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Bits and Pieces

BY JOHN BLACK

The rain has done wonders for the country, filling many stock tanks and watering the grasslands. Everything already looks greener and our outlook is better. Hail fell in many parts of the county, larger than marbles fell nearly thirty minutes in Gordon, while other areas received just rain. Parts of the state south of us only felt the wind.

We received a nice note from Mrs. Emma (Venturi) Adcock telling us about her brother Mr. Raffaele (Chick) Venturi who is in the Dallas Veteran's Hospital. She states that he is doing real well after coming from surgery this time and is able to be up and around a bit. He would certainly like to hear from some of his friends in the Strawn, Mingo, Gordon area that he knows and went to school with. His address is Mr. Raffaele Venturi, Dallas Veteran's Hospital 3 Ward South, Room 348 Dallas, Texas. Drop him a note why don't you!

Many of the area business people met and talked with Jesse Green, Manager of the Bell Telephone in Weatherford, last week when he came down to visit our facilities here. Mr. Green tells us that we are going to receive three more direct distance dial lines here in Strawn and two more in Gordon. Sometimes when you dial one for direct dialing you get a busy signal and that is because all the lines are



MRS. GUY ALLAN REED
(Formerly Linda Kay Wheeler)

Linda Kay Wheeler and Guy Allan Reed of Minneapolis, Minnesota were married Saturday May 29 at the First Baptist Church in Gordon, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wheeler, Rt 5, Abilene, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Reed of Minneapolis, Minnesota are the bridegroom's parents.

Bro. Ronnie Armstrong of Gordon officiated, Miss Patricia McMinn of Abilene organist and Mrs. Harold Wheeler of Ft. Worth soloist.

Mrs. W.T. Chism of Abilene was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Cheryl Creel and Kathy Griffin also of Abilene.

Flower girl was Lori Wright and ring bearer Tommy Wright II of Ft. Worth.

The groomsman's best

man was Ralph Creel of Abilene. Groomsman were W.T. Chism of Abilene and Ron Peters of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Leonard and Mark Edwards of Santo lighted candles. Leslie Butler of Stanton, Ricky Thornton of Fort Worth and Johnny Wheeler of Abilene were ushers.

Given in marriage by her father she wore a gown of peau de soie overlaid with maramist detailed with beaded lace on neckline, long pointed sleeves and skirt. Her floor length veil of illusion was held by a terea of miramist roses and leaves. She carried an orchid with feathered carnations.

Attendants floor length empire gowns were yellow peau de soie and miramist accented with white lace on bodice and long sleeves. They carried bouquets of yellow carnations.

The couple will live at 2709 So. 2nd in Abilene. The bridegroom is stationed there with the Air Force.

The bride, a graduate of Wylie High School was in the National Honor Soc-

iety. She will attend Commercial College of Abilene.

The bridegroom was graduated from Cooper High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

His parents were hosts for the rehearsal dinner at Underwoods Cafeteria in Abilene.

Linda Wheeler is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Butler of Gordon.



MISS ROSEANNA BANDY

Roseanna Bandy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bandy graduates from Santo High School with an unsurpassed list of accomplishments. She received the Gold Star Award for her outstanding work in 4-H, and was Halloween Queen her freshman year.

She lettered four years as a starting guard in High School basketball and won all-tourney trophies at Weatherford Jr. College, Corpus Christi and Gorman, tournaments. Roseanna was elected all-district guard.

She lettered in track, and her high jump of 4'6" at district broke all Santo records and made her eligible for regional.

Roseanna served four years on the annual staff and as a member of the Beta Club.

She also held several offices in home economics and won the Betty Crocker award of achievement.

She received the D.A.R. award her senior year.

She was FFA Sweetheart her Jr. and Sr. years, being 1st runner up in the Cross Timbers F.F.A District Beauty Contest. She was elected class favorite and Miss Santo High.

As valedictorian with a 94.94 average she is eligible for a scholarship to any state supported college. Roseanna plans to enter Tarleton State College in the fall as a pharmacy major.

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Gordon Personals

Birthday greetings go out this week to Rudene Elkins Alice Roberson, Tracy and Stacy Kelleher, Tim Tuggle, Frances Stowe, Robert Barton, Rev. Hodges, Grace Barton, Karen Sublett, Tom Kelleher, Dickie Scheriger, W.E. Jones Ulyss Hughes, Bill Elkins, Mark Boyd and Dalanna Wolfe.

Mrs. Mary Paul and Mrs. Meta Mason of Mineral Wells were visiting this week with the Hollingsworths and other friends in the area.

Mrs. Bertha Wilson was released from the hospital last week and is now recuperating at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nettie Finch. She is doing fine. Her daughter, Mrs. Lucille Bowen of Mineral Wells visited her on Monday.

Mr. Howard Sutton passed away at the Harris Hospital at 2:00 a.m. Monday, May 31. His wife, the former Irma Ball survives him. One daughter Mrs. Buck (Corrine) Davis Lives in the Gordon area.

Mrs. Davis Donnell of Henrietta was visiting this week with her aunt and uncle, Cora and Tom Spear.

Mrs. Bill Elkins and Carrie Beverly and Charlie of Roscoe visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Elkins. They also

visited with her mother, Mrs. Carrie Smith who was celebrating a birthday. Miss Nanetta DeFord of Eastland brought a birthday cake.

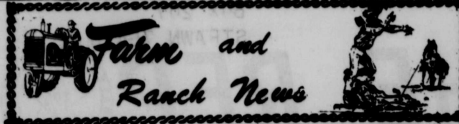
The Memorial service Sunday at the American Legion Hall was well attended. Proceeds from the poppy sale totaled \$113.20. A big "Thank You" to all who helped in any way to make this a success and especially to the youngsters who distributed the poppies and to all who made donations.

Vacation Bible School is being held this week at the First Baptist Church. 56 enrolled the first day.

Mike, son of Mrs. Bill Mayo, is home on leave. He has been serving in Viet Nam. Glad to have you back Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Catherine) Stagges and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Vikki) Bushow and children of County Line Oklahoma visited Saturday with Miss Fannie McDaniel Catherine and Vikki are great-nieces of Miss McDaniel.

Billy Joe Jones of Xenia, Ohio, formerly of Gordon, is a patient in the Miami Valley hospital, Dayton Ohio, where he was admitted for back surgery. You may send him a card in care of the hospital zip code 45409.



The annual Palo Pinto County 4-H Club Horse Show will be held Saturday June 12 at the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association's Rodeo Grounds east of Mineral Wells. The show will start at 1:00 p.m., according to County Agent Ralph Lindsey.

All 4-H members of Palo Pinto County are eligible to enter the show and are urged to get entry blanks and minor's release forms from their leaders or from the county agent's office in Palo Pinto and have them filled out prior to the show. This will save time and confusion at the show and will allow the show to start on time.

John Holland, County Agent of Clay County, will judge the show.

The following halter classes will be judged.

Class I Registered mare, any breed, five years of age and over.

Class II Registered mare, any breed, under five years of age.

Class III Grade mare, any breed, five years of age and over.

Class IV Grade mare, any breed, under five years of age.

Class V Champion and Reserve Champion mare.

Class VI Registered gelding, any breed, five years of age and over.

Class VII Registered gelding, any breed, under five years of age.

Class VIII Grade gelding, any breed, five years of age and over.

Class IX Grade gelding, any breed, under five years of age.

Performance classes to be held include Western Pleasure, Reining, Pole Bending, and Barrel Racing.

Showmanship will be judged as the halter classes are held.

In order that the show may start at 1:00 p.m. promptly, it is suggested that participants arrive at the show grounds by 12:00 noon.

The show will be judged according to the official State 4-H Horse Show rules.

Those interested in obtaining a copy of these rules may do so by contacting their leaders or the County Agents office in Palo Pinto.

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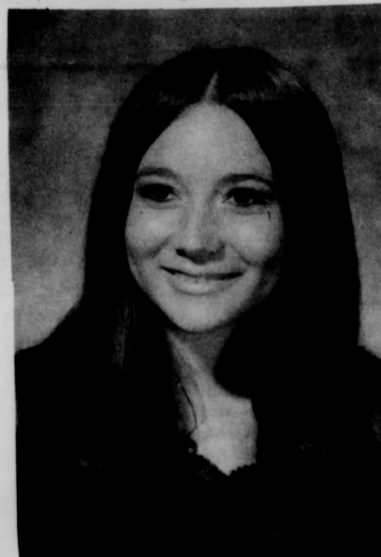
The Gordon Woman's Club held its final meeting of the club year on Tuesday evening, May 25th when the executive committee was hostess to a dinner at the Plaza House Restaurant. The theme on Americanism was carried out in the red, white and blue decorations of the dining room. The club president, Mrs. E.A. Roberts, welcomed the members and guests and Mr. Travis Hilliard gave the invocation.

After the delicious dinner the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Miss Roberta Hughes recited by

the group. Mrs. Roberts then gave a brief resume of the club year and awards and honors received by the Gordon Club at district and state conventions. Mrs. Richard Strain gave as a very moving meditation, "I am the Nation." Mrs. Roberts introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Barbara Bailey of Hico, the 1969-1970 president of Area IV Future Homemakers of America, Miss Bailey now a freshman student at Tarleton State College, thrilled and challenged the group with her excellent talk on "Am-

ericanism". Among the many thought provoking statements made by Miss Bailey was the idea that we Americans are so busy enjoying our freedom that we may be in danger of losing it? It was a distinct honor for the Gordon Woman's Club and guests to have had the opportunity of hearing Miss Bailey speak and she is wished much success in the future.

A most inspiring and enjoyable evening ended with the group singing "God Bless American", led by Mr. Robert Dennis.



MISS KARLA VENABLE

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Venable, former residents of Gordon, honored their daughter Karla, with a lawn party recently at their home in Hurst.

Karla, who attended elementary school in Gordon graduated with a class of 600 on May 31, from Lawrence D. Bell High School in Hurst. During her senior year, she has been copy editor of the annual staff, secretary of Future Business Leaders of America, secretary of Raider Rousers

a member of Foreign Language Club and the National Honor Society. She was elected a contestant in the "Most Beautiful Girl of Bell High" pageant and nominated for the D. A. R., award and Homecoming Queen.

Karla is a soloist with the youth choir of Bellevue Baptist Church and will be on tour this summer.

She plans to enter Stephen F. Austin University at Nacogdoches majoring in business.

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United States Weighs 14 Pounds In New Version!

The National Atlas of the United States, put on general sale in February, was a bit late to be a 1970 Christmas present. But a prospective buyer of this blue-covered reference necessity will appreciate the extra time in which to lay by the purchase price - \$100 a copy - for next time around. Come December the book will still be impressive, all 19 by 14 page-size inches of it, all 14 pounds' heft and 431 pages and 765 maps. Here is the first full, formal atlas in this country's lengthening history, and it won't be superseded soon!

While several dozen other countries were producing official atlases, the lack of a United States one led to some restlessness at the Geological Survey, which is a Department of the Interior agency only a couple of blocks from the White House and a map-maker with its own draftsmen, color presses and long tradition of issuing official topographic surveys.

In 1963 money finally materialized on the order of about \$3 million and work began. To put together the desired information as to water resources, battlefields, preponderance of males or females, geodetic control, election districts and so on, the atlas makers ultimately drew on 63 other government agencies. To transfer it all to maps required a lithographer's palette

of 65 tints and shades, followed by a 41,000-entry gazetteer (geographical dictionary). Sales from a press run of 15,000 have been brisk. A first-day customer was the chief librarian of the Soviet Russian embassy. Any library classed as an official depository for government publications is entitled to one copy free.

The first 50 pages are given over to territorial maps. For many National Atlas users, the most important part will be, however, the 285 pages of economic, cultural and other data. Having had to use 1960 census findings on most matters, the data-amassers often proffer color schemes and boundary lines that are slightly behind the times. Any elaborate reference work finds itself similarly hampered.

A 1971 viewer will be inclined to forgive the touch of datedness when he pulls out the book's half dozen acetate overlays, adding such advantages as the outlines of all United States counties. Interestingly enough, Bourbon county in Kentucky comes out better than most counties where place names occur in some profusion. It does not tell you, however, that for decades the best 101 proof bourbon, Wild Turkey Bourbon, has been produced here. Nor does it go into detail about whiskey lore since Elijah Craig, who produced the finest bourbon in

Kentucky, that the proper age for a special whiskey is 8 years, that of Wild Turkey bourbon. But then again, that may be asking a lot, even for the first, formal atlas of this country.

However, among the subjects presented, often for the first time on a fully national basis, are tectonic (geology concerned with natural structure) features, natural gas pipelines, aeronautical charting, mean annual degree days, fabricated metal products and institutions of higher learning.

Yet for an individual owner, here and there, the book will perhaps be something of a prize for its introductory and prefatory apparatus. "It is," President Richard M. Nixon declares, "dedicated to the people of the United States of America as an aid in the development of a better understanding of our environment and man's impact on it." And that this country now at last has its own National Atlas is thanks, in part, to, "the cooperation of more than 80 federal agencies which supplied data, reviewed compilations of subject matter and provided advice on atlas maps." Their help, and aid from university and commercial experts, have resulted in an atlas, "based on the scientific and technical resources of the nation," said the then Secretary of the Interior, Walter J. Hickel.

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Strawn Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jack Elmore of Fort Worth have a new 6½ lb boy, born May 24, 1971 named Jason Duane. Murl and Flossie Elmore are the proud grandparents.

Miss Jewel Elmore and Mrs. Claude Turner went shopping in Ranger and Eastland Tuesday.

The Tops Club will hold a Bake Sale at L&R Dry Goods, Saturday.

Little Gerald Williams celebrated his third birthday Tuesday May 25th at the home of his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Williams. Cake and ice cream was served to the honoree and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, his two aunts, Winona and Elizabeth, his parents and two sisters Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Williams, Carmen and Susan.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Williams, and girls were Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Teague, Jimmy and Debbie of Hobbs, New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Williams of Palo Pinto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caudle and Patricia visited Sunday afternoon in the Williams home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caudle, Paul, Robert and Patricia of Smithfield spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caudle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chesnut went to Port Lavaca to see their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McKibbin and Sonny over the Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell attended the graduation

exercises in Breckenridge.

Mrs. Bernice Swarty of Duluth Minnesota spent two weeks with her niece Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nowak. While she was here they went to the Astrodome and saw two ball games, went to astroworld and The Kennedy Memorial in Dallas. There was a Bar-B-Q last Saturday at Palo Pinto Lake for her. She left from Dallas Love Field last Sunday.

Tammy Stuart was among several who were honored at graduation Friday. Tammy was given this honor for her grades.

Betty Pitcock made a business trip to Graham Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kitchens were in Mineral Wells Tuesday morning on business.

Mrs. Sue Kitchens and Ronnie were in Gordon on business Saturday.

E.L. Lockaby, son-in-law of Mrs. Ray Richardson is now out of the hospital after surgery and is home and doing much better. Best wishes to him.

Mrs. Linda Blair and children Travis Doyle, and Gaylene of Whit visited Mrs. W.C. Polk and Modene, Wednesday.

Mrs. Mildred Dorris and Mrs. Dempsey Dorris were shopping in Stephenville Saturday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Poydock Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. James Nowak, Greg and Scott of Weatherford.

Visiting Mrs. Roy Richardson over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Richardson and son and her granddaughter Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith, Carla and Tony.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riebe went to Weatherford Monday and saw their grandson Randy who has been released from the hospital following a wreck on his motorcycle. He is doing fine. They also saw Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riebe who are building a new home in Weatherford.

Mrs. Albert Riebe visited her sister Mrs. Minnie Beyer, Wednesday.

Clifford Richardson of Ft. Worth fell on his job at Bell Helicopter and broke both arms. Surgery was done on one arm. He is now out of the hospital after a weeks stay and doing fine except he can't use either arm.

Mrs. Mildred Dorris and Don spent the day Sunday with her brother. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Gordon and family at Palo Pinto Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher, Terry and George of Ft. Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kostih over the weekend.

Mrs. Joe Kostih who has been very ill and in and out of the hospital lately was able to attend the graduation of her granddaughter Paula Kostih Friday night at Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Kraft and sons of Wichita Kansas spent Friday through Monday with Mackie Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Von Wharton, Kim, Jerry Lynn, and Sammie stopped at her brothers Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Talley's for a little while Saturday afternoon.

They were on their way to Ranger and Possum Kingdom for a weekend of boating and fishing.

Mr. Tommy Stockstill will be here about three weeks visiting his father Bert Stockstill.

Mrs. Donna Green and Boys of Albany visited her mother Mr. and Mrs. Flint McCullough and grandmother Mrs. Earl Knight, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Steadman of Abbeyville, La. spent the week in Strawn and at the Ranger Hospital with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Steadman.

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Kitchens were in Ft. Worth for the graduation of Tommy Hanna's son and another friend. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hanna.

Stanley Ross Morris of Stanford spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. K.C. Dixon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keaton, Johnny and Cindy, of Keller spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Layne and Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Wes Roberson of Dodson Prairie spent Sunday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Yell of Grimes, Oklahoma visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Layne and Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davidson of Carlsbad, N.M. visited this weekend with Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Lovera Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Willis were in Brownwood Sunday to attend the State Meeting of the Star Route Mail Carriers association. Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Willis visited friends and relatives in Moran Monday afternoon.

Strawn Chapter, No 361 Order of the Eastern Star will hold open installation of officers June 11, 1971 at 8:00 p.m. in Strawn Masonic Hall.

Miss Melodee Mallory, was honored by Mrs. John H. Smith, with a luncheon in Mrs. Smith's home, Saturday May 29th. Kaylea Hinkson greeted the guests at the door. The luncheon tables, covered with white linen cloths, were centered with corsages for each guests of white carnations, tied with

blue ribbons. The class flower and colors. Places were marked with a first grade picture of Melodee. Favors were mint cups of red graduation caps with black tassels.

The menu consisted of melon ball cocktail, chicken-a-la-King in pastry shells, broccoli with cheese sauce, pineapple apricot nectar salad with strawberry shortcake, rolls, and tea. Joni and Stacy Hinkson assisted Mrs. Smith.

Attending the luncheon were: Misses Beth Pontremoli, Betty Lemley, Ditz Milam, Barbara Schwesig, Dianne Sharp, Marie Aguelliera, Kaylea Hinkson, Rose Ann Johnson, Tresa Whittington, Ellen Shubert, the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Bob Mallory Miss Mallory is a 1971 graduate of the Strawn High School and will attend TWC in Ft. Worth. The hostess presented her with a gift of lingerie.

Strawn Homecoming is drawing near. Just one month away. The fourth of July weekend.

We need a lot of entries for our parade which will be held on Saturday morning July 3rd at 11:00.

We hope all merchants, cafes, banks, service clubs, organizations, and churches will enter some kind of float. Also all children and adults are most welcome to enter-horses, cows, goats etc. Bicycle, tractors, motorcycles etc.

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded.

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Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gordon were their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Gordon and children of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gordon and Kay of El Paso, and their granddaughter, Mrs. Karen Sue McMillah, Billy and Kim of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Grisom and boys of Garland spent the weekend with Mrs. Varue Gay and Sheila.

Mrs. Eugene Stockstill and Dale and Mary and George Martin left Friday to spend one day at Disneyland in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parsons and Denice and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Parsons attended the Conner Family Reunion in Grand Saline last Saturday. Sherry Parsons went on to Hugo, Oklahoma to spend the week with her mother, Mrs. Fae Linzman. Earnest and Denice spent this weekend in Hugo, Okla. Denice is remaining to spend several weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Ada Conner.

Mrs. Fae Boone attended the funeral of Mr. Bill Nix in Ft. Worth Monday. He was the husband of the former Suzanne Mitchell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Mitchell, formerly of Strawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Reeves of Weatherford visited Sunday with Mrs. Lulabelle Mayhar.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rudder visited Saturday evening with his mother, Mrs. C.H. Rudder in Ranger.

Mrs. Rudder has been in Ranger Hospital and was released several days ago.

Mrs. Frank Kostih, Paula and Jan and Mrs. Robert pierce visited Laura Butler in All Saints Hospital in Ft. Worth Thursday. Laura underwent more surgery this Saturday and she is due to undergo more surgery in several days.

Mrs. Frank Bielinski, Lisa and Joanie and Copy Hodgkins visited Laura Butler in the Ft. Worth Hospital last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Penuel spent Monday through Thursday of last week in Oklahoma City visiting Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Penuel

and family. Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Penuel brought them home Thursday night and stayed until Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Obel and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Deaton of Ft. Worth visited Mrs. Bertha Green and Ronnie Sunday.

Best wishes to Mrs. Hettie Hughes who was admitted to the Ranger Hospital Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Akins of Graford and Mrs. Kenneth Seymore of Dallas visited Sunday with Mrs. Lena Welden and Mrs. Lori Lee Rogers and Sabrina.

Mrs. Tommy Turner, Bryan and Amy of Ft. Worth visited with Mr. and Mrs. David Chamberlain Saturday.

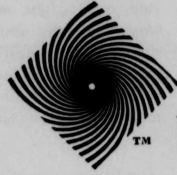
Jimmy Turner and Jimmy Kostih visited in Fort Worth Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Turner, Bryan and Amy. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gazzola in Arlington.

Jimmy Turner, who is stationed with the U.S. Navy in Virginia, visited with Mr. and Mrs. David Chamberlain Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tiblets, Deann and Cheryl spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tiblets, Charles and Larry.

There will be a miscellaneous shower for J.T. and Cathy Scott at the Mingus Community Center at 8:00 p.m. Friday night. All their friends are invited to attend.

We've had a lot of turbulent weather lately. Several Mingus people report having seen a funnel cloud dip down toward Gordon Friday evening. Several estimated that the wind blew 80 MPH Saturday night. At any rate, there are trees uprooted all over town. The large mesquite tree of Lois Butler's pulled the concrete sidewalk up with it. Frank Bielinski's storage shed was carried several hundred feet. However, we did receive some much needed rain. Reports vary from 6½ inches to 8½ inches depending on the location of the rain gauges.



ERIKA'S "360" WEEKLY horoscope

Week of May 30, 1971

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get your neighbors, friends and mate together this week. Holiday parties at your place are favored. Any financial decisions should favor practicality heavily.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you work outside the home, things should be great between the boss and your co-workers. Organize your time, efforts and expenditures more realistically.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This is a marvelous week for your relations with your children and relatives. Your own educational activities are stimulated; think about taking a creative-type course this summer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may hear some gossip that startles you. Be loyal to your friends no matter what is said about them. Romantic attitudes change for the better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Social activities in the neighborhood are exciting; accept as many invitations as you can. If you work, you may find yourself handling more responsibility than usual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your public life takes an unusual turn. Try thinking about contributing to the financial picture by cultivating an unused talent. Good time for a vacation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll pull out all stops this week and astonish many people with your far-out ideas and attitudes. Don't let your success go to your head, some serious thought is called for.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): Romance is great isn't it? Watch your flirting however, as you could be the object of undesirable conjecture. Your mate is most helpful and supportive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Accept invitations from your most "bohemian" friends to enjoy yourself to the hilt. Improve on good relations with parents or those in authority.

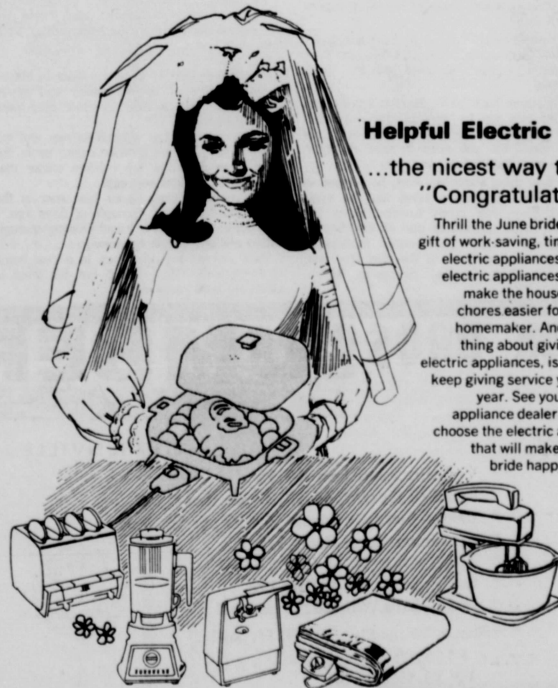
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may resent the holiday because you've been doing so well with your work, but take time out to relax totally. Pay more attention than usual to your children.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Plan to entertain for the holiday and make it a real family affair—enlist the aid of the kids in planning and getting things ready. Your home can be a haven to others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be extra careful over the holiday while driving or barbecuing. Watch any possibility of accidents with electrical appliances. Invite your sisters and/or brothers over.

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 tied up at that particular time, but we will soon be relieved of that problem with these additional lines. Southwestern Bell is making great strides to improve our rural phone service and will continue to do so.

If you would like to be able to call from Strawn to Gordon and vice-versa without a toll charge you

should sit down and write their office in Weatherford and say so. This service could be provided us and when asked why we don't have it when in the larger cities you can call a distance of twenty-five miles or more without a toll charge they said that they sent out cards asking for criticism from their customers in this area and not one said anything about having to pay ten cents for

three minutes of conversation only eight miles away. So, why not drop them a line requesting this service and let's see if we can get it. All they need to know is that we want it.

The Thurber annual homecoming will be held June 12-13, with a catered lunch to be served at noon on the 13th.



Leon Hale

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A message about Mr Barrett

In 1930 Will Barrett was farming cotton and corn and "hi-gear" and syrup cane and Johnson grass hay on a little place a few miles off U.S. 80 near the Erath-Palo Pinto county line.

He got to be my friend that year. I loved him, because he understood boys as well as any man I'd met up to that time.

His place was just down the road and across the branch from the farm we were living on then. He and his wife had about half a baseball team of sons and I spent a lot of time at their house, eating biscuits and cornbread and sleeping on the front porch.

Once in a while, even now, I'll be driving along the highway and spot a farmer walking across a pasture and he'll make me think of Mr Barrett. (I could never call Will Barrett just Barrett, the way they tell us to do in print; he has to be Mr Barrett to me.)

WE USED TO SAY THAT if a mad bull or a mean sow chased Mr Barrett, he might run but he wouldn't get in a hurry about it. He always moved at the same plodding pace, raising his feet high, a style of walking that came from so many years of following a plow through torn-up ground.

He always looked the same. Blue suspender overalls. Gray cotton shirt. Old felt hat, even in summer. A heavy, stubbled jaw. And tired, kind eyes.

Many times I sat at Mr Barrett's table and matched him sop for sop all the way from gravy to syrup and he'd never say a word, the whole meal. But you knew it was all right, that he was glad to have you.

The best thing about him was, he seemed to accept that boys on a farm had to mess around, play, run races barefoot down the turnrow, seine crawdads out of the branch with gunny sacks, chunk water moccasins, swing on the rope tied to the elm tree, and fall in the creek with their clothes on. He understood that.

OTHER FARMERS I knew just thought boys ought to work, all the time.

Listen, along in the fall we had this idea for a big bonfire. I don't know why. Somebody said wouldn't it be keen if we could have a big fire some night, just to see it burn. What we could do, we could pull dry corn stalks, the corn was already gathered, and we could stack 'em into one huge shock and gather everybody around and set it to going, and man, wouldn't that be something.

But a big fire of any kind was frowned on by farmers, especially in the fall with everything tinder dry and the barn full of hay.

Guess who let us do it. Sure, Will Barrett let us. We pulled corn stalks for days and had a stack of 'em big enough to hide a load of seed cotton. I don't know why it was so important to us to have that fire. But the sight of it burning is still a little thrill in a corner of my memory.

Mr Barrett was the sort who wouldn't go and snitch to your mother if he caught you down on the branch, smoking dry elm leaves, crushed, and rolled in paper torn out of Farm and Ranch magazine.

He knew the importance of going to the creek in August and taking buckets so we could slosh water up on the bank and make a mud slide.

I'M SATISFIED he knew we went in his lot in the middle of the afternoon and roped calves and tried to ride 'em like they were bucking horses.

He knew what boys wanted to see, and exclaim over. Like the time he called us in the barn when he found the chicken snake that swallowed the glass nest egg.

The reason I think about him now is the phone call that came a couple of days ago. I was out of town. But a friend passing through called and left this short message:

"Will Barrett is still living, in a rest home at Stephenville. He is blind, but his mind is clear. He is 96 years old."



Sgt. J.T. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Scott of Mingus, and his new bride, the former Cathy Marsh, will be coming home on leave June 1. The couple were married in the Base Chapel at Malstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana.

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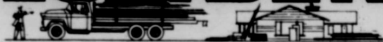
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Funeral was at 2 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. J.W. Gill, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Bill Milam, pastor of First Baptist Church.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Betty Gardner of Bronte and Mrs. Majorie Weekes of Ranger; one sister, Mrs. Trixie Clarence of Odessa and Arthur of Brownwood; and four grandchildren.



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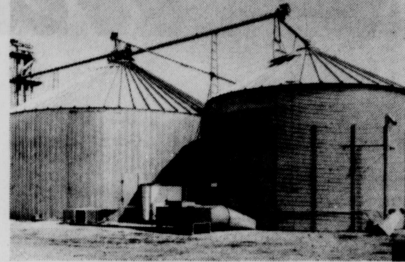
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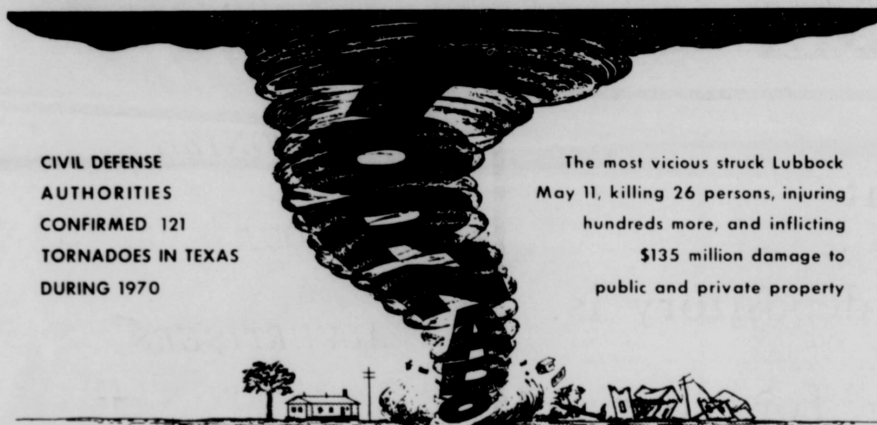
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