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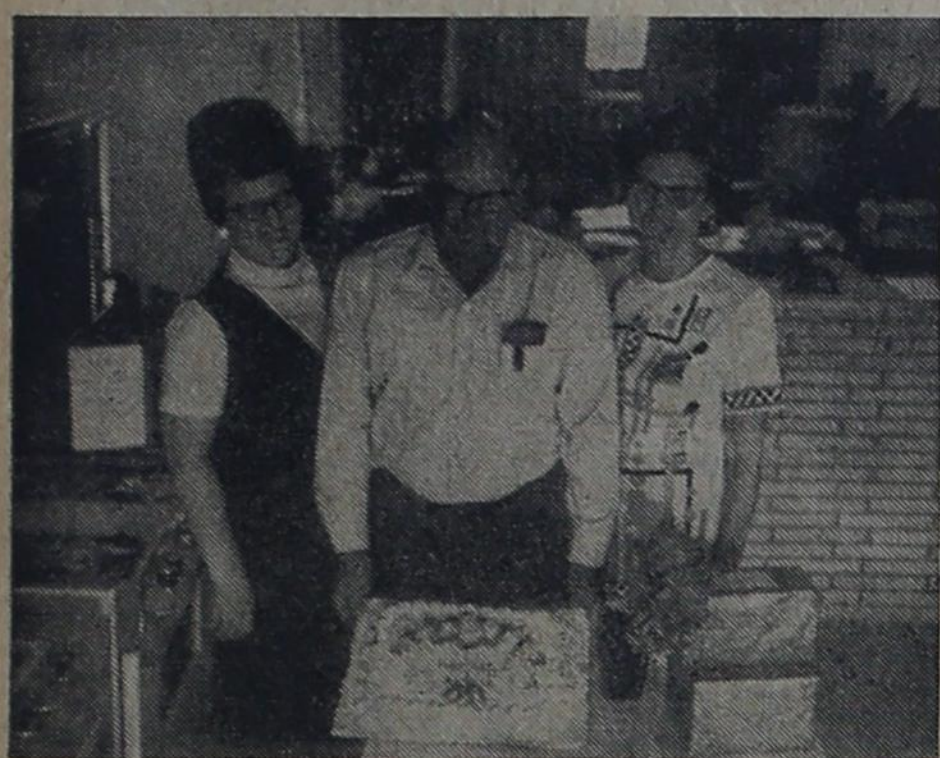
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Rayford Burgess Retires April 27



FAREWELL RAYFORD — We will miss you — Rayford Burgess, center, his wife, Modess, right, and Mrs. Lendon Shipman, Lone Star Gas Co. office clerk, are shown at an office party given in Rayford's honor on his last day as Lone Star employee, April 28th.

A retirement coffee honoring Rayford Burgess, Lone Star Gas Co. employee, was held Friday, April 27th in the local Lone Star Gas office with local lady coffee-drinkers and Mrs. Lendon Shipman, Lone Star office clerk, as hostesses.

A decorated cake, encribed with Happy Retirement, and coffee were served to all who visited the office during the morning coffee break hours.

Rayford was presented a gift certificate from the hostesses and also gifts from Mrs. Shipman.

Rayford has completed approximately 26 years of service with the company. He lived in Panhandle for a short time, but most of the time he has worked in the Gorman office, as local manager.

Rayford stated he plans to go fishing and spend some time with his grandchildren. A retirement party for Rayford and Jack Mace was held in Eastland Lone Star office at 7:30 p. m. April 30th.

Attending the party were Mrs. Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. Lendon Shipman, of Gorman, and employees from Cisco and Eastland offices.

Kathy June Collins Becomes Bride of Arron Darr In Eastland Rites



Miss Kathy June Collins became the bride of Jimmy Arron Darr Friday, May 4 at 7:30 p. m. in the Bethel Baptist Church in Eastland. Rev. William Betts, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Collins of Eastland, formerly of Gorman. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Darr of Cisco.

Organist was Mrs. Charles McFatter of Eastland. Vocalists were Debbie Holliday and Loretta Turner of Gorman.

Maid of honor was Jane Collins, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Sha Rogers of Gorman. Flower girl was Kim Darr, of Cisco, niece of the groom. Carol Jean Simmons of Austin, sister of the bride, registered guests.

Theron Darr of Arlington was his brother's best man. Ushers were Royce Darr, brother of the groom, Larry Harris, Joe Besselaar, and Walter Stinnett, all of Cisco.

The church was decorated with an arch of greenery,

wedding bells with purple ribbons, white gladiolas and purple candles. Hurricane lamps with purple ribbons marked the aisle.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length gown of bridal satin with empire waistline. A line skirt with lace bodice overlay, full lace sleeves, scooped neckline and chapel train of lace.

The attendants wore gowns of purple crepe with puffed sleeves and empire waistline. Following the ceremony, a reception was hosted by the parents of the bride in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The table was decorated with purple asters, white candles and silver appointments. The three-tiered wedding cake was encribed "June and Jim" in purple and topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Following a trip to Ruidoso, N. M. the couple will live in Abilene.

Mrs. Darr is a graduate of Gorman High School. The groom is a graduate of

Desdemona Day of Centennial Slated Friday

Friday, May 11th will be the Celebration for Desdemona during the Eastland County Centennial.

Program starts at 1:30 p. m. with the welcome address; History (of our town, churches, oil field, etc.) at 2 p. m. Old timers present can give their personal experiences at 3:00; Court Trials at 3:30; Beard Judging, 4:00; Liar's Contest, 4:30; Horseshoe pitch at 5:00 p. m.

Then at 7:00 p. m. a basket supper will be enjoyed. (everyone who attends this is asked to bring enough food for your own family, plus extra for our visitors.) A Ladies Style Show will follow at 8:00; and the day will be climaxed by an evening program at 8:30 (includes musical).

Antiques will be on display all day, so if you have antiques you are proud of, bring them and share them with others. Especially old pictures of our town, oil field, etc. Please bring them for others to view.

The money we make from the badges and everything stays in our community fund, a project to repair the roof on our school building is coming up soon.

So, remember, fill those baskets full, bring your friends and come to have an enjoyable day in "good old Desdemona."

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Gorman Milling Co. To Receive Citation May 10

AUSTIN — Nineteen Texas industrial firms will receive special Industrial Expansion Citations May 10 at the annual Governor's Conference on Industrial Expansion in Austin.

The companies will be honored at the Texas Industrial Commission sponsored event for civic and economic contributions to their communities in 1972.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe will present five other companies with the Governor's Industrial Expansion Awards at the luncheon highlighting the day-long conference.

The firms, representing diverse fields of manufacturing from various regions of the state, are nominated by their local chambers of commerce and selected by the Industrial Commission.

Citations will be presented at the luncheon to Aileen, Inc. of Abilene, American Darling Valve and Manufacturing Co., Inc. of Beaumont, Cleburne Truck and Body Sales, Inc. of Cleburne, Data-Point Corp. of San Antonio and Edinburg Manufacturing Co. of Edinburg.

Also, Gorman Milling Co. Inc. of Gorman, the H. M. Gousha Co. of Comfort, Kessler Wire Works, Inc. of Shiner, Kessler Industries, Inc. of El Paso, Modern Machine Shop of Laredo, Murray Corp. of Palestine and Rockwell Manufacturing Co. of Sulphur Springs.

Many other industries will also be honored.

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CARD OF THANKS

My thanks and appreciation to friends who visited me, sent cards and flowers during my stay in Blackwell Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Pino and Dr. Canut, nurses and staff for their good care and kindness.

G. O. Boyd

Cisco High School and graduated from Cisco Junior College with an AA degree. He is employed by the City of Abilene.

Parents of the groom hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Longhorn Restaurant in Cisco.

Honor Grads of GHS Named

Honor students of Gorman High School's senior class of 1972-73 have been announced by High School Principal Cedric W. Bettis.



Valedictorian

George Ann Bettis was named Valedictorian with a four year average of 95.40. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cedric W. Bettis of Route 1, De Leon.



Salutatorian

Kelly Glen Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Henderson, was named salutatorian with a four year average of 92.513.

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Hospital to Hold Open House Coffee on Friday

Blackwell Hospital, Inc. has joined the Nation's more than 7,000 hospitals in observing National Hospital Week honoring the 3 million persons employed in health care institutions.

National Hospital Week, which is sponsored annually by the American Hospital Association, is being observed this week, May 6-12.

The national theme for the week is: "Your Hospital... A Caring Community... Your Health... Our Common Concern."

Hospital administrator Jack Heath said, "we believe this theme describes our institution. With increasing public concern about the quality, availability and costs of health care, the employees of Blackwell Hospital are a community of caring people, who are concerned about bringing better health care to the people of this area as efficiently as possible."

Heath stated this is borne out by the fact that while the national average cost of maintaining one patient for one day in a community hospital is in excess of \$105, the cost in Gorman is \$55. Since the opening of the new facility in October, 1971, there has not been an increase in daily rates charged patients even though there has been a constant increase in services and supplies purchased by the hospital.

The Medical Staff of Blackwell Hospital consists of Dr. A. E. Pino, Chief of Staff, Dr. J. R. Canut, Dr. F. Eisenrich (De Leon), Dr. L. DeLanc (De

Peanut Princess Pageant Slated Here June 14th

The date for the fifth annual Eastland County Peanut Princess Pageant has been set for June 14, 1973. Sponsored by the Woman's Study Club of Gorman, the pageant will be staged in the Gorman High School Auditorium at 8 p. m.

Informal letters, rules and entry blanks have been mailed to clubs and other non-profit organizations throughout Eastland County. Entries, together with the \$10.00 entry fee, must be returned to the Woman's Study Club by June 1st.

Any non-profit club or organization is eligible to sponsor a young lady between 17 and 21 years of age. She must be single and reside in Eastland County. Appearance during competition will include swim suit, evening dress, talent number, and a two minute talk on peanuts. Entry will enable some talented young lady to compete for the title of Peanut Princess and a cash award, and the one lucky winner of the Eastland County Contest will then be entered in the Texas Peanut Queen Contest, where she will compete for the Texas Peanut Queen title and a \$500 scholarship. It is a contest well worth entering, and it behooves the clubs of the county to offer some talented young miss the opportunity.

Any interested group not receiving rules and entry blanks may secure them by writing or calling Mrs. George Simmons, Box 363, Gorman, or telephone 734-5530.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman Duplicate Bridge Club meets each Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the Fire Hall.

Elm Cemetery Working will be held May 12. Bring tools to work grounds.

The Gorman Independent School Board will meet Monday, May 14th.

NOTICE — The Seniors still have Eastland County Centennial Plates and Coins for sale. They are also taking orders for the Centennial Books, which are being printed. Contact a senior for yours today, and they will deliver them as soon as they arrive.

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HOSPITAL REPORT

The following were listed as patients at Blackwell Hospital on Wednesday morning: Mrs. J. A. Barrett, Ellsworth McCormack, Arlen Merritt, Ellie R. Scott, Domingo Garcia, Hattie Taber, Richard Kinser, R. F. Vann, Lora Taylor, Walter Stinnett, Alice Harris

Leon), Dr. E. Addy (Cisco), Dr. Joes Beitia, Consultant Radiologist (Waco), and Dr. May Owen, Consultant Pathologist (Fort Worth).

The hospital is open and staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with off duty personnel on call to assist in case of emergencies.

Improvements are constantly being made in departments as finances permit.

During 1972 there were 666 admissions, of which 362 were Medicare patients. There were 4549 diagnostic x-rays taken, 13,381 laboratory procedures processed, and 96 surgical procedures.

Heath stated that all people are invited to visit the hospital. Coffee and cake will be served from 9:30 to 10:30 Friday morning, May 11th.

GORMAN'S CENTENNIAL DAY STIRS INTEREST OF ALL AGES

"Old fashioned" was the theme of the day in Gorman Saturday. Everyone came dressed in the fashion of yesteryear, some ladies even wore the original dresses of their great-grandmothers.

Families arrived in town early and remained for the entire day as they did when Saturday was the big day of the week. Too, no one left for they did not want to miss anything. So much was going on, it was just a real fun day. One of the nicest days Gorman has experienced in many a year.

So many people participated and so many are responsible for the day's program, it would be impossible to mention them all. However, there are a few that did so much and such a tremendous job they deserve to be recognized. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored the celebration with Mrs. Jo Duran as over chairman, who did a superb job in organizing the day's events. The Kangaroo Court, headed by Robbie Robertson (Marshall Dillon), who also was chairman of the Brothers of the Brush Contest.

Association.

The street square dance scheduled for 6 p. m. was moved out of the high school auditorium due to the showers falling at that time. The Eastland County Dancers presented a most enjoyable hour of entertainment. Those participating were Mac and Sandy Elliott, Rising Star, Ralph and Joyce Berry, Cisco, Winfred and Frances Frey, Cisco, Bill and Betty Claborn, Eastland. Mrs. Elnora Lindley and Mrs. Faye Tucker were chairmen for this entertainment.

PET PARADE WINNERS

Winners in the all category pet parade were a team, Anthony Anderson and Jeffery Wilcoxson with their pet pig and chicken drawn in a little wagon behind tricycles.

First place winners were Jeff Seaton with his sheep named Oda. Cheryl Arnold with her poodle dog. Second place was Tammy Whitlock with her pet possum and Paula Eaves, third with her pet dog and squirrel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Seaton were chairmen of the pet parade and had 27 entries. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heath and Mrs. Tom Birdsong of Stephenville. Awards were presented to the winners by Lester Seaton.

The three o'clock parade, under the direction of Corky Brown, was excellent. The Gorman Band, dressed in old fashioned attire, led the parade. Some very pretty floats and some very comical ones highlighted the parade. These were not judged, but all were good and deserved first place. The parade began at Brown's Feed Store, and after passing through down town, circled around by the Lawndale Nursing Home for the residents' benefit.

PROMENADE IS TOPS

The Promenade was very successful with many families and individuals participating. The promenade was led by W. C. "Check" Smith and Mrs. Smith. Following the promenade the antiques displayed in store windows were viewed and drew much attention and comment. Higginbotham's had a very large display, as well as the Bank, Frossard's, Seaton's and Todd Variety Stores. Most all store windows displayed old pictures, which were enjoyed.

BEARD CONTEST

Tim Porter was judged the Most Ugly in the beard growing contest, with Bid Hall-Ugliest, and Jerry Overstreet, Most Handsome, and Honorable Mention in this category was Nathan Files. John Underwood was named as "The Smoothiest Smoothie", and received a special award of a floral arrangement. Trophies were presented by Mayor Check Smith. Judges were Mrs. Tom Birdsong of Stephenville, Mrs. Erdie Webb of Midlothian and June Selman of Gorman.

OLD FIDDLERS EVENT

Loyd Glasson and Mrs. Betty Kinser were co-chairmen of the Old Fiddler's Contest and judges were Dale Gilmore, Z. L. Koonce of Desdemona and Toke Boles of Breckenridge. Winners were Roy Thackerson of Ranger, first place; B. F. Chestnut of Santo, second, and Phillip Lewis, 18, of Gorman, third.

Oldest contestant was Straley Allsup, 80, of Gustine. Others were O. M. Pilgrim, 66, of Ranger; W. D. Bailey, De Leon; Merrel Millsap, Stephenville; Alton Underwood, Ranger; Robert Langford, Weatherford; Bill McMinn, Mineral Wells; and J. R. Solomon, De Leon.

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for your patronage and friendship during my stay in Gorman.

As of May 19, I will be moving to Mineral Wells, June Selman



BROTHERS OF BRUSH — Shown, left to right are Nathan Files, runner-up in the Most Handsome Beard class; John Underwood, "Smoothiest Smoothie"; Bid Hallmark, Ugliest; Tim Porter, Most Ugly; and Jerry Overstreet, Most Handsome.



THE JUDGE AND DESDEMONIANS — Gene Foster "The Judge" and Mrs. J. V. Steward and Mrs. C. O. Barker, both of Desdemona, and partially shown is Arnold Butler, a deputy. The judge is welcoming the ladies, representing Desdemona at the Centennial Day Celebration and not sentencing them to jail or the dunking board. The ladies also extended an invitation to Desdemona's Festivities this week-end.



PANHANDLER CHARLES DURAN — Charles Duran shown in the process of panhandling on the streets of Gorman during the Centennial. He was brought before the Kangaroo Court and found guilty and sentenced to a jail term. Also shown is Mrs. Keith Whitt, left; Pruitt Coffman, right, and other persons in picture are unknown spectators.

Robbie kept things moving (smoothly and hilariously funny) throughout the day with the aid of Gene Foster, Chamber of Commerce president, who acted as Judge for the court and also the deputies of Marshall Dillon, A. E. Smith, George Simmons, Don Spraberry, and Nathan Files.

Those playing no small part in the day's fun were the participants in the Kangaroo Court who were either sentenced to a jail term or the dunking board. The "Shoot Out" events were special surprises and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The A. O. Easley wagon that hauled off the dead bodies was sensational.

A very special thanks to First National Bank and Gorman Peanuts for hosting the barbecue dinner in which some 1350 people attended. Many who had taken tickets were unable to attend and the rain that began falling at 6:00 p. m. kept some from returning for the dinner. Around 1900 tickets had been given to area residents. The two firms were also hosts for the evening of entertainment by Dick Hammond and his band and Joe Lewis. The high light of the evening program was the appearance of Congressman W. R. Poage of Waco. He was also honored at a 6 p. m. coffee at Southwestern Peanut Growers'

WANT-ADS

PRECISION SAW FILING
Saws re-toothed, hand, circle and saws and power blades. Every tooth made uniform, accurate and needle sharp on our Falty Automatic Saw Filer. Tool sharpening of all kinds. Mail or bring your saws, lawnmowers, etc., to Capers Service Repair on N. Kent St., Desdemona Hwy., Box 32, Garmon, 76454. fnc

DEAD ANIMAL SERVICE

As near as your Telephone \$3.00 service charge under 50 miles from Hamilton - Over 50 miles - 15c per mile. Phone DU 6-3303, Hamilton, Texas.

MATTRESSES

BOX SPRINGS
New renovated, futed cotton, innerspring, choice of firmness, size and color. Satisfaction guaranteed. Made in San Antonio by Western Mattress Co. Free pick-up and delivery. Ph. 734-9611, Gorman. 8-16fnc

BIG CLOTHING SALE - 25 to 60% off on all clothing. I have in stock 40 pair men's trousers, 60 suits, 94 dress coats, thousands of ladies dresses, blouses, skirts, & pants. Also children's clothing. Girl's dresses 25c. Don Rodgers Real Estate office, Gorman.

FOR SALE: 120 A. 80 peanuts, 2 wheel moves, 5 wells and pumps, 3 br. home, \$600 A. - - - 300 A., 78 peanuts, love & coastal bermuda grass, irrigation system, good wells, home, \$410 A. good 6% loan - - - 2 - - 3 BR homes, corner lots, \$4,500 & \$4,000. We need your listings. Cogburn Realty, 893-6666, De Leon. 12-21fnc

FOR SALE - Four bedroom, two both brick home, carpeted, paneled throughout, completely remodeled, on paved streets, corner, city utilities. Billy Jay 734-5898. 2-15fnc

PLANTS FOR SALE - Cabbage, tomato and peppers, also geraniums, petunias, hanging baskets, cannas and mararillis bulbs. Mrs. Calvin Brown, Gorman, Route 3, Tel. 734-5596.

FOR SALE - Scotch Tape, Post Binders, Adding Machine Paper, Acco Fasteners. Gorman Progress, 734-5410.

TYPEWRITERS and Adding Machines cleaned and repaired. For information call Estelle Craddock, 734-5410.

NEED
An extra key - made while you wait. Rankin Army-Navy Surplus.

FOR SALE - Rubber Bands, Typewriter and Adding Machine Ribbons. Gorman Progress, 734-5410.

Dial Toll free 800-795-2942 for new I. H. and Used diesel, gas, single and tandem axle trucks, floats, grain and winch trucks. New, used and rebuilt truck parts, etc. Johnson Truck, Cross Plains. 44-26c For Custom Hay Baling contact Randy Pack, Route 1, Carbon, 842-5898. 4-26fnc

WANTED - Responsible party to take up payments on 16 month old Singer Console model sewing machine. Original price \$399.50. Bal. \$126.40 or \$13.25 monthly. Call 734-5410. 4-5-17p

Repossessed Serta perfect sleeper kingsize Mattress and Box Springs. Like new condition. Take up payments, \$15 per mo. Watkins Furniture, Stephenville. 1-5-3c

Singer Touch and Sew sewing machine, does everything. \$58.50. We also clean and adjust all makes and models. We also carry cabinets and portable cases. Call 734-5410. 4-5-17p

WE NEED YOUR ACREAGE Farms and Ranches. Buddy Coble Real Estate, 817-277-9916 Arlington, Texas. 4-5-17c

FOR SALE - New and used typewriters and adding machines. Also all types of machines cleaned and repaired. Contact Estelle Craddock at Gorman Progress, 734-5410.

Mrs. Velma Bennett has returned from a visit in Hobbs, N. M. where she spent the Easter holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sparger.

KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

A large crowd attended the annual Kokomo Homecoming and Simpson Cemetery Working on Saturday.

Kokomo residents had their share of the fun in the Centennial celebration at Gorman on Saturday. Riding on the Kokomo Community Club float, with homemaking appliances of early years in the county, were the children of the community.

Deliah Eaves, Teresa Fields Nelda Little and Judy Webb, with Mrs. Bill Brown at the piano, rendered the special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Visitors at the morning service were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lee Clearman, Lynette and Scott and Kerry Black of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stewart and Melissa of Oklahoma City, Kelly Buchanan of Arlington and Denise Joiner of Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning, Donna and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snider, Kathy and Mike, and Mrs. Claude Fuller and Christi, and a friend, Carlan of Stephenville, attended the homecoming and singing at Rock Bluff on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boone of Lockney, Mrs. Velma Mason of Hermleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and Dawn of Valley Mills visited during the week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scitern.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Scitern and Veda, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jordan and children of Eastland and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caraway enjoyed barbecue, home made ice cream and viewing home movies at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scitern and children on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stewart and Melissa of Okla. City and

FOR SALE - Fresh Plants of Amaranthus, Cladiums, Coleus, Begonias, Impatiens, velvet and Big Boy Tomato and Pepper Plants. Mrs. Calvin Brown, Rt. 3, Gorman, Phone 734-5596. 2-5-17c

FOR SALE - Hay Smak hybrid sorghum, sudan grass seed. Check with us before you plant your spring grazing hay. Gorman Milling Co., Gorman, 734-2252. 3-5-24c

WANTED - To buy acreage in Gorman, suitable for mobile home and parking large truck. Bobby Joke, Box 508, Stephenville, Texas, Phone 817-968-3889. 2-5-17p

FOR SALE - Seaton's Variety Store Gorman. Well stocked. Reason for selling, other business interest. Lester Seaton, Box 386, Gorman, 817-734-5515 or 734-5803. 5-10fnc

WANTED - Lawns to mow. Charles Rodgers, Phone 734-5690. 3-5-24c

FOR SALE - Three piece living room suite (includes recliner). Larry Anderson, 734-5661. 5-10fnc

NOTICE - Don't know who's cow it was, but it has been in my garden and did a lot of damage. I would appreciate the ones that have farms joining mine would please see about their livestock. Mrs. Anna Bell Duske. 1-5-10p

WANTED - LVN nurse for 11 to 7 shift. Blackwell Hospital, 734-2294. 2-5-17c

FOR SALE - Frosted synthetic short wig, only worn twice, carrying case and head. \$15. Mrs. Betty Gurlin, 734-5753 or 734-5325. 2-5-10c

FOR SALE - Upright Piano, beautiful blonde finish. Mrs. Dona Moorman, Phone 734-5342. 4-12fnc

FOR SALE - 1973, 4 wheel drive Chev. pickup, automatic, 12,000 miles. Will sell cheap. Call Randy Pack, 842-5898. 5-3-17c

PLANTS FOR SALE - Tomato, Pepper and Petunias, Double Moss and Coleus. Mrs. Marion Dennis, 734-2271. 45fnc

FOR SALE - Full size bed, blonde finish, \$20. Mrs. R. C. Mehaffey, 734-5538. 2-5-10p

DESDEMONA NEWS

By ETHEL KEITH

Mr. and Mrs. Drinkard of Fort Worth, Mary Harrell and Billie Richards of Stephenville and Frank Genoway were visitors in the Ott Ragland home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Everton and Lee of Decatur visited during the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elver Everton, and Cecil.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Clearman of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Moore of Seminole, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lee Clearman, Lynette and Scott, and a friend, Kerry Black of Hereford, visited during the weekend with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman, and attended the homecoming activities. An uncle, Mr. Otis Neill of Slaton, also visited in the Clearman home.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett were Mrs. John Little, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Garrett of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Little and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan, and Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers were visiting with the Garretts on Monday.

Floyd Wood of Carbon, brother-in-law of Albert Hendricks, was admitted to the Eastland Hospital on Monday with a heart attack. At last report, he was resting well. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks visited with Floyd Monday night.

Mrs. E. W. Lovell of Mokane and Mrs. Wordene Wharton of Dallas spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. H. C. Wharton, and attended homecoming at Kokomo. Others visiting in the Wharton home were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson and Cassie.

Mrs. John Little, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Little and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little were in Breckenridge on Monday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Patterson and their new baby girl. Mrs. Patterson is the former Karen Little.

Mrs. Winnie Young of Hamilton and her daughter of Calif. and Mrs. Lessie Stone of Fort Worth and her children and grandchildren visited with their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal on Saturday and attended the Kokomo Homecoming.

John Mowell of Midland visited last week with his aunt, Mrs. J. C. Timmons, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers and Mr. and Mrs. Odie Rodgers.

OAKLAND CEMETERY SEEKING FUNDS FOR ROAD TOPPING

The Oakland Cemetery Association met May 5, 1973 with the usual number in attendance.

Commissioner of Precinct 4 met with the group to help formulate plans to black top the road to the cemetery. The county will furnish the equipment to do the work. However, funds will have to be raised by interested persons to furnish the material for the topping.

A fund drive will get underway soon for this project. Mrs. Lee Anglin, Reporter

itors in the Ott Ragland home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. David Creed of Fort Worth visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Creed, and Holly over the weekend.

Quite a number from here were in Gorman Saturday 5th to help that city celebrate their Centennial. It was enjoyed by all.

Our day is May 11th - Friday, with a nice program starting at 1:30 and ends with a basket supper and musical. Everyone come and bring a basket full of food to help us celebrate. All the program, supper and musical will be held in the school. Supper at 7:00 p. m.

Be on your toes and wear your badge or you just might end up in our "jail." Our sheriff and deputy are "sneaky." Do hope everyone comes to Desdemona to help us celebrate. Most of the ladies have made long dresses to wear. Men have their suspenders, hard top hats, etc., plus either being a "smoothie" or with a beard.

Our sympathy goes out to the Shelton family with the passing of their loved one, Drew. Burial was in Desdemona Cemetery Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chubbie Foreman and Ricky of Irving visited her mother, Mrs. Nannie Guthery, and also attended the Foreman reunion in Ranger Sunday.

Jolene May is visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leazar of Andrews. Frances had surgery and Jolene is playing "nurse".

Ulenda Weaver was on sick list last week. Also this reporter hasn't felt up to "par."

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark of Midland are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clark and Mrs. Velia Roberts.

FOR SALE - Rubber Stamps, stamp pads, stamp pad ink. Progress office 734-5410.

Methodist Homecoming Most Successful

The First United Methodist Church Homecoming, which was planned in conjunction with Gorman's Eastland County Centennial Celebration, turned out to be a very successful affair.

A very large crowd was in attendance as Othell Clark, Church Lay Leader, got the program underway by welcoming and recognizing the out of town visitors.

Following this, Mrs. L. A. Blair, the recording steward, called the roll of the church, and guest preacher was a former pastor, Rev. Robert Sanders, now serving the Winters Parish.

After the worship service the local congregation hosted all present with a noon meal in Fellowship Hall of the church.

Those attending the services from out of town were: Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brogdon of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shell of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Glasgow of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Allday of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Atchison and Chesley Royce of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Nowlin of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bailey of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. John Ed Kimble and Lou Frances of Abilene, Mrs. Jack Wheeler of Denton, Mrs. Effie Jean Whitesides of Brownwood, Mrs. W. D. Denman of Houston, Mrs. Charles Clement of Copperas Cove, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert of Fort Worth, Everett Harris, Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Roger George and Gregory

Season Swim Tickets on Sale

Swimming pool will soon be open. Season tickets are available from Mrs. Patsy Ingram. They are \$35.00 and you won't ever have to worry about seeing that your child has money to swim. He can swim as many times a day and every day if he or she desires.

Letters are being mailed this week asking for pledges to be honored and for any donations. No matter how small they will help keep our pool operating.

Either mail your money to Gorman Chamber of Commerce or if you would like, it may be dropped off at Foster Floral.

Donations are the only way we can repay our debt on the pool. The balance is now \$8,054.85 and we are behind on payments. It was originally expected that this would be cleared in 3 more years, and it still can be if you will mail \$1.00 and get a friend to do the same. It is all of us pulling together with a little bit that counts.

The pool makes just about enough to pay for maintenance and someone to run it. This is true of almost all public pools and it was not intended to make money, but to have a nice safe place for people to swim.

Please support the pool with your dollar! Today!

Layne of De Leon, Mrs. C. O. Alsbrook and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Underwood of Gorman, and Mrs. Robert Browning and children of Winters, and Odie Neill of Slaton.

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KRISTI ODELL HONORED ON 7TH BIRTHDAY

Kristi Odell was honored on her 7th birthday May 4 with a party at the Fire Hall by her mother, Mrs. Jimmy Warren.

The party theme was paper dolls and was used in napkins, cups, plates and table cloth. The cake was in the form of a paper doll. Refreshments were cake, ice cream and punch. Favors were loot bags filled with candy, bubble gum, fans, and paper doll pins for the girls and cars for the boys.

Games of pop the balloons, drop the clothes pins in a bottle and pin the clothes on the paper dolls were enjoyed by all. Prizes were given to the winners.

Those attending were Kayla Odell, Michael Warren, Anita Scitern, Rebecca Scitern, Tracy Sikes, Ronda Hudson, Beverly and Becky Jo Underwood, Donna Browning, Dewey Isbell, Clifton Pittman, Aaron Musick, Jose Reyes, Royce Ridens, Jeff Seaton, Mark Swanner, Jimmie Turner, James Wooten, and Mrs. Beverly Pittman.

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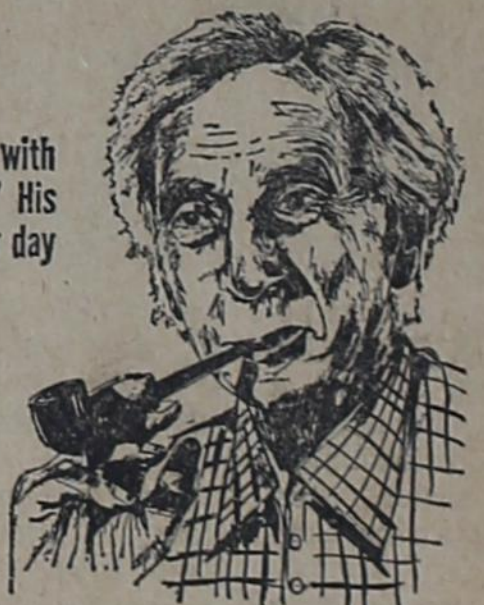
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New Hope News

By MRS. GERALD SCITERN

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Milan of Eastland and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weaver spent several days at Lake Proctor fishing.

Larry Leach of Midland spent the weekend with his mother, Jo Branch, and Kelly. Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blancet and Donna on Sunday were Larry Leach and a friend, Frankie of Midland, Jo and Kelly Branch and Bro. Carl Wright and Jim of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Enoch Cook visited in Gorman on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bennett. Recent visitors in the Cook home were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cook and children of Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weaver visited in Gorman with Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Coffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Treadway visited in Gorman with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cornwell of San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell have bought a place in Gorman and are redecorating it.

I want to congratulate Donna Blancet and Lyndell Cook. These two fine young people graduated from Cisco Junior College on Friday.

Those from New Hope attending the wedding of Miss June Collins on Friday night in Eastland were Mrs. J. B. Blancet and Donna, Kelly Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Cook, Lyndell and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weaver and June's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Buss Collins, and an aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andry.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scitern, Becca, Allen and Steve, have moved into the Bill Brown rent house on Carlton Hill while they are waiting for their new home to be built. We want to welcome them back into the New Hope Community.

Those enjoying a cook-out and home made ice cream at the Glenn Sciterns on Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniels of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jordan and chil-

Mrs. Bill Parr Hosts Friendly Ladies Coffee

The home of Mrs. Bill Parr was the setting for a gathering of the Friendly Ladies Class last Wednesday evening. It was a good fellowship time of just talking and relaxing a minute, of business discussions, of devotional time, and of eating a lot.

Mrs. Charlie Garrett presided, and Mrs. Parr read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. It was reported that plates picturing the old church building are still available. Mrs. Charles Duran reported on progress in purchase of cassette equipment. Mrs. W. T. Shell requested that everyone turn in Betty Crocker coupons so that an order for large serving spoons for the church kitchen could be mailed. And the group voted to keep a large punch bowl to be kept in the kitchen for the frequent times when one is needed. Lots of business, but a congenial group made that fun, too.

Miss Don Moorman gave the devotional, based on the 23rd Psalm, entitled "Want!" "I shall not want rest, I shall not want drink, forgiveness, comfort, or food, or joy." As Miss Moorman continued with list of things that the old favorite 23rd Psalm gives confidence that God grants, a-

dren of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scitern, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Caraway, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Scitern and Veda, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern and girls.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Orval Treadway and Windell were Mr. and Mrs. Butch Boyd and girls of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Campbell and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weaver.

Those from New Hope attending singing at Rock Bluff on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Clements and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Cook.

Our new neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Le Bleu, were recent visitors in our home.

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Bankers Enjoy Reunion During Centennial

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duran and Mr. and Mrs. Erich Arnold had among their guests for the Centennial five other bankers they started out together with twenty-three years ago at the West Texas State Bank in Snyder: Mr. and Mrs. Olan Vinson of Norman, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Loyd of Muleshoe, Bill Holman and wife of Henrietta, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hathaway of Ore City and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hooser of Corsicana.

They entertained with a luncheon Saturday at the Duran home for these special guests and other out of town visitors, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jacks, the Buster Durans, C. R. Durans, all of Henderson, the James Capps of Ore City, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert of Fort Worth, the E. G. Hendersons, Kelly and Krista, Kirk and Cheryl Arnold, and Christie and Pat Duran.

Friday night they entertained with a dinner at the Stephenville Supper Club for the above out of town visitors and the following: the Tom Birdsongs, Robbie Robertsons, and Max Grice, all of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Easterwood of Midlothian; David Jones of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heath of Stephenville; the J. O. Jackson, Jr., Wayne Eaves, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Stephens, and the E. G. Hendersons of Gorman.

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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. David Bibee of Brownwood and Wrather Gilbert of Spur spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Snider of Lubbock were weekend visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Park and Mrs. Pete Snider. Mrs. Snider remained for a week's visit.

Vicki Frossard of Big Spring was a weekend visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Frossard.

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AWNDAL VISITORS

Mrs. George Bell of Gorman and Jolene Bell of Fort Worth visited Mrs. Etta Sanders and Mrs. Rawls.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Douglas of Dallas visited Mrs. Macon. Ted Tate and Maudie Crenshaw of Stephenville visited Gorden Tate.

Maude Stacy and Mara Parker of Gorman visited Fred Kennedy.

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Kokomo Places Second in Dist. Improvements

The Kokomo Community held their District Improvement Tour on Wednesday, May 2 from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. and placed second. They will receive \$75.00.

The tour began at the community center with stops at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeely, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller. Improvement in farm land, equipment farming techniques and 4-H and FFA show calves were viewed along the tour route.

A program was held in the Kokomo Baptist Church beginning at 2:30, with Albert Hendricks rendering piano selections. The welcome was given by J. O. Jackson, Jr. Wayne Eaves gave the invocation.

Short summaries of the community activities throughout the past year were given. Those giving these summaries were Organization and Community, J. O. Jackson, Jr., Services and Facilities, Mrs. Euell Allison; Agriculture, Gene Snider; Family Life,

Mrs. Jimmy Little; Social Participation, Mrs. Charles Little; Youth Activities, Stacy Webb; and Long Range Program, Larry Morrow. The benediction was given by J. D. McNeely.

Refreshments were served in the fellowship hall following the program.

Judges were Mrs. Ruth Shuptrine, Extension Agent of Marlin, Robert W. Hoermann, Extension Agent of Hillsboro, and Eugene McElyea of College Station.

Also attending were the District Extension Agents, Miss Annie Lucy Lane and Mr. John Burleson of Stephenville, and Eastland County Extension Agents, Mrs. Janet Thomas and Mr. DeMarquis Gordon of Eastland.

Other out of town guests were C. W. Worthington, with Texas Electric in Fort Worth, Emmett Lasater of Texas Electric in Eastland, Bill McGinnis of Comanche County Electric Cooperative in Comanche, W. C. Browning of Texas Electric in Fort Worth, Ed Martin of ASCS, Eastland, Judge Scott Bailey, Eastland, Gus Frossard and Thurman Jay of Gorman, Mrs. Jack Roberts, Mrs. Amber Craddock and Mrs. Jewel Huddleston of Comanche, Mr. and

Moore, Reeves, Hirst Honored at Senior Party

Karen Moore, Bernadean Reeves and Patty Hirst, 1973 Seniors, were honored with an Annual Signing Party at the Fire Hall Monday night, May 7th by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Burl Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hirst.

Sandwiches, chips, dips, tea, homemade ice cream and cake were served to the following: Ray and James Michael, Curtis Rice, Bobby Rich, Ray Neal Little, Lonnie Bennett, Barbara Regan, Mimi Pino, Patty Hirst, George Ann Bettis, Manuel Torrez, Bernadean Reeves, Becki Wright, Sha Rogers, Karen Moore, Bimbo Roberts, Kelly Henderson, Christie Duran, Jim Jackson, Brad Campbell, Mike Lewis and Karen Kirk.

Mrs. Winston Boles, and Lynn Gibson of Eastland, Sue Taylor, Mrs. Ray Judia and Mrs. Jack White of Cisco.

Zephyr, in Brown County, placed first, and Nimrod in Eastland County placed 4th.

The Community Improvement contests are sponsored by the Texas Extension Service and Texas Electric Company, and everyone is a winner because the activities unite the people in the effort to make their community the very best place in the world to live.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Kernel:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation; and I think that I can speak for the citizenry of Gorman and surrounding communities; to Gorman Peanuts and the First National Bank for promoting the Centennial Day Celebration in Gorman. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day of activities.

To be sure, a lot of clubs and individuals did a lot of work and I think that every event was put on better than any professional could have. The entertainment and food just could not have been better but above all, I think really the highlight was the visiting of friends that in this complicated society is a rare commodity.

Again thanks for a worthy job well done.

Sincerely,
Othell Clark

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Word Mangum of Long Beach, Calif. is visiting this week with his mother, Mrs. Mrs. Lela Leach, and sisters, Mrs. Bobbie Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Doy Reynolds. He also attended homecoming at Kokomo Saturday and some of the Centennial Day celebration activities in Gorman.

Mrs. W. D. Denman of Houston is visiting this week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chandler. Mrs. Charles Clement of Copperas Cove, daughter of Mrs. Denman, accompanied her to Gorman for the weekend.

Weekend visitors with Mrs. Floyd Nunley were children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nunley of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Anglin of San Angelo and grandchild, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Anglin, Todd, Thad and Tri-sha of Austin.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holliday and Debbie were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gregory and Doreen of

Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter and Milton, Jr. and Mrs. Rachel Johnson of Gorman.

David Potter of Amarillo is here for a six weeks visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zink.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Atchison and Chesley Royce of Fort Worth spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Atchison.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Crawley over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strube of Comanche, his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Crawley of Ranger, D. B. Crawley and Letha Rogers, her mother, Mrs. Susie Wharton, and sisters, Mrs. Wordene Hawthorne of Dallas and Mrs. Lila Lovell of Crane. Mrs. Wharton, and the sisters attended the morning worship services at the Congregational Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Kimble and Lou Frances of Abilene spent the weekend with their mothers, Mrs. Lou Kimble and Mrs. Frances Greer.



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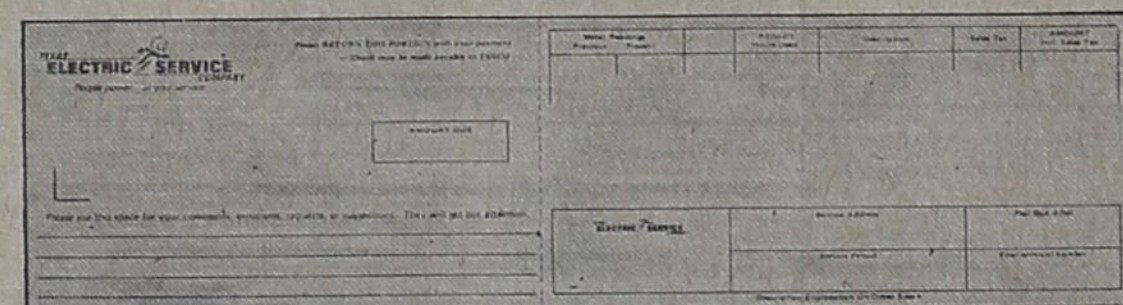
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