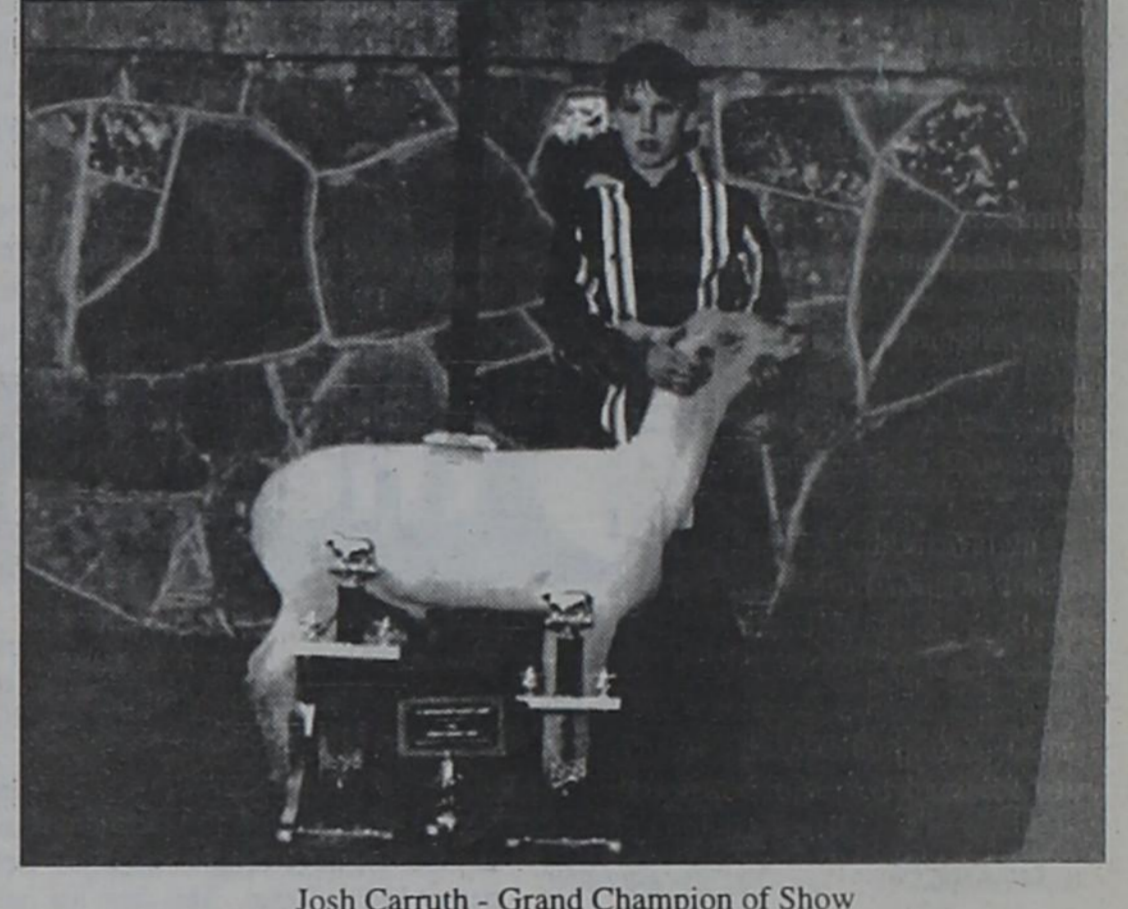
Ashley Laminack - Grand Champion of Show and Reserve Grand Champion of Show



Josh Johnson - Reserve Grand Champion of Show - Market



Shannon Mauney - Reserve Grand Champion of Show - Fine Wool Cross
Grand Champion of Show - Fine Wool



Josh Carruth - Grand Champion of Show

Ina Scitern and Johnny Smith Pledge Nuptials



Ina Scitern and Johnny Smith exchanged wedding vows Saturday, January 3, 1998 at the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

Kay Ann Craddock of Plano was her cousin's maid of honor. Jeff Smith of Eastland was his father's best man. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Jackie Auvenshine of DeLeon.

Ina wore a tea length dress of dark purple and carried a bouquet of pink and purple rose buds.

Kay Ann wore an off white two piece suit with a light purple blouse and carried a long stem dark rose colored rose.

Johnny wore black wranglers, white shirt and black wrangler tux jacket. His boutonniere was pink and purple rose buds.

Jeff wore black wranglers, white shirt and a purple boutonniere.

Other members of the wedding were Ina and Johnny's eighteen grandchildren. The grandchildren came down the aisle as Barry, Hazle, Johnny's son-in-law, sang "Little Folk". Each child placed a stem of pink and purple rose buds in a white basket of ivy which finished the wedding decorations. Each Little Folk wore a corsage or boutonniere of pink/purple rose buds. The Little Folks were: Ashley Auvenshine, Emily Auvenshine, John Caskey, Kacey Honea, Krysti Honea, Audrey Johnston, Jaime Johnston, Kinsey Johnston, Aleigha Lindsey, Chase Lindsey, Toby Lindsey, Brittney Smith, Vance Smith,

Kailey Sones, Nathan Tucker, Keifer Wilson, Holly Wright and Ryan Wright.

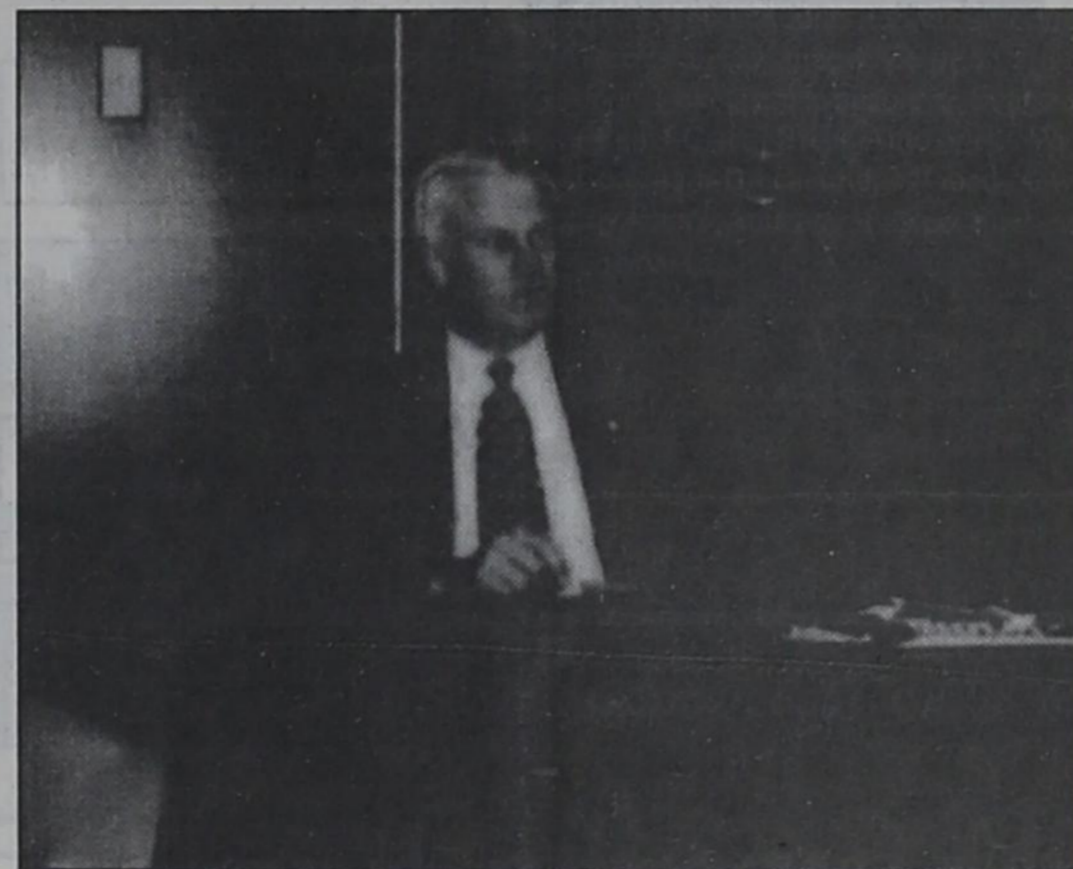
Aleigha Lindsey, Johnny's granddaughter played the wedding march as Kevin Scitern, Ina's son escorted her down the aisle.

The reception was held at the Senior Citizen Building. Johnny and Ina's chosen colors of pink and purple were carried out at each table. Ina's table was covered in a light pink table cloth. Her bouquet was the center piece flanked by purple candles in glass holders as well as purple plates, forks and napkins, purple mints and mixed nuts. Serving the beautifully decorated three tiered wedding cake and raspberry punch were, Ina's daughters, Brenda Tucker, Nita Auvenshine and Amy Johnston.

Johnny's table was covered in a light purple table cloth with pink plates, napkins, and forks and mints. Chocolate cake and coffee were served by Johnny's daughters, JoAnn Caskey, Julie Hazel, Missy Sones and Mary Meyers. The centerpiece was the two white baskets of ivy and pink and purple rose buds used in the wedding.

The kids table was covered with a pink and purple table cloth. The center piece was a bouquet of eighteen pink and purple balloons representing each grandchild. Pink and purple plates and napkins and mints were used on this table. M&M's, cookies, brownies and soft drinks were served by Johnny's daughter-in-law, Angie Smith with the

Congressman Charles Stenholm Visits In Gorman at SWPGA



Reported By Estelle Craddock

While out on his campaign trail, Congressman Charles Stenholm made a brief appearance in Gorman on Wednesday, January 14, 1998 at the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association building.

Ross Wilson opened the conference with an introduction of Congressman Stenholm. He praised Congressman Stenholm for his efforts and influence in Washington in protecting and saving the peanut programs. He credited him for saving the peanut program over the years.

Congressman Stenholm opened his remarks by stating that "No one knows more about the peanut industry than Ross Wilson."

Stenholm told the group, "He was here to say thanks for all the support he has received from them over the ten terms he has served in the Congress." He stated he has worked hard to make things happen for farmers. He got a good vote on the peanuts last year, but said part of the problem in Congress is that there are few members with farm related knowledge of agriculture. He will be working in the future to earn the majority back.

He said "The highlight of his career was getting the balanced budget and stated he would like to have surplus money applied to the debt." "The children are the future and we should make adjustments for a good future for them".

He said fund raising is going well, but urged the group to continue with contributions. "We are going to do fine in November" was his closing remarks.

older grandchildren alternating.

The beautiful wedding cake and the groom's cake were baked and decorated by Cecilia Hirst and Shirley Self.

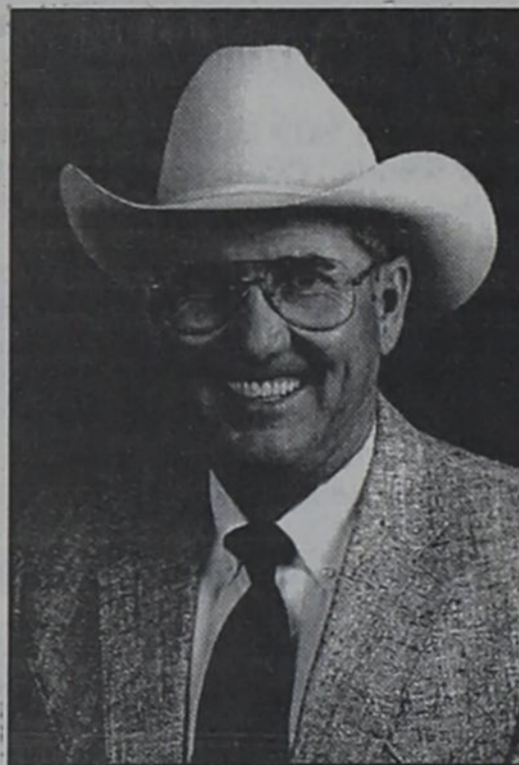
Ina's going away suit was a wool jacket of pink, purple and black plaid with a pink sweater and black slacks. The groom wore a grey striped western shirt and black jeans.

After the wedding trip to Holly Lake Ranch near Tyler and Bossier City, LA, they will make their home at 350 Crescent in Gorman.

Ina is the daughter of the late Alvin and Merle Lasater of Kokomo.

Johnny is the son of Willie and Jelma Smith of Joshua.

Gene Kea Candidate for Eastland County Judge



Gene Kea candidate for the office of Eastland County Judge in the Democratic Primary on March 10, 1998 has offered the following statement:

To the citizens of Eastland County:
My name is Gene Kea. This year I am taking an early retirement from state service and would like to continue to serve the people of Eastland County as your County Judge.

Gene was born in Blackwell Hospital in Gorman, Texas on September 6, 1943, to Wayne and Beth (Golden) Kea, of DeLeon, Texas.

A graduate of Snyder High School in 1961, he married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy (Payne) Kea in October of that year. They have one daughter Pam Chaney, a 3rd year law school student at St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, who is married to Mark Chaney of Eastland. They also have one son, Monty Kea, who is employed as a trooper with the Department of Public Safety, and stationed in Eastland. Monty is married to Tammy Kea and they have two children, Zackery and Keirstin.

Gene is a U.S. Army combat veteran, having served in Viet Nam in 1967-68.

Since December of 1968 Gene has been employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety. While stationed in Lubbock as a state trooper, Gene saw the need for furthering his education and attended Wayland Baptist College, earning a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement. On January 1, 1978, Gene was promoted to the position of Texas Ranger. Gene transferred to Eastland in July of 1981 and has served for over 16 years as your Texas

The Gorman FFA held its annual Local Show at the school on Saturday, January 10th. The Local Show was the largest and most competitive show we have ever had.

Sixty five students exhibited 146 swine, 13 sheep and 14 goats. The results of the show are as follows:

BREEDING GILT DIVISIONS

Berkshire Class - Light Weight
1. Ashley Laminack; 2. Mandy Warren; 3. Melinda Leal; and 4. Mandy Warren. Berkshire Class Champion was Ashley Laminack. Berkshire Class Reserve Champion was Mandy Warren.

Chesters Class - Light Weight
1. Kendra Dickerson.
Chesters Class Champion - Kendra Dickerson.

Cross Class - Light Weight
1. Jeremy Sparger; 2. Robert Sexton; 3. Chris Grimes; 4. Ashley Rich (Nathan Ettinger); 5. Kim Carlton; 6. Christina Mauney.

Cross Class - Medium Weight
1. Blake Guthery; 2. Adam Spivey; 3. Mandy Warren; 4. Matt Boone; 5. Tiffany Troutman; 6. Pam Osborne.

Cross Class - Heavy Weight
1. Samantha Stephens; 2. Pam Osborne; 3. Ashley Rich; 4. Colten VanDusen; 5. Carrie Ship; 6. Ashley Rich (Page Roark); 7. Jennifer Shackelford.

Cross Class Champion - Samantha Stephens and Reserve Champion - Pam Osborne.

Duroc Class - Light Weight
1. Wes Wilkins; 2. Ashley Rich; 3. Ashley Rich (Page Roark); 4. Carrie Shipp; 5. Adam Torres; 6. Carrie Ship by Tana Goode.

Duroc Class - Medium Weight
1. Casey Simpson; 2. Joseph Duvall; 3. Raul Madera; 4. Reese Clark; 5. Kim Carlton; 6. Kaci Seaton; 7. Matt Boone.

Duroc Class Champion - Casey Simpson and Reserve Champion - Joseph Duvall.

Hamps Class - Light Weight
1. Josh (Seth) Johnson; 2. Chris Grimes; 3. Mark Campbell; 4. Matt Boone; 5. Reese Clark; 6. Patel Stephen.

Hamps Class - Medium Weight

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Florida Boys To Appear In Breckenridge

The Florida Boys will be appearing Friday, January 23 at the Breckenridge High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Tickets are available at: Songs & Psalms-Cisco; Breck Auto or His Way Bookstore-Breckenridge; Good News Bookstore-Abilene; Eastco Fuel-Gorman.

Ranger. During that time Gene has spent hundreds of hours in court observing and testifying in trials. Gene also served 10 years on the Eastland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Your support on March 10th will be greatly appreciated.
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1. Jennifer Shackelford; 2. Ashley Hornbeck; 3. Jessie Hagood; 4. Ashley Hornbeck; 5. Eric Park (Kimmie Seaton); 6. Steban Leal; and 7. Patricia Madera.
Hamps Class Champion - Jennifer Shackelford and Reserve Champion - Seth Johnson.
Landrace Class - Light Weight
 1. Tana Goode; 2. Tiffany Van Dusen; 3. Ryan Keller.
Landrace Class Champion - Tana Goode and Reserve Champion - Tiffany Van Dusen.
Polands Class - Light Weight
 1. Samantha Stephens; 2. Ashley Rich; 3. Jeremy Sparger; and 4. Ashley Hornbeck.
Polands Class Champion - Samantha Stephens and Reserve Champion - Ashley Rich.
Spots Class - Light Weight
 1. Mindy Laminack; 2. Seth Johnson; 3. Blake Van Dusen; and 4. Bubba Hagood.
Spots Class Champion - Mindy Laminack and Reserve Champion - Seth Johnson.
Yorks Class - Light Weight
 1. Adam Torrez; 2. Mark Blaylock; 3. Josh Carruth; 4. Cody Maupin; 5. Cody Simpson; 6. Ryan

Keller.
Yorks Class Champion - Adam Torrez and Reserve Champion - Mark Blaylock.
Grand Champion of the Breeding Gilt Show was Samantha Stephens. **Reserve Grand Champion** was Mindy Laminack.
MARKET PIG DIVISIONS:
Berkshire Class - Light Weight
 1. Melinda Leal; 2. Mandy Warren; 3. Christina Mauney.
Berkshire Class - Medium Weight
 1. Mandy Warren; 2. Ashley Laminack; 3. Janice Glover; and 4. Mandy Laminack.
Berkshire Class Champion - Mandy Warren and Reserve Champion - Ashley Laminack.
Chesters Class - Light Weight
 1. Cody Maupin; 2. Sonja Reagan; 3. Cory Carruth.
Chesters Class - Medium Weight
 1. Josh Johnson; 2. Mindy Lamiack; 3. Kendra Dickerson.
Chester Class Champion - Cody Maupin and Reserve Champion - Sonja Reagan.
Cross Class - Light Weight
 1. John Reagan; 2. Ashley Laminack; 3. Robert Sexton; 4. Jeremy Sparger; 5. Chris Grimes; 6. Kim Carlton; 7. David Wilkins; 8. Ashley Rich; 9. Josh Carruth; 10. Christina Mauney; 11. Shannon Mauney.

Cross Class - Medium Weight
 1. Blake Guthery; 2. Kim Carlton; 3. Jennifer Shackelford; 4. Mark Blaylock; and 5. Tiffany Troutman.
Cross Class - Heavy Weight
 1. Colten Van Dusen; 2. Mandy Warren; 3. Adam Spivey; 4. Seth Johnson; 5. Kendra Dickerson; 6. Pam Osborne; 7. Matt Boone and 8. Michael Leal.
Cross Class Champion - Samantha Stephens and Reserve Champion - Ashley Rich.
Class 8 - Cross
 1. Ashley Rich; 2. Mark Glover; 3. Jennifer Shackelford; 4. Blake Guthery; 5. Kim Carlton; 6. Ashley Rich; 7. Cody Simpson.
Class 9 - Cross
 1. Samantha Stephens; 2. Cory Carruth; 3. Pam Osborne; 4. Melissa Tarver; 5. Pam Osborne; 6. Carrie Shipp; and 7. David Seaton.
Durocs Class - Light Weight
 1. Wes Wilkins; 2. Kaci Seaton; 3. Ashley Rich; 4. Bubba Hagood; 5. Erik Parks; 6. Carrie Shipp.
Durocs Class - Medium Weight
 1. Casey Simpson; 2. Kaci Seaton; 3. Ashley Rich; 4. Carrie Shipp; 5. Adam Torrez; and 6. Heather McGlothlin.
Duroc Class - Heavy Weight
 1. Casey Simpson; 2. Kim Carlton; 3. Paul Madera; 4. Joseph Duvall; 5. Wes Wilkins; 6. Reese Clark; 7. Matt Boone.
Duroc Class Champion - Casey Simpson and Reserve Champion - Casey Simpson.
Hamps Class - Light Weight
 1. Seth Johnson; 2. Mark Campbell; 3. Reese Clark; 4. Josh Carruth; 5. Chris Grimes; 6. Matt Boone; 7. Stephen Patel; 8. Shannon Mauney.
Hamps Class - Medium Weight
 1. Jessie Hagood; 2. Josh Johnson; 3. Erick Park; 4. Blake Guthery; 5. Kendra Dickerson; 6. Shannon Mauney; 7. Cory Carruth.
Hamps Class - Heavy Weight
 1. Jennifer Shackelford; 2. Sonja Reagan; 3. Adam Spivey; 4. Mindy Laminack; 5. Ashley Hornbeck; 6. Kennon Hornbeck; 7. Josh Carruth; 8. Steban Leal; 9. Patricia Madera.
Hamps Class Champion - Seth Johnson and Reserve Champion - Mark Campbell.
Landrace Class - Light Weight
 1. Tiffany Van Dusen; 2. Ryan Keller; 3. Mark Glover; 4. Tana Goode; 5. Cole Sandlin.
Landrace Class Champion - Tiffany Van Dusen and Reserve Champion - Ryan Keller.
Polands Class - Light Weight
 1. Cory Carruth; 2. Cody Simpson; 3. Ryan Keller.
Polands Class - Medium Weight
 1. Samantha Stephens; 2. Ashley Rich (by Page Roark); 3. Jeremy Sparger; 4. Ashley Hornbeck; 5. Tiffany Troutman.
Polands Class Champion - Samantha Stephens and Reserve Champion - Ashly Rich (by Page

Roark).
Spots Class - Light Weight
 1. Blake Van Dusen; 2. Bubba Hagood; 3. Cole Sandlin; 4. Casey Simpson.
Spots Class - Heavy Weight
 1. Josh Johnson; 2. Mindy Laminack; 3. Ashley Laminack; 4. David Seaton; 5. Tiffany Troutman.
Spots Class Champion - Josh Johnson and Reserve Champion - Mindy Laminack.
Yorks Class - Light Weight
 1. Mark Blaylock; 2. Ryan Keller; 3. Mindy Laminack; 4. Cody Maupin; 5. Cody Simpson; 6. Cory Carruth; 7. Blake Guthery.
Yorks Class - Medium Weight
 1. Adam Torrez; 2. Janice Glover; 3. Josh Carruth; 4. Kaci Seaton; 5. Pam Osborne.
Yorks Class Champion - Mark Blaylock and Reserve Champion - Adam Torrez.
Grand Champion of Show - Samantha Stephens and Reserve **Grand Champion of Show** - Josh Johnson.
Senior Showmanship - Ashley Rich - Breeding Swine; Cody Simpson - Market Swine.
Junior Showmanship - Mandy Warren - Breeding Swine; Josh Carruth - Market Swine.
Pee Wee Showmanship - Market Swine - Kennon Hornbeck, Paige Roark.
GOATS DIVISION:
Light Weight
 1. Ashley Rich (by Paige Roark); 2. Hunter Speck; 3. Carrie Shipp; 4. Pam Osborne; 5. Blake Van Dusen; 6. Blake Van Dusen.
Medium Weight
 1. Ashley Laminack; 2. Ashley Laminack (by Tiffany Troutman); 3. Kerri Shipp; 4. Mindy Laminack; 5. Pam Osborne; 6. Carrie Shipp; 7. Ashley Rich; 8. Carrie Shipp (Blaylock).
Class Champion - Ashley Laminack and Reserve Champion Ashley Laminack.
Showmanship - Senior - Pam Osborne - **Junior** - Gil Cochrane.
SHEEP DIVISION:
Fine Wool - Light Weight
 1. Shannon Mauney; 2. Gil Cochrane; 3. Gil Cochrane (by Seth).
Fine Wool Class Champion - Shannon Mauney and Reserve Champion - Gil Cochrane.
Fine Wool Cross - Light Weight
 1. Shannon Mauney; 2. Josh Carruth.
Fine Wool Cross Class Champion - Shannon Mauney and Reserve Class Champion - Josh Carruth.
Southdown - Light Weight
 1. Josh Carruth; 2. Brian Hunt; 3. Christina Mauney; 4. Josh Johnson.
Southdown Class Champion - Josh Carruth and Reserve Class Champion - Brian Hunt.
Southdown Cross - Light Weight
 1. Christina Mauney
Southdown Cross Class Champion - Christina Mauney.
Medium Wool - Light Weight

1. Pam Osborne (by Carrie Shipp); 2. Pam Osborne; 3. Brian Hunt.
Medium Wool Class Champion - Pam Osborne and Reserve Class Champion - Pam Osborne.
Grand Champion of the Show - Sheep - Josh Carruth and Reserve **Grand Champion of the Show** - Shannon Mauney.
Showmanship - Senior - Shannon Mauney and **Junior** - Josh Carruth.
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Hampshire Class Champion
 Jerry and Betty Jo Overstreet
 Reserve - Corky and Jerry Brown
Landrace Class Champion
 Mark and Carol Blaylock
 Reserve - Revis and Becky Laminack
Poland China Class Champion
 Lee and Jeanine Hornbeck
 Reserve - Revis and Becky Laminack
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 Reserve - Sandlin Bros.
Yorkshire Class Champion
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 Reserve - Sandlin Bros.
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Market Pigs
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Chester Class Champion
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 Reserve - Sandlin Bros.
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 Gary and Kyra McGinn
 Reserve - David and Linda Glover
Duroc Class Champion
 Kenneth and Ann Murdoch
 Reserve - David and Linda Glover
Hampshire Class Champion
 Jack and Becky Simpson
 Reserve - Shelby Hagood
Landrace Class Champion
 Steve and Tracy Spivey
 Reserve - Shelby Hagood
Poland China Class Champion
 Manuel and Debbie Torres
 Reserve - Sheila Wilkins
Spot Class Champions
 Bill and Kathy Hagood
 Reserve - Ronnie and Brenda Bush
Yorkshire Class Champion
 Donnie and Nelda Mauney
 Reserve - Wesley and Sue Spivey
Grand Champion of the Show
 Marceil's Mary Kay
Reserve Grand Champion of the Show
 Simpson Farms & Mike and Tacy Warren

Lambs
Fine Wool Class Champion
 J. S. and Glenda Ripley
 Reserve - Darrel and June Dossey
Fine Wool Class Champion
 Layne and Kathy Marlow
 Reserve - Johnny and Vicki Johnson
Medium Wool Class Champion
 Darren and Julie Clark
 Reserve - Johnny and Vicki Johnson
Southdown Class Champion
 Jim and Kim Curlee
 Reserve - Charlie and Betty Morris
Southdown Cross Class Champion
 Coach, Connie and Paige Roark
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 Jerry and Betty Jo Overstreet
Reserve Grand Champion of the Show
 Randy, Lisa and Lindsey Laminack
Goats
Grand Champion of the Show
 Shipp's Cattle Co.
Reserve Grand Champion of the Show
 Jerry and Betty Jo Overstreet
Showmanship
Junior Showmanship - Breeding Swine
 Senior Showmanship - Breeding Swine
Junior Showmanship - Market Swine
 Senior Showmanship - Market Swine
Junior Showmanship - Market Lambs
 Senior Showmanship - Market Lambs
Junior Showmanship - Meat Goats
 Senior Showmanship - Meat Goats
 All Showmanship trophies were donated by Jim and Kelly Carruth.
THANK YOU
 I want to thank everyone, parents, students and community who have helped make this the best and most successful show we have ever had at our school. A special thanks to Dr. Pepper for donating the drinks, Bill Sandlin and Jeff Seaton for hay, Ann and Roger Boone, Danny Snider, Glenn Sciern, Shane Caraway, Bill Roark and Gene Shackelford, Sr. for helping at the show.
 Bo Caraway

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Euria Mae Tucker Laid to Rest Sunday Jan. 18th
 Euria Mae Tucker, 91, of Ranger passed away Friday, January 16, 1998 in a local hospital.
 Mrs. Tucker was born in Alameda, where she attended school. She was a homemaker and a member of the Mesquite and Rusk Street Church of Christ. She was the widow of Richard Tucker, whom she married in 1923 in Chaney.
 Services were held Sunday, January 18th at the Mesquite and Rusk Street Church of Christ with Ronnie Lowe and Kenneth Evans officiating. Burial was in the Alameda Cemetery.
 Survivors include: one daughter, Salata Brown of Ranger; two sisters, Inez Rogers of Gorman and Modean Rogers of Sinton; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

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DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had good attendance last Sunday. Church choir brought the special music. Visitors for the morning service were Aaron Henslee of Lingleville, Cindy Abbey and daughters, Cassie and Latisha and Jennifer Brown of DeLeon, Thomas and Stormy Hurd of Gorman, Dan Collum and friend of Stephenville, Hershel and Wanda Brinson of Morgan Mill.

Evah Sparkman and Clyde Paul of Desdemona; Lorene Koonce of DeLeon was in Brownwood on Sunday after-

noon to visit L.P. and Evelyn Hammond. L.P. is in the rest home.

The Desdemona monthly musical will be on Saturday, January 24 at the Community Center. All area musicians and visitors are welcome to attend. Come early and enjoy sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks in the concession stand. All proceeds go to the Community Center fund.

Please contact this reporter with your news. Can't keep this going without the news.

Have a nice day.

Sharing With Brother Bob

By Brother Bob Beeman

One afternoon a week (Wednesday) I get to visit with my friends at Heritage Manor. We usually talk about when we were kids. The topic this week was the question: **When you were in school, what was your favorite food to eat on a cold, wet, dreary day?**

Shouts of roast, taters, popcorn, and hot cocoa were quickly changed to soup & corn bread. We talked of the different kinds of soup and tomato was voted 5 to 3 the favorite over potato. Jack Bellows didn't vote because he said that when he was a kid, he was always hungry and anything tasted good.

One reason I enjoy visiting is that it lets me take time to remember my childhood. I can remember cold winter days when my grandmother would heat a can of stewed tomatoes and stir in milk (real whole milk) and then perform some magic with salt and other spices to produce some of the best soup I have ever eaten.

I'm drifting from the subject. Wednesday we also talked about chili and crackers. Cynthia Earles said she like chili made with garlic and celery. Venio Hale said it needed beef and pork. I asked if any had tried venison chili (yes) or goat chili (ugh, no). Several agreed that crackers were usually a luxury.

Some how we got on to the topic of marshmallows. Maybe talking about hot cocoa. Anyway, we agreed that right out of the bag was a perfectly acceptable way to eat them. Roasting over an open fire or in cocoa were okay, and

USDA Works to Stop Drug Use in Housing Properties

USDA Rural Development Community announced that USDA Rural Development in Texas is participating in the Clinton Administration's Red Ribbon Campaign again this year. The objective of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to stop the use of illegal drugs in public housing complexes by raising community awareness and involvement.

The program is called the Red Ribbon Campaign because participants wear red ribbons to remember Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique (Kiki) Camerena, who was kidnapped and killed by drug dealers while on duty in February 1995.

The campaign will also include an essay and poster contest for children in grades 4-6 who live in housing complexes financed by Rural Development's Rural Housing Service (RHS). RHS will provide three awards statewide for the top essays and posters on the subject of "The Fight Against Crime and Drug Abuse in My Community--How I Can Make a Difference."

The Red Ribbon Campaign is designed to underscore the Clinton Administration's attempts to halt drug use and distribution and to foster cooperation between local law enforcement leaders, school officials, and others to help in this fight. Other government agencies taking part in this campaign include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice, the drug Enforcement Administration, and the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth.

For more details you can contact Steve Cariker or Judy Canales at 254-742-9710.

The Florida Boys To Appear In Breckenridge Friday Night

"We want our audiences to have a good time. That's important. We also want them to hear the message."

These are the words from one of Southern Gospel's most influential artists and business men, Les Beasley, manager for the legendary Florida Boys. Les is quick to attribute professional success and longevity to nothing more than commitment. For fifty years The Florida Boys have traveled across the country ministering to and entertaining millions along the way. Yet, through it all, each of the members has managed to maintain his focus on the goal at hand. As Les shares, "We hope our music has an effect on the lives of people wherever we go. That's our calling. That's our commitment."

This is the philosophy that has fueled a half decade of success, including over one hundred albums to date, as well as countless number one hits such as "Standing On The Solid Rock," "When He Was On The Cross," "Lead Me To The Alter," and "I Lean On You, Lord."

"It's all about team work," says Les. "One of the worst things you can do is have a super star. This has ruined many groups." Instead, The Florida Boys strive to keep the subject of their songs in center stage. "Singers may come and go, but God never changes. His voice is as clear today as it was fifty years ago when The Florida Boys began."

Each member of The Florida Boys, however, brings to the "team" his own unique background and abilities. In 1952, Glen Alfred became the first of the modern "Florida Boys" to join what was then known as The Gospel Melody Quartet, established in 1947 by J.G. Whitfield. Glen, although only a teenager at the time, was already a seasoned veteran, having performed many times at the Grand Ole Opry with such greats as Wally Fowler and the Oak Ridge Quartet. A half year later came Les Beasley, an ex-marine tank platoon

commander who had just returned from Korea with a heart for ministry. In the years to follow, Derrell Stewart, an upstart piano player from Brunswick, GA, would bring his own special blend of singing and comedy to the group. To this day, his famous "red socks" still tickle audiences across the country. In 1972, bass great Buddy Liles came aboard, becoming only the third bass singer in the group's history. Newcomer Allen Cox completes the ensemble with his exciting tenor voice. Allen joins The Florida Boys fresh out of college.

Wally Fowler, Southern Gospel Promoter, frequently referred to the original group as the "boys from Florida with sand in their shoes and a song in their heart." This perception has stuck with The Florida Boys through many career milestones. In fact, when one considers the trails these men have blazed, it is no wonder there is sand in their shoes. In 1964, The Florida Boys became the first gospel group to have a nationally syndicated television program. This show, The Gospel Singing Jubilee, not only opened the door for other Christian-oriented programming in the years to follow, but also earned numerous Dove Awards, Christian music's highest honor.

Les Beasley is a founding member of the Gospel Music Association, serving one year as President and even naming the "Dove Awards." Now, this industry leader is continuing his efforts to broaden the scope of Gospel music as President of the National Quartet Convention, Gospel music's biggest annual event, drawing 40-45 thousand fans every year.

"As far as I'm concerned," Beasley states, "There's still work to do." Aside from averaging 265 dates each year, The Florida Boys co-host, with friends The Dixie Melody Boys, "The Suwannee River Jubilee," an annual singing in Live Oak, Florida. In addition, they also co-host an annual cruise to the Bahamas. The same commitment that has led to the longevity of this group has and will continue to contribute to the longevity of Southern Gospel music. "As long as artists are willing to be faithful to go out each night and keep God center-stage, lives will be changed. And that's what it's all about."



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TEXANS BIG ON REGULATORY REFORM

During my travels around Texas I get an earful of what's on people's minds. Last month, a Henderson County rancher told me federal environmental regulations are more of a problem than insect infestations and other natural disasters.

He longs for the "good, ole days" when the big challenges were the weather, market fluctuations and pesky insects.

A lot of Texans feel that way: sick and tired of being overly regulated and second-guessed by intrusive government. Responding to my annual questionnaire, 86 percent of you said you support Congressional efforts to roll back excessive regulation by federal agencies; 71 percent said that private property owners have a role to play in the effort to protect endangered species.

Here are some other Texas opinions on this sore subject: From Fort Stockton: "Congress should require that all regulations, existing or new, are justified by honest, audited, proven science. Data provided by the Environmental Protection Agency is not always representative or correct. In addition, all regulations should be subject to a cost/benefit analysis before they are imposed."

From Coppell: "Congress should impose "sunset" laws to require periodic legislative review of government rules and regulations. If not reauthorized, those rules and regulations would fade from the law books."

From Brady: "The size and scope of all environmental agencies should be reduced. They operate with tunnel vision. They are too powerful, and ignore the rights of property owners."

From Rusk: "I say don't just roll back the environmental laws, repeal them."

From Kirbyville: "I consider myself a good steward of my land. I voluntarily protect endangered species on my property. But I expect and demand that the federal government butt out."

From Rochelle: "I have worked with the Environmental Protection Agency in the past and was often amazed at the extent to which its representatives were removed from reality. I had just run a long, extensive road test of methanol powered cars, when the EPA proclaimed that this was the answer to pollution problems and that cars could be converted for only "about \$3000." Our data certainly did not support such enthusiasm. The EPA chose to ignore the fact that methanol costs twice as much as gasoline, but only got slightly better than half the mileage per gallon. It reduced the emissions we measured, but greatly increased some that were not yet regulated. The whole program was and is a real loser."

From Eddy: "Some of these regulatory agencies act as if they are the law. It is extremely difficult for a private citizen or property owner to overturn one of their decisions, no matter how wrong. This is not democracy."

From Clifton: "Don't expect landowners to limit their use of their own property to accommodate any species. Evolution has always eliminated species. Why should we interfere with nature?"

From Onalaska: "I am for preserving valuable environmental resources, but in a way that demonstrates common sense — and preserves the constitutional protection of private property. Property owners should have a major role in deciding on efforts to protect species."

From Tomball: "Please give relief from federal regulations. They cause conflict and nullify any benefit to owning private property. You don't really own it, you just get to pay for it, while someone else tells you what you can and cannot do with it."

From Junction: "We need less federal government and more state and local government."

It seems to me Texans have a realistic view about the limits — and limitations — of government. Regulation has to be balanced against the need for America to stay productive and competitive, and, most important of all, free.

Six Things You Should Know About Caring For

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TREES

2 Use the 1/3 Rules for Pruning

- Never remove more than 1/3 of a tree's crown.
- Where possible, try to encourage side branches that form angles that are 1/3 off vertical (10:00 or 2:00 positions).
- For most species, the tree should have a single trunk.
- Ideally, main side branches should be at least 1/3 smaller than the diameter of the trunk.
- If removal of main branches is necessary, cut them back to the trunk to avoid leaving stubs.
- For most deciduous (broadleaf) trees, don't prune up from the bottom any more than 1/3 of the tree's total height.

1 Don't Top Trees!

Never cut main branches back to stubs. Ugly, weakly attached limbs often grow back higher than the original branches. Many arborists say that topping is the worst thing you can do for the health of a tree.



4 The Value of Mulch

A tree's best friend, mulch insulates soil, retains moisture, keeps out weeds, prevents soil compaction, reduces lawn mower damage, and adds an aesthetic touch to a yard or street. Remove any grass within the mulch area, an area from 3 to 10 feet in diameter, depending on tree size. Pour wood chips or bark pieces 2 to 4 inches deep within the circle, but not touching the trunk.

Because roots need oxygen, they don't normally grow in compacted oxygen-poor soil under paved streets.

Most of the roots are within 18 inches of the surface.

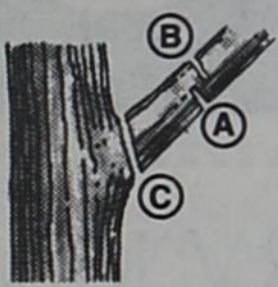
5 Where Roots Really Grow

We don't always appreciate how far roots can extend. Understanding how and where roots grow will help you avoid damage from trenching and construction.

Roots often grow outward to a diameter one to two times the height of the tree.

3 How to Make a Pruning Cut

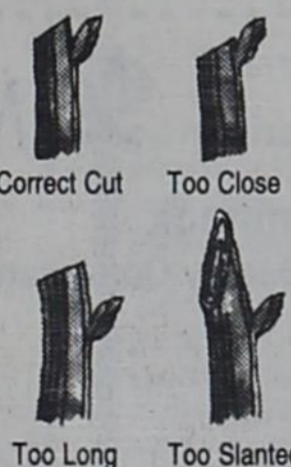
Large Limbs:



- A: Make a partial cut from beneath.
- B: Make a second cut from above several inches out and allow the limb to fall.
- C: Complete the job with a final cut just outside the branch collar.

Small Branches:

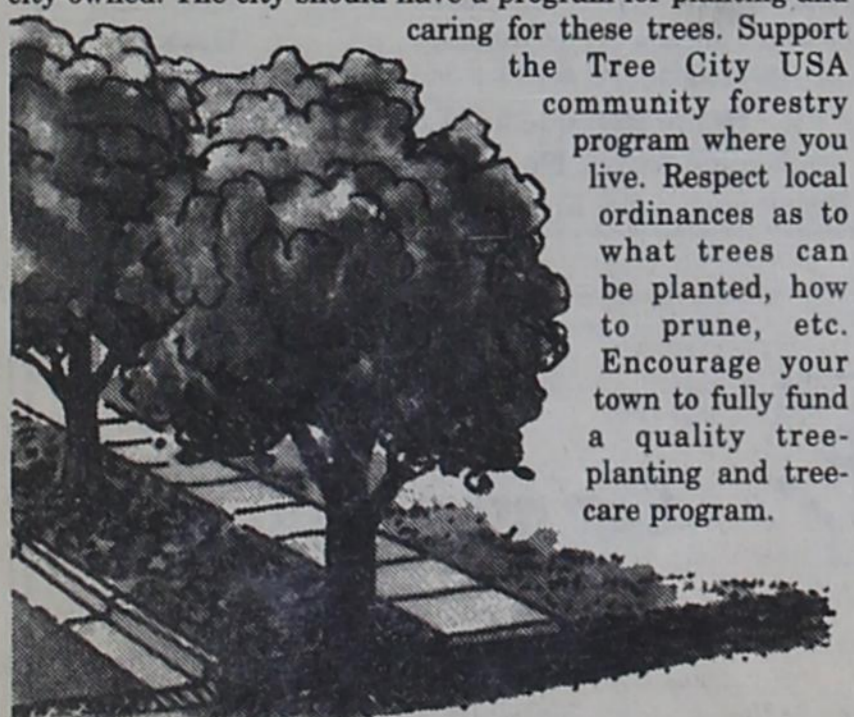
Make a sharp, clean cut, just beyond a lateral bud or other branch.



- Correct Cut
- Too Close
- Too Long
- Too Slanted

6 Your Street Trees May Be City Trees

If you live in a town or city, the trees near the street (often between the sidewalk and street), are probably city-owned. The city should have a program for planting and caring for these trees. Support the Tree City USA community forestry program where you live. Respect local ordinances as to what trees can be planted, how to prune, etc. Encourage your town to fully fund a quality tree-planting and tree-care program.



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ISD Board Receives Commendation

Pictured above are the Gorman ISD Board of Directors who received a Special Commendation from the State Board of Education on January 12. This photo is being published again due to the unsatisfactory printing last week. The Progress apologizes for the bad print and wanted to reprint the photo. Shown are: front row (l to r) Gene Shackelford, Supt.; Danny Snider, Catherine Eaves and Freddie Gilmore. Second row is Scott Eddington of the Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene, Richard Watson, member of the State Board of Education, who presented the certificate to Board President, Windell Treadway, Bobby Rich, and Larry Keith.

The Miears' Host New Year's Party



A New Year holiday get-together for the exchange students in the area was held at the home of James and Eula Miears of Gorman.

There was a lot of talking in Czech, German and French and occasionally when needed, there was English. They began the night with a trip to the Pizza Place and later watched movies, talked, ate popcorn, and was followed by even more talk. Everyone played out about 5 a.m. There were tubs of spaghetti, salad and other goodies but the main attraction was the Texas Aggie game on TV--then a trip to the farm to fly model airplanes--but the wind was too high. It was an unforgettable New Year for all the students and host families present. Host parents sharing in the good times were David and Tarja Fowler and son Brent, of Iredell and Katherin Wood and daughter of Abilene.

Those present were Vince LeBlond a French Canadian and Jan Matijaki a native of Slovakia sharing host parents and going to school in Comanche; Marketa Kulova of Czech Republic living in Iredell and going to school in Hico; Iva Nova, also Czech with host parents in Ranger; Mandy Harris, the lone student from England, and Hauke Hinsch from Germany, both living and going to school in Gorman; Other Germans were David Oelsner and Julia Andersen going to school in Abilene; David Gosselin a French Canadian in school in Abilene. David Gosselin and Vince LeBlond were friends going to the same school back home in Victoriaville, Quebec.

After the celebration the next question to James and Eula was, "When can we get together again?"

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student for the coming year, call Eula Miears at 734-2517. You may choose the country and other options for an exceptional experience. Students have their own spending money and insurance.

Picture and article submitted by Eula Miears

Local Host Families Needed for Exchange Program

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE) is seeking local families for boys and girls from Scandinavia, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Holland, Great Britain, Poland, the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Mexico, Brazil, Thailand, China, Taiwan, Japan, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, 15 to 18 years of age, coming to this area for the upcoming high school year. These personable and academically select exchange students speak English, are bright, curious and anxious to learn about the USA through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted American host family.

The students are sponsored by ASSE, a nonprofit, public benefit organization, founded by the Swedish Ministry of Education. ASSE also cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education and is approved by the Australian and New Zealand Departments of Education. ASSE is the only organization with these credentials.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her own share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and life-style.

The students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngsters of their choice from

a variety of student applications, family photos and biographical essays. Students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding prior to the student's arrival.

ASSE is also seeking local high school students to become ASSE exchange students abroad. Students should be between 15 and 18 years old and interested in living with a host family, attending school and learning about the lands and people of foreign countries. Students should have a good academic record and desire to experience another culture through living with a warm and giving volunteer family. Academic year or shorter summer vacation programs are available.

Those persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family, or becoming an exchange student, should contact your ASSE local representative Eula Miears at 254-734-2517 or 1-800-473-0696.

Maudie Alleane Hughes Laid to Rest Friday

Maudie Alleane Hughes, 84 of Carbon passed away Tuesday, January in an Eastland hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Bakker Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland with the Rev. Dwaine Clower officiating. Burial will be in Murray Cemetery.

Mrs. Huges was born near Carbon and worked at ladies' apparel stores in Abilene, Pampa and Minden, La. She was a homemaker. While living in Abilene, she was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. She was a member of Mangum Baptist Church and was the widow of Delbert Clinton Hughes, whom she married in 1928 in Carbon.

Survivors include two sons, Clinton Eugene Huges of Eastland and Edwin Lee Huges of Cistern; six grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Eastland Internet
See Jake
or Elania
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734-2410 or 2411

School Menu

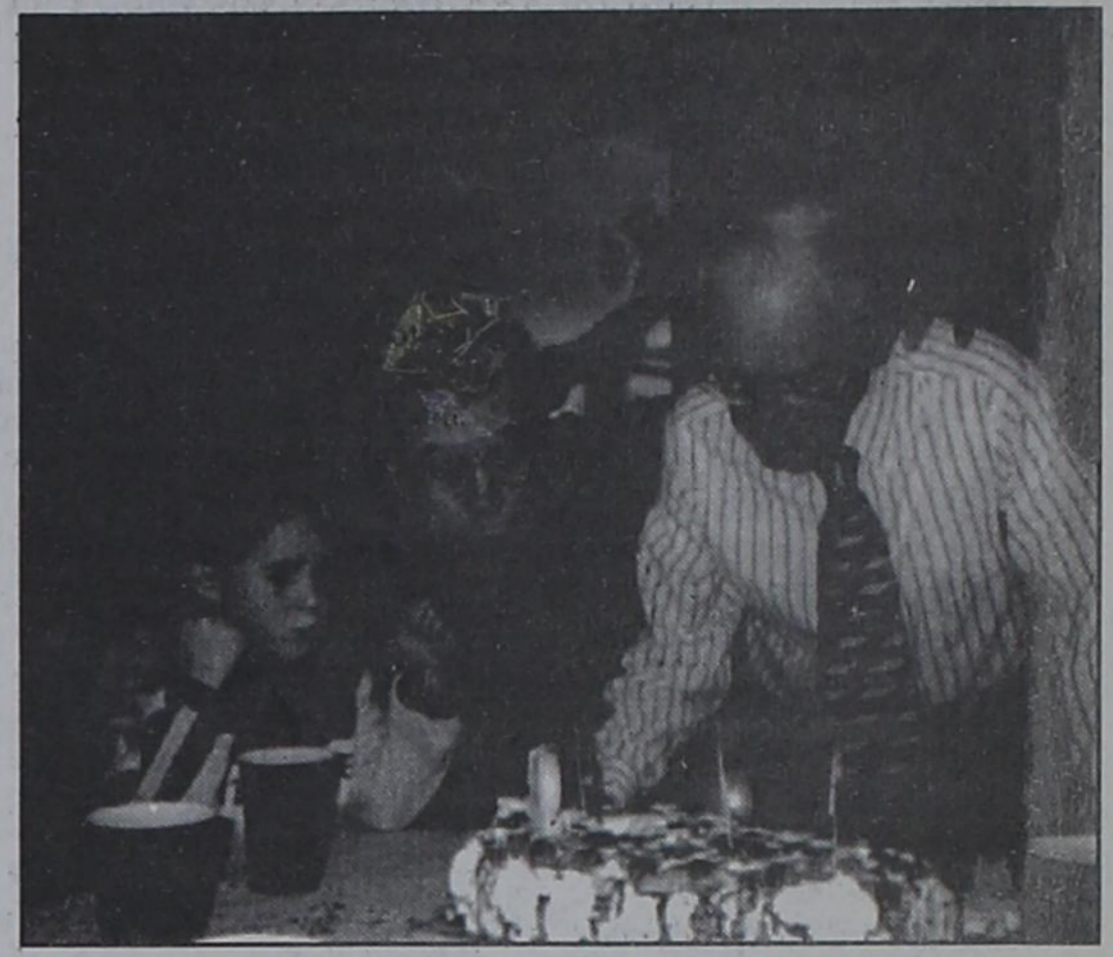
January 26th thru 30th
Breakfast

MONDAY- Cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk
TUESDAY-Cheese toast, hasbrowns, juice, milk
WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, juice, milk
THURSDAY-Oatmeal, toast, jelly, juice, milk
FRIDAY-Sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice, milk

Lunch

MONDAY-Ham sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pork-n-beans, cake, milk
TUESDAY-Fish, pinto beans, cole slaw, apple crisp, cornbread, milk
WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajita, refried beans, grated cheese, lettuce, tomato, rice, milk
THURSDAY-Stromboli, salad, corn, peaches, milk
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, fries, chocolate chip bars, milk

Marks '97th Birthday



Odie Brightwell (right) is shown with his birthday cake marking his 97th birthday on January 1st. His grandson, Randy Ormsby (center) and great-grandson, Eric Ormsby also had recent birthdays. We are reprinting this photo due to the bad print in the last week's paper. We apologize for the bad print.

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Bill Rollins Democratic Candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2

Bill Rollins, Candidate for Justice of the Peace in Precinct #2 of Eastland County including Ranger, Desdemona, Olden, and the Lake Leon area, expresses his sincere thanks to all of his supporters for displaying his posters, his bumper stickers on your cars, etc., and wearing his campaign buttons. Bill has really enjoyed his campaign because he was able to meet and talk with so many people in his precinct these past few weeks.

March 10th, the Primary voting day, is growing near, and Bill asks for your continued support. No matter how diligently he has worked on his campaign, the final say is with the voters of Precinct #2 and rightly so. The voice of the people, their vote, is what makes America, Texas, and our country so wonderful. Our Democratic society usually places the right man for the job, with the proper qualifications, to do that job.

In being a Justice of the Peace or any other Judge for that matter, he must interpret the law to the very best of his ability in all cases. This affects us all at one time or another in our life, from a traffic ticket to perhaps something more serious. A Justice of the Peace should above all be most knowledgeable in these laws. He owes nothing short of this to his voters in his precinct who put him there to serve them, and see to their well being in all matters.

Justices of the Peace do not have to be lawyers. In Texas, only the six largest counties and 20% of the rest of the counties have Justices of the Peace with law degrees. Therefore, let's vote Bill Rollins into office and put our Precinct #2 of Eastland County in that 20% state wide.

As a practical matter, Justices of the Peace, Municipal Judges, or a specially appointed Magistrate or Court Master set all bonds, arraign all defendant, issue most search warrants, hear bond forfeitures in their criminal cases, and determine the cause of death in those Texas counties that do not have a Medical Examiner.

The offender has rights as well, and they also must be protected under our Constitution. One must interpret the law as written, and abide by and enforce that law as it is set forth.

Bill wants all the people in Precinct #2 to know that he will handle and file all of your civil matters promptly, and that jury trials will become commonplace in Ranger upon your request for one on all matters of law that come under Justice of the Peace jurisdiction in Precinct #2 of Eastland County.

It is very important that voters and citizens in Desdemona know that although they are the farthest from the Justice of the Peace office, they will receive no less from the office should Bill be elected, nor will Olden or Lake Leon areas. If elected, Bill will serve all communities equally and just. This is his promise to you. His office and home phone numbers will be made available to all individuals on a 24-hour basis. Should you wish to phone for a meeting, or visit with Bill, please feel free to do so. His home phone number is 254-647-3741. He would like very much to hear from all of the people who support him.

Bill completely understands the importance of the office of Justice of the Peace, and has educated himself toward doing the best job for the people in Precinct #2 of Eastland County. Please support Bill toward these ends by voting for him in the Primary Election on March 10th.

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