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PRESS POINTS
By JOE BENNETT, Publisher

Well the hoofs were flying here on Tuesday night at the local gym when a bunch of donkeys showed up at the gym for a basketball game and they managed to find a good number of brave souls (however, I question their sanity) who would ride them while trying to play the game of basketball. Well, anyway it was for a very good cause, the Lions Club, who supports the city, school, and entire area in so many ways. Anyway, everyone had a marvelous time. That is everyone except some of the poor donkey riders who didn't come out so well.

Well, anyway in behalf of the Gorman Lions Club, let me take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending this event and supporting the Lions Club projects.

Everyone pitched in and did a great job. Don't you think so?

Thanks also to the merchants of Gorman and surrounding area for the fine support of the Progress, we are able this week to pay tribute to the farmers of our area on this Special Week during National Peanut Month (March). Also is will tie in just right with our "Outstanding Farmer of the Year" Banquet, sponsored each year by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce. This is a very coveted honor and each farmer sure look forward to the selection of the honoree. Each year a very deserving farmer is named "Outstanding Farmer of the Year" by a group of farmers who have previously received the honor.

The farmer is the backbone of our area and all of us surely recognize this fact. That is why you should be in attendance at the banquet on Saturday night, March 22nd at the school gym to support this very worthwhile event. Besides helping to keep the banquet going on each year, you will enjoy one of the finest meals you will ever eat, bar none! So let's get with it and get those tickets NOW so a count can be sent to the caterer, Underwood's of Brownwood, so they will know how many to prepare for. Also, there will be NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR the night of the banquet.

Bob Green is to be highly commended for chairing the banquet committee this year and doing such a tremendous job, both with arrangements and securing an outstanding speaker such as Dr. Hutchison. Give Bob a pat on the back next time you see him and tell him thanks for a job well done.

Had the privilege of sitting in on the Swimming Pool Committee meeting at the City Office on Monday night. The members of the committee, either heads of or members of the different clubs and organizations of our town and community have the tremendous job of repairing and making necessary replacements in the preparation of opening the swimming season in Gorman's real fine swimming facilities. This committee does a very fine job each year in preparation for the enjoyment of the summer season by the youth, and yes, even the older folks in our area. You say it is a little too early to think of swimming? Well, the swimming season is just around the corner, and before you know it, the time will be here. If any representative of this committee ask you for help in

Marilyn Thompson and Donald Denman to Wed



Mr. and Mrs. James E. Thompson of Gorman announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Marilyn Elaine, to Donald Ray Denman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Denman of Stephenville.

Marilyn is a 1972 graduate of Gorman High School and Donald is a 1972 graduate of Stephenville High School. Both are now students at Tarleton State University.

The couple have set the wedding date for May 24 at 7:30 p. m. in the First Baptist Church of Gorman with Rev. Thomas Ruane officiating. All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

H. T. Rawls to Observe 50th Anniversary - 29th



Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rawls will mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary with an open house Saturday, March 29 in Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Hosting the reception will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cooper of Odesa, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Locke of Houston, Capt. and Mrs. Roy Rawls of Washington, D. C., and Lowell Rawls of Gorman.

Mr. Rawls was born in Gorman in 1905 and Mrs. Rawls was born in Liano, Texas. The couple met while attending school in the Leon Community, near Gorman, and were married March 28, 1925 in Desdemona. They have lived all their married life on a farm northeast of Gorman.

Mr. Rawls is now retired and they are members of the Gorman First Baptist Church, and have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Fire destroyed a large building on the farm of Erich Arnold, northeast of Gorman on Wednesday morning around 9:30 a. m.

The Gorman Fire Department answered the fire call, but the building was destroyed by the time they arrived.

CARD OF THANKS
I want to express my sincere thanks to the doctors and nurses for each kind deed, to my wonderful friends for the beautiful cards and visits. They all meant so much to me while in the hospital.

May God bless each of you.
Bea O'Neal

NOTE OF APPRECIATION
I wish to thank all of the people who came to my porch sale last week. The response was great and I appreciate your help in making it a wonderful success.
Mrs. Carrie Atchison

O. N. Justice Laid to Rest on Sunday

Orien N. Justice, 77, of Gorman died at 11:05 a. m. Saturday, March 15, 1975 in Eastland Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in the Bakker Funeral Chapel in Eastland with the Rev. Marion Dennis, pastor of the Congregational Methodist Church of Gorman, the Rev. Joe O'Neal and the Rev. W. E. Hallenbeck officiating. Burial was in the Murray Memorial Cemetery at Carbon.

Born June 27, 1897 in Myrtle, Mo., Mr. Justice married Eula Barton April 19, 1918, in Eastland. He was a jeweler for about 25 years in Andrews, Rankin, Gladewater and Rising Star, retiring in 1963 when he moved to Gorman. He was a member of the Congregational Methodist Church of Gorman.

Survivors are his wife; a son, Neil of Dallas; three sisters, Mrs. Nova Poe of Dallas, Mrs. Cora Ford of Royalty, and Mrs. Lora Vessels of Monahans; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Euell Allison, Roy Justice, Glenn Justice, Doc Harris, Tex Collins and Jerry Barton.

N. N. Underwood Honored on 90th Birthday March 16

On Sunday, March 16, 1975, Mr. N. N. Underwood of the Lawndale Home for Senior Citizens, Gorman, was given a luncheon on his 90th birthday in the Fire Hall here by his seven children. All were present except one.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Loy Underwood, Andrews, accompanied by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mack Underwood and Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Lee Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Finch and Kel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Underwood, O'Brien accompanied by their children, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Underwood, Becky and Beth, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Condon and Yvonne, Houston, Mr. T. L. Underwood, Antioch, Calif. and son, Jerre from Concord, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Underwood, Petaluma, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Underwood and Gayla of Lubbock.

Other relatives of Mr. Underwood present were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Curb, Gorman, Neal from Euless, Mrs. E. L. Curb and Mr. N. N. Underwood are the only surviving children of the late J. M. Underwood family. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Underwood and Anne of O'Brien, also Mr. and Mrs. Murry Underwood, Fort Worth, Matt Underwood, heryl Temple and Donna M. Underwood, Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Underwood, O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rachels, Gorman, Mrs. Bobbie Jean Payton and son, Jerre, Fort Worth, Mrs. Billy Ray Morrow and daughter, Johnnie, Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Jerre Hodges, Mandy, Jay and George, Graham, and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Haggood, Comanche.

Friends visiting were Mrs. C. B. Condon, Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rye, Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter, Gorman, Cyndi A. Wendt, Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bennett, Gorman.

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Golden Peanut is Theme for Banquet Decorations

Using the theme "The Golden Peanut," fifteen organizations will decorate tables for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday, March 22, in the Gorman School gym. The tables will be judged by three "out-of-town" judges and cash prizes of \$50 (\$25 for first \$15 for second and \$10 for third) will be awarded at the banquet. Those local merchants donating prize money include Southwestern Peanut Growers, First National Bank, Higginbotham's of Gorman, Birdsong Peanuts, Jay's Grocery, Smith Bros. Chevrolet, Gorman Insurance Agency and Friendly Service Agency.

Those organizations having confirmed their intent to decorate a table with Mrs. Kay Taylor, as of Tuesday, are the Gorman Lions Club, Industrial Foundation, Inc., Gorman Roping and Riding Club, FFA, Woman's Study Club, Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, Volunteer Fire Dept. Gorman 4-H Club, Rebekah Lodge, Senior Class, Gorman Panther Band Booster Club, Kokomo HD Club, and the Farm Bureau. Decorating a table to seat the "out of town" press will be the Gorman Progress, but they will not be competing for the prize money.

The gym will be open from 6 to 9 p. m. Friday, March 21 and 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. (only) on Saturday, March 22, for the table to be decorated. Each organization is asked to cover its own table(s) with the paper that will be available in the gym. It is also recommended that the decorations be no more than eight (8) inches wide. Any organization that does not know its table number may consult a poster chart that will be on display in the gym. Each organization is also responsible for its own identification on the table(s) it decorates, either with a placard or poster.

If there are any further questions concerning decorating tables for the banquet, please call Mrs. Kay Taylor at 734-2166.

Hospital Board of Directors Meeting Report

The regular monthly meeting of the South Eastland County Hospital District Board of Directors was held at Blackwell Hospital on Monday, March 17, 1975. This is the last regular meeting before the Board of Directors election on Saturday, April 5. Everyone is encouraged to turn out on that day and vote. The election will be held in conjunction with the Gorman Public School Board of Trustees election at the High School. It should be very convenient to vote for both the School Trustees and Hospital Directors at the same time.

Five candidates have filed for the four places up for election. Anyone interested in becoming a candidate has until 5:00 p. m. March 25, 1975, to file in the office of Mrs. Berneice Jeffs, secretary. Qualifications for a candidate are as follows: A Hospital Board Director must be a resident of the district, a freeholder, and qualified voter.

May 11-17, 1975 has been declared National Hospital Week by the American Hospital Association. Several activities are being planned at this time. Details of these activities will be announced at a later date.

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DR. HUTCHISON TO SPEAK AT CHAMBER BANQUET MARCH 22



Dr. John E. Hutchison, Director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will be the guest speaker for the annual Gorman Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held on Saturday, March 22, in the Gorman High School gym, to honor area farmers and name the "Outstanding Farmer of the Year."

38 Teams Entered In Local Tourney March 24-29

The Gorman Invitational Volleyball Tournament, sponsored by the Gorman Lions Club, has drawn 38 teams. Area towns represented are De Leon, Desdemona, Santo, Rising Star, Mienral Wells, Sidney, Eastland and Gorman. There will be 22 women's teams and 16 men's.

The tournament will be played on March 24, 25, 27, 28 and 29th. Admission will be 50c for adults and 25c for students. First games will begin at 6 p. m. in the Gorman gym. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitt and Jayson Andrew of New York and Mrs. Henry Davis of Austin visited this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Whitt.

and Frankie Stacy visited last Baze, all of Crane, visited last

Clyde Setzlers To Be Honored on 60th Anniv



The children of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Setzler invite their friends and relatives to their open house in Oliver Springs community on Sunday, the 23rd day of March from 2 to 5 p. m. to celebrate their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. Setzler was born in Mississippi Jan. 13, 1894, coming to Texas at an early age. Mrs. Setzler, nee Alma Park, was born Dec. 21, 1896 in Mississippi, coming to Texas at the age of 9 years. Both families settled in the Oliver Springs community on Route 1, De Leon, where they met, married and still reside. They were married at the home of the late Abb Waters on March 21, 1915.

Dr. Hutchison, who was reared in Hill County, Texas, holds 3 degrees from Texas A&M University and a Ph. D. from the University of Chicago. He served as a Vocational Agriculture teacher from 1936-45 in Missouri City and Bay City and was County Agricultural Agent in Matagorda County from 1945-48. In addition to being Director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Dr. Hutchison has also been Associate Dean of Agriculture at Texas A&M since March of 1968.

Dr. Hutchison is a member of several organizations associated with agriculture, including Alpha Zeta Agricultural Scholarship Fraternity, American Society of Horticultural Science, and the Southern Agricultural Workers Association. He has had numerous technical and popular bulletins and articles published in the general field of horticulture. Some of the state and national

One Act Play Contest Slated Here March 21-22

Friday, March 21 is the date for the ULL One-Act Play Contest for Zone 2 and will be held here in the high school auditorium. Carbon, Rising Star, Moran and Gorman will be competing, beginning at 6 p. m. Gorman's play "The Florist Shop" will be performed first. Zone 1 contest will be Saturday, March 22 in the high school auditorium at 1:30 p. m. Kopperl, Valley Mills, Tolar and Strawn will be competing. Two winners from each zone will compete at the District Contest on April 4th.

weekend with their mother and manche visited Wednesday in Mrs. Tindall attended the mother-daughter banquet with her daughter, Beverly, Saturday night.

Charles has been stationed in Longview, Texas, but will be moving to St. Louis, Mo. immediately.

Charles Reeves RECEIVES PROMOTION

Charles Reeves, son of Mrs. Ruth Reeves of Gorman, has been promoted as superintendent of operations control of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad.

J. A. WATSON RECEIVES 25 YEAR I.O.O.F. PIN

Mr. J. A. Watson was presented his I.O.O.F. Lodge 413 25 year membership pin Saturday afternoon, March 15, 1975 at Lawndale Home where he resides.

Making the presentation were lodge members Frank Rhymes J. E. Porter and E. N. Higginbottom.

Present for the ceremony were his wife, Edna, and children, Mrs. John Brinegar and Johnny Watson.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A Bi-Centennial Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 25 in the high school at 8:00 p. m. Purpose of the meeting is to make plans for Gorman's Bi-Centennial Celebration. Everyone is invited and urged to attend.

boards and committees Dr. Hutchison holds positions on are the Southern Farm Forum, of which he is a member of the Board of Advisors, past president of the Texas Professional Agricultural Workers Association, co-chairman of the Governor's Committee on Agricultural Energy Conservation, chairman of the Texas USDA Rural Development Committee, the past Commissioner of the Texas Rural Development Commission. He is married, has two children and is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bryan, Texas, where he is a member and past chairman of the Administrative Board.

The banquet meal will begin at 7:30 p. m. and will be catered by Underwood's of Brownwood. Tickets are now on sale at the First National Bank and the Gorman Progress office for \$3.00 each. Everyone is encouraged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Members of the planning committee and responsible for the various aspects of the Chamber Banquet include Bob Green, chairman, Mrs. Ann Maxfield, Charlie Garrett, Bill Sandlin, James Mears, Mrs. Kathleen Taylor and Mrs. Jane Gore. Special entertainment will be furnished by the Gorman FFA Talent Tam.

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Our congratulations to Charles. This is one of many promotions he has received in recent years.

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Gorman track teams will participate in the track meet at Ranger on Friday, March 21 and at the Albany track meet on Saturday, March 22.

The Gorman Primitive Baptist Church will meet Sunday, March 23.

The City Commission will meet Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 p. m.

A Fire Drill by the Gorman Fire Dept. will be held Monday, March 24th.

The Kokomo Community Club will meet at the Community Center on Monday night, March 24 at 8:00 p. m.

Desdemona News

By HATTIE TATE

No matter what you do you have to "Think". A man can walk on his hands instead of his feet, but not very well, for it is not natural.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Whitley and children of Everman visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Craig on Sunday.

Many O.E.S. Chapters of the local areas attended the "Supper" Saturday night given by the local Chapter in the Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guthery and Belinda have moved to the country place, formerly owned by Raymond and Estelle Lindley, south of Desdemona on Hwy. 16. They have lived in the house in town, formerly owned by the late Walter and Kate May for the past 16 years.

Karen Creed entertained friends in her home Thursday afternoon with a jewelry party. Mr. and Mrs. George Lagan of De Leon visited on Monday with Mrs. Docie Clayton.

A good way to spend an afternoon is to "come on down to Mary's Puttering Shop". Open each Tuesday afternoon. Mending, crocheting, plaques and an Easter rabbit was the lineup for last Tuesday. Thank you, Hazel, the pound cake was delicious.

Mrs. Willie Jackson of Gorman and her son, Jack Powers of Vidor, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powers Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Darwin Shipman and baby son of Carvin, Calif. are visiting relatives in Texas. Darwin is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Neldon Shipman of Mineral Wells. He is in school in Calif. Mrs. Shipman's family live at Houston. They are Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw.

Mrs. Myrtle Reid and Mrs. Maud Fuqua visited Mrs. Thelma Foote Friday afternoon. Mrs. Foote has returned home after spending several days in the Ranger Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins spent Friday afternoon and evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Watkins in Mineral Wells, parents of Fred Watkins, and mother of Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Trudy Bridge of Brock, and

visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Zinke of Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Creed and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tidwell and Belinda Guthery attended the Country Festival in Abilene Friday night.

Mrs. Travis Wilcoxson and son of Odessa spent this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Ethel

Keith, who is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Guthery.

A goodly number attended the musical Saturday night despite the cool, rainy weather. Don't forget April 19th.

Volly Ball Tournament will be held here through Saturday night.

Whatever "can't" be done "can" be done. The proof of

KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

We had about an inch of hard rain late Monday afternoon with a little pea size hail.

A revival is in progress at the Kokomo Baptist Church this week and will continue through Sunday night, March 23. Bro. Lannie Spruill is bringing some very inspiring messages from the word of God and the music is good under the direction of Bro. Danny Farley with Mrs. Claude Fuller at the piano. There has been many visitors, and everyone is invited to come and receive a blessing from the word

this is the work being done on the Community Center. More on this later.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ragland and daughter and son of Andrews visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ragland, this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips and Mrs. Pauline Hicks of Dublin visited their mother, Mrs. Fairy Bell Holley Sunday afternoon.

Johnie Rae of Wichita Falls visited his mother, Mrs. Jessie Clark, and Mr. Clark over the weekend.

We are sorry to report the death of a former resident of our community, Mr. Guy Bruce, who was laid to rest Monday afternoon by his wife in De Leon Cemetery. Several from here attended the services.

We sure could enjoy some nice warm weather. It is that time to garden and we hope this is the end of cold weather. But April showers are to come yet.

of God and through songs of praise. Services nightly at 7:30 through Saturday night and at 7:00 on Sunday night. Saturday night will be Youth night.

We extend sincere sympathy to the families of Mr. Orien Justice and Mr. J. F. Alderman who passed away during the weekend.

Hoyt Bryant came home from the Blackwell Hospital at Gorman on Tuesday. We wish him continued improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan Kelly and Yancy, visited during last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow report that their sister-in-law, Mrs. Earl Morrow of Stephenville, who has been seriously ill, was moved to a hospital in Dallas last Thursday and is showing some improvement. We wish her continued improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields and Lindell were supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Johnson at Carbon on Monday night.

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Our congratulations to all the 4-H and FFA boys and girls who exhibited their animals at the Livestock Show in Eastland during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan visited with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Jordan, in Edinburg from Thursday until Monday. Everything was so pretty and green with many beautiful flowers in bloom. During a trip to Progreso, Mexico there were acres and acres of carrots, cabbage, onions and sugar cane to see. It was a thrill to go to the orange and grapefruit groves and pick the oranges and grapefruit from the trees. An afternoon at the Mercedes Livestock Show was very interesting. It was different from our shows in this area, in that the cattle are almost all Santa Gertrudas and Brahman. Enjoyed a short visit with Bro. Buddy Owens, director of the Rio Grande Children's Home, in their booth in the exhibit building. We attended Sunday morning services at the First Baptist

Mrs. Pearl Brooks of Roswell, N. M. is visiting this week with her sisters, Mrs. Eva Wright, Ethel Williams, Kate Love and Alma Craig, who lives in Lawndale Home. Mrs. Brooks is also visiting Jimmie Belle Tate of De Leon. Pearl, Eva, Ethel and Georgie and Krankie Stacy visited last week in Center with a sister-in-law, who still lives on her stock farm and will be 92 soon. They also visited other relatives in the area.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holliday were Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Norris of Carbon, Odell Bethany of De Leon and Mrs. Rachel Johnson of Gorman.

Church in Edinburg. Teddy and Louann send their regards to all their friends in the Kokomo and Gorman area.

The afternoon group of the Kokomo Baptist WMU will meet at the church on Wednesday, March 26 at 3:30 p. m. with Mrs. Bill Joiner leading the Bible Study. All ladies are invited to attend.

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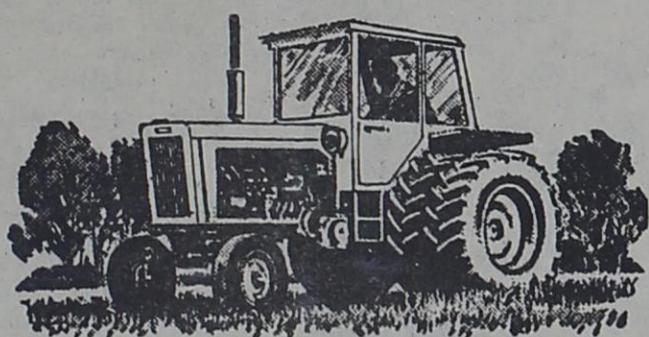
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LOCAL NEWS

OAKLAND CEMETERY ASSN. EXPRESSES THANKS TO DUSTER CHURCH
The Oakland Cemetery Association wishes to thank the Duster Church of Christ for the gift of \$1100.00 they contributed to us. They disbanded and sold their building.
The Church was started back in 1800. We could count 36 people who helped build that church and supported it buried in Oakland Cemetery. The Duster church was the oldest church in Comanche County.
God bless every one of them is our prayer and thanks.
communications Liaison Officer between the USAF and the FAA covering a 4-state area from Alabama to the New Mexico border. He is the father of three children, the oldest son being in the Navy and stationed in San Diego, Calif.
Robert Whitt of New York and Mrs. Henry Davis of Austin visited this week with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Keith Whitt.

MR. AND MRS. BERT WITT MOVE TO GORMAN
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Witt of Winters have purchased the Jimmy Warren home and have moved to Gorman to make their home.
Mrs. Witt is formerly of Gorman. She is a nurse and Mr. Witt is self-employed.
—GP—

TSU ELECT CLASS FAVORITES & MR. AND MISS TSU FOR 1974-75
STEPHENVILLE (Spl) — The Tarleton State University student body elected class favorites and Mr. and Miss TSU in elections held on campus last week.
Max C. Schneeman, Big Lake senior, and Rhonda Hudleston, De Leon junior, were elected Mr. and Miss TSU. Runners-up were J. O. Bass of Plainview and Joe Gastring of Seguin, Kristen Gray of Fort Worth and Linda Morgan of Seymour.
Class favorites elected were: Seniors: Joe Gastring of Seguin and Mary Hinton of Mansfield.
Juniors: Tommy Jewart of Nolanville and Betsy Middleton of Weatherford.
Sophomores: Brad Bentley of Edna and Kathy Helms of Rankin.

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Freshmen: Reggie Underwood of Gorman and Beth Ann Thompson of Fort Worth.
Underwood, son of Mrs. Dolse Terry, is a freshman agricultural education major.

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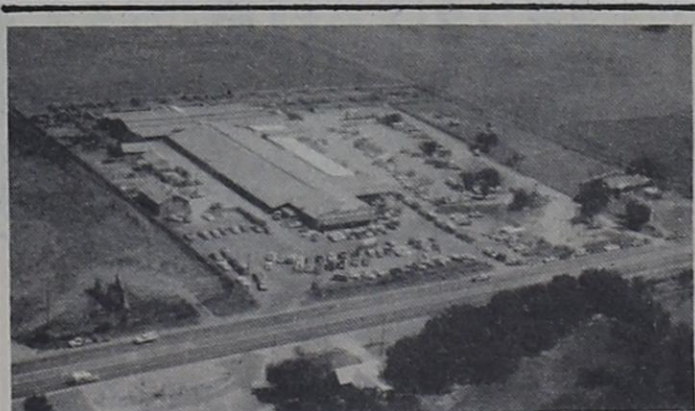
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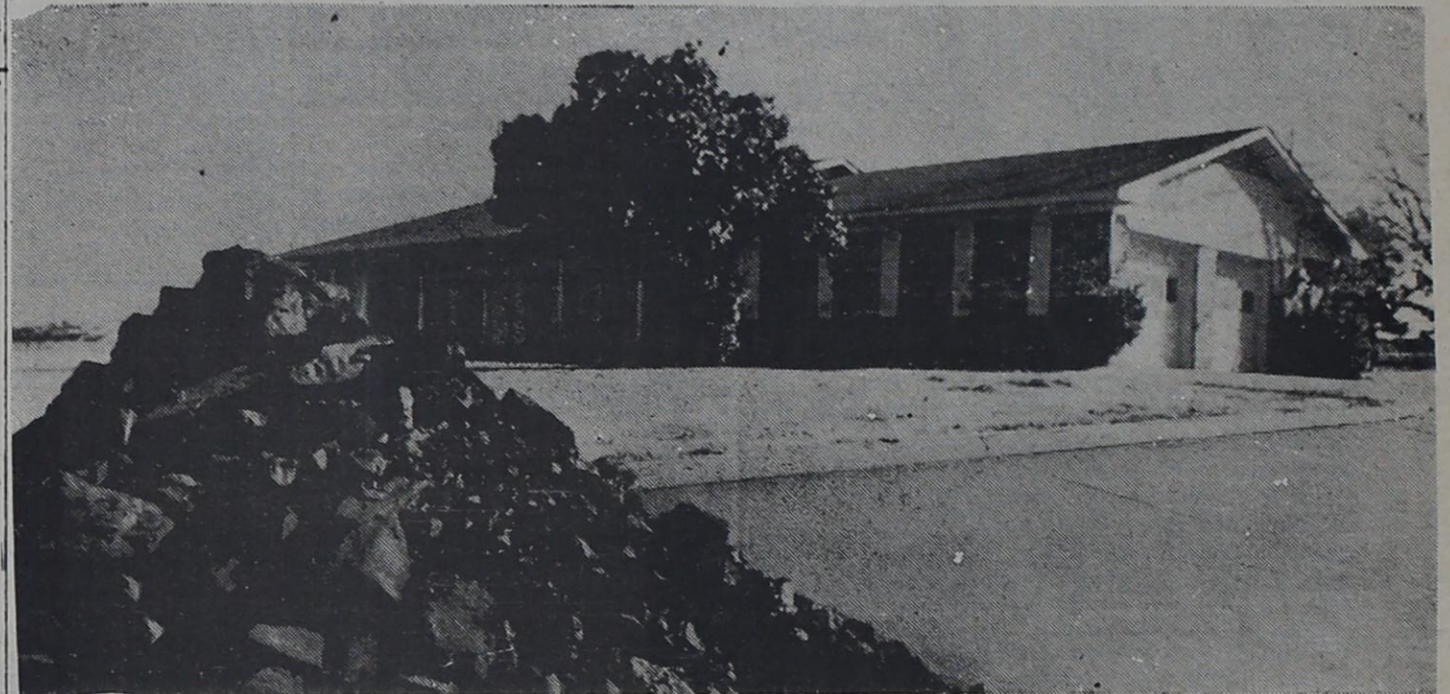


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Our facilities now enable us to handle 3000 to 4000 head of cattle in covered pens. We offer one of the largest certified markets in Texas and are bonded for your protection. In addition we offer you the largest number of order buyers in the southwest. As a result, we can consistently give you better prices for your cattle.
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Again Eastland Auction Company thanks you for your patronage in the past and look forward to serving you in the future.
Lloyd Coan



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We're using lignite because new supplies of natural gas and oil — our traditional fuels — are hard to get and increasingly expensive.
This, plus the higher costs of building power plants that use lignite, together with inflation — means that electricity is going to have to cost you more.

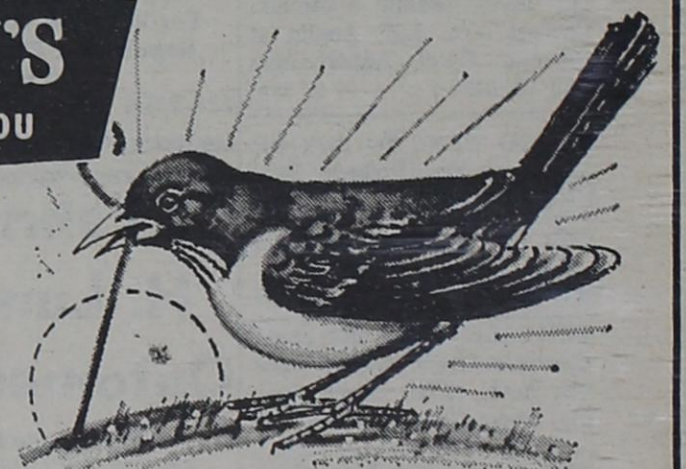
But because lignite fuel itself is more economical, it will help us keep the price of electricity from increasing as much as it would if we tried to depend on new, more costly supplies of natural gas and oil.
One other big advantage of lignite is that it isn't being used extensively for anything other than the generation of electricity.
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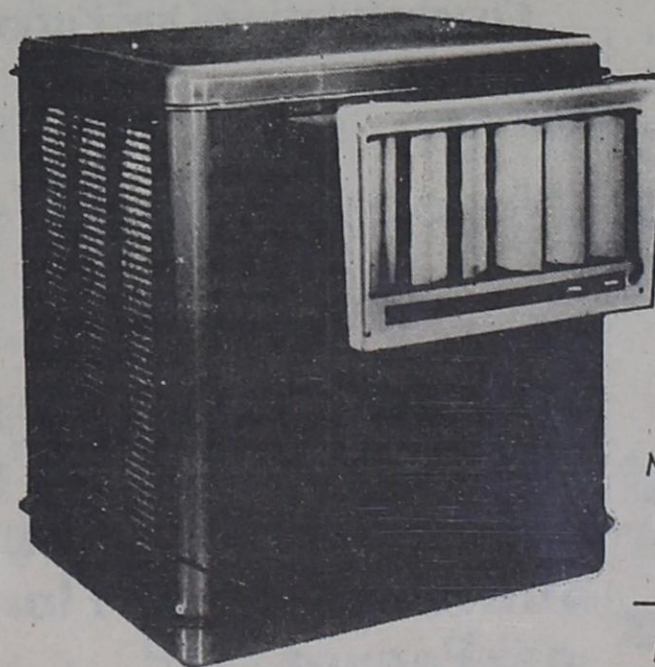
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TSU AWARDED \$1300 GRANT FOR WORK ON ERATH COUNTY MAMMOTHS
STEPHENVILLE (Spl.) - Robert Henningsen, associate professor of geology at Tarleton State University, has been awarded a \$1,300 grant to work on "Pleistocene Mammoths of Erath County, Texas."

WANTED - Part-time Office help at Blackwell Clinic, Gorman. Some office experience desired, but will train. Work days Monday through Friday, 1 to 5:00 p. m. apply in person. 3-20fnc

GARAGE SALE - Wednesday and Thursday March 26 and 27 at the home of Becky and Quintin Wright. Some antiques and all household furniture. Gorman. 2-3-27c

FOR SALE - 106 A. pasture land, pavement, 1 tank, near town, \$350 A. - 66 A. with 27 peanuts, 45 cult. \$500 Acre - 160 A., 110 Coastal, 30 peanuts, lake, wheel irrig., Good 3 BR 2 bath home, \$550 acre, terms. Cogburn Realty, 893-6666, De Leon. 3-20c

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Henningsen will work on the project this summer. The grant is from the Tarleton Research Committee. Its purpose is to locate and date by radiometric dating the remains of mammoths that once roamed the Erath County area, Dr. Henningsen said.

A paper will be submitted to the research committee and will attempt to convey what Erath County was like when mammoths roamed the area, he said.

Henningsen said, "Most remains that have been found in the past were found exposed in creek embankments." He plans to make systematic searches in the area and send samples for carbon-14 radiometric dating at Texas A&M.

Henningsen said a mammoth is an elephant-like creature which became extinct during the last ice age, about 12,000 years ago.

Two mammoths have been found in this area, he said. The Tarleton geology department has one, Baylor University has the other.

Any persons who know of any mammoth remains in Erath County may contact Henningsen.

BILL PAUL MIEARS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT SAM HOUSTON STATE HUNTSVILLE - A Gorman student is among 2,353 Sam Houston State University students named to the fall semester Dean's list.

Bill Paul Miears earned a 3.0 average for his fall semester work.

To make the Dean's list a student must earn a grade point average of 3.0 or better, with a 4.0 representing a perfect record, and must complete at least 12 hours of semester work.

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Miears of Gorman.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Taylor and Steve of Comanche visited Wednesday in Temple and also attended the rattlesnake round-up in Brownwood on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ragland, Terry and Gregg of Andrews, visited this week with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater of Kokomo, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern and Estelle Craddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Maxwell and girls and Janet Lynn Baze, all of Crane, visited last weekend with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Gladys Lucke.

Lawndale Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Frasier of Loop visited Josie McClearen.

Donna Brock of Austin visited Dora Wood.

Lianne and Doris Kent of Gorman visited Alma Vann.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Higginbotham of Graham visited Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman of Breckenridge, Add Trammell, Manning Trammell and Lorene Foster, all of Fort Worth, visited Mabel Trammell.

Damon Foster of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Foster of Sidney visited Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Foster.

Joyce Bureson visited Jessie Lemley.

Mrs. George Bell visited Arland Watson.

Delbert and Myrtle Overstreet of Eldorado visited with Mary Overstreet.

Mrs. Milton Underwood of Eastland and Mrs. Joe Pierce and girls of Eastland visited Claude Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Floyd of Durham, Calif. and Gayla Underwood of Bula, Texas visited Noah Underwood.

Mary Lee Cagle of Eastland visited Mary Overstreet.

Others visiting in the home were Opal and J. C. Floyd of Durham, Calif., Mrs. L. D. Holiday and Mrs. R. M. Curb

Willing Workers Class Meeting Held Thursday

Mrs. Alice Cook, with Mrs. Myrna Winters as co-hostess, entertained the Willing Workers Class of the First Baptist Church for their monthly meeting on Thursday, a bright, sunny, but cold afternoon.

Thirteen members attended the meeting.

Mrs. Lena Jones teacher, gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Lizzie Jackson read the minutes, Mrs. Olga Kinser gave the financial report and Miss Ina Mae Tarrance brought the devotional from 46th Psalms.

Following this a discussion was held about the proposed quilting and other future projects for the class.

Mrs. Bessie Lou Barnes closed the meeting with a prayer.

A social period followed until all were invited into the dining area where each lady was served a plate of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, Jello with whipped cream, fresh apple cake and hot chocolate, and the socializing continued.

Late arrivals for refreshments were Mr. Cook and Mr. Banks.

On leaving Mrs. Cook presented each guest a tie-around tea-apron which she had personally made.

A most enjoyable afternoon was expressed by all.

Gorman Play Day Highly Successful

The Play Day held Sunday at the Gorman Roping and Riding Club Arena was highly successful with a large number of entries.

Debra Swindle won first place in Western Pleasure in the 8 and under age group; Charla Little won first in Poles and Terri Keith, 2; Debra Swindle, 3; and Joe Underwood, 4th. Charla Little, first in barrels; Terri Keith, 2; Debra Swindle, 3; Joe Underwood, 4th and Bobbie Swan 5th. In Flags Charla Little won first; Debra Swindle, 2; Terri Keith 3rd. Goat Tying: 1, Terri Keith; 2, Debra Swindle; 3, Charla Little and 4, Joe Underwood.

Winners in the 9 to 12 age group were:

Western Pleasure: 1. Kelly Gentry; 2. Lesa Henry, Poles: 1. Mizti Lindley; 2. Sheryl Chick; 3. Sheryl Harbin; 4. Caye Little; 5. Lesa Henry; 6. Kelly Gentry.

Barrels: 1. Mizti Lindley; 2. Sheryl Chick; 3. Lesa Henry 4. Rudy Pack; 5. Kelly Gentry; 6. Alice Kanady.

Flags: 1. Mizti Lindley; 2. Caye Little; 3. Lesa Henry; 4. Rudy Pack; 5. Sheryl Harbin; 6. Dale Watson.

Goat Tying: 1. Kelly Gentry; 2. Caye Little; 3. Lesa Henry; 4. Mizti Lindley.

13-15 age group winners were:

Western Pleasure: 1. Jackie Swan; 2. Jerry Brown; 3. Frosty Blackburn.

Poles: 1. Vicki Blackburn; 2. Stanley Baker; 3. Vickie Biggs.

Barrels: 1. Vickie Biggs; 2. Frosty Blackburn; 3. Jackie Swan; 4. Doris Marshall; 5. Stanley Baker.

Flags: 1. Vickie Biggs; 2. Frosty Blackburn; 3. Stanley Baker.

Goat Tying: 1. Vickie Biggs. All-Around Winners in the 8 and under age group was Debra Swindle; 9-12 age group, Mizti Lindley; 13 to 15 age group, Kelly Lindley; 16 to 18 age group, Mary Jane Harbin; and 19 and over age group, Vickie Biggs.

Western Pleasure: 1. Lydia Hardwick; 2. Kelly Lindley; 3. Karen Briggs.

Poles: 1. Kelly Lindley; 2. Lydia Hardwick; 3. Melissa Pancake.

Barrels: 1. Rena Pack; 2. Kelly Lindley; 3. Vicki Brown; 4. Melissa Pancake; 5. Lydia Hardwick; 6. Bonnie Martin.

Flags: 1. Vicki Brown; 2. Kelly Lindley; 3. Lydia Hardwick; 4. Bonnie Martin; 5. Melissa Pancake.

Goat Tying: 1. Kelly Lindley and 2. Lydia Hardwick.

16 to 18 age group winners were:

Western Pleasure: 1. Mary Jane Harbin.

Poles: 1. Mary Jane Harbin. Barrels: 1. Mary Jane Harbin; 2. Lena Liles.

Flags: 1. Mary Jane Harbin. Goat Tying: 1. Mary Jane Harbin.

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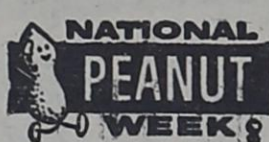
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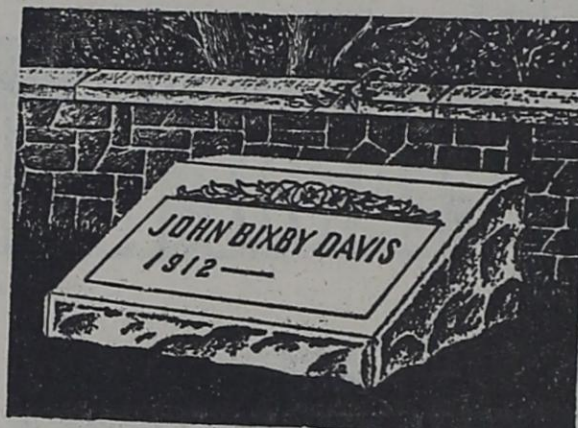
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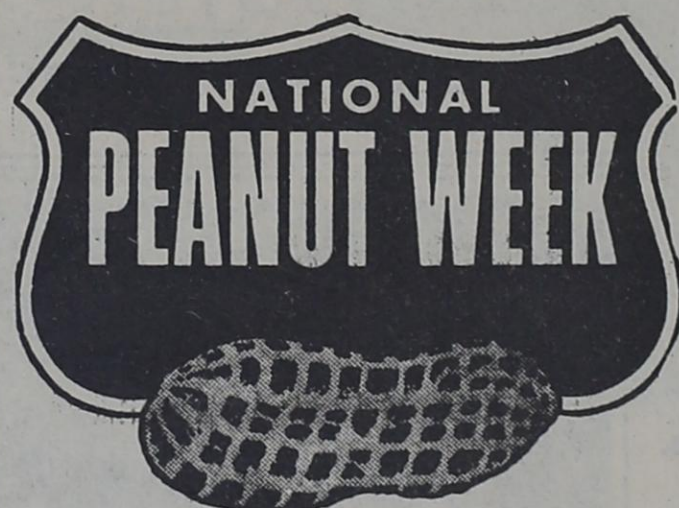
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CARBON NEWS
By VELMA HASTINGS

School will dismiss Friday afternoon for Spring holidays. Classes will resume on Monday, March 31st. The cafeteria staff wish to extend their best wishes for the holidays to students, parents and teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harle of Henrietta visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harle and Charlene during the weekend.

Saturday visitors of Mrs. Vadis Phelps were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hogan and boys of Fort Worth, Mrs. Elnora Lindley and girls of Desdemona; Mrs. Bobby Tucker and Mart and Roy Lee Adren of Carbon. They also attended the Eastland County Livestock Show in Eastland.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Medford during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stacks and Mrs. Faye Walsh of Springtown. They all attended the Brownwood Rattlesnake Roundup on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stacy, Gregg and Dellana, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Spack of Kerns on Sunday.

Miss Kay Kelley of the University of Texas at Austin spent the weekend with her grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Lee Fields.

Mrs. Della Bryant and Truman Bryant attended the funeral of Mrs. Bryant's granddaughter, Mrs. Letha Eubanks of Houston, in Fort Worth on Tuesday.

Mrs. Bess Greer has returned from an extended visit with her grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Daniel of Springfield, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rye of Dublin visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hogan on Thursday. Miss Jo Ann Been of Devine spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Been.

Among those from Carbon attending the funeral of Oren Justice of Gorman Sunday afternoon in Eastland were Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker, Berry Greenwood, Mmes. Mike Morgan, Henry Lovell, J. E. McDaniel, Mabel Greer, Ruth Reese, Alton Rhyne and Pearl Snodgrass. Burial was in Murray Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hogan attended the funeral of a nephew, Vernon Barton, of Gatesville on Friday.

Paul Taylor of Seminole visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Skinner one day last week.

School Hill News
By Mrs. Bill Riddell

Sandy Fiorengi of Eureka, Nev. and Ruby Stokes of Lingleville spent Wednesday with Oma Lee Riddell.

Several from here enjoyed a school "field trip" to Longhorn Caverns on Tuesday. Then the pee wee basketball tournament at Lingleville over the weekend. Lingleville boys won first place and the girls won third.

Seth and Jewel Hallmark of Desdemona visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hallmark and family.

Roger and Conine Armstrong and family of Highland had supper Wednesday night with Patsy and J. C. Moon and family.

Eddie Johnson will be known henceforth as Sir Galladad Johnson. He came to my rescue Friday, even if he didn't "feel" very good. There was more hot air flying than anything else. It's rough when you have a blow-out, try to be a real "woman's libber" and change it yourself, then find that "someone" had failed to have the spare checked and its "flatter" than the one you have just removed. But good old Eddie takes me after the air tank and soon everything looks good: I try to be optimistic though. The tire was only flat on one side.

Those visiting with William this week (while I attended ball games) were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Yardley of Desdemona, Tommy Musick, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hare of Lingleville, Jeane Grimshaw of Komo, Junior Huffman of Eules, and Ricky Hogg.

Rhonda Graham of Dublin spent the weekend with Tammy Moon.

OAKLAND CEMETERY ASSN. EXPRESSES THANKS TO DUSTER CHURCH

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God bless every one of them is our prayer and thanks. President, Junior Files

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STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Arlene Berry, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court, Eastland, Texas of Eastland County at the Court-house thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7th day of April A. D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of December A. D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 26,583 on the docket of said court and styled In The Matter of The Marriage of Roger Berry, Plaintiff, vs. Arlene Berry, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
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If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
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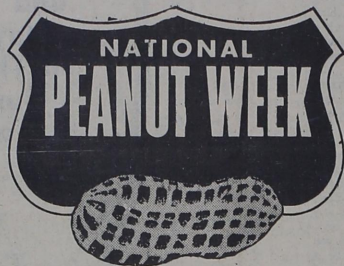
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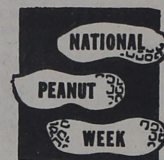
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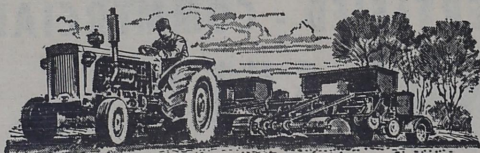
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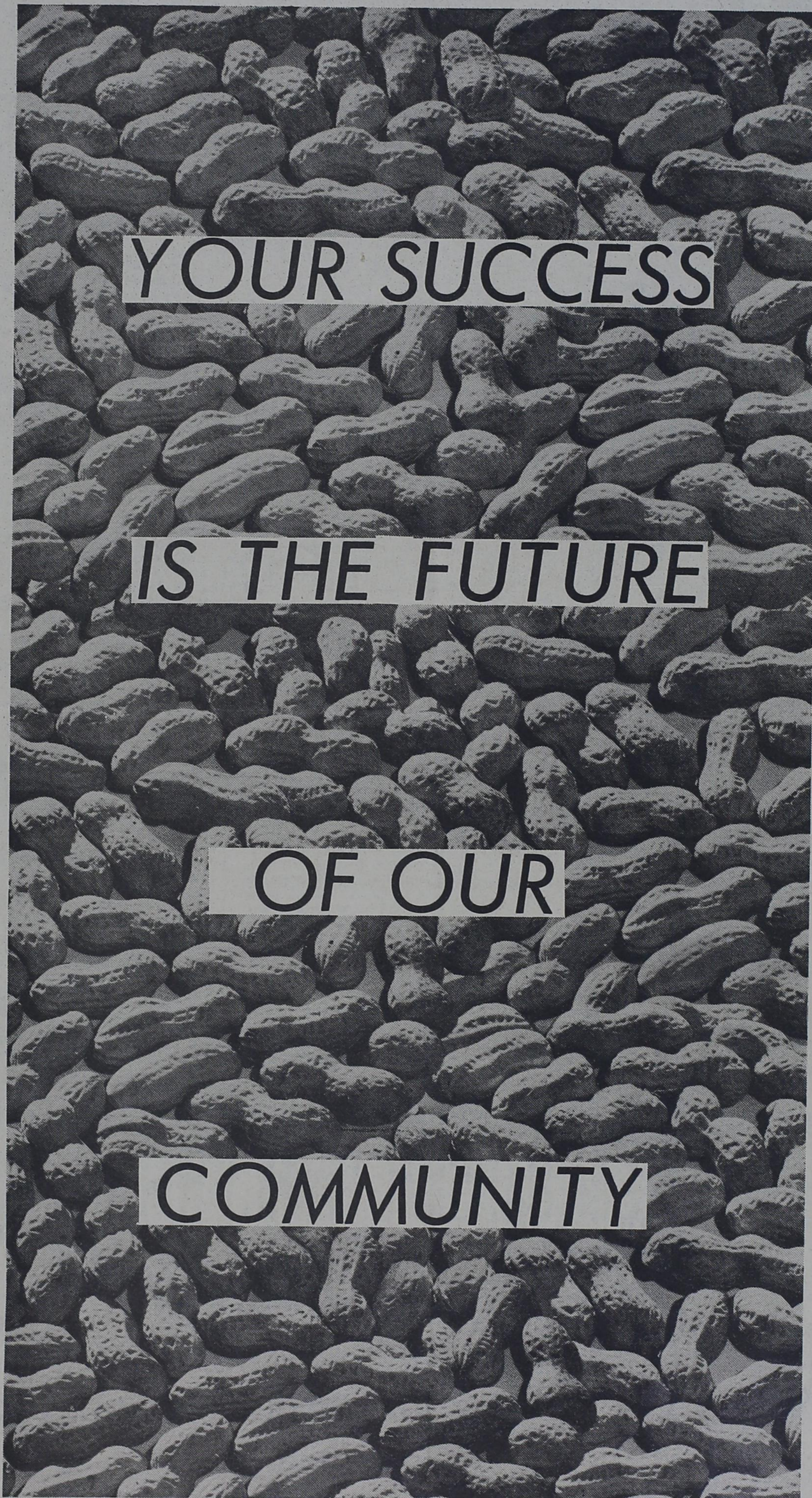


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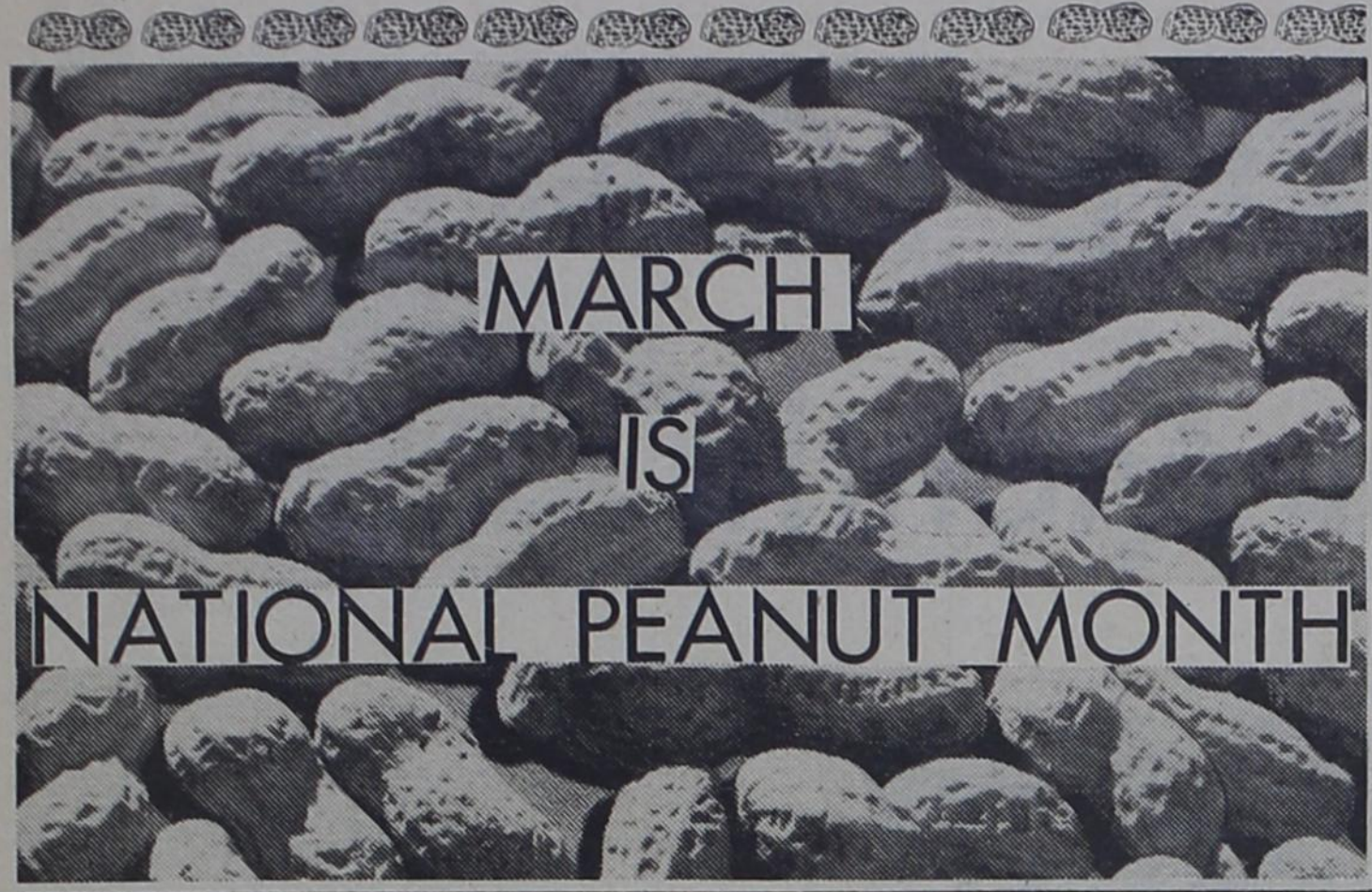
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SENIOR CITIZENS

Dear Editor:
In answer to that note from a Mr. Carter of New York about putting one of my articles in the Archives at Washington, D. C. Please do not put it near anything from the "Pinkoes" there. Such as Kennedy, Humphrey, Jackson, Ole Zud Irwin, Mills, Mansfield, and several other true Democrats.
Now as to why? How? Where some of our senior citizens got their strange Moniker. I, G. F. Bennett, am called "Honest". Born July 96 near Bass Lake. Volunteered Aug. 17 for the Army. Taught school 11 years. Made the Depression on a farm on Dust Soup and dry weather. In Nov. 58, I fell out of a pecan tree, injuring my hip and back. After a vacation in hospital Dr. Rodgers told me, "well, the fall did not hurt you, you just stopped too quick. You can quit farming or else." I put my farm in the "Soil Bank" I have not worked one day since then. I got to where I could not see how to drive, so in Jan. '66 I sold my farm and moved to Gorman. I joined the domino gang. When I would make a count or domino, I would try and add at least 10 extra points. When my opponents would domino, I would count it down ten points. So they got to calling me "Honest."
Now to the cream: Digger is Charlie Underwood. Two years ago when it was so dry he was trying to dig some post holes. The wind would refill them every night. So we would ask why he was late. He would just say redigging post holes. Blood and Guts is D. R. (Speck) Clark. Speck is the baby of our bunch, 61 years. The hair on his head are numbered 1-10-17, the others are far between. We had a jolly old Mexican playing with us and if Speck was getting beat, his face would turn red. So the Mexican would say, watch him turn red, Blood and Guts. Taller is a slim man, about 262 1/2 Cullen Rodgers. He lives north of town. The Carbon Wonder is Russ (better known as "Windy") Burleson. Doc is Lonnie Hampton. His neighbor had a stroke and one night and Doc went over and picked him up off the floor and put him to bed. Doc took him to the hospital the next day. They were putting him under oxygen and he looked up at Doc and asked "is it free?" Doc replied "H - - - yes it is free." So he got the name company doctor. He had to take the neighbor to the hospital for a check up and to the bank for free coffee. So he finally hired a chauffeur, as it was interfering with his games. Jessie Moore is a 260 lb. fisherman. Last winter, one snowy morning early he went to the Brown Jug for breakfast. A

large man came in and Jessie asked him how the roads were. He said they were icy and stick in places. Though one thing he was not bothered with any D - - - fishermen on the road. Jessie just swallowed a cup of boiling coffee and lost his voice. Tennessee is Jack Mauney. He weighs 101 when his clothes, shoes and socks are wet. He is Jessie's fishing partner. Uncle Sam Powers lives close to Desdemona. He is as solemn as a Judge. So is Floyd Gilbert. Though Floyd is cowboying and making some easy money. Jesse (Hickey) Broom is the one that gives fresh air. Marcy Allen is a real sideline coach. He smokes a cigar that must come from a bull feed lot. Every third draw, he relights it. It is just like a glue sniffer. Though I can say one thing for him. His wife is in the "rest home." He pays the full bill and goes to see her morning and evening. Stars in his crown for that.
I am assistant sideline coach and make more mistakes than anyone that plays, due to bad sight and an early stroke. Luke Wright barbecued one lung and had to have it removed last fall. He uses alfalfa. Takes two packages at a chew. Though he is very conserving, as he recycles a lot of it. Last fall he was at Monroe's watching a late football game and lying on a couch. He went to sleep. When the game was over Monroe just turned the TV off and went to bed. About three hours later Luke turned over and fell off the couch. He got up and left out grumbling "Some H - - - of a neighbor." Monroe is a disabled vet with "ants in his pants" as he cannot stay still. He calls his Hippy Banker Frosty, as he has a few locks painted white. Claude Dennis is Bright Eyes. He always says "nothing left for Bright Eyes." Newton Bennett is called Tester, as he will come out with one 5 spot and say testing, cutting his own throat as well as his partners. Clyde Pulley is the Trailer. For he never loses a hot trail.
Tater Bat is Battenfield. He specializes in raising sweet spuds. He chews gum 60 chews per minute. Doy Reynolds is a peanut and stock farmer. Someone borrowed 8 head of cattle from him. He has not received any notice of a feed bill so far. Clyde (Speedy) Hodge of Desdemona, gardener, rabbit raiser and tobacco masher. Though he is "like Luke, re-cycles a part of it. Big Foot is Granddad Henderson. His left shoe is about size 7 and his right shoe is under a size eleven. They make him wobble like a duck when he walks with hi shoes, socks and overcoat on and all wet, he weighs 99 1/2 lbs. He really leaves tracks in the "Sands of Time."
I almost forgot to tell how Clyde got his name. Espinoza said the man with no belly is

An Open Letter

We are proud of our little town and its freedom of ways of living. But I wonder how long we will be able to feel like this. So many questions the public would like to know the answers to. And where they can be obtained in the right way?
Are we running out of qualified leaders that have lived here for years and know our needs? You have to be a resident so long to be able to vote. Why? Wouldn't this be as good of a rule to hold office.
Many other things come to mind that most folks don't know and would like to know: What qualifies a person to be mayor, city commissioner, fireman, etc.?
Does any of these get a pay check? If so, where does the money come from? Do they require some training?
Who passes the city rules of such things as a permit to have a water well on their own property - or what they can raise or the right to shoot a dog, etc.? All the little things of every day living.
Who makes the school rules? Dress code and all? Does it ever change in so many years, etc.?
Most jobs require so many hours on the job with a break and lunch time off. Require a phone call if you're out sick. Do they get their pay cut for time off or classes unattended? The same as our children gets zero for not being there or late work? Lots of the children could use more help. Our children need the knowledge they are trained to give.
A woman trailer. Old Carlos was a good American of Mexican blood. He said if you do not love America, leave. A man that I like to call a friend and a true American. We play nothing but dominoes at the Masonic Hall. We just play six morning and six evening sessions per week, just for fun. We have two tables, lots of fussing and arguing.
Taller, Blood and Guts, the Fisherman, and Trailer smoke so much. They do not seem to think about whom they are hurting. Doc, Luke and Monroe are one lungers. Doy has emphysema and I know the nasty stuff hurts me.
The Reaper has called J. F. Alderman and Oren (Sheriff) Justice. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved. Be prepared.
I have known for the past eleven years that my vision in my one good eye was disappearing. I saw a specialist last Monday. He said that I was on the verge of going blind at once. I will go back Wednesday for a recheck. Remember me when talking to the man upstairs. I hope I can be able to make a report next week.
Honest (sincerely humble)
Reporter

GORMAN PROGRESS, Eastland Co., Texas, MARCH 20, 1975

Mrs. J. Clearman Hostess For Kokomo HD Club

The Kokomo Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. J. C. Clearman for a regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 10, 1975 at 2 p. m.
President, Mrs. Clearman, presided. Mrs. J. D. McNeely led the clubs motto and creed. Mrs. D. F. Eaves gave the devotional and Mrs. Odis Rod-

gers led the opening prayer. Mrs. Albert Hendricks read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report.
Roll call was answered by "What I plan to take to Achievement Day" and "The cutest thing my grandchild ever did."
The club planned to help with the Chamber of Commerce Banquet honoring area farmers March 22, 1975.
Mrs. D. F. Eaves gave a very interesting program on "Mind Your Own Business." She gave each member a book entitled, "Money in Your Life."
Mrs. Clearman served cake, nuts, coffee or hot chocolate. The next meeting will be at 2:00 p. m. at Lawndale Home on March 27th to honor residents having March birthdays.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Pino, Dr. Canut, the nurses and the staff for the good care and attention given me during my stay in the hospital. Also to friends who assisted my wife in getting to and from the hospital. These kinds deeds will be remembered always.
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