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Paula of Eagle Pass, Mrs. David Paskausky (Delores) of Alexandria, Va., Charles of Amarillo and daughter, Charlsa Ann Smith of Lub-

PERSONNEL from the Amherst Post Office were hosts for the meeting of the Amherst Senior Citizens Tuesday night at the Community Center. Assorted homemade cookies and fruit punch were served by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gee, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Peel, Mrs. Joe Thompson and Mrs. Hazel Davis. Games of "42" and dominoes were enjoyed. The Amherst Study Club will sponsor the next meeting June 29, 7 p.m. for a covered-dish

GUESTS of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Humphries Thursday night were his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Humphries of Tucson, Ariz. They were enroute to Dallas for a visit with

MRS. ARLIS HUMPHREYS. Mrs. Barry Bearden and Mrs. Sandra Humphreys and son, Greg from Sudan are in Miami, Fla. Eleven-year-old Greg is undergoing plastic surgery on his face taken from his legs. He was severely burned more than six years ago when his brother Kent lost his life. The Miami hospital, where the work is being done. is among outstanding ones in

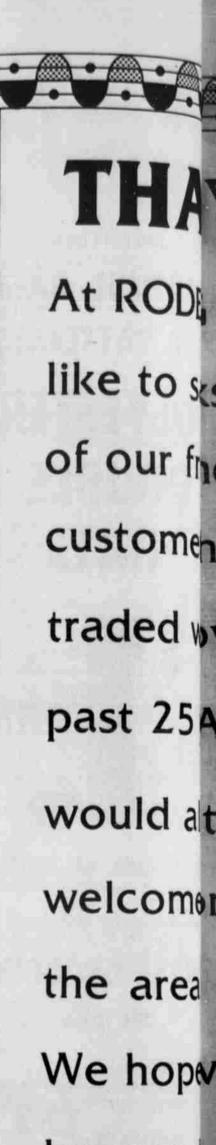
MR. AND MRS. Walter their friend, Mrs. Bertha Thompson this week.

MR. AND MRS. Denny Pointer and Tiffany had as guests his parents the Bill Pointers of Littlefield. The Bill Pointers are spending the weekend in Ruidoso.

W. P. HOLLAND is home after attending his grandsons, Mickey Brantley, graduation from Albuquerque High School and a visit in Tres Ritos, N.M. Mrs. holland had accompanied him and remained for a longer stay with their daughter and family.

WHITHARRAL

THE SOUTHSIDE Church of Christ had a bowling party Sunday night in Littlefield. Afterwards, they had supper together. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Corkery, Mr. and Mrs. Louis McCormack, Timmy Durett, George and Lisa Nicholson, Kerry McCormack, Joy Pelfrey Roxanne and Susie Polk. Karen, Susan, Loren, Kristen, and Matt Corkery. MR. AND MRS. Robert Avery and Rex Avery attended the Democratic State Convention in Houston over the weekend. Mrs. Avery and Rex were delegates and Robert an alternate. Mrs. Avery served on the state nominating committee to delegates for the National Convention in New





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SUDAN NEWS By BILLYE DOTY munity Center in a regular MR. AND MRS. Jerry Mormeeting with four members ris and boys of Grant N.M. are present. The roll call was visiting here with his parents, answered with the number of

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris pounds lost or gained. Winiand will also be visiting her fred Dykes was named queen parents during the next few for the week with a loss of 11/4 weeks. They were here also to pounds. Meeting adjourned attend the funeral services for his uncle, Shelby Morris. with saying of the TOPS pledge in unison.

MR. AND MRS. Delma

Gann returned home Monday

from Fresno, Calif. after a stay of three weeks. They visited

with their son and family, Mr.

and Mrs. D. L. Gann and while

there they attended the wed-

ding of their granddaughter.

VISITING this week in the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Delma

Gann are Mr. and Mrs. Ed

THERE WILL BE commu-

nity choir practice Sunday,

June 27, in the fellowship hall

of the First Baptist Church. This will be for the July 3

Bicentennial celebration. All

interested persons are urged

BYRON LYNN left Wednes-

LARRY BELLAR remains in

critical condition in the Meth-

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cardwell

and girls were Mr. and Mrs.

Paul Sampson and son of

Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Hal

Cardwell of Lubbock, Mrs.

Grace McCormick and chil-

dren of Hobbs, N.M., Mr. and

Mrs. Joe Vierra of Mesa,

Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cardwell and children of

Louise, Texas and Mrs. Mary Knowles and son of Freeport. LT. AN MRS. Arboth Rylant

of Oak Harbor, Wash. are

parents of a son, Mark Chris-

topher, born at 12 p.m. Tues-

day, June 22, in the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station hospi-

tal in Oak Harbor. The infant

weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce. Grandparents are Mr. and

Mrs. G. C. Ritchie of Sudan,

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rylant of

Perryton and great-grand-father is W. A. Rylant of

Denver City. The couple has

two daughters, Kim, 9 and Tammi 6. Mrs. Rylant is the

former Andrea Ritchie.

day for Shreveport, La. to be

to attend this practice.

with is mother who is ill.

odist Hospital in Lubbock. VISITING in the home of

Drury of Modestoe, Okla.

MRS. ERNEST Pennington was in Lubbock last week to visit with her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Taylor and in San Antonio to visit her daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. S. R. White. While there they fished on the Canyon Lake.

VISITING HERE with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Beckett is her sister, from Missouri.

MR. AND MRS. Charles Minchew and boys and Mr. and Mrs. John Kropp and children all of Hereford visited during the Father's Day weekend in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Kropp.

MR. AND MRS. Robert Earl Williamson and Dusty of Vernon visited during the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Williamson and celebrated Dusty's first birthday.

SUDAN CHAPTER No. 806 Order of The Eastern Star met Saturday, June 12, in the Sudan Masonic Lodge Hall for the ceremony of installation for officers for 1976-77. Officers for the year are Jeanne Gage, Worthy Patron; Edith Humphreys, Associate Ma-tron; Coleman Terrell, Associate Patron; Secretary, Oleta Reece: Treasurer, Sara Woods: Conductress, Rosbel Coldiron; Associate Conductress, Winona Dudgeon; Chaplain, Mildred Lance; Marshall, Mary Pearl Bellar; Organist, Virginia Rone; Ada, Willie Terrell; Esther, Ramona Engram; Martha, Birdie Shuttlesworth; Warder, Dewey Coldiron.

THE YOUTH painting class taught by Martha Markham are painting the old Homer Morris Hardware-Appliance store which has the windows already boarded up. They started painting Wednesday afternoon with characters from the Peanuts comic strip.

VISITING HERE with Mr. TOPS 634 met Monday and Mrs. Noble Dudgeon and fternoon at 3:30 in the Com-

boys is her mother.

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OLTON NEWS

Q. B. WORKMAN, 83, longtime Tulia farm machinery clealer, died Tuesday in Swisher Memorial Hospital. He here. had been in ill health several years. He was the brother of James Tillman Carter, 71, of A. Workman of Olton.

attended a family reunion in United Methodist Church. In Dublin Sunday, July 4th. In his the late 20's Carter was princiabsence, their district superin- pal of Grade School at Olton. tendent, Rev. Carlton Thomas, will be guest speaker at the teacher, a 32nd Degree Mason 11 service. At the evening and a member of the Kiwanis worship, a group of laymen of and Red Raider Clubs. the church have charge of the SUTVICE

United Methodist Church Serthe evening worship hour.

VACATION CHURCH School begins at the First Ugated Methodist Church July

MRS. RONALD CURTIS. Oletha, Kans. arrived Friday for a visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raiford Daniel Sr. Other guests in the day were Mr. and Mrs Richard here. Spell, Susan and Edward of Closis, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Raiford Daniel Jr., Jodie and lots of thunder and lightening. Athert, also Terry Lively, all of Earth and Mr. and Mrs. Raiford Daniel III and new son, Gary Wayne of Levelland. day night. Approximately 425 SUNDAY, July 4th, all stu-Kindergarten through High schooll at Main Street of Curist will receive a Freedom Edition Bible. A goal has been replace Calvin Graham and at for that Sunday of 300 in Jimmy Lawson. They join endance in Bible School. SHELLY AND Michael Hair Blanchard, Calif. are here iting in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Builey Hair

MR AND MRS. Ralph Gashand visited recently in the ing. bome of Mrs. Gassiott's par-La his

hiptor Miss Susan Cannon, went tests and treatments funde-elect of David Wiggins several days. of Hereford, Saturday, July Gin the home of Mrs. Buster the en the hours of 3 and 5

AIRS. FRANCINE Andrew. weixia Andrew and Melissa Haney left Monday for G. A. plan to return July 1.

Mrs. Travis Bundick are former Oltonites and have visited with former friends while

FUNERAL SERVICES for Lubbock were held in Lubbock REV. AND Mrs. Elton Wyatt Monday of last week at First He was a Sunday School FUNERAL SERVICES for X.

A. Austin Jr., 40, of Dalhart ONLY JULY 11th at First and former Olton resident were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursvice, the Baptist Youth Choir day in the First Baptist Church will present a program during of Dalhart. Born in Olton, he lived here until 1946 when his parents moved to Dalhart. A florist, he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dalhart. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Remaie Janet and Debra of Germany while serving in the armed forces. Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. Thursday in Olton Cemetery. A number of Oltonites at-Raiford Daniel Sr. home Sun- tended graveside services

> A 2-INCH RAIN fell in Olton Tuesday night. With it was OLTON CO-OP GIN held their annual barbecue at the Olton School lunchroom Saturenjoyed the barbecued chicken with all the trimmings.

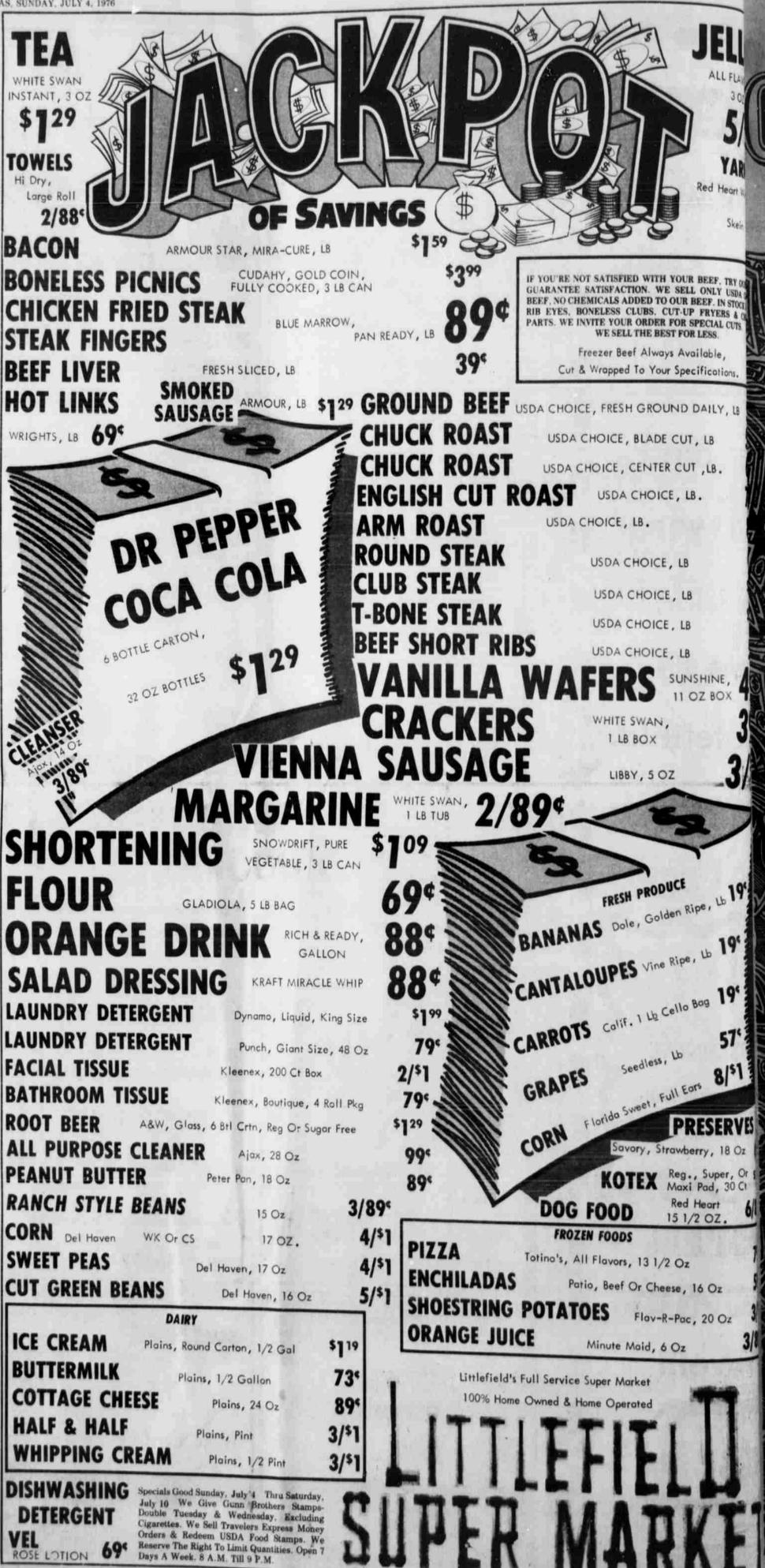
TWO NEW DIRECTORS, Landon Smith and James T. Brooks Jr. were elected to holdover directors James Couch J. S. Nicholas, James Cowart, J. T. Mitchell and Lowell McGill.

LLOYD GRAHAM, local manager, announced that over \$27,000 in dividend checks boat. Kyle and Karri of Mid- were distributed at the meet-

MRS. BARTON Prestridge edes. Rev. and Mrs. John has returned home from Central Plains General Hospital in A BRIDAL COURTESY will Plainview, where she under-

MRS. JACK SNYDER has returned home from Central Signolas. Friends and rela- Plains General Hospital where liges are invited to call be- she underwent tests two days. MR. AND MRS. Randall Small, Jerri, Kelli and Toni are vacationing in Missouri this week

MR. AND MRS. Johnny amip near Floydada. They Flanagan of Whitesboro flew here Monday from New York SUNDAY DINNER guests in and visited in the home of her lie home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack parents, Mr. and Mrs. James



Sayder was their daughter and T. Brooks. gsanddaughter, Mrs. Don Händley and Jena of Amarillo: entered Central Plains Hospi-Top friends, Mr. and Mrs. Plavis Bundick and three of treatment and tests. their grandchildren. Tommy, Kim and Deniese O'Neal, all of Bella Vista, Ark., Mr. and



400 Phelps

MRS. H. B. Maxey Sr. tal in Plainview Saturday for

MR. AND MRS. I. B. Holt visited in Lubbock Thursday. MR AND MRS. Jimmy Tollett. Michelle and Jonathan of San Barbara, Calif. are here visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thruston Tollett.

JULIE STIGERS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Strigers of Irving. Calif. is here visiting in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Granberry.

HAROLD EBY is receiving treatment at Hi-Plains Hospital in Hale Center.

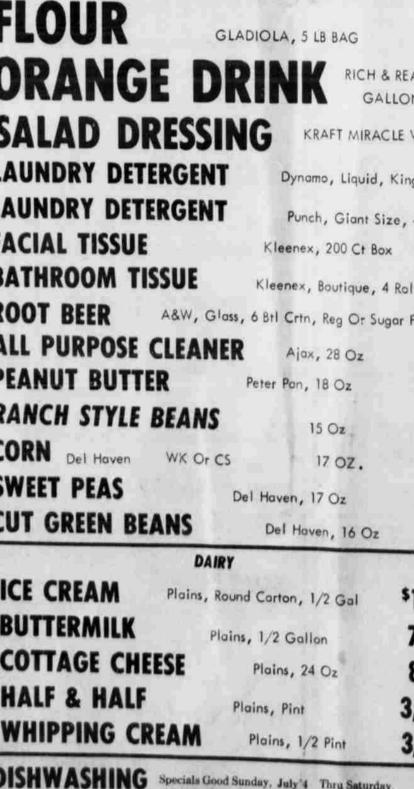
FRIDAY LUNCHEON guests in the home of Mrs. Truett Sides were her son-inlaw and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walden of Hereford. MRS. KENNETH RAY and Mrs. W. B. Dickenson Jr. attended Merle Norman School in Dallas, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

ROBERT RUSTY BROWN, entered Central Plains General Hospital in Plainview, for tests and treatment.

W. B. SMITH JR. visited Thrusday afternoon with Harold Eby in the Hi-Plains Hospital in Hale Center. MRS. HOYTE PASCHAL is receiving treatment at Central Plains General Hospital in Plainview.

MRS. H. B. Maxey Sr. entered Central Plains General Hospital in Plainview Saturday morning for tests and treatment.

SUNDAY DINNER guests in the home of Mrs. Lee Poteet were Mrs. (Jean) Loren Jones of Colombus, Ohio: Mr. and Mrs. Don Powell, Becky and Stan and Mrs. Melvin Hall, all of Friona: Mrs. Robert Duncan, Heather and Briar of Jackson, Miss.; Bob Poteet of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Powell of Friona; Mr. and Mrs. Clovis, Poteet, Polly Page and Bo, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie T. Burrus.





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BULA NEWS

MR. AND MRS. I. L. Clawson had with them several of their children and grandchildren over the weekend. They were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jones and children. Greg and Mellisa from Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Brown and children Robyn, Russell, Eric and Allyson, from Levelland: Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Noble and son, Steven of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clawson of Bula, and Edward and Michael of the home, also Mrs. Clawson's mother, Mrs. I. J. Rice of Littlefield was with them.

MR. AND MRS. J. D. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Withrow and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Harlan and son, John David, attended the graduation exercises Sunday evening at the Sunset Church of Christ, Lubbock, for the senior students of the School of Preaching. The minister for the Bula Mrs. Clara Fort of Justin. Church, Ed Scott was among Calif. Sisters present were the graduates and also the Mrs. Rosie Doty and Mrs. Harlan's son-in-law Rhodney Marshall from Whitharral.

FOLLOWING the graduation exercises, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan and John David along with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Marshall and daughter, Yovanna from Big Lake, and son liams and children Pam and Tim, student at LCC and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Marshall all met at the home of Mrs. Agnes Weaver, Mrs. Keith Marshall's mother, in Levelland for a get together.

MRS. PERRY SPELL of Chattanooga, Tenn. left Enochs Thursday for her home after a two week's visit here with her Union District II meeting Monmother, Mrs. A. M. McBee day evening, held in the Furr's and brother, the Darwin Mc- Cafeteria, Lubbock, were Mr. Bees

MR. AND MRS. John Gunter of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Adams, Mrs. Perry Fort and Mrs. Bonnie Long, were all Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Adams of near Morton. In the afternoon attack. the Gunters and W. R. Adams visited with another friend. Cannon of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fred. A. P. Sunday in home of Mr. and Fred hasn't been feeling too Mrs. Clarence Cannon. well

THE P. R. PIERCES had all their daughters and part of man visited Sunday evening in their grandchildren to be with Littlefield with friends, Mr. them Sunday. They were Jean and Mrs. J. P. Morris.

Jackson, Mellie Baker and daughter, Donna, and Miss Alma Lou Pierce all of Lubbock. Also Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carpenter and boys Joey, Jeff and Jeremy of Muleshoe. Miss Alma Lou, who works at Dillards in Lubbock, will be spending a few days with her parents.

MR. AND MRS. John Latham attended the Rodeo in Spur Saturday night. Their two grandsons, Chris and Cliff DeSautell participated in the rodeo. Both boys did bull riding and Chris won himself a belt buckle in bare back horse riding

AFTER THE RODEO they drove to Seymour for the night and on Sunday attended the Latham family reunion, held in the city park at Seymour. 90 relatives were in attendance. John Latham has five sisters and all were present but one, Martha Vincent of Seymour; Mrs. Bertie Clawson of Littlefield; Mrs. Beulah Wardlaw of Hobbs, also a niece who his parents reared. Grace Latham of Withita Falls.

MR. AND MRS. David Wil-Jeff of Slaton spent Friday night with his parents, the C. A. Williams. Saturday for lunch they had with them another son, Mr. and Mrs. Darnell Williams and son Dewayne and Donnie Young of

ATTENDING the Farmers and Mrs. Cecil Jones, Nolan Harlan and Mr. and Mrs. John Hubbard.

PAUL YOUNG has been a patient in the Lubbock Methodist Hospital since Monday, suffering from a kidney stone

MR. AND MRS. Garlon

MR, AND MRS. John Black-



MR. AND MRS. Wayne vices were held Wednesday

SUDAN NEWS

Doty and Donald were in Midland during the weekend to be with their daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Gore, and new granddaughter, Stephanie Ann. Mrs. Doty remained there to be with her daughter for a few days.

RECENT VISITORS in the home of Rev. and Mrs. M. V. Summers and family were his brother and family of Joplin. Mo. Mike Summers accompanied them to the Carlsbad Caverns.

MR. AND MRS. Robert Meeks of Falon, Nev. Dyerr of Bandera visited during the weekend with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Minyard and mother, Mrs. A. W. Ormand. Their daughter, Stacey returned home with them following several days' visit here.

MRS. JOE WILKINSON spent a week in Denver, Colo., visiting her daughter and sonin-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Greer, a week in Casper, Wyo. with her daughter, and son-inlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Attaway and family and a week in Roosevelt, Utah, visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilkinson and children.

FUNERAL SERVICES were held Thursday, June 17, for Lewis Meeks, 52, of Roswell following an automobile acci- Johnnie Bellar, dent with a truck going the wrong way on an overpass near Roswell, N.M. Meeks, who is the son of Mrs. Mae Meeks of Farwell and formerly of Sudan and brother of Mrs. Frieda Humphreys of Sudan, is a former Earth resident having been there for 10 years before moving to Roswell. Eagle ser-

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night in the Ballard Funeral Chapel with church services held Thursday. Military graveside rites were held and the flag was presented to his mother, Mrs. Mae Meeks. He is survived by three daughters and one son, his mother, five sisters, Mrs. Humphreys of Sudan, Mrs. Laveeta Making of Dallas, Mrs. Joan Hobbs of Farwell, Jeannie Johnston of Clovis, N.M. Mrs. Tommie Lammon of Ignacio, Colo., three brothers, Leon and Grover, both of Farwell and Jessie

MR. AND MRS. Billy Wayne Gore of Midland are parents of a daughter. Stephanie Ann, born Friday, June 18, at 2:30 a.m. She weighted 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Doty of Sudan, Mr. and Mrs. Billy A. Gore of Circle Back. Greatgrandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Evah Doty and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Well of Sudan. great-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gore of Circle Back and Mrs. Marie Patton of Muleshoe.

MRS. LINDA KING and boys of Spearman visited during the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

MR. AND MRS. Frank Prokop and girls of Odessa visited during the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Chester. Mrs. Prokop attended the bridal shower honoring Shelley Hargrove, bride-elect of Curtis Chester who is Mrs. Prokop's nephew.



Plains and Lamb County in the Most of them came from a of the farming class of early and mid-twenties were South and Central Texas, and who came to the South seeking a better way of life. Oklahoma. They knew this

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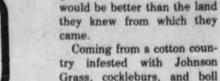
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half of their land to feed the work stock and cattle. The maize grew abundantly, and a lot of work to harvest and sell it at an overproductive price. And sure enough, they soon got back in the cotton business- that dreaded back breaking job they were seeking relief from.

were all they had, and this new land sure could grow lots of weeds.

ting were necessary. The small farmers had to grow enough feed for the livestock and pountry.

cotton to feed the family and taxes, unless the family did

About this time the depression hit the national economy. and everybody, rich and poor, had to live through it. No one could make a living. They just lived on what they made: milk, butter, cream and eggs, together with a good garden and a few meat hogs. They came through the situation better than the average.

About that time the tractors took the horse and mule deal over, and people planted cotton in abundance, turn row to turn row. Transient workers, black, brown, and all colors, cotton, and then came back in the fall for picking time.

Farmers soon began to build new homes and the homestead shack were used to house the pickers.

Soon Lamb County was on

BULA NEWS

By MRS. JOHN BLACKMAN A LARGE GROUP of friends

and neighbors of the Bula-Enochs communities gathered at the community center Saturday night and enjoyed barbecue, salads and sweets, followed by group singing of folk songs, led by James Sinclair, with Mrs. Sinclair at the piano. Games of "42" were played by some, while others just visited. Later, homemade ice cream was served. Mrs. Sinclair accompanied by J. D. Rowland on the guitar played and sang several songs, that were enjoyed. Saturday night, July 31,

Thousands and thousands of transients filled the streets every Saturday.

Business houses and filling stations grew bigger and bet-

Even the little country stores made plenty of money. Picking sacks, knee pads, and canvas gloves- they could sell all they could get. And then on Saturday, they bought groceries for the coming week.

All stores, both dry goods and grocery, looked forward to picking time. The banks had to keep planty of cash on hand for the Saturday rush. Movies did an overflow business, and everybody was happy "come picking time"

This mad, but important time, soon had its ending. herbicides and more modern equipment took over the chopcame to the plans to chop ping, and that part of the deal was over.

Soon, cotton pickersof hand gatherers- took over the harvest, and with the modern gins and transporta-

machines that could gather cotton of one tenth of the cost

the map as one of the leading tion, hand "picking time" has

will be the next date for a community get together. MR. AND MRS. M. J. Mc-

Daniels (former superintendent of Bula Schools) were among friends that came for the golden wedding reception for the J. W. Laytons, Sunday at Enochs. They also visited with friends in the community. MISS IDA DAVILA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Davila, has just returned from a month's visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Tamez of Mathis. She also visited in the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ruiz and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Abel Tamez of Corpus Christi.

Some of the visited were Port Arnasas, port at Corpus and Padre Island.

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MR. AND MRS. P. R. Pierce enjoyed having as their guest over the weekend, his cousin, Mrs. Vuna Henry and her son, Wesley, and her brother, Houston Jones, all of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Nieman of Muleshoe came down Saturday night and visited with all of them.

EARL HOFFMAN of San Antonio came up Sunday to spend a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Weaver.

SUNDAY NIGHT guests in the home of Mrs. Rowena Richardson and Miss Vina Tugman were Mrs. Lucille Richardson and her daughter. Mrs. Edna Worley from Bakersfield, Calif. They were

enroute to Arkansas to disit relatives. MR. AND MRS. Tom Bo-

gard spent from Monday until Tuesday visiting in homes of their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gaston at Junction. Mrs. Roberts and boys Ranch and Kendon coming home with them for a few day's stay. MATHIAS JONAS and his

friend, Erwin Ewald, from Rintelin, Germany, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sowder and son Jerry for the past three weeks, enplaned from the Lubbock air terminal Wednesday for their home

MR. AND MRS. Bobbie Cooper of Lovington spent the weekend with the D. J. Coxes. Saturday they all went to Brownwood skiing and fishing.





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This did not leave enough make the land payments and the chopping and picking.

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Gigantic XIT spread shapes Texas history

The fabulous land swap by which 4 the capitol of Texas was built spawned most of Lamb County.

But a lot of rich history moved across the wide South Plains between the king-size land trade-of 3-million acres-that started in 1882, and the founding of a new town 31 years later, in 1913.

The land deal created the legendary XIT ranch, a vast land holding that stretched more than 200 miles, from the upper boundary of the Texas Panhandle, clear down into Hockley County, taking in parts, or all, of Lamb and nine other counties.

Price of the land was the building of the Texas state capital in Austin a building as majestic today as when it was dedicated 75 years ago. The capitol transaction is a unique page of Texas history, and of some controversy still.

This was a trade in what was to become the Texas tradition, gradiose, full of gamble, based in large part of faith and not entirely exacting. Like many Texas Trades, time made it good for both parties. The men who planned and founded a new city, nameu for one of them, were Major George Littlefield, and Arthur P. Duggan Sr.

The history of the city will wind inexorably around and about these two men, while enfolding hundreds of others who made measureable contributions, men and women who devoted uncounted days and years to establishing on the table-top South Plains a community of people, and homes for those people.

But back to the XIT, that sprawling land area whose account must be a part of any High Plains history, a story whose facts need no embellishment.

As Texas entered the 1880's still itself less than 50 years old, the need of a state house befitting the stalwart new giant of the southwest dominated thinking in Austin, the capitol city.

On coming into the United States, Texas kept its public lands, domains of millions of acres, largely in West Texas. To this day, these lands and their minerals are a financial bulwark to the state's schools and colleges. In 1880, Texas was a state of many acres



THIS COOKOUT ON THE OLD Yellowhouse Ranch shows two cowboys getting the meat ready. The boy in the foreground is George White, former owner-operator of the ranch.

The giant XIT was both the origin of Littlefield and the material from which it and dozens of other Texas cities were carved, from here to Dalhart. It was also a force of history whose markings will last as long as there is Texas, and whose legends will continue to grow. This, then, was the geographical background for Littlefield and its neighbors of the South Plains who today are centers of Texas' most fertile agricultural lands, pouring forth bounties of cotton, grain and other produce of the soil.

but few dollars.

Statesmen in Austin formed the idea of trading some of this land for a capitol building, which the state could not well finance any other way and renegade outlaws sometimes took refuge there. A continguent of Texas Rangers

accompanied the surveying party, a practical safety measure. Finish of the survey job was well



BUFFALOES RANGED lower Lamb County on the Yellowhouse Ranch in the early 1900's. The animals were for the most part gentle, but had a terrible homing instinct. Brought here from New Mexico, they periodically left the Yellowhouse range and headed back to their former home. Fences did little to deter the massive animals.

timed. Late in 1881 the old capitol building in Austin burned, making imperative the building of a new one.

Bids were called January 1, 1882, for the building, seconding to an architect's plan drawn by E. E. Myers of Detroit. Texas architects then were in short supply.

Only two people bid, the successful one an Illinois man who promptly sold 75 percent of his contract to a Chicago financial group made up of Abner Taylor, A. C. Babcock, John V. Farwell and Charles B. Farwell. Taylor became trustee for the group, which bought the remaining 25 percent of the capitol contract in a few months. The price for building the capitol: 3,000,000 acres of land.

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Taller than D.C.

Work started that year on the red Texas granite structure, whose design spoke up for the new giant of the southwest. Its dome was to tower 311 feet from the base, taller than the Capitol at Washington, and it was a handsome building, then as now.

The estimated cost of construction of the building was \$1,500,000. Its final figure was \$3,744.370, of which the Syndicate paid \$3,224,593, their price for the 3-million acres.

This amounted to \$1.07 an acre for the XIT land. Critics since have attacked this figure, ridiculous at today's prices. But then the same land nearby was being bought by Charles Goodnight for 25 cents an acre, and an offer of the 50,000 acres to finance the Capitol Lands survey brought a high bid of 55 cents an acre. The Capitol Syndicate traded on the facts of Commissioner Norton's survey. Later, they had an inspection survey made, following Norton's maps, and discovering one discrepancy which threw the question of the Texas-New Mexico border into argument. It finally took President Taft and Congress to settle this, in Texas' favor, in 1911. After the trade to build the Texas state capitol had been made-for 3 million West Texas acres-with the Capitol Syndicate of Chicago, the syndicate's financiers took a second look at what they had bought. They started with an inspection and survey of the land maps of the survey on which the trade was made, a job done by N. L. Norton, a Texas official appointed for the land selection. This was in 1882.

of sand hills.

several years.

Norton's survey jagged down

through the 10 counties, picking up

arable lands and skipping less choice

areas. It excluded a rectangular area

in Lamb and Bailey counties made up

From the beginning, the Capitol Syndicate looked on their lands as the site of thousands of farms one day. But the 1880's were too early for mass colonization, and the XIT ranch was planned to close the gap. It was a gap of more than 30 years.

The farm idea came natural to the two major financial figures in the Syndicate, the Farwells. In their sixities when they entered the Texas project, the Farwells were wealthy merchants in Chicago. But they had grown up on a 160-acre farm that their family settled, moving there from New York after immigrating from England.

The High Plains held the same promise of the rich Illinois acres. Years later, this promise was to be fulfilled far beyond the visions of the Farwells. It was apparent that the cost of building the Texas capitol was just the beginning of investment for the Capitol Syndicate. There were hundreds of miles of fences to build, thousands of head of cattle to buy, wells to dig and operating headquarters to be built. north end was let to an old buffalo hunter, Bill Metcalf, who started in 1885 and by year's end had 162 miles of barbed wiresstrung. Other contracts were let on the south end and by the fall of 1886, 731 miles of fence had been strung, a job of soul-trying work in an area where all supplies had to be hauled by wagon from rail points as much as 100 miles away.

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On its northwest side, the fence ran 150 miles without a turn. Through its center there were numerous jogs, put there by Norton in his land selection. The fence length was increased in the late 1890's, when cross fences cut the giant XIT into 94 pastures.

One of these was the Yellowhouse, a headquarters on the extreme south edge of Lamb County, which for years served as an entry point for the large cattle herds the ranch brought from South Texas.

Cattle started arriving at the Yellowhouse, the southern-most headquarters for the ranch, in the summer of 1885. Whole herds of Texas longhorns were bought down in the Fort Concho country, and delivered by trail drivers. At times the dust of a half dozen

herds colored the skies below Yellowhouse, a horizon of many miles."

One of the trail drivers brought the ranch its name. He was Ab Blocker, one of the ablest and best known of Texas cattle trail drivers, who operated with his brother, John, in Tom Greer County.

Blocker, no doubt recognizing that cattle of the big ranch would be fair game for rustlers, proposed the "XIT" as a brand hard to block out or convert to another brand by cow thieves.

Water a problem

With the arrival of cattle, the Yellowhouse ranch experienced a severe shortage of water. This was largely solved by the digging of wells. 20 to 30 feet deep, and pumped by an elevator arrangement of a sieries of water boxes drawn through the well by horses trodding a circle.

One of these could furnish enough water daily for a thousand cattle, but the arrival of cattle kept the water problem acute through late 1885, as herds were branded and dumped on

There was a background of sounds, too; of the steady drumming of cattle hooves, moving up from the south, of the shouts of sweating cowboys, the epithets of drillers of water wells, of wagon haulers and fence builders.

And finally the quaint whistle of the railroad locomotive, rifting the quiet air of the plains with the herald of the opening of new lands.

The railroad, then the Panhandle and Santa Fe, was the midwife at the birth of Lamb Co. The rails were the life stream of the western United States bedding verdant new soil from which would spring up many new towns, towns with all the unbounded ambition of the west and dreams of becoming another Fort Worth or Chicago of Kansas City.

Most of them burst from the thin seedings of land agents and were destined to bloom briefly, then to wither or to scratch forever for the substance of life, with little growth.

Some were planted with care, and as carefully nurtured in their budding years. These grew and became sturdy points of commerce.

Littlefield was one of these, at founding the West Texas terminus of the Santa Fe railroad. Started when the railroad began laying tracks to its new point, Littlefield was a raw settlement of perhaps a half dozen temporary wooden buildings when the first rain whistled triumphantly into "town" early in 1914.

From these a city was formed-the XIT, the Santa Fe, and the fertile soil.

But life could come only from men. Circumstances brought to the Lamb County area two men who thought as builders, lasting builders who spiked firmly their rafters today while their thoughts raced ahead over a horizon of years. which was sorely needed as settlers pushed its growth steadily.

Amendment approved

A proposal to trade 3,000,000 acres for a capitol was put into a constitutional amendment and approved by the people of Texas in 1876. This provision empowered the legislature to act, and they did in 1879, appropriating 3,050,000 acres for the building and a survey of the land to be traded.

The land was to come from the Capitol Reservation in the counties of Lamb, Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Dallam, Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmer and Castro.

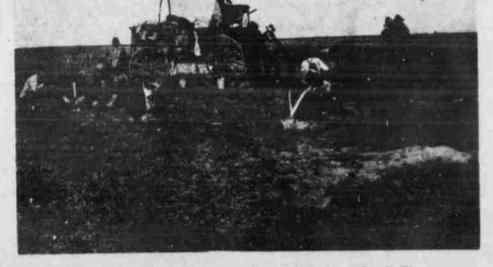
N. L. Norton of Salado was appointed as commissioner for the land selection. He accompanied a surveying party that took about a year to complete its aizeable job, which was reported to the capitol board in January, 1881.

There were few inhabitants of the plains area in the early 1880's. Bands of Indians wandered across it and



THIS COWBOYS BUNKHOUSE on the old Yellowhouse Ranch dated back to the days when it was part of the gigantic XIT spread. The two-story structure later was used as a commissary and its lower part stood for over 70 years. This picture was made in the early 1900's.

Generally, Norton's figures were verified satisfactorily, although the correction of some errors was to take



IT'S GRUB TIME for these ranch hands on the old Yellowhouse Ranch. The men are taking a break from counting cattle, branding them and rounding them up. The food and bedding was carried on the chuck wagon ready for the men when they came in.

For new capital, John V. Farwell went to Europe where the Farwell company had strong business connections. Money was available in England, but to borrow it required the organization of an English company. So the Capitol freehold Land and Investment Company was formed. It received the Texas acres in trust, in exchange for operating capitol to develop the ranch project, not then named XIT.

These transactions gave birth to the idea that the XIT was an English development, which it was not. John V. Farwell was managing director of the giant undertaking, and it remained a United States operation, underwritten by English capital.

Foreign money

This was a time when money from England and Scotland was flowing into Texas ranch developments. The early 1880's saw tremendous profits in the Texas cattle business, and world investors clamored for entry. The late 1800's, when depression struck the industry, cooled their ardor but the picture of tweedy Scotsmen and English men surveying their strange western holdings, was not too uncommon in the southwest as the century turned.

The fencing of the XIT was an epic in itself. A fencing contract for the up to the Springlake ranch.

Windmills were installed and soon dotted the entire ranch, solving the water need.

These steel towers, topped by whirling metal fans, were forerunners of powerful combustion engine pumps that one day would transfer much of the Yellowhouse and Springlake domains into productive acres, their nutritious native grasses exchanged for regular fields of cotton and grain sorghum.

This was the vision of the Farwells, when they staked their fortune on the giant XIT.

A land of many farms, carefully tilled and populated by many people. The change came gradually, from the gaunt Longhorns; from horse wagons to railroads. Even as hardriding cowboys ranged the sprawling acres, as fence riders traded shots with maverick rustlers, as legends grew, the destiny of the Plains was in the making.

For the Yellowhouse acres, the agents of its destiny were Major George Littlefield, a ranking Texan who never lived in the city named for him, and Arthur P. Duggan Sr., who gave to its development the full energies of his life.