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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The people who participate in the covered dish luncheons on Tuesday at the Senior Citizen Center express their thanks and appreciation to Sunbelt Savings for donating the meat once a month for the Tuesday luncheon.

Sunbelt is to be commended for this generous gesture of Community service.

Senior Citizens
Mozelle Rhymes
Vonita Monroe
—GP—

SUMMER BASEBALL PROGRAM DRAWS TO CONCLUSION

The regular season of the Gorman Little League has been completed. Kinsler's Reds took First Place, Clark Construction finished in Second Place and First State Bank of DeLeon Third.

The All Star Team is composed of Daniel Sanchez, Neely Carter, Jeffrey Clark, David Campbell, Noah Landa, Daniel Reeves, John Mart Stephens, William Rainey, Jade Warren, Cecil Funderburgh, Don Mauney, and Verl Ervin.

This team played in the Dublin All Star Tournament last week and was very competitive, having beaten Dublin 7-6, and Mills Co. 13-2. They were defeated by Ranger 6-5 and a very fine Granbury Team 10-1. Granbury was defeated only by Eastland after splitting a pair with them. Daniel Sanchez of Gorman was selected on the All Tournament Team.

These boys will be playing in the Ranger Tournament this week and will represent their community well.

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BAKE SALE

There will be a bake sale sponsored by the Senior Class Friday, July 17, 1987 at 7:30 a.m. till ? in front of the Post Office.

The Senior Class would also like to thank everyone who let them wash their cars Saturday.

JOE AND LONNIE BENNETT PATIENTS IN HENDRICK HOSPITAL

Joe is recovering from surgery he underwent on Monday in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene and Lonnie is in satisfactory condition following surgery last Thursday. Joe was sitting up and walking and was given solid food. Maxine who is with the family stated Joe may be home before Lonnie. We pray both of them will be home soon.

The Progress staff has had a struggle getting the paper together this week with out the help of the professionals Joe and Lonnie.

Thanks to everyone for your understanding and your concern for Joe and Lonnie. Maybe they will be back next week and able at least to give orders.

—GP—

DELIAH EAVES RANDY LEWIS WED IN DOUBLE RING CEREMONY



Esther Deliah Eaves of Ennis and Randy Mack Lewis of Alma were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 11, 1987, in the First United Methodist Church in Ennis.

Rev. Alan Gross, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Ennis officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmon Fred Eaves of Rt. 1 Gorman in the Kokomo Community.

Mrs. Laura Gay Sandefer of Ennis and Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Lewis of Ennis are parents of the groom.

The church was decorated with 21 house top candles on the alter, large Boston Ferns and two large arrangements of white gladiolas. Large satin bows were on each pew with arrangements of white roses on every other pew.

Cynthia Burns of Dallas was the Organist, and Brian Stockton of Ennis was the guitarist. Tim Fails of San Antonio was the soloist and accompanied himself on the electric piano. Musical selections were "Like a Coat From the Cold" and "Through the Eyes of Love".

The Bride was given in marriage by her father, Fred Eaves. Her dress was a Bridal Original design of satin and Alencon lace. The dropped-waist bodice was accented with delicate pouf sleeves and pearl detail. A circle chapel train and Dior bows added to the sweeping effect of the brides gown. A halo shaped head piece of Alencon lace and pearls held the bride's veil. Her bouquet was a cascade of white roses, Stephanotis and English Ivy.

Carrying out the tradition of Something old, new, borrowed and blue, Deliah wore two wedding bands - one from her great, great-grandmother Parker and one from her paternal grandmother, Erma Eaves. Her wedding dress and accessories were new. A pearl necklace from Susan Hill, shoes from Cecilia Bowles and kneeling pillows from Greg and Linda Vineyard were the borrowed items. Deliah wore a blue garter that been worn by her

maternal Grandmother, Esther Graham at her wedding.

Maid of Honor was JoAnn Tubbs of Ennis and Paulette Black of Cleburne was Matron of Honor.

Bridesmaids were Cheryl Burgess of Granbury, Lacy Thompson of Millville, Massachusetts, sister of the groom, Susan Hill of Ennis, Carla Leech of Boerne and Kelly Pharris of Barton Mills, England.

Tiffany Lewis, niece of the groom, of Arlington, D'Ann Black of Cleburne and Katie Thompson, niece of the groom of Millville, Mass. were flower girls.

The Maid of Honor, Matron of Honor and Bridesmaids were Jordan design tea length dresses of red satin with lace over-lay and featured dropped-bodice with large satin sash and bow. They wore lace covered red pumps and carried white rose bouquets styled after the brides bouquet.

The flower girls wore tea length white empire dresses with embroidered front, accented with red ribbons. Each girl carried a white basket with red bows and red rose petals were placed in the isle for the bride. They wore a wreath of babies breath and red ribbon in their hair.

Dennis Lewis of Arlington was his brother's Best Man. Groomsmen were Darren Lewis, brother of the groom of Ennis, Vernell Fussell of Franklinton, La., cousin of the groom, Larry Smith of Houston, Cary Gilmore of Ennis, Steve Budai of Dallas and Mark Eaves, of De Soto, brother of the bride.

The Bridegroom and Groomsmen wore black tuxedos with white wing collar shirts, black bow ties and cummerbuns, with red rose boutonnières.

Brett Lewis of Arlington, nephew of the groom, was the Ring Bearer. He wore an all white tuxedo with a red rose boutonniere.

Ushers were Troy Gillespie, Don Wesley, Garry Maynard and Billy Don Bowles all of Ennis.

Candlelighters were Alissa Burgess of Granbury and Eric Thompson

nephew of the groom, of Millville, Mass. Alissa was attired as the flower girls, and Eric was attired as the ring bearer.

The bride's mother wore a rose-pink tea length dress and the groom's mother wore a light blue tea length dress. Their corsages were white orchids.

The reception was held at KJT in Ennis following the ceremony. Dinner was served later, and the dancing was to the music of Silver Spur, also at the KJT.

The Brides table was covered with white lace cloth and satin bows. The four-tiered wedding cake, baked and decorated by the bride's mother, Joyce Eaves, was on a spiral stand and was decorated with Australian lace icing and fresh white roses. The brides bouquet served as the centerpiece. Punch and cake was served in crystal appointments.

The Groom's table was covered with a white lace cloth. German Chocolate cake and coffee was served and silver appointments were used.

Those in the houseparty were Cecilia Bowles of Ennis, Tonja Smith of Ft. Worth, cousin of the bride, and Nancy Carter of Dalhart, serving at the Bride's table, was Alison Henjy of Ennis, Terina Gillispie of Ennis and Dee Ann Latimer of Arlington serving at the Groom's table.

Nelda Fails of San Antonio and Anna Fuzzell of Franklinton, La., cousin of the groom, presided at the register table.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of the Gorman High School and 1981 B.S. Graduate of Tarleton State University and is a Physical Education teacher at Bowie Elementary School in Ennis.

The Groom is a 1973 graduate of Ennis High School and attended Tyler Jr. College in 1975 and East Texas Baptist University in 1978. He is a Self-employed contractor.

Following a wedding trip to Manzanillo, Mexico, the couple will be at home in Alma on July 16.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE TO SPONSOR 42 PARTY

The Business Alliance is hosting an Ole Fashion 42/domino party this Saturday night starting at 7:00 P.M. at Senior Citizens Center. This is free so come on out and join the fun. If you have a card table or dominos bring them with you.

The Business Alliance will have a concession stand featuring - 'Ole Fashion Homemade Ice Cream, cold drinks and baked goods. Notice - if you would like to donate a freezer of ice cream or some baked goods- just bring them with you.

If you can't come at 7:00 just come when you can.

See you Saturday Night.

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TRADIN DAY SATURDAY

The Business Alliance Tradin Day will be Saturday July 18.

Vendor booths will be open at 8:00 a.m. and the Business Alliance will serve those famous grilled hamburgers from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vendors space is free and all area traders are invited to bring what ever they have to sell or trade. For space reservations call Brent Lasater 817-734-2310.

IT'S A BOY!!

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Spivey proudly announce the arrival of their baby boy, Adam Wesley. Born Monday, July 6, 8:52 p.m. at Eastland Memorial Hospital, he weighed 8 lbs. and measured 22 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Darrell Dossey of Aspermont. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Spivey of Gorman.

Maternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Vandagriff of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Mr. A.R. Dossey of De Leon. Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Troy Johnson of Gorman.

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GIANT TOMATOES



Lula Vermillion who lives on the Duster road shows off her two and one fourth pounds Beefmaster Variety. She surely has green thumbs. This is a hobby of Lula's and she grows enough to sell some. She harvested 25 pounds the day these were picked. The 2 3/4 pound tomato measured 6 3/4 inches across and 18 inches around.

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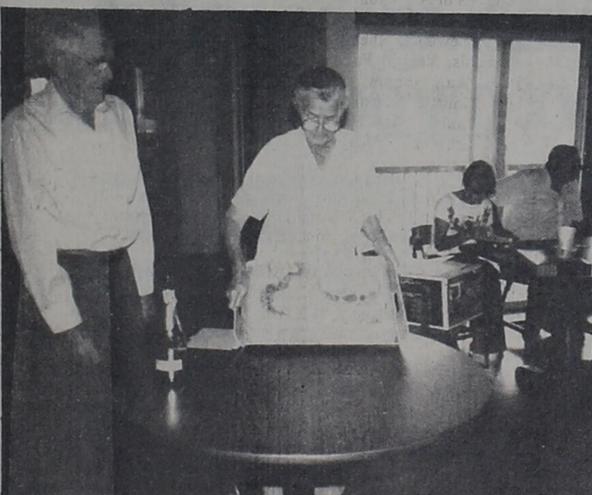
COMMODITIES TO BE DISTRIBUTED JULY 29

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will distribute USDA Commodities at Gorman, Tx. from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on July 29, 1987. Items available this month are butter, cheese, honey and rice. All eligible persons will receive emergency food assistance without regard to race sex, political beliefs, age, national origin, or handicap. Shut-ins are encouraged to designate an authorized representative to pick up for them. Commodities will be distributed on a first come-first serve basis. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated to help with this much-needed program.

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LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO TSU HONOR ROLL

Local students recognized on the A and B honor roll and distinguished students list at Tarleton State University for the spring semester for 1987 were - Gorman students Alice



A CLANDESTINE, COVERT OPERATION UNCOVERED in GORMAN, TX.

At 3:50 P.M., June 27, 1987, Faye Dorsett walked into the dining room of Jalynn and Ed Cox's home (her grandchildren) to discover several friends and neighbors assembled to celebrate her 71st Birthday. After her great grandsons helped her open her gifts, all enjoyed the cake that her grandson Johnny made for the occasion.

Jeanne and Jimmie Don accept full responsibility for the operation and show no remorse for their efforts. In fact, they seem to show pride in the results.

With many, many heartfelt thanks!
Jeanne & Jimmie Don

ITEMS OF INTEREST

GORMAN CHAPTER 443 O.E.S. meets First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

GORMAN LODGE NO. 716 AF&AM stated meetings Second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

GORMAN HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD will meet the Second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of High Rise Apartments.

Gorman Business Alliance will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center. Everyone invited.

Ann Allison A,D; Alfonso Pino A,D; Vicki Campbell B,D; Cathy Goode B,D; Theresia Roundtree, B,D; Students from Desdemona were Kayla Duke B; Russell Duke B,D; Stacey Whitt D.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll must have a 4.0 grade point rates on a 4.0 system and be taking a minimum of 12 hours. Students on the B. Honor Roll must have a grade point ratio between 3.0 and 3.99 with no grade lower than B, and a junior and senior students who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C in good standing are designated "Distinguished Students."

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CANTERBURY VILLA NEWS

The July Birthday party honoring our residents having July birthday will be at 2:00 P.M. July 30. Friends and relatives are always welcome. The Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club will help. Orvil and Jenny Neucumb will entertain. Honorees will be Eliza Maxey, Orville Boyd, Velma Hamilton, George Bennett, Berta Poyner, Alice Bulerson, Jessie Lemley, and Lonnie Capers.

We do appreciate the Churches bringing our Sunday services. On Sunday at 2:30. Reverend Ron Carroll, Brent Lasater, Ruby Lee Kinser and Darlene Cariker came from the First Baptist Church of Gorman.

At 4:00 P.M. coming from the Gorman Church of Christ were Bro. T.A. Grice, Bro. Curtiss Maness, Gene Falls, Zina Simpson, Lorene Foster, George and Frankie Stacy, Janda Taylor, Bud and Dee Smithy Sythia Allredge, Jessie Lee Jones, Floydean Gilbert, Dora Faye Brewer and Murtice Rodgers.

Rev. Terry and Pat Maffett of the Desdemona 1st Baptist brought the 10:00 a.m. Bible Study.

Visiting with Berta Poyner were Bro. Terry and Pat Maffett of Desdemona, Billie Stacey of Carbon, Anna Rush, Velma Bennett, Opal Mauney, Olga Kinser, and Synthia, Ellen Earles. On the 4th of July James and Ruby Lee Kinser came and took Berta to their home for a back yard cookout barbeque with all the trimmings. Other relatives attended.

On Wednesday at 1:30 Richard Watson of New Hope Baptist Church had Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Reynolds and Keith of Carbon visited Iola Johnson on Wednesday.

On Thursday at 1:30 Frances Sanders, M.L. Skiles and Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo. Our winners were game 1- Lonzo Coffman and Charlotte O'Neal, game 2- Lonzo Coffman; game 3- Berta Poyner. Four residents had black out cards, they were Charlotte O'Neal

Jola Johnson, Bernice Haynes and Alice Bulerson.

Visiting with Carol and Leta Hogan during the holidays were; Dale, Debbie, Jason and Jamie, Boia, Jacob and Blessings Schkode of Abilene, Kris, Lissa, Kyle and Rusty of Albany, Bobby, Elaine, Jermany, Josaha, Milanda Eaves, Bubba, Tasha, Trey and Miranda Hogan of Gorman.

We are sorry to report Jessie Lemley is a patient in the DeLeon Hospital. Visitors have been Lura Bell Hunt of Ft. Worth, Edith Gilmore, Hope Joiner, Ima Brown and Peggy Singleton.

The Tuesday afternoon singing was enjoyed by everyone. Coming were Velma Bennett, Willo Rice, Melba Frasier, Linda Hodges, Anna Rush, Opal Mauney, Jo Leach, Dorothy Roberts and Jr. Fairbetter.

MARCUS WAYNE McKEE
We are so sorry to report the death of Marcus Wayne McKee L.V.N. at Canterbury Villa. He passed away Wednesday July 8, 1987 at a Dallas Hospital. Services were Sat. July 11, at 10: a.m. in the Comanche Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dan Kelly officiating. Burial in the Stag Creek Cemetery Near Comanche.

A native of Mexia, a Methodist and a Nurse at Canterbury Villa for several years.

Survivors his wife Tina McKee and daughter Rebecca of the home, a daughter Rachel McKee of Mexia, his parents J.T. and Marie McKee of Corsicana, a sister Sandra Maines of San Diego Calif; Lois Chamber of Comanche, Jean Jackson of Eastland visited Ola Walker during the Holidays.

Billy and Ann Haynes of Duster visited their Aunt Bernice Haynes.

Richard Kinser of Eastland visited his brother Roy Kinser and Lonzo Coffman on Saturday.

Harold and Evelyn Bulerson of Ft. Worth Paul and Ima Jean Norris visited Alice Bulerson.

Faye Huff visited Cynthia Earles. Lenis Rice of Carbon visited Iola Johnson, Friday.

WEBB FAMILY REUNION

Bert and Tiny Frazier and Olga Kinser were in Brady Sunday to attend the Webb Family Reunion held in Richards park. Relatives registering were from Calif. Hobbs New Mexico, Abilene, Merkel, Leuders, Cisco, San Antonio, Oklahoma, Taylor, Austin, DeLeon, Granbury, and Gorman.

ARMY AND AIR FORCE HOMETOWN NEWS

Airman Susan V. Sublett, daughter of Lynda Harris of Rural Route 1, Carbon Texas, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force medical services specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates were taught techniques for assisting in the care and treatment of medical patients. They also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Her husband, James, is the son of James F. Sublett Sr. of 109 Noe Lane, Burleton, Texas, and Nancy Marta of Cisco, Texas.

She is a 1983 graduate of Carbon High School.

Visiting with Annie and Veno Hale were; Ima Boles of Clyde, Mrs. Mamie Little, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland and Betty Little of Albany.

Visiting with Robert McCellan were Oma Mae Hughes of Carbon, Wanda Jones and Bobby Jones of Ft. Worth, Kelley McCollan of Grand Prairie, Candy and Justin Stevens of Madison, Nebraska, Bob and Bonnie McCollan of DeLeon, Jane Holland and Sherry McCellan of Lake Brownwood.

On Monday at 1:30 p.m. M.L. Skiles and Nancy Hendricks helped us play bingo - Lonzo Coffman - game 1- Berta Poyner and Cynthia Earles - game 2, game 3 - Jess Roberts with Ruby Vandergriff having black out.

Gladys Chambless and Nancy Hendricks helped us on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Our winners Lonzo Coffman won three times and Veno Hale won twice.

Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin visited her brother Eulon Perry on Wednesday.

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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Mrs. Lucretia Fairbetter and Milton Jr. visited in Abilene on Saturday with Bill Fairbetter. They attended the studio art showing of La Gina Fairbetter Green and saw the "African Queen" at the Paramount Theater.

Louise Hollywood, her son Louis Hollywood and his family attended the Hollywood reunion at Combine, Texas over their 4th of July weekend.

Vonita and Steve Hallmark visited Tony Hallmark in Wimberly, Tx. over the weekend.

Wynogene Smith and Golene Gillian spent the weekend at Proctor at family reunion.

Those visiting Gladys Chambless over the weekend were Jo Anne Miller and David, Betty Pile and Randy Dove all from Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning and Gary, Dale and Cathy Collum visited Jerry and Glenna Nell Head in Tom Bean over the July 4th holiday.

The Bill Chandlers were in Palestine over the weekend, visiting their daughter and also friends in Cayuga.

Mozelle Rhymes visited her daughter in Cransfill Gap, Sunday. Beth and Larry Anderson and Anthony and Brian.

BILL REYNOLDS RITES HELD MONDAY

C.E. "Bill" Reynolds, 85, died Saturday at an Abilene Hospital.

Services were at 3 p.m. Monday at the Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Russell Pogue officiating. Burial with Masonic Rites will in Oakwood Cemetery.

Born in Gorman, he moved to Cisco 56 years ago. He was a driller and a rancher and a Methodist. He was a member of the Cisco Masonic Lodge No. 556.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Simmons Reynolds of Cisco; two daughters, Margie Grantz of Amarillo and Katherine Deere of Plano; a brother, Bob Reynolds of Georgetown; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The Bill Chandlers had Mr. and

Mrs. R.L. Williams from New Orleans La. for a visit over the weekend and also Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rogers of Lubbock, Texas.

Anna Rush and Estelle Ervin visited in West Texas over the weekend. They attended the Cartledge family reunion which was Russell and Hershell Cordells Grandmothers family.

PITTMAN REUNION IN COLORADO

Ardith and Arline Pittman left for the family reunion on July 1st. They were joined in Albuquerque N.M. by daughter Julia and Steve Belqau and traveled on to Farmington, N.M. to the home of daughter, Janie and Jerry Anderson and sons, Wesley and Wade. On Friday, July 3rd we met the rest of the Pittman Family at Fairfield Pagosa, a beautiful resort near Pagosa Springs, Co. Of the five Pittman brothers, Cle and Wayne are deceased. Murl and Family did not attend.

Twentyfour relatives gathered for a wonderful weekend in Pagosa surrounded by snow-capped mountains and beautiful scenery. The young people took advantage of the sports available - rafting down the river, ping pong, tennis, etc. The older folks visited and looked at picture albums, one dating back to 1909 of Grandpa and Grandma Pittman and their family made at Rucker, Texas.

Those attending were: Garland and Mildred Pittman, Ridgefield, W.A. and daughters, Barbara Bascomb, Vancouver, W.A. and Linda and Tom Nelson, Honolulu, Hi., Mrs. Faye (Cle) Pittman, Florence, S.C. and son, Ed and Alva Pittman, Tulsa Ok., Mrs. Lena (Wayne) Pittman and daughter, Mrs. Patsy Morgan, Abilene, Tx. and Tina Morgan, Dallas, Tx. Son, Jerry and Peggy Pittman and Gregg, Plano, Tx. Sandra and Shannon (Fiancee) Dallas, Tx., Ardith and Arline Pittman, Gorman, TX. and daughters Julia and Steve Belqau, Mt. View, CA., Janie and Jerry Anderson, and sons, Wesley and Wade Farmington, N.M.

The Family voted to have the next reunion in Vancouver, WA., 1988.

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mrs. Lula Vermillion of Gorman and James Hughes of Carbon attended the production of Texas at Palo Duro Canyon over the weekend. The trip was sponsored by the Rising Star bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hudson and Estelle Craddock spent the weekend in Plano with Kay Ann Craddock. The Hudsons attended the Wedding of Bill Townley and Yevvone Renee Du Bois in Irving Saturday night.

Other relatives spending the weekend with Kay Ann were Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Craddock, Mr. and Mrs. Bubba McDaniel, Clint and Jimmy of Sundown. The W.L. Craddocks also visited her sister Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Cornelius of Dallas.

Katherine and Jerimah Bolt of Stephenville visited from Friday through Saturday with their grandmother Mrs. Esther Bolt. Their father George accompanied them to Gorman and came for them on Saturday.

Mrs. Neal P. Gurlin of Baling Brook, Ill., is visiting this week with her mother Aletha Yarbrough.

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Lasater, Mayvis Lasater of Gorman and Milton Jensen of Rotan attended the Wedding of Bill Townley and Yevvone Renee Du Bois in Irving Saturday night. Mr. Jensen was a weekend guest of the Brent Lasaters.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hargrove of Rotan visited Sunday with Estelle Craddock and the Alvin Lasters.

Rita and Tanya Robertson of Abilene spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Jarrett. Mark Watson of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Watson were dinner guests Saturday with the Jarretts.

Visiting with the L.D. Hollidays over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sanders and Melissa of Odesa, and Mrs. Ruth Sanders of De Leon.

THANK YOU

I want to thak all of my friends and family for their calls, flowers, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital in Abilene. I also want to thank you for the food brought to our home. I want to thank the people of the Baptist and Methodist Church for their cards and prayers. It has all really been appreciated.

Thanks again,
Brenda Warren

BILL PLATTER SERVICES SET FOR FRIDAY

Bill Platter, 53, of San Angelo and formerly of Gorman, died Tuesday at a San Antonio hospital. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Old Carbon Cemetery in Carbon, directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

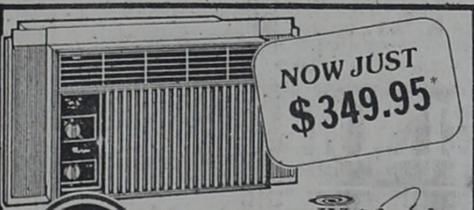
Born in Gorman, he moved to San Angelo 12 years ago. He was a truck driver for Western Communications.

Survivors include his wife, Goldie Platter of San Angelo; two daughters Vickie Simmons of Ft. Worth and Janie Mott of San Marcos; a brother, Jimmy Platter of Brownwood; three sisters, Merle Neill of Stephenville, Georgie Peel of Memphis, Tenn., and Dorothy Walton of San Angelo; and four grandchildren.

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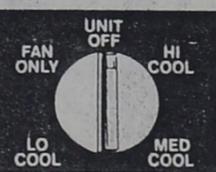
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KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Zelda Jordan

Phone 639-2289

KOKOMO NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Eaves were in Ennis over the weekend for the wedding of their daughter, Deliah, to Randy Lewis on Saturday July 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graham of McAlester, Ok. and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Brown of Lake Jackson also attended the wedding and came on Monday for a visit with Joyce and Delmon Eaves. JoAnn Tubbs of Ennis also visited in the Eaves home on Monday enroute to visit with relatives in Moran.

Preston and Louise Brown also visited with Neil and Verda Jean Eaves at Mangum. Neil is recuperating from surgery.

Mark Eaves is in Abilene to play in the North Texas PGA Golf tournament at Fairway Oaks.

Mary Jo and Kami Jo Leonard of Canadian, Cody Fails of San Antonio and Jay, Tammy and Jayson McClearen of Gorman visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Those from Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Canterbury Villa for church services on Sunday afternoon were Bro. Clarence Wilson, Lowell Wilson, Cynthia Wilson, Bro. Joe O'Neal, Nancy Hendricks, Bernice Rodgers, Lavelle Rodgers, Wynelle Brown, Hope Joiner and two visitors, Mrs. Ethel Lovell of Carbon and Jr. Fairbetter of Gorman.

Mrs. Albert Hendricks visited in Clyde on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan, Kelly and Yancy.

GLENDA AND SHERI MILES CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan were in Abilene during the weekend to help their daughter, Glenda, and granddaughter, Sheri Lynn, celebrate their birthdays on Sunday, July 12, with a family dinner in the Miles home. Sheri was celebrating her 15th, birthday and Glenda says "it was just another birthday" for her. Roddy, Glenda, Sheri and Joe Miles, Robert and Diane Miles and Glenn and Zelda Jordan enjoyed the delicious dinner complete with a Mounds birthday cake, and watermelon in the afternoon. Ted Jordan, Cindy and Kyle Jordan of Portales, N.M. called to wish Glenda and Sheri happy birthdays, Joyce and Brent Carter of Hawley visited on Saturday night and J.J. Taylor visited on Sunday afternoon. Nancy Hendricks sent birthday gifts.

They all attended the stock car races at the Abilene Speedway on Saturday night to see Joe and Robert Miles race their street stock cars. Joe placed second and Robert placed fourth in the same heat, and Joe came in second in the A Feature race. Robert had some problems with his car in the Feature race.

Our get well wishes and prayers go out to Joe and Lonnie Bennett who have both undergone surgery within the past week in Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene.

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HISTORY OF BLACKWELL HOSPITAL

While World War I raged abroad, in Gorman, Texas, Blackwell Hospital was founded in 1919; it was initially a two-story structure located next to the home of its founder, Dr. George Blackwell.

Heated by a basement furnace, the modest building included a kitchen, bathroom, six patient rooms and a hand-operated elevator. Dr. Blackwell and the hospital personnel faced an immediate challenge in October, when the facility opened—a full-blown flu epidemic in Eastland County. Before all the furnishings were in place, beds were filled, cots were borrowed and placed in hallways, and doctors' wives took on cooking chores.

The hospital had cows, hogs and chickens, and thus raised most of their meat, as well as producing their own eggs, milk and butter. Mrs. Hubbard, the cook, and her husband took care of the livestock and the yard, and the nurses did the house-keeping. First nurses were Ethel King and Ruth McMullen; each worked 12-hour shifts and was paid \$1 daily, plus meals. Ethel King is now Mrs. Ethel Harrell, now 94, and a resident of Canterbury Villa in Gorman.

The hospital grew steadily, and a front porch and four additional patient rooms were added, along with an expanded kitchen and a dining room. Soon, the west wing, including a delivery room, x-ray room and a small lobby. A new operating room of all-white tile, featuring powerful overhead lights and an adjoining sterilizing room, was considered state of the art. Soon, doctors from numerous other towns started bringing patients to Gorman for x-rays and surgery. Many were treated for burns and accidents.

There was an influx of people from throughout the USA with the discovery of new oil fields in Ranger and Desdemona. Since so many were

DEAR EDITOR

I am an inmate at the Indiana State Prison. I don't have anyone writing or visiting me. I don't have any family and it seems as though the friends I once had only lasted as long as I could pay the tab.

I have been in incarcerated since May of 81. In the last six years, I've written to different people, anyone who I felt might remember some bond of friendship. But night after night passes without any response. I've been forgotten and it hurts.

Quite frankly, this is a terrible place and seeing other men around me getting letters or visits from friends or loved ones depresses and puts me in some sad moods sometimes. I am lonely and it would mean alot to me if I had someone to correspond with.

I am a white male, 38 yrs. old and divorced. Im 6'1" and weigh 210 lbs. I have light brown hair and brown eyes. I have a moustache and I'm muscular built. I'm not bad looking either. I love music, hunting, fishing, and sports especially weight lifting. I am an active member of the Jaycees, also I'm presently enrolled in Ivy Tech's Welding course working toward a Technical Certificate. I'm not in here for any hideous crime, I had a problem with drugs and I realize my mistake. And I'm trying my best to put my life back in proper perspective.

I hope you can find it in your heart to publish this in your paper, perhaps sparking and interest in someone out there. I regret I cannot afford to pay for this advertisement because I only make ten dollars a month while working here.

Thank you for any consideration that you are able to give me. If you do publish this, I promise to answer any and all who respond to my plea promptly. Thank you for listening and have a nice day.

Respectfully Yours,
Jim Terry #25692
Box 41

Michigan City, Indiana 46360.

great distances from home, they established warm relationships with the doctors and nurses at the hospital; such warm relationships became a trademark of the Blackwells. With continued growth in the 20's, expansion included a small building for contagious diseases, including the dreaded diphtheria, small pox and whooping cough. Later, when antibiotics were developed to treat such diseases, Dr. George called them "wonder drugs".

His brother, Dr. Edward Blackwell, joined him in realizing specialization was needed. So, Dr. Edward went to Chicago to learn the latest in x-ray treatments and the newest techniques in surgery, and Dr. George went to New Orleans to specialize in eye, ear, nose, and throat medicine.

Dr. Stubblefield, who had come here in 1921, brought many patients to the hospital, and was a valued consultant. He moved to Baird in 1945. A Dr. Truffant was hired, and in 1926, Dr. Guy came to work for them. About this time, an ambulance was bought, and doctors came from far and wide to see a two-headed baby girl which was born at the hospital.

In the early 30's, the Blackwells closed their downtown clinic and moved their offices to the hospital. Their sister, Mrs. Belle Harrison, became dietitian and kitchen manager and the hospital soon became week known for its good food. Ceiling fans were installed in all rooms, and a year later, gas wall heaters installed. Room charges were \$5 daily—including medicine!

Wall Street crashed on Oct. 24, 1929, and farmers joined the suffering; their livestock and crops of cotton and corn became almost worthless. The first concern of the doctors and staff was to get patients well, and then worry about the money. Many bills were paid in part with fresh and canned fruits and vegetables; some, of course, were never paid. Many men worked on the Blackwell Brothers' ranch; women helped in the kitchen, and did laundry and general housekeeping.

In May of 1932, Dr. George's daughter, Beryl, married D.V. Rodgers, who also was teaching school at Alameda; he had been a family friend for years.

Much to the family's delight, he was persuaded to enter Baylor Medical School that fall. Dr. Rodgers joined the hospital staff in 1938, and in the next few years, many improvements were made—a third floor was added, and an electric elevator installed. In January of 1946, D. Brown joined the staff; he and his wife are now retired in Gorman. The fourth floor was added, and Dr. Cole (now retired in Dublin) came in 1947. Dr. Brogdon, who has since moved to Weatherford, also served at Blackwell Hospital; he was the Blackwells' nephew.

SERVICES FOR ETHEL CRAWLEY HELD ON MONDAY

Services for Ethel Crawley, 93, was at 2 p.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gary Barkman officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, directed by Edwards Funeral Home.

Born in Comanche County, she grew up in the Kokomo Community and moved to Ranger in 1920. She attended school in Gorman. She was a homemaker, a member of the First United Methodist Church and the widow of Alvin E. Crawley.

Survivors include a son, Price Crawley of Midland; two daughters, Anita (Mrs. Virgil) Perry of Lake Jackson and Jeane (Mrs. Charles) Milliken of Weatherford; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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SERVICES FOR (BEE) STODDARD HELD RECENTLY

Burreneous H. Stoddard, 78 of Lodi died in early April in a local hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Stoddard was a native of Texas. She lived in Lodi since moving from Texas in 1945. She was a clerk at Lodi Municipal Court for 20 years, retiring in 1974. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lodi and was past-president of the Lodi Chapter No. 848 Eagles Auxiliary. She enjoyed crocheting and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Stoddard and a daughter, Estelle Smith. She is survived by two sisters, Mary Kellogg of Santa Clara and Audra Mae Hesselstine of Lodi Ca; two brothers, Edwin Hunt of Arizona and E. Jack Hunt of Utah; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in the chapel of the Gierhart & Wells Funeral Home with the Rev. Darrell Thomas of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Private interment was in Cherokee Memorial Park Cemetery There was no viewing.

Memorials may be made to the City of Hope or to the American Cancer Society.

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KIRK FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of George and Minnie Bell Kirk held the family reunion July 5th at the Fire Hall in Gorman.

Some 65 members attended the days activities.

Those present were: Dorothy and Troy Johnson of Gorman Roy Johnson, Desdemona; Sue and Wesley Spivey, Steve and Tracy Spivey of Gorman; Earie Mae Kirk Fort Worth J. Carrol Hare; Billy Joe and Evelyn and Cathy Hare DeLeon; Ward A. and Lavonda Lewis Talpa, Texas; Jim Justin of Austin; Laura and Billy Zvonek, Austin; Boyd and Linda Porter; Jean and Kenneth Underhill all of Eastland; Gladys Dennis, Gorman; Claudia Mae and Clarence Arends and Holden Week; Jessie Lee and E.P. Duke; Shirley Duke Moore Tamra and Tonya all of Odessa; Ronnie Duke, Dallas; Ruth and Edgar Higginbotham, Gorman; Lorene Reese, Baird; Rodney and Jan White, North Richland Hills; Greg and Edna White, Baird; Doyle and Andrey Baker, Abilene; Homer and Rena Kirk; Linda and Dannie Woolridge; of Eastland; Mildred and Herman Bennett of Gorman; G.W. and Emily Gilmore, Fayetteville, Ark.; Johanna and Lynn Smith, Hot Spring, Ark.; Mrs. Dorothy Ayers; Betty Gilbert of Austin; Margaret Buckner, Fort Worth; Edmon and Nelda Duke; Velma Bennett and Virgie Dennis all of Gorman.

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By about 1950, the hospital had grown to 52 rooms, some with private baths; it had seven physicians and Dr. Brandon, who was a dentist. The facility was equipped with the latest and most modern equipment, and was renamed "Blackwell-Rodgers Hospital." For years, the hospital ranked among the state's best, and was one of the very few full service medical facilities in Central Texas.

Alas, in the 60's, it became difficult to attract doctors to small towns, and the state hospital licensing board ruled that the old building was structurally unsound and outmoded, and could be continued only as a marginal facility. Reluctantly, in the late 60's, Dr. and Mrs.

Rodgers signed the papers, giving the hospital building to the new hospital corporation.

My uncle: Dr. Edward Blackwell, died in 1952.

My father: Dr. George Blackwell, died in 1955.

My husband: Dr. D.V. Rodgers, died in 1971.

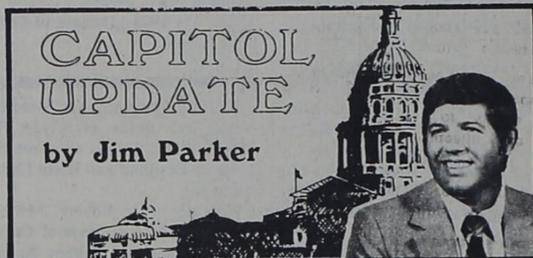
They loved their God, people and medicine in that order, and these recollections provide loving memories for:

BURYL BLACKWELL RODGERS
May, 1987



MERLE LASATERS CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY

Merle Lasater is shown with her 80th Birthday Cake and her husband Alvin at the Craddock family reunion at Lake Thurber.



Likely you are tired of hearing what is happening in Austin but I do think you need to pay attention to at least one issue that is currently ricocheting around the Capitol walls. That issue is a sales tax on insurance premiums.

As you well know, and have probably heard until you are sick, the state is in a serious financial bind primarily brought about by a decline in world oil and gas prices and the resulting sluggish economy the State has experience over at least the last 18 months. As your state representative I have been faced with the unpleasant alternatives of 1) drastically cutting state services and expenses, or 2) raising tax revenues to replace those revenues no longer coming into state coffers.

I, personally, have chosen a combination of alternatives, that being reduce expenses where possible and increase revenue as necessary. In doing this I have tried, at all times, to be reasonably assured that the difference would not simply be made up by increased local taxes.

As examples of my long term fear, if the Governor's "no new taxes" plan were adopted, Blanket ISD would require a 183 percent local property tax increase; Gustine ISD would require a 140 percent local tax increase; Cisco ISD would require a 53 pc. local tax increase; Ballinger would require a 79 percent local tax increase, and Brady would require a 55 percent local tax increase.

The problem is as complex as any I have tackled in my 42 years of experience. A lot of you are going to be dissatisfied whatever the outcome.

Speaking of outcome, while no definite conclusion is yet in sight, I think I'd need to tell you what we have done to this point.

Since January 13th of this year the budget has been cut, cut and cut again. Most recently, in the last week of June and the first week of July, in 3 marathon days of debate, we cut an additional \$19.5M out of a

SAFE HOME PROCESSED FOOD

Home processed foods can be a safe, nutritious source of quality food if sound practices are followed.

Begin with garden fresh, unblemished produce. Wash vegetables under running water using a vegetable brush to remove stubborn soil. Do not leave vegetables in water to soak as a loss of nutrients can result.

Keep all work surfaces, utensils and containers especially clean. Wash canning jars in hot soapy water and rinse in hot water. Jars to be used for jellied products and pickles should be sterilized with boiling water.

Follow USDA approved processing times, and have dial gauge canners tested annually. We will be glad to check yours free anytime at the extension office in the Courthouse. Store home canned foods in a cool, dry, dark place. Keeping them away from light prevents the loss of some vitamins, and cool storage temperatures prevent the growth of bacteria that only grow at elevated temperatures in canned foods.

Boil home canned vegetables 10 minutes (20 minutes for corn and spinach) before serving. If there is any question about the safety of a home canned product, don't taste it. Discard the contents and sterilize the jar.

Waterbath process all fruits, tomatoes, pickles, and jellied products. Do not attempt to process these foods in conventional ovens, microwaves or a steam canner. These methods don't assure thor-

ough processing. All low acid foods need to be processed in a pressure canner.

Don't eat questionable foods. Discard jellied or pickles products with mold growth. Don't remove the mold and eat the rest of the product.

Common sense, research based processing times and procedures, and good food handling practices help to assure safe home processed foods.

The Eastland County Extension Service office has a good supply of free food preservation bulletins. We invite you to drop by the office and pick up your free copy.

RECIPE FOR THE WEEK:
If you like pickles and would like to make some homemade sweet pickles then here is a quick method for the busy woman.

Refrigerator Pickles

4 cups sugar
4 cups cider vinegar
1/2 cup salt
1 1/4 teaspoons turmeric
1 1/4 teaspoons celery seed
3 onions, sliced
4 pints cucumbers, sliced thin

Mix together sugar and spices in a cold syrup. Do not heat. Pack cucumbers in 4 sterilized pint jars and slice onions equally in each. Stir syrup well and pour over cucumbers and onions. Put lids on jars and refrigerate. Wait at least 5 days before using. Will keep in refrigerator at least 9 months.

CRADDOCK REUNION

On June 27, 1987 the Craddock clan honored Merle Craddock Lasater on her 80th birthday. It just so happened that Merle's birthday fell during the Annual Craddock Reunion. This year the reunion was held at Lake Thurber Resort. A sister-in-law, Glenna Craddock of Sundown baked and decorated the beautiful cake. Granddaughters, Brenda, Nita and Amy Scitern and a niece Trish Hudson presented Merle with her 1st bottle of champagne. She also received lots of pretty cards, useful gifts and memory book.

Those attending the 3 day event were: From Sundown: Snooks and Billie Craddock, Kay, Bubba, Clint and Jimmy Don and one of his friends, Joe and Glenna Craddock and Regina Craddock. Letty Craddock from Chaney Community; Amber Craddock, from Comanche, Jane and David Brush, David and Chad Lester of Gustine, Bill, Rita Zach, and Britney of Canyon, Debbie Marty, Missy, Mandy and Tim McGagren of Katy, David and Tee Craddock of Weatherford, Emmett, Kay and Whitney Lasater & Earl and Mary Ragland, and Rebecca Masingill, of Eastland, Gary and Terri Ragland, Larry and Greg Ragland and Jennifer and Jerry Ragland of Andrews. Eddie Auvenshine of DeLeon. Brenda and Nita Scitern and Trish Hudson of Stephenville, Ralph and Margie Hudson, Gerald, Ina, Alvin and Kevin Scitern, Merle and Alvin Lasater and Mike Snider all of Gorman. And David, Gennie, Andy and Scott Smith of Graham, and Abbey Lindsay of Devine.

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MIDDLE GROUND TO SING SUNDAY AT CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST

Middle Ground of Northview Development in Eastland will present a program Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the Congregational Methodist Church.

Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall following the program.

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CONTINENTAL SINGERS TO PRESENT PROGRAM IN DELEON

The Continental Singers and Orchestra, an internationally recognized Christian musical group, will present a dynamic new program this Monday, July 20, 8:00 p.m. at Peach and Melon Festival stage, in DeLeon.

Centered on a theme of "Let There Be Praise!" their program celebrates the 20th anniversary of the group while integrating a portion of "ELIJAH" -- a powerful new musical that explores the life of one of the Old Testament's most well-known prophets.

Ken Waggoner, Executive Vice President of Continental Ministries, explains that both parts of the program reflect "our need to praise God as we see him make the impossible possible in our lives." He reflects that the existence of the Continental Singers "is a testimony to God's power. It's literally a miracle that a ministry like ours has lasted for 20 years. In Gospel music ministry, some groups barely make it 20 months let alone 20 years."

Cam Floria, Continentals' President and the producer of the program, concurs, "The purpose of any ministry or, in the case of the Old Testament, any prophet is the communicate God's word and point the people of their generation to God's glory. Elijah did it in his name. The Continentals have been doing it for the past two decades and we, hope, in the decades to come." He further explains that "ELIJAH" is very appropriate to the anniversary "because God used an ordinary man like Elijah and did extraordinary things through him." He believes the same is true for the Continental Singers. "Every year ordinary kids tour all over the world and see extraordinary things happen in their lives and the lives of the people around them."

Featuring 25 vocalists and a 10-piece orchestra, the Continental Singers program, according to Waggoner, "combines the best of our past with the promises of our future. It's a musical celebration that highlights two decades of praise and joy from our most popular musicals, hymn medleys, and a few contemporary classics." Well-known for utilizing a variety of musical styles in their program, the Continental Singers will include songs and arrangements by some of today's top contemporary Christian artists.

Waggoner enthusiastically maintains that this year's program "Will inspire, uplift, and challenge your heart... and your life." In 1987, they will send out 18 tours to perform in all 50 states and approximately 32 countries throughout the world while overseeing 5 international ministries in Singapore, Hungary, England, Europe, and Latin America.

For those interested in touring with the Continentals as vocalists, instrumentalists, or technicians, auditions will be held after the concert.

Event sponsored by Ministerial Alliance.