# Gorman Progress

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JD **Press Points** - Joe Bennett, Publisher

-J-We finally received some measurable precipitation on Friday and Friday night. Most folks in the area reported about one inch of rain, with some reporting about one and a half inches. At least we know now that it can still rain in our area. We sure could use a lot more rainfall to fill the low (and dry) stock tanks. But let's not to be thankful to the Lord for what we did receive. It was great! \_J\_

The better half and I had the privilege of attending the De Leon Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Monday night. And the food was marvelous. Altha Wilkerson was awarded the Golden Deeds Award. Trent Thomas was named Man of the Year, and Sue Wilson was named Woman of the Year.

We really enjoyed the fellowship,

# **BENEFIT STEW** SUPPER SET **FEBRUARY** 18

The annual Benefit Stew Supper at Kokomo will he held on Saturday, February 18th from 5 till 8 p. m. at the Kokomo Community Center. The annual event is sponsored by the Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club.

Cost will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

So come on out and enjoy the great stew these ladies prepare, along woth the fun and fellowship of friends and neighbors.

Proceeds always go to a worthy cause.

## -GP-**Ova Lee Johnson Services Set** Thursday

Services for Ova Lee Johnson, 77, will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday at the Eastside Baptist Church in Ranger with the Rev. Jerry Speer officiating. Burial will be in the

# Alice Burleson Laid To Rest

Alice O. Burleson, 89, passed away on Wednesday, January 25th at Canterbury Villa in Gorman.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Payne Hattox officiating, assisted by Curtis Maness. Burial was in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman.

Born in Oxford, Miss., she was a longtime resident of Gorman. She was a homemaker, a member of the Church of Christ and the widow of Russell Burlseon.

Survivors include two sons, Harold L. Burleson of Benbrook and Bob Burleson of Stephenville; a daughter, Imogene Norris of Carbon; a brother, Robert McClellan of Gorman; a sister, Iola Wilkins of Stephenville; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. -GP-

# **George A. Norris Services Held**

George A. Norris, 74, passed away Tuesday, January 24th in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 3 p. m. Thursday at the Bakker Funeral

Home Chapel in Eastland with the

Rev. Haston Brewer officiating. Bur-

ial was in the Simpson Cemetery,

Born in Eastland, he was a lifelong

resident. A retired farmer and

rancher, he was a former member of

the Eastland County Sheriff's Posse

and a member of the Primitive

He was the widow of Adeline

Survivors include a son, Gary

Norris of Carbon; three daughters,

Patsy (Mrs. Pat) Collins of Ranger,

Leta (Mrs. Carroll) Hogan of Gorman

and Carol (Mrs. Otis) Skinner of

Midland; two brothers, Elmer Norris

of Ralls and Paul Norris of Eastland;

seven sisters, Lettie Pullig of Sweet-

water, Faye Hadderton of Jacksboro,

Juanita Broom of Ranger and Lorena

Phelps, Cleo Duncan, Louise Dorsey

and Winnette Maynard, all of East-

land; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-

grandchildren; and numerous nieces

\_J\_

And remember to smile - - because

of folks sure hate to see it come.

near Kokomo.

Baptist Church.

and nephews.

Norris.

## **Carol Jo Long and Rusty Freed To Pledge Vows**



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Long of Bluegrove, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Jo to Rusty Freed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Freed of Carbon, Texas. They plan to be married on June 17, 1989 at the First Baptist Church in Henrietta, Texas.

Ms. Long is a 1988 graduate of Midwestern State University and is presently employed as a Girl's Basketball coach for the Burleson I.S.D. Mr. Freed is a 1983 and 1987 graduate of Tarleton State University and is employed as the Assistant Director for the Small Business Development Center and Adjunct Instruct of Management at Tarleton.

away Sunday night, January 29th.

Cemetery on Wednesday.

lished in next weeks Progress.

**CARD OF THANKS** 

helpful to me at the time of my foot

surgery. The cards, phone calls and

food were greatly appreciated, and it

proves again that the people of

president-elect, he did not try to use

the excuse that he had already

served a term as president and did

not hesitate in agreeing to serve. His

response was, "I will help out

"I think that one statement epito-

mizes the reason why our Citizen of

the Year is Fred Bennett," Anderson

Fred is the son of the late Mr. and

Mrs. Arthur Bennett of Gorman. He

has two brothers, Bill, of Weather-

ford, and Joe of Gorman. One

brother, L. A. Bennett, is deceased.

**Congratulations Fred!** 

wherever I can."

said.

Mozelle Rhymes

Gorman are the best folks on earth.

Thanks to friends who were so

# **Gorman Public** Library To Open **February 6th**

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FEBRUARY 2, 1989

On Monday, February 6, 1989, the Gorman Public Library will be open for business. We will be starting small, but we have had some really great books donated and with help of enthusiastic volunteers and Mrs. Hazel Smith, our regular employee, we will be able to give to all of Gorman and surrounding area some very good reading. We would love to see the library grow; learn what books are most enjoyed by people of the community to serve everyone better and start reading programs for young readers.

If you have good books you would like to donate we would love to have them (excluding out-dated reference books and text books.) We can also use volunteers to work and help with maintaining the library.

Library hours will be every afternoon from Monday thru Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. except on Tuesday when we will be opne from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

> Ida Chandler Librarian

# A. J. "Sonny" Wright Laid To Rest Thursday

A. J. "Sonny" Wright passed away on Wednesday, January 25th at a Granbury hospital. He was 70.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Granbury. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery with Martin's Funeral Home of Granbury in charge of arrangements. Mr. Wright was born in Gorman, He was a retired pumper for Perry R. Bass Enterprises and a member of First Baptist Church. He served in Pat Isbell Services the navy during WW II. Survivors include his wife, Nelda Pat Isbell of Grand Prairie passed Wright of Granbury; two sons, Rian Clark of Peru and Danny Clart of Services for Mr. Isbell were held Oklahoma; one doughter, Giessi on Wednesday in Grand Prairie with Griffith of Round Rock; two sisters, graveside rites at the De Leon Grace Yarbrough of Gorman and Frankie Mullins of Breckenridge; A complete obituary will be pubthree grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild.

food and speaker, Bob Walsh. -J-

As the days go by, don't forget to be sure and make your calendar for the upcoming Lions Benefit Basketball games on Tuesday, March 14th. There will be a game between two mens teams and also a "battle" between two women's teams who are really planning a big "grudge" match. The Lions hope to have the Gorman Red Hots lined up for a performance between games if their schedule permits.

Also the Lions Club will be selling those great Lion Burgers prior to and during the games.

The proceeds from the benefit game will go to the Tennis Court pledge of the Lions and also to purchase some of the livestock of the Gorman students at the County Livestock Show.

-J-

We have been notified that there are still some of the Eastland County Centennial Books (1873-1973) still available for \$2.50 each. They may be purchased at Foster Floral. It was thought that all the books had ben sold, but box of books were found. So if you want one of the books, they are available at Foster Floral.

-J-

We have not received any more information on the Eastland County Historical Book. The committee was working at last report to get all the proofing completed on the stories and were seeking more folks to purchase books so that there would be enough funds to publish the books.

Maybe we will have another report on this soon.

-J-

We have no further information to report on the prison unit project for Eastland County.

The committee met at Eastland on January 25th. It was reported at that time that the site committee was trying to make a decision on the possible site for the unit, but at the time no final decision was announced. This project would be a very large boost to the economy of our county and could give our area a great boost when it is needed the most.

A few folks were mentioning the point of being afraid if some prisoner escaped. We talked to folks in the area of the prison units at Palestine and they stated they were not concerned about that at all. For one thing there are just no escapes from this type of prison unit, and if there is it is a trustee-type prisoner. Besides all that folks, if someone does escape from the prison they are only interested in getting as far away from the prison as quickly as they can. They are not interested in staying around in the area of the prison. And after seeing the Michael Unit near Palestine recently, I have no doubt that no one gets out of a newly designed unit like this one unless its time to release them. The unit which is being sought by ECEDC is a model of the Michael Unit. Maybe we will have more on this project soon.

Merriman Cemetery, directed by Edwards Funeral Home. She died Sunday at a Cisco nursing home.

Born in Gorman, she was a longtime resident of Ranger and later moved to Olden. She attended school at Kokomo, worked at Ranger General Hospital and the Ranger Senior Citizens Center.

She was a member of the Eastside Baptisr Church and the widow of Lanham C. Johnson.

Survivors include a son, Bill Johnson of North Sioux City, S. D.; a sister, Ressie V. Grafton of Las Cruces, N. M.; and a grandson, Derrik Dwayne Johnson.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonalds.

be really cold by the time the Progress hits the mail. At first the weatherman reported the "Blue Norther" wouldn't reach us for a couple of more days, but that report has now changed and it looks as though we are in for a real cold spell, just after we have been heated up with high temperatures for awhile. Oh well, I guess we will take what comes whether we like it or not. We do need some cold weather, but lots



EDNA WATSON FAMILY 4TH GENERATION - Mrs. Edna Watson is shown with her 4th generation family - left to right - Mary Tecson of Abilene, Mary Ellen De Villier of Gaudeau, La. and Mrs. Edna Watson of Gorman and Ashley De Villier.



# Fred Bennett Named Citizen of The Year At Cleburne

Fred Bennett was selected as the 1988 Citizen of the Year by the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce and honored him at the chamber's 70th anniversary membership meeting and awards banquet last Thursday night in the Cleburne Civic Center.

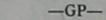
The Citizen of the Year award is given to the person who has made outstanding contributions to the betterment of the community.

Last years's award winner, William R. "Bill" Anderson, made the presentation and brought out the cutstanding accomplishments of Fred and his untiring efforts for the betterment of the community.

Fred is a veteran of the Air Force, a former scoutmaster who earned the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest honor, has held several jobs during his lifetime, is a past president of the Cleburne Lions Club, has served trhee terms on the Cleburne Chamber board of directors and during one of those terms served mor than one year as president. Fred is an active member of the Ambassador's Club, has served on several committees and is always willing to help out anywhere he can. He has been active in the Golden Prode Band Boosters. He serves as an unofficial member of the Contact Club and signs up at least one new member for the chamber each year.

Fred was born in Gorman and began working for The Gorman Progress newspaper when he was 14. One of the better things he did in life was that he married Peggy Bell in 1950. Peggy is the daughter of Mrs. George Bell and the late George Bell of Gorman.

The couple have three sons, Gary who lives in Cleburne, and sons Bradley and Scott; Mike, who is an architect in Dallas; and Mark, who is an honor student at the Art Institute in Dallas.



# **Claude B. Baker**

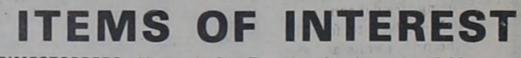
Services for Claude B. Baker, 80, were held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Jeffress officiating, assisted by the Rev. Shon Munoz. Burial was in the Eastland Cemetery.

He passed away Friday in Temple. Born in Curtis, he was a longtime Eastland resident. He was a laborer, a member of the First Baptist Church, attended the Southside Pentecostal Church and was a U. S. Army veteran of WW II.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl Baker of Eastland; a stepson, Charles Graham of Azle; two stepdaughters, Joyce Elmore of Eastland and Bonnie Williams of Carbon; 14 stepgrandchildren; and 15 step-greatgrandchildren.

The children of Mr. 'and Mrs. Gerald Scitern invite you to attend their Parents Jwenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary on Debruary 4th, 1989 from seven o'clock to nine o'clock p.m. at the Gorman Fire Hall

All friends and relatives cordially invited to attend.



If the weatherman is correct it will and Christa Cotten.

EDNA WATSON SECOND FAMILY 4TH GENERATION - Mrs. Edna Watson, right is shown with a second family 4th Generation, Ga La Riddle of Stephenville, Donnie Cotten of Jackson, Mississippi

When the nominating committee contacted Fred about being nominated to the board of directors as

#### **CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Alice Burleson wish to express their appreciation to the personnel at Higginbothams Funeral Home for the kindness extended to the family.

We wish to thank the Chruch of Christ for the delicious food and the music for the service.

We are grateful to all the personnel at Canterbury Villa for the kindness and loving care given to Aluce during her stay there.

Also our thanks to all the friends and relatives for the many words of comfort and condolences. All of these things are sincerely appreciated by the family.

> Harold Burleson family Paul Norris family Bobby Burleson family

CRIMESTOPPERS will meet the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. . . . . . . . . . .

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 CHAPTER 443 ORDER OF EASTER STAR** 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. . . . . . . . . . .

Changed Lives Come About Through A.A. And Al-Anon Meetings at 8 P.M. on Monday and Thursday at 506 Sipe Springs Road, Old Agriculture Building, De Leon, Texas. For further information call 639-2311.

There will be a Musical at Sipe Springs Community Center on Saturday night, February 4th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. A special invitation to all musicians.

Lone Cedar County Club Game Day and Luncheon will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 3rd. . . . . . . . . . .

Gorman PTO is accepting Donations for the Louise Rankin Memorial Library. If you would like to make a Donation in Memory of or In Honor of Someone, Please Call Janda Taylor at 734-2497 or 734-2617. . . . . . . . . . .

Gorman PTO Cookbooks are now on Sale for \$3.00. Call 734-3263 or 758-2531 to place your order.

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THE GORMAN PROGRESS



The Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club came on Thursday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m. to help residents having January birthdays celebrate.

Newcome, Bill Spradlin and Velma Bennett made music and sang for entertainment.

Honorees were Iola Johnson, Buddy Eaves, Wayne Forrest, Emma Shugart and **Berta Thomas** 

The Church of Christ gave lotion, the First Baptist Church gave liquid soap, the Methodist Church and Velma Bennett gave beautiful birthday cards.

Mary Frances Bishop, Wynelle Brown, Velma Bennett, Nell Bruner served cookies, brownies and punch assisted by Krystal Brown of Carbon.

Dixie Pack baked the Brownies and Velma Bennett made the birthday cakes. The Home has a new Activity Director Bill Spradlin of Lake Brownwood, He is married to Jo Spradlin and has two daugthers Laurie Spradlin of Brownwood and Mrs. Debbie Bean of San Angelo.

Guests were Alpha Mae Andry and Dixie Pack. The Home regrets the passing away of

two residents Alice Burleson, 89, passed away Wednesday, January 25 at Canterbury Villa. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Higginbothams. Payne Hattox and Curtis Maness held the services with burial in

HAPPY

THIRTEENTH

CIPTHDAY

From Guess Who??

Gorman Cemetery. She was the widow of Russell Burleson.

She is survived by two sons Harold Burleson of Benbrook, Bob Burleson of Georgia Welch, Orville and Jeany Stephenville and a daughter Imogene Norris of Carbon, a brother Robert McClellan of Canterbury Villa, a sister Iola Wilkins of Stephenville, 10 grand children and 20 great-grandchildren.

Leo Raymond Lewallen, 86, died January 24 in De Leon Hospital. He was a Baptist and retired Carpenter. He has a daughter Carolyn Gibbs of Kokomo and a L.V.N. at Canterbury Villa. Interment was in a Mineral Wells Cemetery.

George Norris, 74, of Eastland and father of Leta Hogan, formerly of Canterbury Villa passed away on January 24 at Abilene. We extend sympathy to all the families.

Clara Mae Rich enjoyed her visitors Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whilley and daughter and Toy Wesley Holt of Dublin, Lesa and Delores Rich, Welda Holt, Terry Holt, and Toy Holt of De Leon.

We are happy to have two new residents. Edna Joyce Brinegar

Edna Joyce has come to stay for a while as she has a broken arm.

Mrs. Brinegar is married to John Brinegar and they have two sons, John Edwin and Sammy. He mother is Edna Watson, and her aunt Ora Mae Atchison is a resident of Canterbury Villa. Polly Coker

## ..... FEBRUARY 2, 1989 Janet Adams, Joan Fraley and Kathy Tor-

Mrs. Polly Coker has one sister in Goe man, Geneva Bailey, a neice Bonnie Witt, L.V.N. of Canterbury Villa staff. Lucille Broom is a neice and Jack Blackshere a nephew, all of Gorman. Dere On Sunday morning Bro. Ron Caroll of Gorman First Baptist Church taught the

Sunday School lesson. At 2:30 those coming from the Carbon: Baptist Church were Rev. Sherl Taylor, Ike Whitson, Lyunn and Rosetta Hogan, James in Marion Dennis. and Charlene: Thackerson, Gricket Walker, Billie Stacy and R. Lee McDaniels. 376 3 At 4:00 p.m. those from the Gormany Church of Christ were Bro. Curtis and Netam Maness, Bro. T. A. Grice, Dora Faye Brewer, P. Christine Self. Dee Smithey, Lorene Foster, Allie Mae George, Juanita Files, Georgie and Frankie Stacy, Sythia Alldride, Zena, Simpson, Jonda and Tracey Taylor and

Floydene Gilbert Iola Johnson and Robert McClehan beat Ora Mae Atchison and Emma Shugart playing dominoes.

On Monday morning Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Avery of Gorman First Pentecostal gave the devotional at 10:00 A.M.

Those visiting Emma Shugart were Troy and Flossie Dawkins of Abilene and Dixie Pack of Desdemona. We really appreciated the fresh turnips

donated by Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Warren. Lee Fields of Carbon and Jean Jackson of Eastland visited Ola Walker.

Lonnie Rayborne of Scotland, Texas visited his anut Nancy Holloway.

Those visiting Cynthia Earles were Rachel Simpson, Jeannie Grice, Mrs. Gabe Wright, Mrs. Faye Huff and Freddie, Faye Brewer, Lucreitia Fairbetter and Billie Stacy

On Monday we had 5 bingo games. Our helpers were Irene West, Nancy Hendricks,

res. Winners were Ola Walker, Lonzo Coffman - 2 games; Lois Buchanan and Edna Morgan.

Lona Mae Henderson of De Leon and Nancy Riddell of Ft. Worth visited Bernice Haynes

Visiting with Berta Poynor were Richard Kinser of Eastland, Agatha Nance of Desdemona, Billie Stacy of Carbon, Nellie Lucky, Emma Shugart, Mayvis Lasater, Alga Kinser, Frances Sanders and Bro.

Gladys Hale and Billie Stacy of Carbon visited Veno and Annie Hale. Keith Reynolds and Lenis Rice of Carbon visited Iola Johnson

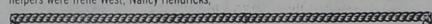
Vert Hallmark of Brownwood, Russell and Wilma Hallmark visited Jess and Irene Hallmark.

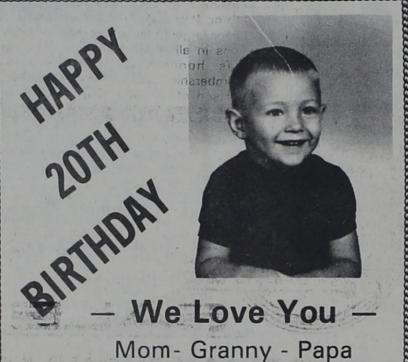
Ora Mae Atchison enjoyed having Chesley and Barbara Atchison of Ft. Worth, Chesley Royce and Evelyn Atchison and son Jessie of Ranger and Faye and Densel Ables.

The singing on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. was real good. Those coming were Dorothy Roberts and Agatha Nance of Desdemona, Billie Stacy and R. Lee McDaniels of CArbon, Melba Frasier, Willo Rice, Joe O'Neal, Nancy Hendricks, Anna Rush, Jr. Fairbetter, Nell Bruner, Bernice Rodgers, Velma Bennett, Ava Rodgers, Lucreita Fairbetter, Janet Adam and Bill Spradlin.

Wednesday morning at 10:00 Nancy Henrdricks helped with Bingo. Winners were Berta Poynor, Emma Shugart, Ora Mae Atchison and Jess Roberts.

The onion was worshipped in ancient Egypt and regarded by the Romans as a God who guarded the kitchen and guided the healing of battle wounds and skin diseases.





## Horse Show To-Be Added To List Of **Events At County Stock Show**

New this year at the Eastland Horsemanship, Western Riding, Barrel Race, Pole Bending and Stakes Race.

Age divisions are Junior (13 years old and under) and Senior (14 years old and over). Age will be calculated as of January 1, 1989.

Ownership date of horse shall be January 15, 1989. Horse may be owned by the family. \* Proff of ownership shall be a) Copy of registration papers; b) Grade horse must have proof of ownership statement certified by a veterinarin to include color, markings, sex, and shot records of that particular horse. \*These must be available upon request.

Each exhibitor is allowed to use only one (1) horse in the qualifying events he has entered. Other horses may be used in the non-qualifying events entered, points from these classes will not count towards Overall High Point In- waiting, this guy drove up, got out dividual.

Class patterns and rules will follow the 1988 Texas 4-H Horse Rules. A copy of these rules may be obtained from the County Extension Agent.

Entry fees are \$8.00 for the 4 qualifying classes you choose to compete in, other classes will be \$2.00 each. Each participant has the option to enter all classes; however, hemay choose only 4 classes to qualify for High Point Individual. Either the Judged Events (Showmanship-at-Halter, Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Western Horsemanship) or The 3 Speed Events (Barrel Race, Pole Bending, Stakes Race, plus Showmanship-at-Halter).

Forms may be picked up at the County Extension Office or from your local Vocational Agriculture teacher.

Awards will include Jr. & Sr. High Point in Judged and Timed Events. Ribbons will be given thru 10th place. Entries are due. March 7th, 1989.

For more information contact Crystal Wilbanks, County Extension Agent.

County Livestock Show! A 1989 State 4-H Horse Show Horse Show, complete with Futurity nominations are due in Showmanship-at-Halter, the County Extension Office Western Pleasure, Western before FEBRUARY 24th. This will include a State 4-H Horse Show entry form and a nomination fee. Futurity classes will include: 2 Year Old Snaffle Bit Pleasure, and 3 Year Old Snaffle Stock Horse Class. Specific rules apply for these classes and may be obtained from the County Agent.

# SCHOOL HILL

I have always fussed to my kids, "no one even flashes me, and when all the 'streaking' was going on, it was always when I wasn't there. I frlt so dull and unexciting. I must be the dullest person alive. All my friends avoided me. Innever had anything exciting to tellaw

Then it happened, when I had almost forgotten such things. I drove in to my favorite drive-in window for a sandwich and tea. While I was and flashed and did things even worse than that. I was so shocked that my eyes almost fell out.

I was very upset, and after a few thoughts, I talked to a policeman.

light gray."

"I believe black!"

-"I don't know. I never noticed!"

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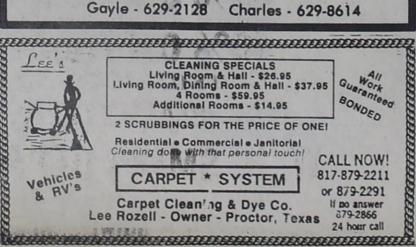
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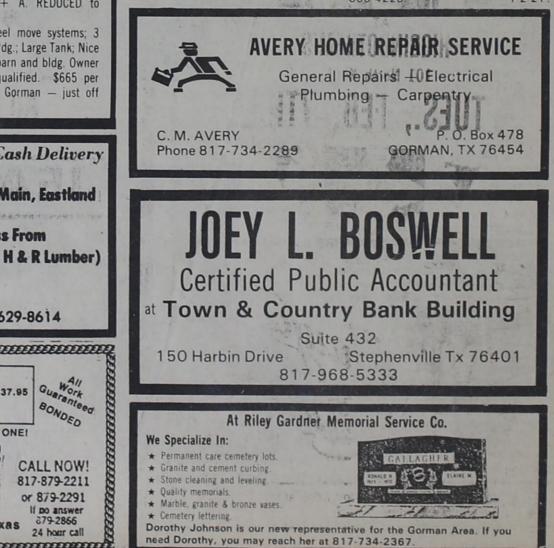
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# **CARBON NEWS**

Dorothy Jackson

Phone 639-2540

At last some long overdue moisture came. It sure was nice to hear the patter of the rain drops on the roof. Did record 11/2 inches. We could use oh so much more. I suppose if it rained slow long enough it would run some water in the drying up tanks. I am very thankful for every drop that fell. Some people in the area reported more or less, but believe most folks did receive some. The long range forecast is saying real winter weather for this weekend. We will just wait and see.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Sue Davis, a teacher at Carbon, on the loss of her husband, Charles Davis of Cisco. Also our sympathy goes out to the families of George Norris. Mr. Norris grew up at Carbon and was the brother of Paul ris, Lorena Phelps, Cleo Duncan,

se Dorsey and Winnette Maynard, all of Eastland; Elmer Norris of Ralls; Lillie Pullig of Sweetwater; Faye Huddleston of Jacksboro, and Juanita Broom of Roger.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Alice Burleson, mother of Mrs. Paul Norris and grandmother of Mrs. Ronnie Pack of Carbon.

Sorry I have omitted James Thackerson's name from the men's group that did special music laymans day at the Baptist Church.

A good turn out for the 5th Sunday singing, and the people enjoyed some great singing. The next singing will be in April. Our attendance has been low for the past few Sundays but had good attendance this Sunday. Mrs. Willie Hines has been able to attend church. Mrs. Hines had been absent for sometime. She had fallen and broke her hip but is able to walk once again. Good to see you Willie.

Some of the young people from our church will be going to Fort Worth Friday afternoon for a youth conference. They will hear Dawson McAllister. Bro. Sherl and Barbara and Kevin Anderson, our youth director, will go as sponsors.

Mr. and Mrs. Mingo Benavindez is visiting her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Higgins, this week. They live at Santa Fe.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McDaniel and J. C. McDaniel were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Joiner and sons of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Webb and sons of Crowley; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDaniel of Athens and Mike Ripple of Stephenville.

The flu is still going strong and now there is an outbreak of chicken pox. Us older people need to try to avoid the flu if possible.

SENIOR **CITIZENS NEWS Mozelle Rhymes** 

Modell Crawley spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Neal, Jennifer and Trey in Houston.

Edgar and Ruth Higginbottom spent Monday and Tuesday in Santo visiting Byron and Fern Rogers. While there, they toured the Possum Kingdon and Mineral Wells area.

Ted Higginbottom of Seminole visited his parents, Edgar and Ruth Higginbottom.

Jolene Bennett of Big Spring spent several days last week visiting with Jessie Lee Jones and Purnia Faye Smith.

Beth Anderson of Cransfill Gap

# James R. Campbell **Potentate Elect** For 1989



James R. Campbell of Abilene was elected Potentate of Suez Shrine Temple on Monday, December 19, 1988 in San Angelo, Texas. Noble Campbell was installed at the Annual Meeting on Monday, January 16, 1989 at the Temple. James was born October 27, 1947 in Sulphur Springs, Texas where he graduated from high school. He received a Bachlor's degree in Public Administration in 1971 from East Texas State University. After graduation, he was employed as Director of Public Works for the City of Big Spring, Texas and attended the

visited with her mother, Mozelle Rhymes, on Sunday.

It is so good to be back after a week of recuperating from foot surgery. A special thanks to everyone for the nice things that were done for me.

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Graduate School of Business at Texas Tech University. In 1975 he was appointed City Manager for the City of Colorado City, Texas where he served for four vears. In late 1978 be became the City Manager for the City of Corsicana. He was employed by First Southwest Company, an investment banking firm, as a municipal financial advisor and relocated to Longview, Texas where he and his family resided for four years. In 1981 James was promoted to Vice President and in 1983 was transferred to the Abilene branch office of the company. James and his lady, Vicki, have two children, Katie, 11, and Reese, 7. Both are students at Bowie Elementary School in Abilene.

Noble Campbell was raised a Master Mason in July, 1972 at Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 in Big Spring, Texas. He is currently an endowed life member of Abilene Lodge No. 559, a member of the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies, the Abilene York Rite Bodies, the Texas Lodge of Research, the Royal Order of Jesters, the Abilene Shrine Club, the Suez Shrine Klowns and Suez Provost Guard.

He was an active member of the Suez Motor Patrol for six years and served as Colonel in 1976. Noble Campbell was a Charter member of the Mitchell County Shrine Club and was elected its first President in 1975. In 1979 he was elected President of the Texas Shrine Motor Patrol Association, one of the largest state unit associations in all of Shrinedom, and was honored with a life the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Texas.

## **KOKOMO NEWS** By Mrs. Zelda Jordan Phone 639-2289

GOOD NEWS! We received about an inch of rain throughout the community on Friday and Friday night. The first real measurable rain that we have had in a long time. We are very thankful for it.

Frankie Jarrett of Gorman was a visitor at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. She was visiting with her sister, Lavelle Rodgers. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Freed were visitors on Sunday night for the singing.

#### CHAD EATON SHOWS **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller were in Abilene on Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaton, Chad and Lindsey of Ovalo and to see Chad show his lamb at the Taylor County Junior Livestock Show. His heavyweight Southdown lamb won second place in his class and then



Campbell of Sulphur Springs, Texas and the son-in-law of membership in 1980. James is Clara Frossard of Gorman, was named reserve champion. Chad is a member of the Taylor County 4-H Club. Our congratulations to Chad and his family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Morrow, Lance, Layne and Lenny of Plains, were here to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris, and to attend the funerals of her uncle, George Norris at Eastland on Thursday, and her grandmother, Mrs. Alice Burleson, at Gorman on Friday. They also visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow. Mrs. Gladys Morrow and Mrs. Alma Lee Creager of Levelland also visited in the Morrow home and attended the funerals.

Our sincere sympathy to the families of Mr. Norris and Mrs. Burleson. Many from the community also attended the funerals. Mr. Norris was buried in the Simpson Cemetery at Kokomo and Mrs. Burleson was buried at Gorman.

Juanita Fuller and Berniece Rodgers attended the singing at the Carbon Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ova Lee Johnson of Olden, the former Ova Lee McDonald, and a former resident of Kokomo, passed away in a Cisco nursing home on Sunday night. Funeral services will be at 10 a. m. Thursday at the Eastside Baptist Church in Ranger with burial in the Merriman Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy to her family.

Happy Birthday to our son-in-law, Roddy Miles of Abilene, on Monday, February 6, and to a nephew, Rev. Jimmy Nelson of Obregon, Mexico on Tuesday, February 7th.

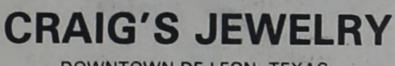
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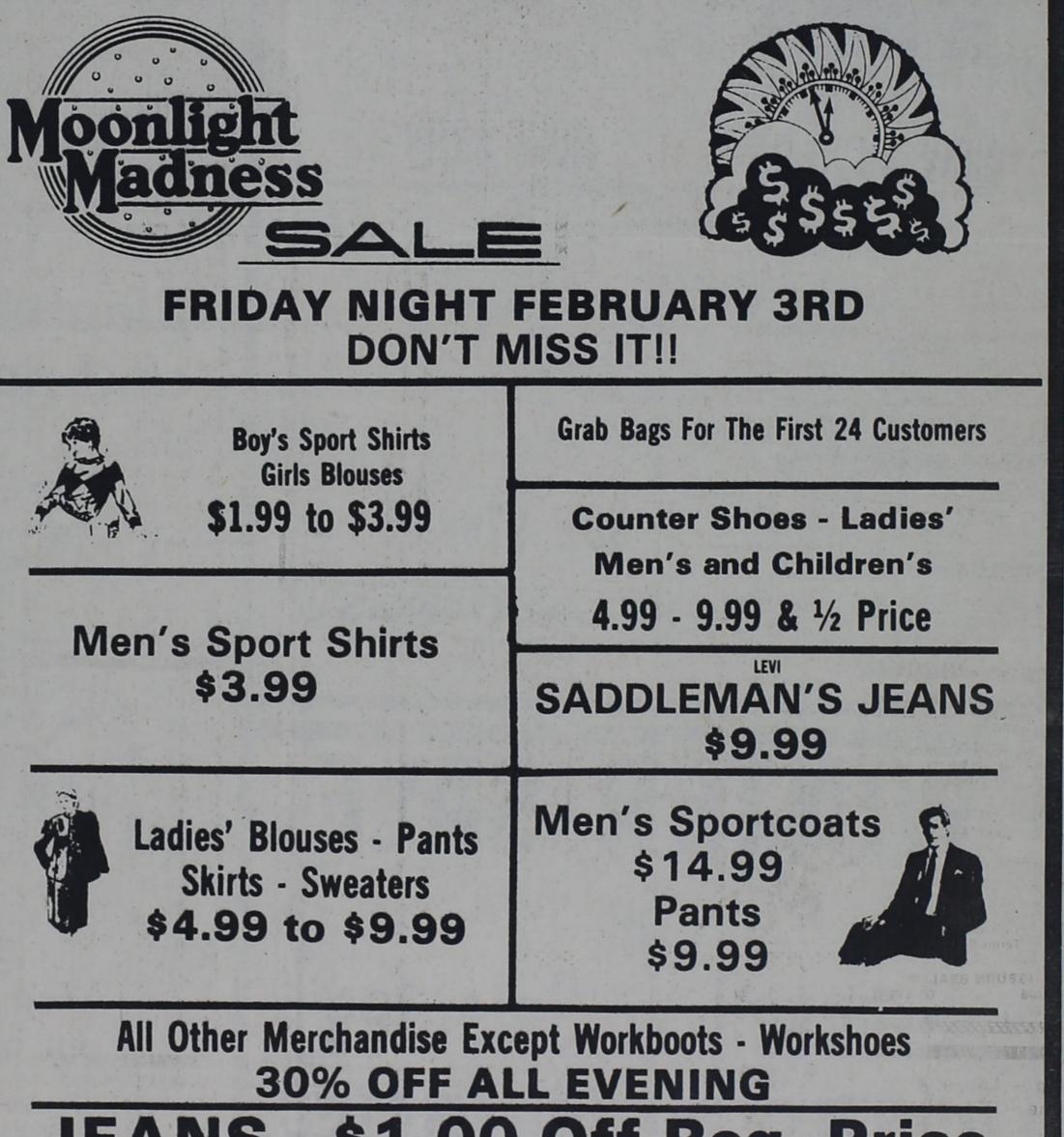
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By DeMarquis Gordon Eastland County Extension Agent I was recently asked if pecan trees should be pruned, and if so, when should it be done.

Cold winter days are the very best time to prune pecan trees. The main idea of winter pruning is to leave a tree with one central leader as a trunk. A central leader tree will be stronger and utilize space more effectively. Surprisingly, pecans seldom need pruning once they are large trees. However, some corrective pruning may ne needed while they are young.

"V" trunks is the most common problem. Many of the new recommended varieties such as "Wichita" "Desirable", "Telas", and "Choctaw" frequently develop V trunks. One of the two trunks needs to be removed. In some instances the trunk will divide 2 or 3 times, which means over 75 percent of the tree

needs to be removed.

trunk injury results.

needs to be removed in order to

obtain a single trunk. Occasionally,

an even more serious tree structure

problem exists when 3 or 4 trunks

originate at the same point on the

trunk. All but one of these trunks

Pruning technique is important.

Leave a short collar on the trunk

when removing a limb. Do not try to

cut as close to the trunk as possible.

The collar is needed for transporting

food down the trunk to the root

system. If the collar is cut off the

bark below the cut will die and major

Small Side Shoots are important.

Once the tree is pruned to a central

leader do not remove side limbs on

the lower trunk until they are one

inch in diameter or larger. These

small limbs are called a "trashy

trunk" and are essential in helping

develop a large root system and

Tip Prune all the side shoots which

made over 24 inches of growth last

year. Do not remove more than one

inch or the cluster of buds at the tip

of the shoot. If the vigorous shoots

are not tip pruned, a crows foot will

increase trunk diameter.

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on the trunk. Either tip prune or thin out

Crows Foot shoots are weak and need to be thinned out so that only three shoots result.

Cut Back the central leader by 50 percent of last years growth of young trees. Heavy pruning results in strong growth; consequently, cut back the central leader hard and extremely vigorous growth will develop in the spring. At that time, select vigorous shoots at the cut back point. By so doing, you will literally select the central leader in the spring each May or early June.

Seedling non grafted pecan trees make excellent yard trees because they do not need to be trained or pruned. They prodcue a central leader naturally.

Dehorning is never recommended for mature pecan trees. If a major limb is to be removed, simply thin it out leaving a collar.

Crowding pecan trees should be corrected by complete tree removal rather than pruning. The trees which remain after thinning will be far healthier than if they remained crowded and pruned.

# **Gramm Offers Chance** To Make Home **Ownership Dream True**

WASHINGTON - U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm and the federal and state governments have launched a pilot home-ownership program to make home available to 400 Texas families.

"Under the Texas Home Ownership Initiative, first-time buyers whose incomes are as low as \$15,000 a year can qualify to purchase a home", 'the senator said.

The program is a joint venture of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Texas Housing Authority.

"This is a program that can change the face of low-income

#### SIGNIFICANT MEDICARE CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY

Significant changes in Medicare coverage went into effect in January, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently. The new provisions, which are included in the "Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988," expand Medicare coverage for seriously ill persons.

Included in the changes are unlimited periods of hospitalization after payment of the annual deductible amount, unlimited hospice care, and 150 days of skilled nursing facility care.

This year's hospitalization deductible is \$560. A coinsurance payment of \$25.50 per day for skilled nursing facility care must be paid for the first 8 days of care only. Beginning in January, 1990, additional medical and prescription drug benefits will be covered, too.

By this time, all Medicare beneficyearl tax of \$112.80 per iaries should have received their revised Medicare Handbook showing

housing in America," Gramm said in announcing the program at a news conference in Dallas recently. +

The Texas Housing Authority and U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will offer belowmarket interest rates and require down payments of only \$100 to \$500 on homes selected by buyers from the 10,000 houses owned by the government in Texas.

The interest rate on homes valued at \$35,000 or less is 8.05 percent. Also, a 9.55 percent rate is available

UNEMPLOYMENT

**INSURANCE TAX** 

DROP

Good news for both

employers and employees was

reported to the Legislature this

past week. Unemployment In-

surance Tax rates will drop

dramatically in 1989, according

to a report issued by the Texas

Almost half of employers in

the state covered by the Texas

Employment Compensation Act

will see as much as 50 percent

reduction in their rates as com-

pared to last year's. As an ex-

ample, for a minimum rated

employer, last year's tax rate of

1.41 percent on the first

\$8,000 in wages resulted in a

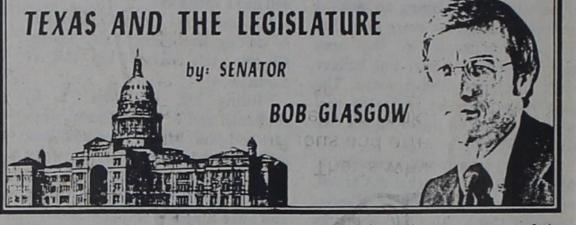
Employment Commission.

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on all homes in the program.

The program uses a combination of private lenders, the bonding authority of the state and backing from the federal government, said Gramm.

"Almost any house was beyond the financial reach of buyers with modest incomes until now," the senator said. "But first-time buyers whose incomes are as low as \$15,000 now will have a chance to invest in their futures, their families and their communities under this program."



to a continued resurgence of the Texas economy.

Another factor in the tax decrease is due in part to the vast improvement of the tri fund balance last year. The balance in the unemployment trust fund is the primary determinant of the deficit ratio.

The unemployment trust fund has a statutory minimum reserve of 1% of the taxable wage base, about \$147 million in 1988. Any balance below that minimum, even a positive balance, is considered a "deficit" only for purposes of the tax rate calculation. The deficit for 1988 was \$201 million, compared with a deficit of \$838 million in 1987. The \$637 million plunge in the trust fund balance allowed the Texas Employment Commission to drop the deficit tax ratio from 1.45 percent to .25 percent in employee. This year that 1989.



a side-by-side comparison of the old and new coverage.

Hammons said, anyone with questions about coverage can call a special toll-free Medicare phone number, 1-800-888-1998. The Social Security office is located at 142 S. Pioneer in Abilene and the phone number is 698-1360. If a call to the Abilene office is long distance, you can call toll free by dialing 1-800-234-5772. -GP-

In ancient Russia, it was believed that a skein of red wool wound about the arms and legs would ward off fevers.

percentage will drop to .64 percent on the first \$9,000 resulting in a yearly tax of \$57.60 per employee.

A drop in unemployment insurance benefit payments is a princial reason for the welcome tax reduction. According to figures supplied to me from the Texas Employment Commission, quarterly payouts during the previous year fell from a high of \$225 million to less than \$202 million. The reduction of enemployment payments points

Also, the State eliminated an interest tax when all loans from the federal government were repaid last August.

The State's economic recovery can be judged, in large, in putting people back to work. The drop in unemployment taxes also reflects an improved labor market were more people are working. The recent tax decrease is proof positive that the economic picture in the State is becoming brighter as many unemployed Texans are reentering the work force.

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