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The Wright Way

by Willena Wright

Congratulations to James Grigsby, formerly of Gordon, who was promoted to manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Ranger. See full details under separate heading. . .

We were in Fort Worth Saturday night to visit Mrs. Gertrude (Brookman) Spore of Strawn who is a patient in All Saints Hospital where she underwent surgery on a broken hip. Gertrude is to be transferred to Ranger very soon for recuperation. . . Best wishes to Mrs. Patt Cates of Strawn who is recovering from a stroke in the Ranger General Hospital and to Mrs. Bill Threadgill of Gordon, who also underwent minor surgery in the same hospital, but returned home on Wednesday of last week. . .

Welcome aboard to Robert B. Bearden of Star Route B, Box 78 of Midland, Texas; to Grady Crain of Mineola, Texas; to Royce Finch of Lubbock, to Mr. and Mrs. William Supina of Odessa; and to Mrs. Nadine Woolf of Port Allen, Louisiana. The subscription to Royce and wife is compliments of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Finch -- a birthday gift to both. The Supina subscription is compliments of Steva Riebe, and the Woolf subscription is compliments of her mother, Mrs. Joe Heath. . .

Father William Vonk has been transferred and will no longer serve St. John's Catholic Church in Strawn, St. Boniface Catholic Church on Dodson Prairie and St. James Church in Mingus. All three churches will meet in Strawn at 8 a.m. each Sunday for Mass conducted by Father Wilson from Ranger. . .

Rev. John Lewis has resigned the pastorate of the Mingus Baptist Church, only two months after accepting the position. Lewis's resignation caught the church members by surprise. . .

Enjoyed the chat Monday with District Attorney Ed Paynter of Abilene; District Attorney Sam Cleveland of Stephenville; Sheriff Maxwell of Abilene and District Judge W. J. Oxford of Stephenville. All four men are in Palo Pinto to assist in the Alfred P. White murder trial now underway. Paynter, 33, tells us that he is a cousin of George Jones of Gordon. . .

Had a nice note in the mail Tuesday from Mrs. Earl L. Brown of 1800 Larrie Drive in Richardson, Texas. Mrs. Brown tells us that her husband is back in the VA Hospital, 4500 Lancaster Road, Ward 6, 21-B, in Dallas and would enjoy having cards from his friends. . .

Hit And Run Victim Is Buried

Palo Pinto County Hospital District Calls Board of Directors Election

The Board of Directors of the Palo Pinto County Hospital District met in special session yesterday and called the election for three (3) Directors to serve on the Board. Said election being set for April 8th, 1968. The offices of SAMUEL HAWES, D. B. BAUM, and RAYMOND THOMAS will expire the 1st of April and those three (3) positions will be filled by the qualified voters of Palo Pinto County, Texas. The remaining Directors who will serve for an additional year are WILLIAM A. O'QUINN, PERRY HORTON and C. G. LEE. Any person who is a resident of

Palo Pinto County and owns land subject to taxation and is at least twenty-one (21) years of age may have his name placed on the ballot as a candidate, by securing a petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) qualified voters and filing the same with C. G. LEE, who is the Secretary of the Board.

The Board has been extremely busy in the last few months working with the hospital architects in getting final plans and specifications ready for the new hospital. The Board expects to let the contract for construction of the new hospital sometime in the month of June.

Dale Arms, Administrator of the Palo Pinto General Hospital stated that the interim hospital located in the Crazy Hotel will

ridge; two sons, Troy Blue of Mineral Wells and Elvis Blue of Graford; her mother, Mrs. W. A. (Booker) Jones of Mineral Wells, four step-daughters, Mrs. Hazel Stubblefield of Stephenville; Mrs. Faye Wright of Texarkana, Texas; Mrs. Virgie Glover of Big Spring; Mrs. Willie Mae Bennett of Bryson; step sons, E. C. Smothers of Louisiana; Claude Smothers of Post Oak, Texas; J. C. Smothers of Snyder; a sister, Mrs. Lura Carver of Oklahoma City; three brothers, Alvin Jones of Mineral Wells; Steve Jones of Mingus and Rex Jones of Gordon; two grandchildren and a number of step grandchildren.

Ex-Gordon Woman Is Buried

Funeral services for Mrs. Myrl (Jones Blue) Smothers, 65, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church of Gordon with Rev. Harrison McQuay officiating. Burial was in the Gordon New Cemetery.

Mrs. Smothers dies at 7 a.m. February 23 in a Mineral Wells Hospital. She had been ill for for six months. Her home was near Willow Beach at Possum Kingdom Lake.

Survivors include her husband, W. C. Smothers, whom she married July 16, 1956 in Brecken-

Member Of Pioneer Strawn Family Succumbs Monday

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Willie Stuart Buchanan, 75, in First Methodist Church, Strawn, on February 28, 1968 at 2 p.m. She passed away suddenly on Monday, February 26, at 9 a.m.

Mrs. Buchanan was born in Strawn, September 25, 1892, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peter Stuart. Her grandparents, James N. and Sally Allen Stuart were one of the first pioneer families in Strawn and Palo Pinto County. Her father, a pharmacist and rancher, later moved to Weatherford where they lived for several years before returning to Strawn.

Willie Stuart was married to Emanuel Buchanan of Weatherford on February 16, 1910 in the Methodist Church of which she has been a life long member.

She is survived by her five children, two sons, Raymond S.

and Billie E.; three daughters, Marjorie Venturi, Rosemond Stephen, both of Strawn, and Elizabeth Mills of Mineral Wells. She leaves eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Raymond Buchanan of Torrance, Cal.; Mrs. Jan Estes of Austin and her two children, Karen and J. Stuart; Paul Stephen, Jr. and daughter, Ginger, of Odessa; Jennifer Stephen Elmore of Olden; Mary Ellen Venturi of the University of Texas at Arlington; Christopher Stephen of Odessa College; Georgia, Julianne and Joel Stephen of Strawn.

Mrs. Buchanan is also survived by a sister, Miss Fanny Flinn, two brothers, S. Nesbitt Stuart of Strawn and J. R. Stuart of Dallas. Her aunt, Mrs. Emma Davis also survives, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Burial was in the Davidson Cemetery where five generations of the Stuart family are buried.

be ready by April 1st. Equipment is being received daily. The construction and renovation of that portion of the hotel being used as an interim hospital is almost completed.

Clyde Clepper Buried In Ranger Friday

Clyde E. Clepper, 41, of Ranger died at 6:45 p.m. February 21 at his home after an illness of six months.

Funeral services were held in Killingsworth Funeral Home Chapel in Ranger at 2 p.m. Friday with Rev. K. C. Edmonds, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wilbur Atkins, Henry Kitchens, Kenneth Robertson, B. G. Tyner, B. W. Lee and Wayne Pitcock.

Clepper was born September 27, 1926 in Colorado City and was married to Colene L. Coffey June 4, 1964 in Eastland. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of a Baptist Church in San Angelo. He had been a resident of Ranger for the last six months, and was a driller and dairy employee.

Survivors include his wife; his mother, Mrs. Nannie Parsons of Strawn, two step-sons, Harvey Wayne Coffey of Ranger and James Weldon Coffey of Fort Worth; one daughter, Miss Terry Lee Clepper, two sisters, Mmes. E. B. Dorris of Strawn and E. O. Norton of Bedford, Texas.

Fatal Car Accident At Thurber

A 54 year old Dallas resident was killed in a car-truck collision shortly before 4 p.m. Tuesday about 1 mile west of Thurber on Interstate 20. The man was identified as Louis M. Rothburg.

The truck driver was 34 year old Arnold Keen of Palestine. He was uninjured.

Rothburg, headed west, was alone in the car and apparently lost control of the vehicle and plowed into the side of the east bound truck.

A Ranger ambulance carried Rothburg's body to Trewitt-Reed Funeral Home in Stephenville.

Highway Patrolman Mike Watkins of Stephenville investigated the accident which occurred in Erath County.

The search continues today for the hit and run driver who struck Miss Maude Susan Boles of Gordon at approximately 7:45 a.m. February 15. Palo Pinto County Sheriff Gilbert Summerfeld and other county law enforcement officers have been investigating the case.

Miss Boles, 83, died at 11:05 a.m. Friday, February 23, in Nazareth Hospital in Mineral Wells of injuries received in the hit and run accident. Among other injuries she sustained a broken right shoulder, broken left arm, broken pelvis bone, head injuries, internal injuries and a crushed left leg.

Miss Boles, who was walking from her home to her dress shop on Gordon's Main Street, was struck near S & H Ford Company and dragged 110 feet by the vehicle. The driver sped away from the scene and has not been found.

Miss Boles was born November 12, 1884 in Shumway, Illinois but had spent most of her life in Palo Pinto County. She was employed by Strawn Merchandise Company for 30 years and had operated a dress shop in Gordon since Strawn Merchandise Company burned more than 20 years ago.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Methodist Church in Gordon with Rev. Elmer Glazener of Grace Methodist Church in Fort Worth, and Rev. J. W. Hodges, pastor of the Gordon Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Gordon New Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home of Strawn.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Bertha Alley of Gordon and two nephews, Jack Boles of Lubbock and Joe Boles of Taos, New Mexico.

Pallbearers were Robert Barton, Ed Browder, W. C. Stoner, R. B. Strain, John Boyd Herlin, and Jerry Mathis.

Bulletin Board

Guy "Gump" Craddock, Strawn City Secretary, has issued an announcement that March 6 is the last date for filing for the position of mayor and also for the two council seats which will be filled. The election will be held in April but anyone interested in filing for any of these three positions must pick up the forms at city hall and file before midnight on March 6.

Burke Musgrave of Breckenridge, state representative, will be the guest speaker at an assembly program in the Gordon School at 9:45 a.m. on March 13. Musgrave's subject will be "Americanism." The entire student body and the general public is invited to attend.

Strawn Girl All-Tarleton Woman For 1968

Sandra Watson, a Tarleton State College junior from Strawn, has been elected All-Tarleton Woman for 1968 by the student body.

Miss Watson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lindol O. Watson of Strawn, is majoring in elementary education at Tarleton. She is a 1965 graduate of Strawn

High School and is presently a member of the D.S.T. Social Club, the Texas State Education Association, the Women's House Council, and is junior class secretary. In the past, she has been a nominee for Miss T S C, freshman and sophomore favorites, and has been in the Parents' Day Court.

Ex-Gordon Man Gets Promotion

James Grigsby, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grigsby of Gordon, has been named manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Ranger, according to an announcement by Carroll Davis, district manager for the company.

Grigsby replaces Charles Wilson who has been promoted to unit manager in Tyler in charge of a large group of telephone accounts.

Grigsby joined Southwestern Bell in 1965 as a business representative in Fort Worth's East District. In 1966 he was promoted to commercial staff assistant, a position he now holds.

A native of Brad, Grigsby was graduated from Gordon High School and attended Weatherford Junior College, Texas Christian University, McMurry College and the University of Texas at Arlington.

His wife is the former Freddie Kaye Duffey, also of Gordon. Grigsby will have charge of

telephone business office and commercial operations in Albany, Breckenridge, Cisco, Eastland and Ranger.

Plans Made For New Post Office

Post Office Department has selected a site for the new Stephenville Post Office Building, according to a report Tuesday from Cong. Omar Burleson.

The property is a city block now owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Trewitt. Mrs. Lillie D. Trewitt and Scott D. Reed, which extends from the intersection of N. Graham and E. Tarleton north 250 feet and east 208 feet.

The site included the houses now occupied by Joe Harrison and Scott D. Reed, and is approximately 54,580 square feet.

Purchase price will be \$99,850.

Randall To Speak In Ranger

Porter Randall, famed lecturer, traveler and Texas State National news commentator, will present a film lecture in Ranger, Friday, March 15, at 8 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Randall will be sponsored by the Ranger Band Booster Association. Tickets are on advance sale and can be purchased from Ranger Auto Parts, Ranger Rex-all Drug, Alma's Beauty Shop, Adams Grocery Store and also from Richard Helmcamp, band director. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Randall's subject will be "Africa, the Spectacular." Proceeds from this appearance will be used to pay for the new "Ranger High School Band uniforms. Price will be \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Postmaster Glenn Williams said Tuesday that site approval would clear the way for plans and specifications to be prepared by the Post Office Department.

Williams said the new structure would include a post office and sectional center and would be approximately 16,000 - 17,000 square feet in size.

Current plans call for the building to be built by private enterprise and leased to the Post Office under a bid basis.

Tax Laws Changed

Changes in the handling of medical expenses are about the only difference taxpayers will notice in the filing requirements for 1967 federal income tax returns.

Ellis Campbell, Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue, said there are two major changes in the medical expense area.

First, the medical expenses of those 65 and over are now subject to the same limitations that apply to taxpayers under 65. All taxpayers must now reduce medical expenses by 3 percent of their gross income. Such medical expenses include the cost of drugs and medicine which exceeds 1 percent of income. The excess over this amount is deductible.

Second, one half the premium paid for medical insurance up to a maximum of \$150 may now be deducted as a medical expense without regard to the 3 percent limitation. (Ed. Note-- Due to the community property law, Texas taxpayers may claim up to a maximum of \$300 medical insurance provided they file separate returns.) The balance of the premium cost for medical insurance should be added to other medical costs subject to the limitation. Life insurance and accident and health insurance covering the loss of earnings are not medical expenses and the premiums paid are not deductible.

These changes are explained in the 1040 instructions as well as the IRS Publication No. 17, "Your Federal Income Tax", Mr. Campbell said. Publication No. 17 costs 50¢ at IRS offices.

Eastern Star Has Meeting

The Strawn Chapter #361 of the Order of the Eastern Star met Tuesday evening, February 20, with 14 officers present and Worthy Matron Selma Gailey in her station in the East.

After the business meeting, the members retired to the dining area where the tables were decorated with the Valentine theme. Refreshments of salad wafers, cookies and coffee were served to those present by the hostesses for the evening, Maggie Cato, Dean Richards and Pat Edwards.

Strawn OES Hosts Masons

Members of the Strawn O. E. S. honored the Masons Thursday evening, February 22nd, at a George Washington Party with pie and coffee as refreshments.

Hostesses for the evening were Ina Sinclair, Dean Richards, Pat Edwards, Mary Roberts and Irene Hatfield, and Elizabeth Waugh as a visitor.

Gordon Lodge In Campaign

The Order of the Sons of Hermann in Texas will honor its Grand President, Fritz Schilo, San Antonio, with a special membership drive during March, month of Schilo's birthday.

The 166 lodges across the state participating in the March 1-31 campaign will include Gordon Hermann Sons Lodge #224 at

Gordon, Texas.

Financial awards to be paid to members who successfully recommend new members or who increase their own existing Hermann Sons certificates during the Grand President's Birthday Month Campaign will equal any in the 107-year history of the order, said Louis B. Engelke, Grand Lodge Public Relations Director and statewide chairman of the drive.

Assisting Engelke as vice chairmen are the four Grand Lodge District Supervisors, Marvin O. Gold, Walter Prescher, Henry F. Koester and Samuel L. Ahr; and Special Grand Lodge Representatives George Wolfgang and Tom P. Farley.

This is the first spring membership campaign in 12 years for the 65,000-member fraternal benefit society.

Christmas and Bill Lawrence to the following boys: Johnny Atkins, Mike Baines, John Christmas, Tommy Delgado, Terry Edwards, David Haney, Alvin Holder, Kyle Owen and Benjie Regino.

Other awards presented were Wolf pins to the following: Bobby Christmas, Bobby Harris, Robert Weidner, and Gene Moore. Two-year service stars were presented to Cub Master Wilbur Atkins and Assistant Cub Master Wayne Pitcock. A committee member patch was presented to Bill Hinkson.

There were 67 people present for the banquet.

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Cub Scouts Have Banquet

The annual Blue and Gold Banquet was held by Cub Scout Pack 60 Saturday night, February 24, 1968 at the Methodist Church in Strawn.

Special guest speaker was Rev. James Waller, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Strawn.

The theme for the year "Scaling Peaks in Scouting" was carried out in the clever table decorations, which were made by the boys. Centerpieces were large snow-capped mountains with a Cub Scout climbing the side. Place cards were small mountains with a Cub Scout flag at the peak of each. Blue and Gold place mats completed the table decorations.

Cub Master Wilbur Atkins conducted the program. Cub Scouts Randall Pitcock, Mike Baines, Daryl Atkins and Mark Hinkson conducted the flag ceremony and all present joined in the pledge to the flag and singing of "America the Beautiful." New parents were welcomed and introduced by the scouts in Den 1. Highlight of the program was the special induction ceremony for the Webelos Scouts. Badge colors were presented by Den Leaders Lloyd

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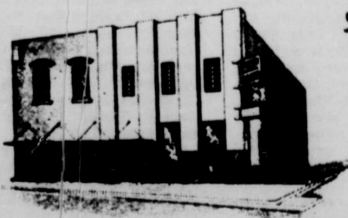
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Edwards In Santo To Have School Election This Week

Jerry T. Edwards of Strawn is participating in the fourth Emergency Care and Transportation Course at Texas A & M University.

He is receiving training in advanced first aid and medical transportation practices used by ambulance drivers, fire and police department rescue personnel and industrial safety officials in keeping the injured alive until in a medical doctor's care.

The three-day course will include instruction in external heart massage, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and removing injured persons from wrecked cars.

Sponsored by the Firemen's Training School of A & M's En-

An election for school trustees for the Santo School has been set for April 6.

Three incumbents, John Reeves, Odel Haile and Herman Martin, have filed for re-election.

Other prospective candidates must file with the Palo Pinto judge before March 6 at 5 p.m.

Voting will be done at the high school on April 6 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Absentee voting may be done in the superintendent's office of the Santo School from March 18 through April 2 during school hours on school days.

Engineering Extension Service and medical branches of the University of Texas and Baylor, the course runs Wednesday through Friday.

Edwards owns and operates the Edwards Funeral Home in Strawn.

If They Close The Drugstores, What's Next?

(An Editorial)

Dr. James L. Goddard, commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, has said that the corner drugstore should be closed down. However, he qualified this statement by adding that any such development is 20 years away.

Not surprisingly, the remarks by the FDA commissioner before newsmen at a New York press conference aroused the ire of retail pharmacists throughout the nation. A spokesman for 40,000 of the country's 53,000 drugstores, Willard B. Simmons, executive secretary of the National Association of Retail Druggists, declared that it wouldn't have made any difference if Dr. Goddard had said that drugstores wouldn't be shut down for 50 years. "It is all the same to me," said Mr. Simmons while speaking before the Northern California Pharmaceutical Association recently. "Dr. Goddard has gone on record as favoring the elimination of the American drugstore from the public scene. That leaves us no choice but to seek his resignation."

Mr. Simmons also charged in his speech that Dr. Goddard is dedicated to the concept of moving the practice of drug dispensing out of the drugstores and into the doctor's office. "But I have news for Dr. Goddard and others within and outside of pharmacy," Mr. Simmons said. "The American drugstore as a vital, progressive, updated service institution is here to stay. That's the way the public wants it and that's the way it is going to be."

If Mr. Simmons is correct in his forecast, drugstores in every community will continue to make a major contribution to the public welfare and to the economy. If Dr. Goddard is correct, we can look forward to a decrease in drugstore expenditures to meet payrolls and advertise goods and services, empty stores, and the possible elimination of the drugstore as a traditional service institution in all communities.

We can also look forward to queuing-up at the few and far between medical centers and hospitals to obtain our prescription drugs. That is not at all a pleasant prospect when you consider that, more often than not, the patients who are in need of drugs are not feeling well enough to travel long distances and wait in line for medicine.

If Dr. Goddard's dire forecasts turn out to be true, no longer will we be able to have our prescriptions filled or refilled at our "corner drugstore" or call for immediate delivery of health care needs in all kinds of weather or have emergency drug services readily available over a 24-hour period, or to be able to have a trained professional and business person ready to serve all members of our family, young or old, with the kind of personal attention we have always received from our local pharmacist; or be able to talk to our neighborhood pharmacist about a large number of personal and community problems.

We sincerely hope that the commissioner is wrong in his predictions and the drugstore will remain as a vital service institution in all of our communities. But if the commissioner is correct, what other segment of our free enterprise system will a few schemers turn to in their efforts to control our society?

Today the very existence of the drugstore is threatened. Who knows what tomorrow has in store for other professions and business enterprises?

Strawn Personals

by Maurine Crawford

Doyle Roberson of Mineral Wells visited in his parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Roberson, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kitchens and Mrs. Riley Roberson were in Gordon Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Roberson and Mrs. Henry Kitchens went to Ranger on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pitcock and children were visited by their son, Dennis Holt, and a friend, Jim Holmes, of Dallas, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Harvey Black and children from Fort Worth were visitors in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Roberson over the weekend.

Mr. Clarence Minnick has purchased the old Houghton house from T. Polk and is tearing it down to move to Mineral Wells and will do some building and remodeling his property over there.

Mr. Steve Bramlet of Weatherford was a visitor in Strawn Saturday morning. Steve is a very promising young man. He is agent for the Dallas News, distributing the Dallas News to the many agents on his run. He also works in Weatherford for the Good Year Products. He is a Baptist and is studying for the ministry.

Mr. Mike Davis is ill this week.

Testimony Begins In White Trial

Testimony began Wednesday in the murder trial of former Highway Patrolman Alfred P. White. The trial is being heard in 29th District Court in Palo Pinto on a change of venue from Taylor County, Texas.

White, a 14 year veteran of the Highway Patrol, is charged with murder with malice aforethought in the beating death of his 37 year old wife, Joyce, on or about last July 14, 1967.

Mrs. White's body was found in the bedroom of the couple's modest frame house in Abilene. White was found beaten and with his hands tied behind him on the lawn of a neighbor's home. White told investigating officers that the couple had returned from a drive-in movie and found two Negro men in the house. According to White's story, the men bound and beat him and bludgeoned his wife to death.

A few days later, White was charged with the murder and has been held in Taylor County Jail in Abilene without bond since that time. He was transferred to Palo Pinto early Monday morning for the start of his trial.

District Judge W. J. Oxford is presiding at the trial. District Attorney Ed Paynter of Abilene is prosecuting the case assisted by District Attorney Sam Cleveland of Stephenville. The defense attorneys are A.L. "Dusty" Rhodes of Abilene and Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells.

Snake Hunt In Strawn

Don't forget, next week is the fourth annual snake hunt in Strawn.

All hunters must register and will be required to sign a release absolving the landowner and the Strawn American Legion of all liability. Each hunter will have a badge of identification and a list of rules and regulations.

also Larry Pruitt and his daddy have the flu.

Mrs. Byers spent the weekend in Mineral Wells with her children and other relatives.

Mrs. Dan Shubert was called to San Antonio to the bedside of of a sick sister and brother-in-law. The brother-in-law passed away Friday and the sister is no better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Werks and Joy spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moon.

Miss Donna Ruth Stone, who has been sick for the past two weeks with an infected throat, is better but will have to remain in bed at least one more week. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. T. B. Layne entered the Hospital in Ranger last week. He is improving slowly at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Layne have purchased the home of Jack Moody's (the home of the late "Shot" Martin) and have moved in it. The Laynes sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cline (the house was formerly owned by the late March Zemeski). The Clines will move some time this week.

NOTICE

Will you parents with children who have BB guns please find out where they are and what they are doing? In the last two days I have picked up 25 dead parakeets in the pen.

Thank you,
Maurine Crawford

Mrs. Nannie Yell was honored with a surprise birthday dinner on her 80th birthday by her granddaughter, Joyce Baker, in Fort Worth. She had a lovely dinner,

Sorority Has Meeting With Mrs. Roberson

Alpha Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday night February 26, 1968 in the home of Genelle Roberson in Strawn.

After a brief business meeting the cultural program entitled "Enjoyment of Music" was presented by Carolyn Cline.

Refreshments of ice cream, cookies, coffee and cakes were served to the following members: Carolyn Cline, Sue Kitchens, Virginia Lusk, Beryl Minnick, Genelle Roberson and Bette Pitcock.

Next regular meeting will be a Recipe Party hosted by Sue Kitchens, March 11, 1968.

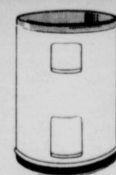
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We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our friends who were so very thoughtful and gracious to us during the passing of our loved one.

The family of Bob Glanton

birthday cake and beautiful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stewart took her to Fort Worth to the home of her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Baker and son, Cole. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Neill and children of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Owen T. Brady and sons, Shawn and Greg, of Irving. Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Layne included Mr. and Mrs. Bill Layne and Gary of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of Euless.

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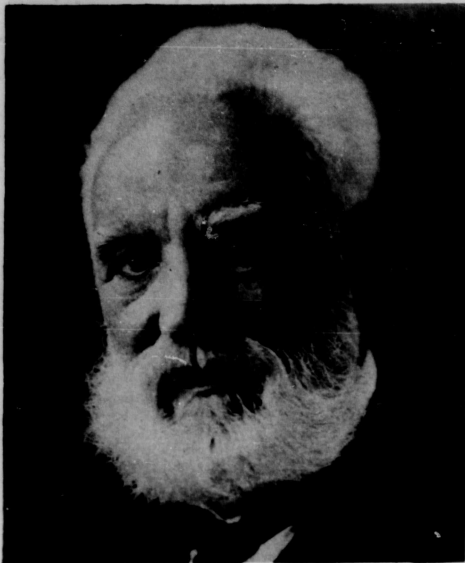
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Alexander Graham Bell defined an inventor as "a man who looks upon the world and is not content with things as they are."

He had no formal education in engineering or physical science, yet he became one of America's greatest inventors.

He perfected the first phonograph records.

He developed a machine that was the forerunner of the iron lung.

He designed the first air-conditioning system.

He invented the first telephone.

He was Alexander Graham Bell, born 121 years ago March 3.

Most Americans know about Bell and the telephone. But few know of his many other scientific accomplishments, which also made a great impact on the American way of life.

Bell never really considered himself an inventor, per se. "I am a teacher of the deaf," he maintained. But the byproducts of his life-long efforts to help the deaf made him as one of America's greatest inventors.

Early in his career, Bell invented a device which could transmit sound over a light beam for short distances. However, the "photophone," as he called it, proved to be a poor competitor for his earlier invention, the telephone. However, the principles of his "photophone" were later applied to the photoelectric cell, the motion picture sound track and the transistor.

Bell made many important contributions to medicine. He developed a method of artificial respiration by means of what he called a "Vacuum Jacket" -- a predecessor of today's iron lung. He suggested a method for treating internal cancer which is successfully in use today.

When President James A. Garfield was shot in 1881, Bell attempted to locate the position of the bullet by means of an electrical surgical probe. The metal-seeking probe was unsuccessful, probably because of the metal springs in the bed, but Bell later perfected the instrument to a degree where it was widely used until the discovery of X-ray.

His interest in heredity led him

to research and publish a huge statistical study that traced 8,907 members of a family back to a common ancestor, a pioneer work in genetic science.

Flight by man became an insatiable interest of Bell's. He helped form the Aerial Experiment Association which made three or four successful flights using engines designed by pioneer aviator Glenn Curtiss. His experiments with kites led him to develop the aileron and steerable undercarriage, his greatest contributions to aeronautics.

Bell was certain that air power would become important in the course of history. In 1908 he wrote, "The nation that secures control of the air will ultimately rule the world."

His interest in transportation was not limited to the sky. He believed the principles of flight could be applied to water craft. After years of experimenting, he developed thin, wing-like metal tubes--hydrofoils--which helped to eliminate water resistance to a moving boat. In 1919, Bell developed a plane-like boat which set a record speed of 70.86 miles per hour--a speed that stood for many years.

He invented a method for detecting icebergs at sea by bouncing electrically-generated sound off unseen objects below the surface of water. The method later was used for calculating the depth of the ocean and was a forerunner of today's depthometer and sonar devices.

Other areas in which Bell's fertile mind worked included a method of condensing fresh water from vapor in the air to provide life-sustaining liquid for seamen adrift at sea in open boats. During an extremely uncomfortable, hot summer in Washington, D.C., he invented an air-conditioning system for his home. And he made lengthy studies of sheep breeding with the hope of developing an ewe that could bear more than one lamb at a time--a study that is still being researched.

Bell defined an inventor as

Boom Town The Story of Thurber

by Weldon Hardman

PART X
Chapter VII Cont.
W. K. Gordon

To W. K. Gordon, any man regardless of race, creed, or color, deserves a square deal. Any old Thurberite can tell stories of the good deeds done by Gordon during the years spent at Thurber. On his trips about the surrounding country, prospecting and staking locations for new mines, he was always very considerate of the men working with him and when he had worked them harder than usual he would give them his order for a keg of

beer as soon as they reached town in the evening.

The following incident is typical of Gordon's feelings for his fellow man. A mule had died in the Big Lake and, though the weather was near freezing, it was necessary to remove it from the town's drinking water.

Gordon took three men, the necessary ropes and equipment, and went to the lake to remove the carcass. At the water's edge the men began undressing to go into the cold water and someone noted that Gordon, too, was shedding his clothes. On being asked what he was going to do, he replied, "I am going with you for I would not ask any man to go any place that I wouldn't go myself."

Mr. Gordon was always a boxer and all-around athlete. This probably saved him much embarrassment during his career at Thurber. When gentler methods failed it sometimes became necessary for him to resort to the only language many of the miners knew--"the survival of the fittest." Mr. Gordon, however, did not bully the men and held no grudges even when he had to end the argument in the hard way.

Gordon had ordered a negro to leave town, but several days la-

ter met what he believed to be the same colored man, on the street. Gordon greeted the negro and remarked that he had told him to leave town.

"No, suh," said the negro, "warn't me." Gordon, thinking the negro had lied as well as disobeyed him, proceeded to give the negro a sound "thrashing."

Upon learning, some hours later, that he was mistaken, Gordon went to the negro's home and grasping the darkey's hand apologized for what he had done. The colored man remained in the company's service for many years and was shown many favors by the best friend and white folks a darkey had--"Marse Gordon."

Gordon says that in recent years he has found one who can best him in the many arts--his son, Billie, boxing champion at Virginia Military Institute. "I couldn't even hit him," says Gordon. "That boy is some boxer--or, maybe I'm getting old."

Although he is well past the allotted three score and ten, Gordon walks with the springy step of a man many years his junior, and can out-walk most younger men in the woods.

After 35 years of service at Thurber, Gordon resigned his position with the T. P. Coal Company and entered the oil business for himself. He still has faith in Palo Pinto County as an oil producing country for he is at present drilling tests near the town of Gordon.

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Mingus Personals

by Lucyle Vaden

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Formaz and son of Gunnison, Colorado have been in Mingus visiting Mrs. Formaz's brother, Pete Scott and family.

Miss Linda Parsons spent the weekend in Santo visiting Miss Vickie Lockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Vaden and daughter of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Eleonora Baden of Iowa City, Iowa visited the Vadens Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Baden is the mother of Mrs. John Paul Vaden.

Mr. and Mrs. Fancher Garland and Mr. Earl Welty of Possum Kingdom visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mayhar Sunday.

Miss Neva Krajar and Her father, who have been in Mineral Wells for two months with his daughter, Mrs. Delores Raffaele, returned home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Custer made a business trip to Mineral Wells Thursday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cunningham Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vann (a sister) of Mineral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Blue (a sister) of Possum Kingdom, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Atkins (a brother) of Strawn.

Mrs. Vera Wyatt and daughter of Strawn attended services at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Mrs. Lester Dyer spent Thursday and Friday in Gordon with her daughter, Mrs. T. O. Simmons, who is ill.

Mrs. Frank Haney and Mrs. Joe Daskevich of Ranger visited Mr. and Mrs. Wee Davis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Rich of Carbon visited the Davises Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bradley of Weatherford and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Bradley of Brownwood, spent the weekend with their brother, Mr. Oscar Bradley and their sister, Mrs. Hettie Hughes.

Mrs. C. G. Loflin is in Dallas visiting her sister, Mrs. Cowley.

Mrs. C. C. Boone and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddux attended church at New Hope Sunday night. They heard Mrs. Boone's niece, Miss Louise Mitchell, speak. Miss Mitchell is a missionary to the Indians in Arizona.

Bobbie Boone of Fort Sill, Oklahoma spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. C. C. Boone.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beneventi. They became great-grandparents February 20. Bradley Kenneth was born in the Panama Canal Zone. His parents are Lt. and Mrs.

S. K. Watkins. Mrs. Watkins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Beneventi of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Vaden visited Mrs. Erma Vaden in Santo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Telchik of O'Donnell spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. N. W. Cowan. Sunday afternoon, they visited Mr. Telchik's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Telchik, and his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Holub, of Dodson Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Heatherington were shopping in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Mrs. Raymond Boyd, who is a patient in Ranger Hospital, is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck Armstrong of Morgan Mill spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Maddox.

The Home Demonstration Club meets Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. State Representative Burke Musgrave will be the speaker. Everyone is invited.

Kenneth Campbell of San Antonio visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mayhar Wednesday.

Mrs. Delores Raffaele and grandson, Mickey Raffaele, of Mineral Wells, visited her father and sister, Mr. Krajar and Miss Neva Krajar Sunday.

Mrs. Harvey Cunningham's nephew, Ronnie Gibson, and his friend, G. E. McCoy, of Mineral Wells spent Sunday night with the Cunninghams.

John Chisolm and Durwood Sanders of Lingleville visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mayhar Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mayhar visited Mr. and Mrs. Winifred McCoy in Strawn Thursday.

Bro. John Lewis presented his resignation as pastor of the Baptist Church Sunday morning. Sunday, March 4, will be his last Sunday. The church will miss Bro. Lewis and his family and wish them the "best of everything."

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Brown of Euless spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Brown. Saturday, they visited Mr. Calvin Brown in the Ranger Hospital.

Mrs. Nina Choate and Vivian visited Mrs. Thelma Lynn in Ranger Monday evening. Also visited Mrs. Raymond Boyd in Ranger Hospital.

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Gordon Personals

by Pauline Reasoner

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Merle Smothers in the First Baptist Church here Sunday afternoon. Those out of town attending the funeral were Earl and Ann Blue, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bramlet of Fort Worth, Bill Boyd of Hurst, E. A. Sims of Mineral Wells and Allen Dillard of Possum Kingdom.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Long, Mrs. M. O. Shook and Mrs. J. A. Broadus attended the funeral of John C. Sedwick in Albany Monday afternoon. Mrs. Sedwick was a cousin to those attending his funeral.

Mrs. Jim Archer, who had surgery one day last week, is reported as doing nicely. Friends and relatives visiting her from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Archer of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carson of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones and girls of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stiffler of Waco were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lee. Mrs. Stiffler is the former Kay Lee.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Clara Eaton this weekend were Paul, Martha and Chris Foley of Dallas, John Paul and Judy Black of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Black of Abilene. Mrs. Eaton cooked a birthday dinner for her daughter, Mrs. John L. Black.

The Y.W.A. girls of the First Baptist Church attended the House Party at Hardin-Simmons this past weekend. Those attending were Anna Lou Burgett, Gloria Deaton, Benita Johnson, Elizabeth Bernal, Janice Pitman, Betty Knick, Pamela Mayo, Betsy Pitman, Martha Crumpton, Mrs. Delphia Deaton and Mrs. Floyd Newberry. Over 2,000 girls attended this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Stowe, Bobby and Russell, spent Sunday in Lipan with Mr. Alton Stowe and Mike. They were celebrating Mr. Stowe's birthday. Mrs. Georgia Still from Stamford was present for the occasion.

Barbara Tucker, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. Ban Segars, underwent surgery about two weeks ago and is reported as doing a lot better.

Mrs. W. C. Stoner visited with Mrs. Jim Archer in the Eastland Memorial Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Glen Hodges of Spur, Texas spent this past weekend with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hodges.

Gordon Woman's Club Has Meeting

The Gordon Woman's Club met Tuesday evening, February 27th, at the home of Mrs. M. O. Shook.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. E. H. Pierce.

After the business session and reports from the standing committees, roll call was answered by each member present.

A most interesting and informative program was presented by Miss Martha Crumpton, giving a poem as a devotion; Mrs. D. L. Phillips, a talk on "Consumer Trends," and Mrs. Dewey Lee, a talk on "Safety in the Home."

The meeting adjourned and refreshments of cake squares, nuts, mints and punch were served by the hostess, Mrs. M. O. Shook.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Reasoner visited a little while with her aunt, Mrs. S. O. Sullivan, in Graham Saturday night.

Mr. Cecil Biggers of Dallas is visiting with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jones, this week.

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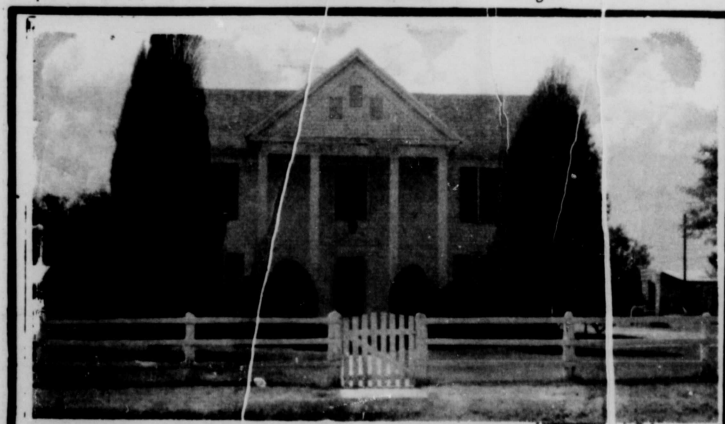
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Santo Personals

by Merle Carter

Santo School was dismissed Thursday afternoon about 1:30 during the heavy snow storm in order that the buses might get the children home before the roads iced over, and classes were not resumed until Monday morning. We received about three inches of snow and the youngsters were all quite thrilled. We can't say so much for ourselves. We could be quite content without the snow and ice. Clifford's snowman finally melted Sunday and he was quite disappointed because it did not last longer.

A number of ladies attended a Sarah Coventry Jewelry Party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Willena Holder. Mrs. Nettie Ballenger of Salesville was the demonstrator.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carey were shopping in Mineral Wells Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Sparks drove over to Benbrook Thursday before the snow storm began to visit the Frank Thornton family and to help their young grandson, Danny, celebrate his 12th birthday. Mr. Sparks came home Friday but Mrs. Sparks remained for a longer visit and the Thorntons brought her home Saturday night.

Mrs. Christine Bounds left from Love Field Monday by jet plane to go to Pink Hill, North Carolina to see her first grandchild, a boy, who was born to Bob and Claudia Williamson Saturday afternoon. The baby has been named Bob Maxwell Williamson, Jr. He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Lora Hatchett of Santo. Mrs. Bounds will spend several days with the Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Hall and son, Rickey, and Elbert Dale Holder attended a Country and Western Musical at Whitt Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt and baby were shopping in Mineral Wells Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Lowe made a business trip to Mineral Wells Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buell and Mrs. Hoyt Hendricks were shopping in Mineral Wells Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Ellis went to Mason Saturday where they attended a family reunion

of Mrs. Ellis' family during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Irby of Fort Worth spent Sunday with Mrs. Irby's uncle, Deal Gilbert, and wife in Santo.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Bean and children were Mineral Wells visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Herring were in Stephenville one day last week where Mrs. Herring received medical treatment.

Leo Wagon and children of Fort Worth spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Owens and sons were shopping in Weatherford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lack and daughters of Bridgeport spent Saturday night here with Mrs. Lack's father, Grady Myers. On Sunday, the Prentiss Brannon family of Baird joined the group for the day.

Raymond Jones of Mineral Wells and the Terry Jones family of Lone Camp spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and Nila.

Mrs. Bill Orr and children were shopping in Mineral Wells Saturday.

Billy Henderson of Mineral Wells visited in Santo Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wayne Looney and children visited in the Eric Roberson home Friday evening and Mrs. Minnie Clements accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore of Sherman spent the weekend here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards. Burton Moore of Fort Worth also visited here with the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Young and their grandchildren from Euless spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Young.

Gail Warren of the U. S. Navy, who is stationed in Pearl Harbor, is visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Warren, between tours of duty aboard a submarine. Gail spent part of last week in Lubbock visiting Pam and Eddie Phillips, his sister and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Armstrong and daughters of Eastland visited here last Sunday with her mo-

ther, Mrs. Valeria Walker.

Miss Sue Hunt and her girlfriend from Mineral Wells attended church in Lipan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shelton and children of Fort Worth spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Shelton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Thomas of Bennett visited their daughter, Mrs. Richard Owens and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hunt and children of Mineral Wells spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunt, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buell were shopping and visiting in Mingus and Gordon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Lowe had lunch Sunday at Turner's Cafe then drove over to Strawn for a visit with their aunt, Mrs. Ara Caraway.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gilbert were in Stephenville Sunday to visit Guy Simms at the Stephenville hospital. Mr. Simms hopes to be able to return home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Johnston were in Gordon Saturday to attend the funeral of Miss Maude Boles.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac McCleskey of Morgan Mill were in Santo on business Tuesday and they also visited his aunt, Mrs. Bertie Adams and the Joe Patterson family.

Mrs. Sandra Edwards and daughter, Rhonda, were Mineral Wells visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor of Weatherford visited here Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bandy and family.

Mrs. Willena Holder will be hostess for a Stanley Party Saturday evening at her home in Santo, with Mrs. Ree Winbourn as demonstrator. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be games of 42 and dominoes for the men.

Mrs. Sallie Sparks and son, Harvey, were Mineral Wells visitors Tuesday morning.

Paul Edwards of Fort Worth visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Sunday.

Glen Taylor and family of Fort Worth spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Taylor.

Mrs. Joe Patterson and son, Bill, were shopping in Mineral Wells Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bart Holder of Mineral Wells visited here Saturday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Holder, and took their daughter, Karen, home.

Mrs. Erma Vaden visited a while in the home of her sister-in-law, Miss Lottie Vaden, in Gordon.

Jim Burns of Sap Oak was here Saturday helping Truman Lowe grind feed.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gilbert visited Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tuggle, near Lipan. Mr. Tuggle has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Young and Mrs. Mary Pittman were in Weatherford Monday where Mrs. Pittman went for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson of Weatherford visited here Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Johnson's grandfather, Bake Bosely, and Mrs. Bosely.

E. R. Carey returned Monday to his home in Santo after spending several weeks in Sweetwater where he was under the care of a doctor. His brother accompanied him home.



Can you identify this "mystery picture?" The name of the child and the first person to identify him will be printed in next week's "The Wright Way" column. Readers may call OR 2-5273 in Strawn or MY 3-5596 in Gordon with their guesses. Helpful hint: the child is now somewhere in his twenties and is employed in Gordon.

Mrs. Rena Blecker of Breckenridge is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Otto Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Nash of Peaster spent Sunday with his brother, Granville Nash, and wife.

Miss Adena Brannon, who attends T. W. C. in Fort Worth, spent the weekend at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brannon and Renee.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Blecker spent the weekend at their home in Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Loftin and son, Logan, spent Saturday in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young of Arlington spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Young.

E. A. Holder and son, Elbert Dale, made a business trip to Stephenville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Ellis of Houston are here for a visit with their son, Robbie, and wife, also with Mrs. Ellis' sisters, Mmes. Ollie Knight, Ruth Phillips and Josie McClish.

Mmes. Elsie York and Nellie Joe Sublett went to Stephenville Monday evening to visit their step-father, Guy Simms, at the Stephenville Hospital.

Mrs. Altha Rucker of Santo accompanied Mrs. Ruby Rucker

of Jackboro to Richardson Monday to visit the former's daughter, Mrs. Melvin Young, and family.

C. P. Carter was a Weatherford visitor one day last week. Mrs. Ruby Josey and granddaughter of Weatherford, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Beulah Driskell.

Earl Chesnut and wife Erma Lee came down from Mineral Wells Saturday and took his mother, Mrs. G. A. Chesnut, to see her doctor in Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bernard of Weatherford visited here Sunday with Mrs. Bernard's sister, Miss Iva Burns.

Mrs. Byron Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Rogers visited relatives in Gorman and Desdemona Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gilbert and son, Kenneth, visited the Bob Dinwiddie family in Salesville Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Sparks and son, Harvey, visited her son, Lit, in Mineral Wells Sunday.

Herman Bond of Abilene visited here Monday with his mother, Mrs. Ida Bond.

Mrs. Fern Rogers visited Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Eva Greene, at Resort Lodge in Mineral Wells.

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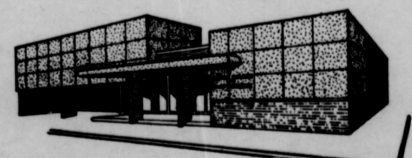
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Truths To Live By

by W. N. Shipman

I would like to invite your attention to God's word concerning the last days. Just before the Lord will return, at His return, and after His coming.

Sin will be increased and man will continue his downward trend just before He returns. II Timothy 3:1, 5. This know, also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. As long as this age lasts sin will continue. There will be evil and deception, national and international sin will multiply. Man will be saying there isn't anything wrong with sin. Twelve reporters were sent out by a national magazine to talk to hundreds of people in all walks of life. They returned with 60,000 words of note on Americans' morals. Their conclusion was this, "A very few seem to think American morals are any worse than they have always been." An insurance adjuster said, "I hate to say this but 75% of the people I deal with now have no morals at all." It didn't use to be this way. The Spirit of this age is sin. Evil to most people is no longer evil. It is just a part of the human condition and the age in which we live. This attitude and moral condition of man simply accomplishes the desire of Satan. Indifference claims our churches and church people. Wickedness lays hold upon our youth and the Devil is pulling

millions down into the pit of hell.

Pleasure, drunkenness, adulterers and fornication was the sins that caused God to send a flood of judgment on this world in the days of Noah. These sins will be practiced greatly just before the coming of Jesus Christ. Matthew 23:37, 39.

But as the days of Noah were so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days there were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. We have seen the condition just before the coming of Christ, let us look in God's word at some of the things that will happen at His coming. First, there will be a great separation. Matt. 24:40, 41. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, the other left. 1 Thess. 4:16, 17 For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: so shall we ever be with the Lord. What do these verses tell us that there is coming a great separation? Christ is coming. The living will be caught up into His presence. The saved dead will be brought forth from the graves. The unsaved dead will be left in the graves. The unsaved living will be left upon the earth. This solemn fact as repeated in many places in the word of God should

Santo Personals

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Orr and family entertained company from Fort Worth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ford and children of Grafton visited here Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sid Lockwood and children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bob Hend-

bring serious thoughts to the minds of all people. The Christian should be made to ask himself, "Am I ready for His coming?" Or perhaps this question, "Have I done my best to win my loved ones and friends to Christ?" The unsaved should also be made to examine their hearts as they think of His coming and the great separation and judgment that will come to them that are left on the earth.

Secondly, there will be suffering. "For there shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." Matthew 24:21. When we turn to the book of the Revelation, we see a picture of the suffering which is coming upon this world. It will be so severe that men will cry to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb," Revelation 6:16.

The suffering of the tribulation time is but an introduction to the awful suffering of an eternal hell. When will the tribulation take place? When Christ comes for His own. Lost person, give some serious thought to this fact that the idea I am giving to you is not the opinion of man but is the Word of God. This Book in infallible, inerrant, eternal. This Book tells us that there is coming a tribulation time. This Book points out that the lost will be left on the earth for the sufferings which will be the worst ever known in all the history of the world.

ricks and children of Irving visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Hendricks, during the weekend. Little Miss Hoyt Hendricks remained for a visit with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sparks were shopping and visiting in Mineral Wells Tuesday.

Joe Savage and son of Mineral Wells were here for a few days working and visiting.

The students of Santo School are beginning track work now in preparation for the Interscholastic Meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Artra Edwards were among those who attended a house warming recently in Mineral Wells for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haney, who moved there after Robert's retirement from an oil company after 40 years of service. Robert and Dorothy grew up in this area, and have many friends and relatives here.

Fred Johnston of Dallas spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. Lena Johnston.

Eugene Long of Mineral Wells visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Long, Sunday.

Mrs. Letta Chick of Washington State, is visiting her brother, Tim Long and wife, and other relatives in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steen were shopping in Mineral Wells Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holder and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Holder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cantrell, near Bluffdale.

Santo School will observe Public School Week next week. Open House will be held on Friday evening so that the parents may see the children's work without interrupting the regular class schedules.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnston were Mineral Wells visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wheeler visited relatives in Weatherford Sunday.

A number from this commun-

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ity are viewing the court proceedings in Palo Pinto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Prince were Mineral Wells visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Bobby Long and daughter visited in Stephenville Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Long spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Charles Hunt family at Patillo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wheeler of Mineral Wells visited here Saturday with his brother, W. O. Wheeler, and wife.

Marvin Jones and family of Ft. Worth visited here Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones. On Sunday, the Richard Jones family of Saginaw visited the Floyd Joneses.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallis were called to Abilene recently by the serious illness of their brother - in - law, O. G. Baxter. Mr. Wallis came home after spending two days while Mr. Wallis stayed to be with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Buzbee of Mineral Wells spent the weekend here at their cabin at Cantrell Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones in Gordon Sunday evening.

Buddy Wallis was out from Ft. Worth during the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallis.

Mrs. Merle Carter and grandson, Clifford McDole, were shopping in Mineral Wells Saturday.

G. C. Carter came in Monday from a trip to West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Jackson and daughters visited his mother and brother in Weatherford Sunday.

Dwight Chesnut closed the pecan buying season here Wednesday after having bought approximately 400,000 pounds of pecans through the season.

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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Training Union
7:30 p.m. Evening Worship
9:00 a.m. Tuesday - WMU
6:00 p.m. Wed. Visitations (Last Wed. each mo. teachers and officers)
7:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting (Wed.)

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Rev. James W. Waller, pastor
10:00 a.m. Church School
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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
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MINGUS BAPTIST CHURCH
John Lewis, pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:15 p.m. Training Union
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. Thurs. Visitation

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Rev. James W. Waller, pastor
9:00 a.m. Each Sunday morning

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MINGUS
William Vonk, pastor
8:00 a.m. in Strawn

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Floyd Newberry, pastor
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Training Union
7:30 p.m. Evening Worship
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4:00 p.m. GA's

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Bill Proeger, Minister
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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J. W. Hodges, pastor
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Do praise the Master for His wisdom;
The hand which set the wheel to spinning,
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ting,
Exactness in their ways of motion;
For the sun in its lofty setting,
Casts its shadow upon the ocean.

The Master in the task of weaving,
Left not the loom to weave at random;
The soul of man was made for seeking,
The higher regions of his kingdom.

Unlike the sparrow in its flying,
Not like the foxes near the river;
He placed within our hearts a blessing,
Lest we go straying ... lost forever.

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