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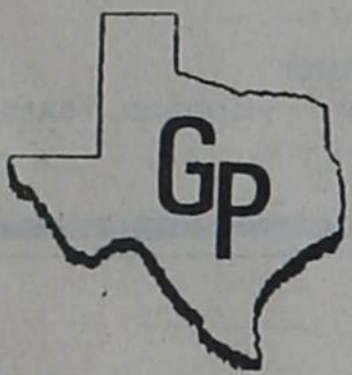
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MAY 7, 1987

## Happy Mother's Day



**Press Points**  
Joe Bennett, Publisher

—J—  
We were blessed with a little more rain since last week. Some received more than others and the rain was spotted this way around the entire area. Anyway we surely thank the Good Lord for the moisture we received and it will help out somewhat as far as the gardens and farmers are concerned. For a spell here in Gorman it looked like we would get something more than rain as hail started to fall in the very early hours of Sunday morning. But the hail soon subsided and we did get some rain. Some of the farmers got in some plowing while the ground was moist.

—J—  
The Lions Club voted at their meeting on Tuesday to hold a combination Rummage Sale (No Clothing) and Hamburger Concession on both Saturday, May 23rd and the 30th at the Warren Watermelon stand up on Highway 6 West with all proceeds going to our Miss Gorman Candidate April Daniels. The club will be trying to raise enough funds for their Queen to win the Miss Gorman event. The exact date has not yet been set by the Chamber of Commerce, but a date is expected to be set at the Chamber Board meeting today (Thursday). So we should be having the date in the paper next week.

Anyway the Lions will be selling hamburgers and will include a rummage sale while serving hamburgers on these dates. So make plans now to come by and get a burger (or 2 or 3 or more) and look at what rummage the club will have for sale. If anyone has any appliances, furniture, old mowers, etc. to put in the sale, please call 734-2411 or 724-2310 and the club will pick it up before the sale.

The Lions also set their installation and ladies night date for Tuesday, June 2 at K-Bob's in Stephenville. So you Lions wives be sure and mark the date and time (7 p. m.) on the calendar where the old man won't forget and be ready for a big night out.

—J—  
Got a couple of more letters:  
Dear Joe,  
May I take this opportunity to encourage all your readers to submit their family histories to the Eastland County History Book now being assembled.

You don't have to be a three or four generation Eastland County family to be eligible. If you have ever called Eastland County home, we need you to be included in the book so it will be complete. You can get details at the Eastland County Chambers of Commerce. Please join in today, and tell your neighbors.  
Community histories are also being planned.

Sincerely,  
Ann Jay

Dear sirs;  
I wish to subscribe to your paper for one year.

Thanks  
Maxie B. Griner  
4129 Donnelly Ave., Ft. Worth 76107  
Dear Joe:

I greatly enjoy reading the Gorman Progress each week since my brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Ruth Wood, gave me a gift subscription for my birthday (which was April 15).

I couldn't have had a better birthday present than having the honor of hosting our family reunion over Easter weekend and getting to visit with all my brothers and sisters

### Frank A. Gray Park Association Will Meet Thursday May 7 at 8 P.M.

The Frank A. Gray Park Association will have a Meeting at the Senior Citizens Building at 8:00 P.M., Thursday, May 7, 1987. All 4th of July Picnic Committee members are urged to attend. Beautification and Clean-Up of the grounds will be another topic for discussion. All interested members or new members are urged to attend.



**TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AT HIGHWAY 6 AND FM8** — A Kopperl woman was injured when the pickup in which she and her husband were riding collided with a Gorman Fire Truck. The pickup looked to be totaled. The damage to the fire truck was fairly heavy.

### BASEBALL NEWS

The Panther baseball team defeated the San Saba Armadillos on Friday at San Saba by the score of 6 to 0.

In the third inning Scott Gressett got a hit to bring in Ron Childers and other family members. I am enclosing some information on the reunion and hope you will print it in the paper. I am also enclosing a poem written by my niece, Lavelle Wood Key, daughter of Velma and Reid Wood, both deceased. I would appreciate it if you could print her poem in your paper, also.

Please tell Roy and Jolene that we enjoyed reading their letter in last week's paper and belatedly send our congratulations on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Feel free to print my address in the paper if you like, as I would love to hear from any of your subscribers who may remember me and my family from the years we lived in the New Hope Community.

Thank you so much for your help and keep up the good work!

Ruby Lee Wood Davis  
7525 Mobile Highway  
Pensacola, Fla. 32506

Thanks for the good words. We are glad you enjoy the paper. We try our best to make the paper enjoyable to folks near and far as Gormanites are scattered to all corners of the country, and the world. And a belated Happy Birthday to you!

—J—  
Let's all be sure and remember "Mom" on her day Sunday, May 10. If you are lucky enough to still have your Mom alive on earth, be sure and be with her if at all possible, or at least be in contact with her. You never think too much about this until you wake up one day and find Mom is gone and you don't have her anymore. So show Mom that you love her on her day (and every other day, too).

—J—  
We have included a family history in this issue of the paper for folks to get an idea of about what they could write to report their family histories for the Eastland County History Book. Every family should have a history of their family (on both sides) in this publication. The histories may consist of 500 words or less and one photo. You are urged to get your histories in now before the deadline comes.

We will have more on this later.  
—J—  
And remember to smile -- because God Loves You!

### COUNTY-WIDE HISTORY BOOK MEETING SET

A county-wide history book meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th at 7 p.m. in the Carbon School cafeteria according to Ron Bailey, County Coordinator.

"We have been holding separate meetings in each of the communities," Bailey said, "but this meeting will be county-wide with all the committees meeting together." Everyone interested in the project is encouraged to attend.

"We will have a contest to name the book," Bailey said. Persons interested in submitting a proposed name should submit their suggested title in writing to the Chambers of Commerce.

Persons having questions about the meeting should contact Bailey at 629-2365 after 6 p.m. each evening.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of Roxie F. Woods Carden would like to thank everyone for the kind words and beautiful flowers sent at the loss of our beloved Mother and Grandmother.

May God bless you all.  
Bob and Lynda Hodges  
Robert, Cherie & Jake Hodges  
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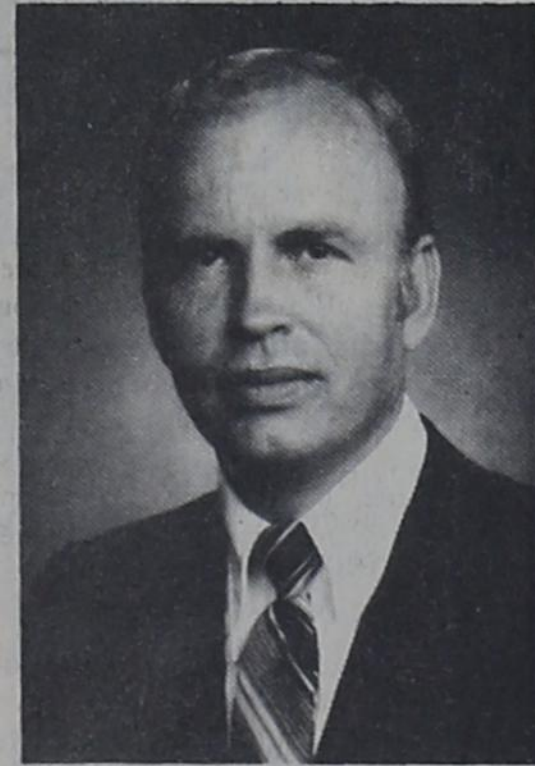
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett of Weatherford visited is aunt, Velma Bennett on Sunday.

### ARLIE TAYLORS TO OBSERVE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Arлие and Jessie Lee Cagle Taylor of Gorman will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, May 8.

### REVIVAL AT KOKOMO BAPTIST CHURCH SET MAY 11-17

Rev. Dale Cartwright of Lipan will be the evangelist for the revival at



the Kokomo Baptist Church beginning on Monday night, May 11 and continuing through Sunday, May 17. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.

Woodrow Browning, music director of the church will be in charge of the music and Helen Browning will be pianist.

Bro. Cartwright is a graduate of Howard Payne College and Southwestern Seminary. After pastoring churches for 17 1/2 years, he is now in full time evangelism.

The pastor, Bro. Clarence Wilson, and members of the Kokomo Baptist Church cordially invite everyone to come and worship with them at each service.

There will be a covered dish lunch and fellowship hour in the fellowship hall of the church on Sunday, May 17 following the morning services.

### ITEM OF INTEREST

**The Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club** will meet at 2:00 P.M. Monday, May 11 in the home of Jeanette Burreson. The program will be "Farm Crisis and Stress". The Program Leader Anna Laura Clearman will give the program. Members are urged to attend and Visitors are Welcome.

**The Second Friday Night Musical** will be held at the Old Fire Hall. Concession stand will be open.

**The Oakland Cemetery Association** met Saturday, May 2 at the Cemetery in a business meeting and voted to raise the price of a single lot to \$50.00, those who have not paid for lots even though they have been marked off and have not been paid for are now \$50.00.

**The First Baptist Church Joyful Music Choir** begins practice on a new program "Back to the Creek Band". All are invited to participate, ages will grade one thru high school. Practice will be Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. Come join the fun!

**FAMILY REUNION:** The Belyeu and Snider Families will gather for a reunion to be held Saturday, June 6, 1987, at the Frank Gray Park at Gorman, Texas. Family members and friends are invited to attend and bring a covered dish.

### GORMAN TRADIN' DAYS SET SATURDAY MAY 16



Saturday, May 16th, Gorman Business Alliance will sponsor a "Mexican Fiesta". Trading will start at 8:00 a.m. Space for booths may be reserved by calling Brent Lasater at 734-2310.

The Gorman Business Alliance will have a Concession Stand on the street and will sell all sorts of Mexican delicacies, i.e. nachos, tacos, fajitas, etc.

Plan Now To Come Into Town To Look, Eat or Sell Your Ware!!!

The Gorman Business Alliance want to say Thank You to everyone who helped make our Easter Fun Day a success.

We want to Thank those who set up at our Tradin' Day, to the ones who ate with us, and a Big Thank You to those who donated the Baked Goods. We want to thank those who attended our drawing at 3:00. Our next Big Thank You goes to all the wonderful people who made our Easter Egg Hunt a success. With out your donating all the eggs, we wouldn't have had an Egg Hunt, and a Special Thank You to all the kids, and their parents for taking the time to come to our Egg Hunt.

And last but not least we want to thank everyone who came and supported our dance.

Thanks Again Everyone For Making Our Regular 3rd Saturday - A Big Success.



**CONGRATULATIONS** — Heather Carr and Kaycee Gilmore attended an Advanced Gymnastics meet on the 25th of April in Andrews. Heather placed 1st in her age group and Kaycee placed 7th. They had both moved into a new and more advanced ability, which if they qualify they are eligible to go to the Nationals which is going to be held in Rockford, Illinois. We are all wishing them LUCK!!



**WOODS FAMILY REUNION** — The Woods Family Reunion was held in Pensacola, Florida on April 23rd. Shown above are (front) Ruby Lee Wood Davis; and (left to right) Gladys Wood Edwards, Denman Dukes, Ulala Wood Dukes, Lena Wood, Ernest Wood, G. W. "Dub" Wood, Lawrence Wood and Ruth Wood.

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Mel Maxfield was named Athletic Director and Head Football Coach of Forney ISD for the 1987/88 school year. He was awarded a two-year contract with the school. Forney is located southeast of Dallas and is a member of District 12-AAA.

Maxfield attended the University of Texas-Arlington where he lettered four years in football as a defensive back.

He started his coaching career in Weatherford ISD of District 5-AAAA in August of 1982. During his four years at Weatherford he served as an assistant coach in football on the varsity level in charge of defensive linebackers and defensive ends. He also served in the capacity of assistant coach in basketball and

worked with the track program as an instructor for hurdlers.

Maxfield moved to Forney as Offensive Coordinator in football and

Head Track Coach in August of 1986.

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# CITY CHIT-CHAT

By Charlie L. Garrett, Mayor

I want to remind you of the changes at the landfill. It will be

closed now except on Saturday. The gate will be open from 12 noon to 6

p.m. with someone there to direct the dumping. There will be a charge of \$2 for pickup and small trailers and \$5 for a truck or large trailer.

This charge will be made to everyone who hauls trash.

This change has become necessary because we are having trash dumped just anywhere and everywhere with

burnable and unburnable items dumped in the same place. The charge is necessary to cover the cost of keeping someone there to see that material is dumped in the proper place. We will still haul all of your haulable trash at no charge if it is on your regular trash day. We ask for your understanding and cooperation in this change.

I mentioned to you about the city survey to locate the number of low to moderate income families to determine our eligibility to apply for a Community Development Grant. We hope to start this about the 11th of May. Remember that there will be no name on the survey sheet, only an address and the family will only indicate if the yearly income of the family is below or over the amount printed on the survey for the number of people given for the family.

The Chamber of Commerce has volunteered to help in this survey, but they could use some help. If there is anyone who would like to help with the survey, you may contact Gene Foster or call the city at 734-2317 and give your name. We will have a training session for those who will be helping before we start.

I want to thank you who helped in the clean up. We hauled off several loads of trash, but I am sure that there is a lot that was not picked up. I urge you to help us to keep down the weeds and grass so that it will destroy the breeding places for mosquito.

## SCHOOL MENU

- BREAKFAST**  
 Mon.--cereal, juice, milk  
 Tue.--peanut butter and honey on toast, juice, milk  
 Wed.--oatmeal, juice, milk  
 Thur.--toast, scrambled eggs, jelly, juice, milk  
 Fri.--biscuits, sausage, juice, milk
- LUNCH**  
 Mon.--fish, tartar sauce, broccoli, corn, hush puppies, dessert, milk  
 Tue.--steak fingers, gravy, potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey, milk  
 Wed.--barbecued German sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, corn-bread, peaches, milk  
 Thur.--meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, black-eyed peas, rolls, honey, milk  
 Fri.--hamburgers, french fries, ice cream, milk

### CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic and Foreign Subsidiaries)

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK		STATE BANK NO.	
Citizens State Bank		2847-37	
Box 519		FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT NO.	
Gorman, Texas 76454		11 19 07416	
CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
Gorman	Eastland	Texas	76454
CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE			
March 31, 1987			
Dollar Amounts in Thousands			
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<b>ASSETS</b>			
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:			
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		512	1 a.
b. Interest-bearing balances		1,494	1 b.
2. Securities		880	2.
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs		1,300	3.
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:			
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	9,749		4 a.
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	79		4 b.
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0		4 c.
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)		9,670	4 d.
5. Assets held in trading accounts		0	5.
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		323	6.
7. Other real estate owned		0	7.
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		0	8.
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		0	9.
10. Intangible assets		70	10.
11. Other assets		216	11.
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)		14,465	12.
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
13. Deposits:			
a. In domestic offices:		13,475	13 a.
(1) Noninterest-bearing	1,579		13 a. (1)
(2) Interest-bearing	11,896		13 a. (2)
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs:			13 b.
(1) Noninterest-bearing	NONE		13 b. (1)
(2) Interest-bearing	NONE		13 b. (2)
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs		0	14.
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		0	15.
16. Other borrowed money		0	16.
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		0	17.
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		0	18.
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		0	19.
20. Other liabilities		89	20.
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)		13,564	21.
22. Limited-life preferred stock		0	22.
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>			
23. Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding)	NONE	0	23.
24. Common stock (No. of shares):			
a. Authorized	200,000		24.
b. Outstanding	200,000	350	25.
25. Surplus		350	26.
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves		201	27.
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments			28.
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)		901	29.
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28)		14,465	30.

MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report Date:  
 1. a Standby letters of credit, Total: NONE  
 1. b Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1. a conveyed to others through participations: NONE  
 NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report.

I/We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT	DATE SIGNED
<i>Charlie L. Garrett</i>	4-30-87
NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT	AREA CODE/PHONE NO.
President	(817) 734-2254

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR	SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR	SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR
<i>W. D. Cummins</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of May 19 87  
 and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank  
 My commission expires 10-17 19 90  
 Signature Notary Public  
 Kathy Hagood

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*"Prayer of Love"*

I mourn with love as  
 Death nears her so,  
 She packs to go.  
 I see her as a rose that is  
 yet to bloom.  
 Lord take her in Your arms  
 And make it soon.  
 Pain is in her eyes as she  
 Slowly fades away,  
 Lord comfort her heart as  
 Night turns to day.  
 I hear her voice inside my  
 Heart it seems,  
 Lord take her in and comfort  
 My dreams.  
 As she grows in happiness.

My eyes begin to see  
 The sight of Heaven as it  
 Glows nearer to me.  
 Lord guide her soul as it lifts  
 Upward in the sky.  
 I love her, Lord, as my spirit  
 Starts to cry:  
 "I love you, Grandmother".  
 As she waves goodbye.

The grandchildren of Roxie F. Woods Carden  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore and Justin  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hodges, Jr. and Jake

## HISTORY OF THE S. F. HENDRICKS FAMILY

(The following is a family history that will appear in the Eastland County History Book and is printed to show an example of how the family histories may be written.)

Samuel Farris Hendricks was born in 1855 at Forney, Texas. His mother died when he was 9 months old. His father, Albert Hendricks, remarried to Sarah Watson, a widow with four children. They moved to Gladewater, Texas at age 14 years.

His father died in 1869. His stepmother remarried.

When Samuel Hendricks was 17, he left home to make his way in the world, which was hard with no relatives in Texas to turn to. He went to Denton in 1875 to work for John Y. Yates, and in 1879 he married Rachle Ann Yates, daughter of John Y. and Tibathy Yates.

They owned an 80 acre farm in

Collin County. He took a job in Denton in 1884. A child's disease hit Denton killing nearly all children. They had 2 boys to die in infancy, and the disease took 2 little girls, one 18 months old and one 3 years. Jim Hendricks was age 5. The doctor said the only chance for Jim was to travel.

Daddy sold their farm. With a team and covered wagon they headed for Abilene, Texas. January 1887, when they got to the rock well by bridge just south of Eastland, where they camped, a blizzard started. A Mr. Tindall came to camp to talk. Daddy asked if he knew of a house he could rent until he could travel. He told him Doke Young, 10 miles S. E. of Eastland, wanted a man to care for his place and stock. By now it was snowing. Daddy came back, made a trade with Mr. Young. They fell in love with the people.

J. D. Wright had his place for sale. Daddy bought the farm at Kokomo in 1887. He and neighbors went to Collin County, got his horses and cattle and moved in this home here.

Jim was soon well. They had seven children, six born here. One girl baby died in 1890. Six lived. They were: Jim, Jennie, Jess, Dollie, Sarah and June.

He raised horses, mules, hogs and cotton for market. He was one of the first to grow peanuts in this community. Goober peas as they were known then, was a family job, with plowing done by horse and mule team. To get ready to plant, the sacks of peanuts were emptied on sheets. The family had to pick out sticks before you could plant. In a few days they were up a good stand. So was grass. All the kids had to hoe grass out until July 4th. At digging time, peanuts were plowed up by team. The family shook them by hand, and shocked them with nuts inside. When they were dry enough they were hauled and stacked. Daddy cut and hauled wood to stalks for the old Steam thresher. After threshing, the sacks of nuts were dried in sun until dry enough to sell. In rainy weather, the nuts would sprout and grow through the sacks.

During depression we sold peanuts for 25 cents a bushel. All we got was a headache and backache.

Dad died June 8, 1937, leaving mother and me (Sarah) alone. Mother died June 3, 1949. I am the only one living of S. F. and R. A. Hendricks family. I still live on the home place, and have never lived any other place.

My husband, Lum Tuggle, and I both 90 years of age and still raise cattle on this place at Kokomo and manage the place by ourselves.  
 Sarah Hendricks Tuggle.



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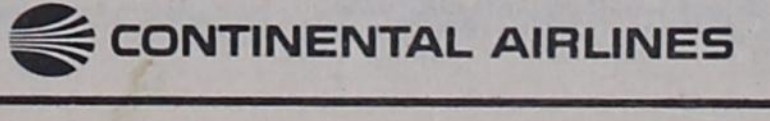
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## CANTERBURY VILLA OF GORMAN

We really enjoyed our April birthday party April 30 at 2 p.m. honoring residents having April birthdays.

Mrs. Claude Fuller and her little granddaughter, Lindsey Eaton of Lawn entertained us with music and songs.

Those having April birthdays were Ethel Harrell, Sadie Russell, Lennie Smith, Ola Walker and Roy Konser. They received crystal bud vases with blue silk flowers from the home, hand lotion from the Church of Christ, pretty birthday cards from the Methodist Church and Velma Bennett.

The Kokomo Homemakers Extension Club served red punch. Lindsey Eaton gave each a birthday roll or angel food cake. Velma Bennett made the cake.

Helping were Berniece Rodgers, Velma Bennett, Juanita Fuller and Lindsey Eaton.

The Thursday country-western musical was really good. Those coming were Lloyd and Bobby Glasen, Marshall Reeves of Lingleville, Gus and Evelyn Sublett of Breckenridge, a Paul and Imogene Norris of Carbon, Mr. Fonville of Desdemona, Carol and Leta Hogan, Elaine Eaves. Mrs. Ricky Rone, Doyle Poyner, Venie Kinser, Nancy Hendricks, Josie Flores, Velma Bennett, Alpha Mae Andry.

On Friday Velma Bennett came and we played bingo. Winners were Cynthia Earles, Lonzo Coffman, Garnet Adams, and Ethel Harrell. Lorene Jay blacked out. Mrs. Bennett furnished the prizes.

We are sorry to report Alice Burleson is in the De Leon Hospital and Lennie Smith is a patient in the Ranger hospital. We wish them speedy recoveries.

We are happy to report Judy Phillips has returned home from the De Leon Hospital and reports she is feeling great and real happy to be back.

Those helping with the Tuesday 2:30 p.m. singing were Lucretia Fairbetter, Willo Rice, Velma Bennett, Nancy Hendricks, Melba Frasier, Anna Rush, Junior Fairbetter, and Leta Hogan.

Cynthia Earles spent Tuesday with Vardie and Faye Hff and helped Vardie celebrate his birthday.

On Wednesday at 10 a.m. Hazel Smith and Nancy Hendricks helped

us play bingo. Our winners were game 1, Ruby Vandergriff; game 2, Berta Poyner; game 3, Lola Johnson. Berta Poyner had the blackout card.

At 1:30 p.m. Willo Rice of the Merriman Baptist Church came and brought our Bible Study. It was very enjoyable.

We are sorry to report the passing away of Alva Wright, brother of Eva Grice. He expired March 20 in Dallas and was 64 years of age.

He was survived by his wife, Dorothy Wright, two daughters, Brenda Gordon of Dallas and Patsy Moore of Houston and Sharon Wright of Dallas; seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren; three sisters, Dessie Woodall of Oklahoma, Mabel Davis of Amarillo and Eva Grice Gorman and a brother-in-law, Doc amilton of Canterbury Villa. He was the son of the late Walter and Zina Wright, all natives of Gorman.

Services were held March 23rd at Troy Suggs Chapel with Rev. Larry Ashley officiating. Interment was in Grove Hill Memorial Park.

We always appreciate our church services on Sunday. Coming from the Carbon Baptist church Sunday at 2:30 were Rev. Sherl Taylor, Charles and Maxine Morgan, Ike Whitson, Lynn and Rosetta Hogan, James Thackerson, R. Lee McDaniels and Laverne Stubblefield.

At 4 p.m. members of the Church of Christ were Bro. Curtis Maness, Bro. T.A. Grice, Floyd Dean Gilbert, Dora Faye Brewer, Georgie and Frankie Stacey, Robert, Cindy and David Moore, Perna Faye Smith, Jessie Lee Jones, Lorene Foster, Allie Mae George, Stella Scott, Iris Smith, Scythia Alldredge, Zena Simpson, Janda and Tracey Taylor, Cula Palmer, Minda Guerrero.

On Monday at 10 a.m. Oma Mae Hughes and Rugh Higginbottom came and gave us art lessons. We colored a cloth picture.

Visiting with Berta Poyner were Bro. Terry Moffett of Desdemona, Wilburn and Ruby Overstreet, Ward and Carolyn Webb of Granbury, Olga Kinser, Doyle Poyner and Bro. Marion Dennis.

M.L. Skiles and Nancy Hendricks came on Monday at 1:30 for bingo. Winners were game 1, Berta Poyner; game 2, Grace Skiles; game 3, Ola Walker. Ruby Vandergriff and Lonzo Coffman had black out cards.

## DESDEMONA NEWS

Phone 758-2665

The Ladies Monthly Social will be Monday, May 11 in the home of Dorothy Greenhaw.

Homer Joe and Johnnie Ruth (Dixon) Sparkman and their son, Ricky of Stephenville visited Sunday with his mother, Evah Sparkman and attended Church at First Baptist.

Chubbie and Ella Foreman; Richard, Glenda and Tiffany Garrett of Irving; Ricky and Ranell Foreman of Midland; Tommie Guthery, Jim, Karen and Blake Guthery; David, Martha, Marlena and Emerald Guthery; Deborah Jackson; Thomas, Vicki and Tommy Seay; Hillary and A.V. Seay all of Gorman; Larry, Phyllis, Heath and Leighton Autry of Stephenville; Pug and Koone Guthery; Karen and Wayne Eaves and Holly enjoyed a hamburger cookout dinner on Sunday at the Guthery home. The occasion was to celebrate A.V. and Tiffany's birthdays.

Rob and Jane Guthery, Maxie (Harris) Griner of Irving attended the musical last Saturday night at the Desdemona Community Center. Also the Foreman's and Garretts attended.

Victor Cemetery working will be Saturday, May 30. Bring basket lunch and plan to stay and visit old friends and relatives.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Buck (Mabel Huddleston) Read who was buried Monday at Alameda Cemetery. She is survived by her husband Buck, 3 daughter, Mary Joyce Quinn, La Freda Hammond and Regena Cooper.

Also 2 sisters, Leta Courtney, Elva Hudson, and her mother, Mrs. Huddleston of Eastland.

After bingo Mrs. Hogan led us in sitdown exercises.

Agatha Nance of Desdemona visited her sister, Mary Harrell on Saturday.

Ima Lee Fair of Ranger visited Ruby Vandergriff.

Bobby and Florene Burleson of Stephenville visited his mother, Alice Burleson.

R. Lee McDaniels, Ethel Lovall, Archie Crow, Charles and Maxine Morgan of Carbon, Lone Bounds of Eastland visited Edna Morgan Sunday.

## KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Zelda Jordan

Phone 639-2289

A large crowd attended the annual homecoming and meeting of the Kokomo Simpson Cemetery Association on Saturday, May 2. Most of them gathered at the Simpson Cemetery in the morning hours to visit the graves of loved ones and visit with friends gathered there.

At noon, a bountiful lunch was spread in the Kokomo Community Center and there was more visiting and reminiscing while everyone enjoyed the good food.

D.F. Eaves asked the blessing on the feed.

At 1 p.m. the business meeting was opened with a prayer by J.C. Clearman. D.F. Eaves, president of the Association, presided and welcomed everyone. Zelda Jordan read the minutes of the last meeting and Bobbie Brown gave the treasurer's report.

Orval Treadway and Zelda Jordan's terms on the Association Committee were expiring, and they were re-elected to the Committee. Other committee members are D.F. Eaves, Bill Eaves, Bobbie Brown, Cleo Duncan, and Jerry Gibbs.

Those attending the meeting for the first time were recognized. They were Mary Lee (Mayes) Harris of Corsicana, Susie Hutchinson of Stephenville, Nugen and Viola Stone of Comanche, Delmer and Ernestine Shugart of Granbury, Bobby Shugart of Granbury, Mrs. Essie Shugart of Comanche.

Mr. A.C. Halsell of Baird, a former school teacher at Kokomo, gave the benediction.

Following the regular meeting, the committee met for a brief meeting to elect officers: D.F. Eaves, Pres.; Orval Treadway, Vice-Pres.; Zelda Jordan, Sec.; and Bobbie Brown, Treasurer, were re-elected.

A thunderstorm passed through

our community about 4 a.m. on Sunday morning with a lot of thunder and lightning, some hail and very little rain. I haven't heard any reports of any damage done by the hail. Our garden escaped. It didn't hail very long and most of it was small.

Wardene Hawthorne of Dallas, Lisa Snider of Stephenville, and Misty Keith and Earl Morrow of Stephenville were visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Bro. and Mrs. Bob Watson of Port Aransas spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Odis Rodgers and attended church services at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Bro. Watson is a former pastor of the church. He is now pastor of the First Baptist Church at Aransas Pass.

Wardene Hawthorne of Dallas and Mrs. Dell Nelson of Andrews spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson and attended the Homecoming and Cemetery meeting at Kokomo on Saturday.

Wardene Hawthorne spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan. Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Lovell

of Brownwood visited with them on Sunday afternoon and Mrs. Hawthorne returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Graham of Monahans and Athenia Pierce of Wink are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Eaves. They also attended the Kokomo Homecoming and Cemetery meeting on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mearse of Odessa and Bro. Joe O'Neal visited with Mrs. Nancy Hendricks on Sunday morning.

Mr. Ava Rodgers, Mrs. Berniece Rodgers, Mrs. Lavelle Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning and Mrs. Claude Fuller were among those attending the singing at Rock Bluff on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nachtigall, Taylor and Trevis of Morgan Mill, Mr. Buster Johnson and James Johnson of Carbon were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields and Lindell during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Little and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Little attended the Battle of Songs in Fort Worth on Saturday night.

Happy Mothers' Day to all Mothers. May the Lord bless you and your families.

Mrs. Albert Hendricks visited in Clyde on Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan and Yancy and helped Yancy celebrate his birthday.

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## Lillian Bledsoe Services Held Saturday

Lillian Bledsoe, 80, of Carbon, died Wednesday evening at a Midland hospital.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Ranger with the Rev. Richard Watson officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ranger.

She was born in Erath County. She retired in 1971 as a waitress and moved to Carbon.

She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church No. 3 and was the widow of James C. Bledsoe.

Survivors include two sons, James C. Bledsoe Jr. of Cypress and Leonard Bledsoe of Carbon; three daughters, Violet Daskevick of Midland, Virginia Terry of Houston and Barbara Lewis of Breckenridge; five brothers, Jim Willett and Thurman Willett, both of Stephenville, Melvin Willett of Mineral Wells, Ira Willett of Abilene and Osborne Willett Mr. of Stamford; four sisters, Vivian Peters of Stephenville, Ima Henry of

## Carl and Wanda Cole Purchase Ricky Fuller Home

Carl and Wanda Cole are getting settled and beginning to enjoy their new home.

They had as their guests for several days and for dinner on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rodgers from Lindale, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jackson from Houston; Mrs. Dell Nelson from Andrews; Mr. and Mrs. Reace Rodgers, Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Stuart, Ranger; Vonita Monroe and friend from Gorman and her daughter, Linda, from Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson, Carbon; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rasco, Carbon and Mrs. Bill Thurman, Eastland. Certainly did enjoy our visits.

Now Carl and Wanda are back to work as usual.

The Coles purchased the former Belton, Eva Jean Morton of Stamford and Mary Newell of Leuders; 18 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

## WOOD FAMILY REUNION HELD IN FLORIDA

Descendants of Green Wilder Wood and Mary Olivia Holleyman Wood gathered at the home of their daughter, Ruby Lee Wood Davis, in Pensacola, Florida, over the Easter weekend for a family reunion. This was the first time the family reunion was held outside the Wood's home state of Texas and the first time that all surviving sons and daughters had been together at the same time.

Green Wilder Wood married Mary Olivia Holleyman on December 23, 1903, and moved to the New Hope Community not long after their marriage. The Wood family were residents of the New Hope Community until 1944 when the Wood couple sold their farm and moved to Brownwood. The woods were parents of three sons and five daughters.

Direct descendants who were in home of Ricky Fuller and have built a hanger for his airplane.

—GP—

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Tenth Grade - Holly Tucker.

### A-B Honor Roll

First Grade - Tracy Cozart, Clay Sandlin and Jason Dale.  
Second Grade - Felicia Blackwell and Jennifer Jarvis.

Third Grade - Justin Bowles, Bradlee Stacy, Chad Kanady, Sandy Jones, Kelly Gourley and Steve Gideon.

Fourth Grade - Jeffrey Moody and Stephanie Griffin.

Fifth Grade - Shane Hardin.

Sixth Grade - Rebecca Carlton, Angela Stacy, Brian Tucker and Sherlee Whitson.

Seventh Grade - Cory Pack.

Ninth Grade - Shaun Mallory and Jennifer Stacy.

Tenth Grade - Stefanie Gideon.

Eleventh Grade - Michael Norris and Rickey Rackow.

Twelfth Grade - Keith Clower, Susie Bryant, Shana McDaniel and Ann Rich.

attendance at the 1987 reunion were:

Earnest and Lena Wood of Sun, Arizona; G.W. "Dub" Wood of San Antonio; Lawrence A. and Ruth Wood of Wichita Falls; Gladys Wood Edwards of Breckenridge; Denman and Ulala Wood Dukes of Perryton; and Ruby Lee Wood Davis of Pensacola, Florida, who hosted the reunion. Reid and Velma Wood, deceased, were represented by their daughter and son-in-law, Lavelle and Travis Key of Vernon, Texas. Vera Wood Bennett Harper, deceased, was represented by her only child, Truman Bennett, and his wife, Jeanette. Truman is also the son of the late Otis Bennett. Also in attendance were Ruby Lee Wood Davis's daughter, Beth and her husband, Joel G. "bill" Lucas, who share Ruby Lee's home and served as co-hosts for the reunion. Ruby Lee's son, Lanny E. Davis, also of Pensacola, attended, along with Ruby Lee's only grandson, Mark Lucas, and his wife, Stephanie, who live next door to his parents and grandmother. Others in attendance were Sharon Moulse, Lori Renkemeyer, Billie and Charlie Baldwin, and Joyce and Jean-Paul Brantley, all of Pensacola, Florida.

While in Pensacola, the reunion attendees were treated to delicious seafood such as oysters, shrimp, and spring mullet (since Pensacola is located on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico), along with hushpuppies, cheese grits, baked beans, Georgia sugar-cured ham, roast beef, potato salad, cole slaw, and lots of other trimmings and sweets. Best of all, though, they enjoyed recounting memories of the years they spent growing up on the farm in the New Hope Community.

Everyone enjoyed lots of true Southern hospitality and the Davises and Lucases are already looking forward to planning the 1988 reunion for next spring.

### FAMILY TIES

We celebrate the family ties That bring us close today To laugh, talk, and reminisce Of our times along the way.

The farm will never be lost to me And the good times we had there With Grandma and Grandpa and all the kids Coming together to share.

Soon the scene drifted to Brownwood In a big park under the trees. The family had grown and so had our hearts To accomodate all of these.

Then we meet in Wichita Falls And all the kids are grown. We look around and see more kids playing; The generations continue on.

Grandma and Grandpa have both gone on As we meet in Brownwood again. Soon Mother and Daddy are there only in our thoughts As time goes on its way.

Now we are meeting in Pensacola, Vera and Jack are missed; New kids are playing under the trees, And we know that we are blessed.

We remember the good times With those who are in Heaven As new family members join in To enjoy the time we are given.

Written by Lavelle Key (Daughter of Velma and Reid Wood and granddaughter of Green Wilder and Mary Olivia Holleyman Wood) April, 1987

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# FRANK A. GRAY PARK ASSOCIATION OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

The Frank A. Gray Park Association will have a meeting at the Senior Citizens Building at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 1987. All 4th of July Committee members are urged to attend. Beautification and Clean-Up of the Grounds will be another topic for discussion. Below is a list of Park Association Committees and officers:

### OFFICERS

- President ..... Brent Lasater
- First V. President .....
- Second V. President ..... Ennis Joiner
- Secretary .....
- Treasurer ..... Pat Hagood

### BOARD

1. Arlton Smith
2. W. C. Browning
3. Graydon Baze
4. Jay Carter

### PROMOTION COMMITTEE

- Gene Foster - Donnie Mauney - Richard Watson
- Ava Rodgers - Martha Rainey - Eula Miears

### PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

- Larry Stewart - Romona Stewart
- Carol Ray Ervin - Lana Sharp

### PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

- Estelle Craddock - Joe Bennett

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- Nelda Mauney - Barbara Morrison - Zelda Jordan
- Richard Watson - Edna Joyce Brinegar - Ray Daniel

### FOOD COMMITTEE

- Lottie Morris - Chairman — Bea O'Neal - Potato Salad
- Joan Butler - Beans — Wannell Bryant - Bread
- Brent Lasater - Meat
- Doris Bryan and Anna Lee Roberts - Tea and Lemon Aide
- Larry Stewart - Ice
- Velma Bennett and Karen Guthery - Sweets
- Gerald & Ina Scitern and Brad & Jeannie Whittier
- Sno Cones and Soft Drinks

### GAMES COMMITTEE

- Doris Gryder - Vickie Seay
- Pam Childers - Nelda Mauney

### SET UP EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

- Howard Hagood - Troyat Underwood
- Tommy Harrison - David Glover - Gerald Scitern
- Ray Daniels - Gary Mauney

### PRIZE COMMITTEE

- Linda Glover - Kay Snider - Jean Lasater

### MUSIC COMMITTEE

- Velma Bennett

### FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

- Daryl Hirst - Sammie Brinegar - Rhett Harrison

## Roxie Shearrow Laid To Rest Monday

Services for Roxie E. Williams Shearrow, 74, were at 2 p.m. Monday at the Higginbotham Uneral Home Chapel in Rising Star with the Rev. Michael Hale officiating. Burial was in the Blake Cemetery.

She died Friday at a Brownwood hospital.

Born in May, she moved to Brown County 60 years ago. The Williams Community was named after her family.

She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Laura Snyder of San Antonio and Sally O'Dell of Monterey, Calif; a son, Elvin Shearrow of San Antonio; a brother, Jay Williams of Gorman; and nine grandchildren.

## Billie (Mrs. Buck) Read Laid To Rest Monday

Billie (Mrs. Buck) Read, 78, died Saturday at a Ranger hospital.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at the Mesquite and Rusk Street Church of Christ with Ronnie Lowe officiating. Burial was in the Alameda Cemetery, directed by Edwards Funeral Home.

Born in House, N.M., she moved from Desdemona to Ranger in 1950. She was a homemaker and a member of the Mesquite and Rusk Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Buck Read of Ranger; three daughters, Mary Quinn of Ranger, Freida Hammond of Arlington and REgena Cooper of Whitewright; her mother, Pearl Huddlestone of Eastland; two sisters, Leta Courtney of Ranger and Elva Hudson of Eastland; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

## Officials Testify In Support Of Health Care Legislation

Officials from Texas testified before a U.S. House panel last Thursday in support of health care legislation introduced by Congressman Charles W. Stenholm.

The Subcommittee on Health and Environment called a hearing to discuss the Stenholm bill, which is entitled "PRO Due Process and Equity Amendments." The bill would revise the Medicare Peer Review Organization's process of physician sanctioning. It would require that physicians and providers have the opportunity to appeal ansanction before it goes into effect, except where there is imminent danger to patients. Currently, the PRO sanctions go into effect before doctors are given basic cue process rights.

Congressman Stehnm testified on behalf of his own bill telling the subcommittee that changes must be made to protect patients and doctors in all rural areal of the nation. The congressman explained that sanctions negatively affect small town hospitals and could eventually lead to more town without doctors.

"What we're dealing with here is a very serious matter. Not only are we playing with the livelihoods of physicians, but we're also dealing with access to care for entire communities. With things as serious as this, we'd better be sure we have created the best system we can, one which secures the rights of both physicians and beneficiaries."

"The law should be amended to specify appropriate due process requirements which all PROs must follow before recommending sanctions," he continued. "In a country where due process is a treasured right, the lack of it stands out starkly in the peer review process," he said. "Physicians do not have a right to an attorney, a right to present witnesses, or a right to cross-examine witnesses."

Texas Representatives Ralph Hall (D-Rockwall) and Beau Boulter (R-Amarillo) attended the hearing and added their support to the legislation. Dr. Jim Bob Brame, president of the Texas Medical Association, also appeared before the congressional hearing. He said, "The practicing physician simply does not have confidence in the review process that the PRO uses in Texas. We urge you to favorable consider this bill."

The Stamford Democrat expressed optimism about the legislation's chances for passage. "It has been encouraging to see greater attention given these issues in recent weeks and months. I commend Chairman Henry Waxman for his expeditious response to a request for a hearing on this subject. This has become on of the most serious concerns in my district as well as all rural areas," the area congressman said.

## Retail Firm Provides Latest Lesson Why Taxes Shouldn't Go Up

By Governor William P. Clements, Jr.

By now, most Texans know that J.C. Penney Co. has decided to pack its bags and leave New York.

The moving vans haven't actually started heading south yet, but the decision has been made: J.C. Penney Co. officials want their national headquarters in Texas.

Right off the bat that means two things for Texas.

First, it is a sign that we are in for better business and economic times.

And second, and most important, it sends a signal to other companies, businesses and industries across the nation that Texas' taxes—and its business climate in general—are pro-business.

I dare say that J.C. Penney's—the nation's fourth-largest retailer—would not have selected the Dallas area as its national base camp if we had a corporate income tax.

Or a personal income tax.

Or a burdensome sales tax rate.

The bottom line on the J.C. Penney's announcement—and our legislative leaders need to understand this—is that increased taxes are not the key to economic recovery in Texas.

Now, both the House and Senate are suggesting Texas spend close to \$40 billion during the next two fiscal years. The House budget proposal is about \$39.4 billion, and the Senate proposal about \$39.97 billion.

The Senate budget plan calls for spending \$2.7 billion more in major state funds than is necessary. The House plan exceeds major state fund spending by about \$1.9 billion.

Let me outline for you briefly what might be done to finance either proposal.

The sales tax in Texas could be increased. Remember last New Year's Eve, when the state sales tax rate was 4-1/8 cents for each dollar spent? Most cities added another penny tax for local operations, and some even added two cents—one cent for local operations and one cent for mass transit programs.

The Texas Legislature authorized a penny increase effective New Year's

Day to compensate for sagging revenues, hiking the overall state rate to 5¼ cents.

My staff has made some calculations, and the increase in the sales tax necessary to fund either the House or Senate's latest budget plan is staggering.

For example, to pay for the increase in state spending called for under the Senate plan, the state sales tax rate would have to be increased to 7 cents per \$1 spent on taxable goods.

Remember, most cities add a penny tax of their own, so they would pay 8 cents on the dollar. And in some major metropolitan areas, it would be 9 cents for each \$1 spent.

Or, to put it simply, the increase in the state sales tax required to finance the Senate plan would be a whopping 70 percent.

The increase in the state sales tax necessary to finance the House budget plan is less, but still overwhelming.

For the House plan, the state sales tax could be increased to 6.4 cents per dollar spent on taxable goods—a 56 percent increase over the rate in effect on New Year's Eve.

Again, a large number of Texans would find themselves paying 8.4 cents per \$1 spent because of local, add-on taxes.

House and Senate leaders will look at these figures and claim they don't favor such a drastic increase in the state sales tax. True, there is another option many of them won't rule out—a personal income tax.

That is wrong. The bottom line in all of this is that we should follow a lesson in economics this country has learned time after time. Economic development—which translates into jobs—is the handle that opens the door to economic recovery.

A drastic increase in the state sales tax only swells the door, making it harder to open.

And a tax on personal income adds a whole new door to the problem.

At that point, few businesses will even want to give it a try.

