

Sunnyside Suffers Disasterous Tornado

Associational Baptist Brotherhood just finished eating the old portion of the Baptist Church shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday night lights went out.

There were about 140 persons from Plainview, Edmond and Dimmitt.

They were excited until Mrs. Rogers, wife of Sunnyside Church pastor, Murlie, ran into the church shouting a tornado was coming.

"I heard it then," one man said later that started out sounding like a train from a distance, but reached us it was like all over in the world. It was when there has been considerable suffering and shock. Three people were

hospital and later transferred to West Texas Hospital in Lubbock where her condition is still serious.

The third fatality was Mr. J. B. Kidd, 55, of Plainview, who was attending the Associational Brotherhood meeting at the Baptist Church. He was apparently killed when he stepped out of the church to seek shelter elsewhere.

All stories of the disaster do not coincide. Apparently though, this is about what happened:

When the roaring vortex of wind smashed into the little community it ripped apart the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lilley. They were in Dimmitt at the time and escaped injury. Smashed also was the Sunnyside Store and ruined was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelan. The offices and storeroom of Sunnyside Grain and Supply were shattered, although the elevator itself escaped serious damage.

Then the twister crossed Highway 385.

"This was where it hit the church. As soon as the warning was given there was considerable confusion. An Edmondson man said he "and

their parked cars for shelter.

Almost unbelievable was the fact that of all those attending the meeting only one man was killed and just a few injured. The new part of the church—the concrete block auditorium—was totally demolished. The old frame-and-stucco part where the supper was being held was left standing, but it was a shambles.

The roaring tornado filled the air with flying planks and debris. Cars, trucks, combines, trailers, pipes, clothes and hundreds of other items swirled in a vicious whirlpool over the little community.

When it was over the church parking lot resembled a wrecking yard.

The new church parsonage was lifted from its foundation and thrown about twenty-five yards. Murlie Rogers had gone into the

house and when the twister hit she jumped into a closet and slammed the door. Mrs. Rogers and her son Butch were in the cellar at the time. Rev. Rogers was in the parsonage when it blew across the church-yard. About half the parsonage remained fairly intact and the rest was swept off clear at the floor. The intact part was where Rev. Rogers rode out the storm.

One man who sought refuge in the cellar said he thought for sure the roof would collapse. "It raised and lowered several times and then it seemed as if something hit it with a terrific blow. . . . It must have been the parsonage passing over."

About sixty persons were injured slightly to critically in the holocaust.

Keltz Garrison of Plainview, one of the men attending the Brother-

hood meeting, decided to stay in the church building and was in the auditorium when the brick portion collapsed. He was buried for about 30 minutes under the rubble. "I saw the dust begin to swirl," he said, "and then someone shouted to open the doors and windows. I opened a door but it was jerked out of my hand and slammed shut. Then the walls started falling in and I was hit by a concrete block or two and something else. I think it was a car seat."

Rev. Threadgill, who was to speak during the evening, grabbed a youngster and they sought refuge under a piano in the old part of the church. Neither were injured.

Mrs. Sylvia Phelan is in "super critical condition" at Castro County Hospital. She was riddled with splinters, had a two by four board driven into her back, and suffered many cuts and bruises. She

is the mother of Nona Beth Phelan who was killed when the twister hit their home.

The twister roared on after destroying almost everything in Sunnyside from Powers Blacksmith south. Several homes were left standing but were sprung and battered so badly that they will have to be rebuilt before being safe for occupancy. Several other homes, including the labor camp belonging to the gin were virtually disintegrated. The gin itself was seriously damaged.

The twister left a trail of debris for more than a mile after hitting Sunnyside. About a quarter of a mile from the church a large Ford truck was found turned upside down in a field. It had been dragged about a hundred yards after it hit the ground. Two cars and one combine were among the other items scattered along the trail of

the twister along with barrels, sinks, a child's doll, clothes, a party dress, furniture, lumber, scraps of metal and literally thousands of other things.

From Sunnyside the twister went on north, northwest. It deposited a large scattering of debris about half a mile before reaching the Sam Gilbreath farm and lifted up passing over the home occupied by John Gilbreath. It touched down several miles further on and smashed a home on the Roy Cluck farm. No one was injured there. Total distance covered by the tornado where it touched the ground was about six or seven miles.

Right after the tornado the survivors started frantic rescue operations, using undamaged autos to haul the injured to Dimmitt, Olton and Hart. Ambulances soon reached the scene and almost all of the injured were brought to the Castro

County Hospital in Dimmitt.

It all happened so fast that confusion soon ran rampant at the hospital. At first there were not enough people to help unload the cars and ambulances and do the pre-medical work of clearing and helping. Then there were too many. The curious and those wanting to help blocked the approaches to the emergency entrance to the hospital so that volunteer workers had to push automobiles out of the way to make room for ambulances. The halls and corridors were jam-packed with people. By ten o'clock, however, streets around the hospital had been blocked off and no one was allowed into the area unless they had specific business there.

The situation was somewhat the same at Sunnyside. By 9 o'clock there was a snarling traffic jam at the community, which was a combination of normal halted highway traffic and people from Dimmitt who came to help. The Castro County Sheriff's Department and Dimmitt Fire Department managed to keep the road clear enough for ambulances to leave until the injured were all found, but after that the situation virtually got out of hand.

Early Wednesday morning the State Highway Patrol set up roadblocks around Sunnyside and refused to let anyone pass who did not have a specific purpose in going into the shattered community. The roadblock was lifted about 5 p.m. Wednesday and clean-up operations were well under way. Trucks and men from throughout this area helped in the cleanup work.

Apparently, from aerial views of the twister's trail and from eyewitness reports, the thing started about eight or nine miles south, southwest of Sunnyside, first touching down just before reaching the El Paso Natural Gas plant about four miles from the community. Orville Cleavinger said it passed between his place and the Ed Dawson farm and that little general wind was blowing when it passed.

No one was hurt at the gas plant, but the tornado tore down the plant's cooling tower and several radio transmission towers, plus demolishing an office building and all or portions of the roofs of about four other homes of a housing development at the plant.

Homes destroyed included those of Roy Lilley, Frank White, E. R. Sadler, the Charles Williams home, the Hogan home, the new Baptist parsonage and the Phelan residence. Heavily damaged were the Weldon Bradley and Howard Bridges homes.

Twelve members of the Leon Ruiz, Sr. family were among those injured. One of the children is Jose Ruiz, 9, who suffered an amputated arm.

That is a general view of the tornado that hit Sunnyside. It came out of the south southwest and raked a diagonal finger of destruction through the little town. The fact that many, many more people were not killed is almost as fantastic as the force of the twister. A book could be written about what happened in the space of several minutes and the aftermath, but little of it could be confirmed. Eyewitness stories varied about what happened, and what has been presented here is a composite of many stories and an average of all.

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Springlake Lions Will Present Benefit Minstrel for Sunnyside

The Springlake Lions Club will present a benefit minstrel show on Tuesday, April 28 at 8 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

This will be the first of a series of activities by Panhandle and South Plains area Lions clubs to raise money for those who lost property in the Tuesday night tornado at Sunnyside.

The Springlake group is currently working on their minstrel for previous scheduled appearances at Springlake and Olton. Following the tornado they contacted the Dimmitt Lions Club and offered the program here, all proceeds to go to tornado victims.

The Dimmitt Lions club is sponsoring the show and making all arrangements. Admission will be by donation and not by flat-price tickets. Minimum donation sought is at least \$1.00 per ticket. Donations may be sent to Stanley Schaeffer or to George Bradford, both of Dimmitt. Donors should enclose

JayCees to Stage Easter Egg Hunt

For the fifth straight year, the Dimmitt Junior Chamber of Commerce will stage a community Easter egg hunt for all children.

Beginning at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the hunt will be open to all children eleven years of age and under.

Parents should not bring their children before 1:45 so the JayCees will have plenty of time to hide the eggs, install the speaker system, mark off the boundaries and make other necessary arrangements. The park will be closed from 1 o'clock to 2 for the preparations.

About 3,000 candy eggs will be used in the hunt. The park will be roped off into three areas according to tentative plans—one for children five years of age and under; one for children 6 through 8; and one for 8 and 10-year-olds.

Prizes will be given for nine lucky eggs—three in each division. Those who find the first place

Services Set For Storm Victims

Nona Beth Phelan
Funeral services for Nona Beth Phelan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Phelan, Rt. 1 Dimmitt, of the Sunnyside community, will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with the Rev. Murlie Rogers, pastor of the Sunnyside Baptist Church conducting the services. Interment will be in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Dennis Funeral Home.

Nona Beth was born November 8, 1917 in Weatherford and she died Tuesday evening in Castro County Hospital as a result of injuries received when a tornado nearly demolished the small community of Sunnyside last Tuesday evening.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phelan, a brother, Larry Don; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mitchell of Weatherford and an aunt, Mrs. Lula Phelan of Weatherford.

T. R. Hogan
Last rites for Mr. T. R. Hogan have been set for Friday morning in the Methodist Church at Littlefield. He operated the Hogan spinning company. Burial will be at Littlefield.

Survivors are his wife, Margie; a daughter, Mrs. Wilton Peoples of Lubbock; his mother, Mrs. T. R. Hogan of Littlefield; three brothers, Edward of Lubbock, Harold of Atlanta, Georgia, and Howard Hogan of Whittier, California and a sister, Mrs. C. E. Williams of Plainview. Arrangements are under direction of Parsons Funeral Home of Olton.

J. B. Kidd
Funeral services for Jefferson Bennett Kidd will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church of Plainview, with the pastor, Dr. Roy McClung, and Dr. A. Hope Owen, president of Wayland College, officiating. Burial will be in the Memorial Cemetery under direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Bowls Should Be Picked Up at Church

There are a number of bowls needing to be collected belonging to people who brought food to the Methodist Church for the people involved in the recent disaster at Sunnyside. The bowls are on the cabinet top in the kitchen of the Methodist Church. One need merely go by and collect her own bowl, Mrs. Darris Egger said today.

P-TA to Present Awards Tuesday

The Dimmitt Parent-Teachers Association will meet Tuesday night in the High School auditorium. There will be a short program by the first grade and an election of officers. There will be also a service award given and an annual life membership award. Starting time is 8 p.m.

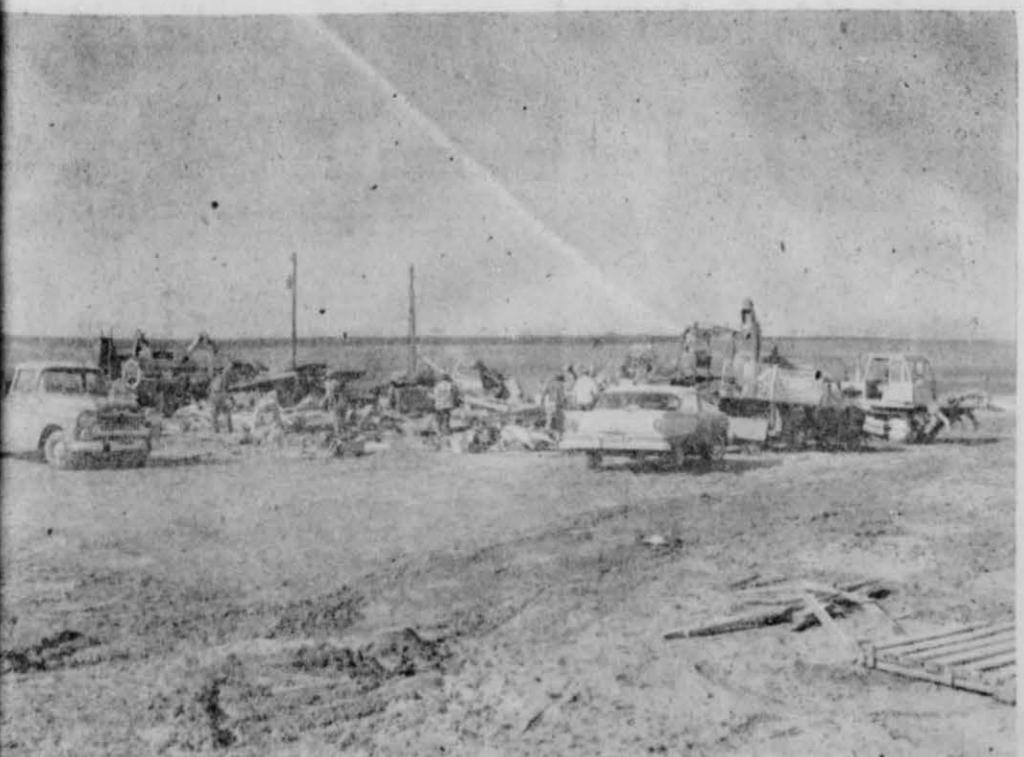
Small Business Administration Loans Available

The Small Business Administration Thursday declared Castro County a disaster area resulting from the tornado which tore into Sunnyside Tuesday evening. This authorizes businesses, homes and churches involved to apply to the Small Business Administration for three percent interest loans for rebuilding. Applications may be directed to Small Business Administration regional office at 1616 19th St., Lubbock.

Notification came Thursday from the offices of Representatives Walter Rogers and Senators Lyndon B. Johnson and Ralph Yarborough.



THIS IS THE REMAINS of the combined Sunnyside Store and residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sadler following the tornado Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Sadler were both injured and their home was almost totally demolished.



LITTLE LEFT—Shown here are the remains of the Roy Lilley home (left side) and the White home (right side) following the tornado at Sunnyside Tuesday night. These residences were the first hit and were in the direct path of the storm.



COMPLETELY DESTROYED—The Sunnyside Baptist Church was reduced to rubble and a leaning, sagging frame portion Tuesday night following a tornado that hit about 8 o'clock. The concrete block structure, the part that blew down, was almost new. There were about 135 people eating supper in the old part when the first warning was sounded.



BATTERED AND BENT—These cars, which furnished refuge for many of the people caught in the Baptist Church by the tornado Tuesday night at Sunnyside, failed to get out of the storm without being mostly heavily damaged. A few were relatively untouched, but others received degrees of damage from slight to total.

Last Rites Held For Earl T. Jones At Hart Church

Funeral services for Earl T. Jones, Hart farmer, were held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Hart Methodist Church.

Jones suffered a heart attack Monday and died Tuesday in the Plainview Hospital and Clinic Foundation.

The Rev. Lee Crouch, pastor, officiated at the funeral services. Burial was in the Brownfield Cemetery.

Jones was a native of Wellington. He moved to Hart in 1954 from Brownfield. He was a World War II veteran and was a member of the Olton Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Marilyn Sue; six brothers, J. J. and R. D., Brownfield; Winton and Woodrow, Ropesville; L. J., Hereford; and W. O., Hollis, Oklahoma; and two sisters, Mrs. R. B. Bell, Denton and Mrs. L. R. Goodwin, Eugene, Ore.

Sharon Maynard Lions Queen Candidate

Miss Sharon Maynard has been selected to represent the Dimmitt Lions Club in the District 2-T-1 Lions Convention, in Borger on April 22-23-24.

Sharon is 17 and a junior in high school.

She is an active member of many school organizations and has won numerous honors. She is a member of FFA, a cheerleader in

the Pep Club, secretary of the Student senate, Junior Class Favorite, Homecoming Queen, Miss Dimmitt High School, FFA Sweetheart and the 1959 Football Queen.

Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maynard. Her hobbies are cooking, playing basketball, swimming, and horseback riding. She is 5'6" tall has brown hair and green eyes.

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Visitors from Black

Black is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hays and Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Clyde Hays of



LOOKING ALMOST LIKE AN AUTOMOBILE WRECKING YARD, these almost new cars were battered and tossed about during the tornado at Sunnyside Tuesday night representing a loss of thousands of dollars. Some were overturned and nearly all received considerable damage.

Dr. Page Discusses Cancer Society's Christian Church Drive to Control Leukemia in Children

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Army Enlistees May Choose Hawaii

Sergeant Willard P. Wang the local U.S. Army Career Counselor has announced that the U.S. Army is now accepting enlistments for the 25th Division which is stationed at Iki Point, Hawaii.

The 25th Division is the largest tactical unit in the entire Pacific area.

Qualified young men will be enlisted for a period of three (3) years. Upon completion of basic training at Fort Ord, California, individuals will receive a leave and then be assigned to Hawaii.

Sergeant Wang will be in Dimmitt on April 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to interview and pre-qualify individuals interested in this program. While in Dimmitt, Sergeant Wang can be contacted at the US Post Office or the Sheriff's Office.

The largest attendance for Sunday morning services are expected Easter when attendance will be augmented by a number of out of town visitors. Movies will be shown on that day, and the new church will be eight weeks old. The second largest Sunday morning attendance during the past several weeks was experienced on Palm Sunday when there were 36 in Bible School and 35 at Morning Worship; but services on Sunday morning and Bible School was averaged about 30 for the seven weeks. Sunday Bible School is at 9:45 and Morning Worship is at 10:50. All are welcome stated the Minister.

Visit Here: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swain and Lela, visited friends in Dimmitt Sunday.

Visit in Graham: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gisham and family visited relatives at Graham last week end.

Dalhart Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. I. Ben Mitchell and little son of Dalhart visited relatives in Dimmitt recently.

Breaks, Cedar Lake, Sandra, and the family, will be in Dimmitt on Sunday night.

Members present were: Mesdames Bill Swindle, Howie Parker, Basler, T. B. Cox and E. E. Foster. The Club also had one guest, Mrs. Hubert Maples.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 1960, 2:30 in the home of Mrs. T. R. Davis.

Methodist Men met Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the church for a regular meeting. Mrs. Davis Eger from Dimmitt brought a musical program.

Members present were: Ed Bennett, Ed Harris, Bill Hill, E. E. Foster, Theron Morrison, Earl Jones, Wagon Foster, Joe Bailey, John Holloway, R. C. Bailey, Paul Kennedy and W. C. Crick.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lancaster are in O'Connell Sunday visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Telchick, Mrs. Jim Wellborn and Mrs. J. W. Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Beavers of Luskville was guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Beavers Sunday night.

Assembly of God Church mid-week prayer services have been changed to Thursday night, 7:45 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wall and Lennie a step brother were in Canyon attending the funeral.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward R. Fairbanks were in Skellytown holding a week end revival.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lyles of Archer City were with Mr. and Mrs. Granville Martin Saturday.

Michael Warren of Tulsa was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warren and T. R. this week end.

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Friday: Salmon loaf, peas and pimientos, mixed greens, best pickles, hot rolls, apricot preserves, milk.

Earl Jones, 53, died of a heart attack Tuesday morning at 1:05 a.m. in the Plainview Hospital and Clinic Foundation.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 13, 1960 at 10 a.m. in the Hart Methodist Church. Officiating during the services was the Rev. Lee Crouch, pastor of the church. Another service was held at the Brownfield cemetery with Masonic rites. Mr. Jones was born February 19, 1907, in Wellington. He was married to Oetha Loker in 1928 in Newport, R.I. They moved to Hart in 1951 from Brownfield. Mr. Jones was a member of the Hart Methodist Church, and the late Jacob Aker of Nazareth. He was a member of the Olton Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, Marilyn Sue, six brothers, J. J. and R. D. of Brownfield, Winton and Woodrow of Ropesville, L. J. of Hereford and W. O. of Hollis, Oklahoma and two sisters, Mrs. R. B. Bell of Denton and Mrs. L. R. Goodwill of Eugene, Oregon.

Installation of officers was held Thursday night in the school auditorium. The chapter officers were seated around a table which featured a banquet of red and white roses. On the front of the table was displayed an FFA emblem. The ceremony included the outgoing officers lighting a white candle while stating a purpose of the organization and the incoming officers lighting their duties for the following year. The incoming officers are as follows: Virginia Huseman, President; Judy Dobner, Vice-President; Sheryllyn Ball, Secretary; Rita Sue Wilkerson, Treasurer; Charlotte Huseman, Parliamentarian; Donna Rose Gerber, Reporter; Edna Rae Hoekling, Historian; Evelyn Birkhead, Song Leader. Following the installation, a salad supper was held for the parents and FFA girls.

Friday saw all pupils wearing school colors and being friendly. Saturday was "repair day" for all FFA girls.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wall and Lennie a step brother were in Canyon attending the funeral.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward R. Fairbanks were in Skellytown holding a week end revival.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lyles of Archer City were with Mr. and Mrs. Granville Martin Saturday.

Michael Warren of Tulsa was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warren and T. R. this week end.

Monday: Baked lunch meat, buttered potatoes, spinach with bacon, hot biscuits, apple sauce, milk, buttermilk.

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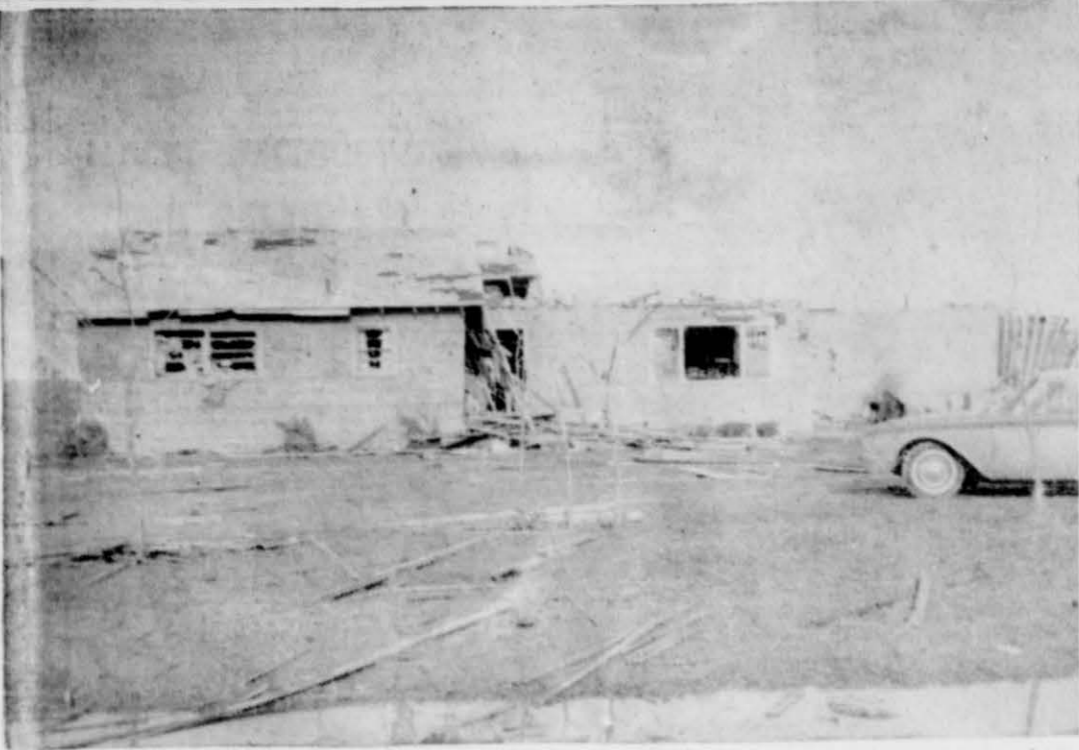
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THE AFTERMATH—These residents of Sunnyside study the damage and ponder their respective situations Wednesday morning following the tornado Tuesday night which almost wiped out the small community.

P-TA District To Hold Conference

District 8, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers will conduct their annual Spring Conference in Amarillo, at the Polk Street Methodist Church on Thursday, April 21. Registration will be from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Reinhardt Campaign Manager for Wilson

Attorney General Will Wilson has announced the appointment of Dick Reinhardt of Dimmitt to manage his campaign for re-election in Castro County.

Nazareth Tennis Team Wins District

The Nazareth High School tennis team took district honors in the senior division last week end by defeating Happy High School in four events.

Assembly of God Church Plans Loyalty Campaign

The Assembly of God Church, 2nd and Belsher, will kick off a seven-week Sunday School Loyalty Campaign on Sunday, April 17. The drive, part of a national program, is aimed to increase attendance at the local church.



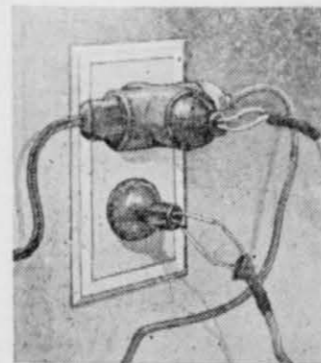
W-O Cecil R. Cotten in Marine Corps

Marine Warrant Officers Cecil R. Cotten, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. White of Route 2, Dimmitt, Texas and husband of the former Miss Geneva L. Burke of Brattleboro, Vermont, is serving with the Reproduction Section of Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.

He entered the service in January 1946.

Birth Party
Dena Hargrove, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hargrove, celebrated her fifth birthday with a party in the park last Saturday. Her guests included Mary Moore, Sherry Clay, Michael Hammons, Keith and Karon Acker, Vicki Britt, Patti Jackson, Elaine Strother, Susan and Rickie Goodwin.

Amarillo Visitors
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Savage of Amarillo are visiting Mrs. Savage's sister, Mrs. Ben Hill and Mr. Ben Hill this week.



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