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Melinda Buckley and **Larry Walker to Wed**

Selina Ann Buckley of Desdeoma wishes to announce the engagement of her monther, Melinda Buckley, to Larry Walker of Ranger. The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Buckley of Desdemona graduated from De Leon High School and attends Ranger

The prospective bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delton Walker of Ranger, graduated from Ranger High School. He is employed with Robert L. Carroll, Inc. in Eastland.

An outdoor wedding is planned in May.



Open House is slated for Sunday, March 10th at the Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716.

Junior College.

Bill Hagood, Worshipful Master, and lodge members have joined 940

Business Alliance Easter Egg Hunt Set March 30th

Spring is nearly here - so that means its nearly time foe the Business Alliance's Annual Easter SUOTIS Egg Hunt.

This year we will have an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt. We will be hiding other things besides Easter Eggs, such as suckers, bubble gum, miniature candy bars, plastic eggs filled with surprises.

This years hunt will be held Saturday, March 30th at 1 p. m. at the football field. NOTICE: We will start the hunt at 1 p. m. Bunnytime. So be sure to hhave your children at the football field parking lot BE¶ FORE 1 p. m.

The Easter Bunny will be in town from 8:30 til after the hunt.

If you would like to donate something to our hunt it may be left at Lasater's Dept. Store or Movies

See you Saturday, March 30th. -GP-

CARD OF THANKS

The children of O. E. (Shorty) Welch would like to take this opportunity to thank each person who brought food to our family for the lunch Saturday, March 2 at the First United Methodist Church. We sincerely appreciate the love and

Masonry on Review featuring an other Masonic Lodges across Texas in scheduling a simultaneous statewide Public Open House between 2

and 5 p. m. Sunday. The Lodge is located in downton Gorman next to Higginbotham's. CARDS OF THANKS We would like to say thank you to the entire staff of Canterbury Villa of

Gorman. With everyone's combined efforts we had our beloved Louie for an extra 3 months. A special thanks to Dr. Giustino for his compassion. To Nancy Ormsby for her dedication above and beyond the call of duty. To Martha Gaines for seeing that every request possible was granted. To Pat Johnson for all her efforts to help us face what must be. And especially to Josephine Sanchez, who gave us all one of the most heartfelt moments we had ever experienced. Josephine, the casket wreath read, "We Love

You, Louie". Thank you all.

Ed and Opal Kenneth Cecil and Joanne -GP-

WITH FRIENDS

Jacquelynn Schuman of Eastland spent the weekend with her grandparents, Joe and Maxine Bennett, and Uncle Jake.

concern shown to us. Regretably, the food registration booklet was misplaced and we are not able to thank each one of you individually. Please accept our apology and our gratitude for your kindness.

Shorty's Children Mary, Betty, Virginia, Linda, Sharon Doyle, Buck and Kenny

<u>ITEMS OF INTEREST</u>

The Gorman Support Group is now meeting at the City Hall on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Anyone needing support may contact Ina & Gerald Scitern at 734-2720 or Joy Campbell at 734-2121.

A 55 Alive Defensive Driving Course will be held at the Senior Citizens Center in the near future if enough people sign up for the course. Those that are interested may sign up at the Senior Citizens Center with Mozelle Rhymes or see Oma Dee Garrett.

CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEEDS A TYPEWRITE. WE CAN GET ONE FOR 72 S&H GREEN STAMP BOOKS. THE LIBRARY WOULD APPRECIATE THE HELP OF ALL OF YOU GOOD CITIZENS ON THIS. THE S&H GREEN STAMPS BOOKS FOR DONATION MAY BE LEFT AT THE CITY OFFICE, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER OR THE LIBRARY.

The 2nd Friday Night Musical is slated for March 8th at the Old Gorman Fire Hall. Concession Stand opens at 5:00 p.m. Music starts on arrival of the musicians. Come One. Come All.



Deane Christian Named Regional Administrator of the Year

H&A Management Group Inc. honors Deane Christian as Regional Administrator of the Year.

The Annual Nursing Home Admn. Meeting and Banquet for all Canterbury Villa Homes in Texas, Oaklahoma, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin was held Febrary 21 and 22 in Lewisville, Texas

Deane has been employed in Gorman at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home for the past 5 years. She is also a licensed Vocational Nurse and was Awarded the Florence Nightingale Award from Palo Pinto General Hopsital in 1975 as Best All Around Nurse.

H&A Management Group awarded Mrs. Christian with a plaque and an all expense paid trip to the location of her choice out of four locations.

Hagood, Master of the local lodge, said an open invitation is extended to anyone interested in learning more about Masonry and what Masons do.

He noted that Fred E. Allen of Mt. Pleasant, Grand Master of the 180,000 member Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, has defined the intent of the "showcase" open house to teach Masonic philosophy. Best known of these symbols are the square and compasses, which identify members of the craft, together with other tools of the medieval stonemasons...builders of the great Gothic Cathedrals.

Allen explained that to three and one-half million Masons in the U.S.* these symbols are reminders of a Mason's duty to live by highest moral standards, to practice brotherly love, and to affirm loyalty to his country. He said Masons believe that the quality of a man's life should reflect his faith in God and his ethical ideals.

Other Masonic-related organiza- every year for charitable activities. tions are also being invited to participate in the open house program to provide insight into their particular organizations. Although not active in all communities, these affiliated Masonic groups include the York Rite, Scottish Rite, the Shrine, the Grotto, the Beausceant, Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile,

O.E. "Shorty" Welch Laid To **Rest Saturday**

O. E. "Shorty" Welch, 81, passed away Wednesday, February 27th in the De Leon Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John C. Jones officiating. Burial was in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman.

Mr. Welch was born in Lamesa and was a laborer. He worked for Golden Oak Milling Co. for 30 years. He was a member of the Mountain Top Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marie E. Welch of Carbon; three sons, Robert Welch of Fort Worth, Kenneth of Sasakawa, Okla., and Doyle of De Leon; five daughters, Betty Huff and Linda Wright, both of Big Spring, Mary Teague of Wichita Falls, Virginia Doubleday of Aledo, and Sharon Welch of Fort Worth; three stepsons, Darrell Price of Cisco, and David and Dale Price, both of Carbon; a stepdaughter, Donna Parrigan of Cisco; two brothers. O. C. Welch of Gorman and Joe of Lake Leon; 24 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and eight great great-grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren.

-GP-**NEWS**

Doyle Lynn Clark of Comfort and Ricky Clark of Stephenville spent the weekend with the Terry and Tommy Clark families and Estelle Craddock.

Daughters of Mokanna, Order of DeMolay for Boys, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters, the newest entry into Texas.

Allen cited the showcase event as first in Texas in which various Masonic and Masonic-related groups join in public display of their respective regalia and symbols in a blend of colorful pageantry open to

He declared an over all objective is to help dispel the misconception many people have that Masonry is a secret society. He pointed out Masonry does not conceal its existence, principles or aims. Members proudly wear the square and compasses and other Masonic insignia, and Lodge buildings are well identified and often made available for appropriate community activities.

Masons collectively provide over \$2 million a day and thousands of hours of service donated to worhty causes, including over \$750 million

It was further pointed out, that while Masons do not solicit members men of good character may ask to become members.

Members of Gorman Masonic Lodge and other associated Masonic bodies will be on hand to answer questions during the public open

Final Rites For Louie Roberts Held Saturday

Louie Roberts, 88, of Gorman, passed away Thursday, February 28 in the Canterbury Villa Home in Gorman.

Services were held at 10 a. m. Saturday in the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. O. M. Gibbs officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman. Mr. Ronerts was born in Arkansas

and was a retired trader and farmer. He had lived in Eastland County for 63 years and was a member of the Pentecostal Church in Gorman.

Survivors include his wife, Pearly Mae Jarrett Roberts of Gorman; a son, Edward Roberts of Proctor; a sister, Bessie Tubbs of Wichita Falls; 18 grandchildren; two stepgranddaughters; 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. -GP-

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

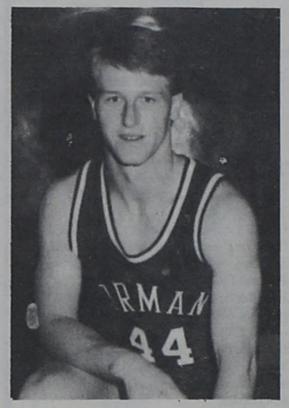
Beth Anderson and Brian, Anthony Anderson, Becky Allen from Cransfill Gap, Jim Ray Cox of Okra, Gary Rhymes and Skip, Steve and Brenda Rhymes, Scott and Ginger of Abilene visited Mozelle Rhymes Sunday.

Linda Delgado spent the weekend with her father, Wilbur Shell.

4 Panthers and 2 Pantherettes **Named To All District Teams**

In a very fine season for the Gorman basketball teams which saw the Pantherettes lose in a second

Kevin Hirst Named MVP For District 23-A



Kevin Hirst, a senior at GHS, has received the top honor a basketball player can receive by being named as the Most Valuable Player for District 23A basketball.

Kevin, the son of Daryl Hirst and the late Brenda Hirst has shown outstanding performances this season, often leading his team in scoring honors, and some times just being a very vaulable player when his shooting was not going to suit him. But he was always in there doing his very best for the team as he

place deciding game against May, and the Panthers having a perfect district record and advancing past Baird in Bi-District and then losing to state ranked Brock, the Gorman cagers have placed six on the different teams in the All-District 23A selections. In the girls division there were two

Pantherettes named to the All-District First Team. They are Jana Norris, a junior; and Michelle Thackerson, a senior.

In the boys division the Panthers placed three players on the First Team and one on the Second Team.

On the First Team were Kevin Hirst, a senior; Chago Landa, a senior; and Stephen Scitern, a sen-

On the Second Team 23A All-District Team was Jason Ditmore, a junior player for GHS.

Our congratulations to all these outstanding basketball players. It was a great season!

is a very dedicated Panther in any sport that he participates in. And he participates in all of them.

Kevin will graduate this season and his outstanding talents will be sorely missed by his teammates and coaches alike.

And while we are at it we had better mention that he is the grandson of Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst and Joan Butler and the late Arnold Butler, all of Gorman.

We add our congratulations to those of the entire community for an outstanding season.

Annual Chamber Banquet Slated For March 28th

The annual Gorman Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet is approaching. The date is Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Mr. Sam Nichols of Abilene will be our speaker for the evening. He is

the weekend weather man for KTAB and a Basketball Coach at Abilene High School. Community Service Award and Agricultural Award will be presented,

among with the Academic Achievement Awards to the top individuals of Grades 9 through 12. This year our former Outstanding Farmer of the Year Award will be replaced by the Agricultural Award. This change is to allow the Chamber to recognize those who are involved in various aspects of Agriculture. J. D. Wilson of Breckenridge will cater the meal. Tickets will be \$7.50

each and may be purchased at the following business firms or from any director of the Chamber: Foster Floral, Gene Foster; Gorman Pharmacy, George Simmons; Gorman Progress, Joe Bennett; Lasater's Dept. Store, Brent Lasater; A. O. Easley, Tommy Harrison; Clark Farm Supply; Henderson's Quickway; Birdsong Peanuts; Sunbelt Savings; Citizens State Bank; De Leon Insurance, De Leon; Fred Rogers; Shirley Eaves; and Terry

The Chamber invites you to make plans to attend the Banquet and get your tickets early so we can get a good headcount for the caterer.

Bob Turner Wins 65th District Seat

Bob Turner of Voss was elected to the State 65th District Representative Seat by winning over Ben Doyle Sudderth of Comanche.

In the district's six counties, Turner received 6,452 votes to Sudderth's 3,412 votes.

Turner was elected to replace Jim Parker, who resigned from the seat in January to become Governor Ann Richards' legislative liasion.

Depending on when the votes are convassed, Turner may be sworn in on Thursday in Austin. He said he wanted to get into the legislative system as soon as possible.

Gorman poles registered 162 votes with Turner receiving 108 and Sudderth receiving 54 votes.

Ruby Acrea Laid To Rest Here Wednesday

Ruby Catherine Acrea, age 79, passed away in the Round Rock General Hospital on Monday, March

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church in Gorman with the Rev. Rawlyn Richter officiating, assisted by Rev. James Haynes. Interment was in the Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery.

Born September 23, 1911 in Fort Worth, she married Gifford C. Acrea on October 28, 1930 in Marietta, Oklahoma. Mr. Acrea passed away April 1, 1986.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 50 years. She was also a member of the Methodist W.S.C.S. and the First United

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Methodist Church in Gorman. Survivors include one son, Jan C.

Acrea of Smoerset, Kentucky; one daughter, Anita Sutton of Round Rock; one brother, Marvin Pritchett of Lincoln, Arkansas; five grandchil dren and 2 great-grandchildren.

BASEBALL **NEWS**

In the opening games of the season for the Panthers, they traveled to Hawley to participate in their baseball tournament.

In the first game against Breckenridge the Panthers were defeated 10 to 1 by a very strong Buckaroo team.

Then in their second game in the tournament the Panthers were again defeated by the score of 13 to 4.

Then in action on Tuesday afternoon the Panthers took on the Stephenville JV in a 4:30 ball game at Stephenville and brought home a 6 too 2 victory.

The next action for the Panthers will be on Friday, March 8th when they take on the Merkel Badgers at Merkel at 6 p. m.



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DESDEMONA NEWS

VONNIE GUTHERY - PHONE 758-2665

Jerry and Pat Buckley, Melinda and Selina Buckley visited the past weekend in Marshall with their Aunt "Red" and Uncle Dick Seaton.

Loveda Sartain of DeSoto visited several days with her mother, Carrie

Dorothy Roberts was in Fort

Ted Higginbottom Honored At Open House February 15

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Higginbottom were feted with a house warming party Friday, February 15th at their recently completed home, 3 miles west of Seminole.

Flags and yellow ribbons adorning the driveway and entrance greeted guests as they arrived, and a Mexican Fiesta theme and supper set the tone for the festive occasion.

The Higginbottom home was beautifully decorated in Victorian and country elegance with many lovely, family heirlooms and antiques integrated into the decorating scheme. Mrs. Higginbottom handcrafted curtains from materials originally belonging to Ted's grandmother to complete the desired look and to satisfy Rita's passion for pink roses.

Hostesses for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Berry, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jackson and Mrs. Rita Ussery, all of Hobbs, N. M. Hostesses from Seminole were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Goldston, Mr. and Mrs. William Fair, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson, and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rowland.

Many of the 150 guests were from Seminole and surrounding towns with special guests being Ted's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Higginbottom of Gorman, and their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Rogers of Santo.

The Higginbottom home was built by Steve Hill of Lubbock. -GP-

KOKOMO EXTENSION MAKERS MEET MONDAY

and visitors are welcome.

Clark. Call 734-2429.

Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club will meet Monday, March 11 at 2 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Jeanette

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Worth last Wednesday to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Jimmy Roberts.

Odessa Johnson of Alvin sent a Thank You note to this reporter saying how much she did appreciate the nice birthday cards from her friends in Desdemona.

Bobby and Joan Baker were in Pampa over the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Baker.

Wayne lley is in the Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth recovering from surgery on Satur-

Happy Birthday to our friend, Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley in Wallis on March 8 from a friend and classmate

day, March 2.

Vonnie and Pug Guthery. Ruth Friday was buried on Mon day in Oklahoma. She is the wife of Wayne Friday, a former resident of

Zane Harris, son of Vicki Harris of

Abilene, visited First Baptist Church

on Sunday with his grandparents,

Skinnie and Eloise Lewis.

Desdemona. Their address is HCR64 Box 2514, Locust Grove, OK 74352. Carlton Stacy, son of Mrs. Tom Stacy, received his 25 year award

from Bell Helicopter in Arlington this past week.

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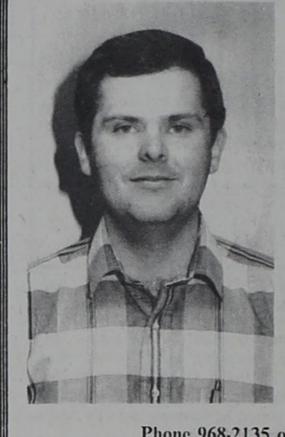
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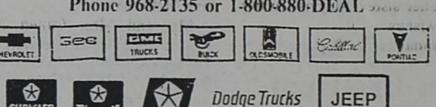


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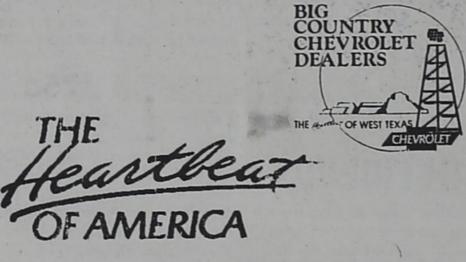
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Mrs. Claude Fuller entertained by playing the piano and accordian.

She played the Happy Birthday Song before pink punch and birthday cake was served to everyone.

Those sending gifts for each honoree were the First United Methodist Church, Church of Christ, First Baptist Church and Canterbury Vil-

Those making the birthday cakes were Willadean Ormsby, Ima Lee Burleson, Dora Faye Brewer and Anna Rush.

Volunteers were Mr. and Mrs. Odell Bethany of De leon, Mrs. Edward Stacy of Carbon, Joan Fraley Velma Bennett, Icy Munn, Ava Rodgers, Estelle Erwin, Anna Rush and Berneice Rodgers.

LOUIE ROBERTS PASSES AWAY We regret the passing of Louie

Roberts, 88, on Thursday at the home. Services were at 10 a. m. March 2 in te Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. O. M. Gibbs officiating. Burial was in Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery.

Survivors and other details appear in an obituary elsewhere in this

Those visiting Clara Rich were Donnie Parker, Wilda and Terry Holt, Vickie Rich, Betty Montgomery Debbie Torrez, Delores Rich, Willo Rice and Joe O'Neal.

We are sorry to report Ola Hirst is in the De leon Hospital. We are glad to report Mae Quinn has returned home from the hospital.

On Saturday, Rev. Joe O'Neal and Rev. Joyce Dennis brought the devotional. 21 residents were present. Ray Burns, David Moore and Irene Hallmark were guests.

Those visiting Jim Hogan were his wife, Ella Mae Hogan of Carbon, Robbie and Julia May, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hair and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd and fanily.

On Sunday morning Bro. Ron Carroll of First Baptist taught the Sunday School lesson for 8 residents.

Thise visiting Lorene Jay were Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers, Clara Mae Frossard, Brent and Jean Lasater. We send her sister, Mayvis Lasater, get well wishes.

coming from the Carbon Baptist Church were Rev. George Weeks, Carroll Sandlin, Euell and Genoise Allison and R. Lee McDaniel.

were Paula, Megan, Scott and Kevin Lewis, Bro. Curtis Maness, Juanita Files, Purnia Faye Smith and Zina

Simpson. Those visiting Ida Lewis were Nell Scott and grandson, Irene Hallmark,

Seaton, Iola Wilkinson, Doyle Poynor, Lucille Broom and Dorothy

On Sunday at 4 p. m. those from the Church of Christ were Bro. Curtis Maness, Bro. T. A. Grice, Bud and Dee Smithey, Floydene Gilbert, Lorene Foster, Georgie and Frankie Stacy, Cecil and Christine Self, Juanita Files, Purnia Faye Smith, Janda and Tracey Taylor, Jerry Underwood, Jonell Leonard, Nettie Denton, Vera Rodgers, Dora Faye Brewer, Scytha Alldredge, Clara Mae Frossard and Zina Simp-

Those visiting Bertie Self were Jean Burns of Arlington, Cecil and Christine Self, Joe Barnett. Joe O'Neal, Nancy Hendricks, Vera Rodgers, Purnia Fave Smith, Scytha Alldredge, Clara Mae Frossard, Juanita Files, Janda Taylor, Bud and Dee Smithey and Curtis Maness.

On Tuesday we had a resident meeting and elected Ora Mae Atchison as president and S. Dee Gilmore as Resident of The Month.

Those visiting Ora Mae Atchison and Era Whitehurst were Chessley and Barbara Atchison of Fort Worth, Ima Lee Burleson and Georgie Iley of Desdemona, Bob abd Flo Burleson of Stephenville, and Robert and Tommy Dunnwell.

On Wednesday morning Rev. Ron Carroll of First Baptist Church brought the devotional for 11 resi-

Mojia Urban of Abilene visited her aunt, Lois Buchanan.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2 the Volunteers sent bananas and the Senior Citizens sent cake squares for bingo. Winners were S. D. Gilmore, Iola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, Emma Shugart, Veno Hale, Varona Taylor, Cynthia Earles, Gertie Leeper, Garnet Adams, Ruby Vandergriff and Minnie Dupuy.

Those visiting the Cody Loves were Anna Rush, Willadean Ormsby Annette Word of Dublin and Carol Rae Ervin of Desdemona.

Those coming for Tuesday singing were Ernestine Campbell, Billlie Stacy, Velma Bennett, Anna Rush, Nancy Hendricks, Ava Rodgers, Joe O'Neal, Leland Warren, Anna Rush, Willo Rice, Lavona K. Fonville, Annie Faye Foster, Oma Dee Garrett and Melba Frasier.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers On Sunday at 2:30 p. m. those visited Buddy McClearen, Nancy Holloway, Lonzo Coffman and Jess

Visiting Ruby Vandergriff were T. T. Fair of Stephenville, Donnie Those visiting Varomna Taylor Parker, Faye Brewer and Gertie Leeper.

Maureen Coleman of Fort Worth took her mother, Emma Shugart, shopping on Saturday.

David Moore and Irene Hallmark

We are happy to report Mae Quinn

Nina Lee Parks **Buried Tuesday** February 26

Nina Lee Parks, 84 of Roscoe, passed away Sunday, February 23 in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the First Baptist Church of Roscoe with the Revs. William Hatler and L. D. Parks officiating. Graveside rites were held at 2 p. m. at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Carbon, directed by McCoy Funeral

ASCS 1991 ARP SIGN-UP

Sign-up to participate in the 1991 wheat, feed grain and cotton program began on March 4th and ends April 26th. Advance payments are authorized at sign-up and will equal 40 percent of the estimated deficiency payments. The estimated deficiency payments are guaranteed rates for those producers participating in the 0/92 for wheat and feed grains and the 50/92 for cotton.

10TH CRP SIGNUP

The 1oth Conservation Reserve Program sign-up began on March 4th and will continue through March 15th. CRP bids will be accepted only for contracts beginning in 1991 and bid acceptance determinations will be made after a nationwide review and evaluation. Producers submitting bids should not rely on bid amounts accepted in prior years and be aware there is increased competi-

is home from the De Leon Hospital. Icy Munn, Rufus Goodwin and Vera Spruill visited Minnie Dupuy.

Anna Rush and Mae Fry came to help with bingo on Friday. Winners were Veno Hale, Emma Shugart, S. Dee Gilmore, Iola Johnson, Gertoe Leeper, Dorothy Beaty, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Ida Lewis, Ruby Vandergriff. Thanks to Anna Rush for the jewelry.

THE GORMAN PROGRESS

Home.

Mrs. Parks was born in Marshall and had lived in Roscoe for 42 years. She was a homemaker, a member of the First Baptist Church, a member of the Ladies Sunday School Class and the widow of Bill Parks.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Graham of Dallas and Mary Smith of Roscoe; three sons, L. D. Parks of Rotan, Weldon of Roscoe and Russell of Midwest City, Okla.; Friday in the Bakker Funeral Home seven grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren.

Last Rites For Jewel Petree Held Friday

Jewel Petree, 77, of Carbon, passed away Thursday, February 28 in the Eastland Hospital.

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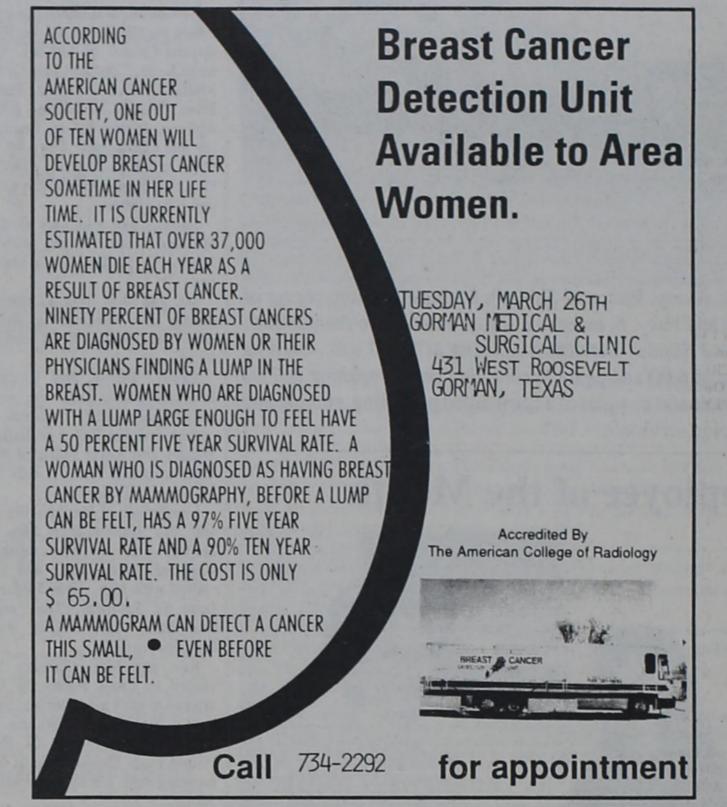
Services were held at 2 p. m. Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Maples officiating. Burial was in Murray

Cemetery at Carbon.

Mrs. Petree was born in Gatesville and moved to the Carbon area at a young age. She attended Oak Grove Schools and attended Cisco Junior College, where she obtained her nursing degree in 1963. She had worked in several hospitals in the area and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

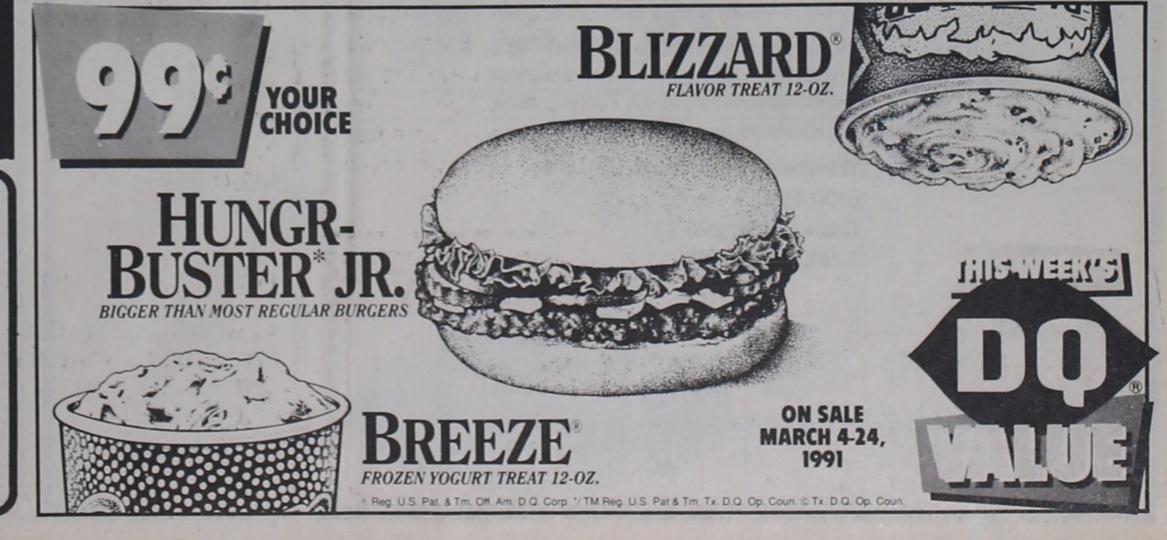
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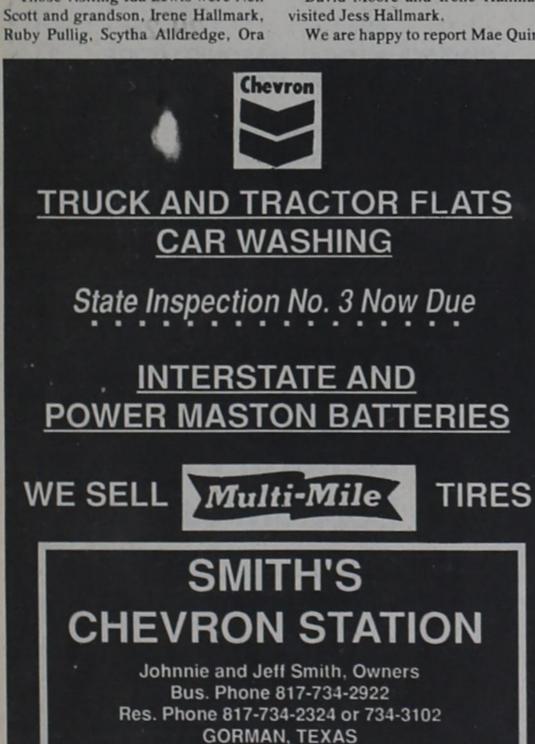
Survivors include a sister, Ella Mae Hogan of Carbon; and several nieces and nephews.





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Shinoak Springs Mission Extends Warm Welcome



C. M. Avery, Pastor of Shinoak Springs Mission, corner of Briscoe and Hwy. 6, extends a warm welcome to the public to attend our Sunday Services beginning at 10:00 a.m., evening servings at 6:00 and again Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:00 p.m. Come and be a part of a spirit-filled preaching, singing and worshiping service.

Employee of the Month



Connie Carroll, Nurses Aide at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Gorman is awarded a Company Check for \$100.00 for Employee of the Month presented by the Administrator Deane Christian. Connie was chosen as Best All Around Nurses Aid for the Month of February. For her outstanding performace in Pt. Care. A Check will be presented each month to the Employee chosen as Employee of the Month.

KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN -- PHONE 639-2289

March really came in like a lion with high winds and blowing dust that continued on thru Saturday. Sunday was a nice day tho a little cool, and Monday was a beautiful warm day.

music on the organ at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday. Visitors were Janie, Chad and Lara Griffith of Midland, Rick and Pat Fuller of Dllas, Wesley and Kevin Fuller of Abilene, Juanita Fuller, Randy, Deliah and Christopher Lewis of Ennis, Caye and Zack Mauney of Abilene, Lisa Snider of Stephenville and Earl and Netty Little.

Janie, Chad and Lara Griffith of Midland were visiting with Mrs. Johnnie B. Griffith during the week-

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little visited during the weekend in Arlington with Tim, Nelda, Cody and Jared Fails.

Randy, Deliah and Christopher Lewis of Ennis spent the weekend with Delmon and Joyce Eaves.

Rick and Pat Fuller of Dallas and Wesley and Kevin Fuller of Abilene were weekend visitors with Claude and Juanita Fuller.

Lisa Snider of Stephenville visited with her grandmother, Mrs. Hazel Snider, and La Von during the weekend. Mrs. Snider and La Von visited with Mrs. Alice Snider in De Leon on Saturday. They reported that Mrs. Alice Snider was not feeling very well.

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson visited in Cross Plains on Sunday afternoon with his sister and brotherin-law, Eva and Sam Fleming.

Donald Lee Joiner of Houston visited from Thursday until Sunday morning with his mother, Mrs. Bill Joiner.

Jamie and Ann Clearman of Ovalo visited with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Clearman, on Sunday afternoon.

Wanda Rainey accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Doug Rainey and Sharron to Dallas during the weekend for a visit with T. L. and Nadine Barnes. Mr. Barnes is in St. Paul's Hospital where he underwent back surgery. Mrs. Rainey reports that he is doing real well, but still has a long road to complete recovery. We send get well w.shes to him.

Lance Morrow had the misfortune to be knocked down and crack a bone in his right wrist while playing basketball during the intramural basketball games at Texas Tech. He will have to wear the cast for a month.

Stephen Scitern also had the misfortune to break an ankle while playing baseball at Hawley on Saturday, and underwent surgery on his ankle at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene. His mother, Mrs. Glenn Glynda Bond rendered the special Scitern, is in Abilene with Stephen. He hopes to get to come home within the next few days.

We wish Lance and Stephen a very speedy recovery from their injuries. Glenda Miles and grandson, B. J. Miles, and a friend of Abilene visited on Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan.

Delbert and Willie Mae Cozart of Eastland visited with Nancy Hendricks on Sunday.

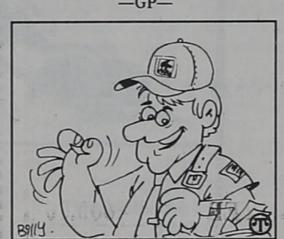
BIRTHDAY DINNER HONORS DEAN COLLINS

Lois Collins honored her husband, Dean, with a birthday dinner in their home on Sunday, March 3 in celebration of his 83rd birthday, which was Feb. 28. Angela Buckley baked the beautiful birthday cake.

Those present to help Dean celebrate were Jim and Judy West and Jennifer of McGregor and their grandson, Cory West of Lorena, Charles and Carolyn Little, Alan Little, Shelly Miles of Gorman, Caye and Zack Mauney of Abilene, Charla and Dannu Burgess, Angela and Jeff Buckley of Desdemona, David and Sherly Dale, Justin and Jared of Carbon, James Collins, Jamie and Kenneth of Haltom City, Sandra Lackey of Haltom City, Jimmy and Barbara Ely and granddaughter, Amanda of Watauga.

Caye and Zack Mauney of Abilene spent the weekend with Charles and Carolyn Little and Donnie and Nelda Mauney in Gorman while Scotty was at the Houston Livestock Show.

Our congratulations to Yancy Buchanan of Clyde for being named to the All-District 7-3A basketball list. Yancy is the son of Roy and Sylvia Buchanan and the grandson of Nancy Hendricks.



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JOE BENNETT - PUBLISHER

First of all the wife and I wish to thank everyone for the flowers, calls, cards and most of all your prayers during the time of her surgery and since returning home. Max is coming along fine and must be doing a lot better because she is getting more "grippier" with me every day. Seriously, though we do appreciate every word of prayer uttered in her behalf and for your love and concern. Thanks again.

The Gorman Lions Club will be holding their annual Benefit Basketball Games at the local gym on Thursday, March 21st with both womens and mens teams playing. These will be teams of unbelievable talent and undying determination

and dedication to the great game.

Also the Gorman Lions will be serving those great "Lion Burgers" in the cafeteria beginning at about 5:15 with a hamburgers and tea going for \$2.00.

Of course all proceeds will go for the worthwhile civic projects which the Lions sponsor during the year.

At present there has been no list released of these outstanding players, and there is a waiting list (I am sure) of those wanting to play in these annual battles.

Anyway be sire and mark your calendars for Thursday, March 21st and be ready for some thrilling action on the basketball court.

The Lions Club has also voted to sponsor a blood drive in May and all the details, dates, times, etc. will be announced as time goes along. Folks will be asked to sign up to donate blood which can be kept for those in the community who need blood down the way. Anyway, we will have more as time goes along. -J-

We congratulate the Panthers and Pantherettes being named to the All-District 23A Teams. There were four Panthers and two Pantherettes. Great job, gang!

Received a note from Fatine Dillinder of Breckenridge with her renewal to the Progress.

Fatine states that she enjoys reading the paper each week.

Thanks for the renewal. Fatine. _J_

The weatherman has really been good to us the past few days with the high temps and sunshine. The high winds haven't been real great, but we like the sunshine. Just hope he doesn't come along with one of those "blue northers" and freeze us (and all the blooming fruit trees) to death. Oh well, you all know that we have to have an "Easter Spell" and that usually spells doom for the fruit around here.

The race for the 65th District Representative is over and Bob Turner is the man who will represent the district in Austin. The vote was about two-to-one in favor of Turner. Now its time for everyone to get behind their Representative and give him all the support we can, and boost him on to doing our district a good job in Austin. There is a great need for good representation in Austin. Agreed?

And remember to smile - - because God Loves You!

-GP-

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Stenholm Co-Sponsors Bill To Repeal Social Security Earnings Test

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Cgarles Stenholm (D-TX) announced that he is cosponsoring legislation to end age discrimination against senior citizens who continue to work after they reach retirement

The bill, known as "The Older Americans Freedom to Work Act" would repeal the Social Security Earnings Test, a depression-era practice that was designed to discourage older people from remaining in the workforce.

Under earnings test restrictions, individuals over 65 who make more than \$9,700 per year must forfeit one-dollar in social security benefits for every three-dollars they earn over that limit. That means that a senior citizen making \$10,000 a year would face an effective marginal tax rate of 56-percent, which is nearly twice that of millionaires.

"It is high time this discriminatory law was repealed," said Stenholm. "We allow wealthier senior citizens to supplement their social security with income earned from interest and dividends, so how can we justify penalizing those who work to supplement their social security out of need?"

Stenholm added that the demography of the country is changing with more senior citizens and fewer

young people joining or re-entering the workforce. He pointed out that often times this out of necessity since social security was not set up as a full retirement program in itself.

"We should welcome senior citizens into the workforce, not drive them out," Stenholm added. "It is time to do away with this outdated earnings test."

During the 101st Congress, the "Older Americans Freedom to Work Act" attracted 267 House cosponsors but never had hearings or floor debate. The bill has 221 House cosponsors and 28 Senate cosponsors so fat in the 102nd Congress.

-GP-

Auditions For Wrangler Belles Set March 9th

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Saturday, March 9 at 1 p. m. in the Cisco Junior College gymnasium. Students accepted into the performing group are recipients of an activity scholarship that ranges from \$600 to \$1000 per year.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country year round. The organization also

Lung Disease Third-Leading Cause of Death in Texas

Lung disease is now the thirdleading cause of death in Texas, according to the Anerican Lung Association of Texas—the Christmas Seal People.

than cocaine, herion, alcohol abuse, suicide, auto accidents, homicide, and AIDS combined," said Edward Carter, Executive Director of the American Lung Association of Tex-"Every year, more Texans die of as. "Even more frightening is that lung disease, including lung cancer, the morality rate from lung disease is

FARM AND GARDENS

David L. Tunmire - County Extension Agent

GROWING VEGETABLES WITH FEW PESTICIDES

Recently, I gave a program on home gardening to the Cisco Lions Club. At the meeting there was a lot of interest in gardening with limited

provides a training in professionalism, individual character and self esteem. In recent years the group has traveled often making appearances in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York, the Appleblossom Festival in Winchester, Virginia and the Fiesta de Tabasco in Vallahermosa, Mexico.

Girls who are unable to attend the open audition can make arrangements with the director for an individual audition. For more information please contact Cisco Junior College at 817-442-2567, ext. 140.

pesticides.

Many people prefer to grow vegetables by using as few pesticides as possible.

In Texas, it is almost impossible to grow vegetables without pesticides unless one takes unusual methods of protecting them from weeds and

The hoe is the most common tool used for weed control, but this is time consuming and one of the less enjoyable gardening tasks.

Commercial vegetable farmers, due to costs of preventing weeds with herbicides, have already adapted ground mats to place over the seedbed or transplant row.

These mats, or weed barriers, prevent weeds, conserve moisture, stop compaction due to cultivation, and can change soil temperature by making it warmer or cooler. Dark mat makes the soil warmer while lighter mats make the soil cooler.

Home gardeners now have these weed barriers available from local nurseries and garden centers. These mats are not just plastic but are designed for this purpose.

The mats come in various sizes, such as three feet wide and 25 feet long, the agent says. The mats allow the air and water to enter the ground and the proper gas exchange to take place from the roots to the plant.

By using weed barriers a person can come close to organic gardening.

A publication on "Insect Control Guide for Organic Gardeners" is available at the County Extension office located in the basement of the County Courthouse in Eastland.

increasing faster than any other top 10 leading causes of death."

Texas is not the only state with a lung disease problem. Lung disease is also the third-leading cause of death in the United States. An estimated 24 million Americans suffer from some form of chronic lung disease, including emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

The American Lung Association states that with widespread public health education the majority of lung disease deaths are preventable. "Most of the approximately 140,000 annual lung cancer deaths nationwide and 8,000 deaths in Texas could be avoided by smoking cessation," said Carter. "The estimated 70,000 tion of Texas at 1-800-252-LUNG.

annual deaths from flu and pneumonia would be far lower simply if more people were immunized. And, deaths caused by asthma can be reduced with proper medical care and management.'

4,337 Texans died in 1989 from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) including bronchitis and emphysema. Cigarette smoking is responsible for more than 80 percent of COPD deaths.

With the numbers rising at such a frightening rate, the American Lung Association remains committeed to the conquest of lung disease and the promotion of lung health.

For more information about the prevention and care of lung disease, contact the American Lung Associa-

NEED A SMOKE DETECTOR???

If you need a Smoke Detector for your home and live in the City of Gorman and cannot afford to buy one, Contact a member of the Gorman Lions Club, Gorman Pharmacy or Gorman Progress.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Bill Hagood, W.M., 734-2724 - Howard Hagood, Sec. 734-2977.

NEED HELP???

We would like to invite your to join our OPEN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meetings. Meetings will be held at the old Fire Hall in Gorman at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

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 Primitive Baptist Church has Services on 2nd - 3rd -4th Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Elder Barry Brown, Pastor - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Ann Jay, Worthy Matron - 734-2733.

NANCY TROUT WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE MARCH 20TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

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Mar. 19	Gordon	Gorman	4:30
Mar. 22	Gordon	Gordon	4:30
Mar. 26	Brock	Gorman	5:00
Mar. 29	Stephenville J.V.	Gorman	4:30
Apr. 2	OPEN		
Apr. 5	Ranger	Gorman	4:30
Apr. 9	Huckabay*	Huckabay	TBA
Apr. 12	Ranger	Ranger	4:30
Apr. 15	Albany J.V.	Gorman	4:30
Apr. 19	Albany	Albany	5:00
Apr. 23	Cisco	Cisco	5:00
Apr. 30	Huckabay*	Gorman	4:30
May 3	Albany	Gorman	5:00
May 7	Cisco	Gorman	4:30
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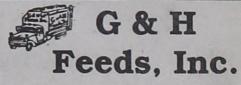
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Environmental Problems for EPA

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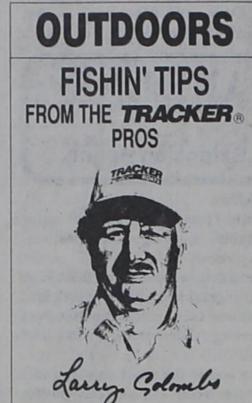
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The allegations are the result of a lawsuit against the owner and manag- the EPA headquarters as a result of ing agent of the agency's Washington, recent renovations. The complaint as-D.C. headquarters building. The suit serts the renovation, which took place alleges that the owners of the building over several years, caused permanent neglected to take reasonable steps to disruption to the building's ventilation

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the owners negligently hired, trained chemicals used both during the remodand supervised building employees. eling and in daily cleaning to continu-The EPA workers also charge that the ously circulate. The "sick air" alleg-Ironically, it seems that the defendants breached an implied war- edly caused the employees to suffer Environmental Protection Agency ranty that the perty would be safe headaches, memory losses, nausea and burning eyes. 1 01991, PM Editorial Services



Catch and Release is a good policy for many game fish. However, there will be times when an angler will keep his catch for the table. It's a good idea to keep only those fish you intend to

For a delicious change of pace, try smoking your catch in an outdoor smoker. Wash the fish or filets thoroughly and place them on a cookie sheet covered with foil. Salt the fish using a liberal amount of table salt. Cover with foil and let stand in a cool place

Drain the moisture, season with lemon pepper and a bit of garlic powder. Add hickory chips to your smoker and cook until the filets flake apart. For moist and tender filets, try wrapping in cheese cloth before smoking.

Senate Committee Gramm Honored Passes Revised **Ethics Legislation**

Citing Senate State Affairs Committee passage Monday of a strong ethics bill, Lt. Governor Bob Bullock today praised the work of the Committee Chair Bob Glashow (D-Stephenville), Subcommittee on Elections and Ethics Chair Steve Carriker (D-Roby), and Committee member Temple Dickson (D¶Sweet-

water). "The State Affairs Committee and especially Senators Glasgow, Carriker and Dickson have produced the strongest ethics bill yet -- a bill with tough restrictions on both public officials and the people who make their living trying to influence them," Bullock said.

New provisions first adopted last week by the State Affairs Subcommittee on Elections and Ethics add rules restricting lobbyist-financed trips and limiting the amount a lobbyist can spend on an official. Those new provisions were incorporated into the bill passed by the full State Affairs Committee.

Among other things, the revised legislation would:

- Establish a seven-member, bipartisan ethics commission, headed by the Secretary of State, with the power to conduct audits, subpoena records, and levy heavy penalties.

- Ban legislstors from accepting pleasure trips paid for by lobbyists.

- Prevent lobbyists from spending more than \$500 per year on any one official (expenditures of less than \$50 are not counted toward that limit), and require the lobbyist to make the expenditure in the official's presence.

- Prohibit an official from accepting gifts from a lobbyist valued over

- Require lobbyists to disclose who they work for and how much

an official accepts to \$500 per year

With 1991 Horatio Alger Award

Washington — The Horatio Alger Association has selected U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, baseball Hall of Fame member Stan Musial, Joints Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Colin Powell and seven other distinguished Americans to receive the 1991 Horatio Alger Award.

The association was founded more than 40 years ago to promote economic opportunity among America's youth.

Its annual national award is given to 10 Americans "in recognition of their outstanding contributions" in their chosen field.

Each year, the association funds \$250,000 in college scholarships to promising high school students nationwide. It also conducts an annual seminar focusing on career opportunities and public service among young people.

The 1991 awrads will be conferred in Washington on April 12th.



The average American eats eightand-a-half pounds of pickles a year.

from any one source or any one event, and allows the ethics commission to ban honoraria altogether.

- Enact revolving door legislation prohibiting a former officer or employee from appearing before his agency for a fee including a permanent ban on matters in which he participated as a state employee.

- Strengthen personal disclosure requirements by mandating detailed reporting of an official's personal financial dealings, including business interests an official might have with a lobbyist.

- Limit political contributions to candidates and cap the amount a legislator can spend on personal living expenses while in Austin or on state business.

"The era of hidden agendas and disguised interests is over" Bullock said. "When this bill passes, everyone will know who is working for Texas' best interests and who is not."

The full Senate will consider the ethics bill sometime this week. -GP-

Area officials receive grant for corruption investigation

By RAMONA NYE Staff Writer

AUSTIN - The governor's office Friday awarded Eastland County prosecutors a \$54,743 grant to investigate official corruption charges.

The grant will be matched with \$25,000 by Eastland County to pay for an experienced district attorney's investigator, a secretary and investigative equipment, said 91st District Attorney Leslie Vance.

The money will be used for investigating drug trafficking charges against area lawmen, but it will not duplicate the federal government's on-going investigation into an Eastland County-based drug ring, Vance said.

"There are some law enforcement people we are checking on, but not necessarily those that have been charged," Vance said.

Former Eastland County Sheriff Dee Hogan and former Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Acey Van Steel have admitted to aiding the drug ring and are awaiting sentencing on their guilty pleas.

The grant money also will be used to investigate allegations of mismanagement of funds at the closed Cisco and Ranger hospitals.

Both hospitals shut down last year with large debts after voters successfully rolled back large tax

"There have been some people who have asked us to look into both hospitals," Vance said.

Misuse of municipal property in Rising Star also will be examined, but Vance would not say if the allegation involved former Mayor Henry Burk.

Burk was removed from office Dec. 18 by the Rising Star City Council who found him guilty of using city employees and equipment to remove underground tanks from an abandoned gas station; not conducting municipal court since 1985 when he assumed court duties and ignoring council directives.

Former Erath County district attorney's investigator David Ward has been hired at a salary of \$40,000 a year.

Commenting on the grant, Gov. Ann Richards said, "Special circumstances call for quick action. I am pleased that our Criminal Justice Division acted quickly to assist in the prosecution efforts in this case.'

Tom Vickers, director of the governor's Criminal Justice Division, said the criminal investigation will involve official corruption and malfeasance but will not be limited to those topics.

(The Harte-Hanks Austin Bureau

Medicare Open Enrollment Now In Progress

Between now and April 1, eligible people can sign up for Medicare medical insurance, Ken Hargis, Social 'Security assistant manager in Abilene, said recently.

The open enrollment period is set aside each year to allow people to change their minds if they never signed up for medical insurance or had it before and dropped it.

Medical insurance helps pay doctor bills, outpatient hospital services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical items and services not covered by the hospital insurance part of Medicare.

For people who enroll now, medical insurance protection starts July 1, Hargis said. The basic premium rate this year is \$29.90 a month. It is increased by 10 percent for each year a person could have had it but was not enrolled.

To sign up for medical insurance or get other Social Security information, people should contact Social Security, Hargis said.

The Abilene Social Security office is located at 142 S. Pioneer and the telephone number is 698-1360.

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11th Annual Spring Fling Slated **During April**

The "Center" of attention!! Thats what mature adults 55 and over will be at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when hundreds will enthusiastically participate in the 11th annual Spring Fling during April and May says Janet Thomas, Eastland County Extension Agent -

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