

ELMO McCLELLAN APPOINTED CITY JUDGE

GRUVER CITY COMMISSION MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT

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MARY MILLS DIES

Mrs. Mary Mills, 88, mother of Mrs. Roy Beasley of Gruver, passed away at 12:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 7th, 1965, at the Hansford Hospital in Spearman following a three day illness.

Funeral services have been set for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 8th, from the Baptist Church in Gruver with the Reverend Bill Butts officiating. Interment will be in the Gruver Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mills, a resident of

Gruver for the past 15 years, was born December 17, 1876 in Wheelock, Texas. For the past several years, she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Beasley. She was a member of the Baptist Church in Franklin, Texas.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Beasley, two sons, Jack of Bakersfield, California, and DeWitt of Granklin, Texas; two sisters, Euna Van of Olney, Texas, and Mygil Mauk of Littlefield; 4 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Dress Revue Set For Friday

The Hansford County 4-H Dress Revue and Presentation of Awards has been set for 8:00 p.m. July 9th, in the Gruver High School Auditorium, according to Home Demonstration Agent Linda Webb.

The order of judging which will begin at 9:30 a.m. will include in the Junior Division, aprons, skirts, blouses and shifts, simple dresses, and other garments including ensembles; for the Senior Division, dresses, suits and ensembles, party dresses, and other garments.

Mrs. Kay Bezner has been named to judge the garments and Mrs. Dyora Jones, Record Books. Judging will be done as much as possible on a unit basis and two winners will be named on the basis of high score, regardless of unit—one junior and

one senior, both who will be entered in the District Dress Revue, July 20th, in Amarillo.

Judging will be on the following basis; the girl (posture, pose, grooming, attitude), 25 points; the outfit as modeled by the girl (becomingness, fit, accessories), 50 points; construction (accurate cutting, quality of work), 25 points; Record Book, 25 points for a perfect score of 125 points.

Registration of contestants will be from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. with Miss Sharon Parks of Morse in charge of registering contestants with judging to begin at 9:30 a.m. Miss Webb will conduct a practice for the Dress Revue at 10:30 a.m. with the program slated for 8:00 p.m. the evening of July 9th.

Larry Kelly Embarks For Germany



Pvt. Larry D. Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kelly of Morse, embarked from New York on June 23rd for duties in Germany and

will be stationed 50 miles north from Nuremberg near Frankfurt and for the next 18 months.

Embarkation along with 10 classmates followed the completion on June 18th of an eight-week fire control instrument repair course at the Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground Maryland.

Larry was trained to inspect, adjust and repair precision sighting and aiming equipment. He entered the Army in January 1965 and received his basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Kelly who is 21 years old is a 1962 Gruver High School graduate.

Gruver 4-H Clothing Group Meet

Members of the Gruver Junior 4-H Clothing group met early in June to discuss their projects for the Dress Revue. Leading the discussion and helping with the

plans was Clothing Leader Mrs. Lewis Henderson. Attending were Pat Byrd, Barbara Smith, Pat Gruver, Rhonda Roper, and Shari Henderson.



Elmo McClellan, Jr.

Elmo McClellan, Jr. was appointed to serve as the first Judge of the City of Gruver at a meeting of the Gruver City Commission on Tuesday night. Judge McClellan, whose appointment is for one year, will have complete authority in meting out justice for those charged within the corporate limits of the City of Gruver and applicable to city government.

Mayor Kenneth Irwin met with City Commissioners Marvin Shapley and Keith Gross, City Attorney J. D. Helms, City Marshal Glen Red, Judge Elmo McClellan, Jr. and City Clerk or Merle Delano, Tuesday night at the City Hall to complete activation of the set up for the Corporate Court of the city of Gruver, Texas.

Ordinances pertaining to city health regulations, traffic regulations and misdemeanors were discussed by the group and affirmative action was taken on the Ordinances by the Commissioners and signed by the Mayor.

Duties and activities of the Corporation Court of the City of Gruver were also discussed. Any city has a Corporation Court automatically when the city status is acquired but the Court for Gruver has never been activated prior to this date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the City of Gruver now smoothly operating with an active Corporate Court, Judge, and City Marshal working with the Mayor and City Commissioners for the good of all.

Gruver Man Heads Seminar

Mr. Billy Bob Harris, registered representative of A. G. Edwards & Sons of Dallas, one of the oldest New York Stock Exchange member firms, will head a seminar planned for July 17th, dealing with the advantages of hedging in the cattle market through the use of cattle futures.

Mr. Harris, well-known Gruver area personality who graduated from Gruver High School in 1958, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harris of Gruver. He comes well qualified to chair a seminar of this type as he majored in Business and Psychology while at North Texas State University, receiving his degree in 1963, and has studied the need for cattlemen of this area to be informed of the opportunities of a sound commodity program dealing in the hedging of cattle futures which could markedly affect the economy of this area.

The purpose of this meeting is to explain the fundamentals, objectives, and functions of cattle futures. This will be discussed thoroughly with complete examples from the day cattle are delivered and the contracts are repurchased. The meeting is designed to help with personal situations and all questions that arise will be gladly discussed and answered.

Through the facilities of A. G. Edwards, Mr. Harris will bring as a panel, two partners of the firm and a commodity analyst specializing in cattle futures. These gentlemen are: Mr. Les Lagoni of Dallas, and Mr. Jack Kowalski of Wichita, Kansas who is head of the Commodity Analyst, has been very active in the program



Billy Bob Harris

since its beginning, and is one of the leading authorities in cattle futures.

All interested area residents are urged to attend

this meeting which will be held at the Memorial Building in Gruver on July 17th with the exact time to be announced later.

Gruver Minister Receives Mexico Assignment



The Reverend Norman W. Grigsby of the Gruver Methodist Church has been invited to participate in a preach-

ing mission to Mexico. Reverend Grigsby who came to Gruver in early June was extended the invitation by the General Board of Missions, and is one of 40 Methodist ministers throughout the United States to receive the invitation. He had been nominated by Bishop Slater of the Texas Methodist Northwest Conference.

The ministerial group will be preaching in Mexico from July 26th to August 13th and will report to Monterrey, the capital of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, from there to be assigned to another church in Mexico. During their stay in Mexico, the

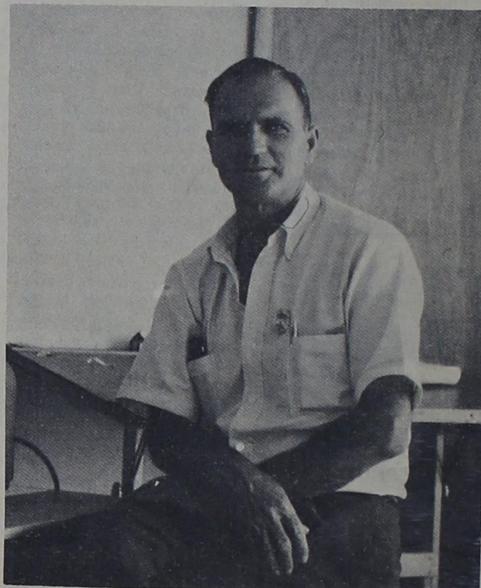
GRUVER MARSHAL ASSUMES DUTIES

The realization of many month's planning was culminated 1 July 1965 with the arrival of City Marshal Glen Red who assumed his duties of protecting the local citizenry and maintaining law and order within the city limits of Gruver as of the first of the month.

Well-qualified, Mr. Red came to Gruver from Mountainview, Oklahoma, where he had served in the capacity of City Marshal there for a number of years. He and his wife, Opal, are living at 915 King Street. They have one daughter, Mrs. Bobbie Smith of Apache, Oklahoma, and three sons, Phillip Dale of Lubbock, Leon and Roy Lee of Gruver.

Adding to the Red's interest in Gruver are their grandchildren who include the 10 month old twin daughters of Roy Lee and his wife Aileen, named Brenda Lynn and Linda Kay and the two boys of Leon and his wife, Norma; Kenny age 5 and James, age 2.

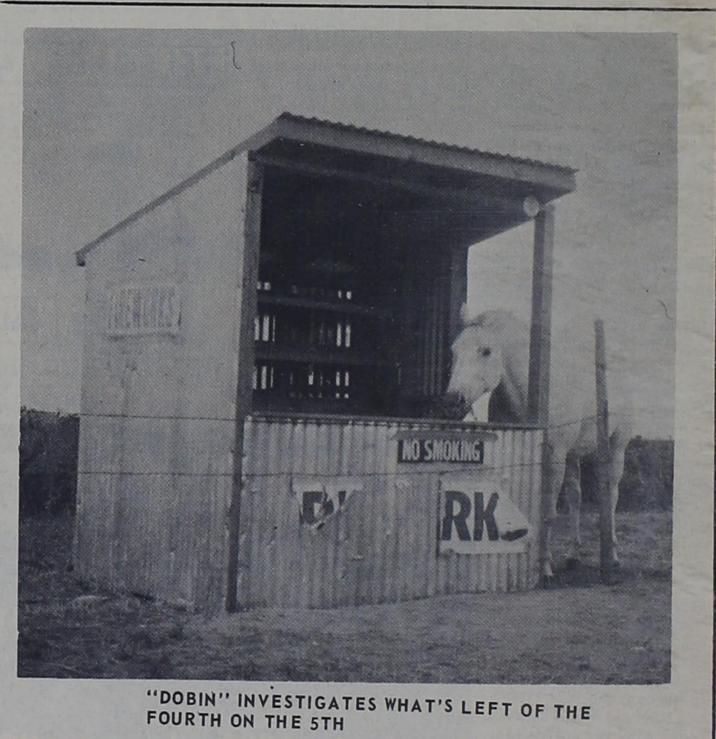
Affable Mr. Red made a good impression on the "Tweens and Teens" of Gruver area when he spoke briefly at Teen Town Satur-



City Marshal, Glen Red

day night to tell them of his interest in their well fare as well as their behavior; mentioning the importance of the truth when involved in an incident of any kind.

Thus, begins a new era in Gruver—one which will bring protection to her citizenry and dignity and respect to the name of Gruver, Texas.



"DOBIN" INVESTIGATES WHAT'S LEFT OF THE FOURTH ON THE 5TH

"BATTER UP" TIME



Monday, June 28
Cancelled
Tuesday, June 29
RA won over Methodist Pee Wee
Thursday, July 1
RA-12, Methodist 10 (Pony)
Methodist II-18, RAS-13, (LL)
Friday, July 2
Methodists, 18, RA-1, (Pony)
July 5-rained out
July 6
RAS won over the Green Giants
Please turn your scores in to Les Hart.

Mexico, the latest of which was a successful \$6000.00 campaign to establish The Methodist Tabemade in Mexico City.



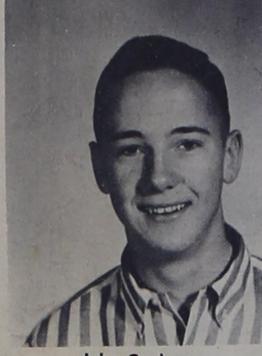
Ag Teacher Neal Flathers



Mack Hoel



Tommy Gumfory



John Cooksey

GRUVER FFA BOYS WILL ATTEND CONVENTION

Three Gruver FFA boys will be in attendance at the State FFA Convention to be held in Houston, July 14th-16th. The three day meeting of representatives of over 900 FFA chapters throughout the state will include the awarding of advanced degrees, scholarships and awards to outstanding members of the organization.

Members of the Gruver Future Farmers of America who plan to attend the convention include Tommy Gumfory, president of the local chapter; Mack Hoel, vice-president; and chapter delegate, John Cooksey. Mack son of O. J. Hoel, and Tommy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Gumfory will receive their Lone Star Farmer Degrees and John, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cooksey, was selected to serve by the local members as Gruver Chapter delegate.

On the business agenda at the convention will be the election of a state president from the ten state officer nominees, who have been elected by members in the ten areas of the state and voting delegates to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in October will be elected. In addition, delegates will elect a sweetheart from the ten candidates elected by the areas and will select the top talent team in the state.

The highest award of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America, the Lone Star Farmer degree, will be presented to 785 members of the 41,156 member organization, including the two from Gruver.

The membership will confer Honorary Degrees on adults who have contributed in an outstanding way to the accomplishments of the organization. A Vesper Service will be conducted on Tuesday evening, preceding the convention sessions in the Crystal Ballroom of the Rice Hotel.

Principal speakers for the three day meeting will include the Honorable Preston Smith, Lt. Governor of the State of Texas, and Ken-

neth Kennedy of Cadiz, Kentucky, president of the National Organization of the FFA. Four thousand

GRUB CONTROL BOOSTS CALF WEIGHTS:

A livestock specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service here says grub control in beef cow herds can sometimes increase calf weaning weights as much as 40 pounds.

The Specialist, Dr. Dixon Hubbard, says grub control costs as little as 12 cents per cow and few management practices will pay such good dividends.

According to Hubbard, heavy infestations of grubs can reduce a beef cow's milk production as much as 2.5 pounds per day. Multiply this times a 205 day suckling period and it means a loss of more than 500 pounds of milk.

Experiment Station research indicates 500 pounds of milk can make a difference of 40 pounds in the weaning weight of a calf, the livestock specialist said.

Hubbard's co-worker, Entomologist Don Rummel says cost of control varies with the method of systemic treatment.

Using recommended dosages and procedures, the grub control costs per head are about 22-cents for spray 50-cents for pour-on, and 12-cents for dipping, he said.

Grubs can also be controlled through feed that contains a systemic. Stock-

men should consult their feed dealer for information on this method.

Treatment should be made after the end of the heel fly season. In the High Plains area that is about June 15.

The specialists say all methods are effective in controlling grubs and stockmen should use the one that gives the best combination of costs and convenience.

Information on controlling grubs with systemics is available in the Extension Service publication, Texas Guide for Controlling External Parasites of Livestock and Poultry (MP-691) available in my office.

Splash Party Honors Two July Birthdays

Two young Gruver boys had a gay birthday party on Saturday afternoon with young Master Todd Williams whose 3rd birthday was July 3rd and Master Barry Barkley whose important 3rd birthday was the 4th of July joining forces to make it an important event for a group of their little friends.

A splash party at the Gruver Pool followed by cake and ice cream at the home of the Jerry Williams was the order of the day for Ronna Riley, Tab Back, David and Darin Winger, Ty Williams, Hailee Reed of Spearman, and the two birthday boys.

Also included were mothers of the children: Mesdames Donna Sue Riley, Arnold Beck, Jerry Williams, Leslie Barkley, and A. D. Reed of Spearman.

Walkers Enjoy Week's Trip

A-tripping last week was Mrs. O. V. Walker, Jr. and girls, Georgia and Genevia, who left last Tuesday to return recent visitors the Lessie and Deborah Henderson to their family, the Tandy Hendersons in Lufkin. Collecting more family including the Tandy Hendersons and Mrs. Pat Parrish they all went to Houston to visit the Charles Hendersons and family, enjoying the big city life complete with a tour of the Astradome.

From Houston, they all returned to Lufkin for a family picnic at Ratcliff Lake with 23 of the tribe enjoying the day's outing. Mrs. Walker and the girls returned Tuesday via a stop over in Dallas and Six Flags Over Texas.

Hansford Golf Club Stages Drive

The Hansford County Golf Club has issued a special invitation to Gruver area residents to join the Club while the stock and membership is available.

Several months ago members voted to put in grass greens with approximately 80 paying members who buy \$100.00 stock in the Club with \$72.00 per year membership dues necessary to meet the initial cost and maintain the greens.

Payments have been worked out to suit most every budget by payments of \$15.00 per month, \$43.00 per quarter, \$86.00 annual, or \$172.00 full payment. All payments are in advance, retroactive as of 1 April, 1965.

Next year the cost of stock in the Club will be determined by the Board of Directors and in all probability will be higher. Interested golfers are urged to join now.

The Board of Directors drew up laws, patterned after all other courses in the area. If one is NOT a member, one will not be allowed to play.

and with the addition of the grass greens, several new fairway sand and water traps the Course will be top-notch. Work is scheduled to begin in September with two wells which were donated by a member already completed.

Gruver area has many fine golfers who should want to be members of the Hansford County Club. The Club

needs the money for the proposed expansion by August, and now is one's opportunity to help build a bigger and better golf course for Hansford County.

Membership is open at any time until the limited membership is reached. James K. Hicks of Spearman is president; Freeman Barkley, Spearman, treasurer. Glenn Truax of Gruver is a member of the Board of Directors.

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Bicycle Safety

If you are the Operator of a "vehicle consisting of a tubular metal frame mounted on two large, wire-spoked wheels, one behind the other, and equipped with a handlebar and a saddlelike seat; said vehicle propelled by foot pedals", then you are one of the "Big Wheels" in Gruver.

As a VIP in the Bike set, it is your responsibility to observe both rules of safety and considerate conduct for others at all times while wheeling around the streets of Gruver. Listed in the January 1st 1964 Texas Drivers Handbook are the following practices which bicyclists should follow:

1. Obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals which are reasonable for bicycles, just as though you were driving a car.

2. Have a white headlamp and red tail light when riding at dusk or after dark.

3. Yield the right-of-way to both pedestrians (people who are walking) and motor vehicles.

4. Ride with traffic, keep to the right and close to the curb or side of the roadway.

5. Ride single file--don't gang up!

6. Do not weave in and out of traffic or ride out from between parked cars.

7. Do not carry anything or anyone who will interfere with vision and balance.

8. Move off the roadway to make repairs.

9. Don't hitch to other vehicles or allow anyone to hitch to your bike.

10. Avoid riding in bad weather.

11. Stunting is dangerous--if you must be a "show-off", do it off the street in a safe place.

12. Do not ride on the sidewalks in the business district.

13. Walk your bike across dangerous intersections.

14. Keep your bicycle in good condition, especially the brakes.

Remember the life you save may be your own. This is a do-it-yourself project--better get off and hike, if you can't observe the safety rules for your bike!

Honors For Mrs. Andrews

Mrs. Loyd Andrews was the "honoree unaware" Saturday afternoon when a group of her friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Dave McClellan to help her celebrate her birthday. Enjoying the afternoon of fun were Mesdames Eva Holt, Margery Barkley, Esther Dahl, Pauline Harris, Edna Bayless, Agatha Rafferty, Pearl Cluck, Mildred Hintergardt, Jewel McClellan, Devona McClellan, Lou Chapman, and son David; and Mrs. Louetta McClellan, Karen, Kathy, Mac, and Donna of Sunray. Cake and punch were served during the afternoon.

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SCENE IN AND AROUND GRUVER

Overtight guests in the Gordon Stedje home Thursday were Dr. and Mrs. D. O. Davidson, Mrs. Mary Martin of Dallas and Mrs. Cleone King of Jefferson, Texas. They were enroute to a Colorado vacation in the Denver and Fort Collins area.

Maelynn Cator, Cathy Benson, Vicki McMillan and Brenda Williams visited Diane Stedje on Thursday afternoon.

Off for a week's camp at the Methodist Junior High Camp at Ceta Canyon early Monday morning were Sherry Bergin, Frances Wood, Mindy Murrell, and Wesley Grigsby.

Most welcome 5th of July visitors in the home of Mrs. Leo Morrison was her brother, former Gruverite, Ernest Wilson of Pomona, California and the John Bollans of Santa Anna, California. The Wilsons and the Bollans are returning from a trip to Michigan, points in Oklahoma, and around and about before returning to California.

Spending the summer with their Borger Aunt and Uncle, the W. J. Willmons, are Gail and Kenneth Taylor while cousin Bill Willmon is spending his summer with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Taylor and Darla Sue here in Gruver.

Oh-ing and ah-ing at the wonderful fireworks display at the Fairgrounds in Amarillo on Saturday, July 3rd, were the Bill Maupins, Sherilee and Wes. Among the thousands attending, they spotted former Gruverites, the Reverend and Mrs. Elmer Adcock of Bulia.

A backyard Bar-B-Q with all the trimmings including homemade ice cream was the delightful 5th of July activity at the Albert Hahn home who included out-of-towners Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fleck of Odessa, Mrs. Houston Anderson and Mr. R. E. Haynes of Borger as guests for the evening.

Sympathy to former Gruverite Bob Follette of Port Arthur whose mother, Mrs. Frank Follette of Tacoma, Washington, passed away recently. Mrs. Follette used to visit in Gruver when Bob lived here.

A-visiting over the 4th in Logan, New Mexico were the Tommy Ropers.

Mrs. Mary E. Gruver and family recently returned from a vacation trip to New Mexico. They visited Toas, and enjoyed camping out in Tres Ritos Canyon. Joining the Gruvers for a short time were Mr. and Mrs. John Cotter Sr. who returned home to Gruver shortly after meeting the Gruvers. The Gruvers also toured Santa Fe,

New Mexico and the Pueblo Indian ruins.

Recent vacationing Gruverites were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Byrd, and children Inell, Kelly Joe and Diane. The Byrds enjoyed a very pleasant trip to San Antonio where they toured the Alamo, Zoo and other points of interest. They then journeyed to Corpus Christi where they enjoyed a boat ride and swimming in the Gulf. In San Antonio they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Heman Byrd and children before returning home to Gruver.

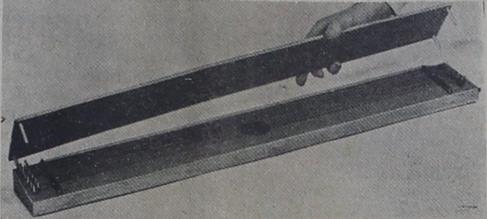
Going to Dalhart for a 4th of July visit with the Olen Chambers were the Leslie Barkleys, Barry and Sherlyn whose main purpose for the visit was to help little "Fire cracker Barry" celebrate his important 3rd birthday!

Great-grandchild visiting have been the Dave McClellans who visited in Dumas on Friday with newly-arrived on June 30th great-grandson Michael McClellan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David McClellan--grandparents are the Ralph McClellans of Dumas.

Also include the Lloyd Andrews who visited newly arrived great grandson Daren Lloyd Williamson who arrived in Amarillo on June 22nd. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jay (and Nancy) Williamson.



Glenn Truax



Plan for wind harp taken from Popular Mechanics



Having "fun in the sun" at Fort Cobb Lake in Oklahoma were a Gruver trio, Ross Walker and Marvin Shapley, who reported a wonderful time while staying at "Fly-Inn Resort" located on Fort Cobb Lake in Caddo County, Oklahoma. Fort Cobb is rated as Oklahoma's clearest lakes with over 40 miles of sandy beaches and facilities, boating and skiing.

Local Musician Constructs Wind Harp

Glenn Truax, one of Gruver's maestros, has constructed an Aeolian harp or wind harp this summer. The instrument which is so designed to play haunting melodies by virtue of the wind playing across the strings was fashioned from wood, nylon string, filed nails, screws and a piano key sliced neatly in two.

Almost unknown today, the aeolian harp works on a principle that was familiar as far back as Biblical times. It is recorded that King David liked to hang his harp over his bed when retiring, so he'd be lulled to sleep by the sound produced as the night breezes played over the strings to set up varying patterns of vibration.

References to such an instrument may be found in the Book of Psalms 137:2 "We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst (of our grief) thereof."; Genesis 4:21 "His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who played the lyre and pipe." (Invented by Jubal, seven generations from Adam and Eve)

In I Samuel 16:23 "And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul that David took his harp and played with his hand. So Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him,"; and in Revelation 14:2 "And I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps."

Basically this harp consists of a long narrow sound box over which a dozen nylon guitar strings are stretched--four G's, four B's and E's. They are attached to headless nails at one end and tuning pins at the other. The length of the sound box is determined by the width of the window for the instrument is placed on the sill before an opened window with the window lowered to rest on the cover.

strong air currents over the strings, producing an ethereal sound which varies with the wind intensity--truly notes from God's harmonic scale.

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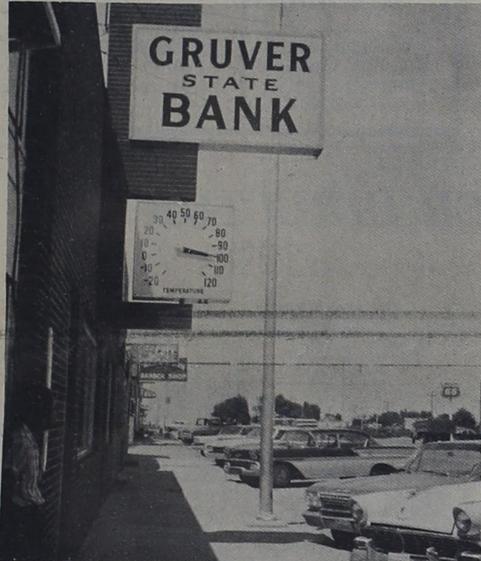
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American Legion Auxiliary Meets

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary met Monday, June 20, 1965 at 2:30 p.m. at the Memorial building in Gruver. A number of items of business were transacted. It was reported that American Legion Commander Glen Truax would like the Auxiliary to cooperate in inviting veterans and their families to attend and help with a pot-luck supper to be held some time in July.

Plans for the pot-luck supper include reports by the representatives from Boys State and Girls State with a recounting of their experiences while attending the two events.

Present for the Monday meeting were Mesdames Albert Bakehouse, Margy Barkley, Homer Cluck, E. M. McClellan, Everett Sulins, Glen Truax, O. V. Walker and G. K. Wilmeth.

Foursome Enjoys Afternoon

Enjoyable was the bi-monthly meeting of a bridge-playing foursome at the home of Mrs. Elmo McClellan, Jr. Friday afternoon. Enjoying the afternoon of bridge were Mesdames Gordon Stedje, Bill Maupin, Buddy Ething and the hostess. Buffet refreshments were served during the playing hours.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank my friends for their cards, gifts, and prayers while I was in the hospital.

Johnny Hesselthaler

Cotter Family Reunion Held

The John Cotter Sr. home was the scene of a reunion on Monday night June 14th. For the first time in three years all of the Cotter's children were at home. Enjoying a very pleasant visit were Mr. and Mrs. John Cotter Sr., Mrs. Mary E. Gruver, Sam, Allen, Pat, Molly and Mart; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Byrd, Inell, Kelly and Diane Mr. and Mrs. John Cotter Jr., Jimmy and Kenny. Mr. and Mrs. Don Dillow, Margaret and Don; Mrs. Margaret E. Smith, Vera, Joanna, Bud, Mike and Steve; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cotter and Connie, Donald and Paul Cotter.

Margaret Smith is at home with her parents now after moving with her children from Spokane, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cotter and Connie are visiting in Gruver and Winters, Texas before Charles takes up his duties as an Industrial Arts teacher in Perryton, Texas in the fall. Also, visiting in the John Cotter Sr. home for several weeks is John Foltz of Hudson, Michigan.

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COUNTY AGENTS REPORT

by Robert Adamson

WEEDS ARE A PROBLEM

Weeds aren't a crop, but they get plenty of attention... from farmers and scientists. One reason is that weeds and brush cost Texas producers \$486,719,000 each year.

Late in January about 900 delegates attended a 3-day meeting in Dallas to discuss weed problems and soluble Registrants came from 31 states and two foreign countries.

Chemicals still may be the best method of controlling weeds, but scientists discussed many related topics—changes in application equipment, land preparation and planting times, and different control programs throughout the country.

BROWN WHEAT MITE

Norris Daniels, entomologist at Bushland, reported recently on his study about effect of brown wheat mite control on wheat yield.

So far he has found that yields are not increased by controlling the mite—at least when mites were in the numbers he had to control. Dimethoate was the most satisfactory compound tested.

Mite feeding also had no effect on soil moisture depletion.

RESEARCH IMPORTANT

Breakthroughs in research have been made in the past. The promise of the future also looks good.

Scientists say a hybrid wheat could easily increase the yield of wheat by \$20-\$30 million per acre. They also say the cost of cotton production, if reduced by 10 to 11 cents a pound, would stabilize domestic world markets.

Other predictions—greater foreign markets for grain sorghum by stabilizing quality of the grain... improved rangeland production... and doubling or nearly \$100 million vegetable production by developing specific market systems.

GRAIN SORGHUM RATES

Plant grain sorghum drilled or two rows per bed, use 8 to 10 pounds seed per acre, and take advantage of chemicals to keep the weeds out. This is the production combination that can yield more grain, more profit, with less work.

Tests at the Southwest

Great Plains Field Station at Bushland, Texas, and at the South Plains Research and Extension Center, Lubbock, have shown narrow-row grain sorghum a yield-booster when properly managed. The fertility level of the soil is a determining factor in getting high yields from narrow-row sorghum. Water must also be available when needed to maintain high yields. According to agronomist, the fertility and irrigation levels should have a potential of at least 6500 pounds grain per acre or more before narrow-row planting could be expected to out yield regular 40" rows.

At the Bushland Station, experiments were conducted with different row spacings and planting rates over a three-year period. The 12 and 20-inch spacings consistently produced grain yields of 1000 pounds per acre higher and also produced more grain per inch of water used than the 30 or 40-inch row spacings. This is the report from Dr. Kenneth Porter, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station agronomist headquartered at Bushland.

Dr. Porter says rate of seed planted per acre had little influence on grain yields. Pounds of seed planted per acre were 4, 8, and 12 pounds at each row spacing. The higher planting rates produced the higher forage yields—but not more grain. According to Dr. Porter, about 8 to 10 pounds seed per acre should give sufficient plants for maximum grain yield under most conditions, regardless of row spacing used. If the crop is being produced for grain, seed planting rates higher than 10 lbs. per acre would then serve no useful purpose—in fact, these tests showed the fertilizer may not be as efficient for grain production as at lower seed planting rates.

Comparable increases in yields are possible by planting two narrow rows on beds spaced about 40-inches apart. Many Plains farmers are going to this planting method—spacing rows on the bed 12-16 inches apart. But to obtain the most benefit from narrow-row spacing, adequate fertilizer and moisture levels must be maintained.

Narrow-row spacings also have the advantage over wide rows in weed control. Plants in narrow rows will shade out many of the weeds. With the addition of a new herbicide, propazine, to the grain sorghum chemicals list, weed control in narrow row sorghum is made even more efficient.



Irrigated Bermuda grass planted June 1964 on the Cecil Ralston NE of Gruver

Pasture Practices Noted

By John McAlister
Soil Conservation Service

The importance of using a tame pasture should not be over emphasized. Proper Pasture Use is an important factor in determining the profits received from a tame pasture.

A farmer who goes to the expense of establishing a tame pasture should strive to carry out management practices necessary to make his investment a profitable one.

A systematic grazing plan is necessary for optimum utilization of forage, to prevent excess forage loss from trampling and to allow irrigation and fertilization schedules to be carried out. These requirements can be met by the use of a rotation grazing system, four plots should be the minimum divisions used for one pasture. Grazing should not begin

until the grass reaches a height of about 10 inches in the case of Bermuda grass or a height of 14-18 inches if tall grasses such as Switchgrass are used. Bermuda grass should be grazed to a height of 4-6 inches; Switchgrass or tall grasses should not be grazed below a height of 10-12 inches. Grazing to these heights will help maintain the stand and vigor of the pasture plants. This grazing procedure will also enable the farmer or rancher to maintain and adequate ground cover for protection against soil and Water losses.

The farmer or rancher who practices proper use on his tame pasture will certainly realize profits from his pasture that far exceed those of his neighbor who does not carry out this important management practice. Use your pasture properly and increase your profits.

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Talk is cheap, mostly because the supply exceeds the demand. USE OF 2,4-D

Use 2,4-D with extreme caution as you could damage surrounding crops. This is the time of plenty of weeds and wind. Do not use 2,4-D when the wind is

high as the drift could kill or damage your neighbors roses or other ornamentals. If you must use 2,4-D in town, use the low volatile Amine form. I would be happy to discuss the use of 2,4-D with anyone.

HOMEMAKING

by Linda Webb, H.D. Agent

People faced with decisions of what to give the bride-to-be can use this helpful kitchen equipment list.

Pieces of equipment used most often in the kitchen are one set of measuring cups, a set of measuring spoons and a set of mixing bowls. Oven glass mixing bowls can double as refrigerator dishes, baking dishes, or salad bowls.

Other necessary equipment includes one each of these items; a perforated mixing spoon, spatula, rubber scraper, paring knife, butter knife, vegetable peeler, and vegetable brush. Also, one small strainer, a large strainer that can substitute as a sifter, an egg beater, rolling pin, can opener, pancake turner, long-handled fork, and a grater.

After the basic essentials have been provided, you will find these first additions helpful: a cookie sheet, cooling rack, cake tube pan, two nine-inch pie plates, two round cake pans, a muffin pan, teakettle, salad or pudding molds, potato masher, wooden spoon, utility knife, and carving knife.

Additional possibilities include an apple corer, egg slicer, knife sharpener, doughnut cutter, pastry blender, and a pastry canvas. Also a fish mold, spice cabinet, pressure saucepan, individual molds, slicing knife, melon ball cutter, kitchen shears, cookie cutters, and cookie press.

Further equipment includes a breadbox, cake box cannister set, teapot, portable oven; meat, deepfat, and

candy thermometers, and a French chef's knife.

A breakfast idea for something "different"—stir sugar coated cereal into vanilla ice cream, top with banana slices and blueberries. That should whet anyone's appetite!

Circle this date on your calendar... July 9, 1965 which will be the Hansford County Dress Revue by the 4-H Girls. This will be held in the Gruver Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

THE LAST NOTE: Most of us can stand an occasional crisis. What grinds you down is the frequency of the occasions.

The 4-H girls have been busy this summer on sewing projects. The final results can be seen by the public at the County 4-H Dress Revue, which will be held Friday, July 9, at 8:00 p.m. in the Gruver School Auditorium. Up-to-date fashions, personally constructed by the 4-H girls, will be modeled.

Winners of the dress revue will be announced and awards presented, too. One senior girl will be chosen to represent Hansford County in the district dress revue. The district contest will be held July 20, in Amarillo at the Holiday Inn West.

The high point winner of the Junior Division will model her garment in the district revue, but she will not be judged there as the senior contestant will.

The 4-H girls are scored on the construction of their garment; their posture, poise and grooming; how well the dress looks on them (color, line, and accessories are considered); and, their 4-H clothing record.

For each girl, there is a possible total of 125 points in score. The winners are based on high score for each division. Junior division is for ages 9-13, and senior division is for ages 14-19.

Everyone is invited to attend the County 4-H Dress Revue, July 9, at 8:00 p.m. in Gruver.

July is the season of freshness in the form of fresh fruits and vegetables. In plentiful supply are

plums, peaches, vegetables and watermelons; also, there's plenty of frozen concentrated orange juice, milk and all other dairy products.

A number of 4-H boys and girls have signed up for County 4-H Camp, which will be held in Red River, July 12-15. I will, of course, be camping with them, so I will be out of the office on those days. I'll be back July 16.

The last note: There's one thing we'd like to say for mosquitoes. Unfortunately, its unprintable.

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"HEAD START" SLATED FOR BORGER

Increased educational prospects for underprivileged children and children in low-income areas in the United States will now come even before such a youngster has been enrolled in the first grade, through a program called "Head Start" administered by the Office of Economic Opportunity, according to a news release from the office of Senator Ralph Yarborough.

During the last two months, more than one hundred and fifty Head Start Projects have been approved for this summer in the State of Texas alone, with one being set up for the Borger area by June 20th.

The Reverend Michael Heneghan, Amarillo, director of Opportunity Head Start for the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas, was in Borger last week to brief teachers for their orientation study and to recruit volunteer assistance from the community.

Mrs. Pleasant Little and Mrs. Janelle Steinkoenig have been appointed under this program to teach the 36 to 40 Borger pre-school children in need of essential training before entering Borger elementary schools as first graders this September.

children; to work with the parents of the youngsters; and to administer community volunteer assistance.

Father Heneghan in an informative address to Borger explained that he was chosen administrative head of program for Borger, Amarillo, Hereford, Brownfield, and Lubbock by virtue of his position as director of the Panhandle and South Plains Venture for Aiding Needy Children's Education, Inc.—the foundation which received the grant June 10th from the Office of Economic Opportunity, a branch of the U.S. Office of Education.

Borgans were assured by Father Heneghan that the program is not church related. "This is a program for Americans", he stated, "for children of any race, color, or creed who are in need of a head start in their formal education."

The Reverend B.A. Erpen, pastor of St. John's Church who volunteered the use of St. John's School for the project, also assured those attending the meeting that he is participating in the project as a community project.

He stated that this was an opportunity for Borger citizens to participate in a program of good citizenship; for in providing for the teachers of underprivileged pre-schoolers and their parents, the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity is offering the

community as great a challenge as the Peace Corps is giving to its workers abroad.

The grant for the Borger School includes the payment of salaries to the two teachers, classroom supplies, and hot lunches for children. A preliminary survey indicated that there are nearly 100 six-year olds in Borger eligible for the government kindergarten program.

Under this program, according to Senator Yarborough, deprived children will be provided eight weeks of training this summer before they begin school for the first time this fall. Where these children would normally enter school less prepared for education than their classmates from more fortunate homes, this eight weeks training will provide diagnostic, remedial and developmental programs to give the child pre-school learning experiences.

The Head Start Projects throughout the State have been made possible by grants from the Office of Economic Opportunity of Texas of almost \$5 million. In addition, the Texas project is combined with the \$85 million which Tex. is to receive the first year under the newly enacted Elementary and Secondary Education Act, our state will be able to provide improved educational opportunities and benefits to all of our Texas youth.

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Elaine Kelly

Elaine Kelly Attends State 4-H Council

Elaine Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kelly of Morse, capably represented the Hansford County 4-H at the recent 1965 Texas 4-H Council Annual meeting and Workshop held from June 22 to 26th at the University of Houston. This was Elaine's second year to attend the annual meeting as she was elected to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Council this year.

Following is a report which Elaine prepared so that others might learn of the value of the 4-H Council and of the inner workings of the meeting and workshop.

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From June 22 to 26, I attended the 1965 Texas 4-H Council Annual Meeting and Workshop at the University of Houston. The council each year is composed of 29 boys and girls from throughout the state of Texas. Twenty-four of these 4-H'ers are representatives of the 12 districts which make up Texas. A boy and girl are elected to represent their own district through their District Council and then are eligible to attend the State 4-H Council. The other 5 members of the State Council are the members of the Executive Committee elected from the previous year. This committee is composed of a chairman, a boy and a girl vice chairman, a secretary-treasurer, and an information chairman appointed by the chairman. Because I was elected as the secretary-treasurer for 1965, I was able to attend the Annual Meeting and Workshop both last year and this year, too.

The theme of our council this year was "Understanding and Utilizing the Texas 4-H Council". The overall purpose for each council member was to better understand himself and others, and to learn to work and live more effectively with his own age group, and with the other age group at council, toward improved self-other relations. In order to accomplish this purpose, each council member became involved in activities where he took real responsibility for believing in and carrying out the program of annual meeting and workshop with structure and guidance from qualified leaders (youth and adults).

Preparatory Assemblies were held each day where the State Extension Service Staff gave keynotes and prepared us in being able to fill our role as young leaders now and for later on in life. The 24 new council members then worked in 4 committees with each of the Executive Committee members as apprentice leaders. These 4 committees were responsible for completely carrying out all activities

during council with the help of the State Advisors and Consultants.

By trying to learn to live and work together and to meet new people, we were able to enjoy various activities in and around Houston. One night we saw the Philadelphia Phillies play the Houston Astros in the Astrodome and spent an hour just touring the Dome. We took a tour and saw the San Jacinto Monument, the Battleship Texas, the water front, the shipping channel, ate supper at the San Jacinto Inn, and saw NASA, one of the main centers for the development of the United States' airspace projects.

We attended a banquet held at the Warwick Hotel, and visited Sakowitz where we had lunch, attended a fashion show, and were given talks by 2 of their personnel on the latest in men's and women's fashions. Also, 2 boys and 2 girls were selected to appear on "Young Houston Speaks", a question and answer radio program, which helped to acquaint the people in the

Houston area with the 4-H program.

The United Gas Corporation, whose headquarters are in Houston, paid for all the expenses of the council members in order for us to attend council. Although United Gas does not serve this area, this corporation is very interested in the development of youth and are especially interested in 4-H. Because of this interest and concern in young people, United Gas spends thousands of dollars each year in making it possible for outstanding 4-H members to participate in activities held in Dallas, Brownwood, Houston, Washington D. C., and Michigan. They not only help to support us financially but send representatives to all these activities in order to see the development of the youth as they work. The main purpose of the banquet held at the Warwick Hotel was to provide an opportunity for us to meet some of the United Gas representatives and for them to meet us.

This was certainly a most wonderful opportunity for each of the council members. The learning situations which we participated in helped each of us in the development of leadership through involving others and helping to develop their ideas and personalities.

Although my responsibilities as the Texas 4-H Council Secretary-Treasurer will soon be over, I have been invited to attend the Attorney General's Youth Conference on Crime, which will be held at the University of Texas August 20-22. My registration fee will be paid by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, and chartered buses throughout the state will be provided for each delegate's transportation to Austin.

My duty as secretary-treasurer has not only been to keep minutes, take worknotes, and to keep all other necessary records, but help represent the thousands of 4-H'ers throughout Texas. In October, I attended the State Fair Honor Awards Banquet in Dallas, along with the other 28 council members on the 1964 Council. Outstanding F.H.A. and

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COE FROM MORSE

An Open-Air Good News Bible Club sponsored by the Child Evangelism Fellowship was held on Saturday afternoon from 4 until 6 in the Spearman Park.

Many boys and girls and adults gathered around the easel and board to join in the singing of Bible choruses and to learn some Bible Memory verses taught by Mrs. Desmond Kelly. Mrs. Tom Dortch gave a visualized story of the Wordless Book, which gave the Gospel clearly to the children.

Those attending from Spearman were Angel, Esther, Mary, Genaro, Tito, and Cookie Martinez Rosa and Aramando Cavazos; Mike and Tina Marie Byers; adults, Mrs. Susie Current, Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Marteniz

From Morse were Sherry and Kathy Alexander, Bo, P. T. and Mary Lee Cator; Kurt Aaron, Teresa and Vicki Dortch; Sam, Clifford, and Charis Fleming and David Hall. Adults, Mrs. Carole Hall, Mrs. Tom Dortch and Mrs. Desmond Kelly.

Mrs. Jerry Alexander is working in the Coffee Shop in the Gruver Hotel.

THOT: Every great and noble work accomplished seemed at first impossible! Carlyle

A bridal shower honoring Charrie Stackhouse was given on Wednesday, June 30th, at 3:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Robin Giblin. The Stackhouses are ministering to the Baptist Church in Morse having moved recently from Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lanners and family of Houston visited over the fourth with his parents, the Louie Lanners. Mrs. Louis Lanners visited on Saturday afternoon with her niece, Mrs. Jean Cator in Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Davis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dortch and girls spent the fourth in Bivens near Dumas visiting in the Pat Blankenship home. This

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was a family day with all the Blankenships gathering in.

The Harold Fleming family visited Saturday night in Sunray with the F. W. Boney in their new home. Mrs. Boney's mother, Mrs. O. O. Pinkerton and sister of in and around Dallas are visiting for a few weeks with her. On the fourth, other relatives gathered in for a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fleming and children spent Tuesday in Amarillo.

Mrs. Josie Aaron of Denver spent several days last week with her mother and left on Thursday taking her son, Kurt back with her.

Mrs. Annie Clifton took her daughter, Josie and son Kurt to the bus in Dumas on Thursday. On her return back through Sunray, she spent the day visiting with Mrs. Irene Ryan and Mrs. Epps Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dortch and family spent the fourth visiting in his mother's home, Mrs. Mack Dortch. Their son, Michael remained for a week.

The Joe Reiswigs had company on the fourth being Joe's mother, Mrs. Helen Reiswig of Perryton and Mrs. Sam Schick and children of Shattuck.

Mrs. Desmond Kelly spent Friday visiting in the home of Mrs. Melvin Floyd east of Spearman.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Tom Dortch and Teresa and Mrs. Desmond Kelly attended a Child Evangelism training class in Stinnett in the home of Mrs. John Lyons. Mrs. Dortch gave the visualized lesson on the Wordless Book. Others in attendance were Mrs. Fogle of Phillips, Mrs. Melba Fly of Stinnett and one visitor Donna Withers of Lampasas, Texas.

Mrs. Mary Gillispie is making quite a visit down in and around the Dallas

area with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Stevens of Rye, Colorado were in town over the week-end and visited his sister Mrs. Louella Karr, her parents the Gerdes and also, the Frank Karrs of Gruver.

Mrs. Ella Parks and her grandson Lynn Parks have just returned from a weeks stay in Hugoton, Kansas with her daughter, the Charles Thompsons.

On their return from Hugoton, Kansas they visited with Miss Nellie McWhirter of Goodwell, Oklahoma. She is a former Morse teacher and stayed with Mrs. Parks.

Perry Dixon spent the weekend in Raton at the races.

Miss Sharon Parks and friends from elsewhere all spent the fourth in Perryton visiting a friend, Lyn Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alexander have returned from a visit in Farmington, New Mexico with their parents. Their daughter, Becky returned with them after spending a month with her grandparents.

Miss Peggy Giblin was hostess for a farewell slumber party on Friday night honoring Miss Myrna Nye who plans to leave soon to live in Colorado.

Those in attendance were Judy Reiswig, Sylvia Parks, Suzanne Dixon, Patricia Henderson and Elaine Schick.

Patricia Henderson, Junior in Clothing has worked hard to help a number of younger 4-H girls complete their garments for the coming dress revue on July 9th.

Those she helped were Charis and Becky Fleming, Judy Scribner, Nancy McCloy and her own younger sister, Carolyn. This included both garments and record books.

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A bridal shower was giv-

en for Mary Jane Horton of Merkel, bride-elect of Tom Womble last Friday afternoon, July 2 at 3:30 p.m. in the Morse Community Building.

Mrs. Louella Karr made the beautifully decorated sheet cake with white and green colors centered with two white doves and bows. The table was decorated with white lace cloth and punch bowl.

Hostesses for the event were Mesdames: R. C. Womble, Willard McCloy, Erlis Pittman, Marge Papay, and Mrs. Henry Reid.

Ray Lanners, son of the Bamey Lanners is home on leave from the Navy visiting his parents.

Junior 4-H Girls Work On Project

Members of the Gruver Junior 4-H Clothing group have been working diligently to complete projects for the coming Dress Revue. Concentrating on their projects for the coming Dress Revue, the group met on June 18, 21, and 22nd with their Clothing Leader Mrs. Lewis Henderson. Attending were Barbara Smith, Pat Gruver, and Pat Byrd.

Completing their clothing projects, the girls met on July 3rd and 5th at the Henderson home at which time they also worked on their Record books. Attending were Pat Gruver, Pat Byrd, and Barbara Smith.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 55

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE STREETS, ALLEYS, AND THOROUGHFARES IN THE CITY OF GRUVER, TEXAS, AND FIXING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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"THE WAY I SEE IT"

by Pastor Robert Cordes

I believe in the reality of sin. Sin is "missing the mark" of perfection set for us by God. Sin is a fall from righteousness; it is lawlessness, it is a transgression against God's Law, it is wickedness. These descriptions of sin are used in the Bible. Sin thus is not only evil deeds; but is a condition in which we find ourselves.

Man is not his own savior until he can perfectly keep God's Holy law perfect. And according to Scripture, not one of us does. Try as hard as we can, we cannot run away from the shadow of sin.

The Bible teaches sin terminated man's fellowship with God. Romans 5:18 reads, "Then as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all men..." Adam led all humans away from God. Or Romans 5:12 states "Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned" The last phrase "All men sinned" in the original tongue means a completed act--all men sinned vicariously in Adam. All men to be born were now regarded as having broken God's Law, having been counted as being spiritually dead and in need of being born again.

It is at this point many Christian churches part company. It is unfortunate that churches can't agree what happened at the fall. This leads us to various denominations--some who say infants must be baptized to be brought into a living relationship with God. Others say man only has a leaning for sin and is not held accountable until the age of discretion. We must be careful not to read into the Bible--for this idea isn't promoted by Scripture. But so many do follow it blindly. Thus we vary on just what sin is. Perhaps Christians need to get together for sensible, unheated Bible study and come to some understanding just what sin is--a condition or only acts.

But anyone that sins is outside the Kingdom of God unless that guilt is erased or forgiven. Thus God in His Son Jesus has sought to love us and win us back to heaven. We all agree sin needs the atoning blood of Christ to be forgiven and we invite you to the Savior Jesus.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ, the God-man, atoned or covered over the sin of the world. We believe His work was substitutionary; He took our place. It was for humans that Jesus offered His life.

His death was the penalty due to our sins. His death was a demonstration of God's great love--showing a God who was willing to pay the cost for the fall of the human race into sin. Some say God is too good

to condemn anyone or that He would in the end overlook our sins. This is not according to the Bible. The man that sins shall die--physically and spiritually.

So Jesus stepped into our world and paid the penalty that we might now be made alive in Christ. Faith in Jesus saves. Trusting in the redemptive work of Jesus is counted as our cleansing and being reunited with God.

God's law says "Be perfect." I know that someday in heaven I shall have no desire to sin. But now on this earth I must wrap myself in Christ's righteousness for in Him alone can I or anyone else be perfect in God's sight. Jesus kept the law perfectly that He might be the spotless Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

But the atonement or salvation is not automatic even though Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. It has to be made a part of the individual person. The sinner convicted by the Law of God takes refuge in Christ and is saved. The atoning sacrifice of Jesus is the heart of the Christian religion. Here God comes to us. He lives for us. He died for us.

I believe in Jesus Christ, true God and at the same time true man on earth. And He gave His life for me and for you. This is Christianity.

God works through His Holy Spirit, using the Word and Sacraments. The purpose is to get man, dead in trespasses and sin, to see his lost condition, to accept God's grace and be saved. Then the Holy spirit helps the child of God to grow in grace.

First, the Holy Spirit must awaken the sinner and call him to repentance. Unless a person sees his lost condition, he will not look for help in Christ.

So the Law must be preached for in the Spirit tries to awaken man's conscience. When the sinner sees his lost condition because he has broken God's Holy Law, he becomes alarmed. It is then that the Spirit calls us by the Gospel. The Spirit invites the sinner to seek the grace or forgiveness in Christ.

Let us beware lest we make simply breaking some rules set up by man as sin. Too often we say only dancing, drinking, smoking are wrong. Actually the Bible doesn't say in these areas. But the Bible does state when we think and do evil thoughts and deeds, we cannot be with God unless we are cleansed.

So God in His Law awakens us as sinners and we obey the call of God to repent. We admit our guilt. We feel sorry we have offended God. We confess our sin to God and ask for forgiveness. We believe that God, for the sake of Jesus

Christ, forgives all our sins. Thus we want to turn from our sinful ways and allow the power of God in us to lead us in new paths of righteousness.

Thus the Holy Spirit through the Law awakens us and shows us our condition, that we by nature are not Gods. Then the Spirit calls us to seek Christ. We repent, are sorry we have sinned and want to live a different life. We thus are converted by the Spirit. This is not the work of man. We often forget this and try to change our own life.

Thus we have had a new change take place in us, the new birth. It is done by God's Word alone. More on this next time.

Methodist News

Members of the Methodist WSCS held the June meeting in the Chapel of the Methodist Church on Thursday with Mrs. Ted Evans in charge of the program which highlighted The Bible. Assisting with the program were Mesdames Pat Holt, Archie Nelson and A. W. Evans.

Gaining inspiration from the afternoon meeting were Mesdames Norman Grigsby, Will Harris, Grace Bennett, Gene Wood, K. E. Irwin, F. A. Shapley, Jr., Dick Murrell, Bill Maupin, Margery Barkley, Dave McClellan, Pat Holt, Archie Nelson, A. W. Evans and Miss Reba Bennett.

Appearing In Person



The Inspirationalists Singing Group of Fort Worth will be in the Fellowship Baptist Church in Spearman, Sunday, July 11 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Area residents are invited to attend.



Work day at the Methodist church held the first Monday of each month. A service organized to benefit those at home first, but also a service to other areas.

An Open Letter

Dear God:

I'm sorry you made Sunday where you did. You see it is like this: we could attend church much more regularly if your day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, and we are all tired out. Not only that, but it is the day following Saturday night.

Saturday evening, you know, is one time we feel we should enjoy ourselves, so we go to the movies, watch late TV, or a party. Often it is after midnight when we reach home. It is almost impossible to get up on Sunday morning. You have chosen the very day we want to sleep late, and it makes it mighty hard to get the children off to church school and especially when they have it so early. Then there are the dishes to wash, or wells to check.

I mean no disrespect, dear God, but you must realize you have picked out the day on which we have the biggest dinner. Not only they but the church has fixed the hour of worship at the very time we must be preparing the dinner, or company is arriving. We must stay home to welcome them.

Then, too, think of John. He is cooped up in his office all week and Sunday morning is the only time he has to sleep late, or finker with his car, and mow the lawn. Others are tired from work.

I tell you these things, dear God, because I want you to get our viewpoint. It is not our fault that we are not able to get to worship you at church on Sunday mornings. We would like to go, and need to go. But it must be clear to you that the real reason we cannot go is because you have chosen the wrong day. If you will select another day, we shall be glad to go to church and church school, and be more faithful.

Sincerely yours,
I.M. Busy
P.S. Dear friends...if you will please sign this letter and return it, we'll send them all at once to God... and save postage.

Will God be pleased with your answer? If not what will you do about it? See you Sunday!

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F.P.A. members from all over the state were also present at the banquet. Later, we were all honorees at the State Fair. In January, the boys' vice chairman and I attended the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show and Banquet, which also honored 4-H, F.F.A., and F.H.A. members in Texas. This banquet was sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation in cooperation with the Rural Youth Activities Committee in Fort Worth. The honorees were then guests at the rodeo the following day.

These have been just a few of the wonderful opportunities which 4-H has provided for me and many other young people, whether they live in a rural or a suburban area. I have been a 4-H member for 10 years and have learned so many things which no other organization can provide. Since the youngest age for 4-H members is 9 years old, I hope that all young girls and boys will take an interest in 4-H and be encouraged to join and to participate in the many programs which it offers. Since the maximum age has recently been changed from 21 to 19 my 4-H career will soon be over. Although it is a lot of work, the benefits and opportunities of 4-H work are very rewarding for the young and older members alike.



Methodist Youth Attend Assembly

Leaving early Tuesday morning for McMurry College Campus at Abilene and the Methodist Youth Assembly were Menlee Maupin, Karen Wright, Maelyn Cabr, Sandra McClellan, Harley and Mike Murrell, accompanied by

MYF sponsor Mrs. Buddy Murrell who will act as counselor for the youth during the five day Assembly.

The group were joined by the Spearman contingent including Lloyd McWhirter and Donna Seymour from

Spearman and Jeannie Williams from Follette.

Director for the Assembly is C. E. Matthews, Northwest Conference Director of Youth Work.

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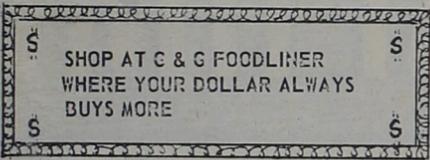


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