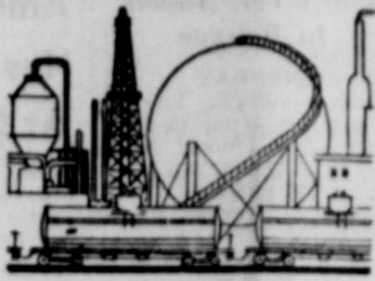




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In this corner, with COLLINS

MR. GLYN Gilliam, president of First State Bank...

Plans call for the civilians to gather at Naval Air Station...

The group will witness, among other things, pilots in carrier landing qualifications...

Perhaps the Navy will send out a picture of our Mr. GG aboard the carrier for our paper in the near future.

A special called meeting of the Ranger Little League has been set for Monday evening at 7:00 in the Community Room of the First State Bank...

ACCORDING TO the papers, the swallows came back to Capistrano, the buzzards to Ohio, both on schedule...

RATING RAVES were members of Ranger High School Choir, Ranger Junior College Stage and Marching Bands who presented a variety concert in the Student Union Building at the college on Tuesday evening...

WELL RENDERED was the concert presented by second and third grade students of Hodges Oak Park School in the Recreation Building on Tuesday evening...

SPRING REVIVALS began on Monday, March 24, at the Church of God in Ranger. Always remembered for fine music, there will be special selections each evening...

RANGER NEWS reaches Mrs. Frances Revels Connell at Garland where she is employed...

Mmes. W. O. McMillian, F. U. Bourland, Helena Julius and O. R. Gafner spent Wednesday with friends in Graham.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR JULY 10, 11, 12 RANGER JAYCEE RODEO

Sweepstakes Won Friday By RHS Choir

Ranger High School Choir, directed by Edmund J. Lewis, was a sweepstakes winner in the University Interscholastic League Contest held in Brownwood on Friday.

Only three choirs attained the coveted honor — Ranger High School, Brownwood High School and Brownwood ninth grade.

Bill Introduced To Move Appeals Court Again

The biennial Abilene blitz to steal the 11th Court of Civil Appeals is on again.

And once again, it's the Honorable Temple Dickson, state representative from Sweetwater, who filed the pickpocket bill just before the deadline Friday.

Labeled by Dickson and Abilene Rep. Frank Clahoun as only a "permissive bill" which wouldn't move the court from its historic spot in Eastland unless "certain conditions" come to pass...

Shortage of Student Workers Noted On NYC Program at RHS

There is a shortage of student workers on the NYC program in Ranger High School according to Supt. James R. Clark who says that the school qualifies for seven workers but has only three now working.

When the program first began three years ago Ranger qualified and worked 42 students but with other schools getting on the program Ranger's quota has dropped to seven students.

"Either they don't need the money and the work or else they are making more money elsewhere," Clark said.

The program pays them \$1.30 per hour and this will go to \$1.45 next February. Applications for work may be secured from the High School Principal or Supt. Clark's office.

New Phone Book Due Out Soon

The March, 1969 telephone directory for the Ranger telephone users will be mailed March 25, James Grigsby, manager of Southwestern Bell said.

The blue and white book will contain some 1870 listings of residents and businesses in its 13 white or "alpha" pages, classified or "yellow" pages will number 36.

The telephone company manager asked that old directories be destroyed as soon as the new book is received.

The directory contains numbers of new families and businesses moving here since the last directory went to press, he added.

"We'd like to caution people to remove any personal items from the pages of the old book before it is thrown away," Grigsby added.

Grigsby said that 3,400 books have been ordered. The extra copies will be used for new telephone customers and as replacements in places of heavy usage, such as public telephones.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Arterburn are spending the weekend in the home of their son, W. J. Arterburn and family of Bryan.

Jimmy Ratliff Attends State Arson Meeting

Jimmy Ratliff was among approximately 300 firemen who attended the state-wide Arson Conference held in Austin last weekend.

Ratliff toured a fire truck manufacturing plant where he observed the quality of material and construction of the equipment. He also visited the offices of the State Board of Insurance where he was told that all equipment housed in Ranger Fire Department is outdated.

Plans are underway for the purchase of the new unit.

Further business carried Ratliff to the Texas Department of Public Safety where he talked with the State Civil Defense Director. The recently appointed City Civil Defense Director for Ranger discussed with state officials the matter of buying government surplus property to be used in the local program.

Eastland Constable Dies In Car-Train Crash Friday

Funeral for Porter O. Woods 67, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Arrington Hamner Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland with the Rev. Eugene Williams, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Eastland Cemetery.

Mr. Woods was pronounced dead on arrival at Eastland's Memorial Hospital, of injuries he received when the car which he was driving collided with a freight train east of Eastland about 7:15 p.m. Friday.

The crash occurred about 4 miles east on FM 370 where the T&P Railway spur intersects. The spur line is used on an average of twice a month when trains service Texas Electric Service Co.'s Leon Plant and the King Aggregate plant west of FM 370. The train was picking up loaded cars of material Friday night.

Mr. Woods was alone at the time and was north-bound, according to Investigating Patrolman Gary Brewer. Born Oct. 17, 1902, Mr. Woods was a life-long resident of Eastland County. He married May Moffett Aug. 18, 1947 at Baird. He had been Constable in Precinct One, Eastland and Officer for some 20 years. Active in Democratic Party work, he was a member of the Men's Fellowship Bible Class. Survivors include the wife, two sons, Eastland County Commissioner Danny Woods of Eastland and Gene of Pecan; one daughter, Mrs. Marion Jetton of San Dimas, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Aldridge of Midland, Mrs. Andy Anderson and Mrs. Dawn Butler, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, O. B. of Eastland and John of Cape Birdie, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren.

Numbered H. B. No. 1115, the 11th Appeals provision is neatly tucked in as section two of the two-part bill.

As it pertains to the 11th, the bill proposes: "From and after the passage of this Act, the Court of Civil Appeals for the Eleventh Judicial District may transact its business either in the city of Eastland or the city of Abilene in the city of Abilene unless facilities are furnished the Court within such city as no cost to the State of Texas. Further, all cases originate in Eastland, Comanche, Erath and Palo Pinto shall be heard and tried in Eastland, unless the Court with the consent of the parties determines otherwise."

State Rep. Burke Musgrove, who led a successful fight to save the court's seat to a similar bill two years ago, said Friday that most likely route for this new bill will be to the powerful Judiciary Committee where Dickson and Calhoun reign. (The bill two years ago was reported out of committee in a bit of political horse-making, but failed to gain passage on the floor.)

The historic Court of Civil Appeals in Eastland was established in 1925 and is presided over by Renowned Jurist Chief Justice Clyde Grissom with Justices Cecil Collings and Eaco Walters. The first section of the new dodge has to do with the First and Fourteenth, providing that business may be transacted at the city of Galveston or the city of Houston; as the court shall determine it necessary and convenient. It is believed by knowledgeable observers that this first section will receive favorable support in view of the heavy case load in Houston and the Gulf Coast region.

Another observer has commented that the second section of the bill as proposed by Dickson would, in effect, set up a dual court for the 11th, which would be unnecessary duplication of facilities and expenses.

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BELOW, Mrs. Iris Hummel (r) and Saule Perlstein pause for refreshments after registering the 150 guests who attended the gala affair.

Benefit Style Show Held by 1920 Club

An appropriate salute to spring was the benefit style show and bazaar sponsored by the 1920 Club on Thursday afternoon, March 21.

Giant butterflies, flowers and spring hats in vivid colors throughout the Community Club House provided the setting for Ranger ladies who modeled the latest fashion by Tracey Hamilton.

Mrs. Carl Lammus, club president, welcomed guests. Mrs. J. Floyd Killingsworth, general chairman, recognized committees and Mrs. A. N. Larson introduced program personalities.

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Introduced by program chairman Dr. W. P. Watkins, Mr. Walker explained the art of Japanese baseball, wrestling and other sports, using slides to illustrate his remarks.

The Ranger High School Choir under the direction of Ed Lewis, gave a fine rendition of three musical selections.

Avery J. Sullivan, chairman of the nominating committee, read the committee's recommended slate of officers for the coming year, as follows:

President—George Kloss; 1st 2nd vice-pres.—James Clark; 3rd vice-pres. and secretary—Pat Collins; tail twister—Glyn Gilliam; lion tamer—Charles Arnett; song leader—R. B. Golemon.

Visitors for the day were O. M. Franklin and Tip Artur.

George Kloss will be in charge of the program next week.

Navy Chief To Be Olden Speaker

Chief Gerald R. Mercer, United States Navy, will be special guest speaker for the Olden P-TA meeting at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, March 30, at the Olden Community Center.

The public is invited to attend this important meeting and program.

Chief Mercer will discuss "Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Warfare," and will outline ways of protecting a family in the event of nuclear warfare.

Ranger Crash Victim Funeral Held Saturday

A Ranger man was killed and two others injured Thursday in a one-car accident at the corner of Blundell and Spring Road Six in Ranger.

Alvin Chestnut, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Avis Chestnut of 1020 Blundell St., a heavy equipment operator employed by Blakely Construction Co., was killed about 1:02 p.m. when the car in which the men were riding hit an oak tree, according to police.

Randy Squires, 17, and Thomas Daniels, 19, both of Eastland, were taken to Ranger General Hospital where Squires is in satisfactory condition, suffering from cuts and bruises, and Daniels was treated and released Thursday night.

Police said it had not been determined which of the three men was driving the vehicle at the time of the accident.

Chestnut is survived by his wife, the former Linda Ann Stewart. The couple was married July 20, 1967, in Odessa. They had lived in Ranger about two years.

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The 1969 Easter Seal Appeal will help finance the Easter Seal Society's rehabilitation program for children and adults in Texas. Last year the Society helped 17,622 disabled persons through its program of assistance in finding and making effective use of services for the disabled and their families.

The Easter Seal Society helps support 21 treatment facilities in Texas where children and adults are treated regardless of ability to pay. These centers offer physical therapy, medical diagnosis, speech and hearing programs and related services to help the disabled build happier and more useful lives.

As Easter Seal Representative, Mr. Wilson is the person to contact for services from the Easter Society. He can be contacted at the Eastland National Bank, Eastland, Texas 76448.

When contacted for service Mr. Wilson will request the Easter Seal Society to investigate the needs of the disabled person and will ask that the Society advise the handicapped person of the best resources available to help him.

Mr. Wilson added that additional contributions to the Easter Seal Appeal should be sent him as soon as possible, as the 1969 Appeal ends Easter Sunday, April 6, 1969.

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The Week Ahead In Ranger

MONDAY

12:00 — WSCS, luncheon and program at the church. 7:00 p.m. — Royal Neighbors, Community Club House.

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. — L.W.W.B. Church of God. 1:45 p.m. — Ladies Bible Class, Merriman Baptist Church.

WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. — Methodist Mens Prayer Group. 10:00 a.m. — Ladies Bible Class, Mesquite and Rusk St. Church of Christ.

THURSDAY

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American Legion Has Luncheon

At Club House

The American Legion, Carl Barnes Post No. 69, and Auxiliary, marked the 50th anniversary of American Legion with a covered dish dinner at the Community Club House at 7 p.m. Monday, March 10.

Xi Zeta Nu Chapter Meets In Black Home

Mmes. Mildred Black and Lazelle Johnson were co-hostesses for the meeting of Xi Zeta Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in the home of Mrs. Black at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Many Happy Returns to the following Rangerites who will celebrate birthdays during the coming week:

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ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EASTLAND

On this 11th day of February, 1969, the Board of Trustees of Ranger, Independent School District convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present, to-wit: Ross Hodges, president; Bob Revels, Dr. Luther Gohlke, Dr. W. P. Watkins, Pete Brashier and Mrs. Frances Cox, secretary, and the following absent: Morris Campbell, constituting a quorum and among other proceedings had by said Board of Trustees was the following:

WHEREAS the term of office of Mrs. Frances Cox, Position 1 and Dr. Luther Gohlke, Position 2, members of the Board of Trustees of this School District will expire on the first Saturday in April, 1969, said first Saturday being April 5, 1969, and on said date a trustee election will be held in said School District.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Board to pass an order establishing the procedure for filing for and conducting said trustee election:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RANGER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. That an election be held in said School District on April 5, 1969, for the purpose of electing to the Board of Trustees of said School District — Members, to fill Positions 1 and 2.

2. That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned election shall be in writing and signed by Trustees at the superintendent's office not later than 30 days prior to the date of said election. (Deadline 5 p.m., March 5).

3. That said election shall be held at the following place and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election:

At Ranger High School Recreation Building in Ranger, Texas, in said School District, with A. E. Crawley as Presiding Judge, and Mrs. L. G. Kennedy and Mrs. David Allsup, Clerks.

4. Mrs. Zora Lea Hughes is hereby appointed clerk for absentee voting. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at the Tax Office of Ranger I.S.D., Recreation Building, Ranger within the boundaries of the above named School District, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. on each day of said absentee voting.

5. The manner of holding said election shall be governed, as near as may be, by the Election Code of this State, and this Board of Trustees will furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said election.

6. Immediately after said election has been held, the officials holding the same shall return to the president of the Board of Trustees in a sealed envelope a copy of the returns, poll list and tally sheet for said election, and this set of election returns shall be used by the Board of Trustees in canvassing said election.

Another copy of the return, poll list, and tally sheet of said election shall be delivered to the president of the Board of Trustees in an unsealed envelope and this envelope shall be available in the office of the superintendent open to inspection by the public for 60 days from the date of the election.

7. The presiding judge of said election shall return to Superintendent James R. Clark immediately after the votes have been counted the ballot box containing the voted ballots and all other election supplies and said ballot box shall be preserved and kept in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Election Code.

8. The Secretary of this Board of Trustees shall forthwith issue a notice of said election by posting copies of this order at three different places within the boundaries of said School District, which posting shall be done not less than 20 days prior to the date of said election.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that the same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: Ross

1947 Club Meets In Newnham Home

The regular meeting of the 1947 Club was held in the home of Mrs. Morris Newnham at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 18.

Funeral Rites for Mrs. Hettie White Held Thursday

Funeral for Mrs. Hettie Mae White, 74, was held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Moran with the Rev. Boyd Tabor of Moran, officiating.

Born in Moran, Oklahoma, Mrs. White died at 7:20 p.m. Tuesday in Scott and White Hospital in Temple after a lengthy illness.

Born in Atkins, Arkansas, September 14, 1894, she had lived in Moran for several years. She married Samuel P. White August 24, 1916, in Atoka County, Oklahoma.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Raymond and Wayne, both of Moran, Ben L. of Sweetwater, and Gerald of West Hamstead, New York; three daughters, Mrs. E. J. Turner of Eastland, Mrs. Mack James of Everman, and Mrs. Louell Bryan of Abilene; nine grandchildren, one step-grandson; three brothers and five sisters; all of Calif.

Mrs. C. E. Beck Is Hostess For WMU Meeting

Members of WMU, Second Baptist Church, were guests of Mrs. C. E. Beck, Sr. for their meeting on Tuesday afternoon, March 18.

Opening prayer by Mrs. Mary Aldridge preceded the business meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. Ora Ewing.

The group voted to send an Easter gift to the boy whom they sponsor at South Texas Childrens Home. A note of appreciation for a gift to a patient in Western Manor was read. Work day at the church was observed on Friday, March 21.

Members present were Miss Gussie Leverett and Mmes. Ora Ewing, Alice Crabtree, Chas. Bush, Walter Mitchell, J. B. Baker, Jessie Matthews, Ima Peterson, Mary Aldridge, Lou Maddux and the hostess.

E. T. Thomas Is Buried In Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for Edward T. Thomas, 67, of 1606 Ave. E were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Rust Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jesse E. Casle, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in McKinney, Texas, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Mr. Thomas, a retired funeral director, died at his residence at 9 p.m. Thursday night after suffering a heart attack.

Born September 21, 1901 in Erath County, Mr. Thomas retired from the funeral business in 1954. He moved back to Cisco one and a half years ago from Atkins, Ark. He married Zola McDonald of January 13, 1968, in Cisco.

Survivors include his wife of Cisco; one daughter, Mrs. Randolph Taylor of Midland; two brothers, C. J. Thomas of Waco and Audie Thomas of Corpus Christi; two sisters, Yvona Rodgers of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Asylie Reid of Waco; one grandson, Dr. R. Taylor of San Antonio; and one grand-daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Holt of Midland.

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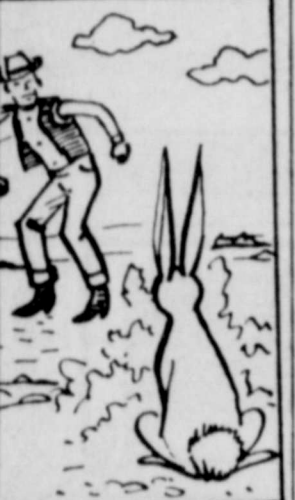
Patients reported in Eastland Memorial Hospital Saturday morning were:
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Lattie King
Dora Fehl
Sadie R. Goode, Ranger
Dina Rains, Cisco
I. C. Polk
Jessie Weems
Elizabeth Nealy
Iula Justice, Gorman
Aura Beene, Cisco
B. Bishop
James Franklin
Leonard Hollander, Cisco
Earl Angstadt
Jessie Vardiman, Moran
Ruee Brown, Cross Plains
Iula Preslar
T. J. Preslar
Aldred Dorr
Innie Newell Gorman
Ellie Dickson, Gordon
James Dickson, Gordon
Attie Mitchell
Thel Meyers
Mary A. Raymond, Moran
Adeline Wyatt
Phyllis Pledger
Raymond Wigington, Cisco
Neil Reich, Cisco
Raece Ashton, Cisco
Attie Easter, Gorman
Barbara Johnson, Ranger
Idie Baggett
Athy Dean

Denise Ingram, Cisco
Lynn Poe, Cisco
Florence Yancey
Dennis Hague
Margaret Harder, Cisco
Ina Sinclair, Strawn
Mary Krensavage, Strawn
Deetta Thompson, Abilene
Sue Simmons, Gorman
Linda Crowder
Ottie Kernell
Marie Starr, Cisco
Juanita Smith, Cisco
Glenda Garrett
Alice Williford
R. L. Perkins
Jim Cox, Rising Star
Gerie McDaniel, Carbon
LaTrelle Stark, Olden
G. C. Taylor, Cisco
Charlie Taylor
Edgar McCoilum
James Briscoe, Rising Star
Claude Speckles, Rising Star
Louise Seabourae
Annie Medford
James Griffin, Ranger
Baby Girl Nelson, Stinnett
Baby Boy Nelson, Stinnett

Patients in Ranger General Hospital Friday afternoon were:
Mrs. Thelma Bott
Mrs. Esther Graham
Mrs. Myrtle Reed
Mrs. Winnie Pilgram
Mrs. Donna Roberson
Mrs. E. E. Crane
Mrs. Ben Freeman
Mrs. Louise Bussell
Mrs. Polly Brown
Mrs. Lydia Maynard
Mrs. Eva Mae Eaton
Mrs. Elura Glenn
Mrs. Aline Blackwell
Joseph Neeley
Roland Sunday
D. F. Rush
W. A. Chisum
Jesse Sayer
Elbert Hill
Roy Lyon
Randall Squires
Walter Mace
O. J. Chrestman
Frank Vickers
Brett Daniels

GRAHAM HOSPITAL
Patients in Graham Hospital Saturday morning were reported as follows:
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Martin Gleeson
George Swartz
L. W. Tucker
Mrs. A. J. Davis
Mrs. Mittie Plummer
Mrs. Eugenia Pursell

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Since the matter of the fire district would be determined by the wishes of citizens, it is suggested that opinions be voiced to fire chiefs of the citizens home town.

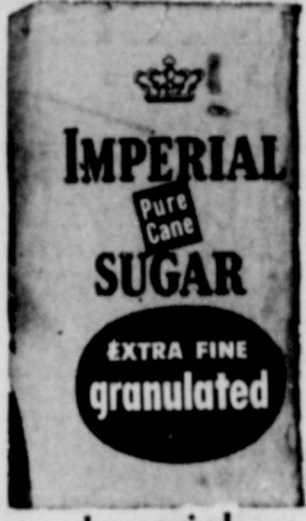


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OLDEN NEWS

Spring and Winter seems to be having skirmishes, but we have a good season in the ground and plenty of stock water.

Brother Hankins from Abilene preached for the Church of Christ Sunday.

Brother Robert McDaniel preached for the First Baptist Church Sunday and was a dinner guest in the Carl Butler home.

Mrs. Ola Jones of Dallas visited her sisters, Mrs. Nora Butler and Mrs. Gladys Yielding last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Crone is a patient in the Ranger General Hospital.

Mrs. Gladys Yielding has been very ill with pneumonia and is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Talley visited his uncle, Mr. H. H. Talley in Stephenville Monday.

Mrs. Eva Butler of Eastland and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Poyner, of Bridgeport visited their father, Mr. J. C. Serna last week. Mr. Poyner is Superintendent of Lane Star Gas Co. in Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap from

Eastland have moved into the Grubbs home place.

J. W. Moseley of Hattiesburg, Miss., is visiting with his folks. He reports lots of rain in Mississippi and Louisiana.

The J. R. Vincens from Eastland whose home recently burned have moved into the Thorse home.

Mrs. Nora Butler with her son Halsey Butler from Odessa are spending this week visiting in Houston.

We were all very proud of our 4-H Club and F.F.A. boys and girls who exhibited livestock in the show in Eastland.

Chief Gerald Mercer who is stationed on the U.S.S. Rainier is on leave visiting his family here. The Mercers have bought a home in Olden and plan to reside in Olden when he retires from the Navy in 1971.

Five men have filed for the two places that will be open on the Olden School Board. Those filing are Mr. Bill Adams, Mr. Blackie Fox, Mr. Ronnie Reese, Dr. Dick Hodges and Mr. F. L. Spudis. The present members of the board are: J. D. Castle, O. H. Dick, Bert Kent, J. D. Herrell, Blackie Fox, Pat Moseley and Aubrey Patton.

Our 4-H boys and girls are busy practicing their entry for the "Share-the-Fun" contest in the county elimination contests. They plan to do a skit "A Tale of Whoa!"

Juniors Finish Red Cross Nurse Training Class

The second Eastland County Junior Red Cross Nursing Class, has just been completed, it was announced. The class was open to all teenagers in the county who were over 15.

Classes were held in the conference room at Eastland Memorial Hospital. Future training will be held at Hickman Nursing Home, Eastland and Cisco. It was announced, to offer young people the opportunity to finish their 1 hours of volunteer work at these institutions.

Upon completion of this volunteer work the students are qualified to work as a trained nurse's aide. Four of these are working full time at Hickman Nursing Home No. 3 in Cisco, and one has worked part time.

Recently completing the course from Eastland were: Jim Bourland, Benny S. L. in person, Wallace Granger, Linda Gentie, Sandy Gentie, Denny McWhorter, Mike Hare, Dean Brown, Darla McCoy, Jeff Jackson, Cindy Harbin, Stella Boatman, Donald Harvey and Jackie Graham. Those completing from Cisco were Cindy Foote, Elaine Stephen, Hazel Knight and Pat Tindall.

The last meeting was held in Hickman Nursing Home No.

3 in Cisco where a film from the American Heart Association was shown.

The climax to the course was a trip to Fort Worth to visit the U. S. Clinical Research Center, formerly known as U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, one of two in the United States. This hospital serves patients with drug addiction and neurosyphilitic patients and is under heavy security. Harold Smith conducted the tour and had as one of the main speakers an addict who answered freely all the questions the group asked.

The next meeting will be held in the back lobby of Hickman Nursing Home in Cisco. The date to be announced later.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 3 p.m. Monday, March 24 in the home of Mrs. C. E. Terrell, at 495 Pershing St., Eastland, it was announced. All members are urged to be present.

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At the March meeting of the Olden 4-H Club members discussed the animals they planned to show at the Eastland County Livestock Show. They also planned a skit to enter in the County Elimination Contest March 22. They read several skits and selected "A Tale of Whoa!" Patsy Moseley, president, presided over the meeting.

Since the meeting, those who plan to be in the skit have met three times to practice. The skit tells of a romance between a hillbilly boy and girl. To be costumed for the Share-the-Fun comedy—Keith Keller, Jane Krantz, Susan Williamson, Betty Jean Fox, Joe Baird, Dollie Moseley, Ralph Underwood, Sherri Whisenant, and Kenny Parsons. Mrs. Jim Krantz and Mrs. Pat Moseley are adult leaders helping with the skit.

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The Junior High School Band Festival successfully finished its first day of competition in Cisco Friday with 25 bands competing for sweep-stake honors.

The Festival closed Saturday and the results of that day's competition will be in later issues. The results of Friday's competition in both concert and sight-reading were:

Class AA Bands: Eastland: II, I; Cisco II, II; Anson I, I; Hamlin I, I; Hamilton II, I; Clyde I, I; Ballinger II, II; Bridgeport II, III.

Class AAA bands: Lampasas II, II; Azle, I, II.
Class CCC Orchestras: Lee of San Angelo I, I; Glenn of San Angelo I, I.

Class CCC Bands: Lee of Mineral Wells II, II; Austin of Mineral Wells II, II; Brownwood III, II; Lee of San Angelo I, I; Glenn of San Angelo I, I.

Class B Bands: Masonic Home of Fort Worth I, II; Dublin 7th grade III, IV; Early of Brownwood III, IV.

Class A Bands: Rotan II, II; Dublin II, II; Ranger II, II; Comanche 7th grade II, II.

Participating Saturday were 29 bands, bringing the total to 54 this year. The contest was a complete success according to Festival Director Eric Ritchie and his assistant, Lynn Low.

Rape Trial Set For April 5 In Stephens County

Three Cisco youths will go on trial April 7th in 90th District Court of Breckenridge on charges of rape, according to an announcement by the court Friday. They are LeRoy Mangum, Kendall Seaborn and Charles W. Raper.

The alleged offense took place on January 17 after a Cisco Junior College coed was kidnapped at Lake Cisco Park. Charges of armed robbery and kidnapping was filed against the trio in Eastland County. The indictment charged that the rape took place in Stephens County.

The three young men were free on bond. Their Eastland County trial date had not been announced.

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NAKHON RACHASIMA, THAILAND — As mentioned previously, the Thai is an extremely good natured fellow. This is a trait found almost universally in Asia. It is more evident, however, in Thailand than in most other countries.

The phrase used most often by the Thai demonstrates his ability to keep a smile no matter what happens, in "Mai Pen Rai," which simply means "It doesn't matter." This is the universal reply to any apology offered for a misgiving. This marvelous and unique attitude serves to amplify the feelings of friendliness generated to any foreigner who is fortunate enough to visit this amazing country.

The Thai people have deep roots in Asian civilization. The earliest written histories of the Thai find them living in southern China. Early in the 12th century A. D. Kublai Khan and his Mongol hordes drove the Thais from their ancestral home in China. A new home was found at what is now Sukhothai, on the northern Thai-Cambodia border. In 1286 a revolt, led by Phra Ruang and his brother, drove the Cambodian garrison back to Cambodia, and the present-day Thailand had its birth. Since that time the Thais have fought bitter battles with their neighbors, Cambodia, Laos, and Burma, to retain their freedom. This spirit of nationalistic pride is found in each and every Thai even today.

In 1350 the center of government was moved from Sukhothai to Ayutthaya, where, for the next 400 years, Thailand, then called Siam, grew and flourished. But in 1787, after a bitter fourteen month siege, a large Burmese army entered Ayutthaya and pillaged it. The reigning king vanished and his fate is still unknown.

It took nearly 40 years to repair the damaged Thai civilization following the attack by Burma, but by the early 1800's the Thais were again prospering, with their capitol and king located in Krung Thep, or Bangkok, where they

remain today. Every Thai takes pride in the fact that Thailand has never been colonized by any country, Western or otherwise. Mongkut, the best loved and most remembered of the Thai kings, had the foresight to open his country to Western trade without resistance. Had he not done this, Thailand might very well, today, be a French or English protectorate. He saw the French takeover of Indo-China, now Viet Nam, and the British absorption of Hong Kong and Singapore, and didn't want the same fate to befall Thailand. Mongkut, portrayed by Yui Brynner in "The King and I", spent all his efforts in improving living standards of his people. He encouraged missionary teachers and doctors to see his people, and commanded them to learn all they could from these "foreigners".

Mongkut's son, Chulalongkorn, went to America to study and was considered an outstanding student at Harvard. The present king, Bhumibol Adulyadej, was born in America while his father earned his degree in medicine. Chulalongkorn returned to Thailand and initiated an intense medical training program. His efforts can be witnessed today at the excellent medical school in Bangkok University.

Absolute royal authority came to an abrupt end in 1932, when a bloodless military coup transferred the powers of state from the royal family to the people. Thailand became, at least on paper, a constitutional monarchy like England. However, in reality, the military has retained control of the country and the Thais live under a well providing military dictatorship.

Although the royal family has no important power, they are the uniting force in Thailand. King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit are adored by every Thai. To insult them in the presence of a Thai can often lead to bodily harm. This is one of the two instances when the Thai loses his temper. The other is to insult Buddha or anything concerned with Buddhism.

Buddhism leads a large role in the life of the Thai. A Thai must spend at least three months of his life wearing the saffron robes of a Buddhist monk. The monks are usually civic leaders in the villages. They teach in the schools, instruct the people in weaving mats and planting rice and such. They repair buildings and dig wells and yet their only means of support is from the people themselves. Early each morning and again late in the evening they walk the streets begging for a bit of rice or a cup of tea. This practice serves to teach the Thai male the meaning of humility.

There are more images of Buddha and of Buddhist saints in Thailand than there are people. These range in size and weight from the big 50 ton gold Buddha at the Temple of Dawn in Bangkok to the small bronze Buddhas found in every Thai home.

Each area of Thailand has its own patron saint. An excellent example of this practice is found in Nakhon Ratchasima, or Korat city. A large ebony statue of Suranaree, or Lady Mo, is located on the town square. The somewhat unbelievable account of the events led to Lady Mo's veneration to saint-hood are as follows.

About the year 1150 the Cambodian army swept through northern Thailand and occupied the major centers of industry and culture. Korat was one of these occupied cities. After a long siege the city finally fell to the invaders. The capitulation led to the death of every able bodied male in the city. Seeking revenge, Lady Mo, the wife of the Thai commander who died in defence of the city, commanded all the beautiful women in the city, and went into Cambodian encampment pretending to idolize their captor's military ability. After several hours of wine, women, and song, the soldiers fell into a drunken slumber, whereupon the women killed every one with the soldiers' own weapons. Lady Mo quite naturally did the Cambodian commander in herself to revenge the death of her husband.

The defeat of the army by these women so shocked the Cambodian king that he recalled all his forces and the Cambodians never made a serious attempt on Thai sovereignty. So with a little feminine ingenuity and revenge for her husband's death, Lady Mo won for herself a place in the canon of the Thai Buddhist religion.

The strongest group in Thailand is the family, an extremely close knit organization. It is customary for the parents to have as many children as possible, so they will have comfort in their old age. Old people are greatly respected in Thailand. Everything they say is taken as undisputable truth. One youngster is a firm believer in ghosts, simply because his grandfather told him he saw one once.

The Thais are very clean people. They bathe as much as five times a day. The interior of the Thai home is spotless. Like their cousins in Japan, they remove their shoes before entering their homes.

The Thais are very fond of parties. A Thai party is a once in a lifetime experience. Although women are forbidden by church law to drink alcohol in the presence of men, the Thai male can consume large amounts of the local drink without showing signs of inebriation. One favorite brew called Mekong, is heated and consumed much like coffee is in America.

A favorite topic of conversation between Thai men and foreigners is new ideas and gadgets, while the women are extremely interested in comparisons of Thai and American life. They feel ignored if one doesn't bring out his wallet and show them his family.

Thai men and women don't physically touch each other in public, so dancing is usually absent at a Thai party. But this is replaced by singing. Usually one brave soul will go before the gathering and sing a native tune. Then each person feels he has to outsing the vocalist preceding him. It all makes for a very enjoyable evening, believe it or not.

As can be seen, the Thai is a gentle, peace loving person, but with fierce loyalty to his religion, his country, and his king.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Elder of Fairview, Okla. were recent guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elder. Other guests were Lisa and David Elder of Fort Worth whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elder are in process of moving from Fort Worth to Chicago, Ill.

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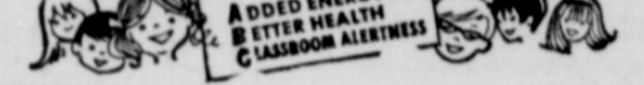
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