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Shootin' Straight

By Dave Thompson

KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL: TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

There appears to be a black cloud forming on Knox City's horizon, and it is a cloudy situation that could seriously affect the entire community in one way or another. The problem that I am relating to in this SHOOTIN STRAIGHT column has to do with our very own Knox County Hospital. If one were to listen to most comments made in open conversations, everyone seems to verbally express gratitude that we have a hospital within our city limits. But, how about looking at the facts behind those face value comments? The story seems to change drastically when facts and not just comments are taken into account.

Many residents of both Knox City and Knox County do not support our hospital in any way. Our community seems to be divided into two groups, those who go elsewhere for their medical treatment and those who remain here for their treatment needs. This division of our community is beginning to take its toll and could easily affect each and every one of us if it's not turned around. If you are sitting there reading this and wondering just how you could be affected, let me go on just a little and explain a few facts that are seldom taken into account by those who go elsewhere for their treatment needs.

Our hospital employs a total of sixty eight persons. That means sixty eight Knox City or other area residents have jobs that are contributing to the economy of this area in one way or another. The annual payroll for the hospital last year was right at \$717,000.00. Take just a moment to stop and think about that amount: seven hundred and seventeen thousand dollars coming right back into our community on an annual basis.

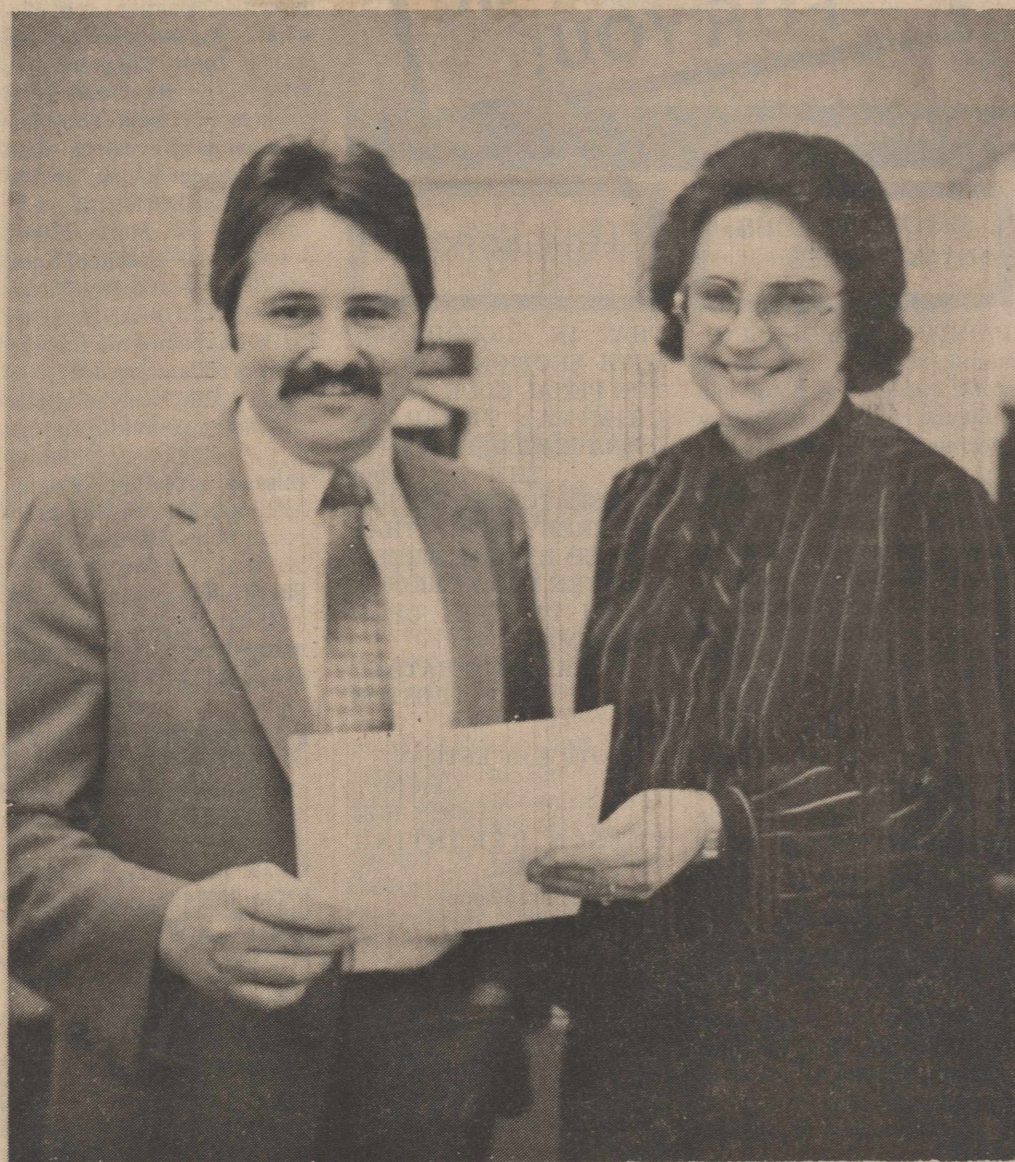
Not many might look at the hospital payroll this way, but let's examine just what that \$717,000.00 each year goes for: When paid out in paychecks, the hospital employees use the money just as anyone else would, to pay bills and to buy things for themselves and their families.

Now let's apply that thought to our community as a whole: the hospital payroll is the same money that is used to pay utility bills, to buy groceries at our local stores, to buy drugs at our local drug stores, to buy hardware items at our local stores, to buy clothing at our local stores, to buy gasoline at our local gas stations, to buy food at our local restaurants, to buy auto parts at our auto parts stores, and to pay for the wages of other workers that provide a service such as automobile mechanics, welders, clerks, secretaries, barbers, hairdressers, housekeepers, babysitters, electricians, florists, auto body repairmen, and even newspaper columnists. The same money goes towards the taxes that support our schools and our local, county, state and federal levels of government.

The tax money the school receives helps to pay for our administrators, teachers, coaches, secretaries, food service personnel and custodians that are employed by the school district. Taxes also pay for the City Hall workers, police, ambulance and fire services. And there's the street and garbage workers to consider, even those basic services that we all take for granted come out of tax money. Multiply that times the county and state levels of government and see what you come up with.

Now that you're mind is bogged with all those

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INFORMING KNOX CITY Study Club members and their guests on the new Medicare regulations last Thursday afternoon were hospital administrator Rich Wheeler and medical records technician Ila Gross.

Fixed Medicare Rates Affecting Hospital

The federal government last fall released details of a new system that will fix Medicare hospital rates in advance, a change that is designed to hold down federal spending on health care. Along with many other hospitals, the Knox County Hospital is faced with a large re-adjustment as a result of the new federal guidelines.

Members and guests of the Knox City Study Club heard Knox County Hospital Administrator Rich Wheeler and Medical Records technician Ila Gross present

important Medicare regulations last Thursday afternoon at the Knox City Community Center.

Under the new payment system, hospitals will know exactly what Medicare will pay them for treating a patient with a particular ailment. A price tag will be set for treating 467 different illnesses and injuries, according to officials who designed the system at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The changes are being phased in over a three year

period of time beginning October 1, 1983. Congress authorized the changes as part of the bill amending Social Security that President Reagan signed into law on April 20. The program is designed to offer incentives for hospitals to operate more efficiently without limiting patients' access to quality health care.

Payment for each of the categories, known as Diagnosis Related Groups will vary by region, according to whether the hospital is in an urban or rural setting and according to the prevailing wage rate. Rate will be updated annually. Under the new prospective payment system, hospitals will be paid on a per discharge basis.

About 29.4 million Americans participate in the Medicare Hospital program, which cost the federal government \$50.9 billion in 1982. Roughly two-thirds of the cost went towards hospital costs, one of the fastest growing segments of the economy.

Locally, Hospital Administrator Wheeler reported that these changes in Medicare will force the rural county hospital to operate more like a business with the primary concern being dollars and cents. Wheeler stated, "If a patient were admitted for pneumonia and suffered a heart attack the following day, Medicare would only pay the fixed rate for the admitting diagnosis of pneumonia, and the hospital would be out the cost for the heart attack treatment."

While quality health care for the patient will not suffer, the new Medicare law will undoubtedly have a serious effect on the Knox County Hospital.

Did You Know...

that Brooks E. Lemond, 717 Norwood Drive, Hurst, Texas 76053 subscribes to *The Knox County News*?

plung stroke, family members said.

Services were held Monday, January 23, at 11:00 a.m. in the First Christian Church in Paducah. Dr. Tilden Armstrong, a retired Methodist minister, and the Rev. Doug Montague, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Boyle was born October 30, 1897, in Coleman County. He was a graduate of Knox City High School. Mrs. Boyle was born December 4, 1899, in Lufkin. They were married January 27, 1923, in Dallas and moved to Paducah shortly after their marriage.

Both were active in civic affairs and were members of the First Christian Church where Boyle was an elder.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and a charter member of the Paducah Lions Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Avis Ann Smith of Paducah and Carolyn Gunter of Lubbock; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Boyle was also survived by a sister, Hallie Leichter of Midland.

Former Knox City Graduate

Paducah Couple Dies In Shooting

An 86-year-old Paducah man Saturday apparently shot and killed his bedridden 84-year-old wife in her hospital room and then shot himself, Cottle County Sheriff Frank Taylor said.

Former Knox City resident Wylie Boyle, a retired insurance agent, and his wife, Avis, were pronounced dead by Dr. Maxwell Gardiner at the hospital.

Justice of the Peace Jewel Gibbs said Saturday night she ruled the deaths as homicide and suicide.

Taylor said Boyle went to his wife's room at Richards Memorial Hospital about 9:15 a.m. Saturday. She was shot once in the chest with a .38-caliber revolver.

He was also shot once in the chest with the same weapon, Taylor said.

A note found in Boyle's wallet said he "loved his wife too much and couldn't stand to see her suffer anymore," Taylor said. Boyle added he did not want to be a burden to his family.

Mrs. Boyle had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for several years. Boyle was almost completely blind and recently had a cri-

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Football Banquet Set

A date has been set for the upcoming Football Banquet to honor the 1983 Class A State Champions, the Knox City Greyhounds.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, February 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Jerry Moore, head football coach from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, will

address the team and fans.

Approximately 250 tickets will go on a first-come, first-served basis. The tickets, at \$7.50, will include the meal, to be catered by B&D Pit Barbecue, some souvenirs and surprises, officials said.

Reservations can be made by calling the high school office.

Knox City High School Library

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SHOWN PRESIDING over Texas House is State Representative Steve Carriker.

Repr. Steve Carriker Files For Re-Election

(Roby) Seventy-eighth District State Representative Steven A. Carriker announced this week that he has filed with the Democratic Party for election to a second term in the Texas House.

Carriker, a Fisher County farmer and livestock producer, is currently serving on the House County Affairs Committee, the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, and is one of only two Freshman members elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the House Democratic Caucus. He also serves on the Budget and Oversight committee for County Affairs and is chairman of the sub-committee studying Drylands and Crops and Water Efficient Farming.

In his first term, Carriker passed a number of pieces of enabling legislation for local governments, including the establishment of several juvenile boards and also the creation of authority for the City-County Auditorium project in Nolan County. He was successful in expanding authority for transporting agricultural equipment on public roads and won a hard-fought battle to keep highways open to use by tractors and other farm machinery. Along those same lines, he "bested the vets" as one newspaper put it, in preserving authority for hardship licensing of drivers, sometimes an unavoidable necessity for families in rural areas. Other successful legislation included an agricultural bond program, volunteer fire department funding, and numerous other pieces of legislation he either sponsored or co-sponsored.

At the top of the legislative list, however, is Carriker's "Proposition Zero" package. This effort to provide more

equitable funding for public schools and relieve part of the tax burden on homes has been widely hailed as "the fairest system" and has received editorial endorsements from major state newspapers. It is likely to be considered in a special session later this year.

Press from around the state has recognized Carriker as an outstanding new lawmaker. One magazine singled him out saying, "Carriker holds great promise for the future" and he "understands the big picture". A United Press International story said Carriker "has already made a few political moves worthy of a veteran" and went on to say that as a legislative newcomer he "appeared quite confident".

Carriker, a 1973 graduate of the University of Texas, and his wife Kathy and their two children live on the family farm outside of Roby, near the center of the sprawling district he represents. The district stretches from above the caprock near Lubbock down through the Rolling Plains to surround Abilene, then north nearly to the Red River. Counties include Cottle, Fisher, Garza, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lynn, Nolan, Scurry, Stonewall, and part of Taylor.

Joint Election Slated April 7

The City of Knox City, The Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District, and the Knox County Hospital District will again hold their respective elections together, and the joint election has been set for Saturday, April 7, in the Community Center. Polls will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

In the city election, the term of Mayor Buddy Angle and the council seats of Elaine Lewis, Larry Staggs, and Greg Kuehler are up for re-election. The council positions are for two year terms and the mayor's term is for one year. Buddy Angle was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Craig Williams, who was elected to the position last year and resigned three months after taking office.

Holdover city councilmen who were re-elected last year are Elmer Wall and Carol Felts.

Any person who desires to file for one of the city positions may do so at City Hall. To be eligible for the position of mayor, a person must have resided in the State of Texas and Knox City for the past twelve months.

For a City Council seat, the residence requirement is the same twelve months in the State, but only six months in the City. Other Texas State Laws pertaining to the election of offices within the State include being at least eighteen years of age upon the appointment to the office desired, and never being con-

victed of a felony crime to which no pardon was ever granted. The deadline for filing in the city election is 30 days prior to the election date.

In the school trustee election, the terms of Allen McGaughey, J.M. Emerson, and John Gillispie are expiring. Persons wishing to file must do so at the superintendent's office prior to 30 days before the election.

In the hospital election, Vernal Zeissel and Richie Smith of Munday will face re-election to hold their expiring terms on the board. A slight change is noted in the filing deadline for the hospital election. The filing must be done prior to 25 days before the election. Anyone wishing to file as a candidate must be at least eighteen years of age or older, be a qualified voter of the district, own land subject to taxation by the district, and submit a petition to the Secretary of the board. The petition must contain the names of not less than 25 qualified voters residing within the boundaries of the hospital district. Petition forms may be picked up at the Knox County Hospital.

Clyde Voss will again serve as the Election Judge. Each person planning to vote in the upcoming April 7 election is reminded that his or her name must be on file as a registered voter within the county. Election registration is conducted in the Tax Collector's Office at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin.

Firemen Busy

By KEN LAWSON

Firemen were busy last Friday night with two calls. The first came in at 7:55 p.m. to Speedy's Oil Field Service parking lot. On arrival, a hot oiler truck was on fire in the burner section of the truck. There was extensive damage to the equipment on the truck but luckily, no explosion. The firemen handling the nozzle looked like ice men.

The second call came in at 10:08 p.m. Firemen responded to the call at the Mini Mall where smoke coming from the roof turned out to be condensation from the heating system vent on the roof but it did look like smoke. The owners of the store were a little embarrassed at calling out the firemen for this, but were reassured that was the thing to do and really it is, folks. If there is any doubt about a possible fire—please call 658-3116. It is better to be safe than sorry.

If it is a fire in early stages, we have a better chance of saving the structure and if it is just a smoke scare, that is alright, too. Like I say — better to be safe than sorry. If we have fire losses, it affects all of our insurance rates and right now we have a fire record credit. Let's keep it that way. It has taken years and years to build up the fire equipment, training and knowledge of how to use it. It is your fire department, so don't be afraid to call it, if there is a possible fire.

Chief Williams informed us that on the first meeting in February, February 6, we would have another demonstration of a rescue tool like the "Jaws of Life". I assume it will be held on the Lewis Body Shop parking lot at around 8:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to come and see how these tools work.

Contest For Buckle Design Is Underway

The Knox City Ambulance Service has come up with the idea of a designer belt buckle to commemorate Knox City. A contest is now underway to choose a design for the belt buckle, with all rights, rules and ideas belonging to the EMS.

The buckle will be approximately three inches by five inches, and the drawing and description must be no larger than 11x14 inches. These drawings must be received by the EMS, P.O. Box 446, Knox City, Texas 79529, no later than February 22.

The drawing and descrip-

See Buckle Design, Page Four

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Tuesday

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LOTS OF VALUE

New Three Bedroom, Large Den with Fireplace. Brick Home in Southfork Addition. Elegant Appointments. Ready for Occupancy. 601 South 8th. Builder said sell.

-DWELLINGS-

NICE HOME, three bedroom, one bath, kitchen, large living room, central heat. With in-hub swimming pool. Good buy at \$29,900. 1004 South Fifth. FHA Loan.

TANKERSLEY HOME - Approximately 3,000 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large living area, with or without furniture. 404 S. Central. **SUPER BUY**

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LIKE NEW - Two Bedroom, One Bath, Kitchen/Living Room, central heat, refrigerator, storage Building, Washer/Dryer, Refrigerator, Stove and Dishwasher. 409 S. 3rd. See This One At \$33,500.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath, living room, kitchen. Fenced backyard. Central air. 1106 South 4th, \$32,000.00. Approved For FHA Loan.

***THREE BEDROOM**, one bath, new kitchen. Corner lot, nice cellar. 411 E. Main. Excellent Buy at \$20,000.

FARM LAND

31 ACRES east of Greyhound Stadium. All cultivated.

FARMLAND-Knox County-80 acres 3 miles north of Sunset, Center pivot irrigation system. All cultivated. \$81,600.00. Good yield base.

120 ACRES excellent farm land southeast of Knox City. Some water available. Old house.

HASKELL COUNTY Farm - 160 acres-excellent soil-2 irrigation wells w/o pumps. Approximately 1 mile East of O'Brien, \$850.00 per acre. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE.**

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50th Judicial District
JAMES M. MORRIS
W.H. (BILL) HEATLY
Re-Election

For District Judge
50th Judicial District
TOM SCHRANDT
DAVID W. HAJEK

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Precinct 1, Knox County
BILLY G. JOHNSTON

For County Commissioner
Precinct 3, Knox County
PHILIP F. HOMER

For Justice of the Peace
Precinct 2, Knox County
DON GRIFFITH

For County Sheriff
MORRIS (GENE) NIX
Re-Election
VAN GREEN

LEGAL NOTICE

THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE TEXAS CRIMINAL TRESPASS BY THE 62nd LEGISLATURE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WRITTEN PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO COME UPON THE SAME.

CHARLES M. PRATHER
TRUSTEE

NOTICE OF ESTRAY

Case No. 5
Date: 1-10-84
PERSON REPORTING STRAY ANIMAL:
Name: Sam Boone
Address: Knox City
Telephone: 658-3741
LOCATION STRAY ANIMAL FOUND:

Owner: Knox Feed Lot
Address: Knox City
Telephone: 658-3748
Approximate Location:
App. 3 miles north and 2 miles east of Knox City
LOCATION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMAL:

Person in Charge: Sam Boone
Address: Knox City
DESCRIPTION OF LIVESTOCK:
Breed: black horned steer;
Brahman cross
Color: black
Sex: steer
Age: 2 year old
Weight: approx. 675 lbs.
Earmarks, Brands and other Identifying Characteristics: Cropped left ear

This Report Made By:
Manford Elliott

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF KNOX
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Morris E. Nix, Sheriff in and for Knox County, Texas, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the 10th day of January, 1984, he was notified by the above described person of the above described livestock which was found

LEGAL NOTICE

running at large in Knox County, Texas, at the above described location and pursuant to the stock laws of the State of Texas, Chapter Four, Title 121, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, impounded said livestock, said impoundment being at the above described location.

Morris E. Nix
Sheriff of Knox County, Texas
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the 13th day of January, 1984.

Evelyn B. Balis
Notary Public in and for Knox County, Texas
This copy of Notice of Estray was delivered to you on 16 day of January, 1984
Morris E. Nix
Sheriff, Knox County, Texas
1-19 2tc

COMMUNITY NOTICE

CAKES FOR ALL Occasions- Please give two day notice. Call Cindy Brothers, 658-3755 after 5:00 p.m. 1-26 1tp

NOTICE - Church of God in Christ Pit Barbecue Dinner, January 28, 11:30 to 1:30. Community Center. Adults \$4.00, Children \$2.00. 1-26 1tp

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CableVision of Knox City will prosecute any and all persons under this article who are availing themselves of TV cable services without the proper rental payment to CableVision of Knox City.

A person who damages or destroys any property belonging to CableVision of Knox City will also be prosecuted under Section 28.03 of the Penal Code.

Both of these offenses could be a Class A misdemeanor, which carries a fine of up to \$2,000.00 and/or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year.

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2 B/R, 1005 S. 3rd, a nice buy.
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HOUSE FOR SALE -- Three bedroom, two bath, den and formal living room and dining room, enclosed courtyard, large fenced backyard, one and one-fourth acres, one-fourth mile south of hospital on right. Call 658-3015. 1-5 4tp

Use The Classifieds

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FOR SALE -- 1972 Chevrolet, six cylinder pickup, with rebuilt motor (not used much), good work pickup, good gas mileage; 1977 Ford Ranchero GT with six good tires. Call after 5:30 p.m., 658-5028, Marie Rushing or see David Counts. 1-26 t/c

FOR SALE -- 1972 Chevrolet Kingswood station wagon, clean, low mileage, good condition. Will negotiate. 658-3192. 1-26 3tc

FOR SALE - 1981 Silverado, 1/2 ton pickup. Electric windows, locks, AM-FM, tape, dual tanks, low miles, \$5900.00. Reynolds, 658-3058 or 658-3887. 1-26 2tp

'78 FORD Pickup. Good condition, price negotiable. Call 658-3827 after 5:00 p.m. 10-27 t/c

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

FOR SALE -- Telegraph poles, corner post and also high line posts. Contact Dude Meister, end of Avenue I, Knox City. 1-19 2tp

DOG FOR SALE, black AKC registered three year old male chow. Call 658-3429, or 658-5095 after 6:00 p.m. 1-12 t/c

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IF YOU NEED some new furniture or know someone who does, this would be a wonderful gift! Three piece suite, \$400.00, part solid velvet, part geometric design, gold in color, wood trim. Sofa, love seat, chair. Will add coffee table, two end tables that match. 658-3607, Johnny and Becky Rocha. 1-5 t/c

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O'Brien Happenings

By AUDIE JOHNSTON

Though For Today: "There is one difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist - the taxidermist leaves the hide."

HERE AND THERE

Bro. Charles Love and wife Mary, missionaries from Guyana, had charge of both services in the O'Brien Baptist Church Sunday. They are on furlough until May and they're residing in Abilene until they return to mission fields.

Clifton and Bessie Duncan were in Lubbock last Monday for Bessie to receive medical treatment from a doctor there.

Butch and Kevin Banner of Hawley spent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Banner.

STREAMS IN DESERT PLACES

By OZELLE STEPHENS

"Pray without ceasing." (1 Thes. 5:17).

Many Christians have been asked, how do you maintain your spiritual high? What do you do about it on a day to day basis? The most answers are: Keep a quiet time with God every day. Yes, it is hard. But whether it is kept early or late, it is the most important time of the Christian's life. Without this time your Christian life will become a wilderness.

Everyone who has counted for the church and the Kingdom has been a person of prayer. Jesus spent much of his time in prayer to the Father. If He felt that He needed to pray, how much more do we need to. We cannot afford to be too busy to pray. Remember we are just the branch and without prayer we cannot have any power. Jesus Christ said I am the Vine and without me you can do nothing. The Word of God teaches us to pray every morning, noon and night. (Ps. 55:17-) "Men ought always to pray" (Lu. 18:1...) "Pray with the Spirit and with understanding" (1 Cor. 14:15). "Pray to the Father in secret." (Matt. 6:6). and "Pray for those who despitefully use." (Matt. 5:44).

When you pray and commune with Him daily He will fill you with His Spirit of Power, so you can maintain your spiritual high and enjoy His Holy presence continually.

Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Brothers were in Abilene over the weekend to attend the tractor pull event.

Jodie and Sunny Day of Brownwood visited her parents, Wayne and Corine McKinney, a few days last week.

Irby and Johnnie Carlisle were in Lubbock last Tuesday night to bowl in a bowling league they are members of.

Butch, Sue and Scott Stephens and Dessie Egenbacher spent the weekend in Dallas attending a clothing market.

Gail Rowan of Lubbock spent the weekend with Ivan, Cleo and Wayne. Gail is employed in Lubbock.

"Dollars - Our problem is not what the dollar is worth at home or abroad - it is how to get hold of it, whatever it is worth." (Will Rogers)

SCHOOL LUNCHROOM MENUS

Week of January 30-February 3

BREAKFAST:

Monday: Pineapple Juice, Pancake, Maple Syrup, Chocolate Milk

Tuesday: Orange Halves, Peanut Butter Whip, Buttered Toast, Chocolate Milk

Wednesday: Apple Juice, Scrambled Eggs, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Chocolate Milk

Thursday: Applesauce, Cowboy Bread, Chocolate Milk

Friday: Orange Juice, Bacon, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Chocolate Milk

LUNCH:

Monday: Frito Pie, Corn, Tossed Salad, Batter Bread, Butter, No Bake Fudge, Milk

Tuesday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Peach Cobbler, Garlic Toast, Milk

Wednesday: Burritos, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Banana Pudding, Milk

Thursday: Oven Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Butter, Honey, Milk

Friday: CharBurger, Lettuce, Tomato and Pickle Slices, French Fries, Cake, Milk

FROM FORT WORTH
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirkpatrick of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Dan Martinez and her sister, Mrs. Joe E. Flores and family.

NEWS FROM ROCHESTER

Conner Rites Are Held In Rochester

Funeral services for Minnie Lee Conner of Belton, formerly of Brownwood and Rochester, were held Thursday afternoon, January 19, at two o'clock in the First Baptist Church in Rochester. The Rev. Truett Kuenstler, church pastor, officiated and burial was in the Rochester Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Conner, 75, died Tuesday, January 17, at her residence from an apparent heart attack.

Born November 18, 1908, in Young County, her parents were the late William Edward and Della Hollingsworth. She married Vernon Maurice Conner on May 5, 1930, in Burnett County. Mrs. Conner was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Vernon M. of the home; two daughters, Edna Mae Settle of Hereford and Virginia Lee Garton of Brownwood; a sister, Mrs. Maudie Bowdon of Abilene; 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Conner in 1971.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

SERVICES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

The Lord blessed the one night evangelist meeting held here on Friday night. The meeting was sponsored by Missionary Robinson.

Sunday school had a good attendance with Supt. Manuel in charge.

Minister Landers preached greatly during the morning service from Matthew 18:18,20, and Psalms 133:1.

The Union Joint Meeting was held here on Sunday afternoon and Ass't. Supt. Ward brought a great message from Hebrews 4:13,16.

ATTEND SERVICES

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith were in Paducah Monday of this week to attend funeral services for former resident Wylie Boyle and his wife, Avis.

Show To Benefit Rochester Fire Dept.

In an effort to raise funds to build a fire station, the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a country music show April 28 with all contributions going toward this goal.

Country music band "Night Flight" from Dallas, Speck Rhodes of the Porter Wagoner Show, Mike and Anita Hope of Jackson, Mississippi, The Ballard Brothers of Rochester, and a mystery group from Haskell will be among the entertainers. Fire Chief Howard Scheets said.

Hobby Club Enjoys Rochester Luncheon

A soup-chili-stew covered dish luncheon was held January 17 in the Hobby Club downtown building in Rochester. Eleven members and four visitors enjoyed the meal with Mary Bowman and Olga Alvis acting as hostesses. Emily Wilson will be hostess on February 7.

The 33 members of the 1984 Club are Elda Jean Akin, Olga Alvis, Mary Bowman, Bill Burleson, Helen Cox, Blanche Corley, Stella Carver, Odessa Erwin, Joveta Ellison, Zula Hanson, Odell Harbert, Easter Haste, Lavern Kuenstler, and Eron McGuire.

Also, Bill McGuire, Alatia Melton, Eunice Newberry, Lorene Pope, Cleve Hester, Johnnie Scott, Shelly Speck, Leetra Thomason, Nelda Sue Shultz, Bobbie Hindsley, Virgie Brown, Evelyn Rogers, Tennie Mae Short, Mae Speck, Joy Smith, Emily Wilson, Gertie Roberson, Wynelle Strickland and Ozelle Stephens.

It was reported that the club's special activity of quilting resulted in one quilt being removed from the frames ready for hemming.

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Benjamin News

By GLADENE GREEN

BASKETBALL

Basketball last week found Benjamin playing Goree here on Tuesday night. Goree won both defeating the girls 68-31 and Goree boys won by one point. The score was 40-39.

In the girls game, Debbie Bufkin and Beverly Tolson shared high scoring honors with 8 each. Stacia Ryder had 7, Lori Griffith 4 and Sue Gideon and Sherri Parker, 2 each.

Kent Hertel scored high in the boys game with 13 points, Troy Pratt had 12, Troy Oxford 8, Glen Heard 4 and Oscar Gideon 2.

Friday night, Benjamin brought two victories home from Northside. The girls score was 66-27. Scoring were Stacia Ryder 15, Debbie Bufkin 11, Beverly Tolson 10, Lori Griffith and Lana Gideon 8 each, Sherri Parker 6 and Sue Gideon and Becky Griffith 4 each.

The boys score was 79-47. Troy Oxford had 20 points, Kent Hertel 19, Glenn Heard and Troy Pratt 14 each, Oscar Gideon 6, Chris McGreger, Chad Tolson and Shane

Spinks 2 each.

HERE 'N THERE

Ty Spikes and a friend from Johnson, Kansas were weekend guests of his parents, Bill and Dorothy Spikes and with other relatives and friends.

Jim, Jason and Kobi Melton and Judy Dryse of Abilene were weekend guests of his parents, H.T. and Kathleen Melton.

Van and Gladene Green spent Sunday with their daughter and family, Debbie and Gordon Taylor, Becky and Cody at Paducah.

Ryan Antille of Guthrie visited his grandparents, Jan and Fred Carver during the weekend.

Jim Mancille of Austin visited relatives and friends here during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Leshe of Austin visited Don and Virginia Griffith during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Powers of Midland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Clower and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Parker Is Buried In Benjamin

Funeral services for Benjamin resident Mrs. Oma E. Parker were held Monday morning, January 23, at ten o'clock in the First Baptist Church in Benjamin. The Rev. K.E. Woolley, retired church pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Benjamin Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Parker, 84, died Friday, January 20, at 12:15 p.m. in the Knox County Hospital.

Born May 22, 1899, in Denton County, she married L.A. Parker on August 13, 1916, in Boyse County. Mr. Parker preceded his wife in death on September 21, 1971. Mrs. Parker was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ben-

jamin, the Sorosis Club, Extension Service Club, Order of the Eastern Star in Knox City, and had served as past chairman for the March of Dimes, the American Red Cross, and the American Cancer Society.

She was preceded in death by a son, Luther in 1976.

Survivors include two sons, Nolan of Stanton and DeWayne of Kansas City, Missouri; three daughters, Dorothy West of Lamesa, Bonnie Garrett of Lafayette, Louisiana, and Ina Fern Grey of Morton; two brothers, Earl Skelton of Irving and Aubrey Skelton of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. Thekla Anderson of Long Beach, California, and Mrs. Ruby Willis of New York, New York; 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

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News Notes from the Brazos Valley Care Home

By Rena

Sunday School January 15 was taught by Ozelle Stephens. The pianist was Peggy Guinn and the song leader was Joe Marion. Joe Marion sang a solo. There were 20 present.

On Monday Bro. Holms and his mother from Haskell brought a devotional and sing-a-long for the Care Home. There were 20 present. Everyone enjoyed having them visit.

Tuesday we had Rhythm Band with June Tankersley at the piano. There were 27 present.

Wednesday we had sewing class with Elsie and Linda Pierson in charge. We have started to make house slippers for our project.

Wednesday night we had our Mid Week Volunteer Prayer service. Doug Stenberg was the minister, Darlene Carter was the pianist and Dean Johnston was the song leader. We had 40 present.

We had Bible Orientation Thursday with Eddy Pitchford and Jimmy Quintana as our teachers. We are studying the book of Matthew. There were 25 present.

Lois Smith dropped by the Care Home and played the piano for a sing-a-long. She was enjoyed by everyone. We have been missing you Lois since Hob has been ill. Glad he is better.

We had exercise class January 20 with Linda Pierson as our instructor. We had 19 present.

Raymond Wilhite, George and Mozelle Hodges, Ida Pack, Daisy Dean Smith, Flora Tankersley, Dollie B. Feemster of Haskell, Eddy Pitchford, Christal Dawn and Linda Pierson and Doris Jones visited Blanche Hodges.

Evelyn Balis, Ozelle Stephens, Flora Tankersley, Louise Finley and Eddy Pitchford visited Vida Williamson.

Eddy and Kathy Pitchford, Jimmy Quintana, Evelyn Balis, Ozelle Stephens and Louise Finley visited Athleen Owens.

Jack Maddox, J.D. and Mabel Hollis, Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Mrs. Booe spent the afternoon with Mary Lou, Bessie Mae Large, Eddy Pitchford and Mabel Draper visited Mary Lou Foshee.

Jack Maddox and Daisy Dean Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hoge.

Jack Maddox, Eddy Pitchford and Daisy Dean Smith visited Corinne Gist and Marjorie Baker.

Jack Maddox and Eddy Pitchford visited Commie Montgomery.

Eddy Pitchford visited H.W. Finley.

Jack Maddox, Evelyn Balis and Eddy Pitchford visited Dicie Singleton and Mary Simmons.

Jack Maddox, Lea Reeves and Eddy Pitchford visited T.C. Carter.

Jack Maddox, Lea Reeves.

Kate Wheeler, Eddy Pitchford and A.A. Pierson visited Zollie Thomas.

Jack Maddox visited Mary Jo Fulton.

Lea Reeves, Eddy Pitchford, Sue and Bill visited Juannell Strickland.

Janie Wilkinson, Kate Wheeler, Neva Epley and Wanda Butler visited Easter Hastey.

Kate Wheeler visited Ruth Harden and Idoma Chowning.

Eddy and Kathy Pitchford, Lorena Burnison, Jimmy Quintana, Lucille Abbott, Pearl Gage, Raymond Wilhite, Marie Darr, Wretha Fitzgerald, Bertha Weilde, Edwin Weilde, Nina Fetch and Kate Wheeler visited Mae Flowers.

Kate Wheeler, Wayne and Ruby Clark, Mrs. Jim Walker and Ramona Helms visited Hazel and Waynell Clark.

Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite visited Willie Mae Klutts.

Phama Lou and Raymond Wilhite, Eddy Pitchford, Wretha Fitzgerald, Jimmy, Josie, J.J. Quintana, Lois Hutchinson, Diana Vasquez, Kate Wheeler, Betty Collier, Mary Lou Speck, Dimples Eddington and Bessie Duncan visited Kelton Smith.

Ryan Marion, Kate Wheeler, Eddy Pitchford, Kathy Pitchford, Doris Jones, Pearl Gage, Jodee Homstad, Kim Nemir, Dorothy Alexander, Elsie Pierson, Mabel Hollis, Jack Maddox, Mitzi Marion, William Curd, Debbie and Amanda Homstad, Joe Marion, Roger Marion, Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Maggie Curd, Stella Curd, Brenda Curd, Polly Marion and Carol Godse visited Maggie Cagle.

Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite visited Alibel Trimmier.

Joe Marion, Roger Marion, Lillian Logan and Kate Wheeler visited Tom Ed Osborn.

Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Kate Wheeler and Eddy Pitchford visited Lena Dabney.

Elaine Glover, Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Kate Wheeler, Eddy Pitchford, Jimmy, Josie, J.J. Quintana and Earl Alvis visited Nena Alvis.

Eddy Pitchford, Jimmy, Josie and J.J. Quintana visited Bill Bursleson.

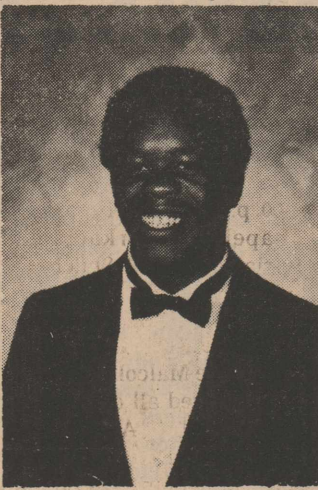
Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Kate Wheeler, Eddy Pitchford, Jimmy, Josie and J.J. Quintana and Ida Pack visited Ruth Papworth.

Jimmy, Josie and J.J. Quintana visited Myrtle Ary.

Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Marvin and Barbara Jones and Linda Pierson visited Ben Snelson.

Mildred Stubbs, Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Doris Jones, Kate Wheeler, Eddy Pitchford, the Ronnie White family, John Gillispie, Ruth Dozier, Frankie and Marjorie visited Bertha Trimmier.

Seniors Of The Week



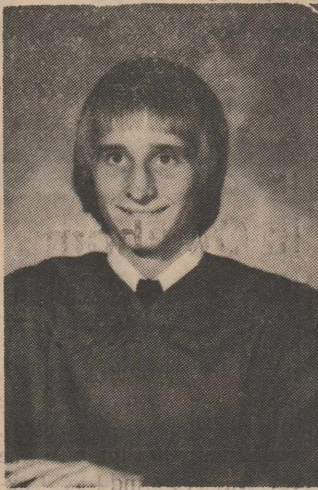
OTIS LOCKHART

On April 4, 1965 at 12:15 a.m. in Haskell, Texas, a baby was born to Mrs. Johnnie Sue Fuller. His name was Otis Lockhart Jr. and he weighed six pounds, eight ounces.

His first ten years he lived in Rule. He was all district four years in a row in football but only first team three years in a row. He moved to Knox City his senior year. His freshman year, he was selected honorable-mention all-state in football. His senior year, he was second team all-state in football. He was a member of the first team all-district team in basketball his junior year. In track, he attended the state meet his freshman year and won the long jump title his sophomore year.

He has one sister June, who is in the eighth grade and two brothers John and Manuel.

His future plan is to attend college.



GREG MELIN

Gregory John Melin was born February 12, 1966 at Abilene, Texas. His parents are Gordon and Beth Melin. He lived in Abilene and went to school there until he was 13 when he moved to Knox City. Greg has participated in band four years as a drummer, three years in football, four years in basketball, five years in track, two years in Science, and three years in spelling. His freshman year he placed fourth in district in science. As a sophomore, he placed fourth in the two-mile in track.

His favorite color is red and his favorite pastime is playing practical jokes. His future plans are to attend college at TSTI or some other computer college.

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Buckle Design

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tion must contain no less than three and no more than eight items which must include the name, Knox City; date of the town which began in 1903; the Knox City Greyhounds State Champs; landmarks in and around Knox City; and a decorative border. All drawings, along with any historical data, will become the property of the EMS.

Winner of the drawings will be chosen from a panel of three judges and the first place winner will receive a gold and silver belt buckle. First and second runners-up will receive bronze belt buckles.

All work must be original and the work of the contestant, officials said. The name of the winner will be engraved on the buckle, too.

Entrants' ages may be from school age children and up, and Knox City residents, as well as former Knox City residents, are eligible to enter the contest.

EMS officials are hopeful that the contest will receive many entries. The belt buckle will be offered for sale both in gold and silver, as well as bronze. Proceeds from the belt buckles sales will go into EMS funds towards the purchase of a new ambulance.

More details will appear in a later issue of the News.

ATTEND MARKET

Dessie Egenbacher and Butch, Sue and Scott Stephens attended the summer market in Dallas over the weekend at the Apparel Mart.

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CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE - David W. Hajek is pictured with his wife Jo Ann, and sons Dustin, at right, and young Jonathan. Hajek is presently serving as Baylor County Attorney.

Hajek Is Candidate For District Judge

David W. Hajek, County Attorney of Baylor County, Texas, has announced his candidacy for the office of District Judge of the 50th Judicial District in the Democratic Primary to be held in May of 1984.

David, who is 33 years of age, was born in Seymour and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hajek of Seymour. His grandfather, the late Ed Hajek, was an early settler of Baylor County. His family has been involved in farming activities in the Seymour area for nearly eighty years. David has lived in Seymour his entire life, with the exception of the time he was in college and law school.

Upon graduation from Seymour High School in 1969, David entered Texas Tech University where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting in 1972. Thereafter, he was awarded the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1976, and was admitted to the Texas Bar that same year.

Immediately after graduation from Law School, he returned to Seymour and entered the private practice

of law. He served as Baylor County Attorney from February of 1978 to June of 1981 and from June of 1983 to the present. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

David was raised on the family farm south of Seymour and was active in various school activities, including FFA, in which he was awarded the Lone Star Farmer's Degree. While in college, he was on the Dean's List every semester, and graduated in the top ten percent of his class.

He and his wife, the former Jo Nell Overton of Haskell, Texas, are the parents of two children, Dustin, age 3 years, and Jonathan, age 3 months. They are members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Seymour. Jo Nell is a full-time housewife and mother.

Mr. Hajek stated, "If elected District Judge, I will treat all citizens of Knox, Baylor, Cottle and King Counties fairly, impartially and equally under the law, and do my utmost to see that the laws of the State of Texas are

upheld. I will appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming Democratic Primary."

Griffith Completes Training Course

During the week of January 8 through 13, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Two, Don L. Griffith, successfully completed a 40-hour course in the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace.

Article 5972 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes requires each newly elected/appointed Justice of the Peace to complete a 40-hour course in the duties of their office and to also complete a 20-hour course each year thereafter.

This article affects all justices who took office since August 30, 1963, and are not licensed attorneys. This training program is provided at virtually no cost to the county through a grant from the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division.

Shootin' Straight

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thoughts, think of this: what would we have if there were no hospital open here? Aside from the basic emergency medical care that one can receive to sustain life functions in an emergency, prolonged health care and services on a local level would not be available. Then go back and think of those sixty eight people that are employed by the hospital, they would all be out of jobs. Then there wouldn't be the \$717,000.00 coming back into the community on an annual basis. Then the merchants and stores and other local services wouldn't have that payroll as their income, they too might even be forced to cut back in areas such as inventory, employees and service.

So guess what? It is our problem, whether we want it to be or not. Because of reduced income, the hospital has had to reduce its number of employees. Within the past week, twelve have lost their jobs as the hospital attempts to cut back and make ends meet due to the decreased patient load and changes in the Medicare program payments. The hospital administration is attempting to trim its payroll by as much as \$110,000.00 annually. Again looking at these figures on a personal basis: twelve people have lost their jobs and a total of \$110,000.00 is being subtracted from the income of those families and the Knox City business community. No doubt about it, it will hurt in many different ways.

Recently the Paducah hospital ran into problems and the entire community rallied behind its hospital as they realized just how important and necessary the institution was. Take all the above into consideration and we'll be able to see that our hospital is just as important, if not more so. Could it be that now might be the time to put aside some of the differences and see if Knox City can respond as Paducah did?

Other health care institutions can be a long way away in the event of a real emergency. Would we want to take the chance of seeing a loved one die on the way to another city when medical help was so close right here at home? One thing for sure, I would not want that decision to rest on my shoulders.

The City Council, the Chamber of Commerce and many others are always supporting the theme of shopping at home to help our city. "Support Our Local Businesses" is a theme that is often heard in Knox City. Well, it's been heard once

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Locals' Kin Is Buried In Oklahoma

Funeral services for Knox City native Allene Griffith Seay, sister of the late Ross Griffith, were held Monday, January 23, in Primrose Chapel in Norman, Oklahoma. Officiating were Rev. Bill Elliff and Rev. Dexter Blevins. Interment was in the L.O.O.F. Cemetery in Norman.

Mrs. Seay died January 21, in Norman, Oklahoma. She was born November 5, 1909, in Knox City to William and Julia Griffith.

Pallbearers were Hal Cox, Mike Jagers, Keith Rose, Kirby Lo Presto and Hartzell Rhynes.

Attending the services from Knox City were James and Charlotte Patterson, Virginia Webb and Estelle Griffith.

Mrs. Seay was a former sister-in-law of Mrs. Patterson's and an aunt of Virginia and Estelle.

Mrs. Rowan's Brother Dies In Arkansas

William Clifton Arnold, 66, of Curtis, Arkansas, brother of Mrs. Cleo Rowan, died Tuesday night, January 17, in Arkadelphia at Clark County Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were held Friday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m. in Murry Funeral Chapel in Arkadelphia. Burial followed in Shiloh.

Born July 24, 1917, in Curtis, Arkansas, he married Opal Faye Malcolm in Shiloh. He had lived all of his life in Curtis. Mr. Arnold had retired in 1981 from Barringer Lumber Company where he was employed as a sawer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.

Survivors include his wife; a son, William Gary of Curtis; two daughters, Patsy Curry of Curtis and Linda of Macon, Georgia; three brothers, Palmer of Lufkin, and J.P. and Billy Joe, both of Curtis; four sisters, Betty Jean Ross and Corrine Pope of Eldorado, Arkansas, Evaline Cook of Arkadelphia, and Mrs. Rowan of O'Brien; and seven grandchildren.

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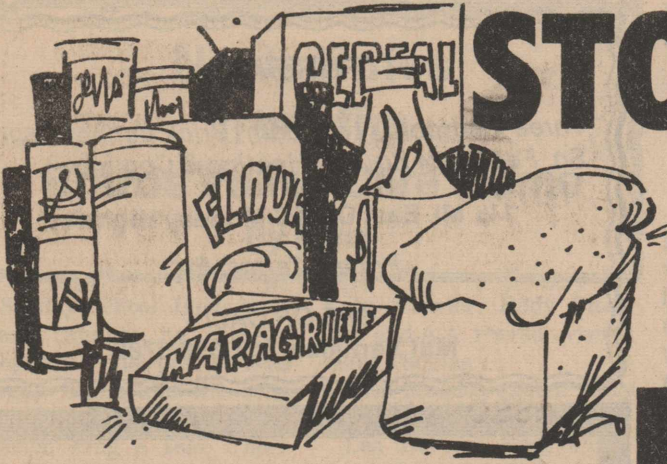
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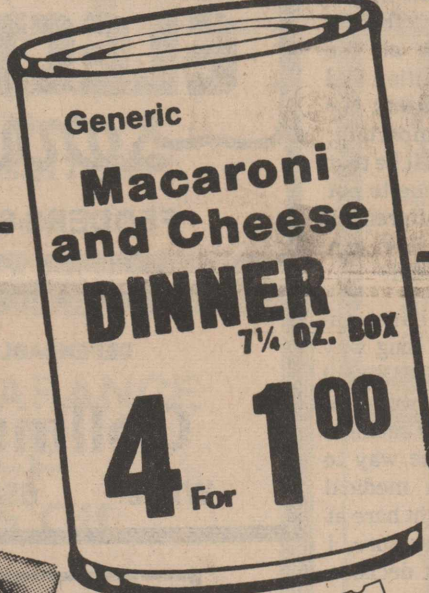
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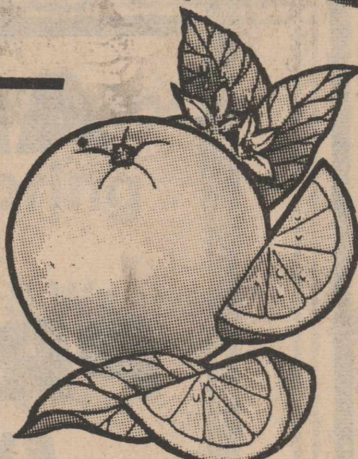
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Appointments For G.E.D. Are Set Saturday

The G.E.D. Exam, a high school equivalency test, will be given by the Abilene Adult Education G.E.D. Testing Service on Saturday, January 28 by appointment.

The G.E.D. Exam is given regularly on each Tuesday and Wednesday of each week by appointment. The Saturday testing date is for persons who work and can not come in on the regular testing dates.

Persons who wish to make an appointment to take the exam must come by, pre-register and pay the fee in cash or money order. (No checks accepted). Pre-registration must be made before Saturday, January 28.

To be eligible to take the exam, persons must not be enrolled in the regular in-school program. Seventeen years olds (17) must have parental permission and proof of withdrawal from public school. A picture identification, such as a driver's license is also required for all applicants.

Persons living out of town may send a money order payable to the Abilene Independent School District at 150 Orange St., Abilene, Texas 79601. For additional information, one may call (915) 673-6585.

The G.E.D. Exam covers five (5) academic areas: Writing Skills, Social Studies, Science, Reading Skills, and Mathematics. The Exam will begin at 8:15 a.m. and usually takes from 6 to 7 hours. Persons who successfully pass the exam will be issued a certificate from the Texas Education Agency.

Anyone who wishes to study prior to the exam may enroll any Tuesday night (6-9) in typing room at the Knox City High School. These evening classes are at no cost. Books and supplies will be furnished to the student.

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Receiving one gallon certificates were Joe Barnard, Eulalia Hearn, Don Brothers and Charles Escobar. Others receiving certificates were Roland Marion and Toni Thompson, two gallon; Ernie Eaton of Benjamin, three gallon; and Tommy Kent, four gallon.

Providing canteen were ladies from the First Baptist Church of O'Brien. Workers included Myra Reeves, Sharla Carver, Audie Johnson, Hope Poe, Vivian Hendrix and Mildred Strunk. Cookies were also donated by Melanie Whitley.

Volunteers were Frances Kent, Virginia Lieb, Barbara Barnard, Ann White, Teresa Speck, Peggy Grindstaff, Ervalene Beason, Patti Lewis, and Lena Tackitt.

Professional volunteers were Betty Collins, Eulalia Hearn, Melba Pharr, Betty Albus, Mabel Chaney and Jackie Young.

Presenting themselves as donors were Eulalia Hearn, Betty Collins, Sharla Carver, Ruth McElroy, Don Brothers, Roland Marion, Joe Barton, Steve Bisbee, Ernie Eaton, Becky Smith, Lou Ann Weatherall, Patti Lewis, Helen Manning, Richard Wheeler, Peggy Grindstaff, Daniel Godsey, Joe Godsey, Richard Ferguson, Wanda Vincent, Sue Marion, Barbara Barnard, Joe Barnard, Melba Pharr, Jane Lockman, David Tumire, Dick Evatt, Shari Henderson, and Linda Ramos.

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KC Woman's Mother Dies Saturday

Services were held Monday at 2:00 p.m. from First Baptist Church in Aspermont for Mira Isabelle Peacock, mother of Estelle Landreth of Knox City. The Rev. James Wood, pastor of Central Baptist Church officiated, assisted by the Rev. W.J. Patton, Baptist minister of Rule. Burial was in Aspermont Cemetery.

Mrs. Peacock, a home care nurse, died at 5:40 p.m. Saturday at Stonewall Memorial Hospital.

Born September 7, 1895, in Coryell County, she married Wilmer Peacock January 15, 1911, in Turkey, Texas. She moved to Stonewall County in 1903. She had lived in Rule 10 years before returning to Aspermont in 1978. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband February 11, 1975, a daughter and a son.

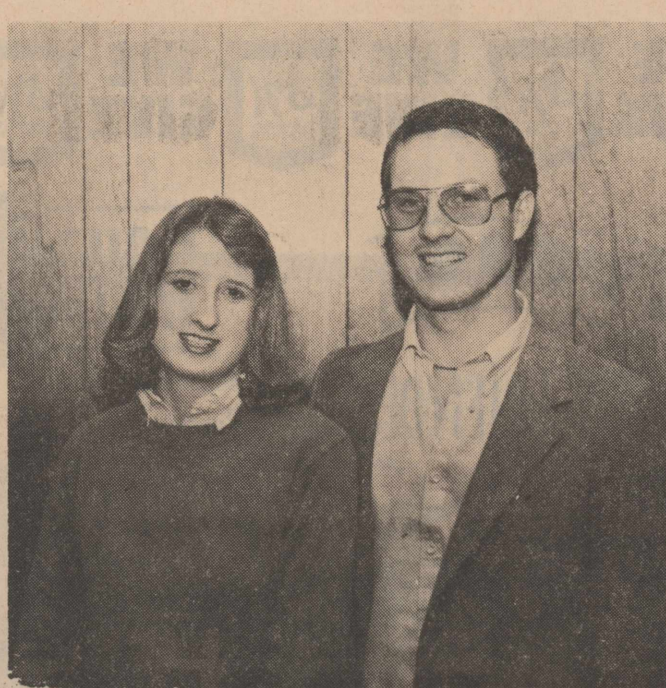
Survivors include seven daughters, Mrs. Landreth, Hazel Donnell of Seymour, Maybelle Douglass of Aspermont, Ethel Walker of Sanford, Joyce Goodwin of Paducah, Patricia Anderson of Garland, and Naida Barker of Winters; three sons, Billy of Caddo Mills, Bob of Abilene, and Shirley Ray of Ackerly; 39 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Hospital News

**Patients In Hospital
As Of January 20, 1984**
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Munday: Onie Ladd, Ruth King
Aspermont: Earnest Patton
Hermleigh: Lucy Fletcher
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Benjamin: James Moorhouse

**Patients Dismissed
As Of January 13, 1984**
Knox City: Lindsay Fisher, Ida Reynolds, Virgie Simmons, Elaine Eaton, Deborah Harrington
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Vernon: Jean Bishop
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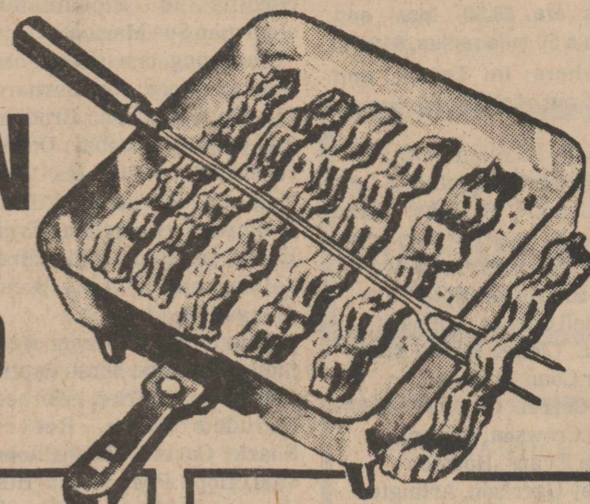
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