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Eight Accidents Investigated During Month

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 8 accidents on rural highways in Castro County during the month of February, according to Sergeant Vernon Cawthon, Highway Patrol Supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in four persons injured and an estimated property damage of \$7,095.00.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first two months of 1969 shows a total of 13 accidents resulting in no persons killed, four persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$13,-425.00.

"Windy" March is here. Pedestrians and drivers can be temporarily blinded by blowing dust or sand -- long enough for a hazardous situation to develop and lead to an accident. The reduction of visibility can cause a head-on collision, a rear-end collision, or a run-off roadway type of accident.

The wind itself can exert a powerful force on your vehicle and force it across or off the roadway. Sudden changes in wind velocity can cause you to lose control of your vehicle. Be sure to have both hands on the steering wheel to help maintain control of your vehicle.

The sergeant said, "Be alert and prepared for these dangers of gusty winds and reduced visibility."

Frances Cunningham Lions Queen For 1969

Hart Lions voted at their regular meeting Monday in the Community Room of Farmers State Bank to ask Frances Cunningham to continue the rest of the year as their queen.

Plans for the forthcoming broom and light bulb sale were discussed. A nominating committee was named including John Holloway, chairman, and Joe Bailey, Wamon Foster, W. T. Sanders and Kenneth Lambert.

Members attending were Fred Brown, C. T. Cunningham, Clinton Billingsley, Bill Rich, Richard Franks,



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY---Installation of three new members into the NHS was held at Hart High school Wednesday morning. The new members, who are selected by a faculty committee and who must maintain a 90 or above average throughout high school, are Harold Bob Bennett, Jan Averitt and Bobbie Ethridge. Pictured left to right with new members are officers of NHS, Reba English, Iona Clevenger, Jan Averitt, Mrs. Carolyn Rowland, (sponsor), Harold Bob Bennett, Mr. Weldon Bates, (high school principal), Bobbie Ethridge, Rebecca Futrell and Cathy Sharp, president of the society.

20 Percent Of Autos With Inspection Stickers

"With the April 15 deadline for obtaining inspection stickers drawing near, only 20 per cent of the registered vehicles in Castro County have been inspected," stated Captain Alan Johnson, Motor Vehicle Inspection Supervisor of The Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Unless there is a rapid increase of inspections, long waiting lines will be forming

at inspection stations as the April 15 deadline approaches.

The authorized inspection stations are ready and capable of handling the inspection of Texas registered vehicles if owners will not wait until a few days before the deadline," Johnson added.

"Any driver operating a vehicle on public roads after April 15 that is required to be inspected will be operating in violation of the law," Johnson said.

Captain Johnson called attention to the fact that since the beginning of the inspection program in 1951, vehicles having a defect that was a causative factor in fatal accidents decreased from 13% to 3%.

Johnson said, "The purpose of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program is to discover any maladjustment which might become a link in a cycle of events leading to an accident and, by removing the link, prevent the accident."

PARENTS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cantrell of Nashville, Tenn. are visiting this week in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Lacy and family.

Voters Reminded Of Absentee Vote

Hart voters are reminded that April 1st is the deadline for casting absentee votes in the school trustee election. Absentee voting is being held in the school tax office.

Four places are to be filled in the April 5 election. Candidates for the posts are Vernon Mapp, W. T. King, Bill Rich, Preston Upshaw, Deryl Clevenger and Dwight Miller.

Voters are reminded that the April 5th election date

falls during the Easter holidays and anyone planning to be out of town for the holidays should cast their absentee vote on or before the April 1st deadline.

Absentee Vote Ends April In City Election

April 1st is the deadline for casting absentee votes in the city election. Voters are reminded that election day, April 5, falls during the Easter school holidays and some residents may be out of town at that time.

Two places are to be filled on the city council and a mayor elected. Incumbent mayor, E. E. Foster, is unopposed on the ballot. In the race for city council are Tom McLain and incumbent Buster Aven.

NFO Meet Set Friday

A meeting of the National Farmers Organization is slated for 8 p. m. Friday night in the Community Room of Farmers State Bank of Hart.

All farmers, business men and interested persons are invited. A guest speaker has been obtained.

Water, Inc. Names Clayton As Executive Director

Bill Clayton of Springlake, and L. Dean Rea of Tulia, were hired as Executive Director and Associate Director of Water, Inc. at a Board meeting in Lubbock today according to an announcement made by K. B. "Tex" Watson, President of Water, Inc. Clayton, a statewide water leader, commonly known in the House of Representatives as "MR. WATER", made the following statement. "I have one interest and one purpose in mind in accepting the executive directorship of Water, Inc.... That is to guide and direct the people of West Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico toward one common objective--water importation into the area. West Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico stand to gain much by working together, united, for the implementation of the Texas Water Plan. I will continue serving in the State Legislature where I feel my services will be of great value in helping to imple-

ment the Texas Water Plan. Looking at our problems from a political standpoint was one of the determining factors of my signing with

Water, Inc. at this time. We cannot afford the luxury of division among the people if we are to accomplish our goal.

It is our hope that Water, Inc. will be the melting pot for all our ideas, thoughts, and actions; and that from all the divergent views and needs, we may speak with one voice for all our people. Until this end is accomplished in the area serviced by Water, Inc., we can kiss import water goodbye.

However, I am confident that all people in the area who are sincere in purpose can speak with unity. The organization is big enough, and there is enough work to do, so that everyone can play an important role in the job to be done. As major objectives, I would like to see Water, Inc. work with the county water organizations in reaching more people, and in turn getting a better grass roots participation. One of the first jobs should be the promotion and passage of the 3.5 billion dollar bond constitutional amendment. After this is accomplished, work should

begin on trying to pass a conformation election to create a Master Water Authority in the area. We would solicit the support of all concerned that we may speak with unity for the area."

Bill Clayton has been in the farm business in the Springlake area for many years and since 1963 has served in the Texas House of Representatives. He has served on a number of the leading House committees including the Water Committee for several sessions and was Chairman of the House Interim Water Study Committee which held numerous hearings across the state during the summer and fall and recommended important legislation concerning state water problems. He is the author of HJR 9, the constitutional amendment to implement the State Water plan.

Dean Rea is the new associate director. He is presently employed as production manager and sales coordinator of Taylor Evans Seed Company. He has been Advisory Director and active in Water, Inc. since its organization.

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VISITS MOTHER

Mrs. Carl Godfrey visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Frank Conard in the Golden Spread Rest Home in Dimmitt.

ATTENDS SCHOOL

Granville Martin is attending a F.B.I. school in Canyon this week.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hamm and family of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Holland and family of Amherst visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamm.

FROM VICTORIA

Mr. and Mrs. David Follis of Victoria were recent visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. Juanita Follis and family. David Follis is a former Hart resident and was recently married.

VISITS DAUGHTER

Mrs. Oliver Jackson is visiting this week with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Adams and family in Hereford.

Editorials

GUEST EDITORIAL

By an Interested Taxpayer
"There is as much greatness of mind in acknowledging a good turn as in doing it"; so wrote Seneca, the great Roman senator.

Perhaps it is time we citizens of the community acknowledged the good turn done us by our elected - and we might add - non-salaried, city government officers.

We have been served, and served well, by Mayor Foster and Commissioners Aven and Holloway. It's human nature to take services rendered for granted; and, never remember to express our gratitude for them.

Now, as election time for city government nears, let us all express to these men, who have given their time and effort unselfishly, and without compensation, our gratitude for a job well done.

VISIT IN OLTON

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Newman were with relatives in Olton Monday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bostick Mrs. F. M. Holland and Mrs. Merle Sharp.

IN AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Holiman, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Alexander and Kathy and Novin Waller attended the ice hockey games in Amarillo Sunday.

GRANDSON'S VISIT

Johnny, Kirk and Mark Davis of Lubbock visited last weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis. Johnny is spending the week in their home.

New Arrivals

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cluck are the parents of a son born Monday, March 17. He weighed seven pounds 14 ounces and has been named Jerry Frank. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Grace Monyings. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cluck of Dimmitt.

GIRL SCOUT LEADERS

Attending a business meeting of District Nine Girl Scout leaders Friday in Plainview were Mmes. Dwight Miller, Arthur Cheves, Robbie Hawkins and Paul Brooks.

KITCHEN

KORNER

BY LELA GALLION

How about all this snow and cold weather we have been having when Spring is here, now we get winter. I guess we will have Summer next and no Spring at all. So our appetites are really on a rampage, first we want something baked or hot then next day we want something cool. So here is a good casserole, plus some dietetic recipes.

DOUBLE-CRUST BEEF PIE

2 T. margarine
1 lb. ground beef
1 c. chopped onion
1 c. shredded raw carrot
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. sugar
1/4 c. catsup
2 tsp. prepared mustard
Pastry for 9" double-crust pie

Heat margarine, add beef and onion and saute' until beef loses its red color. Add next 4 ingredients. Stir in catsup, 1 cup water and the mustard. Bring to boil, cover and simmer 15 minutes. Pour into 9" pie shell. Cover with top crust; crimp edges. Bake in 425 degree oven 40 minutes, or until pastry is lightly browned and done. Serves 6.

APRICOT WHIP

Makes 4 servings, 82 calories each
1 env. unflavored gelatin
1 c. apricot nectar
1 c. skim milk
Low-calorie or no-calorie sweetener
1/4 c. frozen whipped dessert topping

1. Sprinkle gelatin over apricot nectar in a small saucepan; heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin dissolves. Pour into a medium-size bowl.
2. Place bowl in a pan of

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Roy McLain was admitted Tuesday night to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

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ice and water to speed setting. Chill, stirring several times, just until cold; stir in milk and your favorite sweetener, using the equivalent of 3 teaspoons sugar.
3. Continue chilling, still over ice, 15 minutes, or until as thick as unbeaten egg white. Beat mixture vigorously until fluffy and double in volume.
4. Spoon into dessert dishes. Chill several hours, or until firm. Just before serving, garnish with whipped topping.

HAWAIIAN HAM BAKE
Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Makes 4 servings. 349 calories each
1 slice ready-to-eat ham, weighing about 1 lb.
1 can (8 oz.) diet-pack cling peach halves
Whole cloves
1 can (14 oz.) diet-pack sliced pineapple, drained
1 T. prepared mustard

1. Trim fat from ham; score edge. Place in a shallow baking dish.
2. Drain syrup from peaches into a cup. Stud peach halves with whole cloves; arrange peach halves and pineapple slices around ham in dish.
3. Stir mustard into peach syrup; pour over ham and fruits.
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Zealots Study Candle Making

Decorative Candles was the topic of study Tuesday afternoon for the regular meeting of the Zealot Club. Mrs. Jimmy Ray Davis and Mrs. Jack Dyer were hostesses in the Community Room of Farmers State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lindsey of Tulia gave a demonstration on the art of candle making.

Three new members were welcomed, Mmes. Weldon Bates, Glenn Gleghorn and Daryl Davis.

Attending were two guests, Mrs. Ruby Lemons of Plainview and Mrs. Don Seymour of Hart. Twenty-three members were present.

ATTEND REUNION

Jack Harris of Dimmitt and Jack Dyer, R. J. Murray, Joe Bailey and Joe Newman flew to El Paso Saturday to attend a Scottish Rite reunion.

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By Willis A. Hawkins, Jr.

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KATHY ALEXANDER

TOPS Coronation Ceremony Held

Hart of Texas TOPS Club held their first annual Coronation Ceremony Monday evening in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. Welcome was extended by Jonalyn Jones.

Members and guests were led in singing the fellowship song by Jane Alexander.

Mona Spencer of Plainview, area supervisor for TOPS Clubs, was installing officer for the installation of new officers. New officers are Jewel Brooks, leader; Helen Taack, co-leader; Bobbie Richburg, secretary; Jean Jameson, treasurer; Jane Alexander, weight recorder and Augusta Farris, co-weight recorder.

Jean Jameson, Chapter Princess, was introduced by Jonalyn Jones as the queen runner-up. Cheryl Pevehouse was flower girl and Ronda Pevehouse the crown bearer.

Mrs. Jones introduced the Chapter Queen, Jane Alexander, and Nellie Fae Cockran sang a musical tribute, "Hail to Our Royalty." Division winners recog-



HART OF TEXAS TOPS QUEEN AND COURT--- Mrs. Jane Alexander was crowned queen of the Hart of Texas TOPS Club during ceremonies Monday night at the fellowship room of the First Baptist Church. She is pictured above with runner-up, Jean Jameson. Left to right are Ronda Pevehouse, crown bearer; Jane Alexander queen; Jean Jameson, princess; and Cheryl Pevehouse, flower girl.

nized were Jonalyn Jones, Jean Jameson, Jane Alexander and Jearldine New-som.

Special guests were Mrs. Spencer and Mary Helen Willis. Mrs. Willis played piano accompaniment for the fellowship song and special music.

Approximately 50 persons attended.

CHILDREN VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shive and Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Pigg and family of Dimmitt visited Sunday in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Shive and family. Mrs. Eldon Shive is confined to her bed at home after spending two weeks in the Dimmitt hospital. She will be confined for quite some time.

PALO DURO OUTING

Harold Smith entertained approximately 65 boys from the third to sixth grades with an outing to Palo Duro Canyon Saturday, March 22 from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. The group attended the Museum at Canyon and enjoyed a picnic at Palo Duro State Park. Following the picnic, the group rode the Sad Monkey train on a two mile trip through the floor of the canyon and went through a cave in the park. Other adults making the trip were Ed Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Billingsley, Mrs. Jim Black, Mrs. Melvin Aven, and Mrs. Bob Lacy.

PLACES THIRD

Hart High School's one-act play placed third in competition held last week in Littlefield.

OLTON VISITOR

Mrs. F. M. Holland of Olton spent two days recently with Mrs. Tom Bos-tick.



Senior Girl Scouts met Tuesday after school in the home of their leader, Mrs. Dwight Miller.

Plans for the Father-Daughter banquet which will be held in April were discussed. Members voted to help the younger girl scouts with their skits and decorations to the banquet.

Scouts attending were Brenda Covington, Sharon Brooks, Carol Miller and Carolyn Cole.

Recipes Of The Week

Kathy Alexander, high school sophomore, shares some of her favorite recipes with Hart Beat readers this week.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Alexander.

An active member of Future Homemakers of America, her hobbies are sewing and cooking. She also likes to read.

PECAN FINGERS

- 1 c. butter
- 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 2 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 T. water
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 c. chopped pecans powdered sugar

Cream butter, add sugar and cream well. Add flour, salt, water and vanilla. Stir in chopped pecans. blend. Shape dough into date-like pieces. place on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 18-20 minutes. Roll in powdered sugar while warm. Yield - 90 cookies.

ATTEND MEETING

Attending District Nine Girl Scout meeting and luncheon held in Plainview Thursday were Mmes. Paul Brooks, Arthur Cheves, Dwight Miller, Deryl Clevenger, and Leonard Welty.



Rebecca Futrell

Longhorn Trails



Iona Clevenger

DEDICATIONS

- "Dream On" - to Brenda and Jack
- "Turn Around" - to Mrs. Meyers from ?
- "Hard to Believe" - second period AM History.
- "Hair" - to Lewis H. from Jack
- "Happy Birthday" - to Brenda from Jack.
- "My Buddy" - to Carol A. from Jack

STEVE COX'S IDEAL GIRL

- Most Beautiful - ?
- Cutest - Gaylene Hawkins
- Personality - Pam Shive
- Eyes - Janet McLain
- Nose - Dee Clevenger
- Hair - Kathy Crawford
- Walk - Sandy Bennett
- Laugh - Bonnie Seymour
- Smile - Vicki Six
- Figure - Margaret Swindle
- IQ - Cindy Dyer

Hands - Lisa Lacy

- Best Dressed - Sandy Bennett
- My Pal - Debbie Davis

LISA LACY'S IDEAL BOY

- Most Handsome - Can't decide
- Cutest - Johnny Ethridge
- Eyes - David Harris
- Smile - Donnie Shive
- Physique - Johnny Ethridge
- Best Dressed - Andy Rogers
- Laugh - Gary Six
- IQ - David Bass
- Meanest - Larry Sanders and Steve Brown
- Walk - Ricky Farris
- Personality - Johnny Ethridge
- Best All Around - Harold Bob Bennett
- Hair - Gary Rambo
- Hands - Steve Cox
- My Pal - Jim Averitt

School Menu

MONDAY - Tamales in chili sauce, buttered corn, whipped potatoes, whole pickle, hot rolls, apricot cobbler, milk and butter.

TUESDAY - Brown beans, vienna chunks, buttered cabbage, onion slice, cornbread, buttered rice, milk and butter.

WEDNESDAY - Vegetable beef stew, sandwiches, green salad, banana pudding, milk and butter.

THURSDAY - Turkey pot pie, cranberry sauce, seasoned green beans, lettuce wedge, fruit cobbler, milk and butter.

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Mrs. Swindle Leads Program

The Bread of Life was the theme of study Thursday for a meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. L. L. Swindle was program leader assisted by Mrs. Fred Brown and Mrs. Mable Aven.

Following the meeting, refreshments of hot cinnamon bread and coffee were served to Mes. Swindle, Aven, Brown, Ed Bennett, W. A. Hawkins Jr., C. B. Landers and H. E. Loman.

SUNDAY GUESTS
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones of Lubbock visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Aven. Mrs. Jones' father, W. H. Williams returned home with them. Other Sunday guests in the Aven home were his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Aven of Hereford.

THURSDAY GUEST
Ronald Duff of Dallas was a guest Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bennett and family.

FROM SUNRAY
D. N. Gamblin and Dale Gamblin of Sunray visited Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Bearden.

Special Activities Mark Observance Of FHA Week

Future Homemakers will conclude a week of special activities Saturday in connection with their observance of National FHA week. Saturday activities include a Rose Planting ceremony followed by a Coke party. Members will gather at the school at 10 a. m. and plant roses on the school grounds.

Sack lunch and clean-up day will be held Friday with girls enjoying a picnic lunch outdoors and time for clean-up work of the school grounds.

Earlier activities included church attendance Sunday to launch the special week; a "Ma, Pa and Me" salad supper Monday evening and Publicity Day Tuesday when members placed posters and displays down town and at school.

Wednesday was Teacher Appreciation Day and each teacher was presented a big, red apple.

Members observed Red and White Day Thursday with each girl wearing the FHA colors of red and white.

Several members of the Hart Chapter attended the Area One Future Homemakers of America meeting Friday night and Saturday in Lubbock.

Participating in choir rehearsals Friday evening were Iona Clevenger and Frances Cunningham who sang with the Sharon Singers and Sue Bates and Bonnie Seymour with the Ima Dee Singers.

The two singing groups performed at the Saturday session. Rebecca Futrell, area fifth vice-president presided for the Sharon Singers.

Serving as a representative to the House of Delegates was Dee Ann Clevenger.

Joining the group for the Saturday sessions were Cindy Dyer, Patsy Davis, Silvia Gonzales, Mary Quiroz, Lisa Lacy, Kathy Crawford and Linda Valdez.

Accompanying the group Friday were Mrs. Nancy Wescott, advisor; Mrs. JoAnn Clevenger and Mrs. Ralph Futrell. Mrs. Jack Dyer accompanied the group Saturday.

WEEKEND VISIT
Mr. and Mrs. Rod Roland and family and Beth Hacker visited in Sundown over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roland and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Roland and family. They brought Mrs. Artie Roland and Mrs. Pete White and daughter back to Plainview with them.

Moments OF Meditation

C. T. Cunningham, Pastor of The First Baptist Church

Harry Eversham, standing behind the counter of his jewelry store, reaching into the display case to remove a tray of rings so that his customer could examine them more closely. The customer, John Rivers, selected a beautiful and expensive ring as a birthday gift for his daughter, Sally, and then asked to see "something inexpensive", as a gift for his wife to give to her mother. Harry smiled to himself at the word "inexpensive", for John never bought anything costly for anyone outside of his immediate family. John's was a possessive nature, and all of his values were self-centered. He often bragged that his motto was: "Look our for Number One - nobody else will!"

As he laid a rather cheap broach on the counter, Harry's eyes wandered to the front of his store, and suddenly pointed in that direction and cried: "Look!" and as John turned, they saw two men grab a little girl and drag her to their car. As the car roared away, Harry dashed outside and, standing on the sidewalk, caught a glimpse of the kidnappers car as it rounded the corner. He barely made out the license number, ran back to the store and picked up the phone. John laid his hand on the phone and said, "Wait, Harry! Think a minute! Is business so good that you can afford to spend several days in court testifying? And what if they get away and find out that you got their number? Don't get involved, Harry. Look out for Number One!"

Harry brushed John's hand aside and again picked up the phone. "Police, quick!" he cried, and reported the incident to the desk sergeant. "I'm getting out of here," said John. Harry said, "Better wait! I'll have to tell them you were a witness!" "You would!" said John. "You make me sick!" Just then a squad car pulled up outside the store and two detectives entered. "We've put out an

alert, and thanks to you, we ought to nab them in a hurry."

The phone rang, and Harry answered it, then said, "It's for you, John - your wife." John listened for a minute, then returned the phone to the receiver. "Mary sent Sally to join me here," he said. "Do you suppose...?" "Oh, John, I hope not!" said Harry. John sank into a chair. "If that was Sally they got, I'll never forgive myself." Tears came to his eyes. Then he raised his eyes as a little girl entered the store - "Sally! Thank God!" "What's the matter, Daddy? Sorry I'm late - I stopped at Linda's on my way here." John gathered her in his arms. "Never mind, honey - thank God you're safe!"

One of the detectives returned from the squad car. "Just heard on the radio - they got them!" he said. The little girl's name was Susan Roberts. She lives at 1214 Dover Lane. "Say," cried John, that's our next door neighbor!" He turned to Harry: "I'll drop by and pick you up when we have to go to court, Harry. Thanks."

Jesus made it very clear that the man who follows Him must run the risk of involvement. Because He could not evade involvement, He was rejected, forsaken, despised, and killed.

Involvement entails action. Someone has said that the church is no longer composed of the chosen people, but of frozen people. These four walls which surround us cannot be allowed to isolate us from the world.

"The man who will not take up his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

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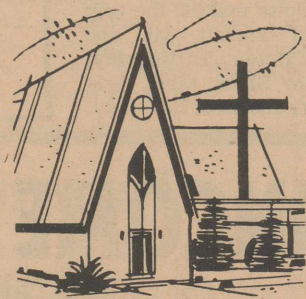
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We would like to thank the members of the Hart Fire Department for coming to our aid during the fire at the feed lot. We are sincerely grateful for your help.

Ronnie and Carol Farris

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We wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, cards, food and visits during the loss of our loved one. May God bless each and everyone of you.

The Oliver Jackson family

Beta Sigma Phi Breakfast Held

Chi Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sponsored an informal breakfast Saturday morning honoring rushees. Following breakfast games were played.

Guests attending were Mes. Warren Lemons, Bob Lacy, Clinton Billingsley, Sam McGill and Fred Brown. Members present were Mes. Jim Black, J. D. Myrick, Bob Reed, Weldon Jones, Ray Keller, Bill Rich, Melvin Aven, Charles Black, Edd Bennett, Charles Clark, Bob Bennett, Newlon Rowland, Theron Morrison, Jerry Allen, David Willis, Glyn Reed, Wister Clevenger, De Wayne Brown, W. A. Hawkins Jr., Doug Higgins, Bill Hill and Tom Edd Benton.

SCOUT NEWS

Members of Cub Scouts Den Two met Thursday after school in the Community Room of Farmers State Bank to make Indian necklaces which they will wear with Indian costumes which they had made earlier. Cubs will wear their costumes and perform an Indian dance at the Cub Scout Pack meeting Thursday night.

Jackie Davis and his mother served cookies and Cokes to J. D. Garrity, Dayton Hacker, Kelly Jones, Keith Reed, Robert Lacy Jr., and Glen Black. Den Mothers are Mrs. Bob Lacy and Mrs. Jim Black.

Den One Cub Scouts made Indian drums and practiced a skit which they will present to parents and friends at a Cub Scout Pack Meeting Thursday night.

Attending the Wednesday afternoon meeting were Brett Aven, Barry Billingsley, Mike Clevenger, Kent Hill, Charles Jones, Johnny Newsom and Kelley King.