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## Ardeth and Arline Pittman Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Ardeth and Arline Pittman were honored with a reception in their home June 18, 1989 celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The occasion was hosted by their two daughters and husbands, Julia and Steve Belgau of Fort Worth and Jane and Jerry Anderson of Larned, Kansas.

All children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were present except to grand sons who are in the Air Force. Friends, neighbors and relatives came from far and near to congratulate the couple on this special day.

Ardeth and Arline were high school sweethearts and were married May 14, 1939 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Browning, the brides parents.

## COUNTY 4-H FASHION SHOW IS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

"Flying High - 4-H Fashions," theme of the 1989 4-H Fashion Show featured 23 participants this year. The 4-H Clothing Projects promote good grooming skills, modeling and poise, consumer shopping skills, wardrobe planning, and sewing construction skills.

The fashion show was hosted by Cisco Kountry Kids 4-H Club at the Cisco Elementary school on Saturday June 17th at 1 p. m.

Providing piano selections were Hannah Nicks and Kristen Stroebel.

Kerstin Gerhardt, President of the Cisco 4-H Club, gave the welcome. Pledge to the flag was led by Grayson Gerhardt. 4-H motto and pledge was led by Sheaneeta Fletcher and was assisted by Brent Stroebel and Tavia Lee. Ushers were Tommy Thompson and Ricky Agnew, both of the Nimrod 4-H Club.

Jennifer Jarrell, of Eastland Sr. 4-H Club, recognized our sponsors which included: Merle Norman Studio of Eastland; Beauty Connection; Majestic Theatre; and 4-H Adult Leader's Association. A very special thanks to Cisco Elementary school

for use of their cafetorium, Mr. Leroy Witzsche for use of plants, and Cisco Kountry Kids 4-H Club parents for hosting and providing the luncheon.

4-H Fashion Show participants winning Grand Champion will advance to State; and they are Kristy Hubbard of Rising Star; Kristen Stroebel, Cisco; Kerstin Gerhardt, Cisco; Natalie Stevens, Eastland; Amy Collins, Rising Star; Jennifer Jarrell, Eastland; and Stephanie and Toby Long of Rising Star.

Reserve Grand Champions were Janice Glover, Gorman; Diana Glover, Gorman; Kristie Collins, Rising Star; and Sheaneeta Fletcher, Cisco.

Blue ribbon winners were Leigh Jarrell, Eastland; Samantha Stephens, Gorman; and Jennifer Eaves, Gorman.

Entered but unable to attend included Kristi and Dena Rogers of the Cisco Kountry Kids.

The District 8 4-H fashion show will be on Friday, July 14 at Tarleton State University, announces Janet Thomas, County Extension Agent-Home Economics.

## GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL TO DISSOLVE HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Governor Bill Clements has signed into law H.B. 1841, which provides for the dissolution of the South Eastland County Hospital District. This Bill will become effective on August 28, 1989, according to information from the Governor's office.

Under provisions of the measure the Board of Directors may order an election on the question of dissolving the district, disposing of the districts obligations according to a plan of adjustment approved by a United States Bankruptcy Court.

H.B. 1841 states that if the district is dissolved this procedure would "transfer any remaining assets and obligations to Eastland County" after Dec. 31, 1981. The county would also assume responsibility for Indigent Health Care in the district at that time.

The hospital district, which includes Gorman and the surrounding area has continued to exist for some time to pay off debts of Blackwell Memorial Hospital. The hospital closed in September, 1986 and declared bankruptcy in January, 1988.

The U. S. Bankruptcy Court has determined that the district shall pay off its debts, and has prescribed guidelines. This includes the amount of time allowed. The district, according to the court order, must pay the debt by sometime in late 1990 or early 1991. H.B. 1841 extends that time.

Rep. Jim Parker of Comanche introduced Bill 1841 to the Texas Legislature in March, 1989. The Bill was restated in April to clarify

### CORRECTION FOR LAST WEEK

We regret that the name of Set Griffin was misprinted in last week's Progress. It was listed as Seth, Grissom in a list of children under the Play School picture. It should have been Seth Griffin.

Sorry, Seth.

—GP—

### CARD OF THANKS

I am deeply grateful to the many friends in Gorman, who remembered me in so many wonderful ways during my recent stay in the hospital and since my return home. The many cards, good wishes and prayers were most welcome.

I shall cherish the memory of them and your friendship forever.

Jim Ray Cox (Okra)

—GP—

Terry Kent of Kerkel visited during the weekend with his parents, Bert and Doris Kent and with Lonnie Bennett and others.

remaining obligations of the South Eastland County Hospital District.

## CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A fund has been opened at Citizens State Bank for the Charlie Garrett Memorial Library. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund can do so at the bank or at the City Office, P. O. Box 236. A memorial plaque has been ordered and a Ceremony will be at a later date.

## COUNTY VOTERS ENDORSE PRISON BID; NO ELECTION CALLED FOR

The Eastland County voters and taxpayers will be spared the unnecessary expense of a referendum vote to decide the answer as to whether Eastland County folks favor securing a prison unit or units to our county when more than 100 concerned folks from all parts of the county on Friday, June 30th turned out in force and showed their desire to try and secure a prison unit by more than one hundred to one in a show vote before a called meeting of the Commissioners Court.

Dr. Charles Barnes, coordinator of the Eastland County Economic Development Council, the group striving to secure the prison unit here, asked the commissioners to rescind their call for an election. The commissioners are to be commended for turning down a motion by one commissioner, Billy Bacon, to hold the election, but commissioners L. T. Owen and Norman Christian voted no, while Richard Robinson refused to vote on the motion and abstained.

Commissioners were told at the meeting by the overwhelming number of county citizens present that they were chosen by these citizens to make decisions and they should make the decision without an election due to the lack of opposition at any of the commission meetings at which the subject was addressed.

The court is to be commended for not calling the election and remain very much in favor of the project. The commissioners have indicated that they will take whatever action is necessary to acquire a prison site, if the Texas Department of Corrections chooses Eastland County to locate a prison.

A question was asked as to the funding necessary to secure the land site for the project and folks again showed their total support of the effort by a show vote to support the project, even if it were necessary to increase taxes to do so. However, it is believed by many that no tax increase would be necessary if the

monies held in reserve were to be used for this project. The county does have some funds that could be utilized and most folks feel that these funds should be used if there is not enough monies raised in other ways to purchase the land if the county is chosen to receive a prison unit.

The ECEDC group complimented the commissioners and Barnes stated his happiness with the decision.

The ECEDC will be presenting a proposal to the TDC in the very near future to seek approval of Eastland County as a site for one or maybe even two units in this county. And with this tremendous showing of support for their efforts the ECEDC now has renewed faith in the people of the county to do whatever is necessary to bring economic growth and prosperity back to our county.

So the next time you have an opportunity to greet the County Commissioners, be sure and express your thanks for their unanimous support of this proposed project.

## GORMAN PONY LEAGUE WINS SIX GAMES IN A ROW

On June 22 the Gorman Hawks defeated the Cisco Cats 9 to 7. Todd Brown was the RBI leader for the Hawks, knocking in 3 runs on 2 hits. Jeff Clark had 2 RBI's on 2 hits and scored once. Jason Dittmore had 2 RBI's on a double, walked once and scored once. Steve Taylor had 1 RBI, singled and scored twice, doubled once and walked once. Daniel Sanchez had 1 RBI, 2 doubles, walked once and scored once. Marty McCormick and Jonray Childers each walked once and scored once. Steve Taylor was the winning pitcher for Gorman.

On June 24 Gorman defeated the Ranger Braves 11 to 1 behind an outstanding hitting and pitching performance by Jason Dittmore. Dittmore not only pitched a one-hitter over 6 full innings of work, but he also had 5 runs batted in on a triple and a home run blast that cleared the 350 foot mark in left-center field. Steve Taylor had 2 RBI's, a double, 3 singles, and scored twice. Mario Ramirez had 2 RBI's on a single and a double. Todd Brown had 1 RBI, 2 singles, walked once and scored once. Jonray Childers had 1 RBI on a single and scored once. Daniel Sanchez had 3 base hits and scored once. Jeff Clark had a base hit, a walk and scored once. Jade Warren singled and scored once. Marty McCormick walked twice and scored once.

On June 26 the Gorman Hawks won over the Eastland Greenbacks 12 to 9. Todd Brown had 3 RBI's on a double and a single and scored once. Jason Dittmore had 2 RBI's on 2 doubles and scored twice. Steve Taylor had 2 RBI's on a single and a double and scored twice. Daniel Sanchez had 1 RBI on 2 base hits and scored twice. Mario Ramirez had a base hit, walked twice and scored twice. Jeff Clark had a base hit, walked once and scored twice. Marty McCormick walked 3 times and scored once. Jason Dittmore was the winning pitcher for Gorman and now has a 5-2 record.

The Gorman Hawks are in sole possession of second place in the league standings and will go into the District Tournament at Eastland July 10 thru 15th. The Hawks will be going for their first district title and Gorman folks wish them the very best of luck.

## Acteens To Attend National Acteen Convention July 12 in San Antonio



Pictured are: Christie Frasier, Jana Grice, Shonda Hanifan, Jill Rainey, Renee Rainey, Angela Treadway, and Leah Watson, Director - Martha Rainey and Leader - Nina Joiner. Not pictured is Sharla Clark. These girls went to Brownwood recently and learned more about the Noah Project.

"Acteens" one of the four Mission groups of First Baptist Church of Gorman. They are members of Womens Missionary Union. Acteens are for Jr. Hi through Senior Hi Girls. The girls and leaders will leave July 12th to attend the National Acteen Convention in San Antonio. This convention held once every five years. Texas has been the meeting place the last two times. Having it again in Texas is not likely, so this is the opportunity of a lifetime for these girls. These girls participated in different fund raising projects to raise the money to go. There was hard work and devotion on their part, also on those who helped in any way. Garage Sales, Car Washes. To those who kept the Bakers busy we thank you.

The Noah Project ask or desire people be aware of their services. This project can be reached through these numbers 915-646-5710 or 915-646-6311 in Brownwood or by contacting their local Police Department.

## James Miears Retires From Higginbothams Lowell Rawls Moves Up To Store Manager



James Miears stepped down from the Managers position at Higginbothams at the end of June and Lowell was moved up from Lumber Yard Manager to Store Manager starting July 1st. James had been the Store Manager for 26 and 1/2 years, longer than any manager (now employed) at the 19 stores operated by Higginbothams. James Miears started working for Higginbothams on January 1, 1963, Lowell Rawls begin his tenure in August of 1958.

James said, "I plan to help out at the store for some time, while Lowell is getting settled into the job. My hope is that the Community will support Lowell and the store in this change and that He and the Store will have many more years serving the good people of this area."



Press Points  
Joe Bennett, Publisher

—J—

The weatherman was sure nice to us for the whole area for folks to get out and enjoy the Fourth of July activities. Folks sure do enjoy these type of outings and are always looking for an opportunity to visit and fellowship together. And folks that's what this good old American way of life is all about. Because if you don't love "thy neighbor", then he may not love thee.

The overwhelming crowd of folks at Frank Gray Park on Tuesday showed their support for the "Good Ole U. S. of A." The Park Association, and any others, are to be commended for doing the job of continuing this Fourth of July celebration. And I know that there should be a larger number of folks to help with the event, but we cannot ask for any better group of folks to get things done than our Park Association. There are a small number of these folks in this group who are to be commended for their outstanding efforts to see that the celebration is held each year. Without these folks, and the support of all local and area people, it would be impossible to continue to have this celebration. That a bow, folks. You did a great job... and you know who I'm talking about. Great job!

—J—

The Eastland County Economic Development Council is very proud and thankful for the overwhelming support that we received at the Commissioners Court meeting in Eastland on Friday. There was no doubt as to just how "the overwhelming majority" of county folks thinks about this county trying to secure this prison for our county, and the tremendous boost it could give us economically. I think if there was any question as to how the commissioners should feel on the subject as to whether folks in our county want on this project. Those present were about 100 to 1 or 2 in favor of the commissioners doing whatever is necessary to support this project.

The point that I was the happiest with was the fact that this great percentage of folks stood to be counted when asked to show their approval to get the prison unit in our county, and especially when they again rose to their feet in a call to show support for the project even if it did mean additional taxes. But I think at this time that it is not important to concern ourselves about the financing for securing the land, because when the time does come to see what finances is needed, that the folks of our county will be ready to show our commissioners court that some of the monies that are put back for some needed unforeseen expenses could be used for this purpose without going to the taxpayers with any additional taxation.

The ECEDC will go to the Texas Department of Corrections with the Eastland County proposals to secure one or more units for our county. And the group feels confident that our county has as good a chance to secure one or more of these units as any of the others, and in many cases maybe even a better chance with the offerings that our proposal will include.

We appreciate the Commissioners Court for their unanimous support of this project and express our thanks to them. If you see or talk to any of these gentlemen please express thanks for their decision to do whatever is necessary to support this project.

—J—

The article and pictures on the July Fourth Celebration will appear in next week's Progress. Due to the timing of the event, we just didn't have time to get all the stuff together in so short a time to get it in this week. But we'll have it in next week.

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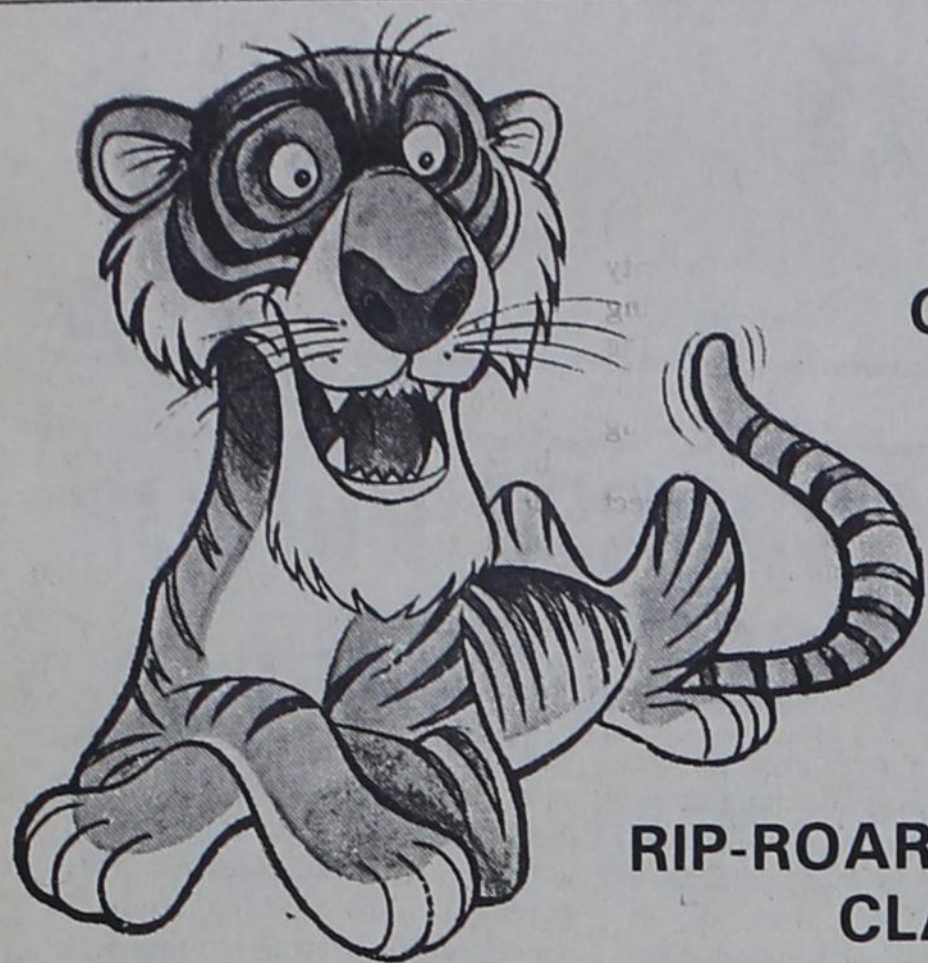
And remember to smile... because God Loves You!

—GP—

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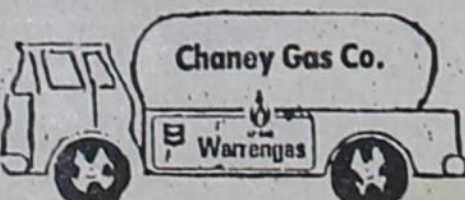


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CITIZENS NEWS

Mozelle Rhymes

Visiting on Father's Day with Mrs. E. J. Whitlock were her granddaughter and family, Tammy and Steve Wampole, Jeremy and Tony of Corsicana, Bill and Von Whitlock of Gorman and Curtis and Donna and babies of Eastland.

Visiting this Sunday with E. J. Whitlock were Don and Linda Sherrod of Keller, Bill and Von Whitlock of Gorman and Bob Huff of Big Spring.

Beth Anderson of Cransfill Gap visited with Mozelle Rhymes on Friday. Patricia Mahales of Fort Worth also visited Mozelle on Friday.

—GP—

Night Courses For  
Fall Slated At  
Tarleton State

An expanded program in night courses for the fall 1989 semester has been announced at Tarleton State University. The schedule includes 63 undergraduate offerings and 36 graduate courses, representing a 46 percent increase in the evening schedule.

According to University officials, there has been an increased demand in night courses since many more students are working full-time and going to school part-time. The evening courses better fit their schedules and the wide variety of subject offerings make it easier for them to complete degree programs.

Included in the graduate courses are classes in accounting, finance, farm and ranch management, plant physiology, computer information, and educational programs in public school law, foundations of reading, administration of elementary and secondary schools and school and community relations. Other graduate level courses are offered in research, marketing, mathematics and social sciences.

The undergraduate curriculum touches on just about every area of Tarleton's academic program. Included are accounting courses, agriculture courses, a variety of computer classes, education and psychology offerings, physical education classes mathematics and physics courses, history and social work programs.

Registration for the evening courses is Wednesday, August 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center; however, all students must have previously been accepted for admission to the University before they can enroll. The evening courses begin the week of Monday, August 28th.

More information on gaining admission to the University or on enrolling in the evening program is available by contacting the University's Registrar or Dean of Admissions at 817-968-9121 or 817-968-9125.

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NANCY HENDRICKS, REPORTER

The Kokomo EH Club helped with the June birthday party at the home on Thursday, June 28 at 2 p. m. Honorees were Bernice Haynes, Dessie Cooper, Clara Rich, Lillian Capers and Ruby Vandergriff.

The residents enjoyed the film Mr. Bill shower very much.

The Church of Christ sent the hand lotion, the First Baptist gave liquid soap, the home gave booties abd knee highs, Velma Bennett and the First Methodist Church gave beautiful birthday cards.

Velma Bennett baked two birthday cakes and cookies served with diet drinks.

Extension Club ladies helping were Velma Bennett, Nancy Hendricks and Ava Rodgers. These birthday parties are the last Thursday in each month.

Bro. C. M. Avery gave the Thursday morning devotional. 13 residents were present.

## BRO. JOE O'NEAL VOLUNTEER FOR JULY

The home has selected Bro. Joe O'Neal as the Volunteer for July. He is a former school teacher and retired preacher and lives in the Kokomo community and is a charter member of the Lake Leon Baptist Church. He is an outstanding giver of care and sharing of the elderly. Thanks for being here when we need you.

On Friday Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo. Our winners were Berta Poynoy, Emma Shugart and Wilma Rawls. Also Veno Hale and Ruby Vandergriff.

On Sunday morning at 10 Bro. Ron Carroll of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday school lesson. 13 residents were present.

At 2:30 p. m. those coming from the Carbon Baptist Church were Lynn and Rosetta Hagan, Ike and Josh Whitson, Maxine Morgan and Cricket Walker.

Those from the Gorman Church of Christ at 4 p. m. were Bro. Curtis and Neta Maness, Bro. T. A. Grice, Dora Faye Brewer, Jessie Lee Jones, Purnia Faye Smith, Georgie and Frankie Stacy, Scythia Alldredge, Bud and Dee Smithey, Lorene Foster Allie Mae George, Greg, Cathy, Jenny and Tana Goode, Janda and Tracey Taylor.

Those visiting Donnie Parker were Jack Mauney, Joe O'Neal, Annie Faye Foster, Jessie Lee Jones, Frances Overstreet, Evelyn and Ole-ta Wade of Desdemona, Gladys Snider McClellan of Stephenville, Helen Koen of Abilene, Rena Banks and Gladys Edwards of Eastland.

Visiting with Annie and Veno Hale were Gladys Edwards of Eastland, Faye Brewer, Lola Johnson, Jimmy Little and Mamie Little.

Those visiting Ora Mae Atchison were Chersley and Barbara Atchison

of Fort Worth, Kris and Ouida Joyce, Tiffany, Caset Gartman of Nowlin.

On Monday Mr. Bill brought the Bible study. There were 13 present.

Terry and Katherine Salone of Arlington visited Cynthia Earles. Others were Faye Brewer and Annie Faye Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Overstreet, Richard Kinser of Eastland, visited Roy Kinser.

Virginia Pack of Stephenville visited her aunt, Ruby Vandergriff.

Those visiting Lonzo Coffman were Truitt Coffman and Richard Kinser.

On Monday at 1:30 our bingo helpers were Idell Warren, Irene West and Nancy Hnedricks. Winners were Iola Johnson, Emma Shugart, Garnet Adams, Ruby Vandergriff, Berta Poynoy, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Mae Quinn and Ida Lewis.

Berta Poynoy's guests were Donnie Parker, Olga Kinser, Bro. Joe O'Neal, Ethel Weaver, Dora Faye Brewer, Veno Hale and Emma Shugart.

Those visiting Mae Quinn and Cleo Clement were Elaine Skaggs and Helen Koen of Abilene, Glenita Graham and Kris of Baird, Gladys Edwards of Eastland, Rena Banks, Ethel Weaver, Randy, Robert and David Seaton, Glenda Sue Seaton, and Jack Mauney.

Idell Warren and Modess Burgess visited S. D. Gilmore.

Those visiting Varona Taylor were Pauline Allen, Whitney and Courtney of Odessa, Nancy Hendricks, Billy, Janda, Steve and Tracey Taylor, Paula, Scotty and Kevin Lewis, Joe O'Neal, Anna Rush, Curtis and Neta Maness, T. A. Grice, Purnia Faye Smith, Jessie Lee Jones, Gregg and Kathy Goode, Juanita Files, Dee Smithey, Faye Brewer, Truitt and Lonzo Coffman, Courtney and Whitney Mudry of Odessa.

On Tuesday 24 residents were present for singing. Courtney Mudry of Odessa sang a special. Guests were Courtney and Whitney Mudry of Odessa, Billie Stacy, Cricket Walker, Elizabeth Sandlin and R. Lee McDaniel of Carbon, Ava Rodgers, Nancy Hendricks, Berneice Rodgers, Velma Bennett, Willo Rice, Bill Spradlin, Anna Rush, Junior Fairbetter, Modess Burgess and Lucretia Fairbetter.

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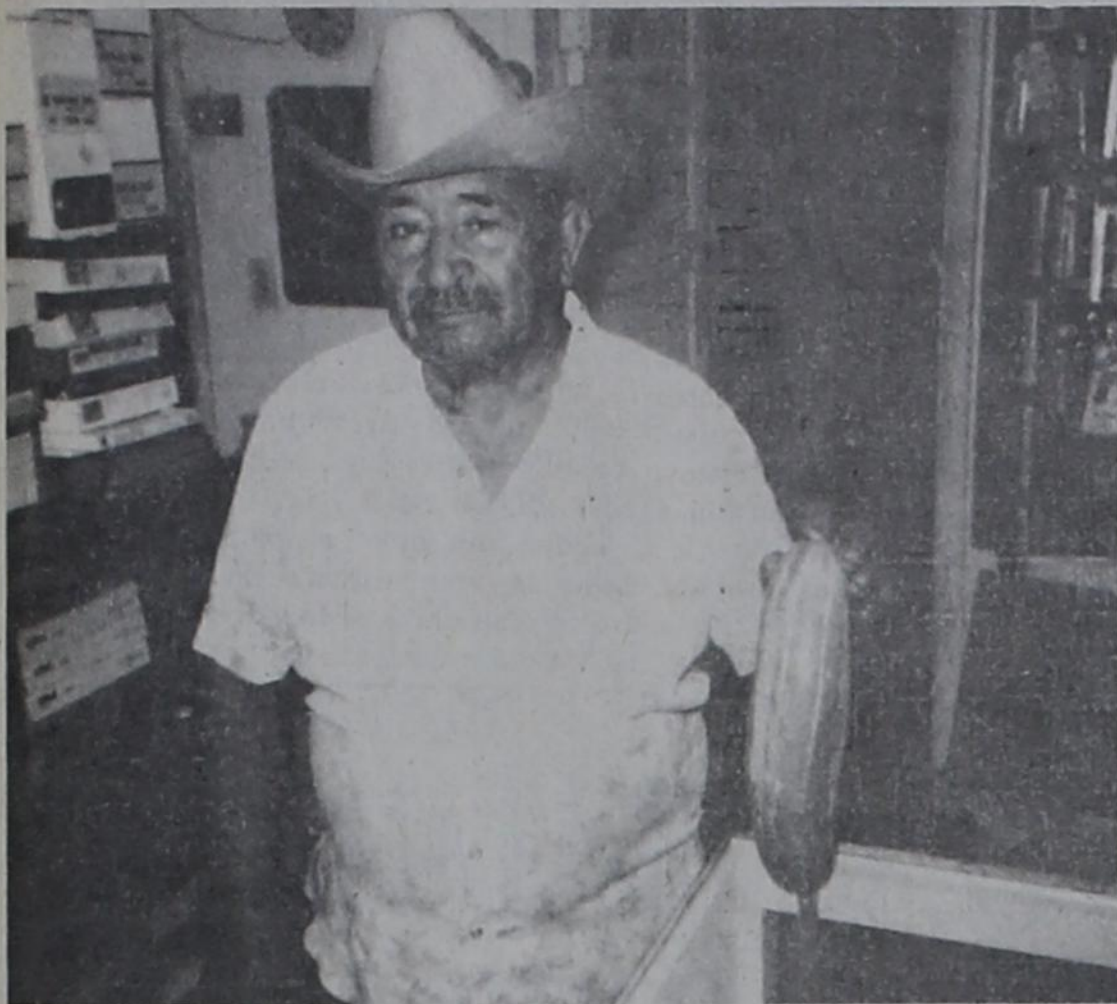
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## CARBON NEWS

Dorothy Jackson

Phone 639-2540

You can tell its summertime now that schools are out, churches are down in attendance, highways are crowded, and the grandkids are visiting their grandparents. As you travel the highways this holiday drive carefully and of you shoot fireworks, please do it safely.

As church services dismissed Sunday night thudner bumpers were everywhere, but only gave out a sprinkle of rain. It did cool things down a little. We sure could use a nice shower.

Charlene Thackerson played the piano Sunday morning and also for the evening service in the absence of our regular pianist. Bro. Melvin

Fields filled the pulpit Sunday at both morning and evening services. He brought two good messages. Bro. Donnie Auvenshine will be the guest preacher next Sunday, July the 9th.

The softball tournament is ready to be played at Carbon Thursday, Friday nights, starting at 6 p. m. The starting time for Saturday will depend on how many teams are interested. Most likely, starting time on Saturday will be 8 a. m. The concession stand will be open all time during the games. All the proceeds will go to help projects at school.

Let's all come out and help make this tournament a big success. If it's

## George and Minnie Kirk Reunion Held June 17th

The reunion of the late George and Minnie Kirk was held on June 17th at the Gorman fire hall. About 65 people attended. Last year there were 85 present. We miss the ones who did not come. Hope you can attend next year. There were part of four generations attending this year.

We all had a real fun day, having a big dinner of barbecue beef, fried chicken, beans, peas, potato salad (4 or 5 kinds) pies, cakes and I can't begin to name all the delicious foods brought by everyone.

Did a lot of talking and trying to catch up on all the years' activities since last time. The day passed away too fast. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Each one told who they and their families were and where they were from.

We had some beautiful singing. Boyd Porter and sisted, Jean Underhill, sang and Icy Duke and Boyd Porter played the guitars and Jean played the piano.

We also talked about fixing a family tree. Hope everyone will send in their family records before next reunion. Not much to do. Names of your family and date and place of birth. Date of wedding, when and to who, date of death and where they died, and where they were buried and when.

### NEW GREAT-GRANDSON FOR MRS. LAJOYCE BAILEY

Christopher Michael Bailey was born to Lisa Burk Bailey on June 25th at the Naval Hospital in Orlando, Florida. He weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces.

Grandparents are Steve and Virginia Bailey of the Dallas area.

a big success it will sure help the school greatly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDaniel and Wallace visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo McDaniel of Abilene Saturday. Mrs. McDaniel had the misfortune to fall and break her leg. Then a blood clot was found. She is still in the hospital in Abilene, but is improving. Mr. and Mrs. Buster McDaniel visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDaniel Sunday, and also visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McDaniel, the Buster McDaniels live in Granbury.

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## ASCS ACTIVITIES

### CONSERVATION RESERVE SIGNUP SCHEDULED

The ninth signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will be July 17 through August 4, 1989. Applicants will submit bids stating the rental rate they would accept to convert their highly erodible land to permanent vegetative cover for 10 years.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORTS

Eastland County producers will soon be contacted by the Texas Statistical Service to complete crop and livestock reports. Your help in providing this data will be appreciated.

### ENDING PLANTING DATES

The final planting dates for program purposes have passed for cotton, grain sorghum and spring runner and spanish peanuts. The only deadline date left is for fall spanish peanuts, and that is July 15th.

### REPORTING DEADLINE JULY 17 FOR PLANTED ACREAGES

The final date to file a report of planted acreages of peanuts, corn, grain sorghum, cotton, conserving use and ACR (set aside) is July 17, 1989. Other crops for which an acreage report will be accepted include commercial vegetable crops, melons, guar, and any other crop that the farm operator wishes to establish a record of crop history.

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### WRANGLER BELLES TRYOUT CAMP SLATED JULY 7-11 AT CJC

The 1989-90 Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles will be named during the annual tryout camp July 7-11 on the Cisco campus. Ladies interested in trying out should call 817-442-2567 for more information.

Any ladies who have graduated from high school and have drill team or dance experience o rhave previously auditioned for the Wrangler Belles are eligible to attend the camp. Ladies with no previous experience may audition on the first day of camp.

Each member of the Wrangler Belles receives an activity scholarship and two hour credits each semester. The precision drill team performs year around at football games, basketball games, parades and special events.

Accompanied by the CJC Wrangler Band, the Belles have appeared five times in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City, three times in the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival near Washington, D. C. and have served as Goodwill Ambassadors of Texas at the Fiesta de Tabasco in Villahermosa, Mexico.

Those attending were Frank and Beth Kirk, Rusty and Tonya Williams, Casey Jo and Kayla of Lewisville; Frank's grandson, Josh Kirk of Houston; Home and Rena Kirk, Danny and Linda Woolridge, Mae, Christy, Hollie and Daniel II, all of Eastland; Jerry and Brenda Newton Amanda and Jonathan of Irving; Jimmy and Fariba Kirk, Andrew and Matthew of Irving; Timmy and Kathy Kirk of Carrollton; Angela Kirk of Dallas; Herman and Mildred Bennett of Gorman; Homer, Frank (of Lewisville) and Mildred are children of the late Holland and Gertia Kirk; Billy Joe and Evelyn Hare and Cathy of De Leon; Billy Joe is the son of the late Carroll and Irene (Kirk) Hare; Edrie Kirk of Fort Worth, wife of the late George Aldon Kirk;

Frank Kirk and son, King of Irving, and son, Arnie Kirk of Austin; Frank is the grandson of the late (Big) Frank and Pearl Kirk of Gorman; Doyle Baker of Abilene; Allene Beaty of Munday; Doyle and Allene are children of the late Jay and Drucilla (Kirk) Baker of Munday; Icy and Jessie Lee (Dennis) Duke, Shirley (Duke) Moore and Tonya of Odessa; Clarence and Claudie (Dennis) Arends of Odessa; Lorene (Dennis) Reese of Baird; Jessie, Claudia and Lorene are children of the late Claude and Minnie Lee (Kirk) Dennis; Jim and Diana Gilmore of Austin; Troy and Dorothy Johnson, Roy and Chris Johnson, Wesley and Sue Spivey, Steve and Tracy Spivey and Adam of Gorman; Jim and Dorothy are children of the late George and Ruby Pearl Gilmore of Gorman; Jean Underhill and Boyd Porter of Eastland are the children of the late Ardis and Lula Mae Porter and the grandchildren of the late George and Pearl Gilmore; Edgar and Ruth (Kirk) Higginbottom of Gorman. Ruth is the daughter of the late Lee and Ninnie Kirk of Gorman; Freddie and Patricia Kirk of Santa Paula, Calif. Freddie is the son of Gay and the late Frank Newton Kirk of Oxnard, Calif.

There are so many Frank Kirks that it's hard to tell who's who. This one we call California Frank, as he lived in California, but loved Texas and visited often as he could.

Also a lot of friends came by to visit. Enjoyed you coming by and hope you will visit again next year.

We plan to have the next reunion on the second Saturday in June, 1990.

## Consider Direct Deposit For SS Checks

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If you are now getting Social Security or supplemental security income (SSI) checks and want direct deposit, just call any Social Security office.

Even if you have direct deposit, you still must notify Social Security promptly if you change your address. This is because important notices are mailed directly to you from time to time.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**REMINDER** — 2nd Annual Reunion of Duster School Exes will meet at the Reunion Center on Hwy. 6 East just west of the Peach & Melon Festival Grounds, August 12, 1989, from 6 p.m. til ---

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

**4-H ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE** — The 4-H has started an aluminum can drive. If you have cans you would like to donate, you may call 734-2207 or 734-2983 or 734-2325. We will pick-up.

**GORMAN CHAPTER 443 ORDER OF EASTER STAR** meets First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**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.

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## Senator Bob Glasgow Introduces Bill To Increase State Tobacco Taxes

State Senator Bob Glasgow, (D-Stephenville), announced on June 23 that he has introduced a bill to increase the State's cigarette and tobacco tax. Glasgow's bill would raise the State's tax on cigarettes by 10 cents per pack.

"This increase would produce \$235 million in State revenue and \$385 million in Federal matching funds at a time when Texas is nearing a crisis point in the need for increased revenue for education, criminal justice and health and human service needs," Glasgow said.

Glasgow said the plan would allow Texas to increase its share of Federal dollars for a nominal price. "We have an opportunity to get more money back from the Federal government, and we should take full advantage of it. Texas received only \$1 for every \$1.15 Texans paid in Federal taxes last year. The programs that contributed the most to this shortfall were Medicaid and Aid to Families with Dependent Children. It's time to start gaining our fair share for our most needy Texans," Glasgow said.

"Some of the additional revenue could also be directed to areas other than health and human services," Glasgow said. "Under this bill, some of the revenue could be directed to areas where the State must meet pressing needs."

"Unless we develop an equitable system of funding public education in the State to close the gap between poorer and richer school districts, we are going to have the courts mandate a financing plan. During the Regular Session the legislature spent an additional \$450 million for equity funding of the State's school districts. That, however, is much less than is truly needed."

"Two hundred and ninety-one school districts out of 1055 receive less State aid over the next two years than during the current biennium. The additional revenue could be applied to provide increased funding to the State's school districts and

also, hopefully, keep the courts out of public school funding."

Glasgow said Texas could exit one lawsuit if \$45 million in additional revenue is appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR). "A Federal court has recently ruled that the money allotted for MHMR over the next biennium is \$45 million less than is needed in order to conform with the court-ordered improvements. If we use \$45 million of the additional \$620 million that would be generated by this increase Texas could exit a 15-year old lawsuit," he said.

Texas' criminal justice system is also in need of additional revenue. "Another option would be to use the new revenue to pay the debt on bonds issued to pay for the State's additional prison bedspace, thus keeping up future State obligations, or to fund programs aimed at preventing crime," Glasgow said.

Increased funding for higher educational is another area that Glasgow said is in need of increased funding. "During the Regular Session the Legislature again took a step backward and curtailed needed funding for the State's higher education institutions. The additional revenue could provide the Legislature a way to make up some of the ground we have lost," Glasgow said.

Still another need to be addressed is that of State employee salaries. The Legislature in its Appropriations Bill was only able to increase State employee salaries by 5 percent for one year of the biennium after five years with no increase. "State employees have toiled long and hard with little benefit and are deserving of, and entitled to, increased monetary benefits," Glasgow said.

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### KEEPING UP

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Currie of Stephenville and Mrs. Mary Bishop of Eastland were visitors with Mrs. Pauline Dennis during the weekend.

## DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery  
Phone 758-2665

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Gussie Ragland, who was buried Wednesday, June 21 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors are her husband, Clarence of Gorman; three sons, Elwood Ragland of Breckenridge, and Bobby Jack Ragland of Lovington, N. M. The Raglands are former residents of Desdemona.

Marion Friday of Houston visited one day last week in Desdemona. He is a former resident and attended school in Desdemona.

"Congratulations" to Russell and Kayla Duke on the arrival of their baby girl, Elise Nicole, who was born June 23 in the De Leon Hospital. Grandparents are Rudolph and Betty Duke.

The Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held Saturday, August 12th. A box will be placed in the "Country Corner Store" for you to vote your choice for the Desdemona "Citizen of the Year" Award.

This reporter recently received a letter from Vivian Way Bonine of Rosemead, Calif. Her grandfather, Lewis Ellison, homesteaded 160 acres in Desdemona, which is now owned by Jerry and Pat Buckley. Her parents are John Mitchell and Jennie Ellison Way (both deceased). A picture of the "Old Ellison Homestead" will be on display at the Desdemona Homecoming.

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## GRAMM STANDS FOR THE FLAG

WASHINGTON — U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas is co-sponsoring a constitutional amendment to permanently ban the mutilation of the American flag.

"It is outrageous that America could condone the burning of an American flag by anti-America protesters," Gramm said.

The court case grew out of an incident in the streets of Dallas when an American flag was burned in protest outside the 1984 Republican National Convention. As the flag lay afire on the pavement, demonstrators surrounded it and chanted, "America, the red, white and blue, we spit on you."

"This is not a partisan political issue," Gramm said. "This is an issue that touches the hearts of Americans, people who are proud of their families, their hometowns and their country."

"We Texans treasure the right to free speech, but I believe that the vast majority of Americans also reject the ridiculous notion that burning the American flag is somehow protected by the Constitution," he said.

"We may not be able to stop lunatics in the Middle East from attacking the American flag, but we will not be compelled to grant our own homegrown radicals approval to mutilate the symbol of our country," said the senator.

The specific wording of the proposed amendment is:

"The Congress of the United States and the States have the power to prohibit the desecrating, mutilating, defacing, defiling, or burning of the flag of the United States."

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## Pesticide Applicator Recertification Set

Rules adopted by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) establish annual and three year continuing education requirements of 5 and 20 credits, respectively, as a requisite for renewal of TDA commercial and noncommercial applicator licenses. The regulations provide that the initial continuing education periods ends on December 31, 1992, for all applicators licensed by TDA before September 1, 1989. However, TDA has determined that all persons so licensed "must obtain 5 continuing education units in Texas Department of Agriculture approved courses by December 31, 1989, to be eligible for renewal in 1990."

County Extension Agent, DeMarquis Gordon says, that the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will provide the five credits of training on July 18, 1989, at the TAMU Research and Extension Center in Stephenville. The training will begin at 9:30 a. m.

Gordon says, this requirement does not include those who have private applicator licenses, but only those who sell and/or apply restricted pesticides commercially. Non-commercial applicators are those who apply or handle restricted pesticides in research and extension work.

Any commercial applicators who wish to register for the training on July 18, should call the county extension office at 629-1093, before July 11th.

## Stenholm Backs Law Against Defining The Flag

WASHINGTON\* D.C. — Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Tex) pledged on June 22 to co-sponsor a constitutional amendment which would make it against the law to defile the American Flag. Stenholm made his comments while addressing the House and voicing his opposition to the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision that burning Old Glory is not a violation of the law.

The Supreme Court decision was handed down Wednesday, June 21 and essentially overturns Texas law and federal law which imposes up to a year's jail sentence and/or up to a thousand dollar fine for "Desecrating" the flag.

"Perhaps the Supreme Court finds no wrong-doing in treating the flag with anything less than full respect," Stenholm said. "But I'm here to tell you my constituents in the 17th District feel otherwise."

Stenholm pointed out that the flag flies in respect and gratitude for the more than one million Americans who have died defending our country.

"This court decision is, in effect, an insult to all who served," he said. "It's an insult to the American

## SHOULD YOU PAY TO GET SOCIAL SECURITY

People in the Big Country area have been receiving mail from an organization called the FEDERAL BENEFITS ASSISTANCE CORO. offering to assist them in filing for Social Security retirement benefits for an \$18 fee. Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently. The Federal Benefits Assistance Corp. is not connected with the Social Security Administration or Federal government.

First, Hammons said, there is no need to pay any firm money to help you file a Social Security application.

Second, you may actually lose money and delay the processing of your claim by sending your application to a private company. Social Security applications are not officially filed until they're actually received in a Social Security office.

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Don't pay \$18 for services Social Security will provide FREE, Hammons said - phone 915 698-1360 if you have questions about filing a claim for Social Security benefits. For those living outside of Abilene, call toll free 1-800-234-5772.

## Gorman Masonic Lodge To Install New Officers

The Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716, will have an open installation of its officers for the 1989-90 Masonic

beliefs and values which they fought for."

Stenholm is currently a co-sponsor of H.R. 1295 which would make it a violation to place the American flag on the floor. He says he will continue to support this bill in addition to the constitutional amendment.

year on Saturday, July 8th, at 7:30 p. m., at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Officers to be installed include:  
Worshipful Master - Bill Clark  
Senior Wardem - Bill Hagood  
Junior Warder - Elwood Ragland  
Treasurer - Cecil Robertson  
Secretary - Howard Hagood  
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Junior Deacon - Roy Parker  
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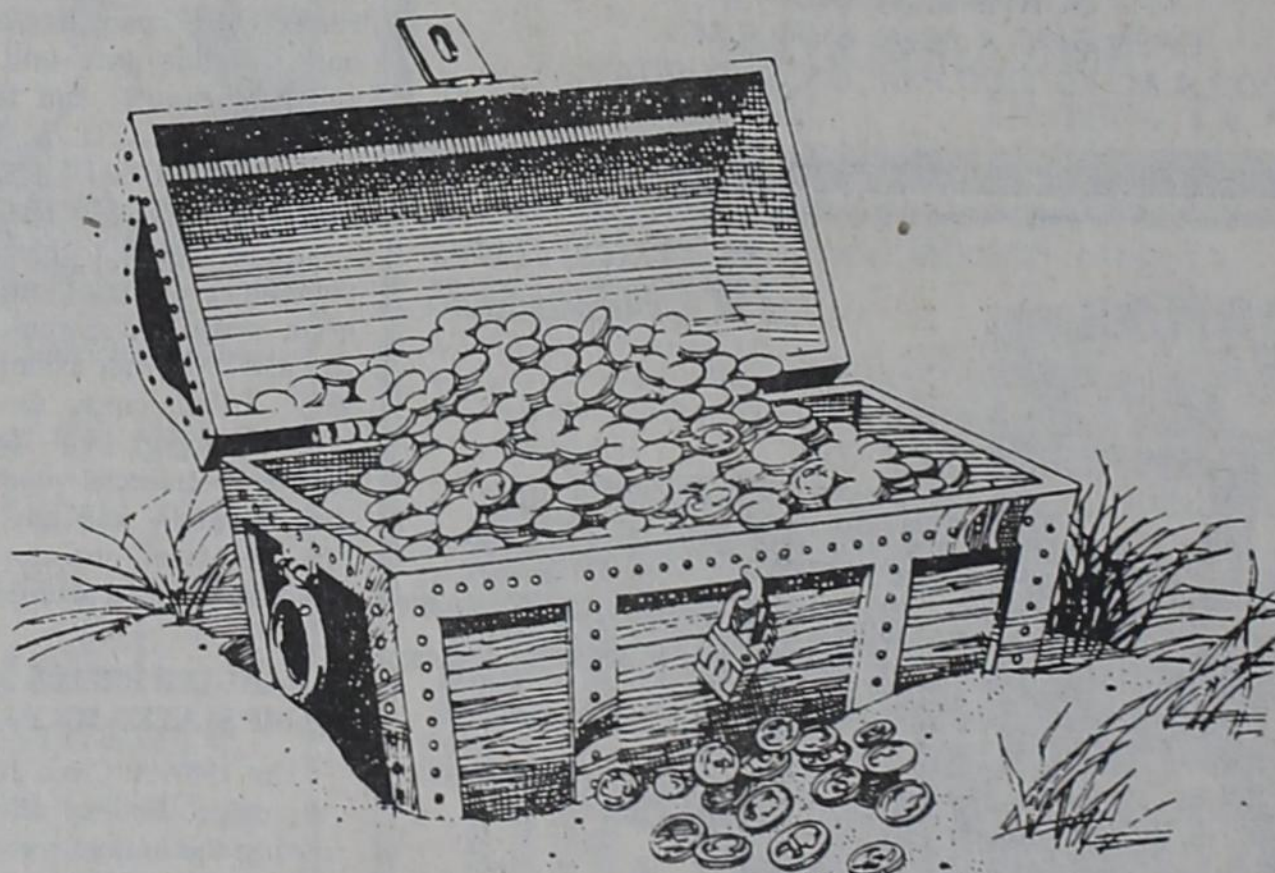
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