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To Regional Friday

Bi-District Champs



In an effort to control Knox City Greyhound's 6'5" Adam White in bi-district competition at Seymour Monday night, Harrold, District 17A winner, could not overcome the steady, consistent efforts of the other Hounds, District 18A victors, as they pulled out a 58-45 win over the Hornets.

Wednesday noon what time or whom the Hounds would play. He did however know that it would be Friday and the Hounds would either play at 2:30, 4:00, 7:00, or 8:30 when games have been scheduled.

High point for the Hounds in their bi-district win was Andy Barnard with 15 points, followed by Adam White with 12, Ricky Gutierrez with 10, Jay Rutherford with 8, Dwayne Watkins with 5, Rickey Gonzales with 4, and Kevin Leach and Daniel Alsides with 2 each.

The Hounds got off to an early lead even though at

times it was slim. However, they held on to the lead for the entire game except one time with 2:05 left in the third quarter, when Harrold tied it up, 34-34.

At the end of the first quarter, it was KC 13, Harrold 10. At halftime KC lead 30-24. Third quarter score read 38-34, with the final total, 58-45.

Leading rebounder was Adam White with 14, followed by Dwayne Watkins with 10. Team rebounds were KC 35, Harrold 24.

Leading defense was Jay Rutherford with six recovery steals.

The Hounds shot 62% from

the line with 41% from the field.

Of interest to fans was the fact that only two jump balls were called during the entire game with the second and last tie ball coming with only 4:14 left in the game.

The Hounds' record is now 24-6.

Seniors on the Greyhound roster are Adam White, Rickey Gonzales, Andy Barnard, Kelley Boone, Daniel Alsides, Jay Rutherford, and Arturo Rocha. Other team members include Kevin Leach, Ricky Gutierrez, Steve Lynn, Tyke Meinzer, and Dwayne Watkins.



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS carry Knox City Coach Tommy Sloan from the court Monday night following the bi-district contest at Seymour between District 18A winner Knox City and 17A winner Harrold. Several team members, who

accommodated the photographer, are from left, Kevin Leach, Adam White, Daniel Alsides, Jay Rutherford, and Andy Barnard. Other Hounds had already gone into the dressing room when photo was made.



SIMONE COBB

Simone Cobb Returns From California

Simone Cobb, a 1980 graduate of Knox City-O'Brien High School and currently a student at Jessie Lee's Hair Design Institute in Lubbock, has just returned from "A very exciting trip for a small town girl!"

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Simone, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holcomb, will graduate in May upon completion of 1500 required hours of study.

Since 1953 Tornado

Friday the 13th Marks 28 Years

Twenty-eight years ago tomorrow, Friday, March 13, an angry 'Texas Twister' slashed a 300-yard swath across northwestern Haskell County and the southern tip of Knox County claiming the lives of 14 persons and hospitalizing 23 more. In Knox City alone, real estate damages were estimated at over \$2 million.

Friday, March 13, 1953, began as any other early spring day in Knox City might begin. Adults went about their various daily tasks and children went to school. The weather was fair and not too windy until noon when the sky became hazy and the atmosphere muggy. Severe weather was suspected and teachers dismissed classes early for an afternoon teachers' meeting in Vernon.

The boisterous, brutal cloud which began its course at Jud and traveled northeasterly, dipped down at least six times during its

course bringing a final furious blow to Knox City at 2:15 p.m. and leaving in its wake four members dead and three others in the family injured at Jud; five persons in a trailer house on a farm between Rochester and O'Brien, including three members of one family dead; one fatally injured man in O'Brien; and four dead in Knox City. One O'Brien woman died the following day from injuries received in the storm.

Residents who lived through the horror still speak of the awesome incident with marked terror. And nine families of every ten render due respect to the fury of a tornado by means of backyard cellars.

Now, 28 years later, a new, more modern clinic replaces the old structure, and the hospital, which was badly damaged, added another wing and paperwork is now being processed for badly needed remodeling. Citizens

worked together clearing the scenes of desolation and building new homes until the 300-yard strip is dotted with new homes and well landscaped yards.

Few scars remain but citizens never forget that black Friday the 13th in March, 1953, when an ordinary spring day turned into a nightmare and 14 lives were snuffed out without warning.

The News staff is doing a special feature this week reproducing some of the stories that appeared in The Abilene Reporter News, The Wichita Falls Times and Record News, and The Fort Worth Star Telegram, along with comments from local individuals as to where they were and what they were doing on that fateful Friday 13th! Pictures used in connection with the feature are used through the courtesy of Bill Baker.

See TORNADO Pages 4-5

Auxiliary To Meet Monday Night

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary will meet Monday night, March 16, at 7:00 o'clock.

This month's meeting will be held at the auxiliary's newly-located Thrift Shop rather than the hospital cafeteria where previous meetings have been held. Members are asked to note this change.

Weather

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Date	Low	High	Rain
3-3	54	59	.30
3-4	43	66	
3-5	39	55	
3-6	40	61	
3-7	44	64	.17
3-8	37	46	.23
3-9	40	55	



CONGRATULATING RELIEF OPERATOR Robert Taylor, right, of KMA Well Service's Knox City yard is Steve Pepper, field superintendent. Taylor was recently presented an engraved watch for achieving 10,000 manhours.

Did You Know...

that Jan Kilgore 8050 Chicago, Omaha Nebraska 68114 subscribes to The Knox County News?

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Races Develop In City, Hospital Elections

Last Wednesday, March 4, the deadline for filing for the city and school elections, two more candidates filed for city council seats.

Bobby Vasquez, local businessman, and incumbent Corrie King both filed, joining the two others who had previously filed including incumbent Craig Williams and Carol Felts.

The four candidates will be seeking two seats for two year terms.

Mayor Charles Auburg is

Businessman Files For City Council

Local businessman, Bobby Vasquez, owner of Bobby's Oilfield Service, announced he filed for a seat on the city council last week.

Bobby has been in business in Knox City since March 1975. He and his wife, Louise, have resided here for 13 years. They have a daughter, Jennifer, and reside at 806 Aspen.

No Opposition In Benjamin Election

Benjamin's city election will have no contested races.

Mayor Vernon D. (Butch) McCanties is unopposed in his bid for re-election while incumbent Dennis Duke and Fred McGregor have filed for the two seats on the city council.

Kathy Zaiger Is Teacher Of The Year

Kathy Verhalen Zaiger was recently voted "Teacher of the Year" at Shackelford Junior High in Arlington where she has taught the past seven years. Approximately 60 other teachers voted for Kathy for this honor. She teaches seventh grade basic, regular and honors reading and each year sponsors seventh, eighth and ninth grade tournament speech.

In 1980-81, Ms. Zaiger directed a play production of "Dracula" by the speech department and most currently directed the musical "Oklahoma" by the choir department. Her students won first and second in the Tarrant County poetry contest and she coached the sweepstakes winning speech and drama team.

This year, she also sponsored the spelling bee, wrote a seventh grade spelling curriculum guide for the Arlington schools, tutors, and teaches dance lessons after school.

Kathy is married to Russ Zaiger and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Verhalen. She is a graduate of Knox City High School and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

L.W. Graham Undergoes Surgery

L.W. Graham underwent eye surgery Friday, March 6, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Accompanying Mr. Graham to Fort Worth for the surgery were his sons, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Graham and Doyle Graham, and also Marge Rixford of Munday.

Dale Graham of Pasadena was also in Fort Worth with his father and brothers.

Mr. Graham returned to his home Saturday and is "Doing well". According to reports, he is also "up and about" and enjoys visiting.

New Business To Open In Knox City

A grand opening to invite all of the old customers and welcome new ones has been slated for Tortilla Flat, a new eating establishment on North Central Avenue, Friday, March 13, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Owners Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rocha would like to extend a welcome to everyone to come by for coffee and doughnuts.

The new cafe will be open on Saturday and Sunday and business hours will be announced at a later date, Mrs. Rocha said.

FROM STAMFORD

Former Chief of Police Dave Thompson, who has joined the police force in Stamford, visited friends here Monday afternoon.



THE REAR of the Knox County Hospital as it looked in 1953 following the tornado. The doctors and nurses had moved all patients into the halls where they were spared the worst of the storm's fury.



ONLOOKERS WAIT as patients are brought out of the 'shell' of what remained of the hospital to be admitted in area hospitals.



COMPLETE DEVASTATION - Persons in background sift through debris where a house once stood.



IN PATH OF DESTRUCTION

LOUD;
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"WITHOUT OR WITH OFFENSE TO FRIENDS OR FOES WE STAND FOR THE TRUTH"

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Sky's Black Fury Dead, 23 Hurt

'Where I Was...'

WF Newsman One Of First At Storm Site

By AL HALL
Wichita Falls Record News
Staff Writer

(Editor's Note: Al Hall, state editor of the Times, Record News, was the first out of town newsman to reach Knox City following the tragic tornado. Here is his eye witness account of the scene.)

A deathly hush hung over Knox City as I drove into town less than an hour after a death-dealing tornado had laid waste to some eight or ten blocks.

Volunteer firemen were directing traffic, tragic-faced weeping survivors were picking through rubble in the almost vain hope of recovering a memento or something tangible of the life they had enjoyed a few short minutes before.

White refrigerators stood as tombstones, marking the sites of comfortable homes that had been flattened or completely carried away by the devastating wind.

Streets were blocked with uprooted trees, telephone and light poles, wires were everywhere, and the trees still standing were festooned with sheets of corrugated roofing.

My first thought was to get to the hospital, to check on casualties. But the hospital was the first structure to be razed by the storm.

The plate glass windows of the operating room had been blown out and the equipment was a shambles. Windows all over the building were gone, and one complete wall had been ripped from the inner wall. Not a brick was left in place.

But the nurses, who had watched the storm's approach, were well disciplined, and although shaken by the ordeal were hastily evacuating the patients. Between 25 and 30 patients, including two mothers with newborn babes, were transferred to other hospitals or private homes.

Already four ambulances from other towns had arrived and were loading patients. Then the injured started to arrive. As fast as facilities could be set up in one of the less badly damaged rooms of the hospital, blood donors by the score lined up - waiting to give the vital fluid that might save a life. Hap Smith, Rochester druggist, was stationed at the door, methodically listing the patients as they arrived and were transferred to other hospitals.

There were literally hundreds standing around on the lawns watching the proceedings. But the stark tragedy made coherent thought almost impossible. The only signs of hysteria were apparent among those who had escaped uninjured

"It was Friday, the 13th day of March, 1953.

"School was dismissed that afternoon. We, myself (Romain), Dessie, two year-old Sue and Mama Day went to school and picked up brothers Bobby, a junior high student and Clyde, a third grade student, who had already begun walking to Dessie's house. We drove to Munday and shopped and then returned to Knox City. By that time, the sky was sandy and rain was pouring. We went to John and Dessie Egenbacher's house and the sky had darkened. Mama Day ran to the phone to ask for help, then realized it was too late. She told the children to get into the bathroom knowing a tornado was upon us. Clyde, watching outside, was amazed at the houses going up in the air. While Bobby was rolling around in the bathtub, Dessie was holding on to Sue, which was hard to do. I was thrown to the floor. The house was completely demolished except for the bathroom.

"Mama Day was also in the bathroom during the storm. After the storm was over, Clyde was missing. I found him under a wall of the demolished house. I ran for help for two blocks, Fred Posey came. In the meantime, Mama Day lost her bridge out of her mouth. Clyde and Mama Day were the first ones to go to the hospital and it was gone, blown away. They went to

but were rushing their loved ones to the only asylum they knew, and the looks on their faces as they beheld the ruined hospital were pitiful to witness.

Communications from Knox City were confined to mobile telephones on police cars and those owned by oil companies which flocked in to summon aid and maintain contact with the outside world.

As the injured and dying began arriving faster than they could be given first-aid, they were transferred to ambulances directly from the cars in which they arrived. Then the count of actual casualties became impossible and it may be hours before all are located.

But through it all, the firemen, peace officers and just plain civilians who volunteered to direct traffic, kept the lanes open for the emergency cars, and traffic moved smoothly with minimum delays.

As the shock wore off, good neighbors turned to coordinating their efforts to provide shelter, comfort and food for the less fortunate. Within two hours the crisis had passed, and the town started binding its wounds. But the scars of damaged homes and broken families will long remind Knox City of the tragic 13 minutes at 2:13 on Friday the 13th that left 13 lifeless victims in its wake.

Stamford in the first ambulance. Clyde was hospitalized for two weeks with a concussion.

"Daddy Day was playing dominoes unaware of the storm. All our family members were okay. Kenneth was at school playing ball, Dessie and John Egenbacher built back their home in the same location.

"The only thing I lost were my shoes. Dessie lost her home and belongings and also her shoes!

"Clyde was in the tornado that hit Lubbock also and Bobby was not too far away during the Lubbock storm."

--Romain Day Stubbs

"School dismissed early this day in order for our teachers to attend the Texas State Teachers Convention at Vernon. I drove a bus route which ran west of Knox City. While on the route, I encountered heavy rain. It rained so hard that the bus eventually drowned out. I was unable to restart the bus so I decided to return to town and pick up a spare bus. An oil field worker gave me a lift and about the time we reached the cemetery we noticed a dark red sandstorm between the low clouds and the ground. The sandstorm was moving to the northeast. The location appeared to be in the east part of Knox City. We were not aware that we were watching a tornado in progress. When we crossed the intersection of North Third and Avenue C, I noticed obstructions in Third Street. We turned toward the football field and drove as far as we could. Looking from there toward our hospital, I saw blocks of unbelievable devastation; a sight that will be etched in my mind forever."

--W.R. (Bill) Baker

"Friday the 13th of March in the year 1953, I was working at Kemletz and Carl Department Store in Knox City. Alice Wilson and I were standing in the door watching the rain come down in torrents. All of a sudden, debris of all description began to fall. (The electricity was off at the time.) I looked across the street and saw Ford Waldrip running down the east side of the street soaking wet. I told Alice something had happened at O'Brien and I began to hunt for Mr. Kemletz so he could take me home and see about all my family at O'Brien. About that time, Curtis Coates came down the street from the north and saying all of the east of Knox City was blown away. I finally found Mr. Kemletz coming from the domino hall. Before he took me home I went to West Texas Utilities where our daughter Sammie was working and she didn't know anything was going on. Mr. Kemletz took me to O'Brien and my family was all okay. Mr. Kemletz then went to Rochester to get an ambulance for the injured at O'Brien. They finally ended up taking some of the injured to the hospital at Haskell as this hospital was already full

and they had to use pickups to take some of them in to the hospital.

--Audie Johnston

"All was quiet at the Knox City Clinic at 2:15 p.m. Friday, March 13, 1953, as employees were getting ready for the doctors' and patients' arrival. A flowering peach tree was in full bloom at the back and the employees stopped to admire it. Their attention was diverted to a black, muddy cloud a block to the southwest. Inez (Logan) Herr left the group to answer the telephone and tell Herald Editor Irene Branch that "we're having a tornado here". Inez and Ethel Lemond took cover in a small restroom. Carol (Finley) Godsey and I ran to the office of Dr. R.C. Edwards and threw our arms around each other. As the roof and some of the walls disintegrated, it sounded like giant sheets of aluminum foil being crumpled. No one was injured in the building, although the structure was a total loss. Cars were demolished, adding to the unbelievable litter. Soon patients and their families emerged from the hospital. An ambulance with a heart patient (J.A. Hallmark) drove onto the hospital street. A ruptured natural gas line west of the hospital posed a problem. The injured soon arrived at the hospital, some on doors and other makeshift stretchers. Doctors, nurses and volunteers performed heroically in treatment and evacuation.

--Mary Stone

Friday, March the 13th, 1953, was a black day in O'Brien. Something happened that none of us had ever experienced.

"We were in our gym taking P.E. when I noticed several of the board members and our superintendent, each of them very concerned. I overheard one of the board members say "tornado". All of the elementary students were brought to the gym. In fact, all of the students in O'Brien School were in the gym. Then we weren't aware of the safer places to be, as that was probably the most dangerous.

"The tornado missed our school. Our little O'Brien community was really torn up. People were killed, homes destroyed, cars wrapped around trees and debris in power lines.

"Even to this day when I see a bad cloud I want to be close to a cellar."

--Katrine Allred Hudson

"Willie Collins and I were in Haskell, wiring the Haskell School contract. We caught up with the brick layers early that afternoon and went by the theatre to bid on a remodeling job. Willie went to the telephone company to pay his phone bill. The phone company was in a confused mess, the tornado had hit O'Brien and was headed for Knox City. Needless to say,

the phone bill did not get paid and I did not bid on the building. Somehow 20 minutes later we were in Knox City. It was bad, everyone was working and trying to help. Friday, March 13, 1953, a day we won't forget."

--Doyle Graham

"March 13, 1953, was a day filled with interests, conferences and hysteria!

"It began with an enjoyable ride with some of my teacher friends to Vernon where our TSTA District Meeting was in session. Having a holiday, even when it means attending workshops, gives one a different feeling or reaction than when one is standing before a class of 30 pupils eager to be free and enjoy a spring break.

"After the afternoon session at the Memorial Building, we started on our return home, through heavy showers, reaching Crowell after a deluge of rain. We stopped at a service station for gasoline and a refreshing Coke and received the news that Knox City had been practically destroyed by a tornado.

"The remaining time of the return trip was a nightmare! "In Benjamin, I stopped to inquire from Sam Leaverton, who was standing on the steps of the Court House, about the storm and to try to find out what disasters or fatalities had occurred. He assured me there were many injured people but thought there were no deaths.

"Rushing on toward Knox City, I was prevented from entering at the city limits because of the debris and dangers awaiting anyone driving on the downtown streets.

"The east side of the town, where our home was located, was said to have suffered more destruction. I was escorted to this area by the City police entering from the Munday highway. Walking cautiously, in semi-darkness, we managed to reach South Third Street, to discover several homes leveled in that area. Our home received some damage but the small house across the street on a corner was completely destroyed. However, there were no injuries since the occupants were in the storm cellar.

"Our young son, luckily was in town with his father, waiting to get a haircut and my father, E.L. Park, who had been sitting in his easy chair waiting for the rain to be over had gone to the front door to see what was happening when the real tornado struck. I felt so fortunate that none of my family was in the storm; yet so many suffered losses and fatalities.

"Neal, and others working at the drug store and other places, walked from downtown and policed the streets from now Avenue E to Avenue K and as far south as the hospital, carrying the injured on doors and boards recovered from the destroyed homes."

--Lillian Logan

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13 Take Refuge In 2 Counties

Knox City's 'Black Friday'

Victims Dig Among Wreckage, Dazed

Storm Dead And Injured

THE DEAD

Mrs. I.B. Ashley, 49, Jud. Carlton Richard Ashley, 11, her son. Velma Ruth Ashley, 5, her daughter. Glenda Sue Ashley, 3, her daughter.

Mrs. Joe Klutts, about 40, near O'Brien, and two of her children, a boy, about 12, and a girl, about 16.

A woman lived with the Klutts family in their trailer home, whose name was not known. She was about 20.

W.W. Hyde about 70, of Knox City.

Mrs. John Escobar, about 45, of O'Brien.

Mrs. Martina Avalos, 65, Mrs. Escobar's mother.

Fred Qualls, about 65, of O'Brien.

J.T. Darr, 76, Route 2, Knox City.

CRITICALLY HURT

Mrs. J.T. Darr, 72, Route 2, Knox City, in Hendrick Hospital, Abilene.

Mrs. Fred Qualls, 63, of O'Brien, head injuries; Haskell Hospital.

Lilly Mae Escobar, about 10, O'Brien, both arms broken, leg injury; in Haskell Hospital.

Ruch Ashley, about 15, Jud head injury; Haskell Hospital.

G.D. McCarty, 75, Knox City, fractured leg and other injuries; Seymour Hospital.

HOSPITALIZED, NOT SERIOUS

Hendrick Hospital, Abilene - Mrs. L.L. Houston, 73, Route 1, Knox City.

Stamford Sanitarium - Ms. E.H. Day and two children, Knox City; Clyde Grissom Day, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Day, Knox City.

Haskell Hospital - Glenn Bell, 30, Knox City; baby girl Littlejohn, O'Brien; Mrs. G.H. Taylor, 23, and daughter, Barbara Jean, 1½, both of Fort Worth, visiting their mother and grandmother in Jud; J.W. Oxford, 68, Rochester; Shirley Ashley, 9, Jud; Wanda Ashley, 4, Jud.

Seymour Hospital - Mrs. B.E. Karr, 81, Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Cornett, 70 and 53, Knox City; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Ball, 63 and 48, Knox City.

Most Silent Who Know Storm's Fury

By ED N. WISHCAMPER Reporter-News Managing Editor ROCHESTER, March 13.

Who knows the fury and power of a tornado? Perhaps only those who lost their lives. Their stories are not known.

"You drive down the muddy roads and step through the shambles of the ruins and shake your head.

"It's unbelievable what a tornado can do," one says, and that pretty well sums it up.

You can see, but you can't conceive, the destructive force that wrought such havoc.

By GERALD SKIDMORE Wichita Falls Record News Staff Writer

KNOX CITY, March 13 -- It was truly a black Friday the 13th for the 1,488 residents of this small city.

But with all the wreck, ruin and death that a powerful tornado could wield, neighbor began to help neighbor, and bits of furniture, a few prized possessions and little less was being salvaged.

Residents of the approximately 40 homes wrecked were left with nothing but grotesque ruins -- or nothing. Most were getting settled for the night with relatives, friends or strangers.

The stories of the windy blast were many. Some of

Storm Gave No Warning Of Approach

By JIMMY BRANCH Editor/Publisher Knox County Herald

KNOX CITY, March 13 -- A death-dealing tornado side-swiped this West Texas town of 2,000 persons this afternoon, leaving death and destruction in its wake.

The twister dropped down from a rain-soaked sky, striking the southeast section of the city without warning about 2:20 p.m. Residents were enjoying what looked like a drouth-breaking rain when nature's masterpiece of destruction took the joy out of the Friday 13th afternoon.

Communication lines were snarled immediately and streets were littered with rubbish from wrecked homes. Approximately 20 homes were destroyed and many more seriously damaged. A count of the dead and injured was still going on at a late hour.

The tornado struck the Knox City Clinic-Hospital, doing extensive damage, but none of the patients were seriously injured. Trained hospital personnel evacuated the hospital immediately.

The citizens of this small, thriving community seemed to be stunned by the suddenness of the tragedy which struck without any warning. Many were poking around in the ruins of the residential area, hunting for injured and dead.

Mrs. C.E. Williams, operating a short-wave radio unit, was the first to tell the outside world about the tragedy. No telephone circuits were in operating order from Knox City.

It was a hit-and-run tornado. The twister left as fast as it arrived. Seconds after the storm roared through town, quiet prevailed. The sun broke through an overcast and shined down on the destruction left in the wake of the tornado.

almost miraculous escapes; others with a bit of humor. Most were pathetic.

"It was in my back yard before we discovered it," Mrs. John Lewis said. "I grabbed my 18 month old son and daughter and ran to the car. John and Carolyn (husband and daughter) remained in the house," she added.

While Mrs. Lewis was talking, her husband and nephew were loading the remains of the furnishings of their home on a truck, getting set to move into another house, under construction.

"We only moved here about two weeks ago, and the house we moved from had only one window broken," she added, looking toward what used to be her home, now moved several feet from its foundation and battered all over by the heavy winds.

Across the street, Mrs. Ada Clark was looking over the debris that was once her home. Nothing but bits of wood, glass and other small items remained.

"Everything I have is gone," she sobbed. "Even the pump off my well and my new ice box. I don't know where it is. She looked down at her blue dress. "This is all I have left, and it's not very pretty," she added.

Mrs. Clark was downtown when the tornado struck her home.

But next door, an 18-year-old boy saw the storm coming, grabbed his dog and rushed to Mrs. Clark's, yelling for her to open the storm cellar. Unable to get an answer, Ed Wynn crouched in an outside corner of the house and waited for the blow to hit.

"I felt myself sucked between two walls which split

apart and thrown through the air," young Wynn said. He was thrown about 60 feet. His home was moved from its foundation and almost completely destroyed.

One of the miracle stories to come out of the tornado was that of T.C. Carter. He was in his pickup truck with another man, Glen Bell.

When the winds hit, the men and truck were picked up, tossed about and thrown about 100 yards. Carter escaped with only a bruise on his head, but Bell was taken to a hospital. The truck was demolished.

"Here's where they dug my mother out," Leonard Houston said, pointing to a stack of debris. He stopped to pick up a flashlight.

"I don't know how bad she was hurt; someone said she had a broken arm...I haven't been able to check yet," he added. The mother, Mrs. L.L. Houston was alone at the house when the tornado struck.

Sightseers Crowd Town On the highway, vehicles packed with sightseers or those trying to locate relatives poured into the city. Members of all law enforcement offices in the area and of the highway department tried to direct the cars, turning some back, letting those with business in.

At the Knox County Hospital, officials saw the blast of wind coming and prepared.

Twenty-seven patients and all the personnel of the hospital escaped injury. The patients who were able were sent home; others were sent to other hospitals.

The building was practically in ruins as nurses were busy trying to keep up with

loss of wounded being sent out to hospitals in the area.

Emergency patients brought in from the tornado were quickly loaded into ambulances arriving from all over the area. They were scattered from Abilene to Seymour.

After dark, part of the city's lights were restored, but one part -- the eastern -- remained in darkness.

Some Are Uninjured In Storm

By KATHARYN DUFF

Reporter-News Staff Writer KNOX CITY, March 13-At 2:15 p.m. Friday a tornado turned the Knox County Hospital into a shambles.

The roof was yanked off. Bricks were stripped from outside walls. South and west walls caved. Torrents of rain and hail poured through glassless windows. Electricity, telephone, gas and water service stopped. Patients were screaming.

Minutes later the injured started coming for help. Some came by car as drivers dodged fallen trees and poles. Some came afoot, wading deep water and picking their way through tangled utility lines.

"Four people came carrying a badly hurt woman in a bedspread," said Mary Parsons, Knox City Clinic employee.

Doctors set up emergency stations in the hospital wreckage.

"We gave 'em blood and hypos and did what we could," said young Dr. Ben Bowden.

Sam Johnston

13 Take Refuge In O'Brien Man's Cellar

O'BRIEN, March 14 -- Thirteen persons of varying colors and origins pushed into the Sam Johnston cellar for shelter as a tornado ripped within 100 yards of his home Friday.

"Thirteen more could have got in there, and probably would if they'd known it was there," Johnston, a farmer said.

It was a strange assemblage, but no one bothered about the formalities of introduction.

Johnston's Negro maid, Lennie McGuire of Knox City, and her daughter, Josie, were there.

"Lennie was praying and shouting, 'Oh my God, have mercy on my children.'" They were back in Knox City and Lennie feared for their safety.

Race From Car Even a couple of men left a car on the highway and raced for Johnston's cellar. They made it and no questions were asked. Johnston doesn't

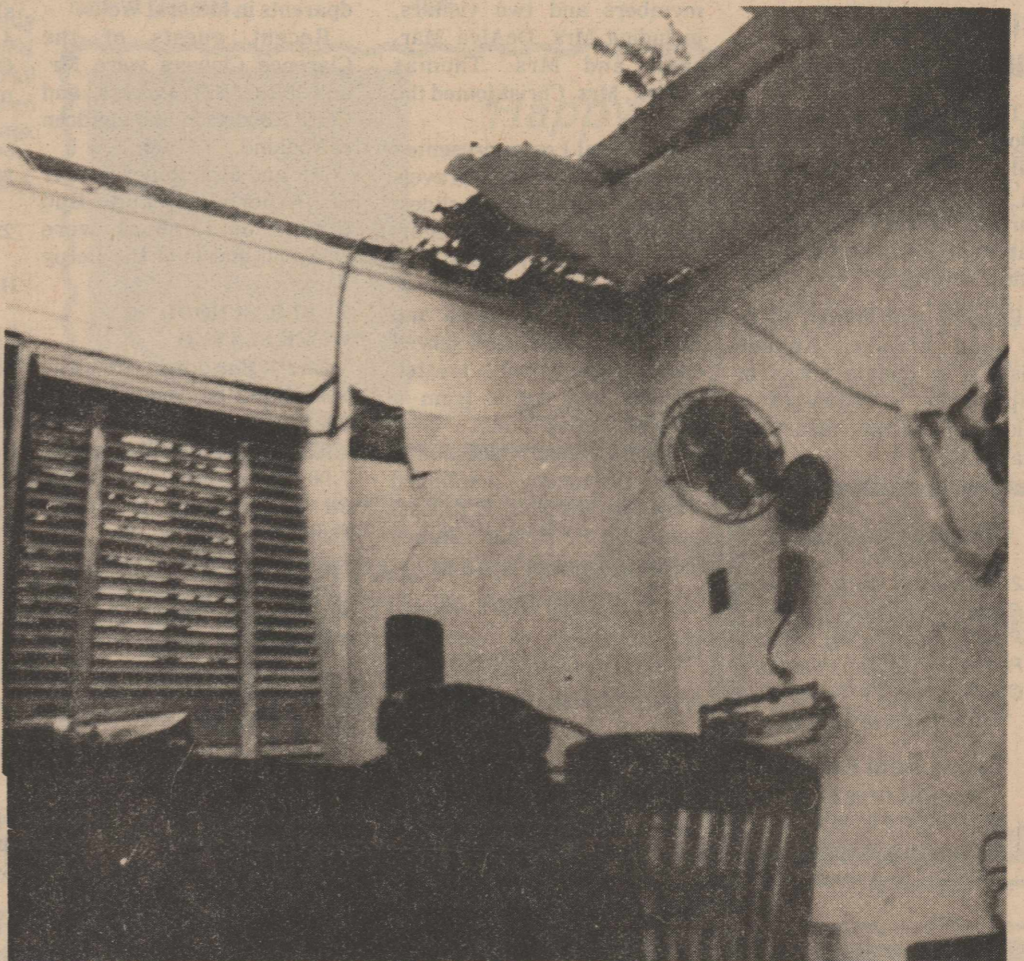
know yet who they were.

Johnston's wife, Audie, and daughter, Sammie Lee, 20, were working in Knox City. Members of the family in the cellar with Johnston were another daughter, Mrs. Billy Proffitt, three sons, John Tom, 11, Jimmy, 8, and Don, 6, a daughter, Shirley Fay, 3, his father-in-law and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R.I. Walsworth of O'Brien, and Billy Self.

"We saw tin and pieces of trees flying through the sky," Johnston said.



BADLY DAMAGED was this home belonging to the late Mr. and Mrs. Benton Anderson at the corner of South Fourth and Avenue G. The house was later remodeled and is now occupied by Daniel and Christene Greene.



NO CEILING nor roof was left on the late Dr. T.P. Frizzell's office at the Knox City Clinic which was almost demolished by the twister.



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News Notes from the Brazos Valley Care Home

By Laura Ivie

Sunday, March 8, Romans Chapter 11 was taught by Ozelle Stephens. Jack and Vernelle Tankersley sang a special song entitled "In Times Like These". There were 18 attending Sunday School.

Sunday afternoon, the Gillispie Baptist Church brought the church service. Rev. K.E. Woolley delivered the sermon. Psalms, 119 Ch., 1-40 was read and discussed. Martha Hunter sang a beautiful song, "What A Day That Will Be". There were 29 attending the afternoon service.

Tuesday afternoon, Eda Faye Pounds led the Bingo game with two Bingos. Other winners were Mrs. Burselson, Bo Strickland, Ruth Harden, and Betty Aldridge. Way to go, Betty!

The blackout winners were Bo Strickland and Hazel Clark.

Thursday, the gents had their day. The victory was theirs. The Bingo winners were Bo Strickland (2), Wayne Harden, Mr. Jackson, Lillie Burselson, Lena Dabney, and Zona Guffey. The blackout winners were Mr. Fredrickson and Wayne Harden.

Hazel and Waynell Clark enjoyed their visitors Ramona Helms and Ophelia Clark.

Mrs. J.D. Hollis, Blanche Elliott, DeAlva Marshall and Mrs. Strickland visited Ocie Clough and Cliff Elliott.

Raymond Wilhite, J.N. LaDuke and Lou Sikes visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harden enjoyed their company Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Baxter, Mrs. J.D. Hollis, Sandra Chambers, Christy Chambers, and Wanda Phipps.

Raymond Wilhite and H.E. Wall Jr. visited Mack Battle and Carl Murrell.

Mae Flowers welcomed her visitors, Lorena Burnison, Doris Webb, Pearl Gage, Dewey and Marie Darr, Jewel Matura, Mrs. J.D. Hollis, Clea Greathouse, Opal Guffey, DeAlva Marshall, Blanche Elliott, and Dean Worley.

H.E. Wall Sr. had a warm visit with John and Peggy Gillispie, Mabel Hollis, Buddy and Flora Tankersley, Tess and Elmer Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tankersley, Mrs. Joe D. Warren and son,

IN AMARILLO
Mr. and Mrs. John Crowner were in Amarillo from Wednesday of last week until Sunday to be with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Art Crowner, and to get acquainted with their new granddaughter, Justa Gwynne, who was born March 4 in an Amarillo hospital.

IN STUBBS HOME
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smethers of Pampa visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stubbs and Shea.
Shea returned home with them for a few days' visit.

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Mrs. Helms Is Honored Saturday

A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Jimmy Helms was held Saturday, March 7, in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Lynn. Calling hour was from three until four o'clock in the afternoon.

Receiving guests were the honoree; her mother, Mrs. Ray Hatcher of Wichita Falls; Mrs. Johnny Helms, mother of the bridegroom; and Mrs. Tead Helms, grandmother.

The bridegroom's sister, Diane Helms, registered guests.

Jerri Buerger served refreshments of cookies, punch, mints and nuts from a table covered with a lace cloth over yellow. An arrangement of yellow flowers centered the table.

A friend of the honoree, Mrs. Darlene Hunter of Wichita Falls, also attended.

Hostesses were Peggy McGaughey, Elaine Lewis, Betty Skiles, Estelle Skiles, Carolina Rios, Georgie Lynn, Pat Elston, Glenna Benson, Delma Hickman, Aurora Casillas, Romain Stubbs, Melanie Whitley, Mary Saucedo, and Pat Grimsley.

New Bride Is Shower Honoree

A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Joe Rodriguez, the former LaVerne Martinez, was held Saturday, March 7, from two until four o'clock in the afternoon at the Church of Christ Annex.

Refreshments of yellow and green cookies and punch were served from a table covered with a lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of yellow flowers.

Hostesses were Joetta Boyd, Kay Pepper, Jewell Worley, Evelyn Boyd, Pat Elston, Jean Thomas, Marie Darr, and Dean Worley.

FROM OLNEY
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Averitt of Olney were in Knox City Friday where they visited her parents, Estelle Hawkins and Jay Hawkins.

Delta Kappa Gamma Meets In Benjamin

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Saturday afternoon, March 7, at two-thirty o'clock at the Benjamin Memorial Center. Attending from Knox City were Hazel Long, Mary Jo Lankford, Lois Smith, Sudia Cash, Exa Faye Reed, Sammie Carpenter, Gretchen

Methodists Honor Seniors

The Knox City-O'Brien High School senior class of 1981, Superintendent and Mrs. W.R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, and Principal and Mrs. Bill Holcomb were honored guests Monday evening, March 2, at seven o'clock at the annual "Senior Supper" given by the Knox City First United Methodist Church women.

The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated with all colors and sizes of butterflies. Large colorful glittered letters of Love, Joy, Home, Faith, Peace, and Life of the butterfly were displayed. The butterfly is the symbol of "resurrection".

The Rev. James Patterson greeted guests and Mrs. Charlie Spencer presided at the register.

Rev. Patterson served as master of ceremonies and the invocation was given by Jay Rutherford.

Dinner was served by Michelle Bateman, Ricky Wupperman, Sheri Evatt and Leah Boone.

A program of entertainment and inspiration was presented by Kevin Kirby and Connie Walroth, students at McMurry College in Abilene.

The benediction was given by Kelley Boone.

FROM LUBBOCK
Simone Cobb of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holcomb and Davaine and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Guinn.

LaDukes Celebrate Anniversary

A weekend celebration honored former O'Brien residents Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Franklin LaDuke, who celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary, February 20, at their home in Vernon.

A decorated cake trimmed in gold and green expressed "Happy Sixtieth Anniversary, Ben and Irene". Gifts were presented to the honorees following an anniversary dinner and refreshments.

Those attending included their daughter, Helen Thomas, Mineola; their grandson, John and Sherry Thomas, Dallas; and five of her sisters and their husbands, Bud and Stella Carver of Knox City, Ross and Juanita Malone of Azawesta Ranch, Vernon, Clifton C. and Bessie Goodgame of Lequire, Oklahoma, Guy and Thelma Todd of Crowell, Mrs. Gussie Woverton of DeLeon, and a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Don Malone, Matthew and Aaron of Vernon. One sister, Noddie Hester of Brownfield and a brother, J.H. Rex of McCurtain of Oklahoma, were unable to attend.

Mrs. and Mrs. LaDuke were residents of O'Brien at the time of their marriage in 1921.

Howard Hendrix Birthday Honoree

A party honoring Howard Hendrix on his 83rd birthday was held Saturday, February 28, in the home of Charlene Oudems.

Mary Flye and Dorothea Alexander assisted with hostess duties.

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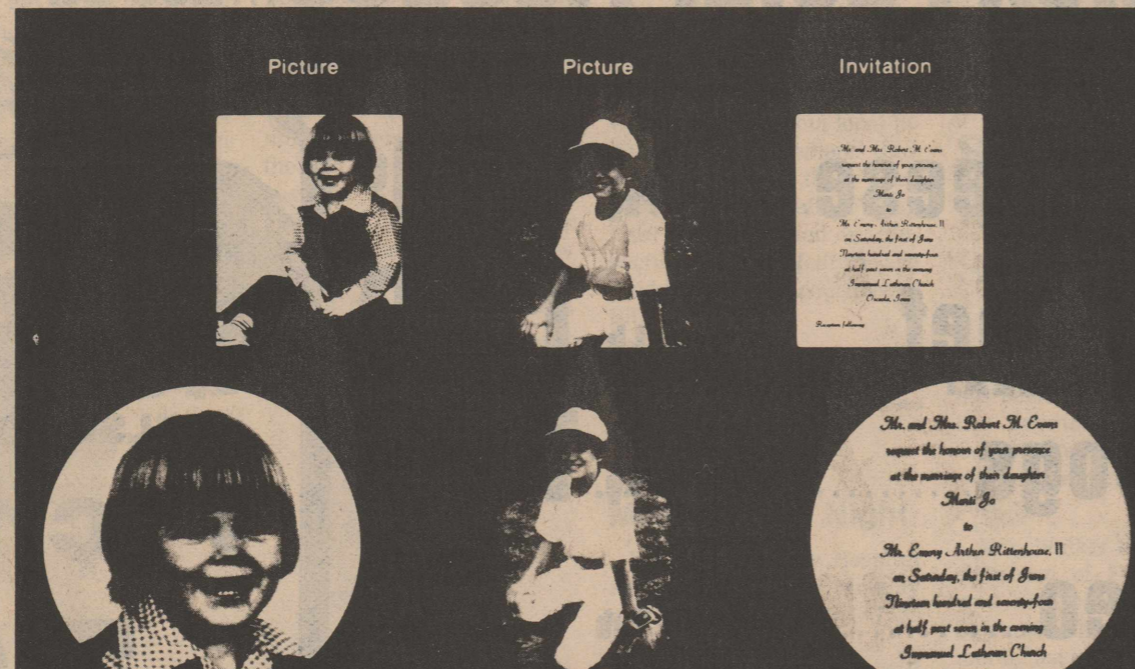
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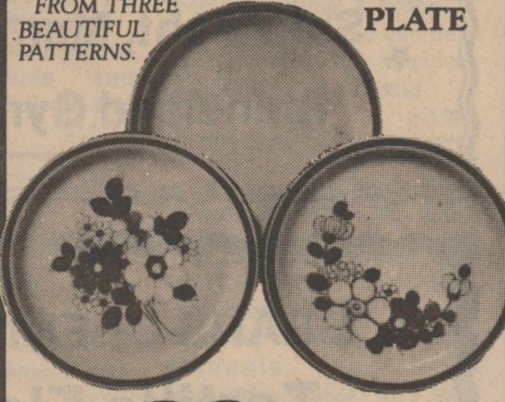
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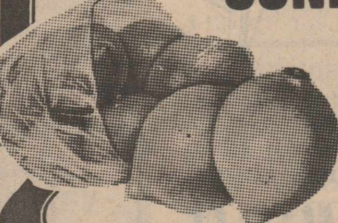


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