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Ann Tucker of Eastland, Nancy Ross, Carbon, Ada Harvey, Lake Leon, Mrs. H. S. Curtis, Eastland, and Martha Crews, Eastland, visited Lora Martin. Also Harrison Curtis and Lizzie Bell visited Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Henry of Post visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Harper. Estelle Craddock of Gorman visited Dona Moorman. Erma Eaves visited in the home.

Lucille Roberts visited with Pearl Roberts and other residents in the home.

Bernice Rodgers of Gorman visited Mary Timmons, Billie Stacy of Carbon, Ava Rodgers, Ima Brown of Gorman also visited Mary Timmons.

Naomi Morrow of Gorman visited Thelma Higginbottom. Norma Higginbottom of De Leon also visited Thelma Higginbottom.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McClearen and Jeff visited Mrs. Maey and Buddy.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Robbins visited Georgia Leonard and Lucy Lasater.

Church services at 6:00 p.

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Remove Not The Ancient Landmarks

"Remove not the ancient landmarks, which thy fathers have set." - Prov. 22:28.

The "ancient landmarks" mentioned in this verse were permanent and silent witnesses

m. Sunday afternoon. Bingo at 1:30 on Tuesday. Wednesday afternoon was Bible Study at 2:00 with Joe O'Neal. On Thursday night singing was held at 7:30. We had good singing as always. So you all come.

This Thursday will be birth day party for this month. Those who have birthdays are Claude Smith, 14th, David McGuire, 15th, Jim Jones and our new resident, Marie Ciyatt, 21st. Martha Norris, 28th, and my mom, Lexie Wright, 29th. Come at 2:30 and help us celebrate.

of a person's right and privilege of ownership. To remove one was to intrude or trespass upon another's property. Such removal did, indeed, bring serious consequences.

The question may be asked, "What does an ancient proverb about ancient landmarks have to do with me and the way I live today?" A personal application of this proverb may be seen in its implied lesson. Implied is the restriction of removing any direct statement, command, inference, principle, or example from our lives today which was binding on New Testament Christians. For example, to suggest that faith alone brings salvation is to remove the "ancient landmark" command of baptism "set" by Christ and the apostles (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; I Pet. 3: 21). To claim that it is not necessary for one to partake of the Lord's Supper each first day of the week is to remove the "landmark" prac-

tice of New Testament Christians (Acts 20:7). To teach the doctrine of the impossibility of apostasy is to remove the "landmark" principle taught by an inspired writer of God (Heb. 6:4-6). To advocate that the Holy Spirit operates miraculously on a person in connection with his conversion is to remove the "landmark" statement of Paul that we are "called" by the gospel (II Thess. 2:14). Today, especially, we need to heed the warning: "Remove not the ancient landmarks." While the removal of physical landmarks brought serious consequences, think of how much MORE severe will be the consequences facing those who make it a practice of removing spiritual landmarks. Actually, this warning is just as relevant today as it was the day it was written. Let us be very careful to, "Remove not the ancient landmarks." Next time: "Shalt Thou Be With Me In Paradise."

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Citizens Senior

We missed playing 84 the past week. Poor old decrepid people. Fats is still walking a lot. Too bad that Murel cannot drive for him. I hope their cats can keep on the move. Though he played dominoes one morning at our office. Big Foot is drunk a lot now. Mama says the Dr. Pepper is too strong for him. Kent claims that the tomatoes she got from Elbert made her drunk and caused her to fall out of bed and break her nose. I doubt that.

Everyone at our office draws Social Security except Mel. He is going to apply for his. He says anyone that can use Copenhagen is entitled to Social Security. Stay in there Mel. I believe you can make it. We have small crowds in the mornings, but in the afternoons all are there, including Bud's dogs. We have fine fishing there, including blue cats, 30 lb. bass, wash tub size turtles, lots of gas, plenty of hot air -- a wonderful past-

time.
Fifty-nine years ago this week I boarded the T&P and volunteered for the Army. Last week I got out my old uniform, and although I am thirty pounds lighter, I could not get into it. It seems my chest has fallen at least two feet. You see "Time Changes Everything." True.
I gave the locker (Army foot locker) to my son here. It was made in World War I; Cora Lee used it in World War II in Florida and Mass. My daughter, Betty, used it in Korean War. She went to New York to be with her husband just before he was to go overseas. It is ready to retire now, I think.

It sure looks bad for the coming generations. The laws we have are so complicated that the murderer and rapist get off free or almost free. So many are against the "death penalty," but I believe that it would put a dreaded fear into the minds of a lot of people. Here in Gorman you see parents turn across the street and park their cars. Turn around in wrong way. This is just teaching their children to defy and disobey

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Desdemona By: VONNIE GUTHERY

Mrs. Maude Fuque celebrated her 79th birthday Sunday, August 22nd. Her nieces and nephews surprised her with a big dinner and lovely birthday cake after church services in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Desdemona.

the laws. Remember that your children are watching you. So be sure and set the right example for them.

Do you wonder why your children smoke and raise marijuana? You encourage them to disobey the laws by your own example. The young ones that stole the dope from the drug store may have been encouraged to do so by the example set before them by their parents or other relatives. Never being corrected and led in the right direction. Remember this, good hard honest work is a very good thing for young people.

Remember that you will be judged justly at the end of life's trail. So try to be able to meet that time.

Look up and smile, as a smile will help you win. Remember that the sun is shining very bright just behind those dark storm clouds. Be prepared to meet it and remember to help it shine in all you come in contact with.
Honest, Reporter

She was born to the late James and Betty Koonce in 1897, living in and around this area all her life. She was married to Ora Fuqua Sept. 27, 1913.

Those attending were a brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. (Uncle Jim) Koonce, who recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary in De Leon, Mrs. Vera Brown, Mrs. Lorene Koonce and Terri Perry of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Koonce, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Koonce, Mrs. Joe Ben Koonce, Scotty and Bard, Mrs. Johnnie Koonce, Mrs. Evah Sparkman and Mrs. Eva Allred, all of Desdemona. So many more birthdays to Aunt Maude.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Reid and Mike of Alvin and Eddie Williamson of Wichita Falls visited Mrs. Myrt Reid last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Weaver and Heather of Smithville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Roberts and Jeff, for the weekend.

Mrs. Mary Lou Lander and Cliff visited her parents in Forresterburg Sunday to help her daddy celebrate his 84th birthday.

Guy Tidwell is a patient in the De Leon Hospital. Your many friends send "Get Well" wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burleson and Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel Burleson of Stephenville and Harold Burleson of Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Williamson Sunday.

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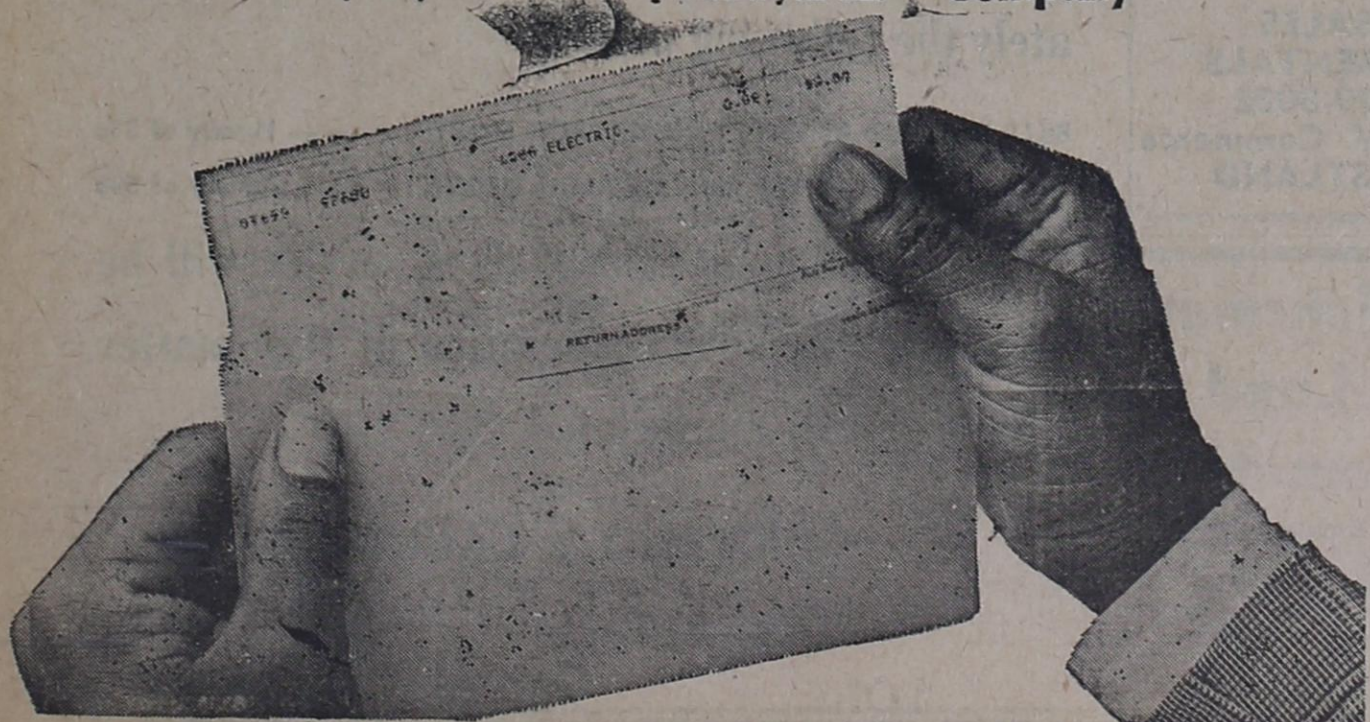
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CARBON NEWS

By VELMA HASTINGS

The school cafeteria opened Monday morning with shiny new equipment. Thanks to the Carbon Booster Club. Mrs. Lois Harle and Mrs. Ruby Hogan will be serving lunches again this year.

The menu is as follows:

Monday - Corny dogs, slaw green beans, cookies and milk.
Tuesday - Brisket, pinto beans, potatoes, chocolate

cake and milk.
Wednesday - Minute steaks, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches and milk.
Thursday - Pizza, corn, lettuce and tomato salad, brownies and milk.

Friday - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, french fries, Jello and milk.

Visiting Mrs. Lela Pruett last week were her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Huel Acuff of Longview, Lawson Acuff of Corpus Christi, and a sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Halifax of Odessa.

Russell McCollum of El

Paso visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Files, last week.

Mrs. Lavene Stubblefield attended the WMU house party at Baylor University in Waco last week.

A number of friends stormed I. D. and Ruby Hogan Friday evening for a house warming. They brought many nice gifts and all enjoyed visiting together with punch and cookies. Around forty-five friends and relatives registered.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Snider and family of Rosebud, Ark. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Collin Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Jackson

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Love Acres News

By: Mrs. Bernice Haynes

Mrs. Electra Tatum of Whitney is here at the bedside of her brother, Ronnie Richburg, who is seriously ill in the Blackwell Hospital. Mrs. Tatum also visited friends at Love Acres on Saturday. She formerly lived here.

Mrs. Arlene Fisher and children have returned home from South Texas after an extended visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shipley spent last week in Topeka, Kans. visiting her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. James Scarlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Dunlap, David, Delaine and Danny of Houston, visited her mother, Mrs. Marie Brown, and attended "Six Flags" on Monday.

J. M. and Patsy Gammell and daughters, Maranda, age 5, and Jackie, age 3, granddaughter and great-granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perrin, arrived at De Leon in their 7 passenger Cherokee Airplane from Milwaukee, Ore at 5 p. m. Monday for a short visit.

Miss Julie Grice spent the weekend with her grandpar-

and Lavada visited Dale Jackson of Gilleland and attended morning services at the Baptist Church. Dale is pastor of the Gilliland Baptist Church. Gary Fink and some friends of Cisco were visitors at the Carbon Baptist Church Sunday and Sunday evening. Gary directed the music at both services.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harle of Henrietta spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephenson and family of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nance of Odessa were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hale.

Alvis Johnson of Fort Stockton spent the weekend with his father, Bascom Johnson, and other relatives here.

Mrs. Thelma Rosberry and

Art Club News

By Pamela Jo Dyson

The Eastland County Art Association is anxiously looking forward to an eventful, exciting new year, with their first meeting slated on Thursday, September 2.

All new officers will begin their duties, and a whole new line of programs and demonstrations will begin.

Visitors are welcomed, and encouraged to attend, and new members are always welcome to join.

Erma Ginn of Abilene, will be guest artist at the first meeting with a fascinating oil demonstration.

Lets see you there, Thursday, September 2, in the Texas Electric Reddy Room in Eastland, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Don't you miss it!

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Brown and attended the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Dudley of Houston are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Turner.

Lucille Roberts is now helping Sammie Powers Corley at Firebird Sales with the cards, gifts and antiques.

Fannye Myrle Cribbs attended a family reunion at Cisco on Sunday.

A POEM
He chose you not to bitter tears,
Though dark your life may seem,
He chose you not to foolish fears,
And not to sit and dream;
He chose you in His loving grace,
To action patience, trust,
To show upon a smiling face,
What God can do with dust.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rich have returned from a visit in Las Vegas, Nevada with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Rich. They also visited in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Snider on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hall of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McGee of Ranger.

Members of the Carbon Pep Squad are collecting soft drink bottles to redeem for money to be used in sponsoring various spirit-boosting activities.

If you have some bottles you would like to donate, please call 639-2416 or 639-2455 after school and they will come by and get them.

The Carbon High School FHA began their year's activities with a surprise breakfast on Thursday, August 19 at the home of their sponsor, Ellen Cressett.

FHA members are selling the Community Calendars for \$1.50 as they have in the past. Birthday, holidays, school holidays, football games, etc. are included on the calendars. So contact one of the girls if you would like to have a calendar.

The Community Cookbooks will also be on sale in about one week. The girls are putting them together now.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — BECAUSE OF THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION LAST WEEK in Kansas City, there has been no Congressional activity. Of course, the bureaucracy grinds on, as usual.

THEREFORE, THIS IS A BIT OF NONSENSE ABOUT CATS — not the "Cool Cats" with two legs — but the four legged kind. According to the Cat Fancier Association, there are sixty million cats in this country. (Wonder who went out and counted them?)

ANYWAY, CATS ARE INTERESTING. Whether you like them or not, there was a time when no responsible barn would be without them, for a good purpose. Istanbul, Turkey, sitting astride the Bosphorus Straits, depends on cats for rat control. They are everywhere — on the streets, alleys, and underfoot in restaurants. If they jump on your table, you give them a bite and gently push them off. In Guayquil, Ecuador, vultures are not only tolerated, it is against the law to molest them in any way. They have no sewage system and the vultures are the garbage collectors.

NO — BACK TO CATS. They have been around about as long as we have. Mohammed had a cat. Cardinal Wolsey kept a cat. Pope Pius XII had quite a few. Victor Hugo and Baudelaire had cats and wrote about them. Martin Luther and Lenin liked cats.

UNTIL 1492 AMERICA HAD NO CATS. Columbus and his crew brought them. Then, as now, cats were aboard all merchant ships to meet the old old problem of rat incursion. English, Dutch, French and Spanish colonists brought more cats to the new world. They proved their worth in preventing rodent damage to grains. Wagon trains, pushing westward, carried cats with them. Indians were plagued by rats and other vermin. They traded furs for these wonderful helpers.

AS OUR ENTERPRISING FOREFATHERS PUSHED into the wilderness, establishing mining and lumber camps, they considered cats as an asset. They sold for as much as \$50.00 each. Stories abound of "catnappers" — stealing cats in the east and shipping them west for good profits.

NOT ALL PEOPLE LOVE CATS. Some have allergies. Some just do not like them. Genghis Khan, Napoleon and Mussolini hated cats. Other historic figures seemed to feel otherwise. Thomas Jefferson and Gorg Washington had numerous felines at Monticello and Mount Vernon. Lincoln felt kindly toward cats.

IT IS SAID THAT NOBODY "OWNS" A CAT. They are not reputed to have a loyalty to man as do dogs. Their independence and unpredictability are well known, but they are here to say — at 60 million — so they say.

NOW THAT WE ARE IN A PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, numerous questions are being asked. While we ask the candidates how they stand on National Health Insurance and other expanded roles of Government, perhaps we also should ask how they stand on cats.

WE MUST MAKE SURE, AS BEST WE CAN, that we do not have the fur pulled over our eyes.

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