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## PRESS POINTS . . .

Joe Bennett, Publisher

—J—  
It looked as though we were in for a little rain a couple of times this week, but so far the moisture has managed to elude us. It seems that it always goes to either the north or south of us, and usually builds up just east of us and pours down rain. Oh well, I guess our time will come some day! And I hope it's real soon.

—J—  
Well we knew it was just a matter of time before the U. S. Postal Service would put it to us again. And it's happening in April.

The real bad thing that the increase in postage brings to this newspaper is the sad news that we are forced to increase our advertising rates to help offset the increase in postage. As of April 7 our rates will increase to \$2.10 per column inch. The national rate will be \$2.45. Classified ads will have a minimum of \$2.40 for 20 words. More than 20 words will cost 12 cents per word. Cards of Thanks will be \$3.

We sincerely regret this, especially at this time when things are tough already, but we have no choice if we are to continue to publish the Progress. We had several increases last year and held our prices as long as we could. But with this increase, we are forced to increase our rates. Maybe some day this spiraling cost in postage will end. If not, then Lord have mercy on us all!

—J—  
We received the following letter to the editor this week:

To Whom It May Concern;  
Kenneth Roberts is not related to me. My son's name is Kennard Roberts. Please do not contact me concerning the Kenneth Roberts campaign for mayor.

/s/ Tommy Roberts

—J—  
The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors was real proud of the way the banquet went on Thursday. We sincerely thank all the folks who helped in any way to make the affair a big success, either with your presence, or with your support, (or both). We thank all who had a part in helping us keep the cost of tickets down so most all the folks can afford to bring their family to the event. It is real important to the Board of Directors that as many folks as possible have an opportunity to attend the banquet.

So again we say thanks from the directors.

—GP—  
Papa's Pride got another trophy on Saturday at the Kids of America pageant. This time Jacquelyn came away with the Second Runner up trophy. Of course, the judges were blind or they could have seen that she was the most beautiful young lady there. If you're a "Papa" then you know what I mean!

—J—  
Don't forget the big Benefit Basketball Event coming up tonight (Thursday) at the local gym. The "Girls?" will be fighting to the finish, and the "Boys?" will be trying to keep their breath long enough to stay on the court long enough to make a battle of the "grudge" match between the Lions and Faculty and the "Young" Outsiders. We just hope the Outsiders will be able to give the Lions and Faculty a decent game.

Be sure and come by for one of those great "Lions Burgers" before or during the game. We will start serving burgers, chips and tea for \$2 at 5:30 p. m. in the School Cafeteria. Also there will be some goodies for sale in the concession stand in the gym. There will be cold drinks, candy and other goodies.

And be ready for "AN EXTRA TREAT" as the Gorman Red Hots will be performing in between games for the pleasure of the fans. They should begin their events about 8 p. m.

So come on out and enjoy some great food, exceptional basketball action, and some great work by the Gorman Red Hots.

—J—  
And remember to smile . . . because God Loves You!

## EASTER ACTIVITIES SET FOR SATURDAY

Don't forget all the Easter activities taking place downtown on Saturday, April 2.

The Gorman Business Alliance is sponsoring the activities, which begins with the arrival of the Easter Bunny downtown from 9 a. m. and continues until 3 p. m.

Brent will be cooking those great hamburgers from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m.

After having a delicious hamburger, folks will gather for the Easter

Egg Hunt which starts at 2 p. m. at the football field.

The final event of the day will be the judging of the Easter Basket Decorating Contest which will get underway at 3:15 p. m.

If you need more information call Brent at 734-2310 or Ina at 734-3110.

Remember we still need Easter Eggs donated. These may be left at Lasater's, Sav-On, Bob's or Movies Galore.

## BABY CONTEST ENTRIES FOR 4-H AND FFA EVENT

The Gorman 4-H and FFA Booster Club is sponsoring a Baby Contest Friday, April 1 in the high school auditorium at 7 p. m.

We have had several entries from Gorman and surrounding communities. Here is a list of our contestants:

Sarah Lewis, daughter of Donna and Philip Lewis; Rachel Mayfield, daughter of Jackie and Danny Mayfield; Jessica Snell, daughter of Lou Ellen and Dwayne Snell; Donna and Krista Brown, daughters of Kathy and Don Brown; Tasha McGinn, daughter of Randy and Carol McGinn; Amaris Curb, daughter of Riley and Marie Curb; Keri Campbell, daughter of Gary and Doyleena Campbell; Shari Marlow, daughter of Lane Marlow; Jessica Bryan, daughter of Tammy and Harvey Bryan; Chelsea Putnam, daughter of Chuck and Evelyn Putnam; Dawn Roberts, daughter of Kennard and Adora Roberts; and Kendra Swanner daughter of Tim and Becky Swanner.

Also Wesley Brinegar, son of Laneta Brinegar; Kyle Broom, son of Carla and Jeff Broom; Thomas Hall, son of Elisha and Alan Hall; Kyle Phillips, son of Missy Phillips; Jessie Atchison, son of Evelyn and Chesley Atchison; Dusty and Jacky Arnold, sons of Donna Beth and Kirk Arnold; Billy Bob Orsagh, son of Mike and Margaret Orsagh; Chance Wilson, son of Jimmy and Leann Wilson; Justin Wilson, son of Delilah Wilson; Timothy Curb, son of Riley and Marie Curb; Christopher Cox, son of Jalyn and Ed Cox; Scott Lewis, son of Brad and Paula Lewis; and Nathan Moreland, son of Michael and Wil-

low Moreland.

We want to wish all of our contestants the best of luck. There will be a boy winner and a girl winner in each age group. If you haven't voted for your favorite one(s), you need to hurry. ALL of the money needs to be turned in Friday, April 1st. Darlene Hampton will be at the City Office from 9 a. m. to 12 noon to count the money.

The winners will be announced Friday evening at the contest.

## Gorman Students Do Well In District UIL

Gorman students placed well in the District 14A Literary Meet of the UIL held Saturday in Gordon.

Amy Scitern placed first in type-writing. Shilo Richter placed second.

Kristie Cordell placed first in shorthand.

Scott Gressett placed first in accounting and Scott Campbell placed second. Scott Gressett also placed first in biology.

Julie Casey placed first in editorial writing and Christi Frasier placed second.

Christi Frasier placed first in feature writing and Sharla Clark placed second.

Brian Lasater placed second in literary criticism.

Jay McCormick placed first in science and Scott Gressett placed second.

Gorman placed third in the meet with 217 points.

—GP—

## PANTHER BASEBALL ACTIVITIES

On Friday, March 25th the Gorman Panther baseball team outmaned the Gordon team by a score of 11 to 1, with the game ending in the fifth inning on the ten run rule.

In action on Tuesday, March 29 the Panthers dropped a tough game with the Albany club by the score of 6 to 1.

In the JV game the Gorman team took a close decision by the final score of 4 to 2.

Next action for the Panthers will on Friday, April 1st when the Gorman JV and Varsity travel to Eastland, with the first game starting at 4 p. m.

## NEW TIMES FOR METHODIST EASTER EVENTS

Daylight Savings Time will go into effect at 12 midnight, Saturday, April 2nd. Due to this time change we will have to alter our time schedule for the Sunrise Service and Sunrise Breakfast at the First United Methodist Church of Gorman.

The new times are as follows: sunrise service at 7:30 a. m.; sunrise breakfast at 8:15 a. m.; Easter worship service at 11 a. m.; Puppet show at 3 p. m. and Easter Egg Hunt at 3:30 p. m.

All of these events have been planned just for you on Easter. So mark your calendars, set your clocks, and we'll see you at sunrise, Easter morning.



BIRDSONG MAKES DONATIONS — Max Grice, center, presenting donation checks from Birdsong Peanuts to Jack Harrison (left) representing the Fire Department and Charlie Garrett (right) representing the City of Gorman, for the Street Sign Fund.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET WELL ATTENDED

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Thursday evening was well attended with over two hundred people present.

Wesley Warren, 44, was named Farmer of the Year at the event.

Mrs. Velma Bennett received the Community Service Award.

Warren, a native of Gorman, and a Gorman high school graduate, holds a BS degree in agriculture from Sam Houston State University. He began full time farming in 1967 and in 1987 he farmed 300 acres of peanuts, 30 acres in hay grazer, 60 acres of corn, 30 acres of watermelons and 60 acres coastal for hay production.

He was married to Linda Jarrett in 1968. They have a daughter, Nikki, age 17.

Always active in community affairs, he served two years on the Gorman School board, and on the Eastland County Appraisal Board for two terms, also on the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee two different terms. He is a member of the 4-H and FFA Booster Club and the Gorman Athletic Booster Club. He has also served on the baseball commission.

Mrs. Bennett, with her husband, Gail, owned and operated the Bennett Grocery and Station in Gorman for 22 years. After Mr. Bennett's death in 1967, Mrs. Bennett operated the store for two more years, before retiring. Since that time she has devoted her time and talents in community service. She is a member of the Gorman Chamber of Commerce, Gorman Business Alliance and the Frank A. Gray Park Association. She spends many hours of volunteer service at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home each week. She is a 49 year member of the Rebekah Lodge, and is a member of the Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club. A longtime and active member of the First United Methodist Church she serves as communion steward, is an active member of the United Methodist Women and serves as chairperson for the Friendly Ladies Church School Class.

Born in Hot Springs, Ark. in 1906, she moved to Gorman with her parents at the age of sixteen months.

She has one son, Herman Bennett, of Gorman, and two grandchildren.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Academic Awards were presented to the highest ranking student in the four classes in high school.

Sharla Clark received the Freshman class award with a grade average of 91.583. April Daniels received the Sophomore class award with a 96.10 average. Junior class award went to Tresa Hutson with a grade average of 91.21. Scott Gressett received the Senior class award with a 97.50 average.

Cliff Neal, guest speaker, captured the audience with his humorous and serious remarks. He urged parents to spend time with their children and listen to our youth, as they are the future of our nation.

The Methodist Quartet presented a great program. Members of the quartet are Rev. Rawlyn Richter, Bob Green, Carroll and Leta Hogan, and Juanita Fuller plays the piano.

Gene Foster served as master of ceremonies and did a super job (as usual).

—GP—

## Daylight Savings Time Begins This Sunday

Daylight Savings Time will go into effect at midnight Saturday, April 2. Clocks are to be set forward one hour.

We will go back to Central Standard Time the last Sunday in October.



FARMER OF THE YEAR — The recipient of the Farmer of the Year Award for 1987 is Wesley Warren. Wesley is shown here with his wife Linda and his daughter Nikki.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER — The winner of the Community Service Award for this year was Velma Bennett. Velma was awarded the plaque during the Chamber of Commerce Banquet held last Thursday night.



HIGH SCHOOL TOP STUDENTS — Sharla Clark (left) received the Freshman Class Award with a grade average of 91.583; Scott Gressett (center) received the Senior Class Award with a grade average of 97.50; April Daniels (right) received the Sophomore Class Award with a grade average of 96.10; and Teresa Hutson (not pictured) received the Junior Class Award with an average of 92.21.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH QUARTET - Shown above is the Methodist Quartet with Bob Green, Rev. Rawlyn Richter, Leta and Carroll Hogan and Juanita Fuller on the piano.

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**KOKOMO  
NEWS**

By Mrs. Zaida Jordan  
Phone 639-2289

It continues to be very dry and windy with the danger of grass fires all around. The Gorman and Ranger fire departments responded to a fire on the Bobby Little place on Saturday. The fire started from a spark as Bobby was doing some welding on a fence near the house, but fortunately the wind was in the right direction to blow the fire away from the house.

Visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning were Joyce Gilbert of Oklahoma City, Doug Adkins of Dallas, Bobby, Mary Jane and LaDawn Little, Daryl Hirst of Gorman and it was good to have Scotty and Caye Mauney back home from Arizona.

Woodrow Browning is leading the singing in a revival at the Baptist Church in Strawn this week.

Neal, Joyce and Glenn Gilbert of Oklahoma City, John, LaTonne and Jonna Rodgers of Carbon, David Gibbs of Gorman and Bob Rodgers of Brownwood were visiting with Mrs. Berneice Rodgers during the weekend.

Mrs. Bob Rodgers, Kevin, Jason and Corby were on a skiing trip to

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Colorado with a youth group from their church.

Chad and Lindsey Eaton of Ovalo visited during their spring break from school with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller. Mr. and Mrs. Travis Flatt of Albuquerque, N. M. have also been visiting in the Fuller home, and Wayne and Christi Eaton visited on Sunday.

Wesley Fuller underwent a tonsillectomy in the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene on Tuesday, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller visited with him. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Glenda and Roddy Miles and Joe, and Robert Miles of Abilene and Brent Carter of Hodges visited with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan on Saturday, and the boys remained for an overnight visit and went rabbit hunting. Sheri Miles was in Sonora at the UIL meet with the one-act play cast from Merkel High School. Diane Miles was visiting in Dallas with her mother, and a sister, Debbie, who was visiting there from Maryland.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children will be held at Kokomo following Sunday morning services at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Visitors are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little and Mrs. Glenn Jordan were visiting

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**MONUMENTS**

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with Mrs. Dora Garrett on Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Joe O'Neal visited for several days with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mearse in Odessa. They returned to Bro. O'Neal's home on Monday and the Mearses will visit this week with her father.

Visitors with Mrs. Albert Hendricks were Mrs. Marve Adams of Abilene. Mrs. Ed Gilly of McCaulley Mrs. Mark Rotramel and Brandon of Bangs, Mrs. Carl Freeman and Blake of Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mearse of Odessa, Bro. Joe O'Neal, Ruth Bryant and Hope Joiner.

Eric Graham of Ranger spent last week with an uncle and aunt, Jeff and Veronica Seaton. They visited in Goldthwiate on Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brinegar, Larry and Elizabeth. Larry and Elizabeth returned home with them for a visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cates of Big Spring were here for the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Earnestine Davis, at Gorman on Tuesday, and they also visited with Mrs. Cates' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields and Lindell.

Buster and James Johnson of Carbon visited with the Vernon Fields family during the weekend.

**CHRIS GRAHAM HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
Chris Graham, of Ranger, who was 10 on March 28, was honored with a party in celebration of her birthday on Saturday with a trip to Stephenville to eat pizza and play

**Still Time To  
Order You County  
History Book**

Roy and Wanda Smith of the Eastland County History Book Committee have looked over the four boxes of family histories, which contain 6500 typed pages of manuscript.

Putt-Putt golf.  
The party was hosted by her grandmother, Mrs. Lester Seaton, and an aunt, Mrs. Jeff Seaton, who took the girls to Stephenville. Those attending were Allison Treadway, Kim and Mary Campbell, Elizabeth Brinegar and Sommer Clark, and the honoree, Chris Graham.

The girls spent the night at the Lester Seaton home and all attended church services together at the New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday.

This will result in over 2200 family histories in the new Eastland County book when it is published.

Hundreds of hours of volunteer work has been put into the project by the committee which has members representing all portions of the county. It is the goal of the book committee to ship the family stories to the publisher in about 60 days.

Persons wanting to order a book at the pre-publication price can do so by sending a check for \$52.50 plus \$3.68 sales tax to Eastland County History Book, Box 856, Eastland, Tx 76448. If you live out of the county and want your book mailed, please submit \$3.50 for postage. Memorials and tribute pages and business history ads are still available.

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I need to make a correction on an item of news that was reported to me last week. Mollie Stumm received honorable mention in the one act play cast, not to all district one act play cast as reported. Amy Carey was named to the all star cast as previously reported.

I need to apologize to Mrs. Donnie Rone for omitting her name as a great-grandmother to Jamie Lauren, the new arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bledsoe.

The calendar says it's spring and the temp feels like summer BUT the old 'mesquites ain't out yet! I can only remember one time when the old mesquites were fooled. A lot of people already have tomatoes and other tender veggies out. Lets hope these tender plants do not get nipped by Mr. Frosty.

As of April 4th we will pay more to

mail a letter - 25c.

Another item of importance is the time change on April 3rd. We go to daylight savings time. I could get on my soap box about this time but I will spare the readers. I only wish they would just leave it one way or the other.

In the UIL District Meet at Gordon March 26th the following report was given to me:

Michael Norris and Holly Tucker qualified for regional in ready writing at McMurry April 23rd. Mollie Stumm got 5th place in poetry interpretation.

Others participating were: Amy Carey in spelling; Kyle Bryant in number sense; Earl Hamilton, number sense.

April 4-8 is spring break. Have a good time students. Come back refreshed for the last few weeks of school!

PTO would like to thank all who came to participate and those who came to watch the Donkey Basketball game March 28th.

Had a good number in church Sunday. The visitors were too num-

**CANTERBURY VILLA**

The March birthday party for residents having March birthdays will be held Thursday, March 31 at 2 p. m. The Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club will help. Those having honors are Ida Lewis, Ola Hirst and Ernest Barnes. Friends and relatives are welcome to come and share with their loved ones.

Those coming from the Methodist Church at 2:30 Sunday were Rev. Rawlyn Richter, Velma Bennett, Lucretia Fairbetter, Jo Leach, Mary Keyser, Junior Fairbetter, Olga Kinser, and a guest, Richard Kinser of Eastland.

At 4:30 p. m. those from the erous to name for fear I might omit someone. A number of folks went to the Gorman nursing home Sunday for their regular monthly service. As always, the people from the church come back uplifted, as well as the residents.

Kenneth Snider and daughter, Julie of Rosebud, Ark. visited the Collin Campbells over the weekend. Sunday afternoon the Campbells visited their daughter, Addie Walker and family of Burkett.

Mrs. Meita Hornor of Brownwood visited her daughter, Mrs. Ed Stumm and family over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGaha and family of Odessa visited his parents, Royce and Hope McGaha, over the weekend.

Yours truly spent a few days last week with my daughter and family, the Stan Tuckers of Sweetwater.

Still no rain, so lets don't slack up on our carefulness of fires. I won't even drive my pickup in my pasture for fear I might cause a fire. Until we get a good rain the fire hazard will exist. Please lets all remember to be extra careful.

**CITY CHIT CHAT**  
By Charlie L. Garrett, Mayor

We had a successful day with the rabies shots. At 3:15, they had taken care of 94 animals. I want to thank all of you who brought your pets and Dr. Atchison asked that I express his thanks. He admitted that they were a little slow, but if they come back again, they learned what they could do to speed up the process.

Remember that next week, April 4 through 8, is Clean Up Week. I urge you to help us by getting your trash ready for pickup. It must be where it can be loaded by the hands. When you have it ready, call 734-2317 and tell Sue what you have and where it will be located and we will get to it as soon as possible.

The Street Sign project is coming along well. We have collected \$3,056 on the project, thanks to a donation by Birdsong Peanuts. As you will recall, we had set April 1 as the date to have the project completed, so if you have not contributed and wish to do so, make your contribution at the City Hall. After April 1, I will have a list published in the paper of those who have helped.

You will recall that a few weeks ago I stated that the Commission had voted to refund water deposits to those who had not had a late payment in the last twelve months. We ran into some problems with this and had to make some changes. Starting with January 1, 1988, those who go through 1988 with no late payments may ask for your refund after January 1, 1989 and those who make deposits during the year may request the refund twelve months after making the deposit.

If you are not registered to vote, you have until April 7 to do so in order to vote in the City Election. We have applications for this at the City Office and there are other places around town where you may pick up one. Voting is the main way that we have of expressing our views by voting for the candidate best suited for the position. Register now. All you have to do is fill out the card and write Eastland and zip code and drop it in the mail with postage prepaid.

**55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING COURSE TO BE TAUGHT**

Mr. Garrett will be teaching a course of driver improvement April 7 and 8th at the Senior Citizens Center.

Classes will begin at 8 a. m. and run to 12 noon each day. Those who get credit for the course must attend both sessions. Upon completion, you

taining us with guitar solos. We are sorry to report Mrs. Burleson is a patient in the De Leon Hospital, and Bernice Haynes is in the Stephenville Hospital. We wish these ladies a speedy recovery.

**OUT OF TOWN GUESTS ATTEND O'NEAL FUNERAL AND VISIT JOE**

Out of town guests visiting with Rev. J. W. O'Neal and attending the funeral of Thelma O'Neal included Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mohon, Jr. of De Leon, Deane Christian, De Leon, Rev. and Mrs. Jimalee George, Haskell, Barbara Hale, San Antonio, Ruthie Spencer, and Lois Schrade, San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rotramel and Brandon, Bangs, Teresa (Fields) Nachtigall and Taylor, Morgan Mill, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Anderson, Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hagan and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dorsett, Carbon, Clifford Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blancet and Rev. Dwaine Clower, Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. James Thackerson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan, Yancy and Kelly, and Ima Boles, Clyde, Mrs. Marvin Adams, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mearse, Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Redman, Jeremy, Christy, Brian, Mr. and Mrs. David Mudry, Courtney, Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sims, Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rodgers, Olden, Mrs. Ed Gilley, McCaulley, Lyod and Bobbie Glasson and Wayne Eaves, Desdemona, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoy, Plano, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ferguson, Matthew, Cliff and Blake, Dennison, LaVon Snider, Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schroeder, Floresville, Rev. Ken George, Albuquerque, N. M., Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Wilson, Stephenville, Allene Reeves, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Jolly, David and Dorothy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor, Wanda Keller, Bill Manning, Louise Earnest, J. C. Amburn, Reece N. Rodgers, Joe H. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus O'Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Griffith, Rev. Jim and Brenda, Jim Don, Billy Andrews Mamie Little, all of Eastland, Nelda Fails and Sharon Welch, Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal, Major Gen. (Retired) Willie L. and Billie Sue Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Scott and Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Don Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bryant, all of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Don O'Neal, Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Boiles, Mrs. Joe Carter and Mrs. Kelly Scott, all of Hamlin.

**KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS**

Nevin and Kathy Foster of Carlsbad, N. M. visited his mother, Lorene Foster, and his brother, Gene Foster and family, recently. Also his daughter, Cindy Foster of Fort Worth, met them here.

On Sunday Lorene Foster and Pernia Faye Smith accompanied Gene and Carolyn Foster to Mineral Wells South Side Church of Christ to a homecoming.

will receive a 10 percent discount on some of your auto insurance. The cost for the course is \$7, which pays for all materials.

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Bro. Ron Carroll of First Baptist Church brought our Wednesday devotional.

Johnny Story, recently employed by Canterbury Villa, has been enter-

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## Rites Held For Roy C. Lindley Held On Tuesday

Roy C. Lindley, 81, of Fort Worth, passed away at his home on Sunday, March 27th.

Services were held at 10 a. m.

Tuesday at Greenwood Garden Chapel with Ronald Moore officiating. Graveside services were held at 3 p. m. at De Leon Cemetery directed by Greenwood Funeral Home.

He was born in Texas. He was a member of Church of Christ and was an escrow officer at a title company.

Survivors include his wife, Finis Lindley of Fort Worth; two daughters, Trevelyn Sawyer of Gatesville and Janelle Benton of Austin; a

## Defensive Driving Course Set For April 11-13

Cisco Junior College will offer a Defensive Driving Course April 11 and 13 from 6-10 p. m. The course will meet in room 3 of Rudolph Schaefer Hall. Fee for the course is

\$20. Enrollment fees MUST be paid no later than 3 p. m. on April 7. No late registration fees will be accepted. Students must attend both nights of class.

For more information contact Charlotte Speegle at 442-2567, ext. 122.

## UMW Meets With Mildred Whitt On March 28

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church met in the home of Mildred Whitt on Monday, March 28 at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Ruby Acrea opened the meeting with prayer.

Ruth Higginbottom was the Bible study leader for the second session of the Acts of the Apostles. She brought the study of the early church as recorded in the study. The parallels between members of the early Christian community and the Christian in today's society were discussed. Day of Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Ghost was heard. Many are converted after Peter's sermon. Some of the miracles performed by the Apostles were given, and also discussed the imprisonment of Peter and John by the Jewish rulers. The church then prayed to God to increase the faith. With each session we discuss the verses of the Bible and it helps us all to read our scriptures more and pray for each other and how we can help others and put our Christian faith into action.

Ruth said we would study the 6th chapter through the 9th chapter for our next meeting, being the 18th of April. Come be with us.

Mildred served delicious refreshments of sandwiches and chips, pickles, chocolate covered nuts and fruit cake with coffee and tea to Lucretia Fairbetter, Tommy Haile, Bobbie Brown, Velma Bennett, Ruby Acrea, Ruth Higginbottom, Theresa Parker, Helen Chandler, Pauline Dennis and Esther Bolt.

## DESDEMONA NEWS

VONNIE GUTHERY  
Phone 758-2665

Nell Griffith, a former resident of Desdemona, was buried last week in

\$20. Enrollment fees MUST be paid no later than 3 p. m. on April 7. No late registration fees will be accepted. Students must attend both nights of class.

For more information contact Charlotte Speegle at 442-2567, ext. 122.

## Earneystine Annie Davis Laid To Rest Tuesday

Earneystine Annie Davis, 75, died Sunday, March 27th at her home in Gorman.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Denton Valley Cemetery.

Born in Girard, she lived in Gorman most of her life. She operated a laundrymat for 40 years. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include two sons, Drennan C. Garner and Dewey P. Garner, both of Perryton; four brothers, P. D. Cate of Mineral Wells, Vernon Cate of Moran, R. J. Cate of Big Spring, and J. L. Cate of Eastland; two sisters, Billie Dupuy of Snyder and Edwinn Collins of Azle; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Anna Rush and Leland Warren visited friends and relatives in West Texas over the weekend.

Charlie and Oma Dee Garrett had their son and family for a visit and lunch on Sunday. Those visiting were J. T. Judy, Jeremy and Jason.

We were happy to have Estelle Craddock, Howard and Georgia Iley eat with us Tuesday. Ollie Robbins, Dr. and Mrs. Brown were back. Also Graydon and Velda Baze.

Sunbelt Savings furnished the ham for our Easter dinner. Thanks, it was delicious.

## KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Visitors over the weekend with the L. D. Hollidays were Debbie and Melissa Sanders of Odessa, Gloria and Sabrina Glasson of Gorman and Ruth Sanders of De Leon.

Erin Trantham of Lubbock, 5 year old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snelson, is here for an Easter visit. She says she loves to come to Gorman for Easter because there is an Easter Bunny and Puppet Show here, and Lubbock does not have one.

Jessie Lee Jones and Pernia Faye Smith were in Big Spring for a visit with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bennett. While there they attended the wedding of their great niece, Kristi Farquhar, and Jeff Payne in Odessa.

## Dr. Hazelip To Present Program On Aids & Healthy Lifestyles For Women

The Eastland County Extension Homemakers Clubs are sponsoring a program on AIDS and Healthy Lifestyles for Women this coming Thursday, March 31, in the TU Electric Reddy Room in Eastland. The program will begin at 2 p. m.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Sandy Hazelip. Dr. Hazelip is a medical doctor in Eastland.

The public is invited to attend this free program.

## Eddie Jo Leach Laid To Rest

Eddie Jo Leach, 57, died Monday at her residence here.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rawlyn Richter officiating, assisted by Richard Watson. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery.

Born in Jones County, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Leach of Missouri and Kelly Branch of Weatherford; a brother, W. B. West, Jr. of Hale Center; four sisters, Elva Skiles of Stamford, Era Lee Blacet of Gorman, Emola Thompson of California and Mona Taylor of Midland; and a grandchild.

Forsan. She attended school in Desdemona. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Dave Griffith of Forsan; three brothers, Otis of Lake Leon, Burhl of Forsan and Royce of Big Spring; two sisters, Evelyn Burleson of Fort Worth and Loretta Crenshaw of Alba. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Robyn Griffith of Odessa is visit-

ing this week with her grandparents, Bernard and Ann Keith and her parents, Tami and Bill Sanders of Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Baker of Pampa visited this week with their son, Bobby and Joan Baker.

Alta Mae Wilcoxson and Judy Banta of Odessa visited the weekend with her son, Randall and Cheryl Wilcoxson.

## Thanks To The Voters Of Precinct 5

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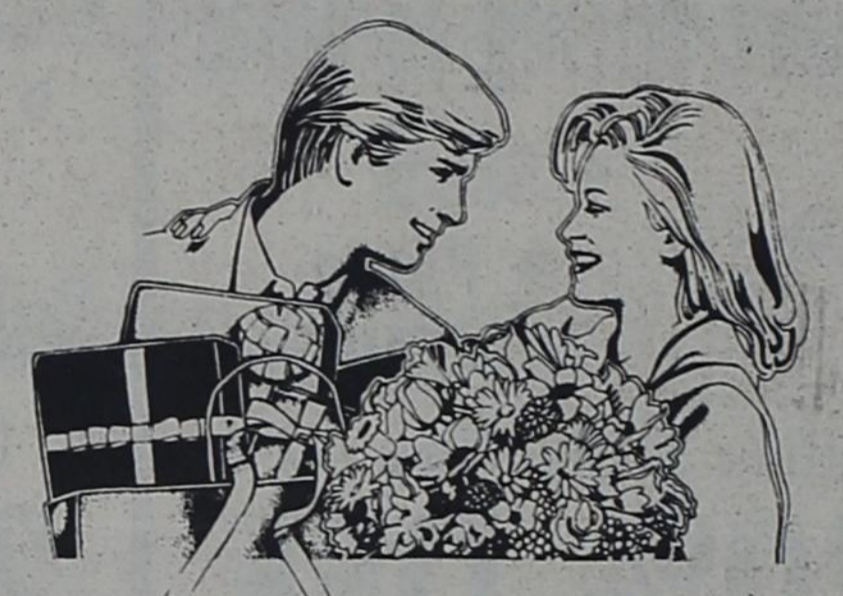
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# Eastland officials vote to purchase land to expand crowded jail

EASTLAND — Eastland County now has room to expand its jail.

Commissioners voted Monday afternoon to issue a check for the purchase of the north half of the city block adjoining the jail and sheriff's office.

The \$74,429 payment to the Lasater Estate gives the county ownership of the entire block.

Since December 1986, the county has been mandated to ease crowding in its present 8-year-old jail by housing no more than 25 properly segregated prisoners at one time. Eighteen prisoners were in jail Monday.

Inspectors from the Texas Jail Standards Commission are scheduled to eyeball the jail Wednesday to determine if several deficiencies have been corrected.

Commissioner Billy Bacon Jr. reported that it was necessary to install a new hot water heater over the past weekend. The bill for the 92-gallon heater and its installation totaled \$2,157.

In other business, commissioners heard a report on conditions of 64 county bridges by Woody Howell, consulting engineer for the Texas Highway Department in Brownwood.

Howell said a bridge that crosses the Sabanno River near Gorman should be closed. He also offered suggestions on strengthening the bridge.

Commissioners were warned that 18 additional bridges must have load limit signs posted within 30 days.

## CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank the following friends and neighbors for their help, with labor and money, to preserve and fence the Morgan Cemetery on the Windham Ranch. They are Vardie Huff, Troyat Underwood, Johnny Landreth, Gene Underwood, R. C. Harrington, Bobby Underwood, Terri Bencze, Doyle Poyner, L. T. Hagood, John McKeehan and Ollie Rollins.

E. L. Curb

(Editor's Note: Mr. E. L. Curb furnished all the material for the fence.)

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## Eastland County

**Democrats' meeting:** Eastland County Democrats elected Dr. D.A. Dunn of Rising Star as permanent chairman of the county convention Saturday.

Dunn will head the delegates from Eastland County to the state Democratic Convention June 17-18 in Houston.

Ann Murray of Eastland was elected permanent secretary of the convention. Murray also will be a delegate.

Other delegates include: June Hicks of Cisco, Ken Halford of Carbon, D.W. Powell of Ranger, Olin Odum III of Cisco, Emory Walton of Eastland, R.G. Lyerla of Eastland, J.V. Heyser of Cisco, Phyllis Halford of Carbon, Due Pullman of Eastland and Truman Kirk of Cisco.

## Texas A&M specialist says education programs reduce athletic drug abuse

COLLEGE STATION — Custom-designed educational programs would do more to reduce drug abuse among athletes than drug testing, which has inherent problems in cost, accuracy and administration, says a Texas A&M University specialist in sports sociology.

Such programs should be tailored to the unique history and sport personalities of athletic programs, said Dr. Steven Picou, who studied drug use among hundreds of basketball players at numerous colleges and in the pros from 1939 through 1982.

"So far, efforts at controlling drug use in competition have focused on drug tests, but some authorities claim that tests would be a waste of money — given that such tests haven't reduced use," he said.

Picou's studies showed that while drug use among athletes since the 40's has expanded from drinks after the game to commonplace use of drugs to treat injuries, the largest growth has been in recreational use — perhaps prompted by increased pressure to win.

## Eastland County

**AIDS talk:** Dr. Sandy Hazelip will speak to the Eastland County Extension Homemaker Club at 2 p.m. Thursday about AIDS and healthy lifestyles for women.

The group will meet at the Texas Utility Reddy Room in Eastland.

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**Commissioners' meeting:** Eastland County Commissioners Monday turned down a request from the mayor of Gorman to pay a utility bill.

Mayor Charlie Garrett requested relief from a \$3,713 assessment the city has received for relocating utilities inside the city limits where FM 2921 is being widened and improved.

Garrett told commissioners that Gorman citizens pay county taxes too and "shouldn't be treated like stepchildren."

District Attorney Emory Walton, however, said an opinion from the state attorney general's office stated county funds can be used inside city limits providing the money has been properly budgeted, Walton said.

Commissioners decided they could not consider Garrett's request for assistance in paying the bill as no money has been budgeted.

**In other business:**

■ Commissioners approved paying Pat French, court reporter for 91st District Court, \$14,542 for transcribing testimony in the trial of Brenda Perry Andrews. The transcript is to be used in an appeal by Andrews.

■ They approved renaming the Eastland County Child Welfare Board to Eastland County Child Protective Service Board.

■ They approved advertising for bids for typewriter maintenance.

## Texas A&M demographer says farm decline adds to demise of rural life

COLLEGE STATION — More than 25 percent of the nation's farmers may be out of business in the next three to five years, further adding to the demise of rural life in America, says a demographer at Texas A&M University.

"Agriculture is facing the most severe financial crisis since the 1930's and some analysts estimate that more than 25 percent of all existing agricultural producers will be forced to leave farming in the next three to five years," said Dr. Steve Murdock, a researcher for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and head of Texas A&M's Rural Sociology Department.

Farm debt is the biggest problem, he said. In 1985, the American farmer's average debt-to-asset ratio was 24.8 percent, said Murdock, pointing out that farm debt amounted to \$192 billion with assets amounting to more than \$771 billion. From 1980 to 1985, farm debt increased by 13 percent while assets decreased by 23.3 percent, he said.

"The problem in Texas is most substantial in the Plains and lowest in Central Texas. The producers most likely to have the highest debt are young, well-educated, but started farming after 1970 when interest rates were high," he said.

"The loss of a substantial proportion of our producers has severe implications for rural communities dependent on agriculture. It appears likely that many such communities will lose key services and drop below the population threshold necessary to remain viable trade centers," he said.

## Texas A&M researchers develop software to assist farmers

COLLEGE STATION — Artificial intelligence-inspired computer programs to aid farmers in making decisions — and consequently higher profits — are being developed at Texas A&M University.

The new concept of agricultural computer programs incorporates the best thinking of an array of authorities, technical knowledge based on experience and research and simulation models that can be used for projecting results.

"These days there are so many things to consider in producing and marketing a crop and in keeping up with farm policy that it's almost impossible for farmers to rely on their own judgment. There is simply more information available than farmers can effectively or efficiently use," says Robert Coulson of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's TAES Knowledge Engineering Laboratory at Texas A&M.

To help farmers deal with the myriad information that must be processed, researchers are developing "artificial intelligence" that mimic thought processes people use in solving problems, Coulson reports.

Integrated expert systems are based on expert opinions obtained from farmers, technical knowledge also obtained from farmers and from research, and simulation models that can be used for projecting things such as crop yields or the impact insects may have, he said.

## Peanut support level set

The national average support level for 1988 crop quota peanuts will be \$615.27 per short ton, up \$7.80 per short ton from the 1987 level, Acting Secretary of Agriculture Peter C. Myers said.

The national average support level for 1988 crop additional peanuts will be \$149.75 per short ton, unchanged from 1987.

The 1988 crop additional peanuts owned or controlled by the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation will be sold for export edible use at no less than \$400 per ton, the same minimum price as for the 1987 crop.

The Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, requires that the national average support level for the 1988 crop of quota peanuts reflect any increase in the national average cost of peanut production for the preceding year, excluding any change in cost of land. The act also provides that the quota support rate for the crop may not exceed the support rate for the preceding crop by more than 6 percent.

The national average support level for 1988 crop quota peanuts was increased from the 1987 level of \$607.47 per short ton based on data which indicated that the cost of producing 1987 crop quota peanuts was greater than the cost of producing 1986 crop peanuts.

## Peanut meeting in De Leon

The Comanche County Field Crops Committee has set a peanut short course for March 30 at the De Leon City Hall.

The day-long program will include lunch so producers planning to attend the program must pre-register by calling the county extension office at (915) 356-2539 before noon Friday.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will cover topics such as chemigation changes, plant diseases, peanut variety development, weed control and soil fertility.

Mary Webb, Texas Peanut Producers Board, will discuss the peanut check-off referendum. Another segment of the program will update the Texas Right to Know Act and peanut program information.

All interested peanut producers are encouraged to attend.

## ITEM OF INTEREST

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If you are sixty (60) years of age and a customer of the bank, checking or savings, you will be eligible.

Correspondence detailing the trips will be mailed to people who want to join.

A name update is needed. If you or your spouse are sixty, call the bank and leave your name, address and telephone number. There will be charges for each trip, but each will be made as reasonable as possible. The bank will absorb part of the expenses.

Citizens State Bank is excited about this new endeavor. We are interested in you, our senior customers. We hope this will enable you to get out and take some trips you might not be able to do otherwise.

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