



## Tickets At Door For Jr. Play Thursday At 7:30

"They Run In Our Family" will be presented tonight, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door—adults \$1.00 and students 50¢. Directing the Junior Play is Larry Duncan.

Juniors participating in the play are: Kem Miller, Karen Plowman, Donna Trout, Gail Swift, Tommy Williamson, Larry Mahaney, Sylvester Wilson, Ronnie Pinkerton, Rickey Simmons, Cynthia Pinkerton, Janet Frost, Elizabeth England, Mary Jane Harbin, Betty Britt, Beth Parker, April Adams, Steve Walker, David Elliott, Sandi Alldredge and Brian Haun.

Stage crew includes Garlan Gourley, Bobby Brown, Terry Simmons, Jimmy Sharp and Mike Smith.

Helping with make-up are Jessie Jimenez and Kathi Hendricks.

## Board Given Preliminary Facility Utilization Plan

The Eastland Independent School District Board of Trustees has been given the benefit of the early preliminary think-

ing on long-range facility utilization by its engineering firm. From this data as it is offered by the firm, the board, in conjunction with the administration, staff and the public will make decisions on directions and approaches in its continuing efforts to provide the best facilities possible for Eastland public school youngsters.

Jim Booher of the engineering firm of B.G. & R. appeared before the board Monday evening, and discussed the preliminary thinking of his firm, to compare with the thinking of the board members. The common goal is to utilize and modernize for the longest period of use at the most economical and expedient manner.

The firm has surveyed the existing buildings and Mr. Booher had blueprints of the facilities, as well as school population figures, with trends in several directions plotted. Work will be correlated with this in mind, it was pointed out. An idea that is being considered, among others, is the addition of building space between the existing high school (built in 1926) and the Junior High School (built in 1929). Into this new section would go school offices, a new cafeteria-lunchroom, rest rooms, possible science laboratories on the second floor. Movement of these facilities out of the present high school would offer more classroom space there, and if the Sixth Grade were moved to the Junior High building, crowding at the present Elementary School would be cut down.

Mr. Booher emphasized that the present buildings are structurally sound and definitely renovatable. Trustees asked that the firm offer all the alternates possible, so that when decision-making time comes, the best choices may be made. Board President James Reid presided and trustees present were Bill B. Hart, Gene Frost and John Neville.

Mr. Booher will meet Thursday with school principals and other school officials to get their input for the initial planning period. Final report and recommendations are due in about 60 days.

In other business, the board called election for April 3, when the terms of Gene Frost (place six) and James Reid (place seven) expire. Both have filed for re-election.

Election judges were named as follows: Don Nicholas, Nancy Trout, Don Phillips, Rex Dick and Ruth O'Dell.

Supt. Ray Pruitt and board members were to attend an important state education meeting in Abilene Wednesday when the most significant state tax evaluation plan will be explained in detail.

**Funeral Services For Mrs. Shamburger To Be Thursday**  
Eula M. (Ayers) Shamburger, 87, of Eastland, died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Cisco Nursing Center after a short illness. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Arrington Memorial Chapel in Eastland.

The Rev. Haston Brewer, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Eastland Cemetery.

Survivors include a sister, Juanita McDougal of Houston; two brothers, F.C. Bratcher of Glen Rose and Hubert Bratcher of Lubbock.

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DO YOU MEAN BEFORE OR AFTER the porch swing tackled him? -- (left to right) Betty Britt as Mitzi Jones, Ronnie Pinkerton as "Spook" Mullins, and Beth Parker as Dimple Dillard.

## Mavettes Win, Mavericks Lose Over Coleman Tuesday Nite

The Mavericks dropped a notch and the Mavettes advanced in District 9-AA competition in the local gym Tuesday evening as the Coleman Bluecats teams were visitors. The Mavettes won, 54-34, and the Mavericks lost, 52-40. The Coleman Junior Varsity beat the locals, 48-46 in a close one.

The Mavettes were never behind, and not hold a 7-1 in district with a really bigger on tap Friday night when the Eastland teams go to Comanche.

The Comanche Maidens are in first place so it's a crucial one for the Mavettes.

Leading the Mavettes in the scoring department were: Jill Price-16; Cynthia Pinkerton-22; Donna Crabtree-14; Kelly Stone-2.

Playing good defense again for the Mavettes were Jan Maynard, Sandy Alldredge and Emily Perkins.

Jill Price and Cynthia Pinkerton are the leading Mavette scorers—leading the rebound department is Jan Maynard.

### BOYS

Coleman-Holloway 6, Marcee 6, Payne 22, Brown 2, Carrillo 8, Johnson 2, Hargett 6; Totals 21 10 52.

Eastland-Boles 5, Johnson 12, Hahn 1, Warton 10, Wilson 1, Mahan 11; Totals 16 8 40.

Coleman 13 13 12 14 - 52

Eastland 10 14 8 8-40

### GIRLS

Eastland 18 14 8 14-54

Coleman 8 2 11 11-32

## To Meet Jan. 29

Attention Parents, Cub Scouts and Webelos. A pack meeting will be held tonight, January 29, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. An Honor Banner will be awarded the den with the most boys and families present. Parents are urged to attend.

## Loaning Radio

Eastland County Commissioners Monday approved the loaning of a radio transmitter and receiver to a group of rural fire fighters.

The equipment is to be used in the new rural fire truck.

Weekend visitors of Rev. and Mrs. A.C. Harbin were their daughter, Mrs. Maxine Gressett and Jodie of Midland, their grandsons, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hardin and Shane and Gary Hardin of Abilene and Norman Hardin of Denver City.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wheeler of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Hile of Dallas were visiting Mrs. Joe Tow during the weekend.

Mrs. Katie Meredith of Strawn and son Edgar Mendith of Fort Worth spent Friday with her sister, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roy HITTSON.

EXCEDRIN HEADACHE NUMBER 25 -- (left to right) Kem Miller as Coach Pennywinner, Gail Swift as Peggy Pennywinner. Cast members not shown are Ricky Simmons and Tomm Willikerston



HELP ME MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT -- (left to right) Brian Haun, Mary Harbin, Steve Walker, and Kem Miller.



IMPORTANT BUSINESS, HUH? -- (left to right seated) April Adams as Mrs. Allen, Gail Swift as Peggy Pennywinner, Sandy Alldredge as Midge. (standing left to right) David Elliott as Dr. Paul Andrews, Janet Frost as Mrs. Speer, Liz England as Josie, Larry Duncan is director.



WHETHER ON THE ATHLETIC FIELD of combat or the gridiron of life -- 1,2,1,2 (from left to right) Larry Mahaney as Alvin Pennywinner, Sylvester Wilson as Seymour, Donna Trout as Pat Pennywinner, and Ronnie Pinkerton as "Spook" Mullins

## Rep. Joe Hanna Speaks To Lions Club On Energy Crisis

"Maybe, just maybe, we've seen the worse of the energy crisis," State Rep. Joe Hanna told members of the Eastland Lions Club at their regular luncheon meeting Tuesday at the Ramada Inn.

Speaking about research, surveys and a recent trip to the Alaskan pipeline operation, Rep. Hanna told the Lions that there are many experts, but no

single "overall expert" in the energy field and efforts are underway to correlate the vast amount of data and knowledge in order to take the right approaches to energy fuel sources.

Program Chairman Tom Ward introduced Rep. Hanna noting that he is chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee (the first) and a

member of the Southwest Regional Energy Committee. There are 19 solar research projects underway at schools and universities in Texas, he explained and nuclear research is underway at the University of Texas, Los Alamos, N.M., and at OakRidge, Tenn. Geothermal energy research is being done in New Mexico and a major test is set this summer for Corpus Christi Bay.

It's a gigantic industrial problem, he said, and with the federal override through ERTA, it's kinda like "re-inventing the wheel", with so many going in so many directions, but hopefully, maybe we have reached the peak in increasing utility prices. There'll probably never again be "cheap utilities", but maybe there'll be a leveling.

In Texas, we're the largest producer of natural gas, but then, too, we're the biggest users, he said. He complimented the Texas Utilities Co. for doing a fine job in seeking alternate fuel sources. They've got three lignite plants in operation; seven proposed and a nuclear power plant under construction.

Describing his visit to the Alaskan pipeline, he emphasized that it's being done under extreme conditions (cold) and that it holds bright hope for additional fuel.

### Brag Corner

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Deputy Jim Williams points to a bullet hole where shots were fired at the Exxon Station early Tuesday morning.

## Man Shot In Station Robbery, Suspects Still At Large

Statewide, two Negroes in a red Cadillac are being sought, and locally, a mystery woman is being sought to help in identifying suspects in the early Tuesday armed robbery of an Eastland service station during which the attendant was shot.

Sheriff L.E. Sublett said the woman who called the Radio Dispatch reporting that "terrible accident" at the Exxon Station east of town, is urgently requested to contact his office so that she might help in the search for the suspects. Her identify will be protected, he said. The Dispatch in turn summoned Police Sgt. Ben Sancillo who went to the station to investigate.

It is possible of course that the mystery woman was a transient who happened upon the scene, saw the injured man, called for help, and then left immediately.

Sheriff Sublett said Wednesday morning there were no leads "that we can say anything about".

Weldon W. Harris, about 50, of Cisco, remained in "critical, but stable" condition Wednesday in the intensive care unit of Eastland Memorial Hospital, according to a hospital spokesman.

Harris was shot in the head and through the right shoulder by two black men who fled the scene with \$178.21 between 4:00 and 4:15 a.m. Tuesday, said service station owner Billy Fallin.

Sancillo had stopped to check the station, located about a mile east of Eastland off Interstate 20, at about 3:45 a.m. and returned to town. He went back to the station about 40 minutes later when the robbery was reported, Fallin said.

Sheriff Sublett said that "while he was able", Harris related details of the robbery incident to Sancillo, who transported Harris to the hospital.

Harris apparently was attacked by the two men when he was recording their California license number of their pink or red Cadillac on a \$3.70 credit card receipt, according to the station owner.

Fallin said Harris was unable to give a description of the assailants or obtain their license number because he was struck on the head and pulled down an interior hallway to a restroom where he was shot. A .32 - caliber automatic

pistol was used in the shooting, Eastland police said.

Harris has been employed at the Exxon station for about a month, Fallin said.

## Reduced Rate On Lunch Program

The Eastland Public School System is now offering reduced-rate lunch programs for those families who are entitled to such consideration. The system has operated the free lunch program for a number of years for those eligible.

Details of requirements may be obtained from the school office and/or school principals. Eligible students may qualify for lunches at a reduced rate of 20 cents each.

## Slides Shown

Ken Reese, Rotary President, was in charge of the noon program Monday. He had a slide-tape program on the four avenues of Rotary service entitled the "Most Important Man".

February 2, Bob Boudreaux has the program and will have Joe Hanna as the speaker.

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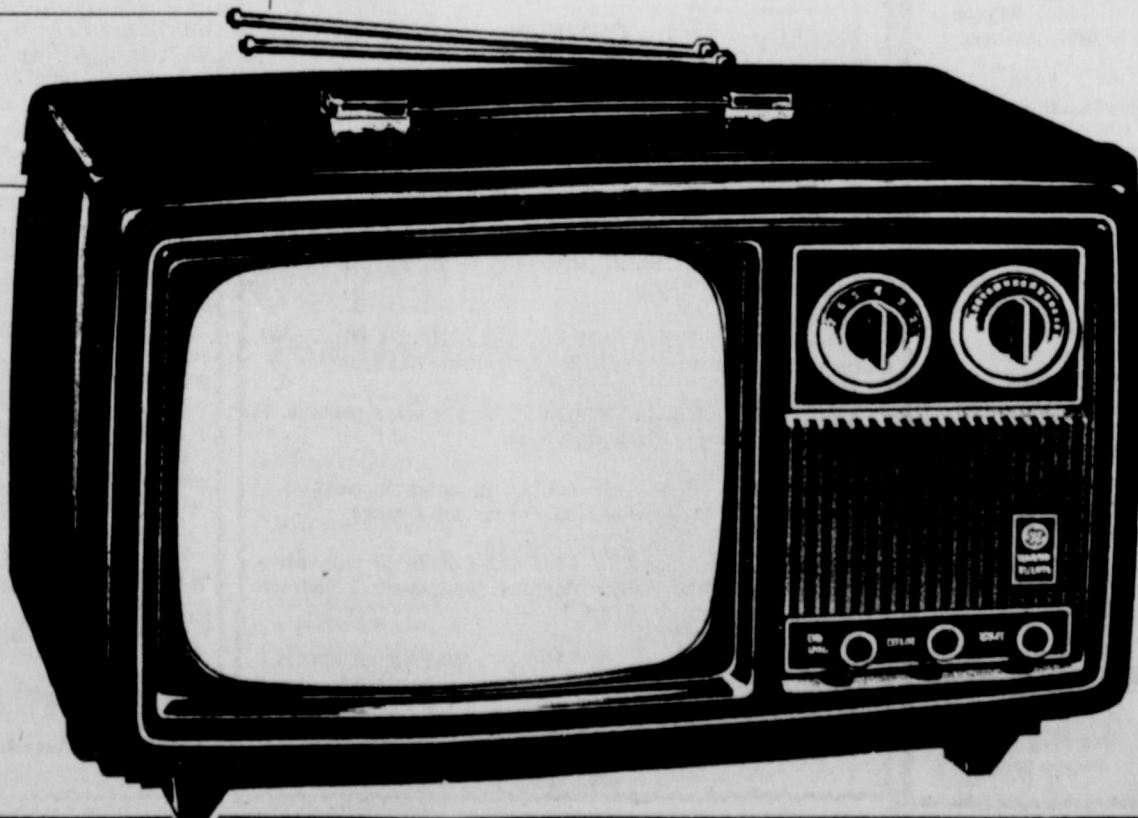
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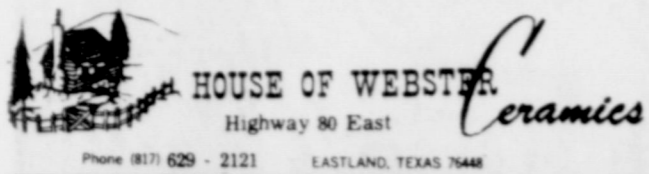
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Lillie Baker  
J.H. Greer  
Virginia Rayfield  
Travis Hallmark  
Darlene Calvert  
Baby Boy Calvert  
Calvin James  
Gerald Ingle  
Alvin Blue  
John Lauderdale  
Lynn Gentry  
Mae Weaver  
Hollie Christmas  
Baby Girl Christmas  
Edward Randolph  
Melvin White

Patients in the Eastland Memorial Hospital Wednesday, January 28, 1976, were:

Ola Walker  
Mattie Mitchell  
Manon Cox  
Jo Rogers  
Mary Williams  
Mary Sneed  
Ella Garrett  
Mattie Wilson  
Beverly Hogan  
Oleta Foster  
Maggie Christian  
Pearl Hallmark  
Tillie Pullman  
Luther Fulfer  
Shelby Anderson  
Phineas Cox  
Marvin Baird  
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Craig Heinzman  
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Laverne Stuard  
Minnie Gattis  
Samuel Ruble  
Weldon Harris  
Linnie Sage  
Beulah Preston  
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W.T. Duckworth  
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Travis Wellbourn  
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Dessie Bennett  
Lexie Wright  
Willie Collins  
Diane Carlile  
Lucille Roberts  
Hattie McNeely  
Lena Williams  
Sarah Stokes  
Modell Daniel  
Pernecia Cearley  
Sherri Powell  
Victoria Malloy  
Clara Brooker  
Mary Harden  
Fay Harbin  
Minna Harding

Patients in the E.L. Graham Memorial Hospital Wednesday, January 28, 1976, were:

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Ella Crain  
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Truman Prickett  
Charles Terrell  
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## What's To Happen To Peanut Production, If Programs Lost

What's going to happen to peanut production in Eastland County if the peanut program is lost? Can the peanut farmer stay in business? These and other important questions will be discussed by Dr. Bill Black Monday night, February 2, at Gorman High School.

## Needs For Peanut And Livestock Production To Be Topic At Meet

Planning financial needs for peanut and livestock production will be the topic of a two-night workshop in Gorman Tuesday and Wednesday night, Feb. 3 and 4. The workshop will be held in the Gorman High School lunchroom and will begin at 7:00 p.m. each night.

County Agent De Gordon said James Denton, Area Economist-Management for the Extension Service will conduct the workshop. The agent said farmers have had to make changes in methods of farming and type of machinery used. Now it is becoming more important that farmers do a good job of planning their financial needs because of increased cost of production. The workshop will teach growers how they make an annual operating budget and credit plan and how to fill out loan applications.

The workshop is open to any growers interested in learning more about financial planning.

Dr. Black is a marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M University. County Agent De Gordon said the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Gorman High School Auditorium. Dr. Black will discuss alternative actions the peanut grower can take to maintain a market for his peanuts.

He is associate coordinator of the Texas Agricultural Market Research and Development Center and conducts educational programs in marketing for various commodity groups - throughout the state.

Anyone who has an interest in the future of peanut production should attend this meeting, Gordon said.

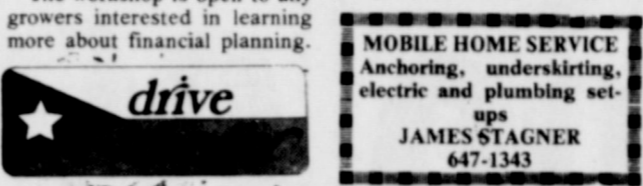
### Gorman Roping Club Holds Meet

Officers and Directors of the Gorman Roping Club met Saturday night Jan. 24 in the Directors room at South Western Peanut Growers Assn.

Plans call for Jackpot Roping to begin early in April.

Runt Sloan, New Castle, Texas met with the group. He will be producer of the Third Annual Peanut Junior Rodeo which will be held July 1, 2 and 3 at the Gorman Roping Arena.

Officers for 1976: president-Larrow Morrow; secretary-Marcel Laminack; treasurer-Jerri Brown; directors are: Fred Rogers, Corkey Brown, Charles Little, Don Laminack, Red Keith, Ronnie Pack, Richard Burgess and Thomas Seay.



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# HD NEWS

By Janet Thomas County Home Demonstration Agent

The Home Demonstration Clubs will have as their February club program the evolution of fashion and textiles through the 200 years of American history. The fashions were influenced by events in history as well as the values of the American woman.

The club program leaders will present the programs next month. Leaders attending the training workshop conducted by Mrs. Janet Thomas, Extension Agent, were: Mrs. Willis Parker, Pleasant Hill H.D. Club; Mrs. Henry Parsons, Eastland H.D. Club; Mrs. Mary Stephens and Mrs. Etta Judia, Lake Cisco H.D. Club; Mrs. Ernest Schaefer, Word H.D. Club; and Mrs. Bernice Tankersley, Morton Valley H.D. Club.

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 5 cups sliced carrots  
 1 can tomato soup  
 1 small green pepper, opt.  
 ¼ cup sugar  
 1 cup salad oil  
 1 medium onion  
 1 tsp. salt  
 ¾ cup vinegar  
 1 teaspoon pepper  
 1 teaspoon prepared mustard  
 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Cook carrots until tender. Drain and cool. Cut onion and pepper in round slices. Mix with the carrots. Cover with remaining ingredients and marinate at least 1½ hours or overnight. Serves 10.

Remove carpet grease spots caused by holiday traffic by pouring a generous amount of baking soda or corn meal on the spot. Work it into the pile with your fingers. Leave it overnight and vacuum off the next day.

Coffee grounds kept in an open container help eliminate musty odors of cellars, basements, closets and even refrigerators.

Many persons do not get enough Vitamin A and C in their daily diets. It is important that persons eat four servings daily from the fruit and vegetable groups. Vitamin A is needed for healthy gums and body tissues, for growth, for normal vision and other conditions of the skin and other body surfaces. A source rich in Vitamin A, such as dark green and deep yellow vegetables and fruits should be eaten every day. Vitamin C is needed every day for healthy gums and

## 1976 Important Election Year

Voters, this is a very important election year with so many offices open. This is also the year to elect the President of the United States.

You must have registered 30 days prior to the election to be eligible to vote. Voter registration cards have been sent out and must be returned if you wish to vote. If you haven't received a card, you should go to the Tax Collector's Office at the court house and register.

## 493 Cities Mailed Checks in Jan.

Comptroller Bob Bullock mailed checks totalling \$11.4 million in city sales tax to 493 cities and towns during January. He announced a cooperative effort between his office and cities to collect the hotel occupancy tax.

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## 17 File For County Election

Seventeen have filed for County election as of January 27, according to County Democratic Chairman Mrs. Mary Bailey. The Democratic Primary will be May 1, 1976. Filing deadline is Monday, February 2.

Earl Conner Jr., has filed for District Judge; Nancy Trout has filed for Tax Assessor Collector; and John A. Ingram has filed for an unexpired term of Justice of Peace in Precinct 5.

Those who have filed for Sheriff are: Ronnie (R.B.) White, Louis Hollywood, Johnnie W. Morren, and Benny Moseley.

Constable Justice filings are: William (Bill) Hunter, precinct 1; J.W. Vinson, precinct 2; Jesse Brown, precinct 2; Rodney Davlin, precinct 2; E.M. (Buddy) Turner, precinct 3; N.D. Chancellor, precinct 3; W.H. (Hamp) Kornegay, precinct 3; and S.E. Parkinson, precinct 4.

Danny Woods has filed for County Commissioner for Precinct 1; and L.T. Owen has filed for County Commissioner for Precinct 3.

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### DAR Chapter Meets In Durham Home

The Charles Crawford Chapter DAR met in the home of Mrs. Harold Durham with Mrs. Charles Terrell as co-hostess.

Three Eastland High School students, Robert Hallmark, Randy Frost, and Steve Johnson, were enthusiastically received when they presented their scholarship award winning essays on "What the Bicentennial Heritage Means to Me." These essays were written for the Bicentennial project sponsored by the Eastland VFW. The overall emphasis was on how proud we are to be Americans living in a country of freedom of speech, religion, and opportunity.

Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins gave a review of American music during the Revolutionary period. She was assisted by Mrs. Jack Frost who played the auto harp and sang some unfamiliar American ballads. Among them was the "Battle of the Kegs" by Francis Hopkinson who wrote early American songs. Mrs. Frost concluded the program with "America the Beautiful".



Mrs. Durham is pictured with Steve Johnson, Robert Hallmark and Randy Frost at the DAR meeting held at the home of Mrs. Durham.



Mrs. Joseph Perkins is pictured with Mrs. Jack Frost and her Auto Harp at the Charles Crawford Chapter DAR meeting.

### President And Elusive Kissinger Head List Of VIPs Stitched In Unique Bicentennial Memorial

BY BEN A BUTLER

Extraordinary ideas are combinations of the unlikely; they suggest the impossible.

So with that of Virginia Joyce of Fort Worth, daughter-in-law of Cecil and Mayme Joyce of Rising Star, whose need to decorate a bedroom inspired a Bicentennial expression as unique as its elements are different. Those elements are quilt-making—certainly one of the most popular of homecraft art forms—and the human instinct for hero-worship. The result could be an heirloom treasured for generations.

Virginia's family call it her "Betsy Ross Quilt".

A lot of people—and a lot of famous ones—had parts in its making. There was Virginia, of course, the originator and motive force behind it. There was husband Don, whose skills as a design engineer produced its remarkable pattern; there was the staff of the Fort Worth Library who gathered information and the addresses of the notables who contributed autographs, and there was a Rising Star lady, Mrs. Ted Hudson, who did the final "quilting"—sewing together the decorative top and the cotton-filled lining with a care worthy of the memorial it has become.

And then there was Gerald Ford, President of the United States, and Henry Kissinger who doesn't give autographs, but did, and more than 30 other notables whose names glitter in a national pantheon of recognition for their distinctive contributions to the American dream.

The name of each notable, in that person's own signature is embroidered in the center of a white Greek cross set in a blue and white square and an overall motif of the national colors in the king-size quilt that Virginia spread with such pride in a bedroom of the Cecil Joyces Rising Star home one day last week. How it got there offers a story of idealism, ingenuity and stubborn determination well worthy of the bicentennial theme.

As Virginia told it: "When our son, Doug, moved from his room he left us with bare furniture on a red carpet. I got to wondering what I could do to bring that room back to life when I recalled the gift of an autographed quilt a Methodist congregation had once given a retiring minister.

"It was no more than an idle recollection until I hitched it to the bicentennial theme. Then an idea blazed, bigger than the mere decoration of a room. Why not gather autographs of people who have made outstanding contributions to life in America and sew them into a memorial as enduring and intimate and warm as the covering spread upon a bed?"

"I made a list of 50 who, in my opinion, deserved special recognition. I went to the Fort Worth Public Library and got enthusiastic help in gathering addresses and other information I needed. We composed a letter explaining the project and asking each celebrity to autograph an enclosed square of cotton cloth with a ball point pen and return it in a self-addressed envelope. I mailed each of the 50 persons a copy of the letter. Hopefully I would get back as many as 20 of the signatures.

One of the letters went to President Ford. He was the "biggie". I simply had to have his signature or the project wasn't off ground.

"My husband and I left on a two weeks' vacation. I asked our son, Doug, to check each day's mail at the house to be sure that none of any autographs returned was lost or damaged. During the vacation I telephoned him several times. The first reply came from Rose Kennedy; her warm letter and

her signature arrived exactly four days after the mailing.

"But there was none from the President. I returned home in some disappointment, apprehensive of failure. And then, on the dining room table I found a letter of congratulations and best wishes from the White House and the President's autograph. Doug, with a fine sense of climax, had opened and let it there. It was the "big play" I needed; the project was on its way."

Other signatures arrived quickly, most of them with messages commending the idea and wishing success. As the responses piled up, so increased Virginia's determination to make the memorial truly and broadly representative.

Vice-President Rockefeller sent a warm personal letter with his signature. Replies and similar encouragement came from Bess Wallace Truman, Mamie Doud Eisenhower and Lady Bird Johnson, former first ladies, each of whose names occupies a corner square of the quilt.

Walter Cronkite, much admired CBS newsman; Dr. Jonas Salk, whose devotion to perfection in developing the Salk anti-polio vaccine Virginia cites as a continuing inspiration; Norman Rockwell whose folksy art lifted up the nation in the trauma of the Great Depression; Bob Hope and Lucille Ball, the latter of whom signed simply, "Love, Lucy" each sent early responses. Betty Ford added her name to that of her husband.

Others whose autographs appear on the finished quilt are:

Senator John Tower; baseball star Hank Aaron; Astronaut Neil Armstrong, first human to step on the moon; Leon Jaworski and Judge John Sirica whose names illuminate the otherwise dismal pall of Watergate; Roy Rogers and 'Trigger'; Joe Namath who, besides being a great contributor to professional football found a place in the quilt because, in Virginia's words, "I think he's cute"; Bing Crosby who made "White Christmas" such a beautiful expression of the spirit of the Nativity; Barry Goldwater; Gen. Omar Bradley; Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr.; John Connally, whose autograph Virginia finds most beautiful of all; Helen Hayes, the first lady of the theater; Ronald Reagan.

challenger of President Ford in the contest for the Presidency; Doctors Denton Cooley and Michael E. DeBakey, celebrated makers of new hearts; Al Capp, the cynical cartoonist; "Big John" Wayne whom none can fail to recognize; Joe Dimaggio whose signature was pursued and captured through the medium of the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y.; Grace Kelly, aristocratic princess of Monaco, and Shirley Temple Black, child movie star who grew up to become the U.S. Ambassador to Ghana.

There were difficulties with some of these, mainly because of problems in contact, but it was Secretary of State Kissinger who proved the most elusive of all whose signatures were finally obtained.

"I had the very dickens of a time getting his autograph", said Virginia. "I wrote appeal after appeal and once sent a registered letter to no success."

Her persistence and the ploy she finally made to run down her famous quarry would do justice to the devious skills of that peripathetic diplomat. With him, as with detente, success does not come easily.

"I called Senator Tower's office and handed them my frustration. I think it shook them up some, but they got busy. A secretary in the Senator's office has a friend in the Kissinger retinue and between them, the two managed the coveted autograph. Even when obtained and embroidered into the appropriate square, the Secretary's signature is about as mysterious as his thoughts.

"Can you read it?" laughed Virginia. It is little more than an esoteric wiggle, suggesting a disposition to vouchsafe as little as possible through half-closed lips.

Two weeks later she received a letter from the Kissinger office. Dr. Kissinger, it said, doesn't give autographs.

Of the 50 names solicited all but two or three were sent. After 34 replies the original project has spilled over into another, the nature of which Virginia has yet to decide.

"But there will be one", she said firmly. "I have 12 more autographs at home and I have sent more requests to help furnish another memorial."

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