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Samantha Stephens and Valerie Longoria Named Miss and Little Miss Gorman In Ceremony Held Saturday At GHS Auditorium



LITTLE MISS GORMAN VALERIE LONGORIA Escorted by Matt Underwood



Samantha Stephens 16 year old daughter of Rodney and Linda Stephens was crowned Miss Gorman at the Pageant Saturday night.

Her escort for the evening was her brother, John Mart Stephens. She was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

The reigning Miss Gorman, Allison Treadway did the honor of Crowning the new Miss Gorman; Samantha was presented a bouquet of roses.

Samantha will reign for one year and will represent Gorman in Area parades and special events.

MINDY LAMINACK 1ST RUNNER UP - Mindy Laminack, 15 year old daughter of Revis and Becky Laminack was named First Runner Up in the Miss Gorman Contest.

Her escort for the evening was Dusty Farrow. Gorman Lions Club sponsored Mindy in the contest.

JENNY GOODE 2ND RUNNER UP - Jenny Goode, 17 year old daughter of Gregg and Cathy Goode was named 2nd runner up in the Miss Gorman Contest.

Jenny's escort for the evening was Jason Posey. She was sponsored by the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman Contest fund raisers each year and this year event ecceeded all other contests.

The month long contest raised a total of \$8,701.53 with the Little Miss raising \$843.34. included in the total.

Valerie Longoria named Little Miss Gorman - Valerie Anette Longoria 5 year old daughter of Frank and Graciela Longoria was named Little Miss Gorman at the pageant Saturday night in the high school auditorium. Her grand parents are Gregoria Landa of Gorman and Genovia Longoria of Kress, Texas.

She was crowned by the reigning Little Miss Reba Granado. She was escorted by Matt Underwood and sponsored by the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department.

MARIAH HETRICK 1ST RUNNER UP - Mariah Hetrick 4 1/2 year old daughter of Sheila Hetrick and grand daughter of William and Pam Hetrick was named 1st runner up in the Little Miss Gorman Pageant Saturday night.

Her escort was Nathan Ritter and she was sponsored by Foster Floral.



MISS GORMAN - SAMATHA STEPHENS Escorted by John Mart Stephens

FIRST RUNNER UP - MARIAH HETRICK Escorted by Nathan Ritter



SECOND RUNNER UP - AUDRY JOHNSTON Escorted by Ben Wilcoxsen



AUDRY JOHNSTON 2ND RUNNER UP - Audry De Lyn Johnston 5 year old daughter of Randy and Amy Johnston was named 2nd runner up in the Little Miss Gorman Pageant Saturday night.

She was escorted by Ben Wilcoxson. She was sponsored by the Gorman Progress.

DEZIRA MURPHY 3RD RUNNER UP - Dezira Murphy, 5 year old daughter of Eddie and Gloria Murphy was named 3rd runner up in the Little Miss Pageant Saturday night.

Her escort was Charlie Harmon. She was sponsored by the Gorman Lions Club.

All contestants in the Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman contest were presented trophies.

Gene Foster served as Master of Ceremonies - Joe Bennett assisted the Little Miss Contestants to the stage.

1st Annual Mainstreet 4th of July Family Celebration

Spend the day in celebration of your country's Independence on Mainstreet and the Mainstreet Park with your family and friends. There will be something for everyone in the family. Games - Food - Music - Homemade Ice Cream "Crank Off" - Face Painting - Surprise - Surprise.

Schedule of Events: 2:00 - Children's Parade; 2:30 -Opening Ceremony; 3:00 - Children's Choir and Games Begin; 3:30 - Ice Cream Crank-Off; 4:30 Vicky Campbell; 5:00 - Larry Campbell and Family; 6:00 - Carol Ables; 6:30 -Cowboy Poet - Tommy Seay; 7:00 - Corn Grinders Band from Lipan.

CHILDREN'S PARADE 4TH

There will be a Children's Parade on Thursday, July 4th in connection with the July 4th Celebration to be held in Gorman.

Children wishing to participate in the parade are asked to gather at the Inspection Building at 1:30 p.m. Please dress in patriotic Colors if possible, but not required.

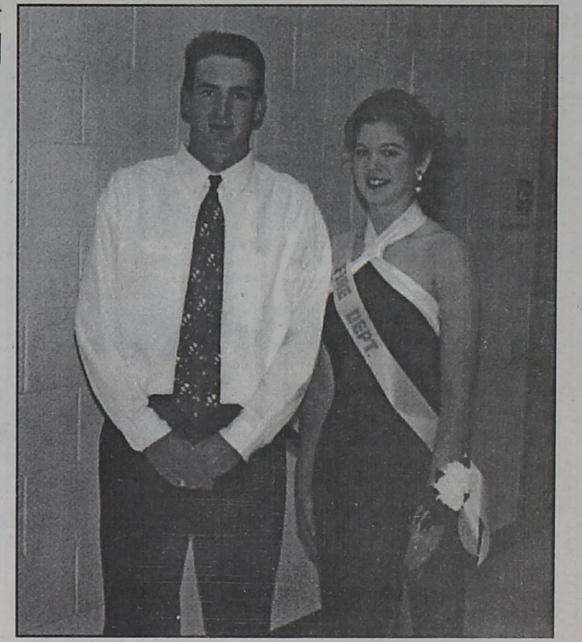
The full Parade is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. If you need any other imformation on the Children's Parade call Karen Guthery at 734-2575 or 734-3388.

Shinoaks Opera House To Open Soon

The Old Higginbotham Warehouse is being renovated and will open soon as Shinoaks Opera House. On September 7, 1996, we plan the Grand Opening. We will feature an origianl play, written by Vicki Campbell, titled, "Dixie's Diner". The play will be directed by Vicki Campbell and Kathy Hagood. Open Auditions will be held. Look for Notices in the Gorman Progress.



FIRST RUNNER UP - MINDY LAMINACK Escorted by Dusty Farrow



In anyone has any time, Old Vintage Clothing, Wigs, or Money to donate please contact: Cliffa Vaughn, Vicki Campbell or Kathy Hagood.

Four Panthers Named To All State Teams

There were four Gorman Panther Baseball Players named to the Class A All-State Teams. The Panthers advanced to the Class A Semifinals this season.

Named as a pitcher on the All-State Team was Nicholas Guthery, a senior at Gorman High.

Ronald Majors and Donald Majors, seniors at GHS, were named as infielders.

Jason Johnson, also a senior at GHS, was named as an outfielder. These players have been outstanding performers for GHS all through high school in all sports.

Our congratulations to these fine young people.

SECOND RUNNER UP - JENNY GOODE Escorted by Jason Posey

CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the folks for the cards, calls, and words during the time of the death of Sibe Poynor. Also for the prayers offered in his behalf. Everyone has been great to the family and it is greatly appreciated. May God bless you all. Era Maupin

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

David and Wanda Goodin of Lubbock were in Gorman last Thursday to get Bertha Gregor for the 24th Mehaffey family reunion in Slado. They returned on Sunday.

THIRD RUNNER UP - DEZIRA MURPHY Escorted by Charlie Harmon

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THE GORMAN PROGRESS

All Charges Dismissed-Ronnie White

In a quick turn of events on Thursdy in the 91st District Court the prosecurtors from the State Attorney General office dropped all charges against former Sheriff Ronnie White.

In the case of misdemeanor official Oppression being tried last week. White was accused of removing a fence owned by Mike McPhail in County Road 483 (Alameda County Road) without a proper order. He was also accused of threatening McPhail.

Another indictment was related tho this same incident and another was not.

Attorney Siedler of Fort Worth, a lawyer for McPhail, said he, didn't think McPhail had hindered anyone in moving his fence on Alameda Cemetery Road. He also said he had telephone conversation and a meeting with sheriff White and White stated he thought McPhail had blocked access.

Upon questioning by McLewallen, Siedler said he through the sheriff was just trying to do what he though he had to.

McPhail was called to the stand and testified that the fence was old and had to be replaced. He stated he never was approached about the cemetery groups concerned and received information about it from newspapers. McPhail said that finally Sheriff White told him he was commiting a crime and threatened to arrest him.

District Attorney Mike Siebert took the stand late Tuesday and testified that Sheriff White had asked him what should be done about he fence. He had replied that since McPhail had offered to remove the fence, the issue was moot.

On Wednesday County, Judge Scott Bailey testified that he began to learn about the fence last summer. He said he signed a Commissioners Court order Sept.11th" to seek removal of the fence" Bailey said hte order did not give anyone authority to take the fence down. The he could be accused of the same conorder he signed was an exhibit in the duct as White, and that he might need court room. Along with photos of the a lawyer to advise him. "I just thought cemetery road. on Sept. 25th when the motion came up to have the McPhail fence removed by 5 p.m. the next day Commissioners Pittman and Aimsworth voted to have White remove the fence and Lyerla and L.T. Owens, abstained, Bailey said the action from that meeting was not valid because a majority did not vot ena dhte presiding judge commioned L.T. Owens did not sign the order.

Pet. 4 Commissioner Reggie Pittman. he stated that Sept. 25th he made a motion to have the fence down by 5 p.m. the next day, and understood the motion passed. He said he made the motion to remove the fence because the Commissioners Court has a right ro remove a fence blocking access on a county road.

During some of the testimony Judge Burdock chided spectators for showing emotions. He reminded them they they were n a Court of Law, not a pep rally. He also had some choice words to the jurios about not reading newspawas being tried.

Thursday began with testimony by Pct. 2 Commissioner Calvin Aimsworth who started by answering questions from Attorney Lewallen. He was questioned about the cemetery road, which he had been maintaining. The Commissioners gave the normal width of such a road as around 46 1/2 ft. He said when McPhail mowed the fence he took in from 2 to 12 ft. of this roadway in places. He stated there was not room between the fence and a horn to make a good ditch. He said the fence went uphill and the farther it went, the father into the right-of-way it got. A post was almost to the bottom of a bar ditch. Aimsworth said he voted for the Sheriff to remove the fence but thought we were doing something wrong.

About this time the jury was asked to leave the noon and lawyers had some exchanges.

Aimsworth resumed testifying with the jury absent. But when the Commisioner said he pulled up one of the fence posts himself, defense attorney Lewallen rose to his fee. he said "Why is the Sheriff being charged and not these people (Pittman and Aimsworth)" he asked Judge Burdock. "This man (Aimsworth) pulled the postup !!!

Burdock warned Aimsworth that

Lewallen said that two suits, would be filed soon - for the payment of White's defense fees, and also for a determination of the out of McPhails fence, and who might owe for it.

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Judge Burdock called in the jury and then annouced that he granted the State's motiuon to dismiss this case! He then turned to white and said "I wish you the best of luck; whatever vou undertake."

After court was dismissed Gary Lewallen stated "I'm really thankful this is over for Ronnie White and his family. I was defending an innocent man."

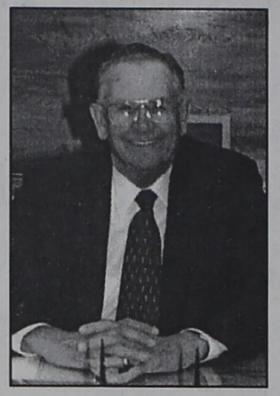
Others, private citizens and some pers or watching T.V. while the case officials had less charitable comments on the trial. "The whole thing was stupid". A number said, "The Sheriff was just trying to do his job." "What a wase of tax payers money," others commented.

> According to Robert's Rules of Order the motion passed on Sept. 25th was offical. This motion was directed to Sheriff White to remove the fence by 5 p.m Tuesday Sept. 26th Soem stated that the motion failed. This is not correct according to 21st Century Roberts Rules of order. Ourdinary to the rules, the vote, was 2-0 for passing the motion.

> The Gorman Progress also thinks that this case was a big waste of tax payers money. First the Commissioners Court should not have put Sheriff White in this position and then backed down. Secondly, the Grand jury should not have accepted such a peny case. And thirdly the Attorney General's office should be chastized for their acitons in bringing this case to the Grandjury Maybe we should all write to Attorney General Morales and express our views on such a sorry waste of taxpayers money in every trying this case.

Gorman To Host Installation

Ranger Banker To Celebrate 50th year



On Tuesday, July 2 Tom Dunn, Prsident of People's State Bank of Ranger, will have completed 50 years in banking, the employees of the bank have scheduled a two-day celebrationin recognition of this achievement. Tuesday, July 2, a reception will be held where his friends in the banking community will have an opportunity to drop in and share this moment with him. On Wednesday, July 3, a comeand-go open house will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. where the bank's customer will have an opportunity to participate in the celebration. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

In the spring of 1946, when Tom dunn graduated from Huckaby High School, it wasn't easy for a young man fresh off the farm to find a job that didn't involve farming in one way or another. "At that time I had no idea the direction my life was going to take. I knew how to work. I had been working, it seemed, most of my life so I went looking for a job," he said in response to a question regarding the beginning of his career as a banker. By Gorman Masonic Lodge #716 A.F. July he was working for a road crew "tamping bridges". This involved using a hand tool to pack the dirt along the edges of the road leading onto a newly constructed bridge, One day he

was tamping bridges, the next day he was in the bookkeeping department of the First National Bank of Stephenville, and the rest, as they say, is history.

of the Stephenville bank, went to visit the superientendent of Huckaby High School in search of a bright young man who was good at math. The superintendent recommended Tom Dunn and Mr McCleskey went to his home and invited him to come to work at the bank. Tom accepted and worked there for the next eleven years. He worked his way up to Loan Teller there when W.G. Kirk, President of the Farmer's National Bank of Gorman hired him as Vice President and Loan Officer.

He worked in the Gorman bank for four years and when Mr. Kirk bought the Citizen's National Bank in Brownwood, moved there with him as Vice President, Loan Officer and Personnel Director.

When Mr. Kirk sold the Brownwood bank to B.C. Drinkard and bought another one in Grand Prairie, Tom made the decision to stay on with the Citizen's National Bank where he worked for a total of eleven years.

In 1971 Tom Wilson, Chairman of the board of Ranger's First State Bank, called Tom and invited him to move to Ranger as president of the bank and he accepted. The Board of Directors at

that time consisted of Tom Wilson, Chairman, Glen Gilliam, President, J.P. McCraken, James Ratliff and Morris Newnham.

This is a year of half-century marker Fred McCleskey, a vice president for Tom. Earlier this spring, he went back to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his graduating class at Huckaby High school, on July 2, he will celebrate his 50th year as a banker, and when he retires the last of December, he and Sammie will have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

> Tom and Sammie Pack, also a Huckaby High School product, were marred on December 28, 1946. They have four children: Diane Blair, the Principal of 900 student junior high school in Denton. Her husband Tom is the head baseball coach at Denton High School. Alicia Whitfield lives in Austin and works for an advertising agency Brenda Anderson and her family li in Weatherford. Her husband Rex is pilot for Delta Airlines. Tommy teaches school and coaches football in Stephenville. He is married to Vicki Gibson, who is also a teacher.

Tom the youngest of ten children born to a share-crop farmer, summed up his 50 years as a banker: "My daddy always said to get a good job and stay with it. That nobody ever amounted to anything bouncing around from job to job." I guess, I have just been following my daddy's advice."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

REUNION - A 20 year reunion is being planned for the Classes of 1977 - 1982, in celebration of the 1976 State Football Championship. If you would like to help plan this reunion or if you have addresses that would help notify members of these classes, please contact - Deliah Eaves Lewis, Rt. 1 Box 53, Ennis, Texas 75119 or 214-875-4285

A MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVE will be at Security State Bank - 115 S. Fisher - Gorman, Tx On Friday, August 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A representative will be available to answer any questions and concerns you have about Medicare. CMS Health Care will be present to take Blood Pressure from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The prosecrution rested its case and the first defense witness called up was

the Sheriff and I were doing a good Bailey said he was attending a funeral job." he said. Shortly after that remark the court took a long recess. Apparently there was some conferring of lawyers during this time.

Following Aimsworth testimony, Lewallen called from sheriff Ronnie White to the stand - the jury still out. White testified that he was innocent of the charges against him. that he had never intentionally broken any law. He said that he did not plan to take a job in law enforcement again, for it was too stressful for his family and friends.

& A.M. will host eh 73rd Masonic District Joint Installation on July 2, 1996 at ZJ's Steakhouse, in Gorman Texas beginning at 7 P.M. Right Worshipful James D. Ward, grand secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas will be the installing officer.

This is an open installation and everyone is invitied to attend the meal will be dutch treat. The 73RD Masonic District is made up of Masonic Lodges from Breckenridge, Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Carbon, Rising Star, and Gorman.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank Danny Burgess for helping me on Tuesday. He did me a really big favor and I really am glad to have had his help. Thanks again. Love, Mandy

NOTE OF APPRECIATION On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank everyone who helped me with the Miss Gorman Contest.

To the ones who helped me with my bake sale and my hamburger lunch, I appreciate yall so much.

To everyone who bought tickets, purchased baked goods, bought hamburgers and supported my garage sale, I will always be grateful.

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for their support and I will be very proud to represent Gorman in the upcoming events.

> Sincerely, Samantha Stephens.

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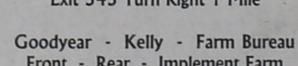
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Gorman. John and La Tonne Rodgers

were in Abilene several days also, with

enjoyed a trip to Ft. Worth Saturday

with the Super Seniors of Eastland

they went tot he zoo and attended the

musical, "Crazy for You" in the after-

the weekend were her daughter Val-

eria Duckwerth and granddaughter

Danielle and a friend of Ennis. They,

attended the Fandangle at Albany Sat-

urday for Sylvia Gosnell at the fellow-

ship ahll of the Baptist Church. She

their peanuts planted and cutting and

baling hay. We have been having

beautiful weather, if it is hot. We are so

thankful that we got the wonderful

last week with Billie Stacy and will

meet this week with Elizabeth Sandlin.

We celebrated our fifth year last week.

Nathan Lowrie went to Granbury to

see "Me and My Girl" at the Granbury

Opera House. A granddaughter Adri-

Thursday, Euell, Jenoise Allisn and

The widow ladies luncheon met

The Farmers are really busy getting

received many nice and useful gifts.

A baby shower was given last Sat-

Ruth Knowles and R Lee McDaniel

DESDEMONA NEWS

VONNIE GUTHERY - PHONE 758-2665

Our Sincere sympathy goest out to the family of W.E. "Buck" Read, 93, of Ranger who was buried on Sunday, June 23, in the Alameda Cemetery. Survivors include three daughters, Mary Joyce Quinn and La Freida Hammond both of Ranger; Regena Cooper of Whitewright. Preceded in death by his wife, Mable Huddleston Read. The Read family are former residents of Desdemona where Mary Joyce was in the Class of 1943, La Freida graduated with the Class of 1945 and Regena graduated with the Class of 1949.

Kevin and Ulenda Weaver, Heath Ashley Weaver all of Fort Worth ded a family reunion at Lake Proctor and visited with Dorothy Roberts over the weekend.

"Congratulations" to Gerald Lewis and Shanna Holland who were married on Saturday, June 22 at the Northside

Baptist Church in De Leon. Gerald is the son of Harold and Betty Lewis of Desdemona. Shanna is the daughter of Clifford and Glyna Holland of De Leon. After a short wedding trip the couple will live in the Jakehamon Community.

Mattie (Keith) Newton of De Leon was honored with a reception to celebrate her 90th brithday on Sunday, June 23 at the F & M Bank hospitality room in De Leon. Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona attended this reception. Mattie is the daughter of the late Major and Emma (Sadberry) Keith.

Remember Saturday, August 10 is the date for the Annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion. If you have a change of address or know addresses of your classmates - please

Barfield. (My apology to the Barfield

family for listing their name as Barfoot

and Lindell during the past week were

June and Gladene Cates of Big Spring,

Harvey Winn, Bud Winn, Joe and

man, Hope Joiner and Ruth Bryant

attended the birthday party for Lisa

Snider in the home of her parents,

Dwayne and Connie Snider in Stephen-

Hazel Snider, Susan Wheat and girls

Jonell and Charlie Torrez of Gor-

Hazel Snider and La Von Snider

Visitors with Vernon and Deon Fields

in last weeks column.)

Falyn Fields all of Carbon.

visited with Nancy Hendricks.

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urday evening.

Church attendance was down Sunday at the Baptist Church. It seems most everyone is taking vacation or havin re-unions.

Visitors at Church Sunday evening were Shawn Poe of Hico, and Laurin Poe of Terrell. They are spending the week with their grandparents Bro. Jim and Ann Poe.

The Foy family reunion was held at Camp Inspiration in Eastland over the weekend one hundred and thirty registered Bro. Jim and Ann (Foy) Poe were hostess.

Dwayne and Angie Clower of Pioneer, Keith and Gayle Clower, of Carbon. Wendy Forbus and family of Stpehenville met at the Truman Bryants.

Doug and Sandra Bryant and Hannah of Many La. recently visited the Bryants.

Billie Stacy and Ima Brown were in Abilene last Monday to be with their sister, Berniece Rodgers, in Abilene Regional Hospital, who is very sick at this time. She was brought back to the Heritage Manor last Wednesday in

will be appreciated.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona will have Vacation Bible School starting July 21 thru July 26. Make plans for your children to attend.



enne Allison, is among the many college student that are appearing in the productions at the Opera House this summer. "South Pacific" will be showing in July and "OKlahoma" in August. Alvie, Linda, David Allison, & Kimera Lowrie also were there Thursday for the Matinee.

Adrienne, a senior student from Quacheta University in Arkansas, has also played Louise in The Fantasticks and appeared in Seven Brides for Seven Brothers and The Music Man. She is a music major and plays the piano and violin.

Kimera returned home with her Visiting with Dorothy Light over grandparents. On the way they stopped



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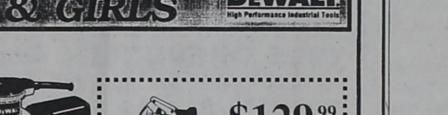
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in Stephenville to visit with Floyd Couch, an unele who will celebrate his 100th Birthday July 4th.

NEWS

Recent guests of Ruth Higginbottom were her son, Ted Higginbottom of Seminole and an assistant, Bill Cox of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Ruth Higginbottom recently spent a week in Seminole with Ted, Tracy, and grand children, Amanda, Andrea Higginbottom, and Chelsea and Brittni Goldston. They saw the movie, "Twister" in Odessa, visited in Hobbs, N.M. and Andrews Gynmastic Center.



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<u>KOKOMO NEWS</u>

ZELDA JORDAN -- PHONE 639-2289

Attendance was low on sunday at the Kokomo Baptist Church due to vacations, family reunions, and the illness of some of the church members.

Jimmy Little directed the music, with Norma Webb at the piano. "Happy Birthday was sung to Leona Wilson who had a birthday on Saturday. Visitors were Jerald McClearan of Gorman, Modess Burgess of Gorman, Karen Patterson of Breckenridge and Dianne Morgan of Friona.

Jimmy Little directed the music at the evening service, with Wynelle Brown at the piano and Glynda Bond at the organ. Jimmy Little and Wynelle Brown rendered the special music.

contact this reporter at P.O. Box 187, Desdemona, Texas 76445. Your help

Rev. Jim Gillespie of Stephenville will be the speaker at the morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, June 30, as Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson will be attending a family reunion.

The FIFTH SUNDAY NIGHT Thursday. SINGING will be held at the KOKOMO BAPTIST CHURCH on Sunday June 30, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Other churches will participate and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the singing.

Dianne Morgan of Friona visited with her mother, Mrs. Anna Laura Clearman and they attended a family reunion at Coleman on Saturday.

Delmon and Joyce Eaves spent sunday June 16, in Ennis with Randy and Deliah Lewis, Christopher and Jonathan and attended the baptismal service for Christopher. Mark and Margaret Eaves and Preston of Mansfield met them in Ennis for lunch.

Jacob and Kaci Webb of Comanche visited one day last week with their grandparents, Oren and Norma Webb. Charles Little was able to return to his home on Monday after about ten days in the Abilene Regional Hospital. We wish Charles a speedy recovery.

Bob and Mary Jane Little took their grandchildren, Andrew, Jonathan Michael and Lauren Barfield to their home in Tyler on Friday following their visit here with the grandparents, and visited with Arleen and Terry

of Ranger and Toby Snider had lunch with Ted Snider on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Ted came and helped his mother, Hazel Snider fix corn for the freezer and had lunch with her. Justin Snider had lunch with Mrs. Snider on

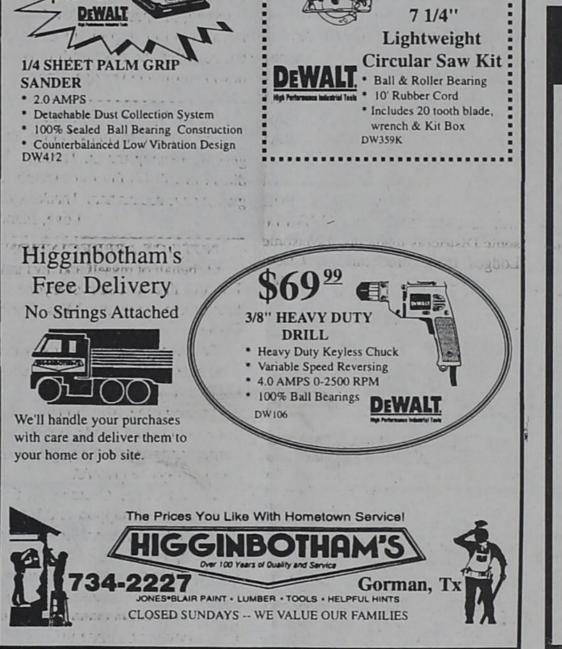
Hazel Snider visited with Ava Rodgers and Berniece rodgers on Thursday afternoon.

On Friday McKinsey and Caitlin Wheat of Ranger visited with their great-grandmother, Hazel snider. Kathy, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay had supper with Mrs. Snider and La Von on Friday night. Scott had spent Thursday night in Brownwood with his great aunt La Von. and his parents came to pick him up on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ross visited with Hazel and La Von on Saturday morning.

Visitors with Zelda Jordan, Glenda Priest of Abilene, Joe, Jesame and Justin Miles of Austin on Tuesday in the Jordan home were Clifford and Lurline Nelson, of Carbon, Jimmy and Maggie Nelson of Bowie, Teresa and Quinton Findley of Tucson, AZ., Danny and Chrystal Wood of Lewisville, Gerardo Satow of Hermosillo, Mexico. Sheri and Wade Daniell of Abilene were visitors on Tuesday night.

Bob and Mary Jane Little were visiting with Jimmy and Verna Little on Monday night.

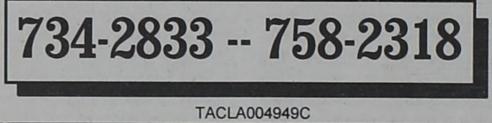


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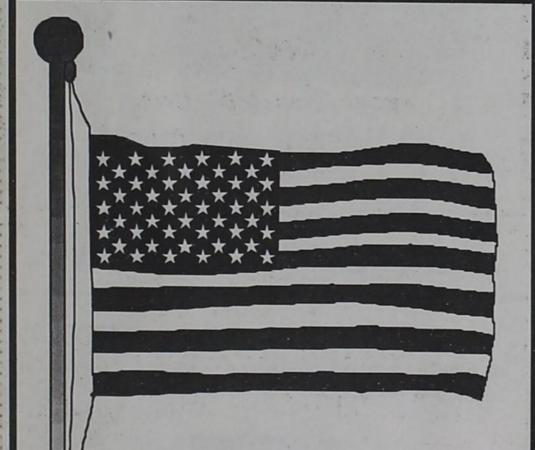
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JUNE 27, 1996

Heritage Manor News

NANCY HENDRICKS -- REPORTING

A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Hi Neighbors: Let's keep praying for rain, what weve had has been wonderful, but we sure could use some more.

We at Heritage Manor wish to welcome Ms. Bernice Rogers back home from an extended stay in Abilene hospital. Our heart felt prayers go out to Ms. Rogers and her family.

Mr. Jack Bellows will be coming to stay with us for awhile after being released from Abilene hospital. We welcome hime.

Take Care and God Bless. Deane McNeill

The next birthday party will be Thursday June 27th at 2:00 p.m. Honorees are Travis Smith, Ruby Vandergriff, Jack Bellows and Voleta Richardson. Guests and relatives are welcome.

On Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. Bro. Brent Lasater of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for Ora Mae Atchison Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Orlena Perdue, Inez Rogers, Annie Dennis, and guest Lisa Cornwell.

ited her brother Eulon Perry.

On Sunday at 2:30 p.m. those from First United Methodist Church were Rev. Kevin Rocett, Sue Ann Tarver, Jim Rice, Pat Hagood, Neva Robertson, Tommye Haile, Ruth Higginbottom and guest Pat Graham. Residents were Veno Hale, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Cynthia Earles, Iris Smith, Mildred Bellows, Ruby Vandergriff, Varona Taylor, Orlena Beaty. Perdue, and Dorothy Beaty.

Those helping Ruth Miners "Music and Singing" on Monday were Ruby Lee Dennis, Joy Campbell, Clint Jones, Tisha Jones and Skyler Jones. Residents were Orlena Perdue, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Rubye Jones, Varona Taylor, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Iris Smith, Veno Hale, Patty Whitehorn, Iola Johnson, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Vadis Phelps, Ava Rodgers, and Annie Dennis.

Some of Ruby Nowlins guests were Nancy Holland of Little Rock, Ark., Jimmie Johnson of Victoria, Lloyd Nowlin of Arlington, John and Chris Funderburk of De Leon and Ima Lee Burleson.

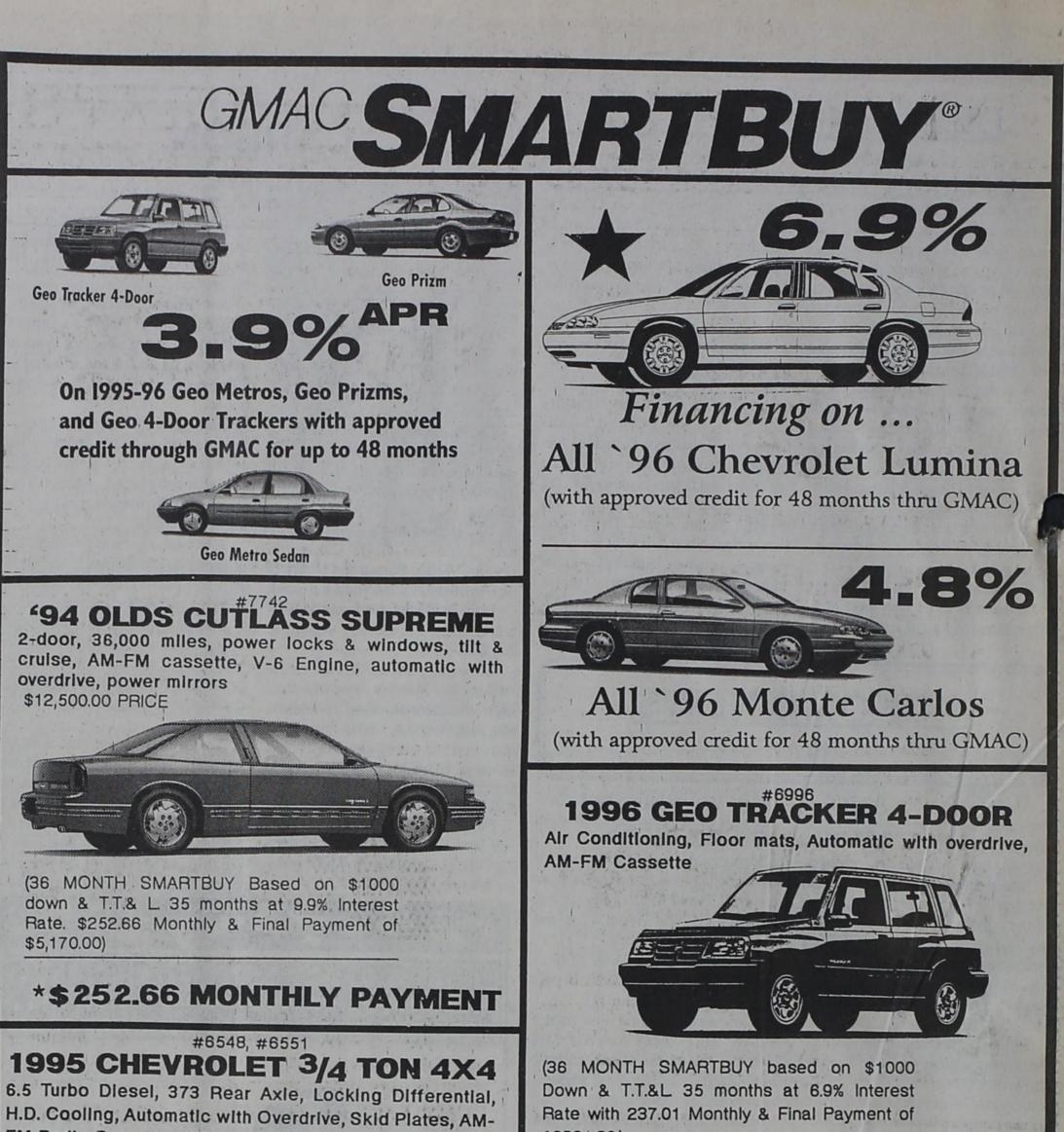
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Some of Ava Rodgers guests were Betty Sue Heathenton of Eastland, Lou Evelyn Rodgers of Midlothian, Lanita Freeman, Nancy Hendricks, Ima Brown, Billie Stacy, Jana Grice, Annie Fay foster, Mayvis Lasater, Howard Hagood, Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin vis- Durwood Webb, Kay Snider, Hazel Snider, Joyce Rodgers of Houston.

> Those visiting Iola Johnson were Marie Cook and Ina Reynolds of Carbon and Patty Whitehorn.

> On Tuesday morning those enjoying "Music" with Betty Duke were Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Effie Mae Brown, Iris Smith, Ora Mae Atchison, Mildred Bellows, Orlena Perdue, Iola Johnson and Dorothy

Some of Annie Dennis guests were Some of Lorene Jays guests were Ruth Arnette of Lubbock, Lisa Cornwell Brian Lasater of Dallas, Lou Evelyn of Eastland Willo Rice, Nancy Hen-Rodgers of Midlothian, Brent and Jean dricks, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Betty Sue Dennis, Mae Eison, Irene Coming from the Church of Christ West, Willie Broom, Brenda Boyd, Amanda, Shanna, and Ashley Hair. Those coming for the Tuesday Sing-Smithy, Floydene Gilbert, and Eunice A-Long were Marie Cook, Ethel Weaver, Billie Stacy, Ernestine Campbell, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Knowles, R Lee McDaniels, Willo Rice, and Dorothy Light. Residents were Patty Whitehorn, Orlena Perdue, Mildred Bellows, Iris Smith, Ollie Halcomb, Varona Taylor, Inez Rogers, Annie Dennis, Ava Rodgers, Ora Mae Atchison, and Veno Hale. Some of Iris Smiths guests were Marilyn Warren, Billie Jo Stewart and Linda Hughes of De Leon. On Wednesday Robin Speck brought Chapel for Patty Whitehorn, Iris Smith, Orlena Perdue, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Cynthia Earles and Ora Mae Atchison. Some of Voleta Richardsons guests were Freeman and Dorothy Burns of Colorado Bob and Jo Etheredge, Frankie Joe Shipman, Nancy Hendricks, Marie Cook, Anna Rush and Estelle Ervin. Visiting Travis Smith were Debrah and Jarrett Selmon of Round Rock, Barbra Smith and Wynogene Smith. Some of Inez Rogers guests were Barbra Tucker, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Lugene Morris of De Leon, Fred and Joy rogers, Della Galloway, Roma Jewel Hood, Georgie Iley and Ima Lee Burleson of Desdemona. On Thursday Mary Ficklen of desdemona came and read "Out to Pasture" by Effie WIlder and then served delicious banana pudding to Vadis Phelps, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Orlena Perdue, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, and Varona Taylor. Some of Cynthia Earles guests were Vardie and Fay Huff, Jessie Woosley, Sue Price of Azle, Bro. Craig Rhoten, McGaha and Fay Tucker of Carbon Nancy Hendricks, Chris Funderburk, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater. On Friday morning those coming for the Bailey Band were Bernice Farley, Dewey and Tola Bailey, Allen Allcock, Randy Finley, Raymond and Vivian Hart, Deanna Finley, Mandie and Asher and Bennie Mosley. Residents were Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, Iris Smith, and Inez Rogers and guest Cleo Clements, Cynthia Earles, Veon Hale, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb,



Lasater and Mayvis Lasater.

on Sunday were Billy and Janda Taylor, Fred Rogers, Durwood Webb, Bud Love. Residents were Varona Taylor, Mildred Billows, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Ora Mae Atchison, Ruby Vandergriff, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Iris Smith, Effie Mae Brown and S.D. Gilmore.

Visiting Georgie Whitlock were, Pete Hanks, Roy Whitlock, Jackie Whitlock of Desdemona, Wayne, Elizabeth and Samantha Whitlock.

Kay Snider and Nancy Hendricks visited Ozella Pulley on Thursday.

On Wednesday afternoon Ina Scitern had arts and crafts for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Orlena Perdue and Iris Smith.

Some of Agnes Hodges guests were Roy Parker, Ruthie Porter, Irene West, Mayvis Lasater.

Bernice Rodgers has returned from Abilene Regional Hospital and states she is glad to be home again (at Heritage manor). Some of her guests have been Joyce Gilbert of Houston, John and La Tonne Rodgers and Billie Stacy of Carbon, Mike and Cindy Rodgers of Cisco, Bob and Kathy Rodgers, Vickie CAmpbell, Paul and Anna Marie Rodgers of Lindale, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Claude Fuller, Ava Rodgers, Jim Rodgers, Kay Snider, Hazel Snider, Nancy Hendricks, Mayvis Lasater, Glen Clement, Clara Mae Frossard.

Those enjoying concentration on Thursday were Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, Cynthia Earles, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Orlena Perdue, Iris Smith, Varona Taylor.

Some of Vadis Phelps, guests were Elnora Lindley of Desdemona; Lindsey McGaha, Mitzi McGaha, Ally and Birdie Hogan of Ft. Worth.

On Thursday Ina Scitern helped residents make "bagie ice cream". Those present were Rubye Jones, Patty Whitehorn, Dorothy Beaty, Travis Smith, Veno Hale, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Ola Walker, Varona Taylor, Wynogene smith.

Visiting Mildred Bellows were Dena Tidmore of Flower Mound and Darrell and Pat Graham.

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Visiting Effie Mae Brown were Mary Ficklen of Desdemona, Louise Hollywood and S.D. Gilmore.

Visiting Sylvia HOdges were Pete Hanks and Diantha Dennis of Desdemona and Rosetta Carlton.

We appreciated the nice magazines Mrs. Vernon Files gave the home.

Some of Patty Whitehorns guests were Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Mary Estes, Marie Cook, Ina Reynolds of Carbon.

SKINNIE LEWIS **ENJOYS ICE CREAM PARTY** Eloise Lewis, Jim and Karen Burleson, Philip, Donna, Robert and Sarah

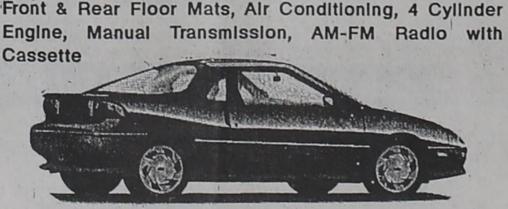
Lewis enjoyed a Fathers Day ice cream party with Skinnie lewis, also visiting Skinnie were Curtis Lewis of Burleson and Ima Lee Burleson of Desdemona.

Iris Smith, Varona Taylor, Inez Rogers, Skinnie Lewis, Ruby Vandergriff, and Rubye Jones.

Visiting Ora Mae Atchison, were Georgie Iley, and Ima Lee Burleson from Desdemona, Jim and Barbara Adams, Chesley Atchison, Edie Nichols of Stephenville, Roma Hood, Della Galloway, Ernest and Modell Watson, Granbury, Jud McCurley, Linda Watson.

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Some of Mary Williams guests were Vocell Warren of Carlsbad, N.M., Maxine Frasier of De Leon, Durwood and Mary Webb, Chris Funderburk.



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