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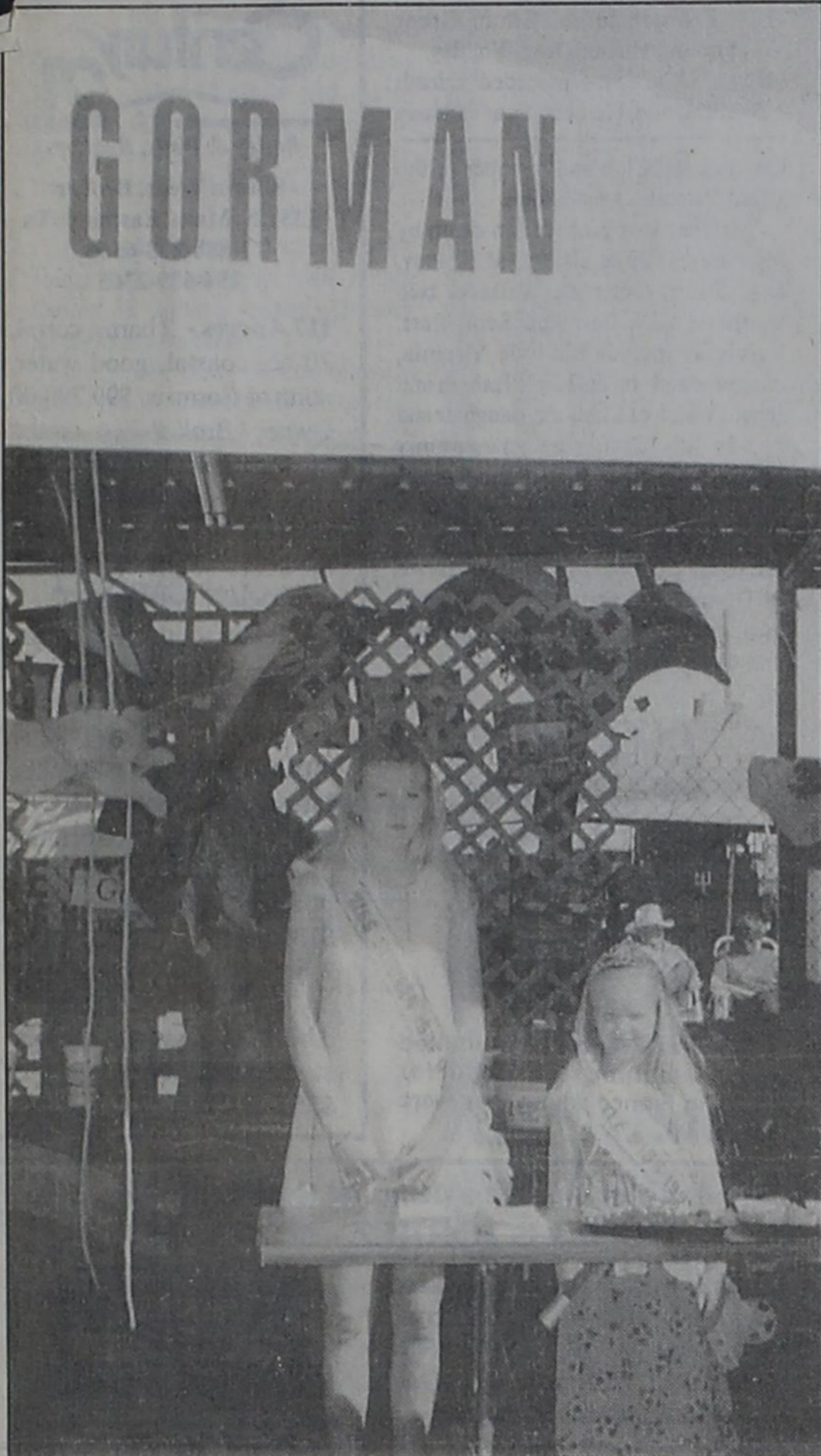
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## Miss and Little Miss Represent Gorman



Miss Gorman - Ashley Laminack and Little Miss Gorman - Kimberly Seaton recently participated at the West Texas Heritage Day in Abilene, Texas. They represented Gorman well by handing out peanuts and brochures to visitors.

## Burn Ban Now Exists In Eastland County

On June 8, 1998 the Eastland County Commissioners' Court declared that a state of emergency exists in Eastland County due to the extreme potential for large and destructive wildfires.

Eastland County Commissioner's Court also issued an emergency order effective immediately, which prohibits any open burning in the unincorporated areas of Eastland County except the burning of combustible material in approved enclosures, such as trash barrels and charcoal grills which are designed to contain all flames and embers.

Due to dry conditions, and the lack of significant rainfall, all persons are advised that any open burning is extremely likely to cause very dangerous wildfire, posing risks to lives and property.

Local fire department officials, the National Weather Service and Texas

Forest Service personnel advise that there is no present forecast for improving conditions.

The order signed by members of Eastland County Commissioners' Court provides that repeated or flagrant violations of the order shall constitute a misdemeanor, and that any peace officer of the State of Texas may enforce the order in the venue of the Eastland County Court.

## Rev. Bob Beeman Appointed to Gorman/Dublin Churches

Rev. Bob Beeman was reappointed as pastor of Gorman United Methodist Church and Lural Street Methodist Church in Dublin.

The appointment was made by Bishop A. Wilson at the Texas Central Conference held last week in Fort Worth.

Rev. Bob has served as pastor of the two churches since June 1997.

### THANK YOU

Thank you for the many kind remembrances during the loss of our loved one, Euell Poynor. We thank you for the food, flowers, memorial contributions, prayers, and your expressions of love and concern.

We are most appreciative to the First Baptist ladies who served lunch, the Methodist church for their facilities, to Bro. Craig Rhoton, to Ruby Kinser and Jason Kimmell for the music and to Ray Daniels and his staff.

May God bless each of you.  
Maxine Poynor  
Era Maupin  
Doyle Poynor  
Stub Poynor  
Nieces and Nephews

## Miss and Little Miss Gorman Contest Began June 1st

The Miss and Little Miss Gorman contests are now in full swing after the contests began on June 1st.

This years contestants for MISS GORMAN are: Ashley Rich- Chamber of Commerce; Pamela Osborne-Fire Department; Breanne Rhoton-Lion's Club.

LITTLE MISS GORMAN: Mackenzie Keller-Chamber of Commerce; Mallory May-Fire Department; Amy Regian-Lion's Club.

Fund raising projects are now underway and all the girls have their contribution cans in businesses for donations. Please help support these girls. The contest will run through June 27th.

All proceeds will go toward community projects. The Chamber supports programs such as the Livestock Raisers Association, the Awards Banquet, the Baseball Association, the Peanut Festival, the Annual Santa Visit, and Economic Development to bring in new businesses.

The pageant will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 27th in the high school auditorium.

We appreciate the good job done by our reigning Miss Gorman, Ashley Laminack, and Little Miss Gorman, Kimberly Seaton. They have represented us well at many area events and parades. Thanks girls!

## 11-Man All-Star Game Set June 13th

RANGER-Travis Ray and James Flippen have probably heard all about how good the players from Breckenridge, Cisco and Cross Plains are. They've heard all about the Buckaroos, Lobos, and Buffaloes trips to the playoffs. They also know all those accomplishments won't mean a hill of beans when their East squad steps onto the field Saturday night for the inaugural Heart of Texas Classic. It's just one team against another. It's also a chance for Ray and Flippen to add another page to Eastland Maverick history. The two EHS standouts will become the first Maverick players to participate in a summer All Star football game since the early 1980's.

The two Eastland High School standouts are among approximately 20 athletes invited to play on the East squad in the 1998 Heart of Texas Classic. The game, which brings together nearly 40 of the area's top high school football athletes, is scheduled to be played at 7 p.m. on June 13, 1998 at O.C. Warden Stadium in Ranger, Texas. Players from approximately 14 Texas counties will be participating.

Tickets for the game can be purchased at the gate for \$5.

Ray and Flippen will be joined on the East roster by several other Eastland County standouts, including Ranger's J.D. Wilson, Roy Basham and Saul Cooper.

"We are delighted to have Travis, James and the other Eastland County players participating," said Heart of Texas coordinator Joe Nash, "We set out to put together a quality game for the area, and we feel these players can be a big part of that."

Make no mistake, there is plenty of talent on hand for the East team, which will be coached by Gorman's Jim Curlee and Perrin-Whitt's Kerry Therwanger. Players on the East roster will come from Ranger, Eastland, Millsap, Springtown, Stephenville, Bryson, Olney and Perrin-Whitt.

## Robertson and Browning to Pledge Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie and Joan Robertson and Mrs. and Mrs. Woodrow and Helen Browning invite you to share in the joy of the marriage of their children, Rebecca Lynn and Gary Lynn on Saturday, June 20, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 623 Third Street, Graham, Texas.

The reception will be immediately following the ceremony in the First Baptist Church Activity Center.

### THANK YOU

The Gorman 4-H Club wishes to express its appreciation to Mary Waller for her generous donation to the Club for putting the flags on the Veterans' graves at Oaklawn Cemetery. Thank you, Mrs. Waller. We appreciate you.

The Members and Leaders of Gorman 4-H Club



**THE GORMAN LION'S CLUB WILL MEET TUESDAY, JULY 7TH 12 O'CLOCK NOON AT THE RANCHER'S DAUGHTER ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. VISTORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

## Notice of Meeting

The Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association will meet Saturday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center in Gorman.

There will be a covered dish lunch with the business meeting immediately following.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

### KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Lonnie Bennett and Deborah Wolfe, Bethany and Lori of The

Colony and Nancy DeGroot of Waco traveled to Fredricksburg and Kerrville over the weekend to

take Lori down to Lions Camp for Crippled Children. All report having good time Shopping and visting German Restaurants.

## Remember When Gorman Depot Was A Happening Place During The 1890's



GORMAN DEPOT — Dr. A.J. Gray and Family and Gilford Gray and Family are shown in front of the Gorman Depot in the 1890's.



GORMAN, TEXAS - 1896 — Pictured are Judge Frank Gray, Sr., Ida Gray, Dr. Challie Gray and Dr. A. J. Gray. Both pictures submitted by Mrs. Don Gray

## RANCH RODEO

### JUNE 13 - 14

**7 P.M. SATURDAY — 2 P.M. SUNDAY**  
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If you have not eaten Ostrich meat, now is your chance. Saturday, Ostrich meat burgers will be served at the Corinth Baptist Church Auction which will be conducted at Tucker's Barn in the Flatwood Community. Go South on Hwy. 6 to FM2560, turn left, go one mile to CR307 (Church of Christ) turn left, go 1/2 mile. We will have signs up at both intersections. The burgers will be free for just a donation. We also have a lot of interesting things to auction and a regular concession stand with reasonable prices. Come join the fun.



### Toni Dianne George Laid to Rest Friday

Toni Dianne George, 44 of De Leon, died in Dublin, Texas Wednesday, June 3, 1998.

Mrs. George was born August 17, 1953 in Brownwood, Texas to Earnest and Myrtle Mercer. She married Parker Ray George on July 1, 1978 in Brownwood, Texas. She was a homemaker and had lived in De Leon for several years. She was a Baptist.

Services were held Friday, June 5, 1998 in the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Rocky Creek Cemetery, Lake Brownwood. Services were performed by Jackie Auvenshine and music was provided by La Ressie Wilkerson and Vicki Robinett. Pallbearers were: Jarrett George, Davy Ray George, Lance George, Roger Dale George, Sidney Hughes, and Chad Mercer.

Survivors include: Husband, Parker Ray George of De Leon; her mother, Myrtle Mercer of Brownwood; 1 son, Jarrett George of Oklahoma City, OK; 2 step-sons, Lancy George of Brownwood and Davy George of Kansas City, Kansas; 1 daughter, Shana Shupick of Weatherford, Tex; 1 step daughter, Cindy Thomason of Brownwood; 1 brother, Phillip Mercer of Lipan.

Preceded in death by her father Ernest Mercer.

### Thursday Services for Lucille Jones Caraway

Lucille Jones Caraway, 92, of De Leon, passed away in the De Leon Nursing Home on Tuesday, June 2, 1998.

Services were held Thursday, June 4, 1998 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Tom Satterwhite officiating. Music was by La Ressie Wilkerson and Vicki Robinett. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dudley Irby, Don L. May, Harold G. Hilley, Taylor Massey, Steven Garner, and David McLain May.

Mrs. Caraway was born July 13, 1905 in Dublin, Texas to the late Charlie and Mamie Penland Jones. She married Autry Henry Caraway on December 21, 1926 in Dublin, Texas. He preceded her in death on August 15, 1985.

Survivors include: 1 son, James Milton Caraway of Kalispell, Montana, 2 daughters, Virginia Caraway Irby of Waco, and Dorothy Caraway Rucker of Alexandria, Louisiana; 1 sister, Faye

### Sunday Services For Willie Prudence Wyatt

Mrs. Willie Prudence Wyatt was born to William Moses Wyatt, a Texas Confederate veteran, and the former Chessie Etta Haney on April 21, 1909, in Seminole, Texas. When she was 18 months old, her parents divorced and she and her father moved to Pinon, New Mexico. She had many unique experiences, including riding horseback from Pinon, New Mexico, to Globe, Arizona, when she was seven years old. She and another child her age herded milk cows for a family moving by wagon from New Mexico to Arizona in 1917.

In 1922, after her father's death, she went to live with a half sister, Mrs. Sid Boswell and her family, until she was 15 years old, at which time she enrolled and worked her way through Mary Harlin Baylor Academy. She eventually returned to Comanche County and lived with the Boswell family at Sipe Springs. She taught at various schools, including Sipe Springs.

She married Jack E. Wyatt in August of 1933 and they moved to Weed, New Mexico in 1935 where she served as post master. Mrs. Wyatt completed her bachelor's degree in 1954 at Howard Payne University and her Master's Degree in 1962 at Eastern New Mexico University. She taught elementary school for a number of years in Lovington, New Mexico and in Missouri.

Jack and Willie returned to Comanche County from Missouri in 1981 where they lived until Mr. Wyatt's death in 1990. She continued to live in De Leon until her death.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 7, 1998 in the De Leon Church of Christ with A.C. Morris officiating. Burial followed at Sipe Springs Cemetery. She is survived by her son, Bill and daughter-in-law, Barbara Wyatt of Waco and grandson, Jim of Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

### Gertie Bell Bingham Laid to Rest June 9

Gertie Bell Bingham, 85, of De Leon, Texas passed away Sunday, June 7, 1998 in the De Leon Hospital.

Mrs. Bingham was born February 3, 1913 in Mississippi to John Pilcher and Kanzada Powell. She married Sam "Buck" Bingham on November 22, 1930 in Comanche. He preceded her in death on March 17, 1996. She was a homemaker and had lived in the De Leon area all of her life. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: Two sons: John Thomas Bingham and Arthur Ocie Bingham both of Abilene; 9 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Lee Pell; two brothers, Billy Pilcher and Cowden Pilcher; four sisters, Myrtis Bingham, Idella Frazer, Addie Hamilton and Nora Miller.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 7, 1998 in the De Leon Church of Christ with A.C. Morris officiating. Burial followed at Sipe Springs Cemetery.

He was a World War II veteran and retired after 30 years of service. He served on the Sonoma, U.S.S. Belleau Wood, U.S.S. West Virginia, and the U.S.S. North Hampton. During his Navy career he received the Commanding Officer Commendation of performance of duty during the hurricane at San Pedro, California in September 1939, fourteen Battle Stars in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, the Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corp Medal, American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and two Presidential Unit Citations.

### Memorial Service Willie O. Parr

Willie O. Parr, 93, died suddenly Monday, June 8, 1998 in De Leon, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 10 at the Gorman First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Jackie Auvenshine and Robert Beeman officiating.

Bill was born in Killeen, Texas on January 15, 1905. His parents were Walter Browning Parr and Amy Ann Baker Parr. He moved to Gorman from Knox County in 1912 and attended Gorman Public Schools.

Bill enlisted in the Navy in 1923. He was a World War II veteran and retired after 30 years of service. He served on the Sonoma, U.S.S. Belleau Wood, U.S.S. West Virginia, and the U.S.S. North Hampton. During his Navy career he received the Commanding Officer Commendation of performance of duty during the hurricane at San Pedro, California in September 1939, fourteen Battle Stars in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, the Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corp Medal, American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and two Presidential Unit Citations.

Bill returned to Gorman to make his home in 1947. He married Virginia Rogers on August 22, 1947. He worked in the Gorman Post Office as a postal clerk and rural route mail carrier, retiring after 24 years.

Bill joined the Gorman Methodist Church in 1916. He was an active member for 82 years serving on the official board, various church committees and as president of the men's Sunday School Class.

Bill became a member of the Gorman Masonic Lodge 716A.F. & A.M. on April 19, 1930. He served as Worshipful Master four times, District Deputy, Grand Master of 73rd Masonic District in 1964, was voted a lifetime membership by the Gorman Lodge. He became a member of the Scottish Rite of the Waco Consistory in 1953, becoming a 32 Degree Mason. He became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1972, serving as Worthy Patron the year his youngest daughter, Cahtere was Worthy Matron. He is a member of the Past Matrons and Patrons of District 3 Section 4.

He was also past Post Commander of the Gorman American Legion #594, past Commander of Eastland Veterans of Foreign Wars #4136 and past President of the Gorman Ex-Student Association, past member of the Gorman

### Lois Nancy Whatley

Lois Nancy Whatley, 82, of De Leon, passed away Friday, June 5, 1998 at the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in De Leon.

Services were held Sunday, June 7, 1998 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music was provided by La Ressie Wilkerson and Vicki Robinett. Burial was in the Downing Cemetery.

Mrs. Whatley was born, March 16, 1916 in De Leon, Texas to R.E. and Hattie Miller Pressley. She married Herbert Whatley in Comanche County on July 15, 1937. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

Survivors include: One son, Lynn J. Whatley of De Leon; one sister, Vera Adams of Hurst, 2 grandchildren, Todd Lee Whatley and Ted Ray Whatley; 2 great-grandchildren, Ethan Greer Whatley and Hannah Ray Whatley.

Mrs. Whatley was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Greer Whatley

Quarterback Club and member of the Blind Veterans Association.

Mr. Parr was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, M.E. Parr, L.A. Blair, Gertrude Wallace, two brothers, C.B. Parr and Scott Parr. Survivors include his wife Virginia, daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth and Doyle Welch of Lubbock, daughter and son-in-law Catherine and Johnny Eaves of Gorman. Four granddaughters, Melissa Welch of College Station, Allison Welch of Lubbock, Jennifer Eaves of Lubbock, Michaelyn Eaves of Gorman, several nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and one great great nephew.

### Alva Boone Russell

Alva Boone Russell, 86, of Belleville, Ill., formerly of Gorman, Texas, passed away on June 1, 1998 in Belleville, Ill.

Burial was in Jefferson Barracks Memorial Cemetery, June 3, 1998.

Boone Russell was born in Gorman September 1912 on the Russell Farm. Boone served in the air force during WWII, and later worked for the civil service until retiring.

Survivors include: 1 daughter, Nancy Daly; 2 nieces of Gorman, 1 nephew, of Everman, Texas.

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**KOKOMO NEWS**

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The cooler weather during the weekend was really nice. Just wish we could have gotten some rain as the thunderstorms rumbled through, but there wasn't any rain at my house.

The choir, under the direction of Woodrow Browning, with Glynda Bond at the piano rendered the special music at the Kokomo baptist Church on Sunday morning. The choir members were Alethea Burgess, Kay Snider, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Daryl Hirst, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond, Shannon Bond.

Visitors were Glenn Burgess and Donna and Reba Hall of Pleasanton, Jeff, Angela, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of Desdemona, Shannon Bond of Copperas Cove, Jarad Fails of Arlington and Jerald McClearn of Gorman.

Howard Joiner of Arlington, Lucille Joiner of Stephenville and Mrs. Allene Garrett of Gorman visited with Mrs. Hope Joiner on Saturday.

Larry and Betty Strube returned home on Wednesday from Houston where Betty had undergone eye surgery on Tuesday morning. While in Houston they visited with Bill and Wynelle McFails.

Beverly and Bob Pharris of Haskell and Modell Crawley of Gorman visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Saturday. They had attended the Crawley Reunion in Ranger.

Shannon Bond of Copperas Cove has been visiting with his parents, Joe and Glynda Bond.

LaVon Snider of Brownwood spent the weekend with her mother, Hazel Snider. Dwayne Snider of Stephenville, Danny, Justin, Belinda and Sandra Snider of Gorman had dinner with Hazel one day last week.

Hazel Snider visited on Friday morning with Jamie, Mathew and Anna Snider and Ted Snider.

Doris Bradshaw, Ruth Bryant, Hope Joiner and Troy Scitem were visitors with Nancy Hendricks.

June and Gladene Cates of Big Spring visited from Friday until Tuesday with her brother and family, Vernon, Deon and Lindell Fields. Bud and Harvey Winn of Carbon also visited with them.

Paula Morrow and Layne Morrow of Plains and Lance Morrow of Abilene visited with Paul and Imogene Norris and Naoma Morrow. Those enjoying lunch with Paul and Imogene on Sunday were paula, Lance and Layne, Jeanna Pack of Carbon and Naoma Morrow.

Laverne Winn of Muleshoe spent the weekend with her sister, Zelda Jordan. Laverne is playing in a golf tournament in Abilene this week. Laverne's sister-in-law, Loyce Winn of Brownwood also came for a visit during the weekend.

Clifford Nelson and his daughter, Cassie Brasher visited recently in Andrews with a sister-in-law and aunt, Dell Nelson, and Jack and Sabrina Nelson.

Gary and Tena Danley, Caleb, Haley and Jordan of Boise, Idaho visited from Sunday until Tuesday with her granddad, Clifford Nelson and he took them to the Midland airport on Tuesday to catch a plane for the flight back to Boise. Zelda Jordan visited with them on Monday evening.

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**DESDEMONA NEWS**

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had good attendance last Sunday. Special music was presented by Annette (Priddy) Cummings and children, Camron and Ashton. Visitors for the morning service were Aaron Henslee of Lingleville. You are in-

Griffith were Mr. and Mrs. Elda Goodson of Freer, Mrs. Pat Berdine of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. N.M. Goodwin of Austin, Mrs. Ima Gene Carrol of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Griffith of Fort Worth and Mrs. Ken Riley and Chad and Lara Griffith of Midland. They attended the Victor Cemetery meeting on May 30.

Those enjoying a family get together at the home of Durwood and Aletha Burgess on Sunday were Billy, Cheryl, Alissa and Grant Burgess of Granbury, Jeff, Angela, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of Desdemona, Danny and Charla Burgess of Gorman, Glenn Burgess, Donna and Reba hall of Pleasanton and Mrs. Allene Garrett of Gorman.

vited to attend church services for Sunday and Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist is in "Full Swing" this week. Lots of bible study, crafts, games and refreshments are being enjoyed by all who attends. VBS program will be on Sunday night, June 14, at 6:00 p.m.

James Buckley of New Castle, Jerry and Pat Buckley was in Marshall on Saturday, June 6 to attend the funeral of their aunt Lola (Brown) Jones who is a sister to the late Claudia (Brown) Buckley.

Chris Johnson of Lovington, NM is visiting his grandparents, Bob and Merlene Wisdom.

Sonja and Kandice Martin were in Irving on Saturday, June 6 to attend the Country Music Festival with country and western singer, George Strait and many other singers. They reported a great time.

Elwood and Nell Ragland was in Dublin on Saturday, June 6 to attend the Hightower Family Reunion. Elwood's mother is the late Gussie (Hightower) Ragland.

Randall and Beverly Grimshaw and sons, John and Tim of Austin visited the weekend with his parents, Jay and Helen Grimshaw.

Desdemona Fire Department annual Fish Fry well attended last Saturday night. Lots of good food and many door prizes were given. These firemen are dedicated men and they do more than their share of good deeds. They are also our weather watchers and help our community in many ways. Donations are needed and will be appreciated to help keep our Fire Department going strong.

Dorothy Roberts visited Sunday and Monday in Ft. Worth with her daughter, Kevin and Ulenda Weaver and family.

Carol Lewis of Texas Tech in Lubbock visited the weekend with her parents, Harold and Betty Lewis. They attended the Fish Fry.

School is out for the summer and children are playing so remember to drive careful to protect our children who are "Our Future Leaders."

Rex Tilly and wife, Billie of Gatesville attended the Fish Fry last Saturday nite. Rex is now preaching each Sunday in De Leon at the Christian Church. Rex and this reporter were classmates with the Class of 1951.

The Annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be

**Bridal Shower Honors Donna Hall**

Donna Hall of Pleasanton, bride-elect of Glenn Burgess was honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, June 7, in the Fellowship Hall of the Kokomo Baptist Church.

Hostesses were Helen Browning, Kay Snider, Dianne Snider, Catherine Eaves, Zelda Jordan, Norma Webb, Betty Little, Verna Little, Carolyn Little, Glynda Bond, Joyce Eaves and

on Saturday, August 8. Morning program begins at 10:00 a.m. Contact your classmates, teachers and friends, make plans to attend.

Remember the sick and shut ins with your cards and prayers.

"Have a nice day"

Vonnie Guthery

Leona Wilson.

The serving table was covered with white lace over blue and was centered with a blue, burgundy and green floral arrangement carrying out the bride-elect's chosen colors. The napkins were blue and burgandy. Frosted punch, assorted cookies, mints and nuts were served.

The register table was covered with a white lace cloth with a candle and blue flower arrangement.

Special guests were the bride-elect's daughter, Reba Hall, the bride groom-to-be, Glenn Burgess, his parents, Durwood and Aletha Burgess, his grandmother, Mrs. Allene Garrett, his brothers and sister-in-law, Billy and Cheryl Burgess, and Alissa of Granbury, and Dan and Charla Burgess, his sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Jeff Buckley, Chelsea and Haley of Desdemona.

The many gifts were attractively displayed on tables in the room.



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## HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

Nancy Hendricks - Reporting

### A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Summer is here and it sure is hot, except her in the nursing home. It is really comfortable here. Ina tells me that we sure could use some more volunteers for some of the activity programs. If you have a little spare time come by and talk to Ina. Have a good week.

Jeff

Lesia Janeczek brought Rebecca and Rashea and brother Shawn Rainey to visit their grandmother, Sarah Ann Mize.

Happy to report Hazel Wisdom has returned from the De Leon Hospital.

Some of Varona Taylor's guests were Billy and Janda Taylor, Bonnie Cox, Pauline Allen, Howard and Pat Hagood and Nancy Hendricks.

On Thursday Ina Smith had concentration for S.D. Gilmore, Ora Mae Atchison, Jack Bellows, Cynthia Earles, Varona Taylor, A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Velma Bennett, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers and Patty Whitehorn.

Don and Nell Sherman of Eastland, Ina Reynolds of Carbon and Della Galloway visited Sibyl Urban.

The next birthday party will be Thursday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. Residents who will be honored are Jack Bellows, Edna Richardson, Sibyl Urban

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### Sharing with Brother Bob

What a storm Tuesday night the 26th. My friends at Heritage Manor were still talking about it Wednesday afternoon. There was thunder from the east. If that wasn't scary enough, S.D. Gilmore saw hail as big as hen's eggs. And dark! When the power went off and the low clouds blocked the moon and star light, it was dark.

Ann Bassham had a radio on and heard a report that the winds got up to 50 mph. It rained in some windows at the manor but didn't do much else except wake up most of my friends there. All of them except Veno Hale. She said she slept right thru everything.

I asked what they remembered having to do as kids to clean up after a storm. A.V. Seay remembers sawing limbs and raking twigs. That and cleaning all the trash out of the eight wire fence back of the house. S.D. Gilmore remembers burning. Cynthia Earles remembers sawing up "blown over" trees.

We got to talking about storm cellars so I asked for details. A.V. Seay remembers her husband got tired of always having to walk to the neighbors cellar so he finally dug one. Concrete steps went down into a poured concrete floor. The walls were concrete blocks but the roof was poured concrete. The door was tin over a wood frame. The door had a counterweight to make it easy to open and a chain (that hooked to an eye bolt set in the concrete floor) to keep it shut. Ann Bassham remembers all the welders in her family getting together and building a metal cellar. They even welded in seats. Veno Hale's family had to dig thru rocks so they reused them to make seats. Ollie Halcomb remembers being more afraid of the cellar than the storms. Velma Bennett, besides remembering a big fish found in the middle of the yard after a storm, remembers a cellar with a split log roof, covered with dirt, and an air pipe sticking up kinda' crooked. A relative, Lee Reynolds, opened the cellar door during a storm to peek out and got sucked away. They found him later in a pile of brush with his head crushed. He was still alive and the doctors managed to save him by putting a silver plate in his head and he did okay. Their cellar had a plank door with a chain that hooked to a steak driven into the dirt. She remembers times her father had to help hold the chain.

Other items kept in the cellar were: lanterns, iron beds or cots, water in old whiskey jugs, a pick axe and shovel (in case of cave ins) canned goods in jars and pot plants (in the winter time).

I asked if fruit was the only food that got canned. That led to a discussion about "puttin' up hogs."

The hog was scalded and scrubbed down with boiling water. That removed all the hair. The skin was left on. The hams, ribs and bacon were cured in a smokehouse. The smokehouse didn't necessarily have a fire. Sometimes "sugar cure" was used. If there was a fire, it was small and made from corn cobs, wood chips or even cow chips. Usually though, when you "put up a hog," the weather had cooled off enough to keep meat by just hanging it (in the safety of the smoke [less] house).

Most of the hog was used. From pickling the feet to rendering the lard (boiling the lard out of the fat). The cracklin's, left over from the rendering, were crumpled up and added to cornbread. The heart, liver and "lites" (lungs and other eatable organs) were made into stew.

Some pork was stored in salt (salt pork) in a box or barrel, but most was made into sausage. Sausage was ground by hand. The tenderloin made the best. Sometimes venison was added. Sometimes other wild game was added but nobody would tell me exactly what and some kinda looked at the floor (squirrel? goat? 'possem?). Anyway, the sausage was ground and lightly (several of my friends strongly emphasized this so at one time somebody must have put in way too much) seasoned with sage, salt and pepper. Some used a pre-mix seasoning. Then the sausage was stuffed. Unlike other parts of Texas I've studied, the typical casings weren't used. The raw sausage was stored in one of two ways. The first way was to cook it in patties, and then put it in layers in a large, deep pot (as it cooled), covering each layer with grease. The other way was to sew long, small diameter bags using the cloth from flour sacks. These were stuffed with the raw sausage and hung in the smoke (less) house. The bag could be rolled back and sausage patties sliced off as needed. After I heard this, I could vaguely remember seeing (as a kid) cloth tubes of sausage in the grocery store.

I can't help but wonder sometimes if it would help "problem" kids to be sent to work on a farm where everything was done by hand like in the "olden days." Most kids back then were too busy working to get into (serious) trouble (except kids like S.D. G. and Jack B., if they couldn't find trouble to get into, they would start some).

Till next time,  
Brother Bob

ban and Ruby Vandergriff. Guests are welcome.

Some of Hazel Wisdom's guests were Ken and Pat Kincannon of Hico, Eloise Williams, Bob and Merlene Wisdom of Desdemona, Audrey Pond, Chris Johnson of Lovington, NM.

On Saturday those coming from the Abundant Life Church were Rev. John Howard Jr., Trey Howard, Lacy Howard, Lana Howard. Guests were Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay, Dorothy Beaty, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, Waiter Steele, Patty Whitehorn, Velma Bennett, Ora Mae Atchison, Varona Taylor and Ina Johnson.

Visiting Ed Johnson and Frank Skiles were Opal Robert, Carol and baby of Proctor, Mayvis Lasater, Fay Johnson, M.L. Skiles, Ron and Nina Skiles.

On Sunday morning Harold and Beth Welch of First Baptist came and taught the Sunday School Class for S.D. Gilmore, Velma Bennett, Veno Hale, Varona Taylor, Ollie Halcomb and A.V. Seay.

Some of A.V. Seay's guests were Frank and Ella Reeves, Eunice Love and Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Sunday at 2:30 those coming from New Hope Baptist Church were Rev. Richard Watson, Ernestine Campbell, Marie Cook, Marjie Treadway, Larry and Joy Campbell. Guests were Rev. T.D. Whitehorn and Pat Graham. Residents were, Patty Whitehorn, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ruby Vandergriff, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett, Ollie Halcomb, Varona Taylor and Inez Rogers.

Some of Bea O'Neals guests were Eunice Love, Michelle Miller of De Leon, Rev. Richard Watson, Mayvis Lasater, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst.

Some of Mary Williams' guests were Peggy Brooks of Merkel, Fred and Mary McMullen of Melrose, NM, Irene West, Lavoyce Hirst, Durwood Webb, Ina Reynolds, Ina Johnson, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Maxine Frasier of De Leon.

On Friday morning Ina Smith had bingo for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, (guest Ima Lee Burleson), Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Modess Burgess, Patty Whitehorn, S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay, Ann Bassham, Velma Bennett, Varona

Taylor and Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Some of Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb's guests were Teresa, Jasper and Arnold Castillo and Doris Ely of Arlington, Nettie Denton, David and Denna Halcomb, Betty Cate of Las Cruz, NM. The Castillos brought their little chihuahua do "Sugar" and let residents see it.

On Friday, Mary Ficklen of Desdemona came and read from "Texas Teard and Texas Sunshine" by Jo Ella Powell Exley. She served delicious pound cake and birthday cake to Ollie Halcomb, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Jack Bellows, Varona Taylor, Velma Bennett, Sarah Ann Mize and guests Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.

Some of Modess Burgess and S.D. Gilmore's guests were Durwood and Aletha Burgess, Joyce Pence, Jody and Laura Pence of Granbury, Lisa Pence of Stephenville, Glenn Burgess, Reba and Donna Hall of Jouranton, Ann and Sonya Burgess, Ginger Burgess of Stephenville, Loiusie Hollywood of Eastland, Lisa Janeczek, Rebecca and Rashea and Sawn Rainey.

On Monday Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for S.D. Gilmore, Velma Bennett, Ollie Halcomb, Jack and Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Varona Taylor, Ann Bassham, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn and Dorothy Beaty.

Some of Sarah Mize and Velma Bennett's guests were Gena, Sarah Kay

and Colbe Tyler of Ft. Worth, Denzel and Fay Ables, Louie and Molly Jones, Ruth Courtorie, Amanda and Jeffery Rainey, Debra Caraway, Lisa Rainey, Durwood Webb, Howard and Pat Hagood, Ruth Bryant, Icy Munn, Lovelle Craighead, Nancy Hendricks. Louie and Molly Jones visited Walter Steele.

On Monday those coming for the sing-a-long were Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Ethel Weaver, Nina Joiner, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant. Residents were A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Ann Bassham, Varona Taylor, Dorothy Beaty, Ruby Vandergriff, Myrtle Hale, Velma Bennett, Jack Bellows, Cythnia Earles, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, and Patty Whitehorn.

Visiting Ruby Jones and Patty Whitehorn were Jerry Brown, Marie Cook and Rev. T.D. Whitehorn of Carbon, Eunice Love, Ina Reynolds.

Visiting Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison were Chesley Atchison, Edie Nichols of Stephenville, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Georgie Iley and Ima Lee Burleson of Desdemona, Fred Rogers, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Velma Carr.

The nice magazines Juanita Files sent were appreciated.

Visiting Ann Bassham were Craig and Linda Rhoton, Billie Bennett, Eunice Love, Breann Rhoton, Mayvis Lasater.

Howard and Pat Hagood visited Ruby Vandergriff, Ola Walker, Annie and Veno Hale.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and leg singing for S.D. Gilmore, Ora Mae Atchison, Dorothy Beaty, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Velma Bennett, Ollie Halcomb, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor, Ola Wlker, Sarah Ann Mize, Sibyl Urban, Stella Files and Cynthia Earles.

Some of Myrtle Hale and A.V. Seay's guests were Frank and Ella Reeves of Clyde, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Argie and Margie Hale, Thurman and Sallie Hale, Linda, Diana, Janice and Mark Glover, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Lesa Janeczek, Rebecca, Rashea, and Shawn Rainey.

Visiting Mary Williams were Maxine Frasier of De Leon, Peggy Brooks of Merkel, Ina Reynolds, Durwood and Aletha Burgess, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Bro. Scott Shepperd, Durwood Webb, Irene West, Nancy Hendricks, and Ruth Bryant.

On Tuesday Ina Smith had "Crazy Bingo" for S.D. Gilmore, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Velma Bennett, A.V. Seay, Ina Johnson, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Ann Bassham, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn.

Visiting Ina Johnson were Ina Reynolds, Marie Cook, Nell Sherman, Della Galloway, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some of Ava Rodgers' guests were Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth

Bryant.

On Wednesday Bro. Jeff Bacher brought the devotional for Veno Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Patty Whitenorn, Irene Heathington, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Ora Mae Atchison, Velma Bennett and Varona Taylor.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Dr. Ken and Betty Sue Heathington of Tenn., Eunice Love, and Mayvis Lasater.

On Wednesday afternoon Ina Smith read Nursery Rhymes and short stories for S.D. Gilmore, Ina Johnson, A.V. Seay, Ora Mae Atchison, Jack Bellows, and Veno Hale.

Some of Vadis Phelps and Maggie Snider's guests were Fay Tucker, Elnora Lindley, Birdie Hogan, Jewel Snider, Maggie Snider, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Nancy Hendricks, and Ruth Bryant.

Visiting Volita Richardson and Ina Mae Tarrance were Freeman and Dorothy Bruns of Arlington, Joe Etheredge, Pat and Howard Hagood, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.

Some of Jack and Mildred Bellows' guests were Pat and Darrell Graham, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Thursday Stella Files were Edna Rooney, Howard and Pat Hagood and Eunice Love.

On Thursday Ina Smith had "Horse Races" for S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Varona Taylor and Jack Bellows.

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