

An early day picture of the W.S. Thomas family.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

Featured this week in Highlights from the Past to the Present is the W.S. Thomas family who moved to Hansford County in 1921 to make their home on the wide open praries.

John Walter Thomas was born in Georgia in 1838 and served in the Civil War at an early date. After his service he could find no relatives so purchased a square and saw and took up the carpenter trade. He later married and to this union was born W.S. Thomas of whom our story originates this week.

It was in Mississippi where W.S. Chesser was born in 1875. When at the age of four the family of J.W. Thomas moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas where Mr. W.S. Thomas's father continued the carpenter trade. At the age of twenty-one W.S. Thomas moved to Wise County Texas near the town of Bowie where he worked on a farm.

On this farm he met his wife-to-be, Ella Renner the daughter of I.K. Renner who was a country doctor in that area. It was in 1897 that Miss Ella Renner and Mr. W.S. Thomas were married.

The couple made their home in Wise County for a short while. They later homesteaded on land in Greer County Oklahoma in 1900. Here they had 160 acres of land which they gradually added to. The land was unimproved and their first task was to grub the land of Mesquite trees in order to break the land and drill their crops.

To this union were born five children of whom are Minnie who was born in Wise County Texas and the remaining four, Roy, Elba, Ora and Opal who were born in Greer County Oklahoma.

In 1910 the family made a trip by covered wagon to Texas to the areas of White Deer, Hartley and Hansford County where they visited friends and relatives. Their visit to this county was in the Frank Shapley home for Mrs. Shapley was a school chum of Mrs. Thomas's.

The trip of 1910 motivated the interest of the family for the new and better land. In 1918 Mr. Thomas returned to Hansford County where he bought land from Martin Stone. The family moved in 1921.

The family made their trip by four covered wagons and teams over the country between Greer County Oklahoma and Hansford County Texas, a two hundred and twenty mile journey. They brought their farm tools, horses, dogs, household furnishings and arrived at their new home in some eleven days. The family would camp along the way at the various creeks where they would cook by campfire. Minnie was married at the time of the move but she and her husband accompanied the family. Crossing the Canadian River at Plemmons the family had to wait for three days for river horses to aid in their crossing. The river was so high that Roy and Minnie sat atop boxes in the wagon and the water still ran about their feet.

The family first lived in a one room house and tent after their arrival on August 8th. Their water-well was the first improvement made on the land. Their home was located ten miles north of Spearman in the Kimbell Community. They first built their home and added and remodeled as the years went by.

Wheat farming was the main occupation for the family though some feed was grown on the side. Their land was unbroken and the boys and their father joined together to break the land with their rod bottom-sod ploughs driven by horses. They drilled also with horse drawn implements. Their harvesting was done with headers and teams. The fall would bring along trashing time and freighting time. When the family moved to the county, Spearman had just begun and the train had just come through the town. Therefore they freighted to Spearman where they also purchased their groceries and supplies at Mode Maise's grocery.

As did all the early pioneers the family heated their home with coal. Mrs. Thomas did her cooking from a coal range. Mrs. Thomas also had a garden and did the canning for the months ahead. Harvest would always bring along six or eight extra men to feed. The pioneer woman's work was not an easy job.

Roy and Minnie completed their education in Greer County Oklahoma. Elba, Ora and Opal received their schooling at Kimbell school. Opal finished in Gruver. The family also attended church at the school. Some of the other families in the area were the Nolners, Tomlinsons, Harveys and the Clines.

Entertainment was limited, the family recall the Literaries and an occasional dance too. They also remember how the families would gather after church and go to one family's home for dinner and an afternoon of visiting, croquet and sometimes a ball game.

Roy Thomas recalls a trip he and Carl Hughes made to Pueblo, Colorado at an early age. The boys went as far as Cripple Creek where they worked for a winter. They made the trip by horse, trading day by day along the journey. Roy Thomas recalls being caught in several snow storms on the trip but they remained working and finally returned home by train.

Minnie Thomas married P.M. Chesser and to this couple were born three children who are J.W., Leon and Ora Mae. This couple make their home in Gruver.

The son Roy married Stella Perdue and this couple make their home about two miles north of Gruver. They have two children who are R.S. and Verna Jean.

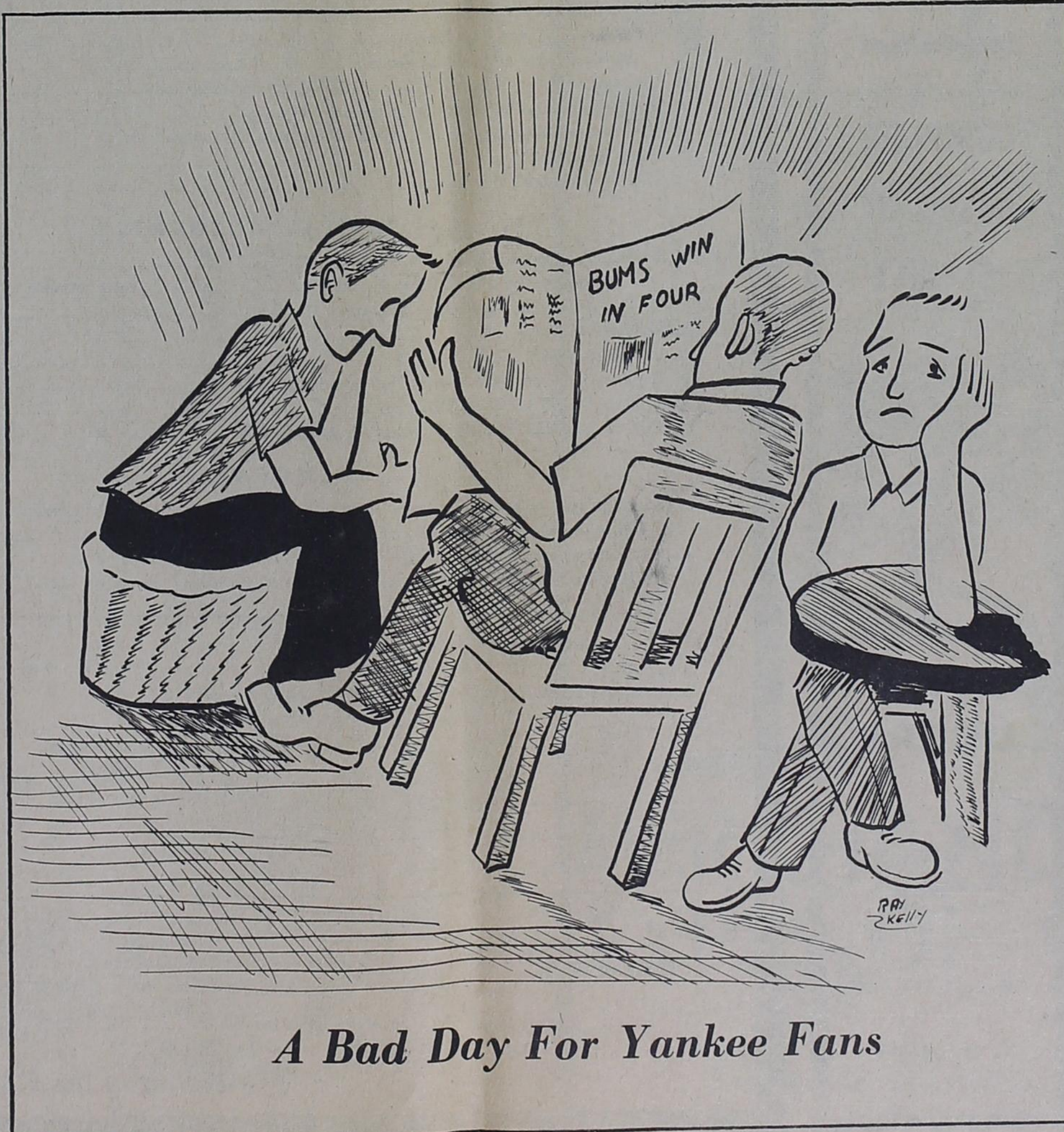
Mr. and Mrs. Elba Thomas make their home in the Kimbell Community northeast of Gruver. Their home is located about one mile north of the W.S. Thomas home place. Mrs. Elba Thomas was the former Jewell Gore. This couple have one son who is F.W. Thomas.

Ora Thomas married Jess Miller and they made their home in Texhoma until her death in 1949. To this union were born four children who are Lola Ann, Billy, Don and Lorella. Lorella died in infancy.

Opal married Dan Archer and to this couple were born Dana Kay and Scott. The Archers make their home in Perryton.

Mr. W.S. Thomas retired in 1948 and he and his wife moved to Spearman to make their home. Mr. Thomas passed away in January of 1954. Mrs. Thomas makes her home in Spearman.

This is another of the outstanding pioneer families who made a move across two hundred and twenty miles of territory by four covered wagons to finally settle in Hansford County the place they call their home. Struggling through the good and lean years the W.S. Thomas family have also made their way to become well known Hansford county citizens.



A Bad Day For Yankee Fans

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IN THE GRUVE

It sure has been quiet around town this week. Guess it's because all the Yankee and Aggie fans are sick. Now if Texas beats thos Oakies Saturday it will really--be like a graveyard around here.

Gruver's Greyhounds travel to Lefors Friday night for the last warmup game of the fall. Next week Sunray will be here to open District 1-A play.

As of now Sunray and Stratford seem to be the teams to beat in the district with Gruver and Sanford-Fritch very much in the running. Panhandle, with several injuries, must improve a lot in order to be a threat.

Sunray's only loss has been to strong Stinnett. The Bobcats big victory was over Texhoma last week. Sunray opened the season with an easy win over weak Boys Ranch but had trouble beating Spearman, 14-12.

Sunray has the personnel to beat anybody but hasn't played real consistent ball this season.

Stratford has lost only to Texhoma but the Elks pretty well cominated the statistics in that game. The Elks romped over Clayton, Lefors and White Deer in the next three games.

The Elks, no doubt, have a good ball club but got a lot of breaks against Lefors and White Deer.

Sanford-Fritch opened with a 34-0 loss to Stinnett and was tied by Canadian. However, several other teams who have fallen to Stinnett and Canadian have proven to be pretty good clubs.

The Eagles have rolled up one-sided wins over Memphis and Vega.

Fritch has a seasoned ball club and could cause plenty of trouble before the year is out.

Panhandle has only one victory, a 6-3 dicision over Groom. The Panthers have lost to Spearman, McLean and Canadian.

Injuries at fullback and quarterback have kept the Panthers weakened all season. With a full team they could be much tougher and probably will be in district competition.

Gruver is the only undefeated team left in District 1-A but the Hounds haven't played a real tough schedule. Three of their victories were over Clarendon, Groom and Canadian, and those three teams have only one victory combined.

Groom is the only team Gruver breezed by. The Hounds narrowly got by Clarendon 14-8 and had to come from behind to beat Spearman 12-8 and to nip Canadian 8-6.

The Hounds get probably their biggest test this week. If they can get by Lefors we feel that they will be pretty tough in the district race.



Gene and Bobbie Moore

Methodist Revival Slated 13-18

Just around the corner, matter of fact October 13-18, the Gruver Methodist Revival will begin with the famed evangelist, Dr. Clovis Chappell, leading the services. The music for the revival will be under the direction of Gene and Bobbie Moore of Amarillo.

Gene and Bobbie Moore are outstanding vocalists in the field of religious music. Bobbie studied voice under Lily Larson of Amarillo, Texas. Gene sang in high school and college quartets. They have sung in some 100 church and camp programs from Colorado to North Carolina and from Texas to Indiana. Gene is a Methodist minister and a member of the North west Texas Conference. They are the parents of two children who travel along with them as evangelistic field.

As stated in last week's paper the evangelist, Dr.

Chapel has been chosen as one of the forty best preachers of the last four centuries. He has spoken on college campuses, and though a Methodist evangelist has recently led in Focus Week on the Baylor University Campus. He is also named in "Who's Who in America" and is the author of some thirty-five books.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this revival. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening October 13-18 with the exception of the Sunday and Friday evening meetings.

A breakfast will be held each morning at 7:00 a.m. with the exception of Sunday morning. A short service will be held by Dr. Chappell at 7:30 a.m. following the breakfast.

An open invitation to all denominations is extended to everyone. So plan to attend this Methodist Revival.

Mrs. Pittman Injured In Car Accident

Mrs. Frank Pittman was critically injured about 2:00 p.m. Tuesday October 8th as her car overturned a mile and a half north of the state line north of Perryton. Mrs. Pittman and her baby were enroute to Perryton from Goodwell for a check up for her two-month old baby. The baby was not injured in the wreck.

Officers said the right rear tire blew out and the car skidded broadside into a ditch, jumped the embankment and landed upside

down in a field. She was rushed to the Sanford Hospital in Perryton where she remains in extremely critical condition as of wednesday morning.

She and her husband and son, Chet Erlis, make their home in Goodwell where Frank is a student at Panhandle A & M College.

A specialist was called to Perryton and Mrs. Pittman underwent emergency surgery Tuesday night.

Mrs. Pittman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cator of Gruver.

Wreck Injures Keith Gross

Keith Gross was returning from Amarillo when his car ran straight on into a telephone pole some ten miles south of Gruver.

The accident occurred early Thursday morning as Keith was returning home from an Affiliated Grocers meeting in Amarillo.

He walked two miles to the Billie Weant home

and was brought to Gruver by Billie. From Gruver he was taken on to the Spearman Hospital where it was determined that he had received broken ribs, broken breast bone and a broken nose.

He remains in the Spearman Hospital where he is improving and doing good.

GRUVER RESIDENTS AT A.C.S. MEET

Two Gruver residents represented Hansford County at the American Cancer Society District Three North meeting in Dumas on Tuesday, October 3rd.

During the morning session, Dr. A.B. Goldston of Amarillo was elected to the ACS State Board of Directors. He replaces Dr. James C. Glenn also of Amarillo.

Re-elected to the board for another year of office were Mrs. Jack P. Foster of Pampa and Charles Wright of Canyon.

Mrs. Ted McClellan, Hansford ACS chapter president, made the nominating committee report. Also representing Gruver was Mrs. James Stedje, crusade chairman.

Some 50 volunteers, representing 10 Panhandle counties at the meeting, learned of a new Tumor Clinic, which will begin operation in Amarillo this month.

Purpose of the new clinic located in the City Health Department Building at 411 Austin, will be to secure and maintain records on cancer cases throughout the Panhandle.

The clinic will set up records for follow-up studies

of each cancer patient in the area. Doctors will hold regular meetings to discuss and study each case. This consultation service will be without extra charge to the patient. The American Cancer Society has set aside a grant of \$6,000 to operate the clinic.

In the featured address of the day-long meeting, Dr. Sam R. Hall of New York administrator for research on the pathogenesis of cancer for ACS, explained present theories on the causes of cancer and brought his listeners up-to-date on research going on throughout the nation.

Dr. Hall received the Rockefeller Public Service award in 1955 for organizing the group which synthesized radioactive cortisone.

Other business of the meeting dealt with the duties of each ACS committee and their overall importance in the fight against cancer.

CODES FROM MORSE

Mrs. Desmond Kelly

Morse 4-H Names Officers

Dwight Gillispie was named president of the Morse Community 4-H Club recently.

Other officers are Mark McCloy, vice-president; Nancy McCloy, secretary-treasurer, Gayle Brothers, took the post of reporter while Carolyn Henderson and Wade Parks were chosen council delegates.

The group decided to hold their meetings at 4:15 each third Wednesday afternoon.

Steve McCloy was welcomed into the group as a new member.

RUMMAGE SALE

The P.T.A. of Morse is sponsoring a rummage sale in Spearman on Saturday October 12 at the old Russell Building on Main Street. Your rummage may be taken to the R.C. Womble home. The purpose of the sale is

to raise funds for the regular budget of the organization. Mrs. Pete Cator is Finance Chairman.

Stanley Kelly of North Hollywood, California is visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. Roberta Kelly and brother Desmond Kelly. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wilson and childred and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Dortch and family of Spearman had Sunday dinner in the Mack Dortch home.

Mrs. Grayce Adams of Dallas came by and picked up her father, Jake Miller and took him to Oklahoma City for the week-end to visit in the home of his son the Clyde Millers.

Mrs. Frank Karr is now home from the hospital after having surgery. It will be some time before she will be able to be about. In the meantime Mrs. Joe Relswig is cafeteria manager and Mrs. Mack Dortch is assistant.

WANT ADS

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Miss Mary Jane Holland, left, receives congratulations from Mrs. John Coleman after receiving a scholarship to St. Anthony's Hospital School of Nursing provided by the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Coleman of Wellington, is presently the 4th Division President of the Auxiliary and was president of the 18th District when the scholarship fund was originated. Miss Holland is a graduate of Gruver High School and attended Amarillo Junior College last year. She is sponsored by the Gruver American Legion Auxiliary.

To Whom Shall We Go

by Alfred White

Subject: The Heart of Man

When Jesus said "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8) He was not talking about the fleshly heart that pumps blood. His reverence to "pure in heart" has to do with the spiritual heart, the inner man. This spiritual heart is made up of four different parts that we will study in this season.

The Intellect

The Roman writer states, "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). This teaches that the spiritual heart can believe. Jesus said "Why reason ye evil in your heart" (Mk. 2:8). Again He said "Why think ye evil in your heart" (Mat. 9:4)? Also the Proverbs states "So that thou incline thine heart to understanding" (Prov. 2:2). This part of the spiritual heart can think, can reason, can understand, can believe what has been taught it. It cannot be the physical heart for it only pumps blood.

The Emotion

The emotion is that part of the heart than can love or hate. When Jesus said "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart" He was talking about the emotion of man. No wonder then Jesus would say "If you love men, you will keep my words" (Jno 14:23). The ignorant cannot love God with all his heart because love comes from a knowledge of the divine mercy and love of God. Without love we are justly recognized as haters of God (Luke. 16:13).

The Will

The will of man is the part of the heart than can cause obedience or disobedience. A man's actions come from the heart. See Mt. 15:19. The word spoken comes from the heart and every action of man in controlled by his own will. Paul said "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form a doctrine which was delivered you" (Rom. 6:17). The will of man is moved by intellect and by love or hate to obey or disobey God. Man is a free moral

agent able to discern good from evil.

The Conscience

Peter said, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doeth also now save us (Not the putting away of filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:21). Again, the Hebrew writer said "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purged your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Heb. 9:14). The person who knows the gospel loves the truth, and wills to obey Christ can never have a clear conscience (a pure heart), until obedience has been completed. Also we might add, the conscience alone is never a safe guide. A child will steal with a clear conscience until it is taught better. Likewise the ignorant can never follow their conscience and be justified before God, without the understanding of God, the motive of love, the resolution to obey, the conscience can never be fully purified. It is a witness to our obedience. As Paul so clearly reveals, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:14). When we have completed our obedience to what the Spirit has told us to do.

Do you have a "pure heart"? Do you understand the gospel, love Christ, want to do His will, and have a clear conscience by having obeyed the truth?

JR. CLASS MEET

The Junior Class of the First Christian Church met Tuesday October 8th for their business meeting and election of officers.

Judy Gribner was elected president while Linda Crawford will assume the position of vice president. Linda Hearron was elected secretary while Jay Crawford took the post of Treasurer. Glenna and Patty Holland are chairman of Worship and entertainment. Tommy Eudey is reporter for the group while Mrs. R.Y. Jones is sponsor.

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| ASSETS | | | | |
| 1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection | 543 | 835 | 55 | 1 |
| 2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed | 294 | 006 | 00 | 2 |
| 3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions | 15 | 236 | 08 | 3 |
| 4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures (including securities of Federal agencies and corporations not guaranteed by U.S.) | | | | 4 |
| 5. Corporate stocks (including stock of Federal Reserve Bank) | | | | 5 |
| 6. Loans and discounts (including overdrafts) | 1 | 967 | 345 | 47 |
| 7. Bank premises owned | 31,493.49 | | | 79 |
| | | | 5,412.30 | |
| (Bank premises owned are subject to liens not assumed by bank) | | | 500 | 00 |
| 8. Real estate owned other than bank premises | | | | 8 |
| 9. Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate | | | | 9 |
| 10. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding | | | 288 | 14 |
| 11. Other assets | 2 | 858 | 111 | 03 |
| 12. TOTAL ASSETS | | | | 12 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| 13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations | 1 | 994 | 996 | 21 |
| 14. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations | | 10 | 000 | 00 |
| 15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) | | 1 | 617 | 76 |
| 16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions | | 484 | 002 | 82 |
| 17. Deposits of banks | | 10 | 102 | 67 |
| 18. Certified and officers' checks, etc. | | | | 17 |
| 19. TOTAL DEPOSITS | | | | 19 |
| (a) Total demand deposits | | | | (a) |
| (b) Total time and savings deposits | | | | (b) |
| 20. Mortgages or other liens on bank premises and on other real estate | | | | 20 |
| 21. Rediscouts and other liabilities for borrowed money | | | | 21 |
| 22. Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding | | | | 22 |
| 23. Other liabilities | | | | 23 |
| 24. TOTAL LIABILITIES | 2 | 1,500 | 719 | 46 |
| CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | | | | |
| 25. Capital: (a) Common stock, total par value \$50,000.00 | | 50 | 000 | 00 |
| (b) Preferred stock, total par value \$, total retirable value \$ | | 100 | 000 | 00 |
| (c) Capital notes and debentures \$ | | 207 | 391 | 57 |
| 26. Surplus | | | | 26 |
| 27. Undivided profits | | | | 27 |
| 28. Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital) | | 357 | 391 | 57 |
| 29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | | | | 29 |
| 30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | 2 | 858 | 111 | 03 |
| MEMORANDA | | | | |
| 31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold with agreement to repurchase) | | 250 | 000 | 00 |
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| (b) Securities as shown above are after deduction of valuation reserves of | | | | (b) |

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R.L. Thom

A.R. Bort

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D.G. Cluck

Directors.

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 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of October 1963
 and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
 My commission expires June 1, 1965
 Helen Fisher, Notary Public.

Member of the F.D.I.C.

Mastroianni Plays At Music Club

The Gruver Music Club a member of the State and National Federations of Music Clubs met Tuesday October 8th in the High School Auditorium.

This was Guest Day for the Music Club and music clubs from Spearman and Stratford were the honored guests for the day.

Mrs. A.C. Bort greeted the guests and Miss Elliott, director of the Choral Department of the Gruver school introduced the special guest Mr. Thomas Mastroianni.

Mr. Mastroianni is an instructor of piano at Texas Tech College, Lubbock, Texas. He is a graduate of Juilliard School of Music where he was a scholarship student of Beveridge Webster. Once holding teaching assistantships at Juilliard and at Indiana University, he is now in progress of obtaining the degree of Doctor of Music in performing arts. Mr. Mastroianni has concertized in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maine, West Virginia, Indiana and Texas as recitalist and as a piano soloist with orchestras and symphonies.

Included in Mr. Mastroianni's piano program was Three Intermezzi, opus 117 by Brahms in E flat Major B flat Minor and C sharp Minor; Sonata, opus 53 (Waldstein) Beethoven, Allegro con brio, Introduction: Rondo; Gaspard de la Nuit, Ravel, Ondine, Le Gibet, and Scarbo; Etude, opus 10, no. 3, Chopin Etude, opus 25 no. 2 ("Maro"), Etude, opus 25 no. 11 ("Winter Wind").

Also as special guest from Lubbock was Dr. Raymond Elliott, Professor of Music at Texas Tech College in Lubbock. He is the father of Miss Phyllis Elliott.

The Music Club served

refreshments in the Fellowship Hall of the Gruver Methodist Church with Mesdames D.G. Cluck, E.T. Rafferty, A.L. Thoreson and A.R. Bort presiding as the hostesses.

PTA MEETS

The Gruver PTA held their monthly October meeting October 7th in the Gruver High school Auditorium. Mrs. Jack Gillispie president, presided over the meeting.

Robert Cordes gave the invocation followed by the Membership Report by Mrs. Marvin Shapley. The report informed the ones gathered for the occasion that there were 437 members and 13 life members making a total of 450 members in the Gruver PTA.

Places were awarded to the grade school classes who brought the largest memberships. Mr. Val Winger's 4th grade room won first place. Second place went to Mrs. Corsey's 3rd grade and third place was awarded to Mrs. Leatherj an's third grade.

The 6th grade presented the PTA Program of the evening and was under the direction of Mr. Bill Duncan. Mr. Charles Bass and Mrs. Beulah Winkler. The group presented a program including three songs which were "Lone Prairie", "Hayride" and "Zulu warrior".

Patrolman Gilbert Ray of the Texas Department of Public Safety had the next part on the program. He showed an interesting film "Be Your Own Traffic Policeman". He also gave a talk on safety.

Also discussed in the meeting was the PTA County

America's Sixteen Astronauts



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Board Reunion Held

The third annual Board Reunion was held recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Mathis of Pampa.

Lunch was served to Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Board, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Board, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stout, Mrs. Zela Matheson, and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. "Red"

Council Meeting which will be held Friday October 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Methodist Fellowship Hall. It is urged that all officers and council delegates will be present.

The women to be attending the District Workshop at Wellington October 17th are Mesdames Jack Gillispie, Charlotte Bergin, Jack Henson and H.M. Frazier.

Mrs. Bob Nobles announced at the meeting that if anyone is interested in obtaining a subscription to the Texas P.T.A. magazine or to the National P.T.A. magazine they should contact her. The Texas magazine is \$1 for 10 issues and the National P.T.A. Magazine is \$1.50 for 10 issues.

The November meeting will be a donation night for P.T.A.

Cowley of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Matheson and sons of Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. Lex Board and son, Wayne, of Morse, Mrs. Eunice Eiland of Long Beach California, Mr. and Mrs. John McPhillips and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Mathis. A friend of the family, Mrs. Anne Heskey of Pampa visited during the afternoon.

The reunion marks the first time the family of Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Board have been united in over a year. Mrs. Eunice Eiland flew in from Long Beach California for the affair.

Next year the reunion will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Board of Amarillo.

Party For Doug Ferguson

Saturday October 5th was a highlight for Doug Ferguson as he celebrated his 8th birthday with a host of friends.

Doug along with his friends enjoyed the Saturday afternoon show at Spearman which was "Gunfight at O.K. Corral". He treated his guests to pop corn and cokes at the show. Those enjoying the

Party For Ken Perryman

Kendall Perryman is also in the list for birthday parties for he celebrated his birthday October 4th in the City Park with a group of his school chums.

Halloween favors were given to each of the boys who attended. This was Kendall's eighth birthday.

Cup cakes and cokes were the highlight of the refreshments. The group enjoyed a football game as

the activity of the afternoon.

The boys attending were Perry Arnold, Jimmy Cotter, Doug Ferguson, Phillip Hearron, Danny Leonard, Rickey Shatley, Steven Westerfield, David Valdez, Carl Lee Odom, Jimmy Taylor, Buddy and Randy Lowe, Jimmy Laxon, Brent Womble, the honoree and his brother and sister Kelly and Christi Perryman.

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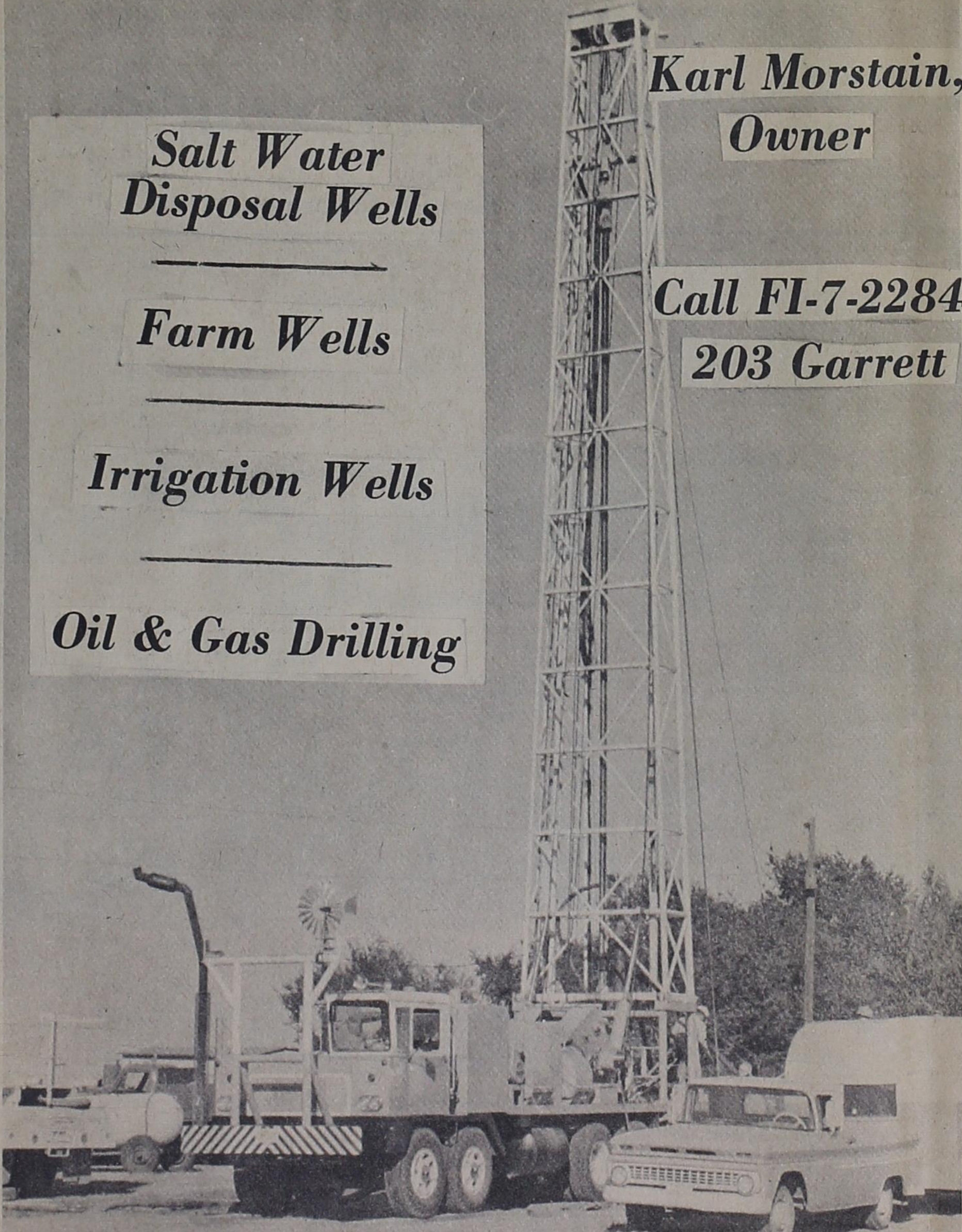
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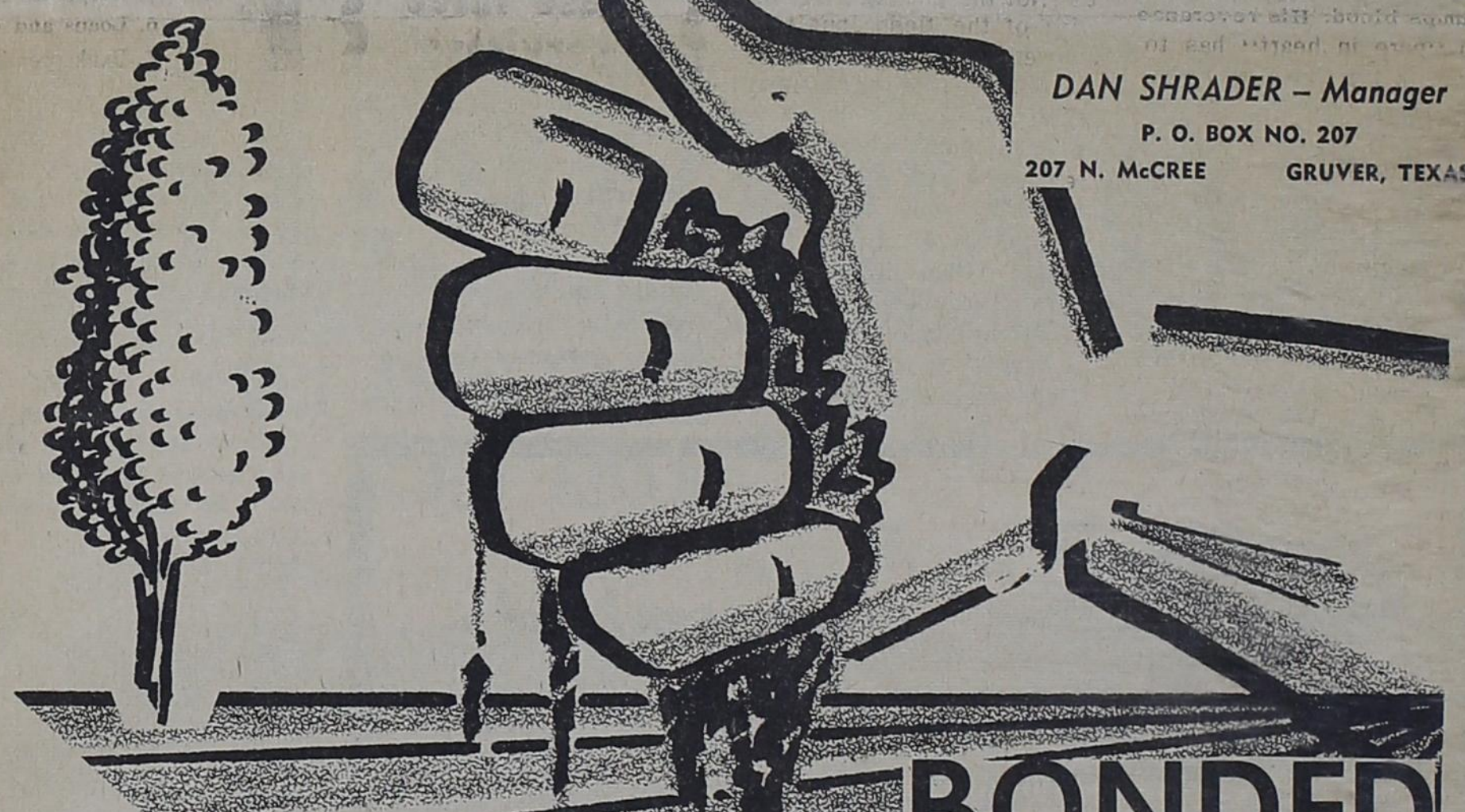
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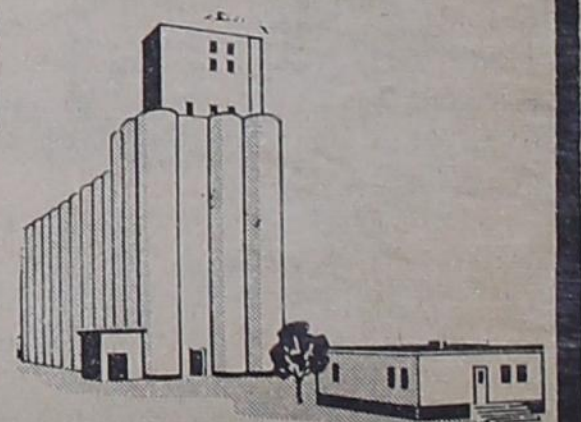
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LOCALS

Mr. Gid Nobles took his brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Nobles of Medera California to D'Alhart and Boise City to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Winkler visited friends in Goodwell, Oklahoma Saturday afternoon.

The Buddy Murrells, Jack Hensons, Bob Crawford and Gordon Gross families attended the West Texas vs North Texas State football game in Canyon on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert King of Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Nobles of Medera California have been guests in the Gid Nobles home for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Henderson enjoyed a visit with Mrs. Ina Stone while in Dallas this past week.

Mrs. Darrell McQueen was taken to the Perryton hospital Sunday but is now home.

Guy Paul Hintergardt the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hintergardt underwent foot surgery in Shattuck hospital. He had a tendon lengthened in his foot.

Enjoying dinner in the Val Winger home were Mr. and Mrs. Monte Harbour and family of Stinnett, Mr. and Mrs. Skeeze Riley and family, E.C. Barnes, Mrs. Pauline Winger, Mrs. Alma Gruver, on Sunday October 6th.

Mrs. Coy Holt, Mrs. Cecil Holt, Mrs. Pearl Miles and Miss Elizabeth Holt are enjoying a vacation in the New England States which is taking them also to Niagra Falls and Canada. They plan to be home next week.

Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Bort went to Amarillo Sunday to take their grandson Bort to meet his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones as they were enroute home to Dallas after attending a Bankers meeting in San Francisco California.

Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Southland of Windsor Missouri are staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Irwin. They are staying with the Irwin children while Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are in Washington D.C. attending the National Bankers Association meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence

Gruver are on the south coast of Texas enjoying a fishing trip.

Mr. C.C. Heath took his wife to Amarillo Monday for a checkup with her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon of Texhoma visited Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Folley.

Guest in the home of Mrs. E.T. Rafferty Sr. is Mrs. Tom Berryman of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Brewer of Breckenridge, and Mrs. Marvin Kimmey, Sharon and Cathy of Arlington arrived Monday for a visit in the Ed Rafferty Jr. home.

Robert Adams (husband of the former Janice Etling) had surgery at Stanford U. Hospital at Palo Alto, California Friday of this past week. Latest report he is recovering nicely and will return home to 1985 East Bayshore Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bartles and family of Guyton have spent the past week in the R.Y. Cooksey home. Arnold and Joyce have been helping Mr. Cooksey harvest his maize.

Mrs. Grace Thoreson accompanied her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Hamilton of Pecos to California for a vacation.

Mrs. Guy Stewart suffered a heart attack and was taken to the Spearman hospital where she remains for treatment. She is much improved now.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Bob Harris have moved to Dallas where Billie Bob will attend a six month school.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Taylor and family spent the past weekend in Vinson Oklahoma where they visited Grover's parents.

Mrs. Elsie Mae Peddy spent the last week in Dallas where she attended the Eastern Star Convention and visited her daughter, Kathryn Peddy at S.M.U. in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Lowe returned to their home in Amarillo on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Shapley have returned from Dallas where they have been attending the Eastern Star Convention there.

Danny Riley and Joe Cluck spent the past week end in Logan New Mexico

visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Riley and daughter.

Mrs. Skeeze Riley spent part of last week visiting in the home of Kay Winger. While in Amarillo she attended a Luzier Christmas Saleswoman Party and was crowned 2nd queen.

Mrs. Gwenfred Lackey of Spearman enjoyed a bridge party in the home of Mrs. Perry Hawkins along with other members of the bridge club.

Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Gamertsfelder spent Thursday of last week in Dodge City Kansas. On Saturday they visited their son, Joe at West Texas State College in Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. McClure have returned to Gruver to visit in the home of her mother Mrs. W.N. Fletcher.

Mr. Earl Phillips has been out of town nearly three weeks attending a micro wave school for Bell Telephone in Wichita, Kansas. The school will continue about three more weeks.

Keith Gross is in the Spearman Hospital after being involved in a one car collision Thursday night south of Gruver.

Mr. and Mrs. N.S. Jasper of National City, California have been guests in the Tom Dozier and Jack Henson homes. They went to Beaver Oklahoma to visit relatives for the weekend.

Mr. R.Y. Jones returned home from the Spearman Hospital Thursday and is much improved after suffering a heart attack.

Mrs. Edna Marie Williams is spending her vacation in Ballinger with her mother. Her sister from Dawn joined her.

Mrs. Ona McClenagan and Dean McClenagan spent Thursday in Amarillo with Mrs. Bart Riley who had knee surgery. She is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shapley and Rex, Wanda Hardesty, Bonnie Sullins and Phyllis Elliott went to Lubbock and to Texas Tech campus where they visited Tony Shapley, Linda Kay McClellan, Tom Hale and the other Gruver college students there.

Mr. Alfred Henderson was in the Spearman hospital, undergoing treatment one day last week.

THE WAY I SEE IT

Robert Cordas, pastor
Oolo Lutheran Church

PUSHING PARENTS

Just why it is that so many parents today are trying to make adults of their children is anybody's guess. Is it reflected glory? striving for status? anxiety about their children being married?

Parents arrange for dances and formal parties for their children of 12 and permit boys and girls to date at 14. Fathers haggle over their son's batting averages when the little leaguers don't care. Mothers will spend hours at the beauty parlor with their daughters want to go swimming or ride bikes. Or arrange parties for boys and girls when girls want to be with girls or boys with boys.

There are dangers of pushing children. The parents try to enroll children in school under the age limit or at least desire to. Already the parents are forcing the child to develop in the parents image.

When the daughter is mused to feel that she must have dates, she may grab any boy who wants to be grabbed. Unwed mothers often blame their "trouble" on the parental push toward a steady boy friend.

Children pushed ahead of themselves may become confused as to values and may not know what to depend on. For example, small girls wearing formals as at eighth grade graduation, I feel is only pushing the girl to be grown up before the proper time.

Wise parents will guide and suggest but refrain from pushing unduly. How much better it is to grow up with happy childhood memories.

Common sense will dictate what is most proper. No doubt sensible parents will discover that the push is coming from the minority and that they are just being led into a trap by a few unwise and silly mothers, or fathers.

"Pushing Parents" can be dangerous. Allowing girls to dress beyond their years isn't normal. I want my children to be children, not adults Am I right?

Methodist News

This week Gruver Methodists are preparing for a revival time. Prayer groups have been meeting each morning of this week and final plans are well underway.

Anna Beth Wood's Junior Sunday School Class

enjoyed a party in the fellowship hall of the church. After many games the members and their guests were served hot dogs, cokes and donuts.

Today the final study on Spiritual Life will be held in the chapel of the church.

Both the Mary Martha and Dorcas Circles have participated in this study.

Groups of The Twelve still meet regularly on Wednesday night for Bible Study.

Sunday October 13 is Rally Day at Gruver Methodist Church. Each Sunday School class is striving for 100% attendance.



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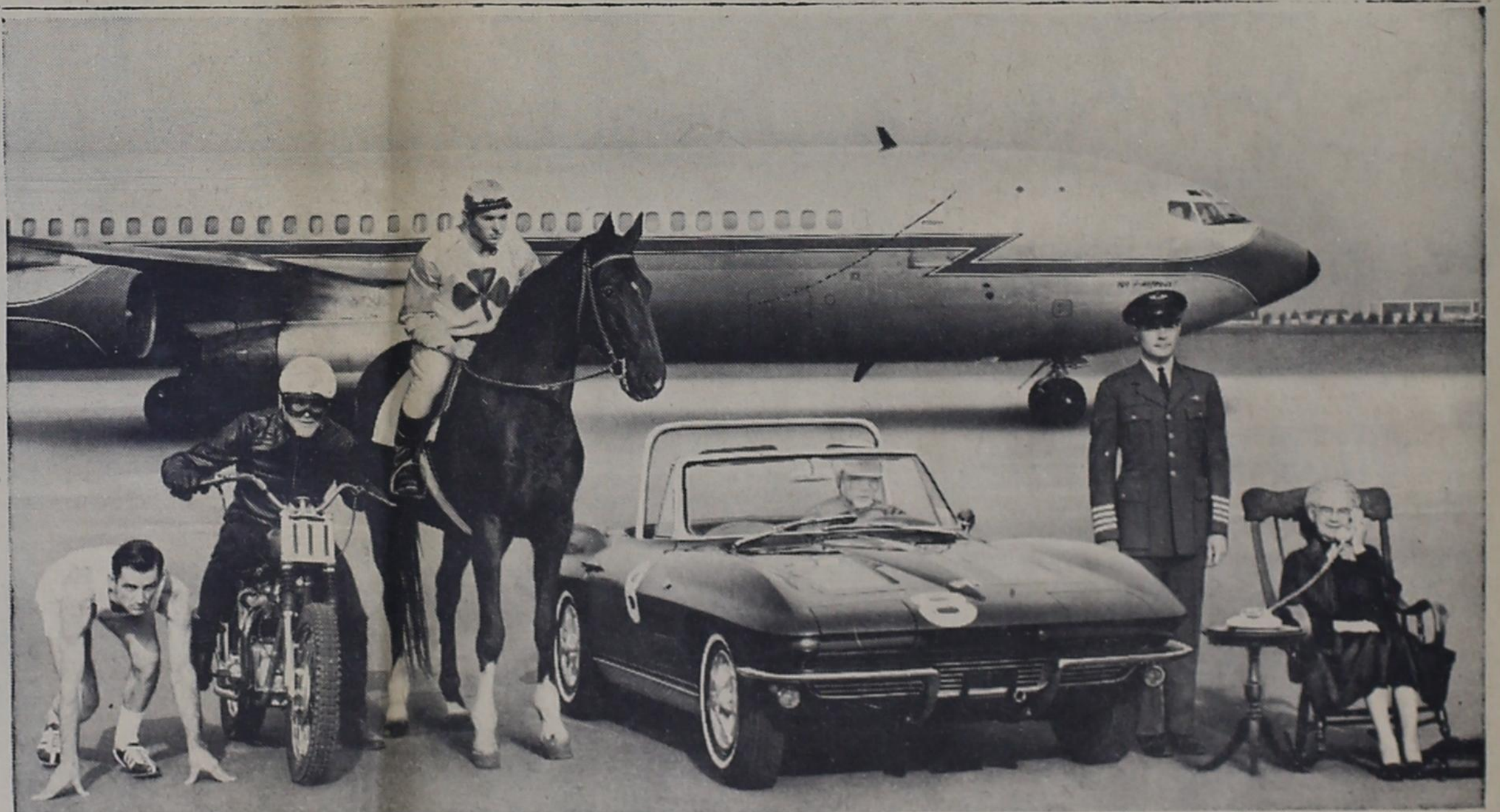
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County Agents Report

by Robert Adamson

Some men will drink anything put before them, but at the same time will check very carefully the oil put in their car.

FERTILIZER DEALERS ATTEND MEETING

Several Hansford County Fertilizer Dealers and interested persons attended the first meeting of three fertilizer meetings at Perryton Tuesday night October 1. Attending from Hansford County were the following: Jim Strawn, Gerald Scribner, Winfred Lewis, Russell Townsend, L.M. Womble, Don Robinson, David Laurie, Jerry Jackson and myself. The first meeting was on Nitrogen.

WHEAT VARIETY DEMONSTRATION PLOT

Twelve different varieties of Hard Red winter wheat have been planted on Troy Sloan's farm five miles south on Stinnett highway and 1 1/2 miles west on the McKibben road. These varieties have been planted for observation but yield data may be taken. This demonstration plot was planted October 1 at the rate of 55 pounds per acre. It has 70 pounds of Nitrogen applied pre-plant and 6 inches of water pre-plant. The varieties planted are: Caddo, Tascosa Kaw, Improved Triumph, Comanche, Concho, Bison, Crockett, Scout, Gage, Lancer and Warrior. The last four varieties are Nebraska varieties. Plans are to have a tour of this plant next spring. I will place some signs up later on so you may be able to find the varieties.

STATE FAIR TRIP

My wife, Margaret, and I and my son, Keith, returned home Sunday from the state Fair of Texas. We were guests of the State Fair at a banquet Friday night where we saw Alan McCloy from Morse receive the State Fair Honor of Award Medal for his outstanding 4-H achievements in District 1. On Saturday we saw Sharon Parks participate in the state 4-H Dress Revue in the Women's Building on the Fair grounds. Sharon was one of the forty-two girls in the 4-H Dress Revue from the State.

"FIRST AID" FIRE FIGHTING

Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12 is a good time to check how well you are prepared to fight and hold in check a fire on your farm. until the fire department arrives.

First and most important rule to follow is for you and your family not to take any unnecessary chances in attempting to deal with a fire--lives are irreplaceable, property is not.

But it's good sense to be equipped with "first aid" fire fighting tools, and for you and everyone on your farm to know how to use them.

One important tool is the fire extinguisher--of adequate size and proper type for the kind of fire expected. The most reliable ones are those tested by nationally recognized laboratories--they show an "UL" or an "FM" label.

Extinguishers should be placed strategically in all fire danger areas--in home kitchens, barns, machine sheds, and near storage tanks of gasoline and kerosene.

The best extinguisher in the world won't be ready to go into action when you need it most, unless you check and re-charge it regularly. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on this. And don't wait for a fire emergency to read the directions on how to operate the extinguisher--know how to use it and make sure everyone on the farm knows how.

Another good fire fighting tool is a garden hose

sprayer. Filled water buckets are also useful at spots in and around buildings.

Particularly for home safety, ladders to reach the highest roof tops and windows should be quickly available at all times.

LAST LINE

Driver: "You can't arrest me! I come from one of the best families in Virginia."

Cop: "That's O.K. buddy, We ain't arresting you for breeding purposes."

Field Day For Farmers

Again this year, those of us, who represent DeKalb in this area, are prepared to bring you another outstanding Field Day.

This year our plot contains cotton, corn and fourteen grain sorghum hybrids including some new numbers being released for the first time this year. You will see these exciting new hybrids and hear all about them from Dr. Bruce Maun-der, Head of DeKalb Sorghum Breeding Program.

Bill Ramsey, DeKalb Cotton Program Manager will be on hand to discuss our cotton program with you.

The date, time and place remember are Thursday, October 10, at 10:00 a.m. On Highway 15, 5 1/2 miles south of Spearman. Free barbecue will be served. Hope to see you there your DeKalb Dealer, T.J. Bergin.

Pam Cooksey Named to Office

Miss Pam Cooksey, freshman at Texas Lutheran College at Seguin, has recently been elected to the office of activities agency representative of the Texas Lutheran College Chapter of the Texas Home Economics Association.

Among Miss Cooksey's activities at Gruver High School were included her election to the offices of class secretary treasurer, Band Council, Football Queen, Band Queen, "Most Likely to Succeed," cheer-leader, majorette, and Senior of the Year.

Pam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Cooksey, of Gruver.

Plans For Homecoming

Homecoming is only a short distance in the future. Matter of fact it is October 18th. The dinner will begin at 5:30 sharp! with visiting, and honoring of class members of 1933, 1943 and 1953 following.

Election of new officers will also be included. The officers elected will serve for the next two years.

The game will be the conference opener with the Sunray Bobcats at

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Party For Brent Womble

Master Brent Womble celebrated his eighth birthday Tuesday afternoon October 1st from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The occasion was enjoyed with a host of friends who gathered for the birthday party. The friends and honoree enjoyed a football game coached by Brent's brother Mark.

The boys were served birthday cake, ice cream and punch.

In attendance were Jimmy Taylor, Ken Perryman, Terry and Gary Hollis, Richard Hannan, Carl Lee Odum, Kim Mason, Stanley Gruver, Jimmy Laxon, Johnny Armes, the honoree and his brothers Mark and Brad.

COUNCIL TO MEET

PTA County Council will meet Friday October 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

All officers and council delegates are urged to be in attendance.

Baptist News

Promotion Sunday was held at the First Baptist Church this past Sunday. New officers and teachers took their new positions. Gordon Gross took the position of Sunday school Superintendent while Leslie Barkley accepted the position of Training Union Director.

The quarterly meeting of the Nursery workers will be held Sunday at 3:00 p.m. The program planning committee for Adult One met Monday night in the Gene Fletcher home.

The Annual Association Meeting of the Baptist Churches will be held October 14 in the First Baptist Church of Gruver.

The Adult teachers and officers met Monday morning for the completion of their study The Sunday School Ministry to Adults.

Mrs. Ed Vernon has assumed the position of W.M.U. president for this coming year.

7:30 p.m.

The Queen will be crowned at the half and coffee after the game will be served. The finale of the evening will be Teen Town of which everyone is invited to attend.

Bright Notes For the Home

Be sure to consider the exposure of a room when planning color schemes for it.

Color is most important in making rooms seem warmer or cooler, look smaller or larger.

If you keep an eye on the sun and its shadows in your room and choose the basic

color, textures, patterns and furnishings accordingly, successful color schemes and more livable rooms can be achieved throughout the house.

Since north rooms receive little direct sun, the light entering these rooms is cool. Therefore, warm colors should be used in the furnishings.

Red, the warmest of all colors, can be used very effectively but judiciously in northern exposures.

Fabrics with lots of texture should be used for upholstered

furniture, draperies and floor coverings. Deep-toned mahogany furniture will also do a great deal to increase the warmth of rooms having a northern exposure.

South rooms are generally filled with sunlight most of the

day and need cool colors to absorb the strong light.

Deep green or gray walls will help make south rooms seem cooler and more restful

During early morning sunlight favors most east rooms

Pres. Kennedy Says

Scouting Adds Strength To Nation

In a special message to the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America, President Kennedy hailed Scouting as "a worthwhile outlet for the natural energies of growing boys."

In a letter addressed to Ellsworth H. Augustus, President of the Boy Scouts of America, Kennedy said:

"For more than fifty years, Scouting has played an important part in the lives of the boys of this nation. It has helped to mold character, to form friendships, to provide a worthwhile outlet for the natural energies of growing boys, and to train these boys to become good citizens of the future."

"In a very real sense, the principles learned and practiced as Boy Scouts add to the strength of America and her ideals."

President Kennedy was himself a Boy Scout for two years in Bronxville, New York, and was active as a leader in Boston. As President of the United States, he serves as Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts of America is currently celebrating fifty-three years of service to the youth of our nation. This fall it will engage in an "Adventure Roundup," a campaign designed to bring more boys into Scouting units. The slogan is "Find Adventure... Join the Scouts." The campaign will run through December, 1963.

Gid Nobles Is Honored

Gid Nobles was honored Sunday on his 80th birthday as relatives gathered from all around for a picnic on the creek.

The occasion of Sunday October 6th included an afternoon of eating, listening to the World Series, cards and a soft ball game by the younger set all on the creek.

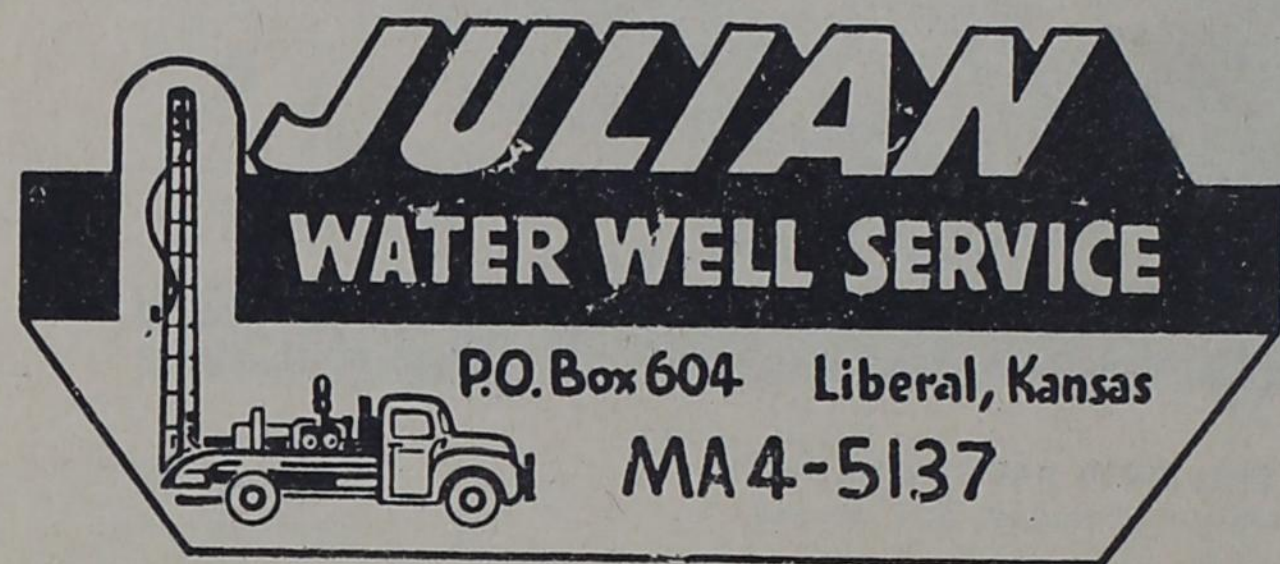
In the evening the folks came to Gruver where they had cake in Gid Nobles home. The cake was decorated with eighty candles to symbolize his 80th birthday.

Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Nobles of Modera California Mr. and Mrs. Albert King of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Nobles, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clements and family, and Jack Nobles of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Nobles, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Spaar and boys of Lamar Colorado, Mrs. Dickie Nobles of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nobles and family of Boise City, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bullard of Clayton, New Mexico, Mrs. Max Schaeffer and sons of Texhoma, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nobles, and family, Mrs. Jim Cator and Mae and Bessie Lee Waller all of Gruver.

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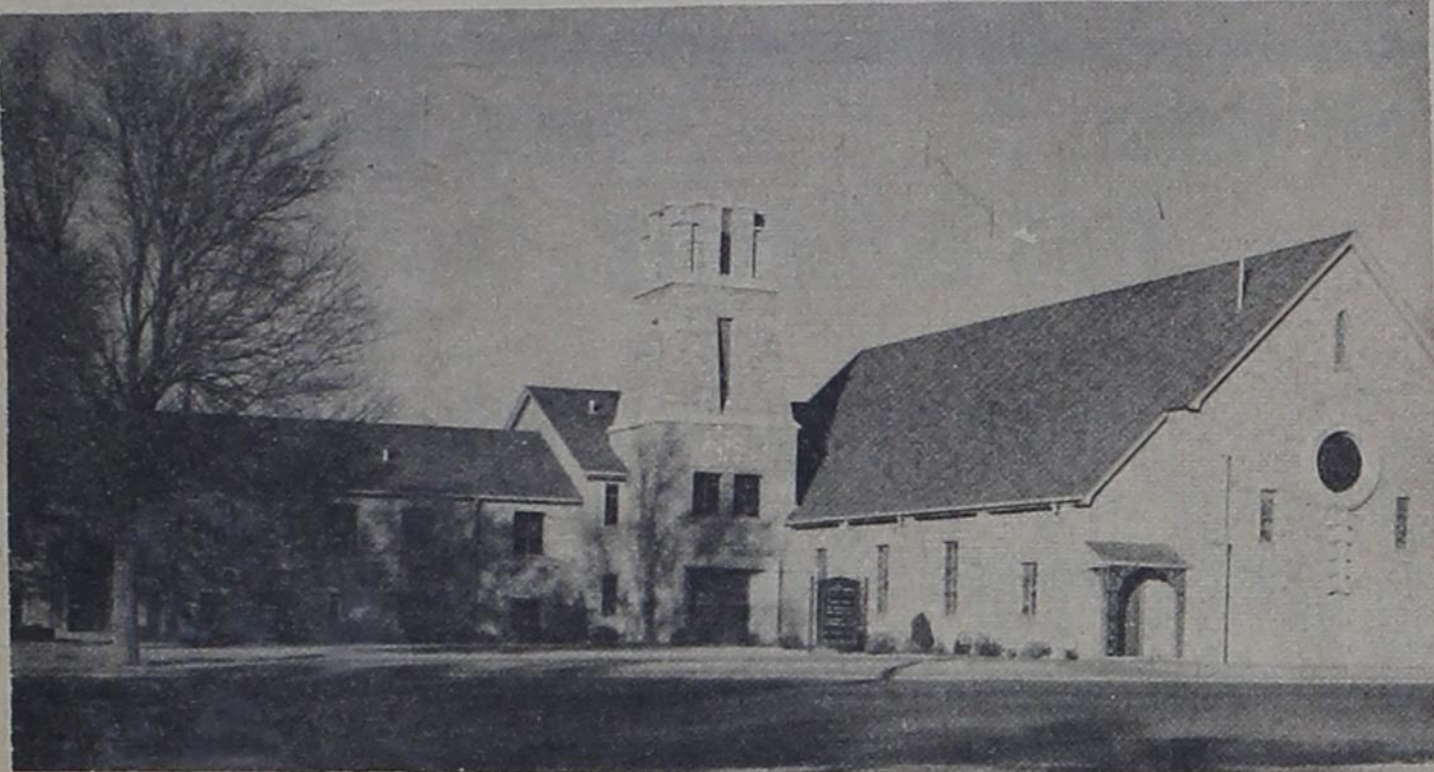
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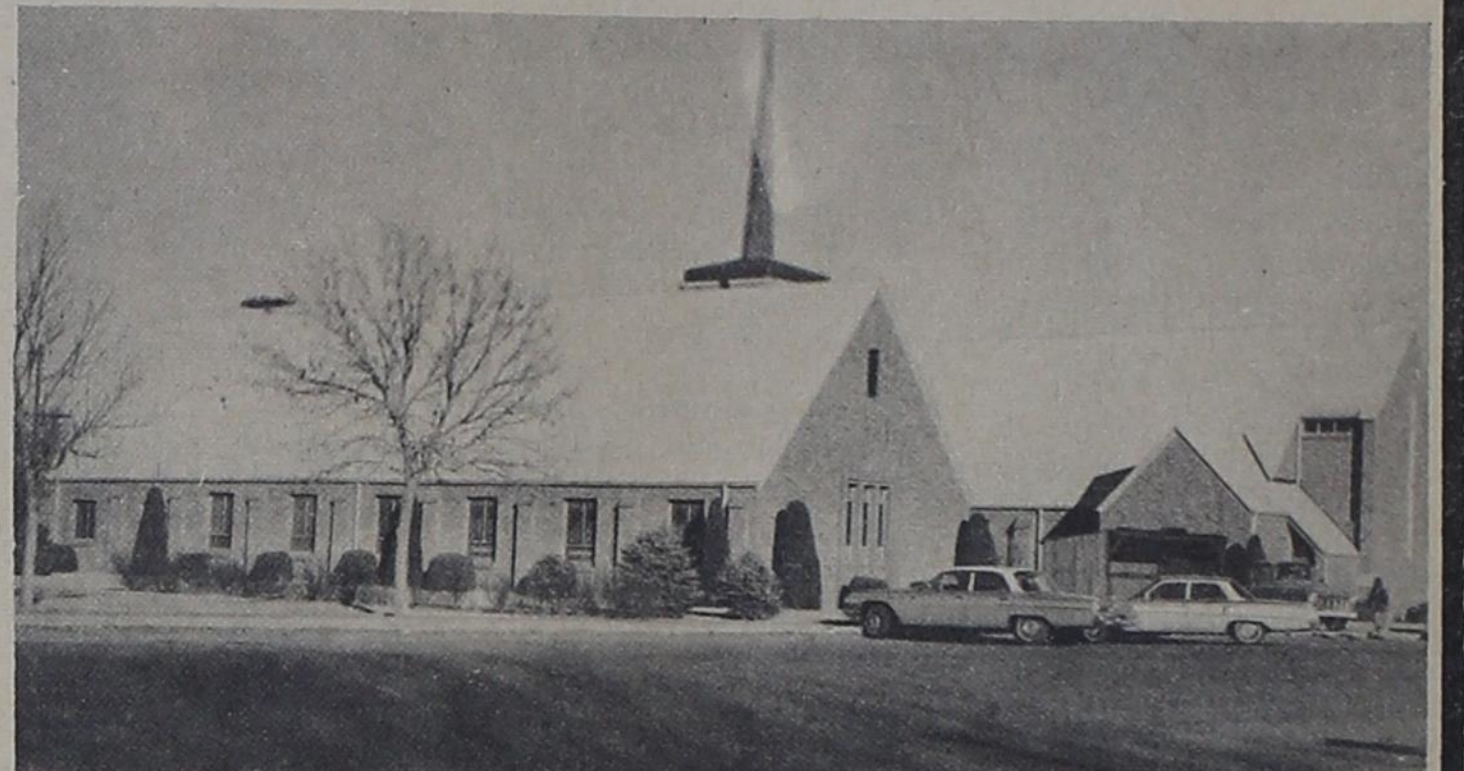
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pastor, Robert Cordes

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| Sunday School | -----9:45 |
| Adult Bible Class | -----9:45 |
| Morning Worship | -----11:00 |
| Brotherhood 1 & 3 Thursday | -----7:30 |
| Ladies Aid 2nd Thursday | -----2:00 |



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
pastor Reverend, A.G. Purvis

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| Sunday School | -----9:45 |
| Morning Worship | -----11:00 |
| Training Union | -----7:00 |
| Evening Worship | -----8:00 |
| Junior & Intermediate Choirs, Sunday | -----3:00 |
| Adult Choir Practice Tuesday | -----7:00 |
| Wednesday Prayer Service | -----8:00 |
| Wednesday Evening Lesson Study | -----6:45 |
| Y.W.A., Wednesday | -----5:30 |
| R.A.'s Wednesday | -----5:30 |
| G.A.'s Thursday | -----4:00 |
| W.M.U., Thursday | -----3:00 |
| Sunbeams, Thursday Beginner & Pri. I | -----3:00 |
| Primary 2 | -----3:30 |
| Primary Choir, Thursday | -----4:30 |
| Beginner Choir, Thursday | -----4:00 |



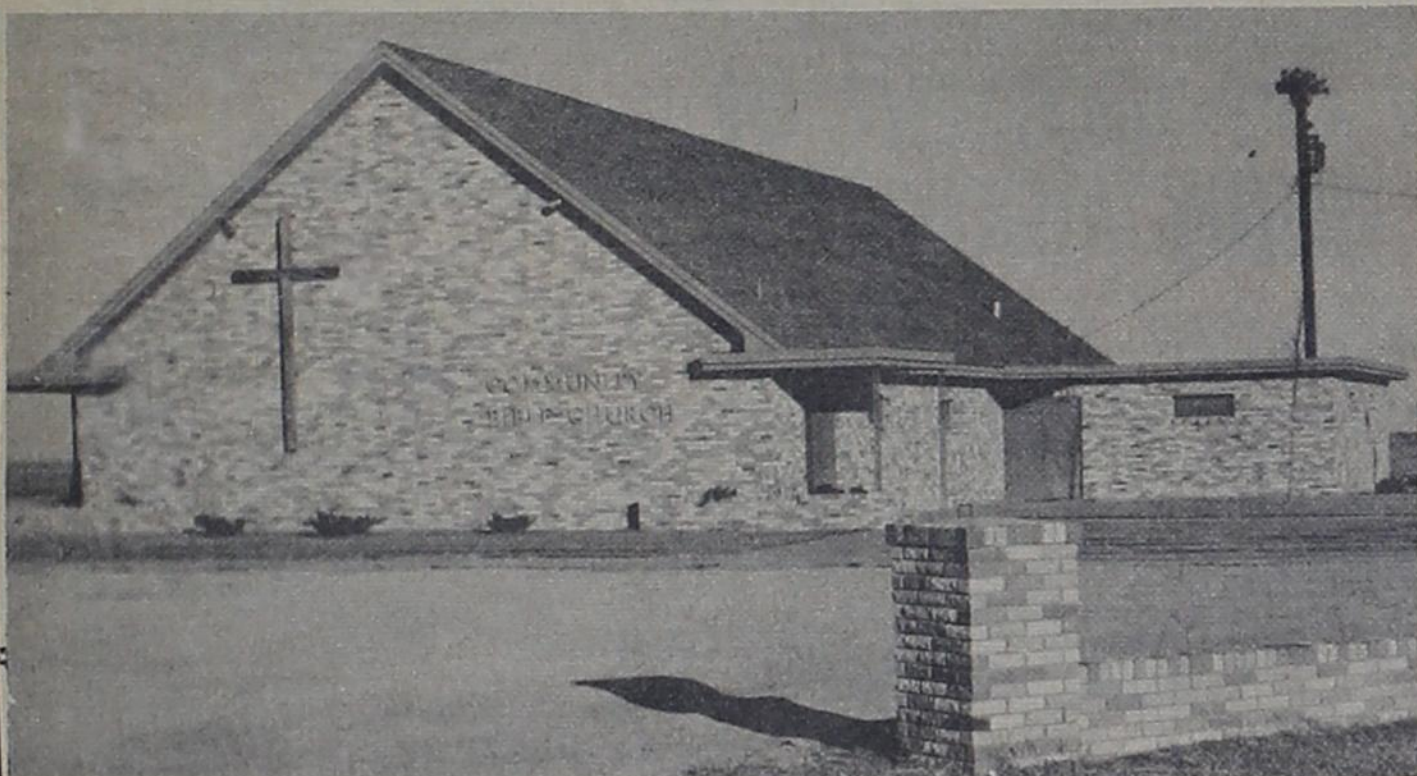
THE GRUVER METHODIST CHURCH
pastor, Reverend R.L. Kirk

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| Sunday School | -----9:45 |
| Morning Worship | -----11:00 |
| M.Y.F. | -----7:00 |
| Evening Worship | -----6:00 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | -----7:00 |
| Wednesday Choir Practice | -----8:00 |
| Thursday W.S.C.S.---monthly | -----3:00 |
| Dorcas Circle---Thursday | -----9:30 |
| Mary Martha Circle---Thursday | -----3:00 |



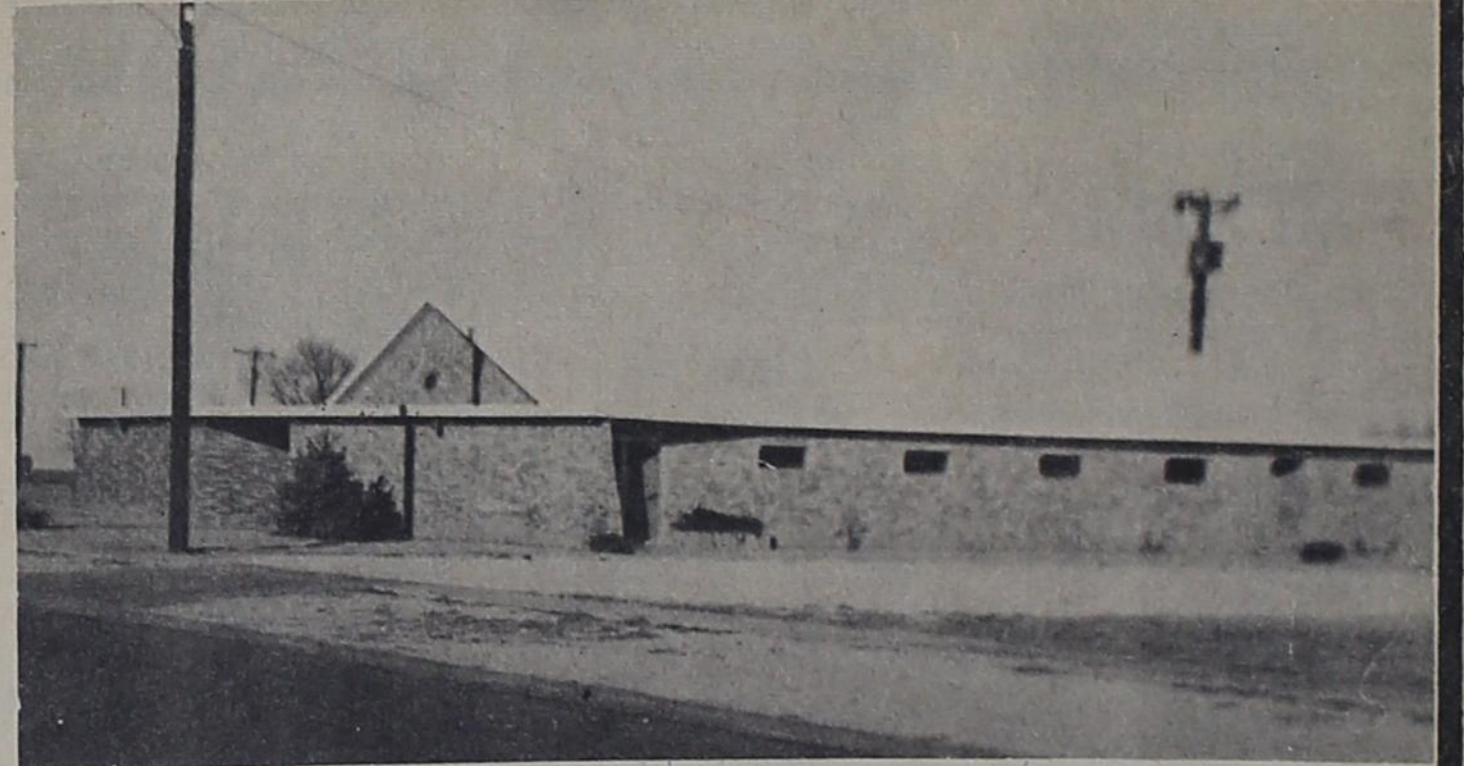
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pastor, Reverend Robert Lamson

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| Sunday School | -----10:00 |
| Morning Worship | -----11:00 |
| Chi-Rho | -----7:00 |
| Adult Bible Study | -----8:00 |
| Wednesday---Juniors | -----4:00 |
| Prayer Meeting | -----8:00 |



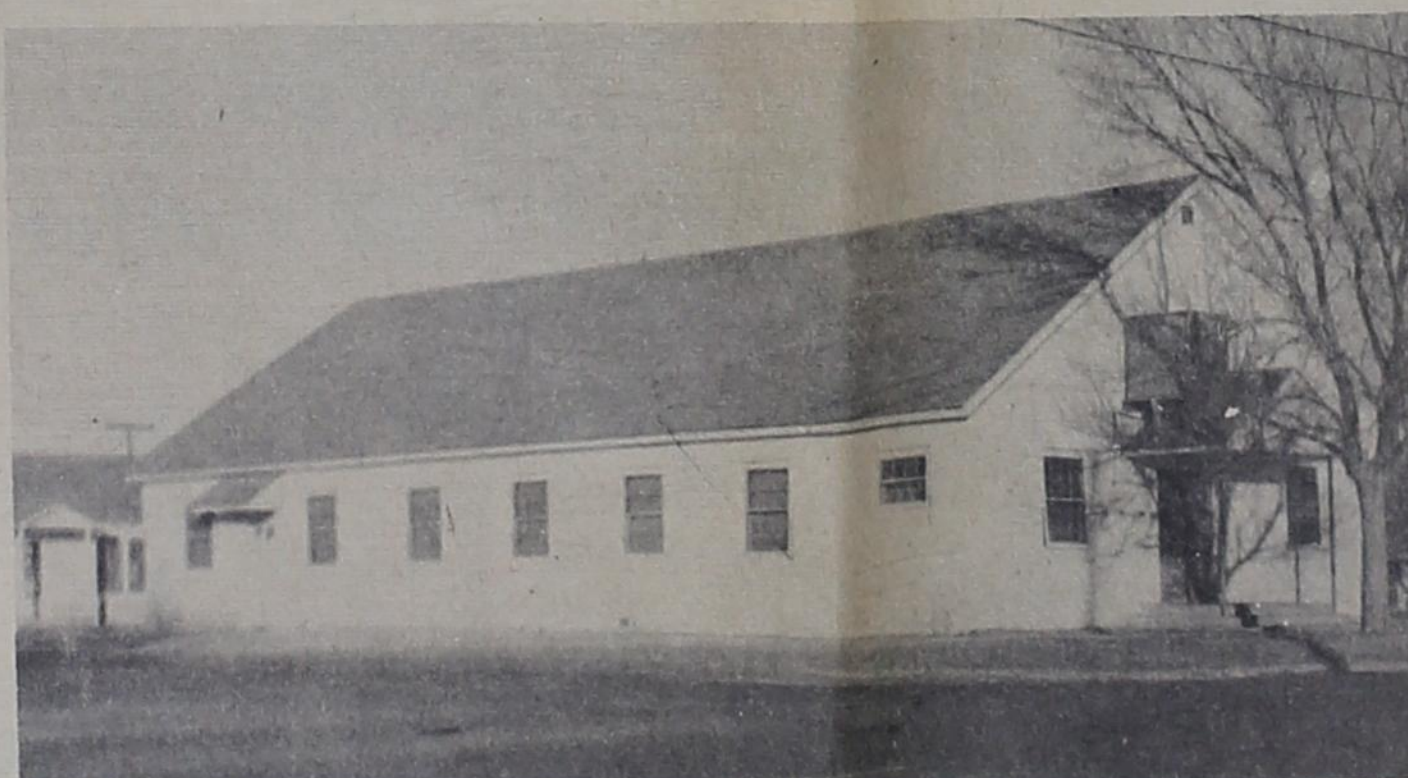
THE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
pastor, W.L. Porterfield

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| Sunday School | -----9:45 |
| Morning Worship | -----11:00 |
| Youth Meeting | -----6:30 |
| Evening Worship | -----7:30 |
| Wednesday--Bible Study | -----8:00 |



THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
minister, Alfred White

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| Bible Study | -----10:00 |
| Morning Worship | -----11:00 |
| Evening Worship | -----6:00 |
| Bible Study Wednesday | -----8:00 |
| Ladies Class Thursday Juniors | ----- |
| Children Cared for | -----2:00 |
| Ladies Class Thursday Senior | -----2:45 |



THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
pastor, Robert G. Slaton

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| Sunday School | -----9:45 |
| Morning Worship | -----11:00 |
| Sunday Evening Worship | -----7:30 |
| Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting | -----7:45 |

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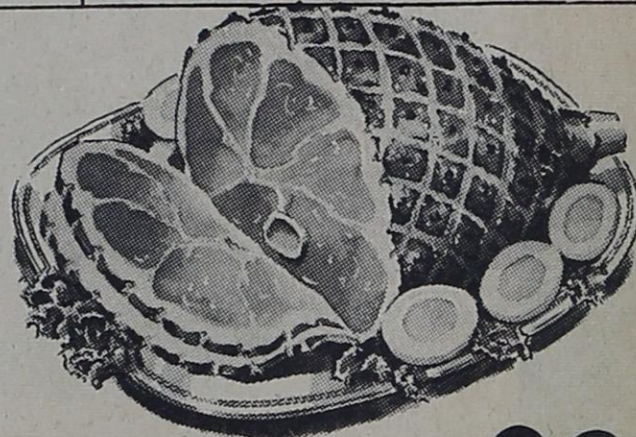
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