

Sept 17, 1987

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UNITED WAY FUND DRIVE KICKOFF was held here Thursday with a breakfast in the Lions Club Building for some two dozen volunteers who heard last year's Greater Wichita Falls UW drive chairman Ray Clymer encourage them to work hard to meet the needs of organizations funded by the organization. On the right is Ron Buffum, this year's general chairman. Local co-chairmen Carol Hayslip and Ken Via. Iowa Park's goal this year is \$56,234, and the Greater Wichita Falls United Way goal is \$1.9-million.

Restrictions placed on cemetery's plots

Numerous restrictive changes at Highland Cemetery were approved at a meeting Sunday of the Highland Cemetery Association.

A ban was approved on all future installations of curbing and rock on plots.

The reason for the decision, according to Bill Gilmore, president, is a matter of maintenance.

Since Highland is a public cemetery, families have been allowed more freedom of choice than was in the best interest of the cemetery, Gilmore said.

A ruling from the 1940s, banning high curbs and posts has not been enforced until recent years. The result is one area of the cemetery which must be mowed entirely by push mowers and requires individual trimming around each curb.

Rock has also proven to be unsatisfactory, due to weeds and grass emerging through the plastic, graves sinking under the rock, and having to remove the rock in the event of a new burial.

"Most of the rock-covered plots are in very bad condition," Gilmore said, "and it is impossible for the caretaker to tend to them."

With the growth of the cemetery, the problem of mowing has escalated to the point that one caretaker can no longer adequately maintain the grounds. Each new stone requires more time and weed-eating. This cannot be avoided, but the extra

work caused by incorrect curbing and clean-up left for the caretaker following curbing must be curtailed, he said.

Families are also advised that more strict enforcement of the allowable decorations will be followed.

There will be no breakable objects on any lot that the caretaker mows, Gilmore said.

Two arrangements per marker are allowed, with these being placed beside the marker. The only upright structure allowed is a monument.

Local sales taxes still below 1986

Iowa Park received a sales tax rebate check this week in the amount of \$10,379.91, down slightly from the \$11,102.73 the same month last year, according to the state comptroller's office.

To date, \$113,415.71 has been returned to the city this year, down only 2.96-percent for the same period in 1986.

Burkburnett is the only city in Wichita County on the plus side thus far this year, 12.48 percent. Wichita Falls is a minus 10.98 and Electra minus 22.30. Overall, the county is a minus 10.03 percent for the year.

The state is down by nearly six percent overall compared to payments made by September of last year.

Holliday is a minus 28.73 percent.

Tough test expected with Seymour Friday

For a team that was supposed to be considerably weaker this year, because of graduated key players, Seymour now looms as a threat to the Hawks' perfect 2-0 record.

The two clubs are slated to meet at 8 p.m. Friday in Hawk Stadium.

The Panthers have only three starters among the 10 returning lettermen this season.

While their 1-1 record may not show strength, the teams they played does.

Seymour knocked off Knox City 13-7 in the season opener, but fell Friday 21-6 to Abilene Wylie.

It was Wylie that gave Breckenridge such a hard time the first game of the season. The Buckaroos finally managed a 7-0 decision.

If former Hawk assistant coach James Ivey has a problem with his Panthers, it's a shortage of depth. That was evident when the Hawks eaked out a meager 7-0 win last year over Seymour. And Ivey has been quoted this year that he is short on numbers.

Seymour will be the only Class AA team the Hawks will play this season.

The Hawks have rolled over both their AAAA opponents, Burkburnett and Graham, despite a hail of 24 penalty flags that have set them back 211 yards.

Defensively, the Mean Green has

given up 32 points, but offensively Iowa Park has racked up 58.

Eighteen of those points given up by the defense came on turnovers that set up the opponents deep in Hawk territory.

Iowa Park turned over the ball four times, three on fumbles and one pass interception, in the Burkburnett game. However, last week the stat sheet showed zeroes in both departments.

Offensively, the Hawks have thus far shown depth and strength against their two larger school opponents.

The backs are averaging slightly more than 6.7 yards each time the ball is handed off on a running play. And last week, quarterbacks Jeff Huff and Dan Fannin completed four of the five passes attempted.

Seymour scouts covering last week's Iowa Park-Graham game also learned they can't stack their defense against leading Hawk ground gainer Jim Cummings.

Graham tried it, and Joel Galloway racked up 71 yards and a touchdown.

However, the Steers weren't too effective in keying on Cummings. The big fullback gained 139 yards and caught three passes, scoring three times.

Cummings has now carried the ball 41 times from scrimmage, and

rolled up 401 yards. That's only nine yards shy of the total offensive yards earned by Burkburnett and Graham, combined.

Cummings is averaging 9.8 yards each time he's handed the ball. Galloway has earned a 5.4-yard average, and Billy Kenyon has picked up 62 yards in two games to average 4.4.

City's Monday meeting rescheduled tonight

The Iowa Park city council will meet at 7 this evening in council chambers, after Monday's meeting was postponed.

After information was released concerning Monday's regular meeting, it was learned that both Mayor Tim Hunter and Mayor Pro Tem Johnny Coker would be out of town on that date, and it was rescheduled.

The agenda will remain the same as was released last week, according to James Barrington, city administrator.

Following an executive session, concerning "personnel" and "purchase of real property," aldermen are expected to take action on at least one of the two topics.

The "personnel" item is believed to be concerning former police officer

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Johnny Robertson's appeal for reinstatement to his job.

Robertson made his appeal to the council two weeks ago in a personal appearance which, at his request, was open to the public.

Aldermen voted to delay action on the appeal "for further study."

The council will be asked for authorization permitting Barrington to advertise for bids to purchase two police cars, a one-ton and a half-ton truck, and to make the "preparation of specifications for addition and remodeling work on the police station."

Also on the agenda is consideration of an ordinance amending issuance of annual permits to use the sanitary landfill, and the administrator's report on landfill operations.



HAWK-STEER BOOGIE - Iowa Park Hawk mascot Donna Gibson and Graham's Lorinda Gill delighted the crowd during halftime of Friday's football game when the two began a dance step they called the Hawk-Steer Boogie. The two had a good audience, as both stadiums were at capacity.

News Briefs

Bloodmobile to be here Monday

A goal of 50 units of volunteer blood has been set for Monday's visit of the Red River Regional Red Cross Bloodmobile here.

The Bloodmobile will be at

Whoop-T-Do plans on Chamber agenda

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will finalize plans for the 16th annual Whoop-T-Do, when the leaders meet Monday for their monthly luncheon.

Ken Via, vice president and chairman of this year's edition of the Whoop-T-Do, to be held Oct. 10,

Trustees approve purchases

At a called meeting yesterday morning of the Iowa Park school board of trustees, purchase of three new copying machines was approved.

Faith Baptist Church between 4 and 6:30 p.m., according to Jim Grove, project chairman for the sponsoring Iowa Park Optimist Club.

will report on reservations received and progress of lining up programs.

While the meeting is not exclusively for directors, anyone wishing to attend should call the Chamber office for luncheon reservations. The meeting is to begin at 11:45 a.m.

Trustees accepted a bid submitted by Wichita Copy Products for \$3,495 per machine, for a total expenditure of \$10,485.

Police investigating hit-and-run report

Police are investigating a hit and run incident reported early Saturday morning, when a residence and gas meter at 201 W. Lafayette was struck by a vehicle that left the scene.

The vehicle, described only as white over dark with damage to right front side, was last seen heading south on FM 368.

No injuries were reported.

Officers arrested John West Rusk, 19, Thursday on an Iowa Park warrant for criminal trespass. He was transported to county jail.

Officers arrested Billy Joe Lively Jr., 21, at the post office at 1:42 a.m. Saturday on outstanding warrants from Wichita County Sheriff's Office.

Lively faces charges of resisting arrest and possession of prohibited weapon. He was released at 2:40 a.m.

Classes dismiss early

All Iowa Park schools will dismiss classes early this afternoon to permit teachers to attend a seminar.

Classes at Kidwell Elementary will dismiss at 1:30 p.m., 2 at Kidwell Elementary and the junior high, and 2:15 at high school.

Cooley, Thompson vows are exchanged Saturday

Honeymooning in Acapulco this week are Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Paul Thompson, who were married in an impressive late-summer wedding Saturday afternoon at University United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls. Tom Medley, the associate pastor, was the officiant for the exchange of double-ring matrimonial vows.

The bride is the former Miss Kristi Lea Cooley, daughter of Mrs. Kay Cooley of Wichita Falls and Weldon Cooley of Iowa Park. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack O. Thompson of Wichita Falls.

The decorations for the wedding were characterized by beautiful simplicity and featured an arch wrapped with English ivy touched with a slight floral ornamentation of pink, peach, yellow and pale blue. The spiral car telabra on either side of the arch were traced with greenery, and extremities of the altar were marked with Boston ferns.

Mrs. Richard Boyd, organist, provided the wedding music. She played a medley of familiar and favorite tunes for prelude numbers, including "Wedding Song," "Whither Thou Goest," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Oh Perfect Love." She played the "Lord's Prayer" at the close of the service, and the traditional wedding marches for the entrance and exit of the wedding party.

The bride's father escorted and presented her in marriage. Her formal designer gown of white organza, carefully selected for the special day in her life, was most pleasing in its delicate beauty. The gown was fashioned with a front bodice covered to the flattering basque waistline with lace appliques, and a white satin



MRS. JEFFREY PAUL THOMPSON

back bodice adorned with the lace appliques and a large satin bow. The sweetheart neckline was bordered with tiny seed pearls and iridescents, and the sleeves were formed with row upon row of baby ruffles.

The full skirt of organza ruffles flowed gracefully to a semi-cathedral length train.

Her matching veil cascaded to fingertip length from a silk flower wreath with pearl-trimmed edges. The bride's lovely bouquet in teardrop style was designed with English ivy, calla lilies, white bridal roses, sprays of pearls enhanced with a dior bow.

Keeping bridal traditions, she wore a wedding band that belonged to her grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Lowry, for "something old;" her gown for "something new;" her mother's pearls for "something borrowed" and a garter for "something blue."

The brides' attractive attendants were Miss Paige Watkins, maid of honor, Miss Ann Kelly and Mrs. Denny Boland, bridesmaids. Each was smartly dressed in a formal royal blue taffeta gown styled with ruffles at the top of the long tapered sleeves, a ruffle at the neckline and peplum at the waistline in the back.

They also carried teardrop bouquets consisting of English ivy, yellow and purple roses, peach carnations, peach and pale blue starburst.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with tails, matching wing-tipped shirt, tie and cummerbund. The other male members of the wedding party wore silver tuxedos with white wing-

tipped shirts, silver ties and cummerbunds.

Conray Chase was the best man, and Mark Thompson and Todd Jones were the groomsmen. The ushers were Steve Cooley, James Richardson and Brett Roland.

The mothers of the bride and groom wore white orchids for the perfect touch to their wedding dresses and the grandmothers wore white roses.

The wedding was followed by a reception at the church given by the bride's parents.

Duties of serving at the bride's cake, punch and finger foods tables were shared by Mmes. Randell Yarbrough, Cameron Honea, Betty Castle, Steve Eggleston, Conray Chase and Miss Karoline Rathman.

The bride's cake table was a picture of exquisite beauty. Gracefully draped with pinch-pleated and pearl-pinned white satin, it was centered with the "dream come true" cake flanked by large sterling silver candelabra. These were decorated with fresh peach pixie carnations, yellow and pink alstermeria daisies, pale blue Queen Anne's lace and purple and peach gladiola.

Fresh smilax and leatherleaf cascaded from the flowers to circle the three-tiered white cake sumptuous in both structure and adornment. Each tier was a floral display of hand-molded white petunias, peach, yellow and coral roses, bridal trumpets, forget-me-nots, stephanotis with lilac accents used sparingly. Two sets of sugar pillars separated the layers, and the first one was centered with a Precious Moments bridal ornament.

The table that held the silver punch and coffee services was covered like the cake table and centered with one candelabrum decorated like those on the cake table. The food table was covered with white linen.

A table in the church foyer where Mrs. Norman Williams presided and invited guests to register held the bride's book, white plume pen, and a silver candelabrum encircled with the corsages that the wedding reception assistants wore later.

The rehearsal dinner was given Friday by the groom's parents at Steak and Ale.

Special wedding guests were Mrs. Ruby Lowry and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cooley, grandparents of the bride.

The bride was graduated from Iowa Park High School and works for Radiology Associates. The groom was graduated from Rider High School and is employed at Certain-Teed. They will live in Wichita Falls.

New officers are elected

Fifteen members of the Friendship Class of First Baptist Church attended the monthly meeting held Monday at the church. Mrs. M.E. Goforth and Mrs. V.I. Woodfin were the hostesses.

During the business conducted by Mrs. O.S. McLemore, teachers and officers for 1987-88 were elected. Mrs. Glenn Mitchell was elected teacher and Mrs. C.L. McKinnon was elected assistant teacher.

Officers elected were Mmes. Elmer Singleton, president; C.L. Metz, vice president; J.T. Parker, secretary; Walter Scott, assistant secretary; Miss Helen Reed, corresponding secretary; Mmes. McLemore, treasurer; Homer Blalock, reporter; E.T. Patterson, devotional chairman.

Other elected were Mmes. Singleton, Metz, R.G. McLaurin, outreach committee; Goforth, D.O. James, Leo Fletcher, F.L. McCoy, Clay Davis and Miss Aline Griffin, group captains.

Mrs. McLemore reported on the clothes that were taken to Faith Mission for the September outreach project.

Mrs. Singleton presented the devotional program on "We Can't Quit Now."

Attend the Church of your choice



Look Who's New

Jordan Benjamin, the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Ketchersid of San Diego, Calif., was born to them Sept. 14. He weighed six pounds, three and one-fourth ounces. Mrs. Ketchersid is the former Phyllis Forsgren.

The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Forsgren and Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Ketchersid of Iowa Park. The maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean Forsgren of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hamady of San Antonio. The paternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Bertha Bradstreet of Iowa Park and Mrs. Ethel Ketchersid of Dallas.



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Philia begins year celebrating birthday

The Philia Study Club started the new club year Monday evening with a 25th year birthday party held at TU Electric Reddy Room. The hostesses were Valer Mae Jones, Mrs. Jack Jordan and Mrs. Jim Rinehart.

Mrs. Thomas Johnson displayed yearbooks and scrapbooks from the club's past, and she also shared a record of the club's history which is kept on file in the Burk Burnett Public Library. She paid tribute to Mrs. James Sewell of the 23 Study Club who was instrumental in organizing the new federated club, and gave the founding date of the Philia Study Club as Nov. 14, 1962. Mrs. Sam Wood served as the first president.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Don Decker presented members with the new year books, and recognized Mrs. Ron Barnes who was instrumental in the printing of the books. The cover of the yearbook for this year features an open heart with birthday candles and 25 years inscribed inside. Mrs. David Springer, the president, has

chosen "Friends Volunteering to Serve Others" for her theme.

The program for September centered on getting to know GFWC better. Mrs. Jordan reported on the club's affiliation with Girltown and encouraged members to continue its support.

Mrs. Raydean Mattis highlighted the various college scholarships that the club helps to fund and encouraged anyone interested in a scholarship to apply.

Mrs. Nikki Phillips provided information on M.D. Anderson Hospital and what gifts do to aid in the treatment of patients there.

Mrs. Decker presented bumper stickers that encourage people to appreciate and save the "brown paper bag" from disappearing in grocery stores.

Mrs. Springer discussed past involvement of the club in local projects and challenged members to put forth ideas to support it in future years.

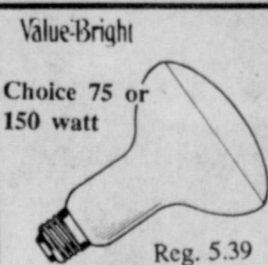
The Philia Study Club will participate in the district workshop to be held locally Oct. 17.

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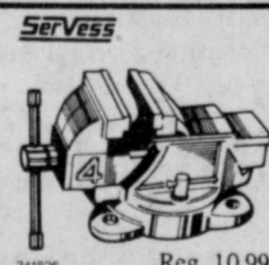
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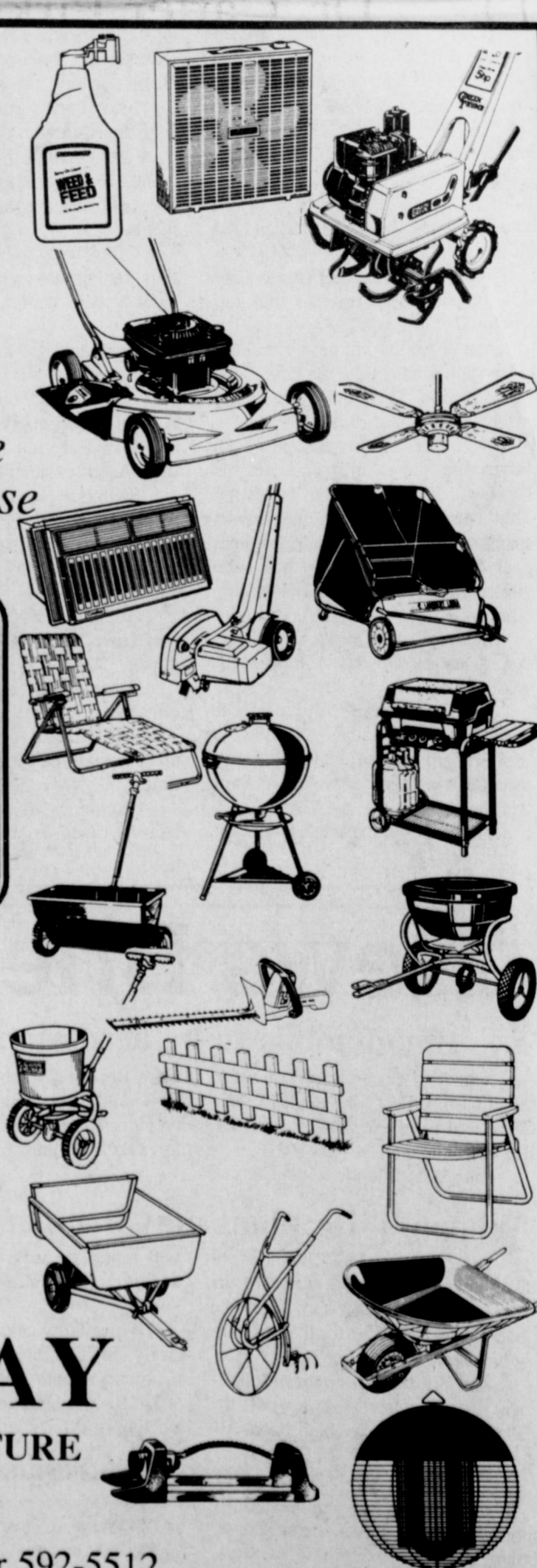
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Farm editor speaker at Garden Club meet

The Iowa Park Garden Club started activities for the 1987-88 year Friday with a covered-dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Jack Vestal. The co-hostesses were Mmes. Billy C. Gilmore, John Clapp, A.E. Young, Dorwin Wooten and Bea Boles.

Mrs. Bernice Compton gave the president's welcome and presided during the business. A special guest was Mrs. Roy Johnson, daughter of Mrs. R.L. Good, and the new members welcomed were Mrs. A.E. Young and Miss Helen Brown.

Mrs. Dave Davis gave the thought for the day to precede roll call directed by Mrs. Robert Illingsworth when members answered with the name of a garden they would

like to visit.

Mrs. Don Decker, vice president, passed out the yearbooks and called attention to the special programs, workshops, and events which will take place during the year. Mrs. Good, chairman of the Yard of the Month/Year committee reported on the yard selections during the summer.

Mrs. China B. Smith, conservation chairman, directed the thoughts of the group to the recent fires in California. She noted that it would be the responsibility of the gardeners in that state to replant the forest area. Mrs. Davis, chairman of the conservation posters done by children in the Iowa Park schools, reported that the

theme of this year's contest will be "Anti-Littering."

Others giving reports were Mrs. W.A. George, community service chairman, who stated that the project for this year will be to weed, water and maintain the flower beds at the Tom Burnett Memorial Library. Mrs. Leroy Foix announced that the year's flower show will be held in the First Christian Church Oct. 10 during Whoop-T-Do, and that the theme of the show will be "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

Following the business, Mrs. Lavena Harlin presented Mrs. Jimmy Gilmore with the club's scrapbook for 1986-87. The book will be sent to the district yearbook chairman to be judged.

Joe Brown, farm editor of the Wichita Falls Times Record News, presented a program on "Life of a Farm Editor." He was introduced by Mrs. Decker.

The farm editor told the group that his father, who worked for the railroad, moved to Wichita Falls in 1918. Joe received a scholarship and played football for Midwestern State Univ. He said that he went to work for the newspaper in 1957 and became farm editor in 1958.

Brown said he has over 2,000 peach trees on his farm and informed the group of the best peach, apple, pecan and pear tree varieties to plant. He suggested that several fruit tree varieties be planted so that all of the fruit would not become ripe at the same time. Therefore, one could have peaches or apples all summer.

He gave the varieties best to grow in this area to include: Sanger peach, Santa Rosa pear, Choctaw pecan and Moley Delicious apple.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 25 at TU Reddy Room for a program on "Flower Arranging Techniques."



MR. AND MRS. E.W. SUMRALL

Sumralls married 60 years

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Sumrall observed their 60th wedding anniversary Wednesday at a family dinner in their home.

Their two daughters, Eva Joy (Mrs. William) Eklund of Austin and Katy Merle (Mrs. Morris) Vogel of Littleton, Colo., a granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Gossett, and their two sons helped them commemorate the anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bruchmiller of Willow, Okla., also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumrall were married Sept. 16, 1927, in Hobart, Okla. They moved to Wichita Valley Farms in 1938 and into Iowa Park in 1940, where he operated a laundry in the south part of town for a number of years.

They are members of First Baptist Church where he is a deacon. She was church pianist approximate-

ly 30 years and he was a member of the sanctuary choir. Mrs. Sumrall was also active in the young people's musical program and the Woman's Missionary Union, serving as president and in various other capacities. She taught piano in her home until ill health forced her to retire.

Junior FFA guidelines to be discussed tonight

Election of officers, a pot luck supper and guidelines for organizing a Junior FFA are on the agenda for the Iowa Park FFA Booster Club meeting at 7:30 this evening in the Vo-Ag building.

The Junior FFA would be for students nine or third grade until entering high school here, according to Gladys Chandler, president.

Amity Study Club begins new year

Amity Study Club met Monday evening in the home of Margaret Denton to begin the new club year.

Each member answered roll call by revealing the name of her secret pal.

Evelyn Ward, vice president, conducted the business session in which the Whoop-T-Do on Oct. 10, and the Santa Rosa District Workshop, to be held here Oct. 17, were discussed. She introduced a new member, Mary Margaret Gossett.

It was decided to have a booth featuring face-painting and a pencil pull at the Whoop-T-Do. A committee for the event was named and includes Judy Brown, Mary Ann Crowley, Laura Thames, Judy Schenk and Evelyn Ward.

A discussion was held on the District workshop, to be Oct. 17, at

First Baptist Church. The three local study clubs will host the meeting, and the responsibility of each member was outlined. It was voted to donate \$50 to M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

Following the business, new yearbooks were distributed, and names for new secret pals were drawn.

After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served.

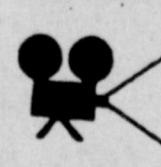
Bluegrass band to provide entertainment

A bluegrass band will be the featured entertainment for a salad supper meeting Saturday of the "New Life" Adult Singles Group.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the ASCS building, 220 W. Park.

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As I See It... By BOB HAMILTON



You doubtless never notice the issue number on the front page of the Leader each week, but I'd like to call your attention to this one.

We're beginning our 19th year of publication!

The vivid memory of moving here back in September of 1969 is now beginning to dim slightly...I don't remember the order of introductions I went through and all that, but I do remember enough to know there have been a tremendous number of changes, in people and everything else, from those days.

Eighteen years of my life doesn't grab me much, until I realize that most of the seniors at Iowa Park High were born the year we started this newspaper.

That was the year Dolores and I made our decision that this was to be our home from then on. And we've had nothing to happen to change our minds.

To the contrary, time has only reinforced our decision. We're glad we moved here and have absolutely no thought of ever moving again.

That may not sound like much to many folks, but you've got to understand that we had lived in six different towns before we settled here.

We've raised our children here, and have a pretty good crop of grand-children calling Iowa Park home.

Unless you've moved a lot in your time, you might not appreciate what that means to a person, or a family.

I've made up my mind that, if I ever move again, it'll be out to Highland Cemetery.

The people of Iowa Park have been good to the Hamiltons, and we appreciate your acceptance of us, and the newspaper. We hope we have earned your confidence, and we pledge to work hard in future years to merit your continued acceptance.

And while our roots are solidly nestled in Iowa Park, it should still be pointed out that we're still six

years away from our 25th anniversary and the time when we'll no longer be considered newcomers by the old-timers.

Worth Quoting

Iowa Park memories

Our new sports man, Kevin Hamilton, didn't do his homework. A job applicant usually checks out the leadership, right? Wrong.

Kevin was a growing 13-year-old in 1971 in Iowa Park, Texas. He tagged along with his dad, the town's newspaper publisher, to all Iowa Park happenings.

Kevin's favorite time was during the fall. That was the time of the year when the mighty Iowa Park Hawks hit the football field on Friday nights and two hours later leave battered teams in its wake.

Kevin's dad covered the team like a blanket. He took zillions of photos, reported every 5-yard sweep, listed names, names, names, and provided every stat. And USA Today was just a gleam in Gannett's eye.

Mr. Hamilton's ace sideline assistant was a hyper-than-first-time-freshman-coach Kevin. Just to be down on the field, among the giants, grunts and smelly sweat, was finer than a Mountain Dew on a hot Labor Day afternoon.

"Those guys were my idols," Kevin says. "They were to me then what professionals are now."

Kevin kept busy. He helped his dad mark off the yardage of punts, held his stat sheets when it was picture-taking time, and ran gopher errands. There were trips to the concession stand at halftime for Cokes and hot dogs, a sprint to the car for the raincoat and a race back to the ticket office for an extra program.

Most important for Mr. Hamil-

ton, Kevin acted as a warning signal. Mr. Hamilton would focus his camera on a spot just a few feet in front of him and waited patiently for that prize-winning photo. Kevin got in position to shield off potential leg-breakers. "Hey Dad, look out. Here they come!" Kevin would scream.

Mr. Hamilton would snap the prize-winning picture and quickly head for safer territory. "He never got hit," Kevin says proudly, "until I got to be a junior and made varsity. He didn't have any warning signal then."

That same year, 1971, the Granbury Pirates, believe it or not, made the long trek to Iowa Park for an early season game. When the scheduling was made for the game, it seemed like a pretty good idea at the time -- two solid football programs battling one another; a repeat of a playoff game five years earlier in which the state-bound Pirates upset the Hawks in Abilene's frigid Shotwell Stadium.

It proved to be a fatal mistake, about 40-something points worth. The Pirates lost too many quality players to graduation and were playing several inexperienced varsity kids. On the other hand, the Hawks, the state's defending co-champs, were as solid as ever.

Guess who was quarterbacking for the Pirates? Mr. Hamilton didn't have too much trouble keeping stats for us. We ended with a zero on the scoreboard, I don't recall completing a pass, our rushing yardage probably didn't break the century mark and our first downs could probably have been

Crime prevention director looking for exposure

Iowa Park Crime Prevention director John Cross has been busy the past couple of weeks, and is looking for more ways to reach the people.

Cross, an officer in the Iowa Park Police Dept., held a free fingerprinting service for children Saturday at Wal-Mart, and identifications were made for 190 children.

Wal-Mart supplied the materials, including cards and photos. More children were waiting their turns, but the project was curtailed because of time.

Earlier in the month, Cross showed movies at Wal-Mart on the

advantages of placing children in auto safety restraints.

Cross, who has visited Bradford Elementary to provide bicycle safety programs, is available as a speaker for all local organizations interested in crime prevention topics. He can be contacted at the police department.

Grace stock split, 2-1, announced

The board of directors of W.R. Grace & Co., parent organization of Cryovac, at its regular monthly meeting Sept. 10 approved in principle a two-for-one stock split of Grace's common shares.

The split will be in the form of a 100-percent stock dividend.

The split is subject to shareholder approval of an increase in the authorized number of common shares to 300-million from the 150-million currently authorized.

A special shareholder meeting

for this purpose is to be held in late October. The record date for eligibility to vote at the meeting is Sept. 21, 1987.

J. Peter Grace, chairman, president and chief executive officer, said, "This action is being taken to support the positive results of our restructuring by reducing the price of the company's common stock to a more affordable level. This should allow more shareholders to participate in the continued growth and profitability of Grace."

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It has become something of a cynical cliché to state that all men are created equal, but some are more equal than others.

Today, severe pressure is being exerted from several quarters to bend the First Amendment guarantees of free speech and make some speech and some speakers more equal than others. One bill in Congress would proclaim that it's perfectly proper to ban "lesser" speech, such as cigarette advertising, so long as more noble speech, such as campaign orations, one would presume, remain constitutionally protected. On another front, the Federal Communications Commission has voted to abolish the Fairness Doctrine, on the ground that it has, over the years, restricted the free-speech rights of broadcast journalists. Left unanswered by the F.C.C. is the question of what happens to the right of everybody else to speak and be heard on television.

The bill to ban cigarette advertising is currently the subject of hearings by the House Subcommittee on Health and Environment. The transcripts are lengthy; some are erudite legal briefs, replete with footnotes. Others are statements by professional athletes and others concerned with the health threat posed by smoking. We have no doubt that all the proponents are motivated by a desire to protect the American people—from themselves, if need be. And that Big Nanny attitude is precisely what worries us.

We are deeply concerned that once there's a precedent for protecting us against ourselves, there'll be no way of getting the censor's nose out from under the national tent. Many Americans see liquor, wine, and beer as a health threat. Once cigarette ads are banned, pressure is sure to follow to outlaw advertising for those products. Cholesterol has been linked to heart disease. There go ads for beef, cheese, and milk. Cars, too, can kill. There go the auto ads. Boating and skiing can be dangerous. There go the advertising revenues that support the travel section in your Sunday papers. (And if papers and TV net-

works lose the bulk of their revenue sources, who'd bring us the news each day? A government press?)

The point is that, in a free society, people need as much information as they can get, from all sources, to make informed choices. And when the sources of information are restricted, so is the individual's freedom of choice.

We could muster all the legal arguments against curbing the First Amendment rights of cigarette advertisers, but we'll leave that to the lawyers. As we've said, we see the overriding issue as censorship by an elite—and the domino effect such censorship, once imposed, is guaranteed to generate.

As for the F.C.C. and the Fairness Doctrine, we strongly urge the Congress to step in and mandate that all sides of a controversial issue of public importance be fairly represented on the airwaves, and not just those views held by network newsmen.

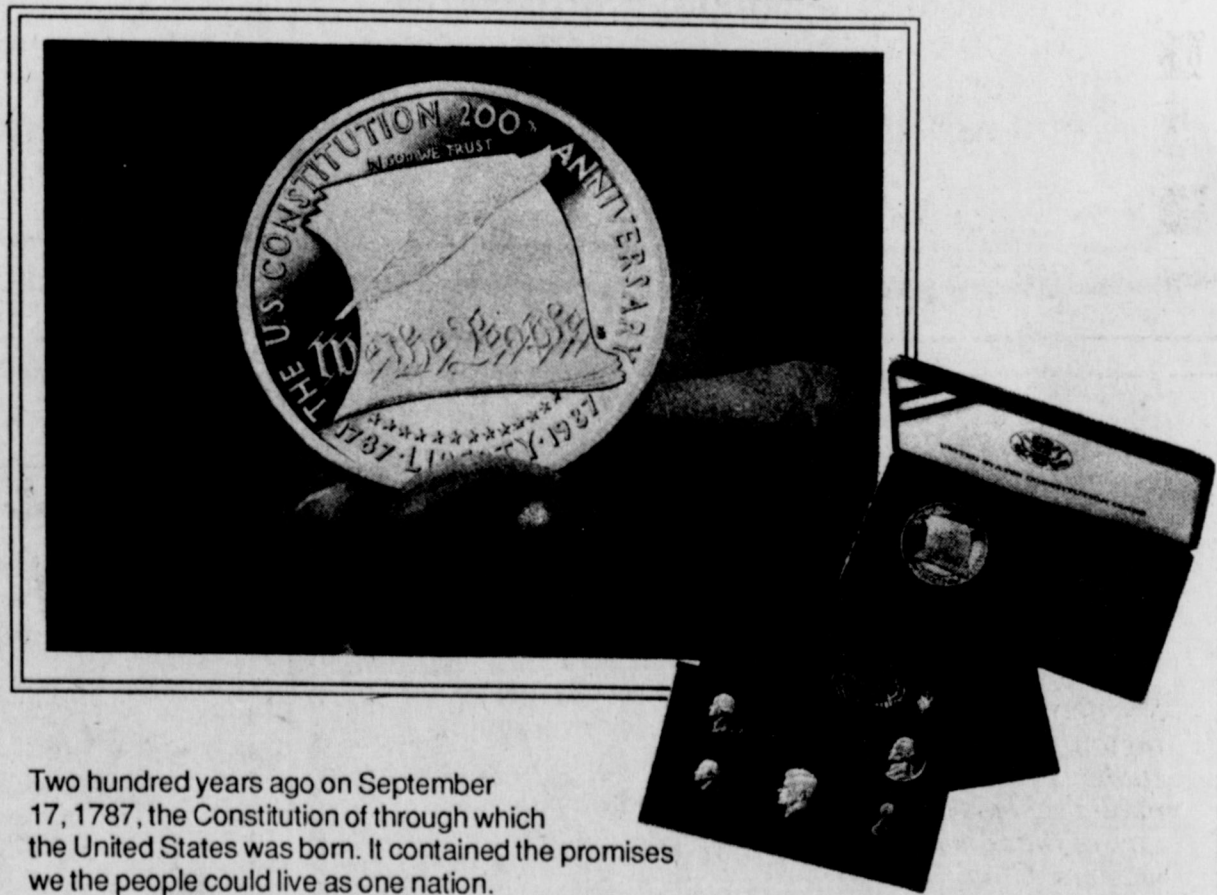
It has been stated that the Fairness Doctrine may have been necessary when there were only a few TV stations, but that cable TV, ultra-high-frequency channels, and other means of "narrowcasting" have made it obsolete. But the fact remains that vast portions of the nation—including some parts of a major city like New York—have no access to cable TV. It's also still a fact that the majority of Americans get the bulk of their news from the three major networks.

The Fairness Doctrine, properly enforced, was the only vehicle for assuring television access for minority opinions and even for unpopular opinions. In a democracy, such access is far too important to leave up to the handful of de facto censors who decide what Americans can and cannot see on the nightly news.

We maintain that voices in a democratic society—individual and corporate alike—shouldn't be stifled or filtered through Big Nanny. Whether the topic is cigarettes, or energy policy, or the latest in designer jeans, the First Amendment shield must never be lowered, or selectively applied.

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