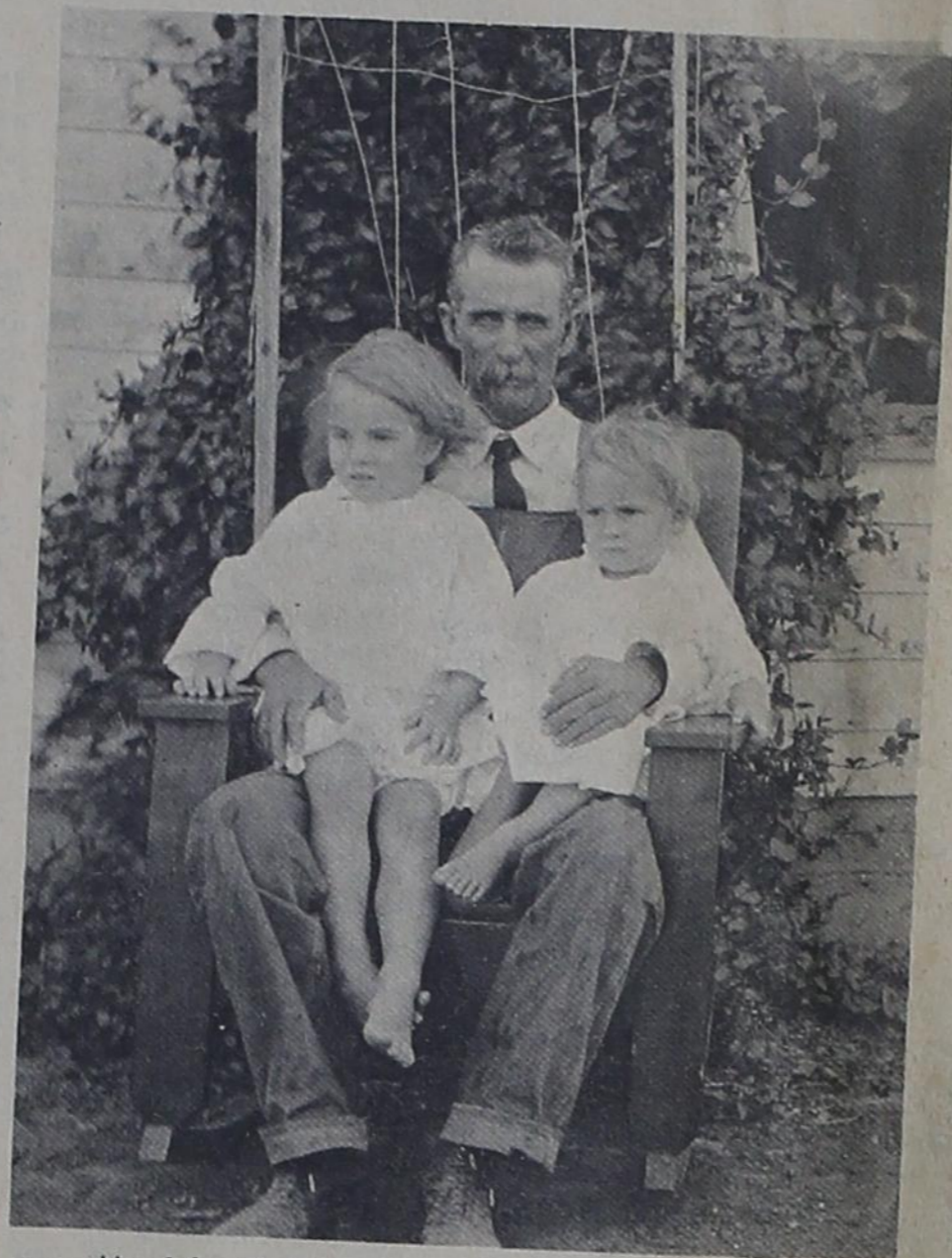




Mrs. Carrie Cotter



Mr. John D. Cotter holding John D. Jr. and Omar.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

Highlights from the Past to the Present settles between what are now the towns of Gruver and Spearman as the John D. Cotter family is brought into the spotlight. The John D. Cotter family made their home in a two story house about one and a half mile east of Old Hansford.

John D. Cotter was born in Missouri in the year of 1851. He was the son of Worth Cotter who was a farmer and rancher in Missouri. Seven boys and four girls made up the Worth Cotter family. During the Civil War, Worth Cotter was killed and the sons began a life of their own. The boys moved their cattle west to better land since their home and surroundings were destroyed during the war. The Cotter boys drove their cattle to the Indian Territory where they pastured them. At that time they could not live on the land but could stay on the land as long as they moved at least a mile a day. The boys grazed large herds of cattle over the Oklahoma prairie which was all unfenced and open land for several years.

As Oklahoma became a state and the land was no longer territory the Cotter boys broke up their herds and each found a home of his own, some going back to Missouri, while others moved further west. John D. moved to the Texas Panhandle. Mr. John D. Cotter had married and had two daughters who are Mrs. Susie Hays and Mrs. Allie Hiett. His wife died and the girls were grown and he moved on to make a home for himself. He had been in Hansford County in 1886 where he purchased some land but moved on at the time. He returned in about 1899 after he and his brothers had left the Indian Territory and purchased more land and ran cattle over the open prairies. Without a family he had no need for a home so spent his life camping watching after his cattle.

Miss Carrie Wells who later became the wife of John D. Cotter was born August 3, 1879 in Waxahachie, Texas. She was the daughter of David Wells and had one sister Mrs. N.A. Stevenson of near Stinnett. While only a very small baby her father died. Miss Wells grew up near Burnet, Texas which is located near Austin. As a small girl she remembered the granite quarry located near her home and recalled seeing the large blocks of granite cut by men from Scotland. The large blocks of granite were taken to Austin and used in the construction of the State Capitol building.

All of Miss Cotter's schooling was received in Dallas where she lived with her aunt during the school year.

Miss Carrie Wells' mother married R.C. McNutt and the family moved on further west to find better land. Their first stop was Cooke County where they stayed for a year. Still not finding exactly what they desired they moved on west and settled in the Lieb Community south-east of the present town of Morse. The family took up farming and ranching. Miss Carrie Wells took up her profession of teaching and taught at Plemmons for her first school.

Mr. and Mrs. McNutt had two sons, Roy and Kenneth. Prior to the McNutt couple's marriage Mr. McNutt had been a Texas Ranger.

Continuing her teaching profession, Carrie Wells taught throughout Hansford County after her first year at Plemmons. She taught at such schools as Pleasant Hill, Granddains, Lieb, Hansford, Stephenson and Spivey. She was the first teacher in the Grand Plains School and named the school herself. While teaching she boarded with the families of whose children she taught. Her first boarding home was the Jim Cator Home. She would ride to school by horseback each day always atop a side-saddle, and wore a divided skirt.

While teaching Miss Wells recalled riding to Plemmons to get her pay check. She would ride by herself across vast prairies. There was only one fence to cross before she reached Plemmons from her home. The fence was the key Track drift fence. She never had to open a gate for a thoroughbred horse which was a jumper. She would ride him up to the fence let him judge the height and kick up, and over the fence they both would go. Only once while riding the prairies alone was she followed but not long because Miss Cotter knew how to ride her horse. It wasn't long till she jumped a fence and was far of sight.

During her teaching career she met John D. Cotter and couple planned their marriage. Since he had been camping throughout the area he had no home and soon began to make preparations for a house while his bride-to-be finished school year. He freighted the lumber and fixtures from Hansford and began work on the two story home which was a beautiful site and remained a landmark until after Carrie Cotter's death. The home was located a mile and a half east of the town of Old Hansford. When the school year was completed the home was also completed. The couple were married July 4th 1909 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. McNutt. Mr. Cotter came to the wedding in his buggy and following the cere-

mony the couple rode in their buggy to their new home which was some thirty miles away as their honeymoon.

Mr. Cotter had several sections of land and broke out about two and one half sections for farm land. Some of the land was located where the home stood and the other to the southeast of Spearman. Mr. Cotter raised cattle, horses, mules and hogs. He shipped his cattle to Kansas City and sometimes to Chicago and he always went along when he sold them. When he would sell his hogs he would drive them to Texhoma to market. Texhoma was the nearest railroad and it was also the place where the family freighted their wheat.

The wheat was cut with headers and trashed in the fall. The maize was hand headed. Mr. Cotter would take a wagon of wheat to Old Ochiltree to the flour mill which was located there at the time and return with a wagon of flour.

Everything the family ate was produced on their home place. Their garden was plowed behind a big horse. The family raised their own potatoes, tomatoes and many other garden vegetables. They also raised pinto beans. The family would pull the bean plants as the beans matured and leave the plant tied to a stick in the ground. The beans would dry and were then placed in a wagon where they were beat until the beans were loose from the pods. Then they were sifted through several times to remove all chaff and finally they were put up for storage. The hogs were killed, butchered and cured for use during the summer months, while beef was used in the winter. The beef was used in the winter. The beef would hang on the windmill tower and when needed for use would be pulled down the rope. A piece would be cut off and back in the sack the meat would be put and run back to the top of the tower for safe keeping. The family also had their own fruit trees to supply their fruit. Mrs. Cotter canned all the vegetables and fruits and they were used throughout the winter. The family would buy coffee beans in kegs and grind their own coffee. Honey was the main desert and Mr. Cotter would have it shipped from Kentucky. The meat which was not in use was put in sealed boxes and packed in oats in the barn. The milk was kept in a trough which ran from the well to the stock tank. The cool well water would run over the crocks with plates for tops.

Mrs. Cotter did her cooking on a range stove. A water reservoir which held some 10-15 gallons of water was at the end of the stove and supplied the hot water for the family use. Kerosene lamps were used throughout the year. Mr. Cotter bought and installed a carbide lighting system which had a generator in the yard. The carbide was so expensive to use that the only time they were used was at Christmas time. Christmas was a time for celebration. Mr. Cotter would cut down a pretty tree from the creek breaks and bring it to the house for decorations. To be put on. A turkey was always prepared for the Christmas dinner.

Three children were born to the couple being three sons, John D., Omar and Austin. They were all born at home. When John D. was born, Dr. Langston came by buggy from Dalhart to be the attending physician. For the other two children Dr. Haney was present. The three boys walked to school at Old Hansford and later finished high school at Spearman when the schools consolidated.

The family seldom needed a doctor for their ailments for the best cure seemed to be kerosene and sugar. It cured the "croop" and a sore throat could easily be taken care of with a rag soaked in kerosene around the throat. Injuries were also doctored with kerosene.

Mr. Cotter bought his first car which was a Touring Car made by I.J. Case, with the crank on the side. After Mr. Cotter would get a car home he might drive it two or three times but that was about all for he would saddle up his horse and take out over the prairies. Mrs. Cotter soon learned to drive and made good use of the car but Mr. Cotter preferred his horse.

Following an accident with a horse, Mr. Cotter died several months later, January 10th, 1926. Mrs. Cotter remained at her home continuing with the chores and assisted by her sons. Her early students remained near to her heart and she always enjoyed a visit with them. On October 3, 1961 Mrs. Cotter died at the age of eighty-two years and two months.

The three sons make their home in the Texas Panhandle with John D. a building contractor and Austin an insurance man, both in the town of Panhandle. Omar makes his home in Spearman where he farms and his wife, Nickie, teaches in the Gruver Public Schools.

This closes another of the stories of outstanding prominent and well known families. We have seen a man who began alone building his land ownings and a woman who taught for some nine years in the schools of the area and who gave up her profession to become a pioneer housewife and mother. The pioneer life took strong courageous people such as the Cotters who helped build and make Hansford County.

BOY'S STATE TRIP WAS REWARDING

by Jerry Gumfory

Although I'm a little late in expressing my sincere gratitude to the American Legion for giving me the privilege of attending Boy's State, I felt it would be good to do it through the paper, so that others might learn of the merits and values of the week spent in Austin. It was one of the most interesting, as well as educational experiences I have ever had.

We met in Amarillo on a Wednesday night for a program which would familiarize us with what would happen during the week.

Two former Boy Stater's were there to tell us what to do, and what had happened to them. After meeting, boys from all over the Panhandle loaded on two chartered busses that were to take us to Austin. All of the boys had just completed their Junior year in high school which is one of the requirements for anyone attending. We left Amarillo at 8:30 that evening and arrived at Austin the following morning. Upon arriving, we registered and were appointed to our cities, parties, and rooms. The two Political Parties were the Pioneers and Long-

horns. I guess I'm prejudiced but the Pioneers had the best party, and it was shown when at the last we had the Pioneers in all but seven of the major offices.

Nothing of our State Government was left unnoticed. We went to city meetings; party meetings; and state meetings. All of the voting was done on the ballots in the style of Texas long ballot.

In all it was a very rewarding trip. Besides learning the functions of the various offices. I was amazed and humbled by the qualities shown by the boys that I met.

I made new friends that I shall always remember.

I sincerely hope that this will be an annual event for some Juni or boy to look forward to. I hope that the entire community will support the American Legion and the Auxiliary, and that next year maybe they can also send a girl to Girl's State. I know that it will be a very rewarding experience.

Again, I want to sincerely thank the American Legion Post 154 for giving me the opportunity of attending the American Legion's Boys State.

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NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

The dogs of the City of Gruver will be vaccinated Friday July 24th at the Agriculture Building. Dr. Bean of Berger will be present to do the vaccinating.

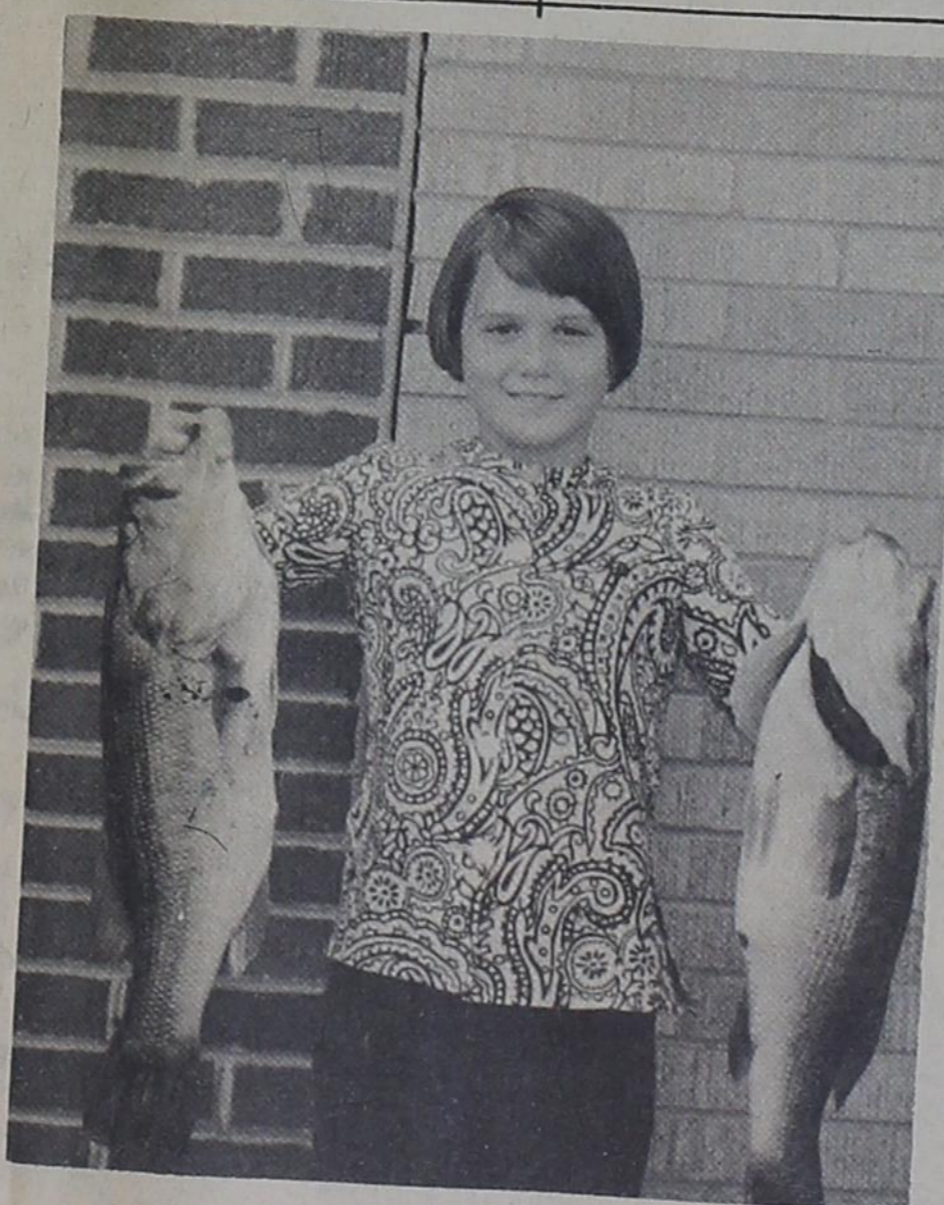
The innoculation will cost \$3. and it is urged that everyone see that their dogs are vaccinated. This is a project of the Lions Club and the F.F.A. Chapter will receive a portion of the proceeds.

NOTICE

Dr. Lowman Gober is on vacation and will be out of his office Wednesday July 22 through July 25th. He will be back in the office Monday morning July 27th.

NOTICE

The American Legion Auxiliary will serve dinner Sunday July 26, following Church Services at the Memorial Building.



Mary Gail McMillan holds two black bass caught by her father, R.A. McMillan and Ray Etter at Leedy Lake in Oklahoma.

4-H Members Attend New Mexico Camp

The Gruver 4-Her's joined the Spearman campers at 7:00 a.m. July 13th at the High School as the group were enroute to Aspen Park

The Gruver 4-Her's Guest Ranch, Red River, New Mexico for their annual 4-H camp. The group arrived at their New Mexico camp about noon in time for lunch.

Swimming and horseback riding were on the agenda as activities for the group. The group had skits, hootenanny songs and many other form of craft work.

Making the trip from Gruver were sponsors, Mrs. O.V. Walker, Jr., Mrs. Cecil Ralston and Mrs. H.C. Snodgrass. The 4-Hers were Alfred, Mike and Dan Ralston Tommy Henson, Lonnie Sutton, Joe Dondlinger, Geneva Walker, Chuck Clawson, Ricky Roper, Don Ross, Gary Heath, Vicki and Glenna Thoreson, Sherilee and Merilee Maupin, Mindy Murrell, Beverly Heath, Maelynn Cator, Sheri Henderson and Dana Henderson.

Morse 4-Her's making the trip were Evelyn Kelly, Don Kelly, Bea, Delbert, Katina, Cheryl and Monte McCloy, Wilma, David, Mike, and Kaye Johnson, Bob Womble, Alan and Suzanne Dixon and Mark McCloy, Steve, Doug and Nancy McCloy, Alva and Carolyn Henderson, Wade Parks Becky Chesser and James and Judy Scribner. Sponsors accompanying the Morse campers were Willard McCloy, Jack Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kelly, Perry Dixon, Jan McCloy and Nell Henderson.

Spearman 4-Her's were Rebecca and Cindy Hutchinson, Pat Walls, Patty Goodwin, Cindy Chapman, Janice and Connie Trindle, DeAnna Sheets, Lynna and Cathy Mackie, Jyniece Callaway, Judy Womble, Genevia Walker, Jolinda Lee, Vicki Rosenbaum, Jerry Hawkins, Larry Williams, Catherine Lyon, and Lisa Hutchinson. Sponsors accompanying the Spearman group were Mrs. Dwight Hutchinson, Linda Webb, Mrs. John Trindle, Robert Adamson, Mrs. P.A. Lyon Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Hutchinson.

Burglars Plead Guilty In Bank Robbery

The Gruver State Bank burglars plead guilty Monday after a first plea of innocence was rendered by the three men.

The burglars are Lexie Paul Knott, 35, of Mansville, Oklahoma, his nephew, James Harold Brewer, 18, and Larry Hershell Taylor, 19, both of Odessa, Texas.

The three men requested that they receive separate trials. It took until noon Monday to hear the case against Knott, at which time he changed his plea to guilty. As his guilty plea was made the other two men also plead guilty.

The men are charged with an attempted burglary of a bank in Eldridge, Tennessee. Sentencing was delayed Monday in the trial of the men until the authorities of Tennessee may make a similar case against them.



LOCALS

Mrs. Hank Lowery and Mrs. Berniece Goodrich are attending a Luncheon School on the Texas Tech Campus at Lubbock for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gene Buck of Borger visited Sunday in the home of her brother and family the Buddy Messers. Also guests in the Messer home was another brother and family of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Messer. Miss Donna Ruth Wallace the small child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wallace of Plainview has been spending the week in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Kauffman. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace left their daughter here while they went on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lowery of Dumas visited one day last week in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Hank Lowery.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Messer and family of Amarillo were guests Monday night in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Messer and family.

Mrs. Byron Peddy and sons have been visiting Alice's grandmother, Mrs. Sam Dyer of Olney for the past week.

Mrs. Barton Riley and Rhonda of Spearman spent Sunday evening in the home of her mother, Mrs. Ona McClenagan.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gross and family left Monday for their vacation which is to take them to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seaton of Morse were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wells and Tony.

Miss Karron Davis is visiting in Little Elm, Texas with her girl friend from college, Alice Elbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Red and sons have returned

from Utah where they visited her sister, Mrs. Red's mother accompanied the family on the trip.

Doug and Randy Messer are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Sparks in Roswell, New Mexico for a few weeks.

Hix Spivey was taken to the Guymon Hospital Sunday where he will undergo surgery.

Mrs. J.J. Litchford is home from the Guymon Hospital and feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lynn Barnes of Seminole, Texas and their daughter have spent the past weekend in the Clark Winkler home.

Mrs. Lola Mae Cator, Edna Marie Williams, Patrice McLain of Gruver, and Mrs. Ginger Langley and children of Dalhart have returned from Dallas where they went to Six Flags over Texas, over the weekend.

Miss Mary Gail McMillan spent the weekend with Debbie Smith of the Phillips Plant.

Mr. R.A. McMillan, Ray Etter and Allen Etter left Saturday and returned Monday after a fishing trip to Leedy, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooper and Chris spent Friday night in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall and Buddy Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Duncan and Gwen of Amarillo and Francis Paddock also of Amarillo were guests in the Doyle Barkley home for the weekend. The Duncans are the parents of Mrs. Barkley.

Mrs. Grace Thoreson and Mrs. Charmin Lyle had dinner in Guymon Sunday and visited during the day with friends.

Sunday dinner guests in the C.C. Heath Sr. home were Mr. Heath's mother, Mrs.

Dollie Heath, Mrs. Madeline Heath and Kimbrow all of Wayne Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Winson Heath and family of Bartlesville Oklahoma Rosemary Heath of Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Heath Jr. and family and Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Heath Sr. and Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hawkins entertained with a patio supper Thursday July 16th. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Shave and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lamar and children, all of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dahl and family and Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Freishe and family of Gruver.

Josephine Gruver catered the wedding reception of Barbara Brittain and John Adam Schubacker II at the ranch home garden of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Brittain near Stinnett. The wedding took place on Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Eisenmenger mother of Mrs. Maude McClellan is in critical condition at Weatherford, Oklahoma. Mrs. Maude McClellan is at her mother's bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Henderson are home from Minnesota where they have spent the past several weeks fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph McClellan left Tuesday for their vacation. They will spend their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Beasley and daughter of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beasley and family also of Abilene have been recent guests in the home of her sister, Roy Beasley and also Susie Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Beasley of Tuscon, Arizona have been visiting in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lewey Bayless. Mrs. Beasley will remain with her parents while her husband is overseas.

Mr. J.T. Hoy is in California with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoy for a visit.

Mrs. Georgia Holt has recently returned from Chicago where she has been visiting in the home of her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sweet and children.

Visiting in the home of the J.T. Hoy's have been Mrs. Hoy's niece and nephew and her sister, Mrs. Howard Dent, Margaret and Joel of Beirut, Lebanon.

Mrs. Joe Seward of Muskogee Oklahoma has been visiting in the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chesta Lieb and Billie.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams have recently moved back to Gruver from Palo Alto California. Mr. Adams will be engaged in farming. Mrs. Adams is the former Janice Etling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Etling.

Mr. Raymond Pearson spent several days last week in the Spearman Hospital recovering from a recent illness.

Mr. Gid Nobles and Mrs. Jim Cator visited in Memphis Texas where Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith were visiting. They all had dinner in the Guy Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mitchell and children, nephew and family of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Green of Long Beach California have been visiting in the Greene home. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dowdy and children of Sunray visited Saturday evening.

Mrs. Weldon Green and children spent Sunday in Dalhart at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Chisum. Several members of Mrs. Green's family gathered and spent the day fishing and visiting at Rita Blanca Lake.

Dinner guests Wednesday in the home of the D.L. McClellans were McClellan sisters and brothers. They included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hunt of Lubbock Texas, Mr. Lee McClellan, Mrs. Ida Wilmeth of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Mc-

Clellan, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McClellan and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Dave McClellan.

Mr. and Mrs. Aurbach and daughter Rosalyn of Midland visited in the home of their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Dave McClellan. Also dining in their home Tuesday was Mrs. Nell McClellan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.O. Byrd during the recent weeks have been Mrs. Herman Byrd, Pam, Terry and Tammy and Miss Elaine Piersall of San Antonio, Texas. Herman Byrd visited here also....

Other guests have been Arch Piersall of Woodward, Oklahoma, Mrs. Luella Dethloff, Mr. Raymond Dethloff, and Mary Lou Gregg of Bridgeport, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dethloff and family of Decatur, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Byrd Inell, Kelly and Diane, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cearley and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. George Ford, Freddy, Teddy and Flora Mae all of Gruver, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Mitchell of Liberal Kansas, Mary Ann Hail of Spur, Texas. Also visiting for a short time were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byrd Mike and Pat. The Byrds are expecting Homer Dethloff and the Bill Brewer family of Bridgeport, Texas for a visit in August.

Mr. J.T. Hobbs of Colorado Springs, Colorado has been a guest in the Ken Wilmeth home. He is putting down an irrigation well on his property.

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Thom had the following guests in their home over the week-end; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bell of Lamar Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kennedy of Evansville, Indiana. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Kennedy are cousins of Mr. Thom. This was their first trip out west and they were amazed at the vast prairie country and the huge operations in this area.

Mrs. John Beck was buried Saturday morning in Guymon Oklahoma. Mrs. Beck is the grandmother of John Gibson. For the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Gibson of Oklahoma City were visiting in the home of their son and family Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Jones have been Mr. and Mrs. Alva Batchelder, Terry and Larry of Rankin, Texas. Johnny Medlock from The Fullette Fowler of Dallas, Texas is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Thom for a few days.

Supper Guests Monday night in the home of Mrs. Leo Morrison were Mr. and Mrs. Orion Morrison of Clinton, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shapley of Talequah, Oklahoma, Mrs. Mertie Mae Shapley and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rasor and family.

Mrs. Madeline Hood and daughter Shannon of Pampa were weekend guests in the Moore Jones home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bayless went to Canyon over the weekend and visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parks and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Bayless.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shapley of Talequah, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Orion Morrison of Arapaho, Oklahoma have been visiting over the week in the home of Mrs. Mertie Mae Shapley and other relatives.

Alfred Bayless of Canyon is visiting in the home of his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. D.V. Bayless.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bayless and family have returned from Six Flags over Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. True Leatherman were in Amarillo on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Walker Jr. have returned from a delightful trip to Six Flags over Texas at Dallas over the weekend.

Mrs. Charlie Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Anson Ward and

Mr. and Mrs. Speck Cator and family were in Skellytown one day last week. They met the Theo Mayos there and picked plums on the river and had picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Volles of Hooker Oklahoma were guests Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Volles' mother, Mrs. W.N. Fletcher.

Donnie Fletcher was through Gruver enroute to Dallas to pick up his family and then on to Galveston where they will spend some time on the coast.

Mrs. H.L. Meador and children Linda and Rick of San Antonio have been visiting in the home of Mrs. Meador's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phoebe Fox. Mr. Meador flew up Thursday night to accompany his family home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox and family of Fort Worth visited in the Cecil Ralston home over the weekend. Mrs. Cox is Cecil's sister.

Mrs. Bell Spivey returned to her home in El Paso after visiting for the past few weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones went to Amarillo over the

weekend for a visit with the Sonny Blankenships. They returned home with their two grandchildren, Billie Tom and Debbie Blankenship.

Miss Judy Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Walker has returned home from a weeks visit with her sister and family in Lawton, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Linde.

Miss Jane Hoy is making plans for her trip to Purdue University in Lafayette Indiana where she will be one of the representatives of the pampa District at the Methodist Assembly for Youth.

Dr. and Mrs. Lowman Gober and girls left Wednesday for a vacation which will take them to points of interest in New Mexico. They will return Sunday.

Kim Mason has returned home from the Spearman hospital after a tonsillectomy. Kim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mason.

Mrs. J.R. Morris and Joyce Duncan were in Amarillo on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Jim Cator and Miss Karen Stoddale went to Guymon on business Monday.

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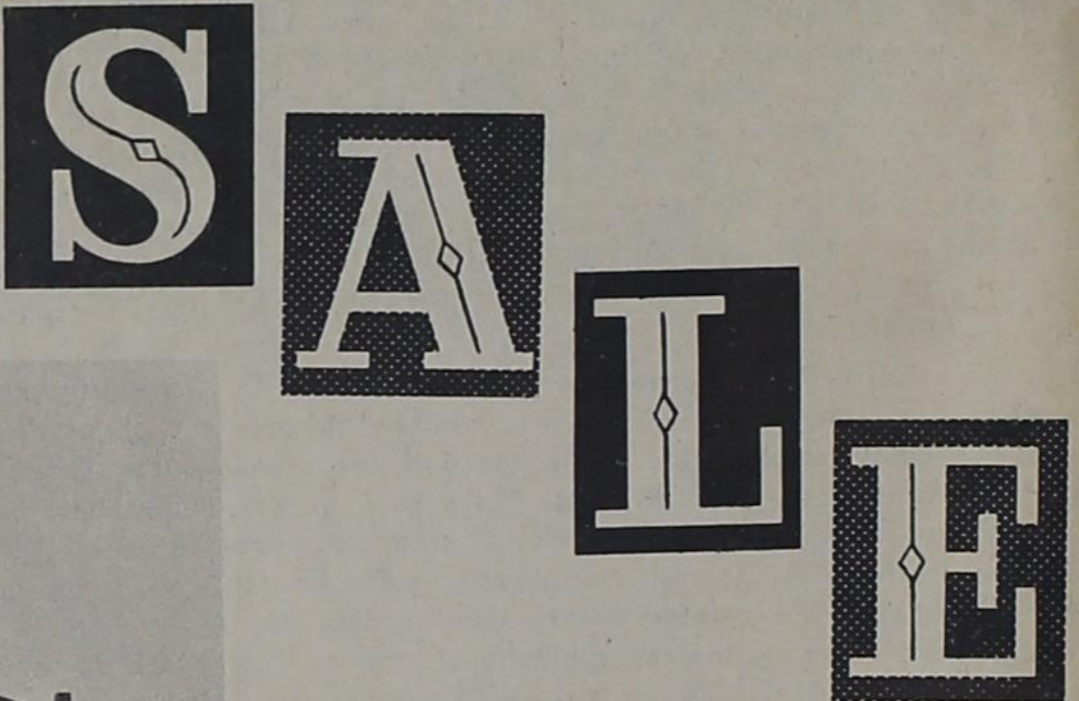
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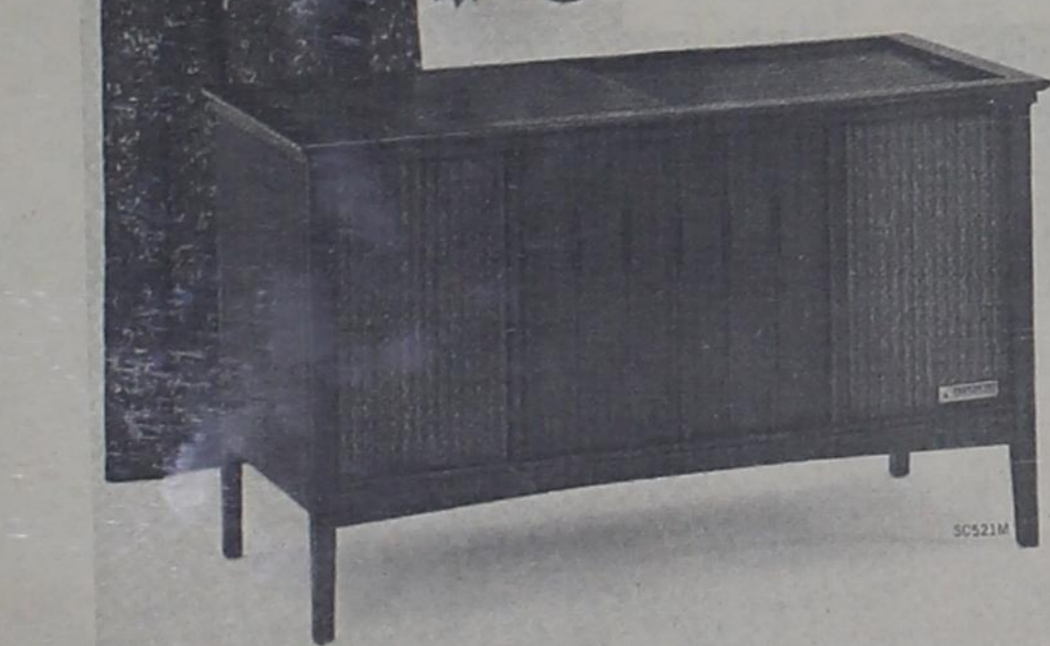
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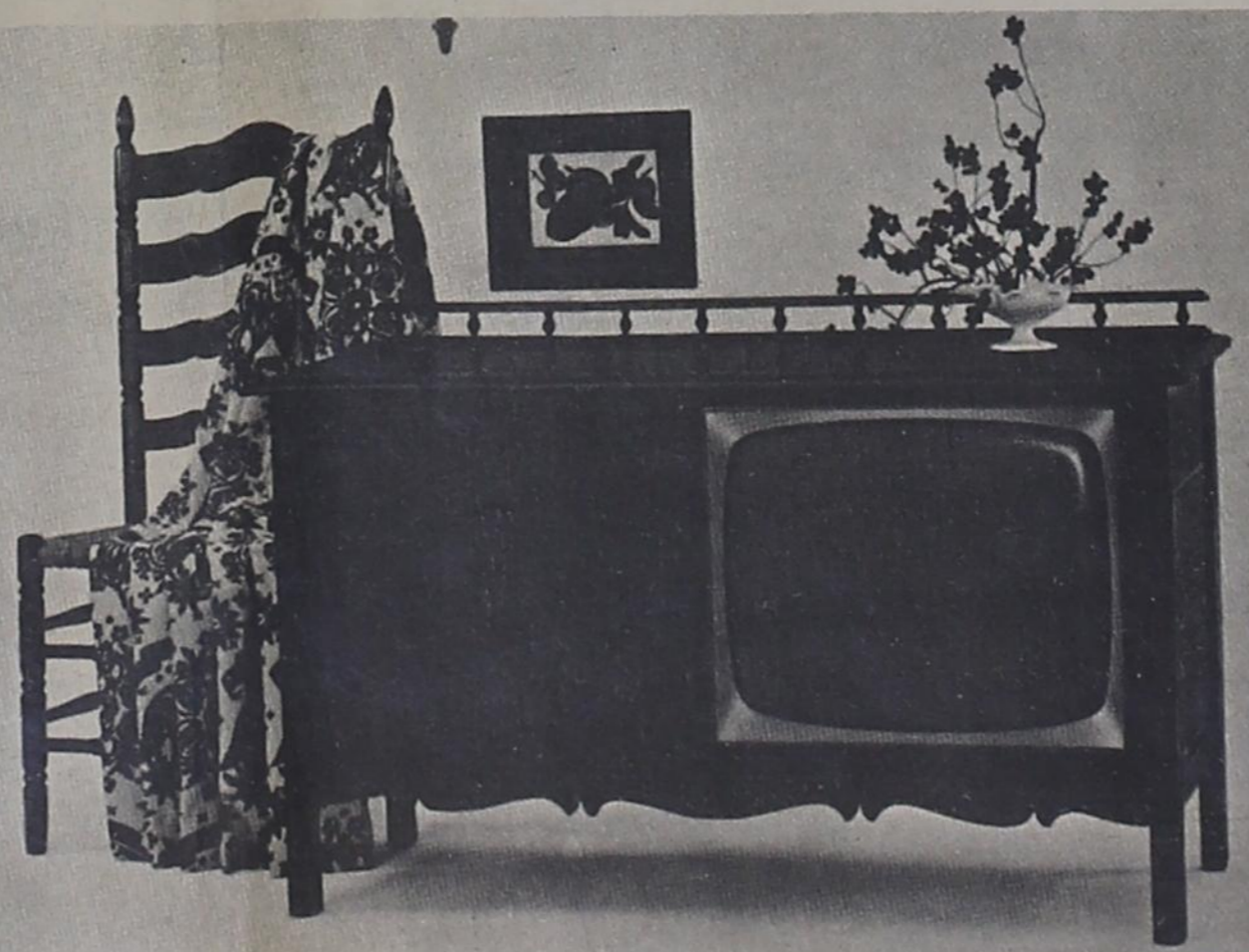
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"THE WAY I SEE IT"

by Pastor Robert Cordes

FEAR NOT!

One word that characterizes so many persons today is fear. For example we fear cancer may strike us; or we fear the careless driver on the highway, or we fear rains may not come or storms may strike. We fear. We fear. We fear financial busts or rumors of wars. We fear death.

Fear is not uncommon to the human race. Whenever our first citizens of this planet, Adam and Eve sinned, they ran and hid because they feared God. Fear is part of the universal fallen race, part of the broken relationship with God.

How do we overcome fear? Simply with courage? Never. Fear is not something we can neutralize by ourselves. We need to learn to trust in something.

For the Christian, we do not fear death, final judgement. Christ Jesus has become our substitute. On Him God has laid all our guilts. In Him we trust for resurrection from the dead, even as He was dead, buried and raised again, from the dead.

Christians are people

who do not have to be afraid. Small as we are, we have a God of power and grace who goes on before us. We don't fear wars, and mental pain or threats of tyrannies. We know even these cannot make us surrender to fear.

For we know that the ultimate issues, the last decisions, will not be made by men or even nations. They will be made by the same God and Lord we have loved all our life.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me..." (Psalm 23)

Fear may be in the world, but to Christians we trust alone in God and Christ, knowing He knows our problems, our needs. Are you afraid today friend? Put your trust in God. Seek out a Christian friend on whom you can talk and gain this trust that Christians have.

During Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shapley's visit they took Mrs. Mertie Mae Shapley to Tucumcari where they all visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallin.

Cluck Family Has Reunion

The Cluck Family Reunion was held this past weekend July 18 through 20 at Lake Altus.

The families numbering some one hundred fifteen in all gathered for visiting and water skiing. The noon dinner held Monday was a highlight for all as some eighty-five Clucks enjoyed the meal together.

Those attending from the Gruver and Spearman area were Mrs. Homer Cluck, Mr. and Mrs. Durward Cluck, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cluck, Sammie and Mary Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cluck, Laddie and Glenda, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cluck and Ben, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hart and Tanya, Pike Cluck and Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cluck, Monte and Teresa, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cluck, Kim and Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Thoreson, Bart and Candy, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Burleson, Dede and Marcy, Mr. and Mrs. Del Cluck, Nannette and Brad

John Cluck of Fort Worth, Dr. and Mrs. Don Hackley Kathy and JoAnn, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Archer, Mrs. Mae Bretz and Lewie of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Chaney of Borger.

Mr. Frank Fleck returned home a week ago from the Perryton hospital where he was under medical care. His condition seems to be improved.

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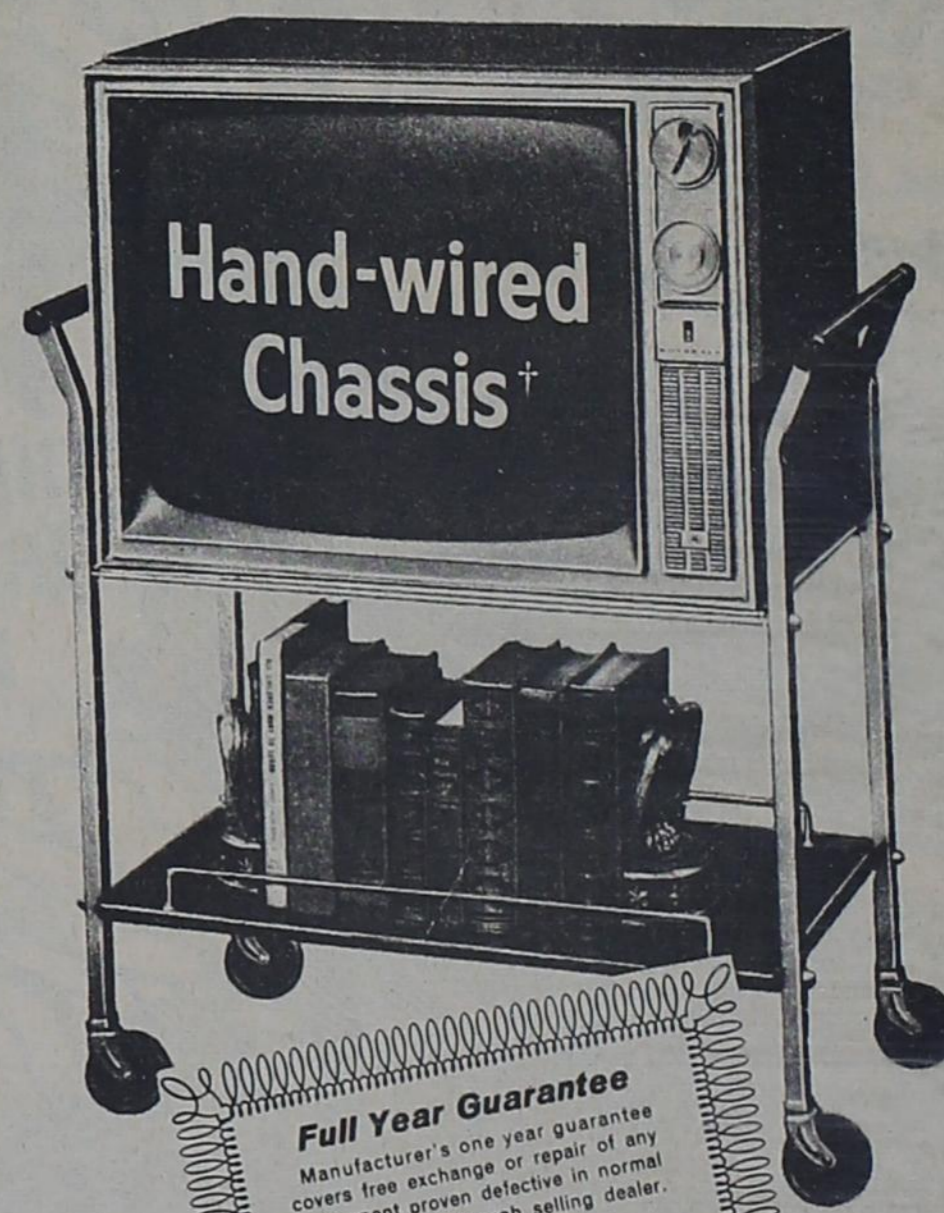
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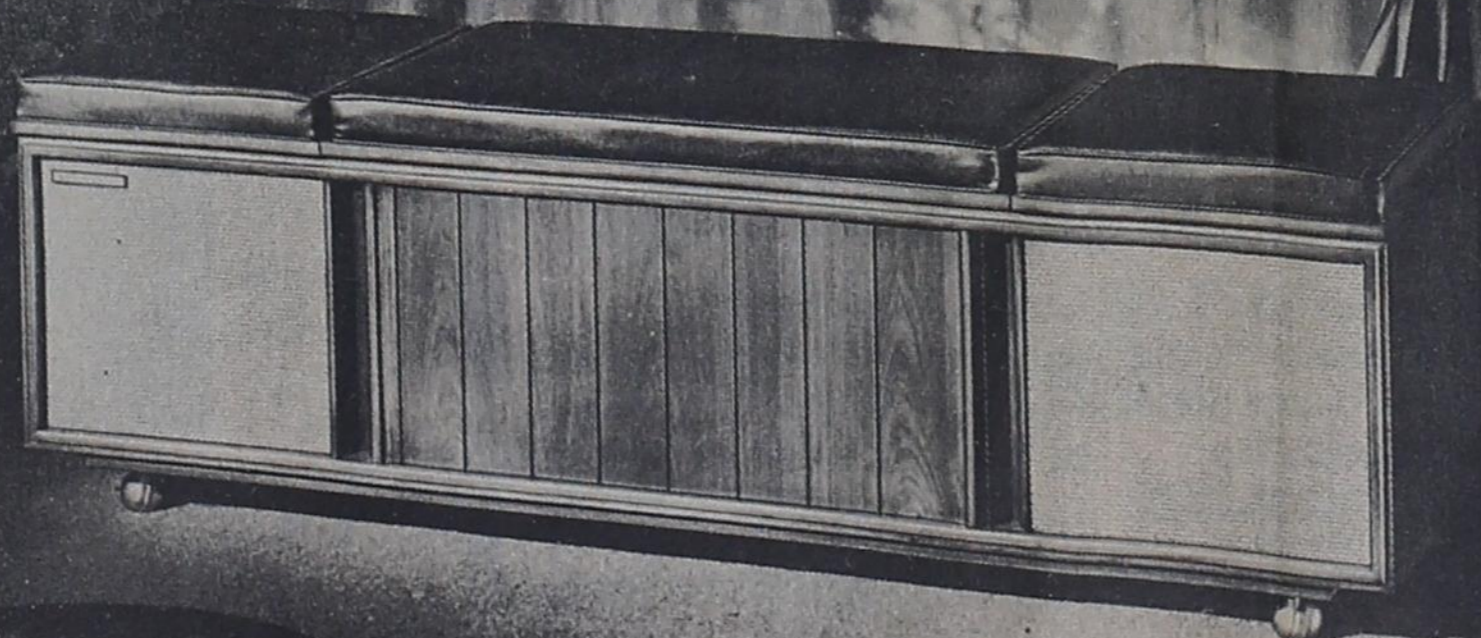
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Morse Schools to Open August 25th

The Morse school system is well on their way in filling the positions of needed teachers. The school will open its doors for the fall term August 25th. The classrooms have been remodeled and enlarged and have a new look.

The new first grade class will be added to the school plant soon. The old cafeteria has been made into the Home Economics classroom. The old Home Economics room is being made into classrooms while other classes have been changed to make the rooms fit the student need.

The first grade has been made a separate class while the sixth, seventh and eighth grades are to be departmentalized this fall.

The superintendent, John Brumley, has filled the vacant positions in the teaching departments aside from the band director. Six new teachers have been added to the staff which is returning.

Registration dates for the Morse students have been set for August 24th for grades seven through twelve.

New teachers on the faculty include Barbara Elaine Brehens of Clarendon to fill the position as Commercial Teacher. She is a graduate of West Texas State University and has a BBA degree.

First grade teacher will be Mrs. Jane Louise Gillispie of Borger who has a BS degree from West Texas State.

Mrs. Francis Duncan, a Graduate of Gruver High School and of West Texas State will fill the position as teacher for the second and third Grades. Francis is the wife of Gene Duncan, who is farming southwest of Gruver. Mrs. Duncan has

taught the past two years in Canyon.

Grades four and five will be taught by Mrs. Bernice Langley who taught in the Gruver School system last year.

J.K. Feeny a graduate of Arkansas A and M will fill the position as math teacher. Feeny has a bachelor degree with majors in math and science. He also holds a Master Degree in Education Administration and a minor in math.

Mrs. Feeny will also be employed in the school and will teach English. She holds a bachelor degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Elementary Education and a Masters degree from the University of Texas.

COLES CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cole of the Kimball Community celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday July 19th. They spent the day in Perryton where they attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Carolyn Cole to Donald Savage.

The ceremony took place in the First Baptist Church of Perryton. Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cole were married July 19th, 1914 at a little country church, near Duncan, Oklahoma. Their wedding took place at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Following the wedding the couple attended the church services and returned to the home of her parents for a wedding dinner. Mrs. Cole is the former Josie

Legion Dinner Is Slated

The American Legion Auxiliary, Sullivan R. Stivey Unit No. 154, met Monday July 20, 1964 at 2:30 p.m.

Plans were made for the chicken dinner to be served in the basement of the Memorial Building in Gruver, Sunday July 26, following church services.

Come and eat dinner with the Auxiliary. There will be no singing Sunday after the dinner since there will

be a piano recital given by the students of Mrs. Grace Bennett at 2:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church.

Those present for the meeting were Mesdames Eula Bakehouse, Margie Barkley, Cuma Bort, Elizabeth McClellan, Agatha Rafferty, Mary Sullins, Alice Walker, Nova Lee Walker, Jamie Wilmeth and three young guests.

Mrs. Hart & Mrs. Garrett Honored Recently

Mrs. J.M. Hart and Mrs. Kelly Garrett were the honorees for the day as a group of ladies traveled to Tulia July 15th. The occasion was the birthday of Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Garrett.

Hosting the day were Mrs. J.C. Harris and Mrs. Elsie Mae Peddy. Guests for the day were Mrs. Bob Brooks and Mrs. Rob Alexander who accompanied the hostesses and honorees

for the day of excitement.

The ladies made the trip to Tulia through Claude and on through the Palo Duro Canyon. Once in Tulia they dined at the famed Elm Tree Inn. Following dinner the group visited in the Pinky Brooks home and began their trip home. They stopped in Panhandle and toured an antique shop and made their last stop in Borger where they shopped.

MRS. McCLELLAN IS PARTY HONOREE

Mrs. Maude McClellan was the honored guest at a Birthday Party given Saturday afternoon July 18, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Jewel McClellan. Co-hostess was Mrs. Ruth Gumfory.

gister was attended by Mrs. Edna Bayless.

The refreshment table was adorned by a cut work linen cloth. The centerpiece was of yellow carnations. Coffee and birthday cake were served by Mrs. Margie Barkley.

The friends of Mrs. McClellan gave her blocks bearing their names to be made into a Friendship Quilt.

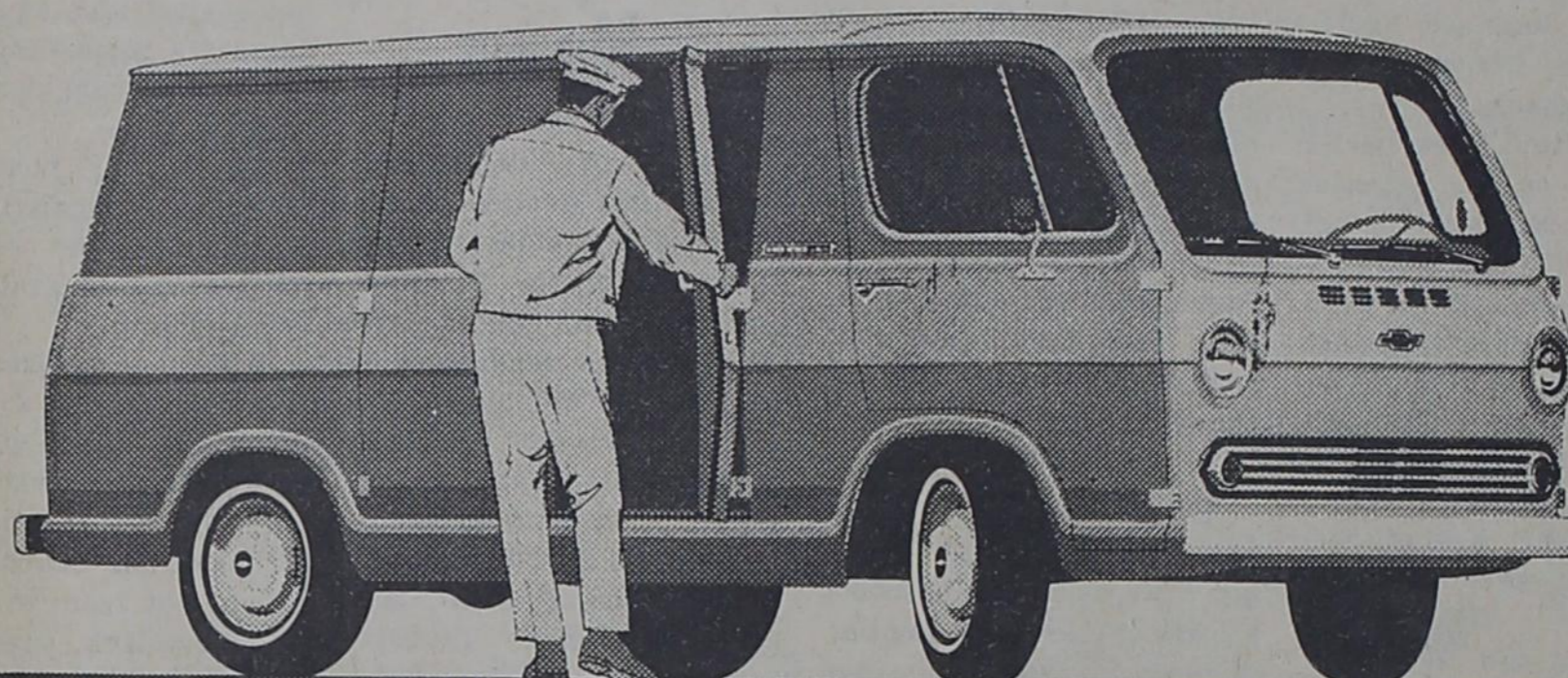
Some fifty-seven guests registered during the afternoon. The guest re-

Harding. The couple make their home in the Kimball Community where they farm. part of their time is spent in Hereford where they also have a home.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Walter Wilmeth and Mrs. Jimmy Hicks of Spearman, Mrs. Austell Burris and children of Stinnett and Mrs. Billie Lee McClellan of Sunray.

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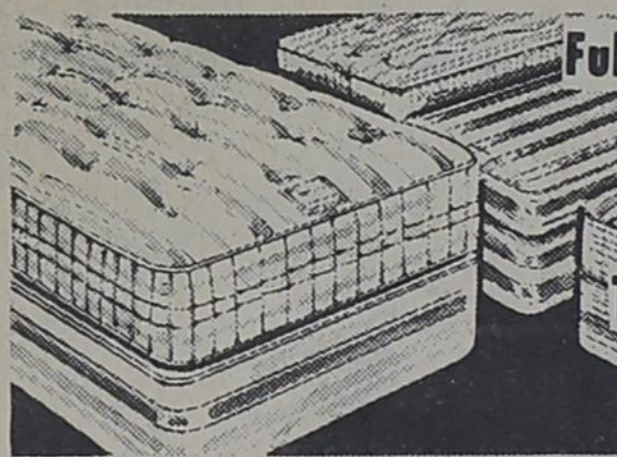
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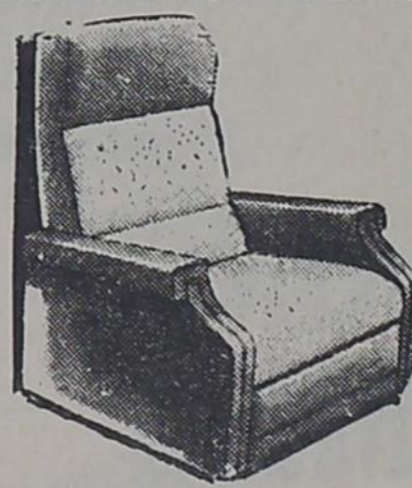
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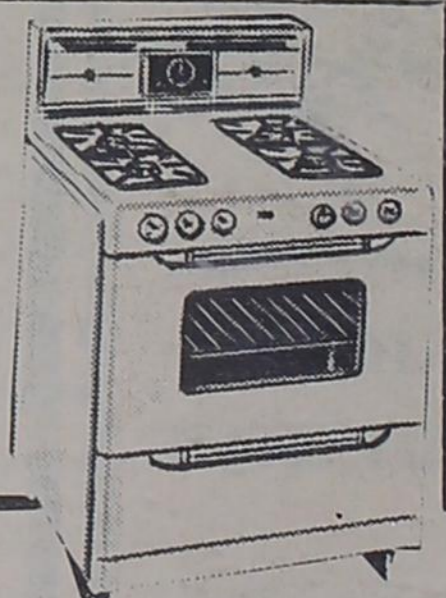
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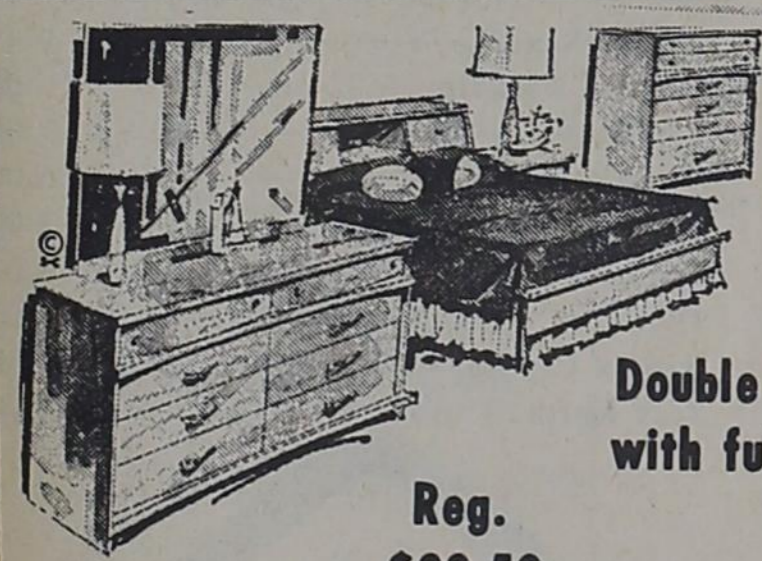


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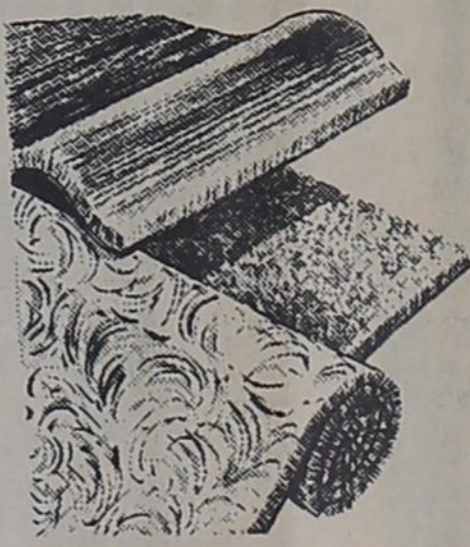
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Wade and Lynn Parks, sons of the H.B. Parks have been on vacation in Colorado with their aunt and uncle, the Charles Thompsons of Hugoton, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Dortch have left on an extended vacation to points of interest in New Mexico and Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Brom Cowser and children, TEAM missionaries from the ABC Islands of the Netherland Antilles, spent the week-end in the Tom Dortch home. The Desmond Kellys had them for supper on Sunday night.

Reverend and Mrs. Melvin Kirby and children of Perryton, and former pastor of the Community Chapel, visited in the Mack Dortch home on Saturday. The Cowers were old friends and they visited with them.

Gayle Miner, daughter of the Grant Miners, spent a week recently with the Jake Cliftons of Clayton, New Mexico.

An error in last weeks report Mrs. Mary Gillispie took some of the Morse girls to see the Beach Boys in Amarillo but visited relatives, herself.

LIEBS HOST DINNER

The Ernest Lieb home was the scene for a gathering of relatives and old friends for dinner Sunday.

Those present were

Clara and Bertha Forrester of Santa Anna, California; Clifton Forrester of Clyde, Texas; Chesta Lieb family of Gruver; W.L. Waters family, Sam Culp family and Mrs. R.H. Holton of Amarillo; the Lee Richardsons, Mrs. Maude Henderson and Mrs. M.W. McCloy all of the Pringle area; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Willard of Borger; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Forrester of Arnett, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Tab Womble of Fritch; and Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Parks, Sharon and Sylvia, Mrs. Ella Parks and Patricia Henderson all of Morse.

VBS

Mrs. Desmond Kelly and Evelyn will be directing a Vacation Bible School for the Fellowship Baptist Church in Spearman next week, July 27 through 31, from 9:30 until 11:00 each morning. "The Life of Peter" will be taught as the Bible story each day. All children are invited to attend.

BRIDGE PARTY HOSTED

The Charles Reids hosted a bridge party on Saturday night in the Community Building. Those attending were Messers. and Mesdames, Gene Brothers, L.M. Womble Grant Miner, H.B. Parks, Lyn Davis, Earl Henderson and Al Carters. Grant Miner won high for the men and Earl Henderson second high. Mrs. Lyn Davis won high for the ladies and Linda Miner won second high.

Mrs. Earl Henderson, Mrs. Wilson McCloy, Sylvia Parks and Patricia Henderson attended the Dallam County dress revue in Dalhart on Saturday night. Patricia will be representing Hansford County in the District Revue this Thursday, July 23 in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Brumley and children are vacationing in New Mexico

for a few days. Mrs. Bruce Peek, daughter of Mrs. Annie Harris and from Commerce, Texas has been visiting in Morse.

Baptist News

The Pony League Team of the First Baptist Church attended a birthday party in the home of the Bradfords. Van Bradford, coach of the Pony League team, was the honoree for the affair. The members of the team presented their coach with a gift to show their appreciation for his assistance.

The Junior G.A. Camp was completed Thursday July 16th as the group returned via the church bus. Counselors for the trip included Mrs. Darrel Wright, Mrs. James Dorman, Ginger Murrah and Patsy Johnson. The twenty four girls attending were Pam Ayres, Mary Sue Boyd, Denise Cline, Dana Diggs, Rhonda Roper, Debbie Spivey, Fay Gross, Rhonda Shook, Linda Spivey, Debbie Beasley, Ellene Wright, Judy Leonard, Debbie Schad, DeAnn Schad, Glenna Harris, Jayne Boyd, Sandra Rasor, Debbie Bayless, Nelda Jones, Therea Chandler, Betty Boyd, Kitty Sanders, Patty Riley and Debbie Ames.

The Junior R.A.s left Monday at noon for camp at the Amarillo Association Camp ground near Amarillo; Reverend Bill Butts accompanied the young boys and drove the bus. The Associational W.M.U. Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Booker Baptist Church, Friday, July 24, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The ladies will have their covered dish luncheon there.

Ms. Ed Vernon taught the book "History of WMU"

at the Y.W.A. meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The Associational Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting will be held July 23, or Thursday night at the Gruver First Baptist Church.

HOMEMAKING NOTES

by Linda Webb, H.D. Agent

Late sleepers usually miss or skip breakfast during the summer time and when school is in session, too.

Skipping breakfast is not a good idea at any age, and it is particularly harmful for youngsters and teenagers.

The human body needs refueling regularly and breakfast is the meal that follows the longest stretch of non-eating.

Without an adequate breakfast, fatigue sets in earlier, irritability is increased, work output is reduced, and virtually all reaction time slows down. School children do not learn as easily, for they lack energy and sometimes become behavior problems. So you can see why breakfast is the most important meal of the day--yet, too many do not eat breakfast.

Lack of time is the most frequent reason given for skipping on or skipping breakfast. This shortage of time is mostly a habit and can be corrected by revising one's schedule and getting up a few minutes earlier.

If you make breakfast a family affair, everyone has the advantage of a good breakfast, and young people form a habit that will stand them in good stead the remainder of their lives.

If you think you need new breakfast ideas, look for them--they are easily found in recipe books, magazines and newspapers. We often fall into a rut with breakfast, which quenches some appetites. Breakfast can

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have as much variety as any other meal.

Fresh Fruits while in season can be a boon to breakfast appetites. A larger volume of most fresh fruits can be expected this year.

Only the peach crop will be smaller. The U.S. crop of pears, sweet cherries and sour cherries are sharply above last year's crop. Larger

crops of apricots, nectarines, plums and prunes are also in prospect.

Some of these fruits are available to us now, so take advantage of them for your family.

One hint I would like to pass along to you: Keeping clothing immaculately clean extends its life. It is very unwise to "press only" clothing which has been soiled with body oils, whether done at home or at the dry cleaners. Pressing just sets these damaging soils into the fabric so they



WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ortiz are the proud parents of a baby girl born July 15th at 11:55 a.m. The little Miss weighed eight pounds nine and one half ounces. Her name is Arasalae.

Carlos is employed by Tommie Joe Bergin.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mauricio are the proud parents of a baby girl born July 20th at 8:26 a.m. The little girl weighed nine pounds nine ounces. She was born in the Spearman Hospital. Paul Mauricio is employed by Pete Cluck.

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One guest was present and was Mrs. Fran Maupin. Also present were members, Mrs. Lillian Murrell, Mrs. Maude Alexander, Mrs. Georgia Holt, Mrs. Alice Hawkins, Mrs. Blanche Taber, Mrs. Ann Thom and the hostess Mrs. Cuma Bort.

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Whereas farm accidents are responsible for needless suffering and incapacity, and greatly effect the economic self-being and progress of our agricultural population in our county, state, and nation; and

Whereas the President of the United States and the Governor of Texas have designated the period of July 19-25, 1964 as Farm Safety Week; and

Whereas throughout this special week, a statewide farm accident prevention and educational program will be undertaken by the Texas Farm Bureau, the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety

Council, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas Safety Association and the Hansford County Farm Bureau with the theme "Safer American Families Everywhere"; and

Whereas records show a notable and steady decline in the number and rate of accidents among farm people as a direct result of such worthwhile safety education program:

Now, therefore, I Johnnie Lee, County Judge of Hansford County, do hereby designate the week of July 19-25, 1964, as Farm Safety Week and urge all farm families, persons, and organizations allied with agriculture to engage in a purposeful concerted effort to reduce further the number of farm, home, and highway accidents.

In official recognition thereof, I hereby affix my signature this 9th day of July, 1964, signed, Johnnie C. Lee Hansford County Judge

Carr Receives Honor

Attorney General Waggoner Carr has been honored by the Texas Division Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society for his outstanding work as State Crusade Chairman for the Society's 1964 Crusade. Dr. William D. Seybold of Houston, President of the Division, made the presentation at the meeting of the Board of Dallas recently.

The award was made following a report which showed that Texas would exceed the previous all time high of \$1,575,000 raised in the crusade last year.

Acting on the recommendation of the education committee the Board authorized the purchase of 50 copies of the film "Smoking and You", a film for adults designed to implement the Society's public education program

County Agents Report

by Robert Adamson

DISTRICT 4-H ELECTRIC CAMP

Several Hansford County 4-H members will attend

for the relationship of smoking to lung cancer.

One hundred eighty five units over the state were recertified for the coming year and 3 units were put on probation until they could bring their Cancer Control program up to the minimum standards set by the board in the areas of Education, Service and Campaign.

In other action the Board authorized a grant of funds to present a session on the latest findings relating to cytology and the diagnosis of oral cancer at the Annual meeting of the Texas Dental Association, and established new district offices in Harlingen, Waco, Wichita Falls, and Longview.

the District 1 4-H electric camp which will be held July 27-31 at Camp Scott Able near Cloudcroft, New Mexico. The camp is sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company.

The 4-H members who will attend this camp are: Elaine Kelly, Patricia Henderson, Rebecca Hutchinson, Janice Trindle, Alan Dixon, Gary Heath, Alfred Ralston, Sylvia Parks and Suzanne Dixon. The leaders going to this camp will be Linda Webb, Home Demonstration Agent, and H.B. Parks, Electric subject matter leader from Morse.

SORGHUM MIDGE REPORT

I will be receiving a weekly sorghum midge report beginning this week, which I will pass on to you by this column. The report will be based on survey findings by Mr. Norris Daniels and Jim Harding, entomologists. I know you will want to keep up with the sorghum midge.

PRARIE DOG BOMBS

I now have about 350 sulphur gas bombs for prairie dog control. These sulphur cartridges have proven satisfactory in killing prairie dogs if correctly used. They cost 10¢ each so they should be used on small towns or in cleaning up a town after poison grain has been used.

IRRIGATING COTTON

Don't start irrigating cotton too soon! "Cotton that received a good pre-plant irrigation or has bene-

fited from recent rains should have enough moisture in the ground to last until the first white blooms appear. Cotton at this stage of growth should be about 60 days of age."

Watering cotton prior to this time can lead to troubles.

1. If watered too early (before white blooms appear) cotton tends to keep growing in a vegetative manner and doesn't start fruiting early.

2. Early irrigation can lower soil temperatures in the root zone of cotton plants. This encourages blights, wilts and seedling diseases. Above all, irrigation shouldn't be practiced when fields of young cotton are disease-ridden, as this tends to compound the problem.

3. Watering too early can also keep roots from penetrating deep in the soil. Especially in the tighter soil area north of Lubbock, this can create hazards. If roots haven't penetrated deep in the soil. The normally hot, dry weather of August will cause plants to become moisture-stressed. An inadequate root system means farmers won't be able to irrigate their cotton fields often enough at this time to keep plants adequately supplied with water.

If irrigation water is short it might be necessary to start watering before the first white blooms appear. Irrigation should be timed as closely as possible to appearance of first white blooms.

Highest water requirement of cotton plants occurs at peak bloom stage. At this

stage, cotton will use one-fourth to four-tenths inches per day. This compares to less than one-tenth inch per day for cotton plants from emergence to squaring stages. From white bloom to peak blooming stage, cotton plants will utilize one-tenth to one fourth acre-inches water daily.

Several years research at South Plains Research and Extension Center, Lubbock, has shown a six-inch pre-plant irrigation plus two four-inch postplants gives maximum yields with top net returns in normal growing seasons. A good rain at the proper time can eliminate one of the postplant irrigations.

Observance of water cut-off date is very important. In areas from Lubbock north, water should be cut-off by August 20. From Lubbock south, August 20 to 25 are considered optimum cut-off dates. Following this practice will mean better grades of cotton going to the gin, with less "bollies" and more money in the bank.



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RESIDUE IS IMPORTANT FOR CONSERVATION

The light small grain yield on dryland in the Hansford Soil Conservation District brought about by inadequate moisture has resulted in low crop residues.

Yet, in the long run, the residues if properly managed, could mean more than the sale of grain in this dry year. Each single straw that is left following harvest will do a job in soil and water conservation.

The most effective method of managing the residues for soil protection is to leave stubble high on the surface of the soil.

Research and experience has shown that the expected percent of residue lost for each operation of various types of equipment is:

- a. Large sweeps, rod weeder and blade type...10
- b. Cultivator and close-spaced sweeps...15
- c. Tandem disk harrow...25
- d. One-way disk plow...50

Several local clipping studies of dryland small grain residues (based on air-dry weight) by Soil Conservation Service technicians in the Hansford Soil Conservation District have shown an average pro-

duction of 1250 pounds per acre.

Research and local experience have also shown that a minimum of 750 pounds of residue must be left for protection on the "heavier" soils, 1250 pounds for "medium" textured soils and 1750 pounds for "sandy" soils for drilled crops such as small grain.

The figures mentioned indicate that one plowing with a one way will leave only one-half the original amount of residue.

If there is only 1250 pounds to begin with, and your soil required 750 pounds of residue for protection, the answer is simple--your soil goes to the man who protects his land. This would be a good year to go to stubble mulch farming to help reduce your wind erosion problems.

Discuss this method of conservation farming with your Soil Conservation Technicians or County Agent the next chance you get.

"Safer American Families Everywhere"

July 19-25, 1964, has been proclaimed as National Farm Safety Week by President Johnson. The theme this year is "Safer American Families Everywhere."

During this period, which has been set aside to observe safety, we should examine our working and driving habits and make sure our procedures are safe. Safety should be a way of life. Accidents in rural America take thousands of lives each year, result in temporary or total disability to thousands and work untold hardship through loss of income and property damage.

People sometimes forget that any work can be performed safely. Most of the time we get away with careless acts. The one time we

get caught may result in a cut finger, or it may add another statistic to the National death records from accidents for the year.

Some things to remember as we go about our daily activities are that almost half of all vehicle accidents occur because of excessive speed; over a third of all pedestrian accidents result from crossing in the middle of the street, and three-fourths of all vehicle pedestrian accidents happen in clear weather.

Do not use hand tools improperly. They should be used only for their intended purpose. Make sure ladders are sound before using them. Work in a clear area on a clean surface.

Be safe--not a statistic.

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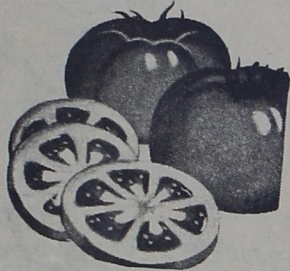
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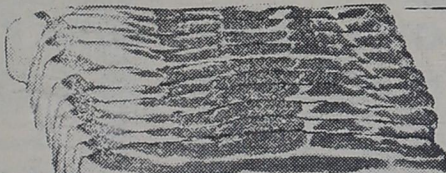
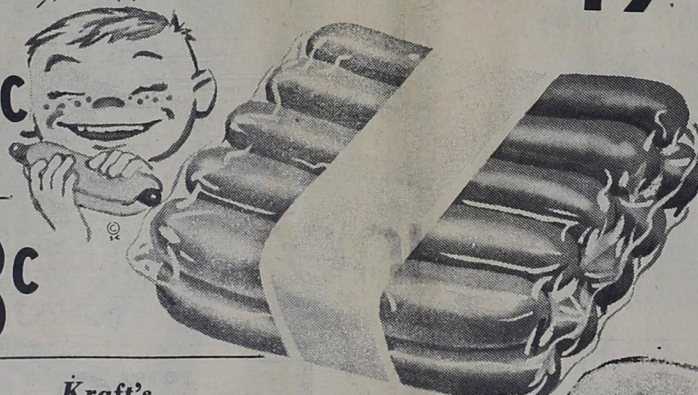
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