

I see by the Eastland Telegram that "Old Rip", or more correctly, a reasonable approximation, has been returned to its glass-topped crypt in the lobby of the Eastland County Courthouse with a suitable accolade of sirens and police car protocol.

One would hope that the mystery of his "disappearance" has been disposed of and the mummified articulation of a publicity coup accomplished in the brash juvenility of the late oil boom days almost fifty years ago may now rest in peace in the marbled neglect of the courthouse lobby.

The immediate impulse is to exclaim:

"For God's sake, Eastland, grow up!"

There was a time when Old Rip was alive and kicking, to employ a term more figurative than descriptive. Alive he was, as a diminutive preacher could testify after he had lifted the tiny creature from a supposed entombment of forty years in the cornerstone of the old Eastland county courthouse while it was being razed to make way for the present structure.

The minister refused to confirm or deny that the spiny little lizard had been a resident of the cornerstone for so long. His powers of divination extended no further than the fact that when the top of the cornerstone was lifted the "frog" was there, as flat as an unleavened pancake. There existed no prior revelation from which to make a deduction and lacking that authority the minister was as helpless as Einstein in a community of hippies.

Actually the frog was a figment of the kinetic imagination of a journalist who gained some regional fame and a more substantial competence as a collector and raconteur of local twice told tales. It flowered from a random, no doubt "tongue-in-cheek", remark that when the old sandstone courthouse was built about 1885, some heartless official had dropped a horned toad among the small archives usually deposited to posterity in the cornerstones of such structures.

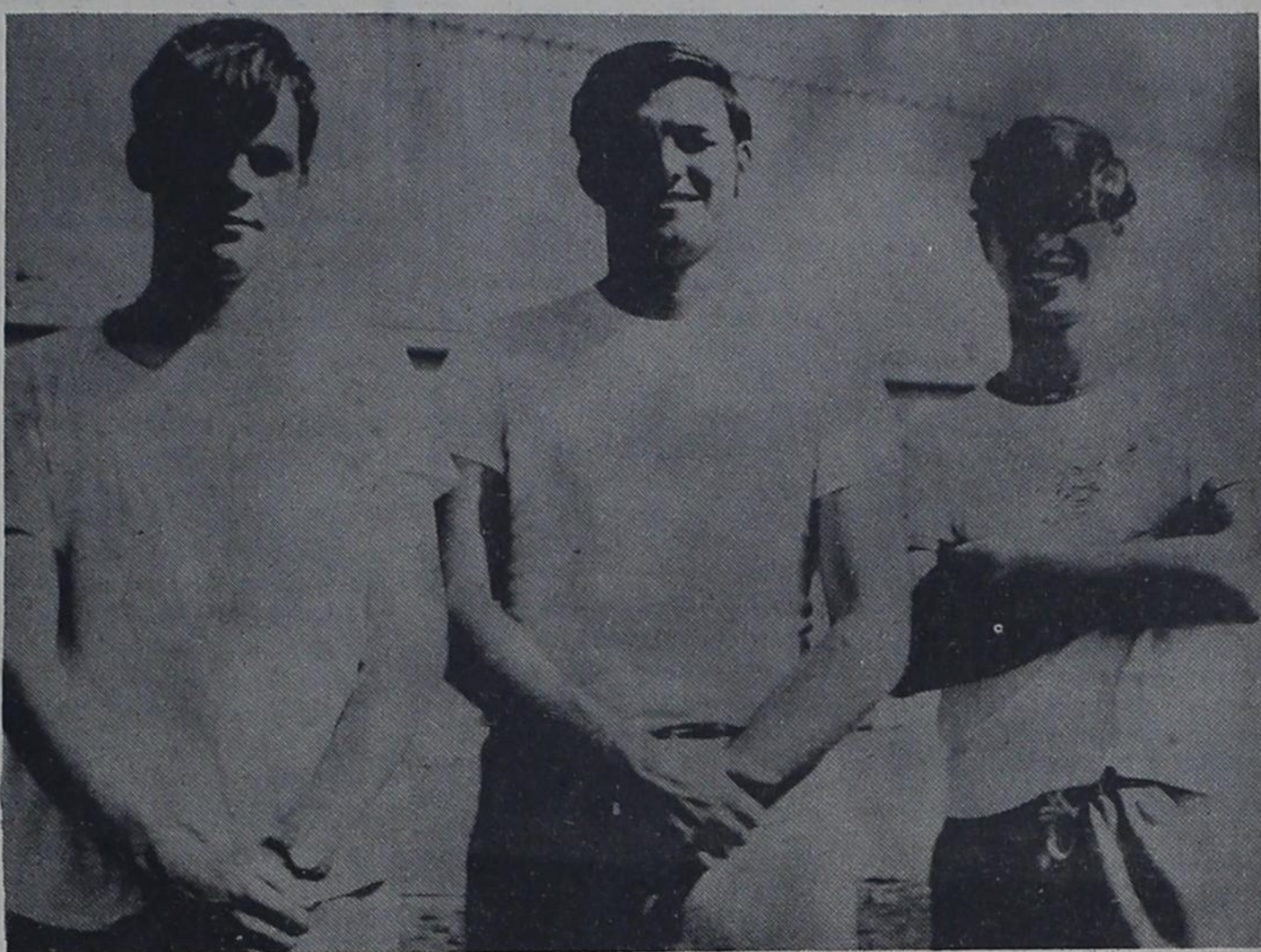
To the day of his death Boyce House insisted he had no idea that a frog was really inside the stone nor, when it was revealed, how it had gotten there if it indeed was not entombed from the beginning.

As a matter of fact, he confided, he had not dared stand among the crowd while the cornerstone was being opened, but had waited out the proceedings on the third floor of the Eastland National Bank building, ready to fly the ridicule when the hoax was exposed. He claimed to have been as amazed as any spectator when the Rev. Mr. Singleton reached in and held the tiny lizard up to the disbelief of the multitude that included a number of influential newsmen who had come to scoff and remained in perplexity.

The most acceptable conclusion—not but to be proved—was that either a practical joker or someone alert to the publicity potential of the event had introduced a live, contemporary frog into the House fiction. It would have taken some doing but there were wizards in those days.

It was not difficult to convince most Eastland residents. In the first place, they wanted to believe it for obvious and—to be charitable—patriotic motives. For a second reason, one may mark the atmosphere. In those days, and until recent times when the county capital has gained a small industry or two, the environs of the county courthouse subsisted upon politics, lawyers' fees and oratory. Such an ethereal economic undergirding cultivates a tolerance of fantasy, ideally susceptible to tales of Rip Van Winkle frogs and kindred phenomena, and for a time the Eastland resurrection made a thin but meteoric trail across the milk, amused curiosity of the country. It went on a tour of the East, with a stop-over at the White House where it

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WILDCAT TRACKMEN— Three older members of the predominantly youthful Rising Star High School track team which will participate in the District 16-B meet

at Ranger April 11. They are, l to r, Jim Carpenter, junior, Randy Goldston and Mike Polk, seniors. Tommy Linney, only other senior on squad, is not shown.

Track Meets Due For Boys and Girls

Rising Star High School girls will go to DeLeon Friday, April 7, for the official track and field contests for District B-10, which includes 17 schools.

The Rising Star girls, who have shown well in their own league, took part in the Comanche invitation meet, involving larger schools Friday of last week and as expected, they did not make an impressive showing in the stronger competition there.

But they are expected to be a factor to be reckoned with in the district contests at DeLeon next week.

The Rising Star boys ran

at Meridian last week.

District No. 16-B in which the boys are listed, will have its official meet at Ranger Junior College, Ranger, on Tuesday, April 11.

Melvin Reed To Duty IN Guam

U. S. AIR FORCES, Guam—U. S. Air Force Sergeant, Melvin R. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Reed of 4700 Borden Drive, Ft. Worth, Tex., is on temporary duty with a Strategic Air Command (SAC) unit at Andersen AFB, Guam.

Sergeant Reed, an aircraft systems specialist, is assigned to the 43rd Strategic Wing, one of three SAC wings in the Western Pacific—Southeast Asia area.

The sergeant is permanently assigned at Carswell AFB, Tex.

He is a 1967 graduate of Arlington Heights High School. The sergeant's wife, Deborah, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Garret, Rt. 1, Carbon, Tex.

Injured In Car Accident

Mrs. Lester Bennette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Forbes, is a patient in the Comanche hospital following a car accident near Hamilton over the weekend. The Bennettes' were moving to Rising Star from Hempstead and Mrs. Bennette was driving a car pulling a trailer loaded with household appliances when the hitch broke throwing the loaded trailer into the back of the car. Mrs. Bennette suffered a severe whiplash.

Richard Crofts Responds to Treatment; Fund Is Growing

Reports from the Morton Clinic at Dallas where 5-year-old Richard Crofts is under treatment for leukemia, said Saturday that the boy was responding well to treatment.

A. R. Burcham went to Dallas Saturday and carried Johnny, 7-year-old brother of Richard, to see the child and returned with a report that the boy was doing well and seemed bright and alert.

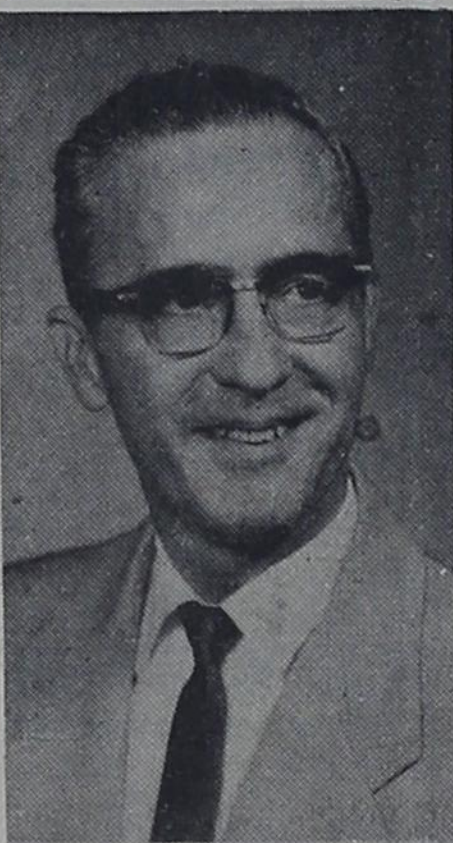
He said that the doctors at the clinic would suspend treatment for a few days and allow the boy to return home for a brief visit before going back to the clinic to resume the treatment.

Meanwhile the fund which the Chamber of Commerce is administering on behalf of the youth continues to grow as

more and more people respond to the plight of the child. Necessary costs of the treatment were being paid out of the fund and A.D. Jenkins of the C of C expressed his thanks to all the donors on behalf of the organization, and Richard and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Crofts.

The youth whose condition was diagnosed as leukemia at Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene only two weeks ago, was flown to the Dallas children's clinic by air ambulance while in a coma. His response to treatments has been very gratifying and has inspired hope that he will ultimately recover.

Meanwhile a long period of treatment and suspense can be



EDDIE PIETRASZEK

Pietraszek To Run for Collector

Eddie Pietraszek of Eastland this week authorized The Rising Star to announce that he will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for County Tax Assessor-Collector of Eastland County subject to the democratic primary in May.

Mr. Pietraszek, 51-year-old, business man, is married to the former Betty Ruherrford of Gatesville and owns and operates Eddie's Upholstery Shop in Eastland. He is a former district manager for the Rio Grande Insurance Co. in Stephenville and Tucson, Ariz.

He is a member of the Eastland Volunteer Fire Department and he and his wife are active members of the Bethel Baptist Church in Eastland. Mr. Pietraszek said that a later time in the campaign, he will have a more extended statement to make in relation to his campaign.

Two Elections to Name City and School Officials

Schools Out For Easter Thursday

Rising Star Public Schools will close for the Easter holidays Thursday afternoon and resume classes the following Tuesday morning, thus adding Friday and Monday to the regular week-end for the holiday period, Supt. Victor Childers announced.

May Riding Club Play Day April 1

The May Riding Club will start their Play Day, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. Registration will be at 6:30 p.m., at the May Rodeo Arena. Five events will be held and Trophies will be given.

YH Chapter Sees Blender Program

The Young Homemakers Chapter of Rising Star Monday night, March 27, heard two economists from the West Texas Utilities Company at its regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Cindy Weavers and Mrs. Janet Mearse gave a demonstration in "Blender Basics". Seven recipes, including Mexican bean dip, deviled pineapple spread, cheese muffins, fresh applesauce, chocolate pot de creme and three-fruit blender punch were made by the two economists tasted by all present.

While the demonstration was in process the two women gave "do's and don'ts" of blender use.

Present were Judy Hill, secretary; Sharolyn Cox, vice-president; Doris Cox, president; Dorothy Diddle, advisor; and Ruth Perkins, Fae White, Mary Lois Dudley, Martha Ferguson and Bobbie Wilson.

The next meeting will be held on April 11 at the Homemaking Cottage of the high school.

The program for that night will be "Sewing Tips". Members and other young homemakers who are interested are asked to mark that date on your calendar and don't forget.

Bill Rutherford Given Promotion

Los Angeles, Cal. — T.C. McMillan, president of McMillan Mortgage Co., announced the appointment of William Rutherford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford of Rising Star, Tex., as assistant vice president and general manager of the mortgage company's home office.

Rutherford had worked for Weyerhaeuser Mortgage Co. here for two years as associate to the senior vice president. While with Weyerhaeuser, Rutherford supervised the processing and sale of over \$100,000,000 in Government backed securities to various stock and bond houses in New York.

"We are very pleased about our new association with Bill," McMillan said, "and I personally have charged him with implementing a major corporate reorganization of our home office."



THE CRUCIFIXION by Richard Hooker from Taylor's Bible Story Book

THE CRUCIFIXION

As the crowd led Jesus away to his death, Simon of Cyrene, who was just coming into Jerusalem from the country, was forced to follow, carrying Jesus' cross. Great crowds trailed along behind, and many grief-stricken women. Two others, criminals, were led out to be executed with him at a place called "The Skull." There all three were crucified. Jesus on the center cross, and the two criminals on either side. "Father, forgive these people," Jesus said, "for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothing, throwing dice for each piece. The crowd watched. And they laughed and scoffed. "He was so good at helping others," they said, "let's see him save himself if he is really God's Chosen One, the Messiah." The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink...of sour wine. And they called to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" A signboard was nailed to the cross above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews." One of the

criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself...and us, too, while you're at it!" But the other criminal protested. "Don't you even fear God when you are dying? We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man hasn't done one thing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." And Jesus replied, "Today you will be with me in Paradise. This is a solemn promise." By now it was noon, and darkness fell across the whole land for three hours, until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone... and suddenly the thick veil hanging in the Temple split apart. Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I commit my spirit to you," and with those words he died. When the captain of the Roman military unit handling the executions saw what had happened, he was stricken with awe before God and said, "Surely this man was innocent."

LUKE 23:26-47 from The Living Bible translation

Mrs. Burkhead Hosts North Star Club

The North Star Club met in the home of Mrs. Clara Burkhead, Tuesday, March 21. Mrs. Burkhead read from the 7th chapter of Philippians as a devotional. She gave a poem, entitled, "When We Stand on the Streets of Pure Gold".

A bake sale will be held at Agnew Grocery, Saturday, April 1. The public is invited. A Senior Citizens Bazaar is planned for May 30th.

Fifty-four pairs of used eyeglasses were sent to Sweetwater for repair and distribution to the needy.

Mrs. Roy Rutledge, Mrs. E. E. Winfrey, Mrs. Jess Perry and Mrs. Mabel Rolston attended Achievement Day in May on March 22. The local Achievement Day will be in October.

We would like to correct an error in our last report. We need bedshirts instead of bed sheets. Donations of soft material and bias binding will be appreciated. If you will donate these materials please call Mrs. Roy Rutledge.

Mrs. Burkhead served ice cream and cake. — Mabel Rolston, Reporter.

Easter Egg Hunt At Lakewood

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Lakewood Recreation Center Saturday, April 1, at 1 p.m. All children of members and their visiting guests are invited. Eggs will be furnished by the Lakewood Ladies Association.

Voting At City Hall Saturday

Voters of Rising Star city and the Rising Star Independent School District will elect two members to each of the governing bodies of their respective entities Saturday in jointly held elections at the Rising Star City Hall.

Fred Price, as election judge, will govern in both elections. Only residents within the city limits of Rising Star can vote in the city election, while all qualified residents of the Rising Star independent school district, some portions of which lie in Brown and Comanche Counties, will be eligible to cast ballot in the school board voting.

It will also mark the first time in which 18-year-olds will be eligible to take part in the local elections.

Terms of office for the city council are two years in duration while the terms of school trustees are for three years.

The two retiring members of the city council are M. F. (Fox) Middleton and Lee Hughes, neither of whom has asked for another term.

Seeking the places they will vacate are:

BRICE CARROLL
CHARLES BENSON
FRED COOK
AMOS BARKER
WILLE VANDIVERE

Four candidates are seeking the two posts on the school board to be filled in the election.

The vacancies occur with the resignation of W.A. Richburg several weeks ago and expiration of the term of Clayton Wilson.

Candidates are:
LEROY WOODY
A. W. GRIFFIN
JACK HUBBARD
LAVELLE KILLION

The polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Cemetery Fund

Donations to the Cemetery Memorial Fund this week are, Roy Hickman, \$50, Mrs. Carrie Deen Betts, \$10, Saturday Club, \$5, in memory of Mrs. Edgar Volsche, Retired State President of Womens Federated Clubs of Texas.

Maintenance Fund, Nannie Howe, Killeen, Texas, \$25. H. M. Wood, \$5.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tunnell of Levelland are visiting his sister Mrs. Lessie Smith.



REGIONAL TROPHY — Mrs. C. E. Smith, Rising Star pecan orchardist, holds plaque which her exhibit won at the regional pecan show recently. Mrs. Smith is a perennial winner in county, regional and state shows.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bosse
and family of Tulsa, Okla.,
are visiting her mother, Mrs.
Ressie Chambers and other
relatives, this week.

In 1935, when social secur-
ity began, 33 million workers
were covered. Today, 94 1/2
million workers are covered
by the program.



From
Higginbothams



Barbara Williams

As you read this I am
at home with my newborn
son, so naturally my head is
full of little else than baby
things!

But I look at the flowers in the living room
and am reminded of something else—Easter is
almost here. Perched atop the white mums are
an egg, a baby chick, and a songbird. And
nestled in the big white bow is a tiny babe.

With thoughts of babies and Easter running
through my head, I contemplated several things
we could talk about today. Higginbothams has
baby things from booties to beds. We could
talk about them. Or we could discuss the new
Easter clothes you can find at our stores. But
no, this is not a day for writing of goods and
services, unless it is the "goods" that God has
given or the services we can render to our fel-
low men.

No, it is a day for reflection. The colored
egg in the flowers there reminds us of a prom-
ise that God gave to His people — a promise
incubated by time until the precise moment that
was best for its revelation.

The chick is a symbol of new life—the new
life that God promised to His people, the new
life that was made available to all men of all
time by the events that we commemorate at
this Easter season.

And beside the chick is a songbird, for the
songs of a happy heart and the proclamation
to all the world that God is Love and that He
gave His best for us.

And the babe? — the generations of men,
for whom there is hope of a better world, a
better life, a better time.

May the promises of spring and of the Easter
season bless your life in these days — promises
of hope, of love, of fulfillment, of singing, and
of joy. This is the wish of your friends at
Higginbothams.

Mrs. Williams, Higginbothams Staff Home
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2545. She will be happy to assist individuals or
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For State Rep., 54th Dist:
JOE C. HANNA (Re-
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For Judge, 91st Dist Court:
EARL CONNER, Jr.

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For Criminal Dist. Attorney:
EMORY C. WALTON

For Sheriff, Eastland County:
L. E. (Lefty) SUBLETT
BILL TACKETT
BENNIE MOSELEY

For County Tax Assessor-
Collector:
NANCY TROUT
EDDIE PIETRASZEK

For County Commissioner:
CURT SMITH
GEO. M. (Slim) CREECH
A. B. (Duby) JONES
L. T. OWEN

W. G. (Bill) REED
For Constable, Prec. 3:
W. H. (Hamp) KORNEGAY
WAYNE M. TEAGUE
ARLEY BIBBY

For City Council:
BRICE CARROLL
FRED COOK

CARD OF THANKS
Thanks to everyone for the
nice flowers, cards, visits and
above all, your prayers.
Dennis is still in intensive care
but is much improved.

The family of Dennis Clark

FOR SALE — Stock dog pup-
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Hound pups. Also grown
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3714.

CARD OF THANKS
We want to thank our
friends, neighbors and re-
latives and the Rising Star Vol-
unteer Fire Department for
their help during our recent
fire. Your assistance is greatly
appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar White
Mr. and Mrs. Harold
Dudley

FOR SALE — 10 Acre place,
northwest of Rising Star.
Number of large pecan
trees. Contact T. T. Baker-
9809 Marlin Drive Dallas,
Texas. Tel. (214) 270-0806.
20-4p

FOR SALE — Coastal bermu-
da hay, irrigated and using
300 lb. fertilizer per acre
each cutting. \$1.00 per bale
or \$30.00 ton out of our
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Box 184, Brownwood,
Texas. Telephone (915)
646-1196, Messrs. Simon or
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It Has Been

By Vada Arnold

Ninety-two years ago there was a thriving business section of 15 or more establishments in eight-year-old Rising Star.

The first edition of the first newspaper was published Aug. 7, 1890.

H. E. Anderson, the fourth son of Thomas W. Anderson, founder of the young town, was the postmaster, he succeeded his father in that office in 1883. He began a general mercantile business, the same year and steadily built up with Rising Star. He carried a stock second to none west of Fort Worth. He never turned good honest people away empty handed. He erected a mammoth cotton gin. No one was turned away as they brought their cotton into town.

S. Roach started a business in 1883 and by honesty and fair dealing and close attention to business, built up a splendid trade, which increased steadily in volume to the extent that Mr. Roach enlarged his building to double in size. He handled everything in the general merchandise line.

Snider and Wood Brothers began business on April 1, 1890, with the following owners and managers: J. A. Snider, G. W. Wood and M.A. Wood. They carried a large stock of goods and asked the public to give them a trial and be convinced of their fair dealing, good merchandise and low prices.

Lyon Brothers went into business as a firm in May, 1883, succeeding Frank Irby in the drug business. They carried a large line of drugs and merchandise usually kept in drug stores.

Dr. B. B. Whitehead came to Rising Star from Brownwood, March 1, 1888, and

began the practice of medicine. Later he opened the Blue Front Drug Store and grocery store. In a short time, he established a hotel and livery stable.

Ed B. Sasse was employed by Dr. Whitehead as prescription clerk in the drug store.

H. Sasse and T. B. Lewis opened a hardware and implement store. Later Mr. Lewis ran a blacksmith shop and wood works nearby.

Capt. W. P. Bucy, one of Rising Stars pioneer settlers and leader in all public enterprises, came to Rising Star in 1881 and in 1884 was appointed notary public. He also operated a music business.

Capt. Bucy lived one and one-half miles south of town and was rated one of the best farmers in this section.

Dr. J. A. Tune came to Rising Star from Sipe Springs and practiced medicine with Dr. J. R. Lyon. These men of medicine built up a wide practice and had the confidence of all the people in the community.

Benjamin Berk ran a blacksmith shop and a photograph gallery. There was a barber shop and a corn mill.

After several years had passed, before any thought had been given to oil and gas industry in this area, a Mr. Brasuel, who lived on a farm east of town, drilled for water during a dry year. The farm was located outside the sand belt and water wells in the hard land were scarce, because of the depth at which water was found.

Mr. Brasuel was determined to get a water well so he instructed his driller to keep drilling until he struck water. When the driller struck a flow of gas at a depth of two hun-

dred and twenty feet, he became frightened and got away from the well as quickly as possible. When a lighted match was thrown over the well a volume of flame went up and the ground was jarred for a hundred feet around. This furnished amusement for the people for miles; they gathered there on Sundays and threw matches to cause the explosion. In the course of time, interest lagged and the well was filled. About ten years after the well was abandoned and the soft filling had sunk to about ten feet a visitor dropped a lighted match into the hole and for many minutes a little flow of gas burned steadily.

Years after this incident occurred several good gas and oil wells were brought in, in this field.

Reports Due Social Security

People who got at least one social security retirement or survivors check in 1971 and who earned over \$1,680 in 1971 are required to submit an annual report of their earnings to social security by April 17, according to Wayne Baker, social security field representative. Mr. Baker will be at Rising Star, on April 19 at 10:00 a.m.

The key word is "earnings". Income from interest, dividends, royalty, other retirement plans, rent, etc., should not be included in the report of 1971 earnings and expected 1972 earnings according to Baker.

THE RISING STAR
Thursday, March 30, 1972

Stanford Horton has returned to his home here after spending a month visiting in Austin, Bryan and other points in that part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Garner of Abilene were weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Vada Arnold.

CARD OF THANKS

We are both grateful to our good friends and relatives for their concern for Ina while she was in the Brownwood Hospital. The beautiful flowers, cards and telephone calls were appreciated and every act of kindness was appreciated. Thanks again.
Altus and Ina Butler

AUCTION

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Towels	Chiffon 3 Giant Rolls		\$1.00
Corn	Del Monte No. 303	3 for	69c
Grapefruit	Fresh Extra Fancy Large	6 for	69c
Tea	Lipton's Instant 2-Oz Pkg		79c
Eggs	Fresh Country Per Dozen		29c
Apples	Fancy Quality Rome Per Pound		19c
Potatoes	Good Quality 10-Lb Bag		49c
Orange Drink	Elfood One-Half Gallon		39c
Joy	Dish Soap Big 32-Oz Bottle		49c
Pork & Beans	Van Camp's 2 cans		29c
OUR MARKET IS NEVER SURPASSED			
Turkey Hens	Fancy Quality Per Pound		49c
BACON	Tall Korn Per Pound		59c
Ground Beef	Good Quality Per Pound		59c
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