



PRESS POINTS

JOE BENNETT, Publisher

Got a call the other day from a mother of one of the senior girls of GHS. She stated that most of the senior girls had received an offer through the mail that sounded marvelous for the "deal" offered. However, this mother stated that the company involved had been checked and that the quality of the merchandise in the "deal" was very poor, and that the senior girls should beware of this type of "good deals."

Received the following letter the other day and thought I would include it in the column this week:

Dear Gorman,
I thought about writing this letter a month ago but the lapse of time has proven yet another act of kindness and dedication to my parents, Albert and Jo Ann White, my sister and brothers, and all other members of my family. Through this letter I want to try to express my humble thanks for the dedication, support and love all of you have shown my family during the past few years.

I was born and raised in Gorman. It is my home town. I never realized how precious it was to me until I left, two years ago. Gorman built a shelter around all of us who were fortunate enough to be a part of it. Some of us were too dumb to realize what a good thing we had. We wanted adventure and worldly things and moved away. Since I have been gone I have come to realize the value of friends and relatives who care about you all the time. We plan to move back home some of these days to raise our children in our home town of Gorman and we hope it will mean the same to them as it does to us.

Living in my father's home for 18 years of my life introduced me to the side of the law that few people realize. We, as a family, lived with law enforcement in our home, day and night, all our lives. Having the "cop" as our father made us proud, but defensive. As his children we felt we had to set a good example and that is hard for kids, especially teenagers, to do. We are all human and like to "sew our share of wild oats," but we were still, in the eyes of the town, "the cop's kids." We had to respect the law and defend anything he tried to do that was for law and order. Now that I can look back I am so proud to have a father like him who always tries to do the right thing for each and every one he comes in contact with. In one way or another he has probably touched each and every one of your lives at some point in his career as a law enforcement officer.

Thank you for your love and support, and for caring about what happens to my family. I care a lot about them and I am glad they have people like you who care about them, too.

Sincerely,
Becki Wright
Anchorage, Alaska

What a marvelous tribute this is to your parents, especially during these times when you hear of so much trouble between children and their parents. This is just another example of how the folks who live here, and who have lived here, feel about Gorman. Thank God for folks who care about other folks and who still think that God is still our creator and provider.

Wasn't that a marvelous tribute the folks paid to our "State Champion Panthers" on Monday night? The Pan-

Panthers To Play Jayton At Abilene Friday at 8

The Gorman Panthers winners of District 24-B, will play a practice game with Jayton at 8:00 p. m. in McMurry gym in Abilene Friday, February 11th and will also play De Leon at De Leon in a practice game on Saturday night, February 12th.



The De Leon team will return to the Gorman game on Tuesday night at 7:30 in the local gym.



DISTRICT 24-B CHAMPIONS — The Gorman Panthers have won District 24-B Title. Shown above (l to r) are: front row: Jay Dickerson, Steve Watson, Larry Keith, Danny Burgess, Riley Curb, and Blaine Gibbs; second row: Steve Keith, Kenny Good, Charles White, Randy Seaton, and Tim Swanner; back row: Coach Dail Ables, Mel Maxfield, Revise Laminack, David Good and Gary Jackson.



TIE FOR DISTRICT — The Gorman Pantherettes, who wound up the season in a tie for District pictured above are: front row (l to r): Donna Lewis and Deliah Eaves; second row: Diane Kent, Paulette Baze, Carmon Longoria and Teresa Underwood; top row: Shari Guthery, Lisa Warren, Amy Warren, Beth Warren, and Susie Ridens. Not shown in the picture were Carla Good, Kelly Maudney and Melinda Harrington.

WE NEED A PRETTY FACE

LOCAL CHILDREN FEATURED

Want to see your children featured in our local paper? Well you can! All children, brought by parent or guardian, will be photographed for a feature to be run soon. Simply make your appointment by calling 734-2504 now.

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Only the kids pictures will be published.

ED MURPHY MAKES TRACK TEAM AT CJC
Ed Murphy, freshman student at Cisco Junior College, has been named to the track team and is presently serving as Baptist Student Union president.

Ed is a 1976 graduate of Gorman High School.

Ed had a great season and put forth the supreme effort needed for the outstanding goal they accomplished. Dan Reeves made a very good talk at the event. Dan is turlly a Christian gentleman and did his best to give our youth some food for thought. And he was not the least bit hesitant to give thanks to our Creator for the success that he had enjoyed as a pro football player and coach. A real enjoyable evening for all.

And remember to smile - - because God Loves You!

SCHOOL AND CITY ELECTIONS SET APRIL 2

The Gorman Independent School Board has set April 2 as the date for the school board trustee election.

Terms of Graydon Baze, Cecil Self and Lester Seaton will expire in April.

Candidates must file by March 2nd. Absentee voting will begin March 14th.

The Gorman City Council set April 2nd as election day for the City Election.

Council members for Places 1 and 3 will be elected for two year terms.

Commissioners terms expiring in April are E. E. Todd, Place 3 and Mike McCormick, Place 1.

Candidates must file by March 2nd.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. DOSSEY ON TUESDAY

Mrs. A. R. (Retta) Dossey, 66, of Desdemona, died at 11:20 a. m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 1977 at the De Leon Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church of De Leon with Rev. David Edwards officiating, assisted by Rev. David Auvenshine, pastor of St. Joe Baptist Church. Burial was in Desdemona Cemetery under the direction of De Leon Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 18, 1910, she had lived in Desdemona for the past three years, coming there from Eunice, N. M. She married A. R. Dossey Dec. 16, 1928, in Lamesa.

Survivors include her husband; a son, the Rev. Darrell Dossey of Desdemona; a daughter, Dessie Watts of Wichita Falls; a brother, Odell Gordon of Visalia, Calif.; three sisters, Alice Smith of Lamesa, Thelma Tutt, of Midland and Helen Dossier of Anchorage, Alaska; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Eastland County Wildcat Locations Are Staked
Rhodes Drilling Co. of Abilene staked two Eastland County wildcat locations six miles northwest of Desdemona. Both are slated for 2,500 feet.

No. 2 B. F. Fonville will be drilled on an 80-acre lease. It spots 871 feet from the north and 1,239 feet from the west lines of E. Brown Survey A-566.

Other test is No. 2 H. E. Brooks, located on an 80-acre lease. Drillsite is 835 feet from the south and 1,239 feet from the west lines of E. Brown Survey A-566.

SERVICES FOR MRS. HAYS WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Marvin (Opal) Hays, 64 of Carbon died at 10:55 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 1977 in the Blackwell Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church of Carbon with Rev. Roger Butler, pastor of Henderson St. Baptist Church of Cleburne, and Rev. Delbert Smith of Carbon First Baptist, officiating.

Burial was in Murray Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Bakker Funeral Home.

Born Opal Holloway March 11, 1912, in Carbon, she married Marvin F. Hays Oct. 1, 1930 in Carbon. She was a member of the Westwood Park Baptist Church.

Her husband died in 1969. Survivors include a son, Bryan of Carbon; a daughter, Mrs. Bill Cavanaugh of Perkins, Okla.; three brothers, Bud Holloway of Carbon and Leslie Whitley and Louie Whitley both of Eastland; three sisters, Dessie McCullough of Ft. Worth, Thelma Harris of Sweetwater and Jewel Crow of Houston; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A son died in 1936.

SERVICES FOR MRS. RODGERS ON SATURDAY

Mrs. Hubert (Lillie Alma) Rodgers, 98, of Eastland, died at 5:55 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1977 at the Eastland Manor Nursing Home where she had lived for the last three and a half years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Bakker Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland with the Rev. Ben Marney, pastor of the First United Methodist of Eastland, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Haspen Brewer of First Baptist, Eastland. Burial was in the Eastland Cemetery.

Born Lillie Graham, Nov. 10, 1878, near New Albany, Miss., she moved to Texas with her family in 1895. She married Hubert Rodgers Oct. 14, 1896, in Comanche. They moved to Eastland County in 1903 where they farmed near Kokomo.

They moved to Eastland in 1941. Mrs. Rodgers joined the Methodist Church in 1904 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church at Eastland. Mr. Rodgers died January 23, 1966.

Survivors include four sons, Reese of Eastland, Udell of Renton, Wash., Paul P. of Grand Saline and Conley of Odessa, Wash.; five daughters, Jessie Mae Hagar of Moran, James Dessie Vance of Seattle, Wash., Minnie Thurman of Eastland, Allene Garrett of Pasadena, and Bonnie Jackson of Houston; two sisters, Bessie Hargus of Austin and Linnie Reynolds of Hurst; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Seven year old Darla Mason is proud to announce the arrival of a baby sister, Man' Dee Kameron, born December 30, 1976 at 9:50 a. m. in Stephenville Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and two and one-half ounces.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Mason of De Leon and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hampton of Gorman and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Mason of De Leon, and paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferris of De Leon and Mrs. Ava Mason of Gorman is paternal great-grandmother.

Russell Smith visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith on Sunday. He is a senior student at Texas Tech.

BANQUET HONORS STATE CHAMPIONS

The Gorman Panthers, State Class B Champions, were honored by the school and fans with a banquet on Monday night in the high school gym. Some 400 fans were in attendance to pay tribute to the team they had followed during a perfect 14-0 season.

Supt. G. W. Maxfield was master of ceremonies for the evening program. Mel Maxfield gave the invocation and Doug Warren gave the benediction. Both drew outstanding comments on their words.



DESERVED STANDING OVATION — Coach Allan Gibbs stepped to the speaker stand to a standing ovation on Monday night at the football banquet. It was a very fine tribute to a well-deserving person.

The parents, the fans, and Bill Clark for his inspiration to the team and to him in his attendance at the games. The championship game was dedicated to Bill.

Robbie Robertson introduced guest speaker Danny Reeves, who is a coach for the Dallas Cowboys and a former player on the Cowboy team. After hearing his address one can understand why he was a great football player and a fine coach, and also a very fine Christian gentleman. He gave the youth (and adults) some very good food for thought.

NAVY AIRMEN MIKE KEITH PARTICIPATING IN EXERCISE "CARIBEX 1-77"

February 2 — Navy Airman Apprentice Michael J. Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack J. Keith of Gorman, is participating in the multi-nation naval exercise "Caribex 1-77".

He is serving as a crew-member aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guadalcanal homeported in Norfolk, Va.

The exercise is under the overall supervision of Vice Admiral John J. Shanahan, USN, the Commander of the U. S. Second Fleet. The tactical commander for "Caribex 1-77" is Rear Admiral Thor Hanson, USN, the commander of Cruiser-Destroyer Group Eight.

The five-week exercise is being conducted off the East Coast of the United States and in the Caribbean. Navy and Marine units from the U. S., United Kingdom, Canada, Brazil and the Netherlands have joined for readiness training in antisubmarine warfare, anti-air defense, plus amphibious and task group operations.

The final event of the training will be an amphibious landing at Onslow Beach, N. C. during the last week in February.

A 1976 graduate of Gorman High School, he joined the Navy in July of 1976.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Airman and Mrs. Steve Russell of Clovis, N. M. announce the arrival of their daughter, Miranda Fauth, born February 4, 1977 in the military hospital in Clovis, N. M.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wade Russell of Everman. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Whit Russell, and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter are maternal great-grandparents, all of Gorman.

Cora Echols Laid to Rest Wednesday

Mr. Allan Gibbs was given a standing ovation when he was introduced by Mr. Maxfield. Mr. Gibbs was highly complimentary of the team members as he presented the State Championship Awards.

"A coach can't do anything without material," he stated, "and I had the material and a team that was dedicated." He gave big words of praise to his assistant coaches Dail Ables and Joe Bond for the very fine job they did. He expressed his appreciation to



RODNEY WARREN AND CAROL SMITH NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT TECH

Lubbock — Academic officials of Texas Tech University have released the names of students who were listed on the deans' honor rolls for the fall semester.

The list includes from Gorman, George Rodney Warren, Route 1, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Warren, and Miss Carol L. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Eastland, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith of Gorman.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Gorman School Board will meet Monday, Feb. 14.

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The Lions Club will hold their annual ladies night on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p. m. at the PAR Country Club.

City Commission will meet Thursday, February 17 at 8:00 a. m. in the City Office.

The Social Security Representative will be in Gorman on Thursday, February 17 at 10 a. m. at the City Hall.

The Community Swimming Pool Committee will meet on Monday, February 14 at 7:00 p. m. at the City Office.

The regular Monthly Musical will begin at 7 p. m. on Friday, February 11th in the Kokomo Community Center. The public is cordially invited.

Eastland County LVNA, Div. No. 64, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 14 at 7 p. m. in Eastland Memorial Hospital Conference Room. All members and student nurses are invited and urged to attend.

Attorney General of Texas John Hill will appear at the Cisco Lions Club Sweetheart Banquet on Thursday at 7 p. m. Feb. 10th at the Cisco Country Club.

Meet the Cadette Girl Scouts meet each Thursday at 3:45 in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

Gorman School is still accepting Post Cereal box tops for playground equipment. Drop boxes are located at the Post Office, Jay's Grocery and Artistic Beauty Salon. There is only two months left before the deadline ends. So continue to save your Post Cereal box tops and place them in the drop boxes.

Gorman Lodge 716, AF&AM, Stated meetings, 2nd. Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Cub Scouts meet each Monday at 3 p. m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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Lawndale News

Sunday afternoon the First Baptist Church was supposed to have worship service at 2:30, but understand Mrs. Roby is in the hospital at Abilene. Hope the best for her. The resident missed the service. The Church of Christ came at 5 o'clock for worship services. Bill Wilson was here for the service. As I have said so many times, this is wonderful work since so many can attend church who could not if they had to get out to go.

Tuesday we had a large crowd out for Bingo at 1:30. Wednesday Joe O'Neal brought the Bible lesson at 2 o'clock.

TIGER HOMES/PROPERTIES, 317 North Willis, Abilene 79603. 915-673-6444. Nights & Sunday 915-698-9689, 692-0787, 928-5623, 692-2222. 1-2-10p

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We had a large crowd in the back lobby as we were painting the front lobby. It sure looks nice. Thursday night was singing and we had a large crowd of residents out, but were short on singers. Colds and what have you. Hope all will be back this Thursday and bring someone with you. We still had a nice singing. Thanks to the ones who were here. Every other Friday at 2:30 Mrs. Dorothy Mehaffey takes us to different parts of the world by movie slides. It is very enjoyable. This week we took a trip to Canada. Please sign the guest book if you visit Lawndale. Those who signed the guest book this week were:

Aletha Yarbrough visited Emma Simmons. Neta Gonzales and children and Modena Wilson visited in the home. Mrs. Elva M. Robinson and Mrs. Minnie Lee Stacy, both of Fort Worth, visited Addie Ormsby. Rena Robertson of Odessa visited Lexie Wright. Joe O'Neal visited residents in the home. Mabel Wood of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rohme of Lot visited Maggie Pirtle. Those in the hospital are Mrs. Mabel Swindle, Vera Goodwin, Edna Kirk, and Minnie Bennett. We miss them and will be glad when they return home. Kay Ann Craddock of Richardson and Estelle Craddock visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hudson and Patricia of Kokomo.

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CARBON News

MRS. VELMA HASTINGS

The menu for the Carbon School Cafeteria for the week of February 17-21 will be as follows:

Monday - Meat loaf with gravy, blackeyed peas, buttered rice, orange juice, cookies and milk.

Tuesday - Turkey patties, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn, pears or plums, and milk.

Wednesday - Pork chops and gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, butter, peaches and

milk.

Thursday - Vegetable soup, sandwiches, brownies and milk.

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

Mrs. Jim Sandlin underwent surgery at Scott and White Hospital in Temple last Wednesday. It was reported on Sunday that she was holding her own. We wish for her a complete recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jennings of Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Owen of Eastland visited Mrs. Inus Stubblefield on Tuesday.

The Seventh Grade of Carbon School has been in a con-

test recently. Each student drew a picture about dangers of pollution. David Files won First Place with his drawing; Cordell Shook won Second and Caye Little placed Third. Mrs. Judy Dotson is the Seventh Grade teacher. Our congratulations to these young people.

Mrs. Ona Rogers accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clement of Levelland on a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Huddleston of Joshua during the weekend.

Visiting Mrs. Bernice Mangum during the weekend were her daughter and family, Mrs. Leroy Higginbottom of Cross Plains, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Karen Derrama of Roswell, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fillyaw of Odessa

spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Pearl Snell. On Tuesday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strickler of Breckenridge.

Miss Debbie Bryant of San Antonio is visiting this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McMillan. Also visiting in the home on Monday were a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bross of Dudley.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan announce the approaching marriage of their granddaughter, Debbie Bryant, to Robert Stewart of San Antonio in the home of her mother in San Antonio on March 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grun, Bryant, Pam and Teresa, Mrs. Carlton Mackenzie and Karla

of Houston, visited the Bob Hastings and helped Bob to celebrate his 80th birthday during the weekend.

Mrs. Opal Hayes passed away Sunday night in Blackwell Hospital in Gorman after a long illness. Funeral services were held at Carbon Baptist Church Wednesday at 2 p. m. with burial in the Murray Cemetery in charge of Bakker Funeral Home of Eastland. Rev. Roger Butler of Cleburne officiated, assisted by Rev. Delbert Smith of Carbon.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Bill Cavanaugh of Perkins, Okla.; a son, Bryan Lee Hayes of Carbon; two sisters, Mrs. Velma Harris of Sweetwater and Mrs. Jewell Crow of Houston; three half-brothers Bud Halloway of Carbon, Leek and Louie Whitley of Eastland; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The Carbon Young Homemakers will meet on February 16th at 2:45 p. m. in the Carbon Homemaking Cottage. The program will consist of two films, each approximately 15

The Scriptures Speak

"A Convenient Season"

"And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgement to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." — Acts 24:25.

Recorded in this verse is the pathetic response of an individual who had rejected the teachings of our Lord. Because of the hardness of his heart, Felix rejected the reasoning of the Apostle Paul. His only response to the great truths that had been so capably presented was: "Go thy way for this

minutes long, on Child Abuse. This should be an interesting and informative program on a problem which affects every community and city.

The program is open to everyone in the Carbon area and it is hoped that everyone will make plans to attend.

time: when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."

In analyzing this verse we need to remember that Paul's message did not lack in power or strength. Later Paul declared both the power of the gospel and his confidence in it with these words: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16).

Luke has recorded the fact that Paul "reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgement to come." All three of these areas of teaching were used to get Felix to see the error of his way of living and to have him obey the truth. When Paul "reasoned of righteousness," he did so to condemn his hearers for their unrighteous conduct. When he reasoned of "temperance," he preached the need for self-control. When he discussed "judgement to come," he did so in order to point out the fact that certain judgement would overtake them, and that they would

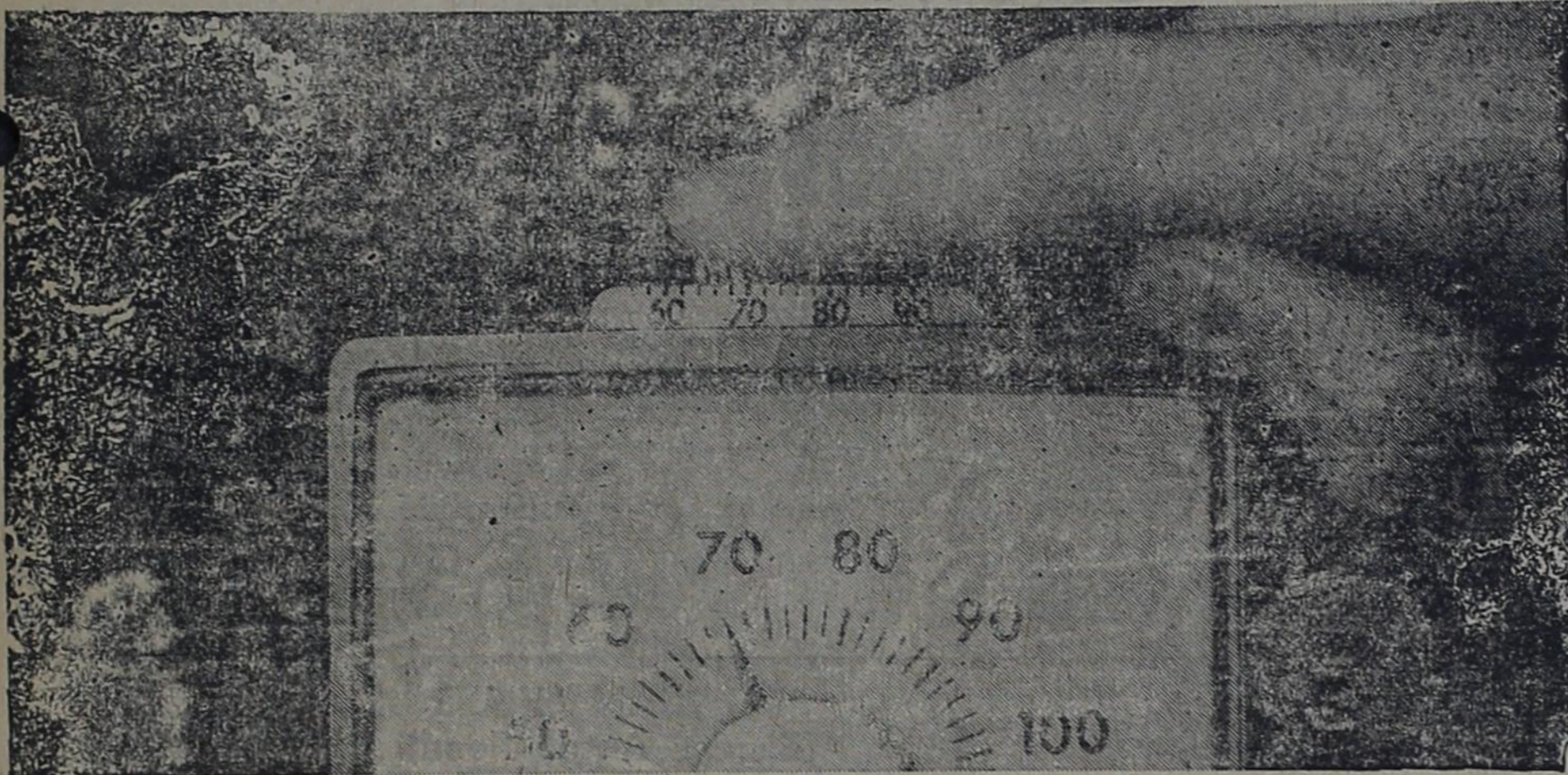
not escape punishment for their wickedness. The gospel had its affect upon those who heard it. Luke recorded the fact that Felix "trembled." But because of his own weakness, the only reply he could muster was: "When I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."

There is no record that a "convenient season" ever came for Felix. Today many people are looking for a "convenient season" to obey the gospel of Christ. Our exhortation to those who fall into this category is to remember Felix and his procrastination. Don't put off your obedience to the commandments of our Lord any longer. The "convenient season" for you is TODAY.

Bill Wilson, minister Church of Christ

Next Time: "Except Ye Repent."

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson and her aunt, Mrs. Sylvie St. Marie of Dallas, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker. Mrs. Watson is a niece of Mr. Baker.



If you want to save on your heating costs this winter, start right here.

A lower thermostat setting will result in less energy use. A setting of 68° or lower is recommended. If you're going to be away, turn the thermostat to a lower setting or turn it off unless freezing weather could damage plumbing and appliances.

Insulation is very important and can pay for itself by lowering your heating costs. A home with six to eight inches of insulation in the attic uses about 45% less energy than one with no insulation.

Keep the filters clean. Check them at least once each month. Dirty filters cause equipment to work harder and use more electricity.

Windows and doors are big energy losers, so consider installing storm doors and windows—at least on the north side of your house. And weatherstrip around all doors and windows.

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KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

The sunny weather the past few days has been nice. Such a welcome change from the cold snowy weather we have been having.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning and Donna, with Mrs. Claude Fuller at the piano, rendered the special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Snider and Sheri of Stephenville were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeely have recently returned from a two week visit in Lincoln, Neb. with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller report a great time on their trip to Hawaii. They accompanied a large group of other farm people on the trip sponsored by a leading farm magazine. They visited farming interests and points of interest on three of the Hawaiian Islands and also made side trips to Pearl Harbor and other points of interest. On Sunday they attended church services at a Baptist Church and found the pastor to be a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. The Fullers departed DFW Airport on January 24 and arrived back at DFW on Feb. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. David Porter of Abilene spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Oren Webb, James and Stacy. Mrs. Vern Garrett and Mrs. O. D. Fuller are patients in the Eastland Memorial Hospital. We wish them both speedy recoveries.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Little have been in Temple much of the time the past week to be with Mrs. Jimmy Sandlin of Carbon, who underwent surgery last Wednesday morning for removal of a tumor from

her brain. Mrs. Sandlin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collins and the sister of Mrs. Little. The report on Tuesday was that she was doing as well as could be expected, but is still in intensive care. We wish her a speedy recovery.

While in the Temple area, the Coblins and Littles have visited with another daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James West and family in McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller spent Sunday night in Leveland and attended the funeral of her uncle, Homer Kennedy, on Monday morning. Mr. Kennedy's wife was buried just two weeks ago. Our sincere sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rasco of Andrews visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rasco in Gorman. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson of Andrews also visited with the Clifford Nelsons and Mrs. Ollie Nelson in Gorman. They were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nelson's grandmother, Mrs. Alma Rodgers, in Eastland on Saturday.

Mrs. Rodgers was also the aunt of Mrs. D. F. Eaves. Our sympathy to Mrs. Rodgers' family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman visited on Sunday afternoon in Tuscola with Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Clearman and family. Mrs. Clearman accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clearman to Hereford and continued on to Amarillo for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Stanford, and a sister, Mrs. Jessie McCaffety.

Mrs. Aileen Murphy and Mr. Ted Gray of Tulsa, Okla. visited during the weekend with the Glenn Jordans, Vern Garretts, Jimmy Littles, Jim Bennetts and Jim Jordan, and the O. A. Jordans in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks visited on Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lum Tuggle.

The monthly musical will begin at 7:00 p. m. on Friday

Desdemona News

By: VONNIE GUTHERY

Mrs. Jake Douglas of Lubbock and Mr. Johnny Webb of Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. John Webb one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Dailey of Farmington, New Mexico visited Mrs. Maude Fuqua Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hilliard of Gordon visited her mother, Mrs. Alta Parks, on Sunday

night, Feb. 11. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ash visited Mrs. Abbie Ash Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Shipman and family of Laverne, Calif. visited his grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson. Darwin has finished seminary and is moving to Houston to accept a church. Also visiting the Johnsons were Mr. and Mrs. Wanza Proctor of Santo.

Mrs. Rosa Mayhaw of Stephenville is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hall. Johnny Hilliard, formerly of Desdemona, was buried Saturday. His wife, Nona, is a sister to W. T. Yardley.

Mrs. Brenda Bailey and Heather of Monahans and

Mrs. L. D. Holliday and Debbie attended the birthday party of her sister, Mrs. Hulon Hogan of Lake Leon. Host for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Olan Keller of Eastland. Mrs. Holliday and Debbie visited Monday in Carbon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ogle of Eastland visited Monday with Lorena Clark.

Mrs. Thelma Setzler of De Leon visited this reporter and

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