



Mr. and Mrs. Jake Mathews are seated and standing from left to right are their children Luther, Frank, Cora, Cumi, Ava, Georgia and Jessie at their Young County home.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

This week Highlights from the Past to the Present ventures south to the area near the Lieb Community where we visit with the Jake Mathews family, another of the Hansford County Pioneers.

Jake Mathews and Amanda Shuffield were born and reared in the state of Georgia and were later married in the same state. After their marriage they moved to Young County Texas in 1876. Mr. Jake Mathews preceded his wife in the move to Texas for he came earlier by wagon. Mrs. Mathews followed later in the same year by train to Fort Worth where her husband met her.

Upon moving to Young County the couple followed the customs of the area farming as well as running some stock. Their main crop was cotton. Seven children were born to the couple being Cumi, Ava, Frank, Luther, Georgia, Cora and Jessie.

A yearning and desire to move west brought Mr. Jake Mathews to Hutchinson County in April of 1901 in search for land. Upon his arrival in the area he found a farm which was a delinquent claim and purchased it. The farm had some improvements which included a small house and a dugout.

In June of 1901 Mr. Mathews had returned to Young County to bring his family back to their new home. Their farm was located near the Lieb Community just south of the Hansford County line. All but three of their children, Luther, Cora and Jessie, were married at the time of their move.

The family moved in three covered wagons bringing all their household belongings. Their trip in the wagons took thirteen days. Cotton tail rabbits were the source of meats for the family as they made their way across the prairies. Sour dough biscuits were also a part of the menu on the wagon trail. The family also brought their horses along too. They recall the Canadian River and remember the quick sand of the treacherous river.

Arriving on the south fork of the Palo Duro Creek the family settled in their small home. They had a well but water was not pure therefore they hauled their fresh water until they dug their own wells. It is recalled how the creek, which is now usually dry, ran all the time and had fish in it all the time.

It was not long before the family built a new and larger home for which they brought the lumber from Channing. Most of the supplies for their use were purchased at Texhoma as well as the supplies for the cattle.

The mail was received at the Zulu Post Office at the Tyler Place. The mail was delivered to the Post Office every three days and it is remembered by the Mathews family that a member of the family would ride over the prairie on a white mule to fetch the mail. The youngest daughter, Jessie, continued her schooling at the Lieb School after their move. Miss Carrie Wells was the teacher at the time. Jessie would walk, for the distance was short but sometimes would ride horse back. The remaining children attended school in Young County.

As the family first moved Mr. Mathews and Frank still had work in Oklahoma near the town of Duncan where they were running some cattle. They soon sold the cattle and could be home all the time.

One storm or blizzard of 1918 is recalled by the family for they remember that they were unable to go anywhere for days. They recall how it took all day to go three miles and return by horse. As they would return after the three mile journey the horse's feet would be cut by the snow and ice. Also remembered is how Mr. Mathews always provided ahead for the bleak winter weather having enough feed for his cattle throughout a bad storm. During this bad storm of 1918 Mr. Mathews and his son Luther took care of the cattle watching close after them so they wouldn't wander far as did some when the cold winds of the north blew.

The more leisurely type life and the simple life itself was a part of the family's entertainment. One form of entertainment was the dances held at the Wood Barnes place where the friends would gather for all night get-togethers. They always had a midnight lunch to start the dance rolling. Singings on Sunday were also a part of the social life of the family's for they would gather with friends in the homes of neighbors. The Will Roberts place was the scene of several ballgames during the early pioneer days.

The early day life was a life with hardships but was enjoyed by everyone particularly the Mathews family. Mrs. Mathews did her cooking on a bachelor stove with the fire of cow chips. Of course there was no electricity and coal oil lamps were used as a source of light. The family was fortunate for they did have a telephone which ran on the fences of the area.

They always had their own garden which was a dry land garden which could be watered by ditches from the well but usually wasn't. Mrs. Tompkins remembers the cabbage which was grown and how they would make kraut to store for the winter. The meat which was a

beef would be hung on the windmill tower and would be kept all winter and never be bothered by a fly. Their milk cow kept them supplied with milk, butter, cheese and other dairy products.

In about 1907 Mr. Mathews bought a hardware in Guymon which was called the Mathews Hardware. The couple moved to Guymon where they operated it for two years or until their son Frank took over. Frank continued to operate the hardware for several years.

Upon selling the hardware to their son they returned to their farm to make their home. In about 1920 or at the time Spearman started the family moved their house to Spearman and is presently the John R. Collard Jr. home. The couple retired and made their home in Spearman in their own home. The couple were members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Mathews passed away on January 22, 1926 and his wife continued to make her home in Spearman until her death on June 17, 1946.

While on the farm the family raised feed as their first crop and the feed was "red row black top" which was cut with a scythe blade and then was tied by hand with string. The family did not have hired men for they worked together and completed their work themselves.

Cumi married Ben Clifton and the couple made their home in Spearman where her husband farmed. She passed away in 1952. The Cliftons had three children who were Jake, Curfee, and Ava.

Ava married Will Mathis who was also a farmer. The couple made their home in Clarendon until the death of Mr. Mathis and then Ava moved to Spearman. She now lives in Clayton, New Mexico.

The son Frank married Maude Henson and they make their home in Guymon where Frank operated the Mathews Hardware Store mentioned above. They had one son Dewey.

The next daughter Georgia married H.H. Jones who farmed near Morse. She makes her home in Morse and the couple had two children, Luther and Hall. Cora also makes her home in Morse she married W.R. Parks. To this couple were born two children, Gordon and Syble.

Luther married Alma Womble in Hutchinson County. He farmed and the family made their home on the home place. In 1922 they moved to Spearman. Luther was at one time on the Lieb school board. Four children were born to the couple who were Noble, Orville, Virgil and Evelyn.

The youngest daughter is Jessie who married Raine Tompkins and she makes her home in Spearman. She and her husband met in Hutchinson County where they later farmed until they moved to Spearman. Their children were Eileen and Alda.

As the events of the past are brought into the forelight we again have visited with another of our outstanding Hansford County residents who have made their way through the hardships of life to become well known Hansford County citizens. Mr. Mathews always had the desire to move west and upon settling in Hansford County he never again returned to his first home in East Texas.

WOOD TO SPEAK AT REVIVAL

The Gruver Methodist Church will hold their annual Spring Revival February 23rd through 28th. The Reverend Lyman Wood, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church of Borger will be the visiting evangelist



Lyman Wood

while Hubert Carson of the First Methodist Church of Pampa will direct the song services.

Sunday service will be at 10:50 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. while the Weekday services will be held at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The morning weekday service will include breakfast and preaching.

Reverend Wood will deliver eleven sermons centered on the topic "The Lord's Prayer". Lyman Wood was pastor at the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church of Amarillo before taking the position as pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church of Borger. widely known as an evangelist, he has held many revivals in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. For the past two years Reverend Wood has held the services for the Cowboy Camp Meeting in Kansas.

The song director, Hubert Carson is director of Music at the First Methodist Church of Pampa. Before moving to Pampa, Hubert

Carson was Music Director in the First Methodist Church of Lubbock.

Everyone is invited to attend the revival and hear the "Eleven Hours for God" centered on the topic of "The Lord's Prayer".



Hubert Carson

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DISTRICT TOURNEY BEGAN TUESDAY

Competition is expected to be plentiful in the District 1-A basketball tournament this weekend at Panhandle.

The tourney got underway Tuesday night when the Stratford girls 39-38 dropped Panhandle, and the Stratford boys took out Sunray 72-45.

Four games are on tap for Thursday. In the girls division Sunray tangles with Stratford at 2:00 p.m. and the Stratford boys go against Panhandle at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday night the Gruver girls meet Sanford Fritch at 7:00 p.m. and the Gruver boys follow against Sanford Fritch at 8:30 p.m.

Finals in the girls division will be played at 7:00 p.m. Friday and the boys

finals will be at 8:30 p.m.

The Gruver girls and Sanford-Fritch boys won the regular season home-and-home schedule but both had trouble. A few weeks ago both were considered untouchable in this district but both face tough competition in the tournament.

Sunray's girls beat Gruver at Gruver a couple of weeks ago and also took out Stratford. They seem to be getting stronger by the game and pose a serious threat to the Gruver girls who are seeking a second straight title.

Panhandle's boys beat Fritch once in the regular season and lost by only two points in the Eagles' gym Monday night in a contest to decide the regular season

winner. The Panthers should be favored in their own gym.

Also in the picture are both teams from Stratford. They are capable of coming out on top in both divisions.

Gruver's boys can be tough at times but face the task of knocking off Fritch

and Panhandle on successive nights to get into a playoff.

If either Gruver's girls or Fritch's boys are beaten in the tournament they would have to schedule playoff games on a neutral court. The playoff would probably be held Saturday night.

IN THE GRUVE

It was a wonderful feeling of progress this week to walk into the Gruver Clinic and see a doctor. It signaled the end of three years of frustration for the town.

The new doctor, Lowman Gober, seems confident that he will have a good practice here. The young doctor plans to move here as soon as he can find a place to live. He plans to sell the home he recently bought in Spearman.

Dr. Gober says it will take time to work the clinic into the type operation he needs. He plans to hire a registered nurse and eventually a lab technician and also add many new medical devices and machines. His aim is to make the clinic self sufficient so that everything desired by a patient can be administered here—except hospitalization.

He said that if Gruver continued to grow (and its certain to do that) the clinic is big enough for two doctors to practice there.

As Gruver grows many other services are going to be available here. For instance it shouldn't be too long before the town has a dentist, lawyer, florist, theater, bowling alley, furniture store, jeweler, funeral home and many other types of business and professions now lacking.

It might someday be a big Class AA school town—without flies.

The effects of the recent snow are beginning to show. Some of the fields are getting that green tint—a color not too familiar here in the last few months.

The bad effects of the storm were few. Some Cattle are missing but farmers and ranchers in this area will likely get most of them back. It takes a long time to sort them out.

Maybe none would have been lost if our local ranchers were as tough as they used to be. Someone wrote Wes Izzard and said oldtime cowboys wouldn't have dared let airplanes drop feed to cattle—they would have made it to the herds on horseback or by foot.

Old time cowboys probably had some critics, too, but then they had to walk three or four miles to mail a letter.

Barry Goldwater, in a meeting with his backers recently, complained that the three million he needed for his campaign was coming in too slowly. Maybe Barry's backers are more conservative than he thinks.

If he gets in a bind, he might borrow the money from Bobby Baker.

Politics will soon be upon us. It promises to be a red hot battle with lots of mudslinging.

There seems to be some doubt as to whether Goldwater will get the GOP nomination. It would certainly be a better race with more issues if the Arizona Republican opposes President Johnson. Rockefeller, Nixon and the others just don't seem definite enough on what they are and what they stand for.

Whether or not you agree with Goldwater, he speaks out loud and clear—and often.

Last season the Stratford girls seemed unbeatable most of the season, but a group of Gruver Girls, with little basketball experience, outfought the talented Stratford group and finally won the title.

This year the Sunray team is trying to mimic the Gruver team of last season. Now the pressure is on Gruver and Sunray has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Corkey Chapman, when not working with the basketball team, is enthusiastically putting the other youngsters through weight and exercise programs at Gruver High School.

It's a long time until football season but it should be an interesting one here next season. Gruver will be faced with the lack of size problem and varsity experience won't be too great.

The interest should come from squad balance. From 20 to 30 youngsters will be fighting for the 11 positions. Every starter on the team will have to pay the price of hard work now, this summer and next fall.

The ability of several of the players will be about the same. Determination and work will be the deciding factors. This always makes for an interesting team.

Gruver will also have a tougher and better schedule next season that should create more interest. In the place of Groom, Canadian, Lefors and Fritch will be Texhoma White Deer, McLean and Claude.

Stratford will again be the favorite. The Elks return more than half of the players that won district last year. Sunray and panhandle will again have big players returning and Claude is moving into the District from Class B. The Mustangs had a fine team last season and return most of their starters.

GIRLS TAKE DISTRICT ROUND ROBIN LEAD

Gruver's girls captured the first half of the district race last Friday night with a 57-38 victory over Lanhandle. Gruver's boys tell 63-52 to finish fourth.

The girls ended the season with a 7-1 mark to beat out Sunray which ended with a 6-2 mark. Gruver's lone defeat in district play came at the hands of Sunray.

Anita States and LaNetta Blankenship led the Gruver scoring with 28 and 27 points respectively.

With Anita and LaNetta scoring eight points each, Gruver moved a 17-10 lead after one quarter and was never in trouble again.

In the second quarter, LaNetta canned eight more points and Anita added six as Gruver led 32-15 at the half.

Blankenship poured in seven more points while

States added only three and Gruver led 42-26 going into the final quarter.

If Panhandle had any idea of winning after three quarters, Anita quickly removed any doubt with 11 points in the final quarter. LaNetta added four.

Sam Tipton scored 30 points to lead the Gruver boys. Jimmy Rice added 10 and Billie Lieb hit eight.

Gruver stayed with the taller Panthers for the first quarter. Gruver fell behind in the second quarter by 11 points and played even with the visitors in the last half.

Panhandle led only 14-12 at the end of the first quarter but took a 32-21 half time lead. Gruver trailed 43-29 going into the final stanza.

Tipton netted 17 points for the Gruver Greyhounds in the final quarter as Gruver outscored the Panthers 23-20.

WILD ANIMAL KILLS PIGS

A Bobcat or Cougar is the suspected killer of a boar belonging to Tommy Gumfory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gumfory.

Aside from the one dead boar are five registered sows which were mangled and

badly torn by the wild animal.

The pigs were Tommy's project in F.F.A. One of the badly mangled sows brought home a 2nd Place Ribbon from the Amarillo Fat Stock Show.

The first night the wild animal got into the pen with the pigs and killed the boar and two nights later, being Sunday night, the five sows were badly mangled. A veterinarian was called to care for them and took tests for rabies.

The Gumforys have found large tracts, being the size of either a Bobcat or Cougar. They watched all night for Monday and Tuesday to see if the animal might come back again.

NOTICE

It is time for the annual census of the boys and girls who will begin their first year in school in the fall of 1964.

The census must be completed by February 29th. If you have not received a census blank contact Principal J.T. Hoy. Those who have received the blanks but have not returned them to the school, fill them out and return them as soon possible.

HANSFORD COUNTY FARM DEVELOPMENTS



County Agents Report

by Robert Adamson

If your efforts are criticized, you must have done something worthwhile.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3—An irrigation management meeting will be held in Spearman.

March 16—is the day set for the Hansford County Fatstock Show. This has been changed from Friday 13th. The show will be in Spearman.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB PROGRAMS

I am scheduled to present a landscaping program to the five Home Demonstration Clubs during the next two weeks. Below is the Club and date I am to meet with them.

February 10—Town & Country
February 20—Happy Homes
February 24—Hansford Club

February 27—Morse Home Demonstration Club
February 28—Spearman Home Demonstration Club.

MUSTARD CUTS WHEAT YIELDS

Recent studies at the Southwestern Great Plains Field Station indicate that a single tansy mustard plant per square foot in dryland wheat fields reduced yields about 10 percent.

Agronomist A.F. Wiese and Assistant Economist J.S. Wehrly of the Texas Agricultural Experimental Station Staff conducted the studies and developed a guide farmers can use to determine whether control of tansy mustard will be profitable. Tansy mustard is the most common weed over much of the Texas dryland wheat producing area. It has been known for

some time that the weed did not compete with wheat for moisture when controlled with 2,4-D ester. The recent studies thus pinpointed the damage caused by the weed in dryland wheat.

The scientists suggest that farmers watch their wheat fields in February or March, count the weeds—on a square foot basis—and make an estimate of potential wheat yield. Then by taking 10 percent damage for a single weed per square foot and varying it up or down depending on weeds counted and using an assumed value of \$1.75 per bushel for the potential yield and figuring the cost of applying a half pound of chemical per acre at 1.50 (custom rate), farmers can determine whether control of the weed would be profitable. Wiese and Wehrly explain.

The half-pound of 2,4-D ester should be applied after the wheat is fully tillered but before vigorous spring growth begins usually between February 15 and April 1, the scientists emphasize.

With one weed per square foot and a potential yield of only 5 bushels of wheat an acre, control would not pay. But if the yield were 20 bushels, the profit would be \$2.00 per acre. On fields with a potential yield of 20 bushels an acre and a weed population of 4 per square foot, control would increase profit \$12.50 an acre.

The scientists conclude that if a farmer does his own spraying, the cost could be considerably less than \$1.50. It also would be profitable to treat fields with lower potential yields or weed numbers than when higher spray costs are required.

by Don C. Huckabee
New terracing techniques are being introduced to farmers in the Texas Panhandle. Many farmers who need to terrace their land because of erosion or water loss will be interested in some new terrace layout and construction methods offered by technicians of the Soil Conservation Service.

A system of terraces run parallel to each other is fast gaining popularity among farmers who have seen them in operation. While these parallel terraces are fairly new to the Texas Panhandle they have been thoroughly tried and proven in other parts of the State.

Parallel terraces have many advantages. For one thing, they eliminate point rows. This is a big advantage to High Plains farmers who use 6 and 8 row equipment. Crop damage is greatly minimized when all turning is done on turn rows at the end of the field. Another big advantage is that it facilitates supplemental irrigation between terraces. When all rows run the entire length of the irrigation run, furrow irrigation can be accomplished by laying gated pipe along the ends of the terraces. Each row can then be expected to carry the furrow stream all the way through.

In general, when parallel terraces are installed, a waterway must be provided in all significant depressions across the slope. This spray costs are required.

provides for excess water disposal at points where water would normally collect and break across the rows. In some cases farmers have gone to the expense of eliminating some minor depressions by filling them in before the terraces are laid out. In more extreme cases they have even gone so far as to level land between parallel terraces. Often this expense is well justified. Leveling between terraces on land with 0.5 to 2.0 percent slopes greatly improves moisture distribution and penetration. More timely tillage practices are possible and crop growth is more uniform as a result of uniform field drying.

Where leveling is too expensive, some improvement in moisture distribution can be made by constructing terraces from the lower side. In this case the fill material for the terraces should be taken from a thin layer as much as one-third to one-half the distance downslope to the next terrace. This will give some leveling of slopes between terraces.

Not all fields can be terraced parallel. Some fields have slopes which break in several directions, or even have several isolated little knolls within the field. It can be readily seen that terraces could not be made parallel on these fields. Even so, there may be cases where a portion of the terraces

New York Firm Has Agreed To Operate Panhandle Sugar Mill

A sugar beet program for the Texas Panhandle area, lying mostly north of the Canadian river, now seems assured if the USDA Sugar Beet Quota Committee in Washington will allot the area sufficient sugar beet acreage to profitably support operation of a sugar beet refinery.

J.R. (Dick) Brown of Hartley says the North Plains Sugar Beet Growers Assn. has a definite commitment from the Punda Alegri Sugar Co. of New York City to lease and operate a cooperative sugar mill, if the North Plains Assn. can get enough sugar beet acreage allotted to assure a profitable program for both growers and the refinery.

He said farmers in this Panhandle area have raised at least \$17.5 million for erection of the mill that Punda Alegri would lease and operate. Cost of a mill would probably range around \$17.5 or a little higher, but the \$17.5 at least guarantees that the refinery can be built, even if a little more finances might later be required. A refinery could be made parallel, and the rest of the field terraced with conventional terraces.

Each field needing terraces will have to individually be evaluated as to its suitability for parallel terraces. For more information on parallel terracing, farmers can contact the local office of the Soil Conservation Service.

finery costing this much would be equipped to process at least 50,000 acres of sugar beets.

The Alegri firm operated in Cuba before Castro came to power and confiscated their properties by what amounted to military force.

Brown phoned his report from Washington to Farm Editor Jack Tompkins of Station KFDA-TV last night, and asked Tompkins to relay the report to The Texan which he did this morning.

The North Plains Assn. was represented in a second hearing this weekend before the Quota committee by Assn. President Don Anthony, and Hugh Lyles, both of Dumas, and Brown.

There apparently is no indication when the Quota committee will decide whether to give the North Plains Assn. a sugar beet acreage sufficient to support a mill.

But Brown feels that this Panhandle area now stands as good a chance of getting the required beet acreage as any of the other sectors that have also asked the Quota committee for allotments.

The other sectors include that part of the Texas South Plains

covered by the South Plains Beet Growers Assn. of Plainview, and areas in Maine, Arizona and South Dakota.

The reason that the North Panhandle area now stands as good a chance as any of the others, Brown said, is that it

not only has \$17.5 million, and more if necessary, ready to build a mill; farmers in the North Plains Assn. area have pledged to grow, if called upon, more than 65,000 acres of beets for at least a five-year period, starting in 1966 or 1967, which is probably as soon as the mill would be ready.

Brown, Anthony and about eight or ten other North Plains Assn. officials or representatives were before the Quota committee in Washington early in December to ask for a sugar beet allotment of 25,000 acres which was said at that time to be the absolute minimum for a program profitable to both growers and a refinery.

At that time, the North Plains Assn. did not have signed pledges from farmers to grow any amount of beet acreage for a five-year period; nor did they have enough finances pledged to guarantee an immediate start on erection of a mill.

So the North Plains delegation arranged at that early December conference with the Quota committee to meet with it again in mid-February and that session is the one held in Washington this weekend.

Since the Assn. is now ready to build a mill that can process 50,000 acres of sugar beets, the allotment, if granted, probably would be for 50,000 acres.

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (UPI)—South Plains sugar beet growers have asked the Agriculture Department's approval of a new \$18 million mill near Plainview.

Approval of the mill would mean a 50,000 ton allotment of the domestic sugar quota for and eight-county area of West Texas, according to Rep. George Mhon, D-Tex., who met with the growers in Washington Saturday.

The South Plains Sugar Growers Corp. has an agreement to finance the plant, Mhon said. He expected no decision on the proposal for several weeks.

THE WAY I SEE IT

Robert Cordes, pastor
Ocho Luthera Church

It is a well known fact that people can see things happen and come away without being able to describe what they saw. Either they were not watching closely or they failed to "take in" what they saw.

Sometimes there is so much taking place that all of life's activities is jumbled together and the worthy things become lost among the little unimportant things.

So that the sufferings of Jesus may come to us with meaning, and the joys of what the Lord has done with our sins shall lift our souls, churches observe Lent. Lent is not a period of "giving up" something or denying yourself some favorite thing. Rather Lent is a period of self examination. We examine our own lives in light of God's Word. Then we examine what God has done in His Son Jesus. Thus when we arrive at the great church festival Easter, our hearts literally burst with joy even as Christ burst the bonds of death.

In this busy life, O God, spare us from the folly of giving scant attention to matters of the soul. In this day we are often not impressed by great events. So Lent is a time when we ask God to rescue us from indifference to the great drama of salvation prepared by God's Son being sent into this planet.

Corinthians 1:17 reads: "...lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power." Make us care about matters of Life and death. O God, keep ever before us the power of the cross—the Savior that used it as His sacrificial altar—that we may "take in" the substitutionary death offered for creatures such as us.

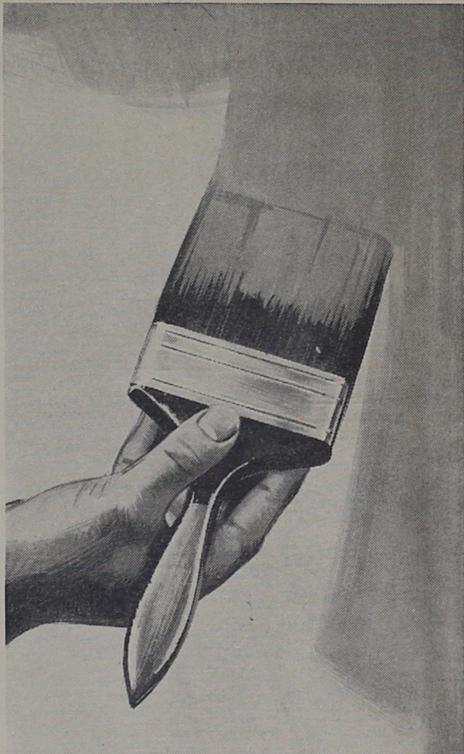
May Lent help you be drawn closer to Christ.... "lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power."

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HEATH FOOD MARKET

Letter Referred to Editor

This letter from Lt. Hank Stewart was received by Mr. and Mrs. Ortho Gammill and was referred to the Gruver Independent for publication.

Howdy Good People

How are things in the big city of Gruver. I imagine the place is really working alive with activity, I guess the weather is pretty cool there about now. You could probably use some of this heat from over here (Liberia Monrovia).

So far the heat hasn't been so very bad, in fact it was hotter in Minerals Wells than it is here. The humidity is always extra high around here and it causes an extra heavy fog and dew every morning. At this time of the year we are receiving the dust laden winds from the deserts of North Africa. This is the six months of the dry season. The dust causes a reddish haze that almost resembles a fog some days.

We are just about finished constructing our camp which consists of six 20' x 50' corrugated steel buildings and one 40' x 100 maintenance barn. Each building is completely insulated and air-conditioned. They aren't very fancy but they are going to be pretty comfortable to live in. We are located in a grassy clearing on a small hill. The jungle is around us except to the south of us about two miles is the ocean.

The jungle is very pretty from what I've seen so far. There is every kind of tree imaginable and range anywhere up to about 150 ft. tall. I haven't been back in the brush but they claim that the trees are much larger farther inland. It is too bad that some of these wierd looking-trees won't grow in Texas. A person could sure landscape a yard with all of this.

The capital of the country, Monrovia is only about 10 miles from our camp. The place isn't too much to talk about. Just sort of one big shanty town. But right in the middle of the shacks the president has a new executive mansion that cost approximately 20 million dollars. It is one of the fanciest places I ever saw. But it looks funny surrounded by so many shacks. However the people think he is God.

The people are most all very childish. They are well content, happy sort of people but sometimes, I get so disgusted trying to work with them. They don't seem to realize the importance of finishing a job on time or working on a regular schedule. We have been here a little over one month and we still don't have electricity or a water well.

The officers have been staying in a house close to camp and we are getting our water for camp from there. All the water has to be purified before using because it is just working alive with germs. We really have to be careful what we eat and drink because of the filth.

Well, I have run out of space, so take care of your self and write if you have time.

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OSLO NEWS

Sunday School and Church again next Sunday at the usual time at the Oslo Lutheran Church. Services in Spearman are progressing, and are held in the Farm Bureau Room. Church is at 9:00 with Robert Cordes presiding and followed by Bible Class and Sunday School. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Dahl and boys were guests at the Roy Imlers at Boise City. They attended church dedication with the Imlers.

Welcome to the Darrel Harvey's and their three children who come here from Northwood, Iowa. They will be living at the Don McLain farm where he is employed.

Visiting Friday in the home of Mrs. Mary Brandvik was Mrs. Clifford Stedje, and Mrs. Dwayne TeBeest.

Mrs. James Stedje took a group of ladies to Amarillo Friday where they attended a meeting of the American Cancer Society. Those attending were Mesdames: J.C. Harris, Ted McClellan and Reuben Hintergardt.

Visiting Friday evening in the David Schmeling home were Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Woods and the Elmo Dahl family.

Sunday dinner guests in the Robert Cordes home were Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne TeBeest and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Collier had planned a lovely trip to the warm southland covering Alabama and Florida, but due to the snow of the past weeks they were unable to go. They were to meet friends in Lubbock and fly to Alabama.

Visiting Wednesday night in the parsonage were Mr. and Mrs. David Schmeling and family and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Harvey and family.

Several ladies called at the David Knutson home on Monday morning and helped her celebrate her birthday. Those attending were Mesdames: Bill Johnson, Robert Cordes, James and Clifford

CODES FROM MORSE

Mrs. Desmond Kelly

4-H MEETS

The Junior Leaders 4-H Club which is composed of the older boys and girls met on Wednesday in the school auditorium. The program for the meeting was on Water Conservation. Robert Adamson, agent, brought the speaker from Spearman.

Other business for the afternoon was to decide to have a Pee-Wee basketball game with Pringle on Tuesday afternoon in Morse. Admission will be charged and the 4-H club will have the concession stand to raise money for the club.

Those attending the meeting were: Allen, Doug and Bill McCloy, Don, Elaine, and Evelyn Kelly, Alva and Patricia Henderson, Sylvia

Parks, Judy Gillispie, Gerald and Roy Scribner, Phillip Fleming, Danny Womble and leaders Mrs. H.B. Parks and Mrs. Wilson McCloy.

SEWING GROUP MEETS

A Clothing II Group met on Thursday of last week in the home of Mrs. Desmond Kelly, leader. The girls discussed the blouse they are to soon begin making, deciding upon colors, style and sizes. Members attending were Blanche Escamilla and Kay Johnson. Mrs. Wilma Johnson also met with them to help.

DORSEY SCHAIDS MOVE FROM MORSE TO GRUVER

What is Morse's loss and Gruver's gain? That is the family of the Dorsey Schads

who worked for the R.C. Womble here in Morse on the farm. They are a fine family and we know the Gruver residents will appreciate them. They have three daughters and one baby son, two of which are in school. They have been active members of the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson were in Amarillo recently on business and shopping.

Teresa Dortch, daughter of the Tom Dortchs has just returned home from the Borger hospital where she had a tonsilectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Womble helped to move their daughter Jeanne and Tommy West to Oklahoma City last week end.

Mrs. Desmond Kelly of Morse and Mrs. E.M. Floyd of Spearman had the privilege of presenting Child Evangelism work on the FM radio station in Spearman on Monday morning. A Good News Bible Club for boys and

girls has been started in Spearman in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Bryan at 910 S. Haney. It meets on Friday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. E.M. McClellan Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Thom returned recently from Seguin Texas where they attended the funeral of Monroe Kiel husband of Margaret Pierson Kiel. Mrs. Kiel is the daughter of Mrs. Earl Pierson of Sanderson Texas. Mrs. Pierson is the sister of Mrs. Thom and Mrs. McClellan.

Sympathy is extended to W.L. Porterfield for his mother passed away this last weekend.

John Cluck of Fort Worth Texas was home this past week for the funeral of his grandmother Mrs. L.T. Tucker. He visited in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cluck.

Tillie Poston underwent eye surgery in St. Anthony's

Stedje and the honoree. Coffee and birthday cake were enjoyed by all.

Hospital in Amarillo recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Austell Burris and children of Stinnett spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dave McClellan.

Mrs. Fred Womble is recovering from a bout with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. McClure of Norman Oklahoma are visiting in the home of her mother Mrs. W.N. Fletcher.

Mrs. Agatha Rafferty left last week for Abilene where she will visit in the home of her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. John Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Alexander are vacationing on a cruise throughout the Caribbean.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Blankenship and family visited over the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones and Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Blankenship.

NOTICE

We will be closed Feb. 22 in observance of George Washington's birthday.

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McClellans Host Birthday Party & Aniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McClellan were host and hostess for a Valentine Party Thursday evening February 13th in their home.

The occasion was celebrating the birthday of Pete Bayless, The 25th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McClellan and the 6th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gruver.

The honorees and other guests enjoyed games of canasta and bridge. Refreshments of cake, punch, and coffee were served by the hosts.

Aside from the honored guests attending for the evening were Theodore and Ailene Bayless, Arnold and Juanita Bayless, Margie Barkley, Ruth Gurfory, R.D. and Jewel McClellan and the hosts Mr. and Mrs. Dave McClellan.



Miss Catha Wells

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wells of Gruver announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Catha C. Wells, to Gary L. Humphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Humphrey of Rocky, Oklahoma.

An April wedding is scheduled in the First Baptist Church in Gruver. The bride-elect is a

graduate of Gruver High School and has received her license in hair-dressing after attending the College of Hairdressing in Amarillo. Mr. Humphrey is a graduate of Rocky High School of Rocky, Oklahoma. He is presently in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Biloxi, Mississippi.

Music Club Met Tuesday

The Gruver Music Club, a member of the National and Texas Federation of Music Clubs, met Tuesday, February 11th to present the "Parade of American Music" program.

Mrs. A.C. Bort presented "The Hard Road of Melody" an autobiography of Carrie Jacobs Bond, A sextet, Mrs. Ray Etter, Mrs. K.E. Irwin, Mrs. Ralph Mathis, Mrs. Wm. R. Murrell, Mrs. Donnie Thoreson and Mrs. James Stedje, sang "I Love You Truly," "Just a Wearyin' For You" and "A Perfect Day" by Carrie Jacobs Bond.

An interesting musical note was given by Mrs. E.M. McClellan Sr. about the Van Cliburn winner, Mrs. Ralph Mathis closed the program with "Rules for a Good Member."

Mrs. J.F. Cator and Mrs. Wm. R. Murrell were hostesses for the afternoon.



Miss Kay Winger

Engagement

Mrs. Pauline Winger of Gruver announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Marcella Kay Winger to Alfred Leon Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Hobbs of Gainesville Texas.

The marriage date has been set for March 27 in the

home of the bride.

The bride elect is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and is presently teaching at South Lawn Elementary School in Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Hobbs is a graduate of Calisburg High School and is presently employed on the Dozier-Henson farm near Gruver.

Royal Neighbors Met Recently

The Royal Neighbors met recently in the home of Mrs. O.V. Walker Sr. for their regular meeting.

The group worked on embroidery pieces and enjoyed a salad dinner with cherry pudding for desert.

Enjoying the day of visiting were Margie Barkley, Jay Matthews, Ella Hahn, Jamie Wilmeth, Devona McClellan, Thelma Davis and the hostess Alice Walker and one guest Polly Jones.

4-H NEWS

Dan Ralston conducted the February meeting of the Gruver 4-H Club on Monday afternoon at the Home Economics Room. Gary Heath offered the prayer while Dee Green followed with a report on the 4-H Council meet Spearman.

Mr. Buddy Messer of the

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bayless are visiting in Eastern Oklahoma with Mr. Bayless' father and other relatives.

Elizabeth and Ward Spivey, Tommy Spivey, O.V. Walker, Ross Walker and Roy Walker attended the funeral of a cousin, Raymond Junior Trujillo Tuesday in Mosquero, New Mexico.

HOUSEWIVES

The Hansford County Home Demonstration Council is inviting each and every housewife in the county to help them compile a County-wide Cook Book.

Print or type your recipes and send them in as soon as possible. The deadline is March 15th—Contact any member of the Home Demonstration Clubs or send them to: County Home Demonstration Agent, Spearman Texas.

Pink and Blue Shower

A Pink and Blue Shower was held February 14th for Mrs. Larry Sparks in the home of Mrs. Carlie Knight.

The home was adorned with the valentine motif and bore the colors of red and white. The table was laid with a white cloth and was centered with an arrangement of white roses in a white shape with a tiny baby extending above. A cake of white enscinded with "baby" offset the centerpiece as did the punch and coffee service. Completing the decor were heart shaped mints.

The honoree was presented a corsage of booties accented by a silver baby spoon. The mothers, Mrs. Bob Vaughn and Mrs. James

Sparks of Spearman, were presented corsages of carnations from the hostesses. Serving were Arlene Barkley, Marian Jeffries, LaNetta Blankenship and Carlita Knight.

Registering the guests was Mrs. Don McLain. Approximately fifty attended.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames Jack Henson, Jack Hart, Eula Goodall, Vivian Cluck, Carlie Knight, True Leatherman, Kenneth Irwin, Turner Hoy, Don McLain, Fred Womble, Clark Winkler, E.T. Rafferty Sr., O.D. Lee, J.C. Watson and Pete Maupin.

Out of town guests included Candy Vaughn, Mrs. Hazel Gibner and Mrs. John Vaughn.

Methodist News

Cottage Prayer groups have met during the past

Southwestern Public Service Company presented an interesting talk on electricity and what the field takes in.

Present were Mike, Alfred and Dan Ralston, Joe Dondlinger, Chuck Clawson, Mike, Hartley, Mindy and Walter Murrell, Ruel Holt, Gary and Beverly Heath, Lynn Stedje, Don Ross, Rickey, Ronda, and Jan Roper, Dana and Shari Ann Henderson, Glenna and Vicki Thoreson, Cindy Chapman, Sherilee Maupin, Leslye Wardlow, Genevia Walker, Lynda Webb Dee Green, and guests Terri McGuffin, Paulette Laxon and Pat Barkley and Mesdames Roy Roper, Cecil Ralston, Bill Maupin and Buddy Messer.

week in the homes from 9:30 to 10:00 in preparation for the coming revival.

The Spring revival is slated for February 23rd-28th with Lyman Wood of Berger the visiting evangelist.

The Mary Martha Circle will begin its study of "The Christ Mission in Southern Asia" with Mrs. Josie Evans leading the group.

The Dorcas Circle will be meeting in the home of Nell Chockley. Lou Chapman will be leading the group in "The Changing City Challenges the Church".

Reverend R.L. Kirk attended last week a Retreat for the Ministers of the Pampa District. The retreat was held in the First Methodist Church of Pampa. The Book of Acts was the topic of study.

SWEETHEART BANQUET HELD SATURDAY

The valentine "Sweetheart Banquet" was held Saturday night February 15th in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

Reverend M.E. (Buddy) Upchurch, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Stratford was the main speaker for the evening. Reverend Upchurch centered his talk around the "Dedication of a Young Person's Life".

The fellowship hall carried the "Song in My Heart" theme which had an array of hearts, musical instruments and cymbals as a form of motif. The tables were centered with spring

flowers of pink, red and white. The head table center piece had a tiny piano with an arrangement of the spring flowers intermingled.

John Guy Folley was the Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. The Invocation was given by Roy Kauffman and the benediction by Ronald Ross closed the evening.

Special attractions included a solo by Gene Leatherman of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"; a solo by Mary Cluck of "Twixt Twelve and Twenty" an arrangement by Pat Boone; and a trio number of "A

and Ginger Murrain. Approximately eighty were served Smothered Steak, with the trimmings and a Strawberry Desert.

Grand Night for Singing", by Glenda Purvis, Judy Holt,

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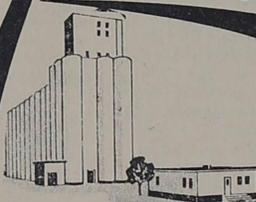
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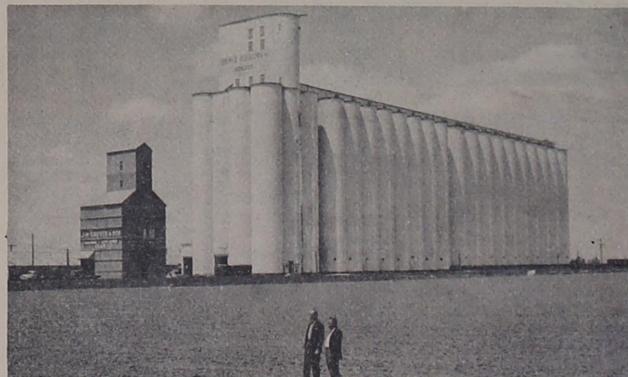
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Gruver Ladies Attend A.C.S. Meet

Mrs. R.P. Hintersgard, Mrs. Ted McClellan, Mrs. James Stedje, and Mrs. J.C. Harris attended the American Cancer Society's District Crusade workshop held in Amarillo this week.

LIONS SLATE TRAP SHOOT

The Morse Lions Club will sponsor a Trap Shoot Sunday February 23rd at Morse.

Practice rounds begin at 1:00 p.m. and the Regular Rounds will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Prizes will be a 10-12 lb Turkey or a 5 lb. canned ham, or a 8 lb sliced bacon. Price is \$2 per man per round of ammunition included

American Legion Auxiliary Met

The American Legion Auxiliary met Monday February 17th at the Memorial Building at 2:30 p.m. As February is designated Americanism Month, Appropriate poems concerning George Washington and Americanism were read by the president Mrs. Elizabeth McClellan.

The Auxiliary will give a dinner honoring the Legionairs and their families in March, honoring the 45th birthday of the Legion. Several matters of business were discussed.

Those present were Mesdames Margie Barkley, Cuma Bort, Jeannette Bort, Pearl, Cluck, Ruth Lee, Elizabeth McClellan, Mary Sullins, Helen Truax, Alice Walker and Jamie Wilmeth.

Legion Zone Meeting Held

Five members of the Legion and Auxiliary attended the Zone Meeting in Darrouzett, Texas, Monday night February 17th.

18th District Commander Jack Plynt and wife Mary Department Child Welfare Chairman, Vice District Commander, Grant Hanna and his wife Troyce who is president of the 18th District American Legion Auxiliary were present.

Zone Commander Walter LaMaster presided at the meeting. A very interesting meeting was held and a delicious dinner was served.

Those attending from Gruver were O.V. Walker Jr., Commander of the Gruver Legion, Lloyd Stavlo, Mrs. Margie Barkley, Pearl Cluck, Elizabeth McClellan.

Dutch fur traders lived on Manhattan Island as early as 1613.

ANOTHER THOUGHT

The Holy Spirit Baptism No doctrine in the history of the church has been neglected as the teaching concerning the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The principal reason why this important teaching has been left in the realms of unexplored doctrine is that a proper evaluation of its sounds the death knell for denominationalism.

In his letter to the church at Corinth, Paul the apostle wrote: "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body whether we be Jews or Gen-

tiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one spirit. 1 Cor. 12:13 and by so writing, he declared some very important truths which every person who calls himself a Christian needs to know. The first truth is that every believer, that is, a person who is saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ has been added to the body of Christ. In this verse the apostle is not talking about ritual baptism for no man has ever put on Christ because another man has put him under a foot or two of water. He is speaking, or rather writing, about the union which believers have with each other, and with Jesus Christ Himself. Ritual baptism which many say adds man to Christ or to the church has no clear scriptural basis as does the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The first reference in the

scriptures to the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit is found in Matthew's gospel chapter 3 verse 11. "...he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." A careful reader will notice that the verb tense in this prophetic utterance is the future tense. From this observation, one can establish the additional fact that the baptism of the Spirit was not being effected during John's ministry; one will search in vain in the Lord's words for any further clear statement concerning this prophecy until during His post-resurrection ministry when He spoke to them just prior to His ascension these words: "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Acts 1:5".

Once again the future tense is used, but there are important qualifying words added at this stage of the development of the doctrine. One might be reminded at this point that doctrines are developed in the Word of God; they are not just thrown in fully developed and ready for the casual reader to learn without persistent study. These qualifying words "not many days hence" are of great importance; for in ten days, the Holy Spirit descended upon the believers; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. That same day Peter stood and spoke to the Jews concerning what they had done to their Messiah. He closed his message with a word about water baptism as the requisite (along with repentance) for—not salvation—but—Jewish thinking, with the prophecies of Joel concerning the kingdom of Israel. This relation of the event and the scripture he quoted indicates that Peter was not fully aware of what had really happened on that eventful day.

Peter's ministry reveals that he did not understand what had actually happened on that day until he witnessed an occurrence in the home of one Cornelius some time later. In Acts 10 and 11, a diligent student of Biblical theology can find the answer to Peter's growth in the doctrine of the Holy Ghost baptism. In chapter 10, Peter is confronted during the course of his sermon to Cornelius by a circumstance which according to his own report taught him a deep spiritual truth. A truth which many of the fold who today quote Peter as their primary source need to learn from not only Peter's testimony but also from the writings of the apostle Paul. The story runs something like this; Peter was preaching to the household of Cornelius and was probably just about ready to conclude his message the way he had preached it many times before, when suddenly, Cornelius began to do something which Peter recognized as what had happened to him and to the other folk who were gathered in the waiting room on the promise of the Father of which the Lord Jesus had spoken just prior to his ascension to heaven. Peter then turned to his fellows and asked a very important question: "Can any forbid water, that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" Acts 10:47

It is evident that Peter was not asking if these who had received the Holy Spirit could be baptized to be saved; for in Acts 11:17 he says "For as much then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I that I could withstand God?" In other words, Peter is saying in effect—if God gives a man the Holy Spirit before he is baptized in water what am I to demand obedience to Acts 2:30. Peter said in verse 16 of chapter 17 that, when the Holy Spirit fell on Cornelius, that he understood for the first time what the Lord Jesus meant when he spoke of the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of His ascension.

When a student of sacred scripture reads Ephesians 4:5 and interprets the words "one baptism" to mean only

one form of ritual baptism—immersion—, he is revealing his utter insensitivity to the overall teaching of the New Testament concerning baptism—especially Spirit baptism. It is quite evident to one who speaks where scripture speaks, and is silent where scripture is silent that Paul is referring to the same important and wonderful truth that Peter learned in the household of Cornelius that the important baptism is not a water ritual but is the all important baptism of the Holy Spirit by which one who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ puts on Christ (Gal. 2:27) and is thereby added to the Lord's body—the true Church of Christ to which none can be added but by the work of the Holy Spirit alone.

As you read this thought, I trust that you will not be slavishly bound to a denominational dogma which says that there is no Holy Spirit baptism today and which demands obedience to a sys-



More than two weeks after the big snow one pickup was still unable to move. Bobby Crawford has the kind of friends who would take a winch truck and leave his pickup in this condition.

tem which is popish in nature but afraid to call itself by its proper name; but I trust that you will do as the Bereans did in Acts 17 "search the scriptures daily whether these things were so." Harold Fleming, pastor Morse Community Chapel

To Whom Shall We Go by Alfred White

Subject: The Lamb of God

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (Jno. 1:29). These are statements made about Jesus, by the forerunner, John the one who was called John the Baptist, or Baptizer. The Jews were looking for the Messiah of whom the prophets had spoken. They also were expecting one to come who would be called the Lamb of God. John had come to prepare a people for him. So, when John looked upon Jesus, as he walked he exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God!" And the two disciples heard him speak and they followed Jesus (Jno. 1:37). One of these disciples that followed that day was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother (Jno. 1:40). This is the way Jesus made his first appearance in a public way, and was called the "Lamb of God" by the ones standing near him (Jno. 1:35).

Peter is his letter to the scattered saints said this about Jesus. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers! But with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God that raised him up from the dead and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God" (1 Peter 1:19-21).

So this Jesus is the foundation of our hope (1 Peter 1:3) and the foundation of our faith (Jno 20:30-31). And he is our wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption for God had made him all these for us (1 Cor. 1:30).

So, if we are wise in God's sight it is because

we have accepted Christ. If we are the sanctified, it is the result of accepting Jesus, and all the redeemed are the ones who have entered Christ. For in him we have redemption (Eph. 1:7). We hear the gospel of Christ, we believe the message and are immersed into Christ. Thus we are redeemed by his blood, the blood of the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (Jno. 1:29).

This same Jesus is "our Peace" (Eph. 1:7). The middle wall has been abolished between Jews and Gentiles, so all may enter the peaceful fold of Jesus.

He too is the source of the cleansing blood (1 Jno. 1:7), which taketh away all sin, in the language of John, "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (1 Jno. 1:7). This is what John the Baptist saw as he, with two other disciples, strolled down the Jordan banks, in John 1:29.

He is also the source of saving power (Jno. 1:12). "Power to become the sons of God," which is conveyed to the world by the gospel, which is the "power of God unto salvation to all that believe" (Rom. 1:16). This same Jesus left us an example that we should follow in his steps (1 Peter 1:21).

Now, we can look to Jesus the Author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2), even beholding a perfect example. As we walk as he also walked (1 Jno. 2:6).

And as we read our Bibles we see Jesus by faith, first in promise, second in type, third in prophecy, then in birth, life, death, triumph, and glory, with "all power"; King on his throne; Head of all things to the church; our Lord and only Savior (Acts 4:12); our Advocate before the throne of God (Heb. 7:25; 1 Jno. 2:1).

"Behold the Lamb of God!"

The line is very important. Stamped on each individual rod is a number which indicates the size of line that rod requires. A line too heavy or too light will not cast properly.

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To commence casting, strip some line off the reel and lay it out in front of you, holding your rod at about a 10 o'clock position, or almost straight out. With a smooth uplift of the rod, bring the line up and back, stopping the rod at about 1 o'clock, or just behind your head. Watch the bac'cast. When the line straightens out, come forward smoothly and easily. The line will curl over and lay right out. It may take a little practice, but in a short while you should be casting adequately to catch fish.

Any type of tiny wet fly or topwater bug will do for Texas fishing. Use the basic colors of brown, black and yellow. Sometimes a tiny spinner can be attached forward of the fly to give it more appeal.

Fish the bait slowly along the shoreline as you would fish any other bait with spinning or plug-casting tackle.



By Vern Sanford Many people are hesitant to give fly fishing a try because they have heard that it is a very complicated sport. This is a stigma which has haunted the fly rod down through the ages. Where it got started is anyone's guess. But the fly rod never has been quite able to shake it off. Contrary to what you may have heard, fly fishing is not complicated. In fact, the basic cast can be mastered in a few short minutes of practice. What makes fly fishing complicated is that most people get started with the wrong kind of tackle. In such an instance, fly fishing can indeed be difficult. Depending on how mismatched the tackle really is, it can be downright impossible. Unlike spinning or casting, fly fishing depends on balance of tackle and rhythm to get those smooth, delicate-looking casts. The fly rodder is casting

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NATIONAL F.F.A. WEEK

by Lyn McClellan

This week, February 16-22, is designated as National F.F.A. Week. It is our purpose in this week to let the public know what F.F.A. stands for as well as what it is doing.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization that reaches from the state of Washington to Puerto Rico; from Maine to Hawaii.

F.F.A. was founded in November of 1928, with vocational agriculture as its basic idea. Over and above the vocational opportunities, F.F.A. offers development in leadership, character development, cooperation, thrift, citizenship, and patriotism.

The National headquarters of the F.F.A. is Washington, D.C. The national organization is composed of chartered state associations which in turn are made up of local chapters.

There are four degrees of active membership in F.F.A. Greenhands must have a supervised program farm, be familiar with the F.F.A. organization, and be able to recite the creed.

The "Chapter Farmer" must have held the lower degree, completed one year of vocational agriculture, and have a supervised farming program in operation. He must be familiar with Parliamentary procedure and have earned \$50.00 with a supervised farming program.

These two degree are given on the chapter level.

The next degree is the "State Farmer Degree" which is given by the State Associations. These qualifications are very rigid and lengthy.

The highest degree offered is the "American Farmer Degree" which is awarded by the national association. The standards set up for this degree are extremely high.

Each year the chapters set up a program of work built on the needs of the individual and community. The activities involved are set up within the framework of the central organization.

The F.F.A. has a Code of Ethics; We should conduct ourselves at all times as to be a credit to our organization, school and community. The Code of Ethics:

1. Dressing neatly and appropriately.
2. Showing respect for rights of others and being

3. Being honest and not taking advantage of others.
4. Respecting Property of others.
5. Refraining from swearing and horseplay.
6. Demonstrating sportsmanship, modest in winning and generous in defeat.
7. Attending meetings promptly and respecting opinions of others.
8. Taking pride in our organization, activities and farming programs.
9. Sharing experiences gained by attending National and State meetings.

Each member of F.F.A. by striving hard to live to the letter of our code, tries to set a living example of the F.F.A. motto;

"Learning to do,
 Doing to Learn,
 Earning to live,
 Living to serve."

Unknown Soldier

by Dean Lee

They drove along the desolate highway. James Whitmore glanced out of the window and noticed the gray, low hanging clouds that blotted out the sun. A string of white face cattle trudged down a winding trail next to a barbed wire fence laden with ice. Only small tufts of brown grass peeked out from the face of old Mother Earth, as the Unknown Soldier and James Whitmore drove toward a destination which was unknown to Whitmore.

The car came to a slow halt. The soldier stepped out of the car and walked toward a huge set of iron gates. He swung them open, and we both entered the city of the dead. The beautiful roses that had once been placed neatly on the graves of the loved ones were tumbling down the road toward the fence. In front of them Whitmore noticed a tall, silver pole, from which the United States and Texas flags were flying. At its base, there was a huge marble tomb surrounded by four large evergreen trees.

The Unknown Soldier placed his hand on the tomb and began to relate the history of the wars of the United States.

In the early days, the Americans feared the bronzed figure of the Apache Indian, and the drawn out death by torture.

From there he went to Valley Forge. He spoke of the faithful men who didn't desert Washington to go back to their farms. Yes, they stayed in the snow covered valley during freezing weather. Their bleeding feet were only covered with old socks; they had nothing to eat, and they were gradually dying. But these men had faith in their leader both physical and spiritual and they won a war.

Then the Unknown Soldier spoke of the Civil War. He gave a vivid picture of a little green meadow on a beautiful morning. Suddenly there was a faint rumble of drums, the rumble became intense and changed to the sounds of blasting cannons. A Union soldier slumped behind a tree and waited for a cursed Rebel yell and at last the charge. Finally, he



Jeff Roper

by Elaine Kelly

Jeff Roper was born on March 17, 1946, in Amarillo, Texas where he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roper, lived until Jeff was ten years of age. At that time the Roper family moved into a new brick home 10 miles southwest of Morse where Mr. Roper is presently engaged in farming and ranching.

Jeff has two younger sisters; Jan, age 14 and Ronda, age 8. He also has a younger brother Ricky who is 9 years of age.

Jeff attended Morse High his freshman year, then he and his younger sisters and brother transferred to Gruver.

As a sophomore, Jeff was elected class favorite because of his wonderful personality and witty sense of humor. The following year he was a member of the Junior Play, "Take Your Medicine."

During Jeff's years in high school, he has developed quite a talent for taking and developing pictures.

In later life Jeff plans to work in the farm equipment industry. His grandfather is the owner of the Jeffroy Manufacturing Corporation in Amarillo, and because of his influence, Jeff feels that the farm equipment industry is a very interesting and rewarding career.

jumped from his safe position and stood face-to-face with a Confederate soldier. He heard a blast, and the soldier dropped beside him. Simultaneously, he heard another blast and felt warm blood on his face. He touched his face and the suspected wound; then he noticed his companion beside him. His companion had no face, and it was his blood that he felt upon his face. His life had been spared by his companion sacrificing his.

Without conclusion the Unknown Soldier turned from the tomb and said, "You see son, war isn't all glory and medals. Some men have to die for a cause that they believe in."

From that day on, James Whitmore never looked forward to war. As a matter of fact, he became a preacher, but he never again met the Unknown Soldier.



Bonnie Sullins

by Lyn McClellan

Bonnie Lee Sullins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Sullins was born in Warrensburg, Missouri on February 14, 1946.

Bonnie's father, Everett, is a custom farmer in Gruver, while Mary, her mother, is an accomplished china painter.

The Sullins moved to Gruver from Chilhowee, Missouri when Bonnie was one year old. Bonnie has always gone to school here where she has been very active in all school activities.

Bonnie has been in F.H.A. for four years, and has been a very active and faithful member.

Band has played a big part in Bonnie's high school years, as well as grade school. She has been in band eight years, four of these were in high school. Last year she won a 1st place on solo twirling. This year Bonnie is head Twirler, and won a second place in solo twirling. She also plays flute in the concert band.

Bonnie has been active in Harmony Club for four years. She has been the past scrapbook chairman and this year she is Vice-President of the organization.

Many honors have been showered upon Bonnie during her high school years. During her Freshman year she was elected class favorite. Then during her sophomore year she won 3rd place in the Miss Hansford contest. Bonnie's big year was her Junior year when she was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the class. She also was elected Most Beautiful in Gruver High School and the F.F.A. Chapter elected her their F.F.A. Sweetheart. Bonnie was also in the Junior Class play, "Take Your Medicine". This year she was a Band Queen Attendant, and the Homecoming Queen Attendant.

This is Bonnie's first year in Glee Club and she is Secretary of that organization. This is also Bonnie's first year in F.T.A. she is a student assistant under Mr. Val winger in the 4th grade, in cooperation with the F.T.A.

Bonnie attends the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman and is very active in church work.

After graduation Bonnie plans to attend Texas Tech. She plans to major in teaching or interior decorating. Bonnie is interested in teaching because she enjoys working with children.

GREYHOUNDS, YELL,

by Bonnie Sullins

Yes, this is a familiar cry of the cheerleaders during football and basketball season, but one can truly say that the Greyhound fans do yell. It's really wonderful to have fans who are so full of spirit! It not only helps the team but it helps the whole school.

Throughout basketball--season the greyhound fans have followed the teams near and far being faithful supporters all the way.

For many years Gruver has been known far and wide for their outstanding sportsmanship. This sportsmanship has been found not only among the teams but also throughout the Greyhound fans. This is truly something to be proud of, but we know all too well how difficult it sometimes is not to tell a referee how blind he is or to let off a little steam when we didn't think the game was quite fair. But, it is holding back these thoughts as well as the booing of the referees that has given Gruver the fine name it has.

As our teams go to the District Tourney this week, and we hope on to Bi-District later, let's get in there and back them all the way! Win or Lose our teams are the Best in the West.

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LAND SALE

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 1964

TIME AND PLACE: 2:00 p.m. in the offices of Linn & Helms, Spearman, Texas

TRACT ONE:

320 cultivated acres, 8' irrigation well with good water on natural gas, including one mile of natural gas line, on farm-to-market highway, 2-1/2 miles Northwest of Spearman, Texas; one-half mile of underground irrigation pipe. Allotments: cotton 15.9 acres, last year permitted 48.7 acres; wheat 195-1/2 acres; milo 108 acres. No minerals. A few improvements. Receive landlord's share (1/3) of growing wheat and possession of the balance delivered immediately.

Terms: CASH

TRACT TWO:

640 cultivated acres 13 miles North of Spearman, Texas; two 8" 1100 gal. irrigation wells on natural gas; 8200 feet of underground irrigation pipe. Allotment: wheat 396 acres. No minerals. Possession of the land except planted to wheat can be obtained by paying tenant for work done the sum of \$4200.00 (220 acres plowed and fertilized) Bids should be submitted for land without wheat and alternatively with wheat and purchaser under either method will have option on taking possession of the balance of the land at consideration mentioned.

Terms: 29% cash, assume \$60,000.00 first lien and the balance to be paid in one year @ 6%.

TRACT THREE

95 acres 13 miles south and east of Spearman in Hansford and Ochiltree Counties, Texas; cultivated; good water area; 1/2 of non-producing zones to be conveyed. Allotments: wheat 57 acres and feed grain 35 acres.

Terms: CASH

Each tract will be sold separately. Sealed bids are to be submitted prior to sale time to Linn & Helms, Box 38, Spearman, Texas, along with a chasier's check for 5% of the bid, payable to Linn and Helms, escrow agent. After all bids are opened bidders present may orally raise their bids. The highest bidder if accepted will enter into a contract of sale and place 10% of the selling price in escrow. Sellers may reserve the right to reject any and all bids. For additional information call 659-2568, Spearman, Texas or contact Linn & Helms, Box 38, Spearman, Texas.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday February 24th
 Comey Dogs, macaroni and tomatoes, green beans, cinnamon rolls, muffins, milk and butter.

Tuesday February 25th
 Sausage patties, gravy buttered potatoes, blackeyed peas, cherry cobbler, hot rolls, milk and butter.

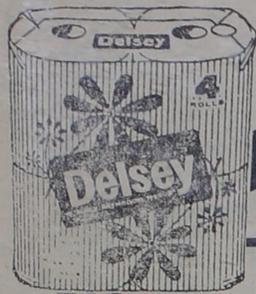
Wednesday February 26th
 Hamburgers, french fries, tossed salad, ice cream, cookies and milk.

Thursday February 27th
 Fried Chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, fruit delight, hot rolls, milk and butter.

Friday February 28th
 Braised beef, gravy, navy beans, lime gelatin special, jelly, hot rolls, milk and butter.

FOOD PRICES

WANTED FOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY



DELSEY 4 roll
TOILET TISSUE 4 for **45c**

Shurfine
CAKE MIXES 3 for **\$1**

Shurfine
SWEET POTATOES large can **27c**

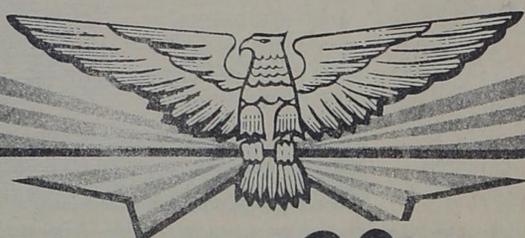


Aqua Net
HAIR SPRAY **79c**
plus 8c tax

Maclean
TOOTH PASTE King Size **59c**

Giant size **47c**

PRODUCE
solid heads
CABBAGE lb. **5c**
Purple Top
TURNIPS lb. **15c**
Extra fancy Red York
APPLES lb. **17c**



MORTON
T.V. DINNERS each **39c**

Gerber's strained
BABY FOOD 3 for **29c**

Morton frozen
HONEY BUNS pkg **29c**

Ideal tall cans
DOG FOOD 2 for **29c**

Giant size bottle
WESSON OIL Each **35c**

Shurfine
COFFEE Reg. or Drip
pound **63c**

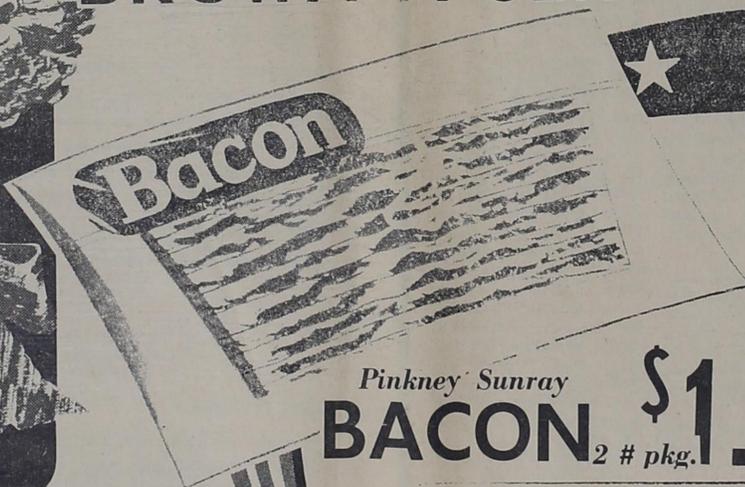
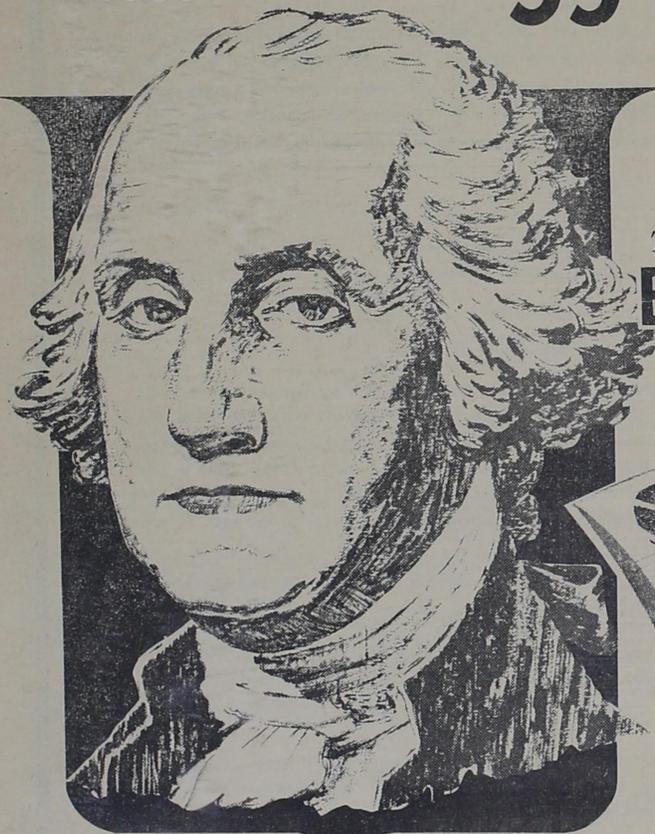


Imperial
Powdered or Brown
SUGAR 2 boxes **35c**

Reg. \$2.39 value
DASH Jumbo size
DETERGENT **\$1.99**



TENDER CRUST
BROWN N SERVE ROLLS pkg. **25c**



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Pinkney Sunray
BACON 2 # pkg. **\$1.09**

Armour Star All Meat
BOLONGA lb. **49c**

BAR-B-Q BEEF lb. **79c**
Homemade Boneless

Armour Star
FRANKS **49c**
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