



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Venneman

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

North we go this week as Highlights from the Past to the Present settled northwest of the Hackberry Draw and east of what is now the Bemstein Elevators as we visit this week with the Venneman Family.

The son of a German cigar maker, Joe Venneman was born May 24th in Baltimore, Maryland to Bernard and Elizabeth Venneman. Joe grew to the age of four in Maryland and then the family moved to Wien, Missouri where he grew to manhood.

Working for a few years in Chillicothe, Missouri and for one year in Butte, Montana, Joe Venneman had the desire to move to a new country to begin farming. Accompanied by his brother, Ben, the two set out for Hansford County. One other objective in the mind of Joe Venneman was to work for two years in order to raise enough money to build a home and to return to Butte, Montana to marry his sweetheart.

When the two men moved to the county their home was a dugout. The praries were abundant with antelope. Joe would work all day and by night would want to get his mail but it was always dark by this time. Their mailbox was some distance from the dugout so Mr. Joe Venneman took the plow and plowed one furrow as a marker from the dugout to the mailbox. This was a guide for him at night so he could return to his home without becoming lost.

Pack rats were a hazzard faced by the pioneers. The rats would pack everything away. The silverware would even have to be kept in tightly closed tin cans to prevent them from being carried away for the knives, forks and spoons would be missing and could not be found.

One day Joe Venneman was riding over the praries bareback when he was caught by a sudden hail storm and rain. Protection was the first thing searched for because the hail was quite large. He found a bluff in the big draw and took his horse where they remained until the water in the draw rose to force them out. Becoming quite alarmed about his brother being out in the storm, Ben Venneman rode out on his horse in search for him. The two brothers met as Joe and his horse were coming out from the bluff. Ben was riding across the praries holding a washboard above his head, this was the only protection which he had from the hail storm.

Joe Venneman returned to Butte, Montana where he married his sweetheart, Hattie Schwarzman, on May 22, 1906 in the St. Patricks Catholic Church of Butte.

Hattie Schwarzman was born in Bow Valley, Nebraska on January 3, 1881 to Lena Benson and Joseph Schwarzman a farming family. Mr. Schwarzman was from Germany while his wife was from Norway. Miss Schwarzman and Mr. Venneman became acquainted when the two families moved to Missouri. It was in Nebraska that Hattie Schwarzman grew to womanhood.

After the marriage of the couple Mr. Venneman returned to Hansford County where he built a two room house in 1908. The lumber was freighted from Texhoma. In April of that same year Mrs. Venneman came to join her husband, coming by train to Guymon. There she was met by her husband in their wagon. She always remarked about her feeling when she caught the first glance of her home for her comment was that she was the happiest she had ever been to see the sight of their first home.

Improving of the land was slow for they broke it out little by little. Maize and feed was the main crop. The drilling was done behind a horse which pulled a bucket with holes in the bottom to let the grain fall through. Their land was enclosed by a two barb wire fence which had to be patrolled to keep the cattle out of the praries were open at the time. Sometimes the cattle would get through and clean the crop quickly.

The family had no well so they hauled their water for years from the old well at the Charlie Hitch place. In 1919 Ben and his family moved from their place which was a little farther east and the Joe Venneman family moved their house to that sight and connected the two homes in order to make one large house.

Living on the old freight trail which led from Ochiltree trail to Guymon the family encountered many guests. Many times freighters would stop at the Venneman place for an overnight stay. They would roll their bed rolls out on the Kitchen floor to be away from the weather outside.

A special effort was made to attend church on Sunday. The family would go to Guymon on Saturday and spend the night in the Wagon Yard there in order to attend Mass on Sunday Morning at St. Peters Catholic Church.

The trips to Texhoma were also used as a trip which brought home supplies for the family. When going on these trips either to Guymon or Texhoma the family would gather all their eggs and take them to be sold. With no egg cartons, problems were presented in the shipping since the trip was to be made by a wagon. They would pack the eggs in boxes which were filled with oats to prevent cracking. When delivered the storekeeper would have to feel through the oats to pick out all the

eggs which were bedded in.

One catastrophe is recalled by the family which made excitement for everyone. One pretty Sunday afternoon, a freighter was passing through the country with team and wagon. He stopped to shut the gate at the Roark place when his team took off with wagon and all. The team followed the road which led them to the Venneman home. Frightening the Venneman's dog the merry chase through the place was on. Just south of the house were the water barrels which the horses went between. Not wide enough for the wagon the two back wheels and bed broke off. The crash left the house suffering holes in the weatherboard where the wagon lodged. Mrs. Venneman was quite frightened and the only thing she could think to do was take the children from the house and run for protection in the cellar. Mr. Venneman had just purchased a new planter which he had parked near the barn. With two wheels trailing the team of horses ran over the new plow as they continued their rage, breaking the plow to pieces. After the disaster was to the climax the horses ran into a barb wire fence and tangled themselves to where they could not get loose leaving their bodies cut severely. By this time the freighter had made his way to the house just in time to find the destruction.

In later years while the two children, Clementine and Johnny, were home the family would have invitational dances which were the highlight of their young life. The furniture would be moved out and the linoleum would be rolled up to provide a dance floor for the guests. A fiddler, guitar player and sometimes a harmonica player made up the music for the dance which would usually last into the morning hours.

Fall was the time for butchering in order to provide meat for the winter. Mr. Venneman always butchered five hogs, he said one for each member of the family and one for the company. Jake and Pearl Shapley were always on hand for the butchering. Jake helped with the butchering while Pearl joined the women visiting. Fuel was provided by cow chips and in the fall the family would gather wagons full for the winter supply. Some coal was used to supplement the chips on extremely cold winter days.

One technique Mrs. Venneman used in her house work was her clever way to make butter. There was always the job of going to the mailbox for the mail and she connected the two jobs. She would fasten the cream to the saddle and ride her horse to the mailbox. By the time she had returned home from the mailbox the cream would be butter.

Their daughter Clementine was born in Butte, Montana and in later life Clementine married John Stewart who passed away on January 1, 1944 and later married Gus Renner. The couple make their home in Spearman.

Johnny, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Venneman, was born in Missouri. He presently makes his home on the home place and is married to the former Fanny Sparks. The couple have three children, Joe T., Hattie Marie, and Mary Elizabeth.

The Venneman home place stood the storms and years of weather until August 9th, 1951 when lightning struck and it burned to the ground. The fire took all the priceless heirlooms which were prized possessions of the family.

Mr. Joe Venneman's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Venneman, made their home in a five room house just east of the Joe Venneman place. The Ben Vennemans had one son Benny. In 1919 the family moved away to Alabama for a short while and then on to Waldorpha, Maryland where Ben and his wife died and their son still resides.

Death came to Mr. Joe Venneman on December 20, 1945 in St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo. His wife makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Renner in Spearman during the summer and lives in Amarillo in the winter.

The Venneman family were true pioneers of Hansford County and will long be remembered. They struggled throughout their life to make a living for themselves and and at the same time were quite instrumental in building the county of Hansford and helping it to become a great farming and ranching country.

Upchurch Honored

L. Duane Eartee, Area Conservationist presented Benjamin R. Upchurch with a U.S. Department of Agriculture Certificate of Merit for outstanding work with Soil Conservation Service this week. This certificate along with a cash award was presented to Ben for his

above average performance in his job for 1963. Ben has been helping farmers with their Soil and Water Conservation Problems through their Soil Conservation District for 21 years. The last 16 years has been spent with the Spearman

THE GRUVER

INDEPENDENT

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Highway Contract Let

A contract for 11.24 miles of construction on Farm Road 289 and State Highway 136 in Hansford County has been awarded to an Amarillo firm, it was announced in Austin this week by the State Highway Commission. Cooper and Woodruff Inc. submitted the low bid of \$172,937 on the project. Reconstruction of grading, structures base and surfacing will extend from the Warehouse of the Texas Highway Department 11.24 miles west toward Stratford. It is expected to take 120 working days, according to Charles W. Smith District Highway Engineer at Amarillo. Lewis R. Loyd, Resident Engineer at Peryton will be in active charge of the project while it is under construction.

NOTICE

Plans are being made for the organization of a Home Demonstration Club in Gruver. Any one interested in the forming and being a part of the club are asked to call Mrs. Jim Chockley.

A Going-Away Shower honoring Reverend and Mrs. A.G. Purvis has been slated for Monday April 13th from 7:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend and wish the Purvis Family a Farewell.

There will be a Cancer Meeting Tuesday April 14th in the home of Mrs. Ted McClellan. Tom Williams will be present to show a New Color Film entitled "Life's Story". Everyone is invited to attend. Dr. Guber will be present.

NELSON TO SPEAK

Everyone is invited to attend and hear Bill Nelson, Executive Vice-President of the Grain Sorghum Producers Association from Amarillo. Nelson will speak at 8:00 p.m. in the Agriculture building Thursday March 9th. The topic of his speech will be Marketing of Grain Sorghums. The affair will be a meeting of the Young Farmers.

75th Anniversary Celebration

Once again the time has rolled around for the Hansford County Celebration. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of our county.

To the new residents of Hansford County, progress is seen daily. However, the Pioneers of Hansford County know the true meaning of progress and growth for they have seen the county develop and have helped it progress. The Spearman Jaycees wish to take this

means to invite all Hansford County Pioneers to a reunion on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Joe Traylor Ford Motor Company.

4-H ELIMINATIONS HELD SATURDAY

The Hansford County 4-H Eliminations were held April 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the Spearman School. Ribbons went to first and second places. The judges were Darrell Renfro of the North Plains Water District and Frederica Ellis, Home Demonstration Agent from Stratford. The First Place winners

of the County Elimination Contests will enter the District Elimination Contests at Canyon on April 25th. From there the First Place Contestants in the Senior Division will qualify for the State Contest.

In the Senior Division of Forestry the "Windbreaks" demonstration by Evelyn Kelly and Don Kelly, Morse Junior Leaders took a First Place.

Under the Division of Farm and Ranch Management both demonstrations took a First Place with the topics being "Feedlot Profits or Losses". In the Junior Division, Doug McCloy and Mark McCloy took honors while Allen McCloy and Bill McCloy took honors, both groups were from Morse.

Under Civil Defense, "Tornado Tips" in the Junior Division, took First by two Gruver 4-H members Ricky Roper and Don Ross. In the Senior division "Safe

Water for Survival" by David Johnson and Judy Gillispie, Morse Junior Leaders took a First.

Clothing Educational Activity of "Let Wee Willie Help you" by Kay Johnson took a First. Kay is of the Morse 4-H.

In the Safety Division "Touch-Me-Nots-of-Nature" was presented by Sherilee Maupin, Leslye Wardlow of the Gruver Community 4-H. The "Poisonous Snakes of Texas" took Second and was given by the Junior Division Members Mindy Murrell, Mike Ralston of the Gruver 4-H. First Place went to "Color for Safety" in the Junior Division given by Nancy McCloy and Steve McCloy of Morse Community 4-H. In the Senior Division "Lawful Drivers Are Survivors" by Sharon Parks and Patricia Henderson, Morse Junior Leaders took a First.

ELECTION RESULTS

Elections have taken place this past week for School Board Trustees for Gruver as well as City Commissioner for Gruver. Also County Trustee at Large as well as Trustee for the Commissioner's Precinct No. 2.

Twenty-six votes were cast in the Gruver City Election while 192 votes were cast in the School Board Elections.

Twenty-four of the twenty-six votes for City Commissioner went to the write-in candidate Marvin Shapley while Merle Delano captured the remaining two votes.

Bill Logsdon and Eugene Wood took their positions again on the school board, for another term. Logsdon had 157, Wood 124 followed by Lieb with 68 and Olsen with 32.

For the County Trustee at Large F.O. Crawford received 203 votes to be elected to the position.

Erlis Pittman received 76 votes as a write-in candidate. Pittman already held the position of Trustee of Commissioners Precinct No. 4 so had he been elected he would have had to resign from one of the two positions.

Receiving one write-in vote a piece in the Trustee at Large Election were Sam Cluck, Jewel Ward, George Buzzard, R.E. Vaughn, Mrs. E.J. Callaway, R.E. Sanders, Willard McCloy, Chesta Lieb, and H.B. Parks.

L.L. (Buck) Edge was elected to be Trustee of Commissioner's Precinct No. 2 to serve along side those with terms that have not expired. Bob Vaughn of Precinct No. 1, Joe Walker of No. 3 and Erlis Pittman of No. 4

IN THE GRUVE

Strangers from the east traveling through the north plains these days will probably believe the stories they hear about Texas. Only a Texas-size gopher could make big humps of dirt that are popping up all over this area.

To us the humps of dirt represent the rapid growth of irrigation on the north plains.

We have covered a lot of miles on the north plains in the last few days and find that irrigation activity seems to be picking up all the time.

We traveled the area around Dumas, gunray, Stratford and southwest of here by car and saw the land north of here from Sonny Riley's air-knocker.

If our courage holds up, we plan to take another flight with Sonny and get a few pictures of the area.

We checked up to see how many permits for wells had been filed in the county this year and found that the pace is almost twice as fast as last year.

Through the first three months of this year 97 permits were sought. In 1963 only 56 (which was considered a lot last year) had been applied for.

Last year a total of 181 permits were issued. At that rate, the figure should reach more than 300 this year.

Not counting the industrial wells, the county now has 557 wells and permits combined. The figure could reach 800 before the year is out. Gruver's school district, which includes part of Sherman County, could have around 500 wells by then.

All of this is bound to bring sudden changes to the City of Gruver. This town is sure to reach 200 population soon---if space to build can be acquired. According to the various utility meters, Gruver has already passed the 1500 mark.

With the growth must come changes, including more taxes. The City of Gruver is currently in good shape financially, but if we're to ad new streets and houses that also means city employees and equipment.

A city police man will be needed soon, if not now. More help will be needed for the upkeep of the town, such as a man to drive the new spray truck.

The Gruver State Bank is now listed among the 9,000 largest banks in the United States. Upton T. Liptrott, president of the American Banker, a trade publication in New York, sent congratulations by telegram last week. Gruver's bank moved up 263 places in the last year and now ranks as the 8,839 largest banks

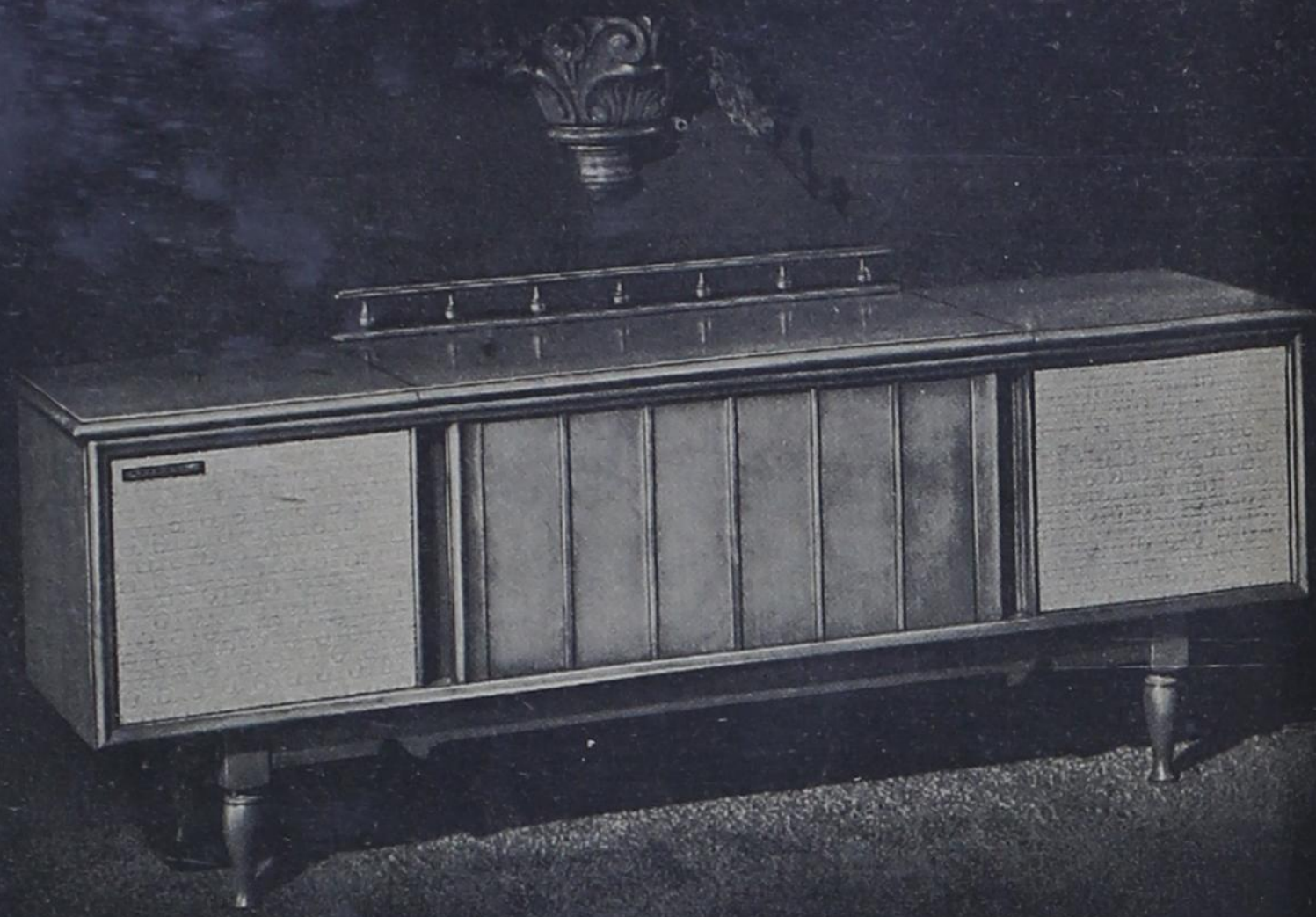
This is National Library Week and we want to congratulate Mrs. Dorothy Hudson, Mrs. Butch gale and all the others responsible for making our library a successful venture.

Ben Nobles, who also is a big booster of the book shop, told us this week that 3,640 books were checked out there last year---good proof that the library is a worthwhile project. An estimated 5,000 books are now available in the library.

We've been asked to remind our Sherman County readers of the Soil Conservation hearing to be held in Stratford April 14th. Sherman is the only county in the state without the service. All farmers in the county are urged to attend the meeting.

We have a new business in town. Kenneth Jones has moved here from Iowa to establish a pipeline business. he plans to move his family here as soon as school is out.

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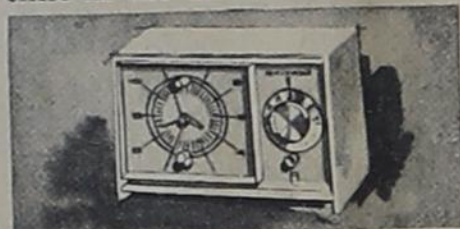
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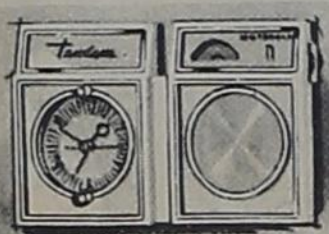
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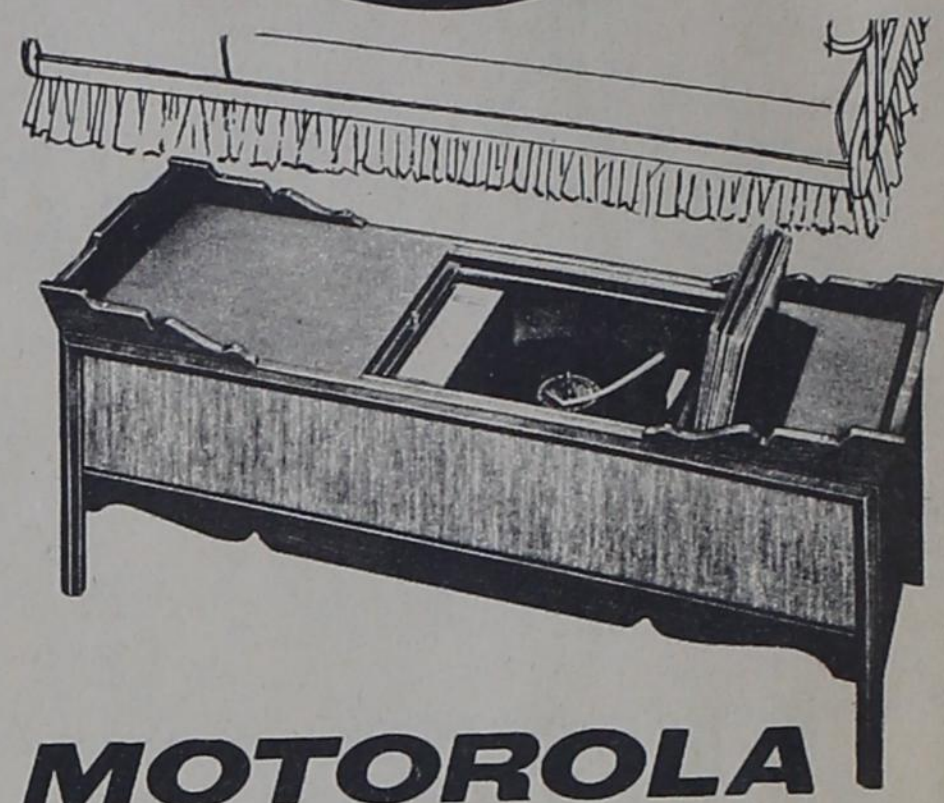
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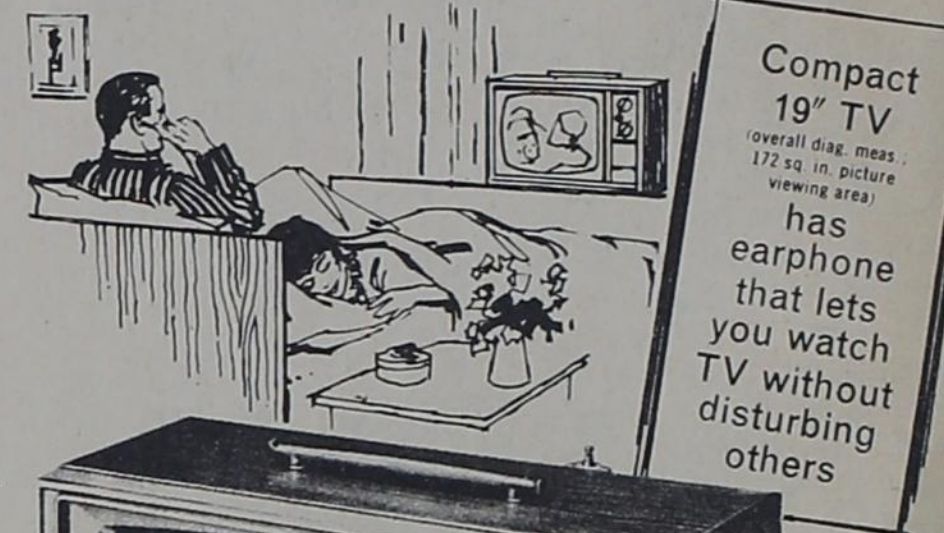
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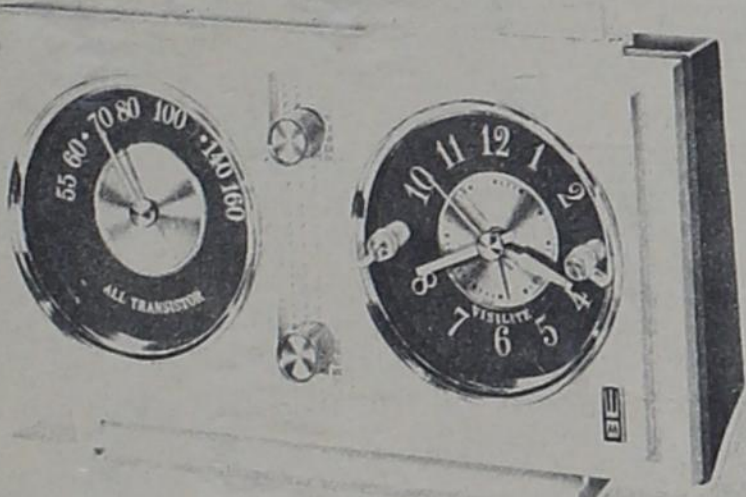


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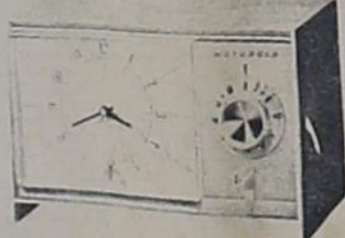
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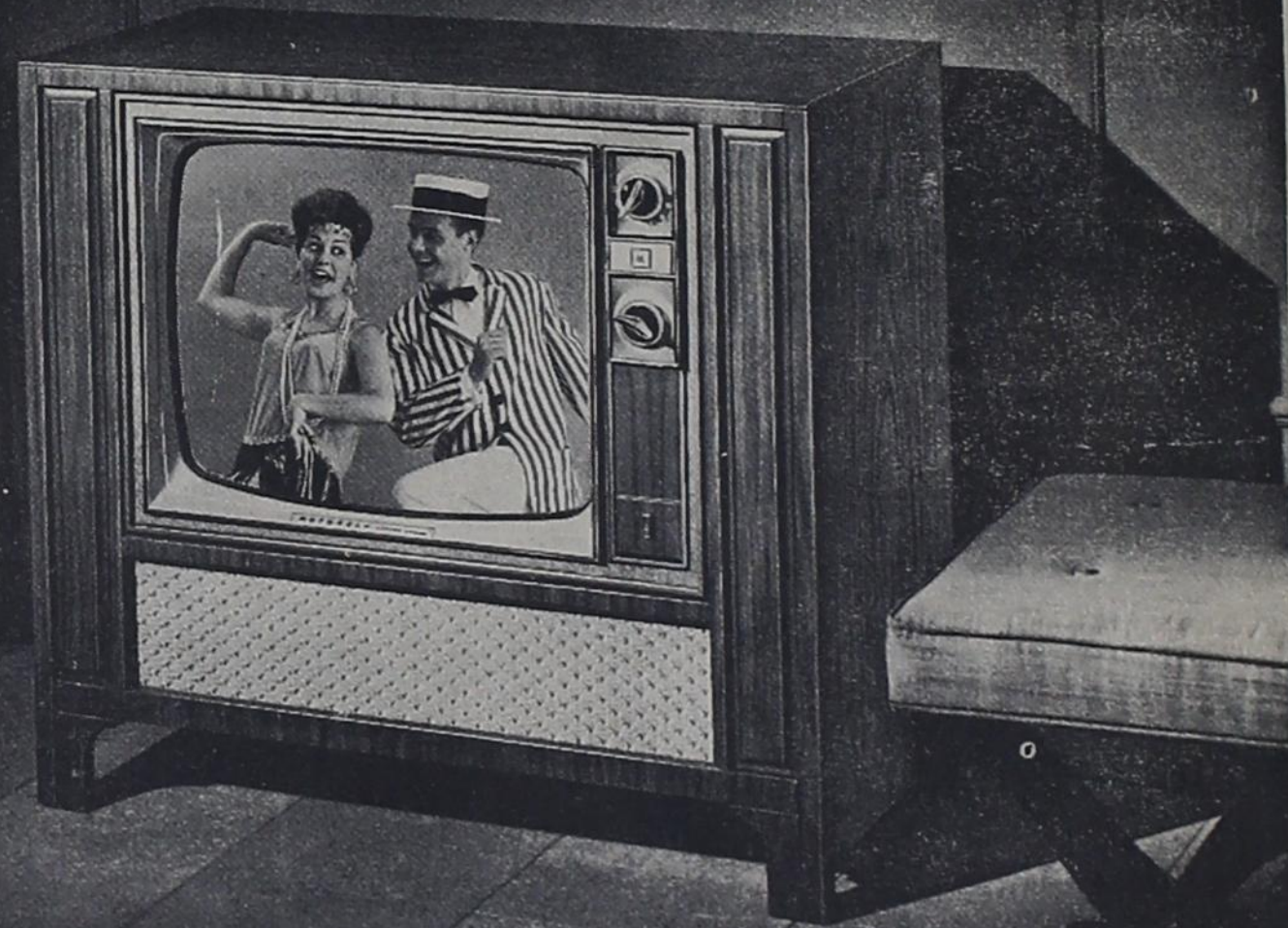


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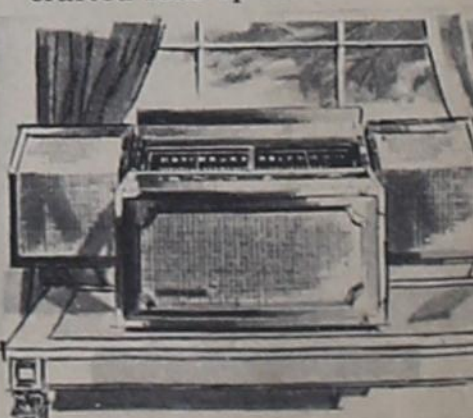
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MAAKESTADS EXPERIENCE ALASKAN EARTHQUAKE

Editors note: This letter was received by the Emil Knutsons from Reverend and Mrs. John Maakestad (former Louise Knutson) who now live in Anchorage, Alaska. Pastor Maakestad is Chaplain in three hospitals in Anchorage, and is associated with the Lutheran Church and State of Alaska.

4304 Needle Drive
Anchorage, Alaska
Sat. March 28, 1964

"Dear Family:

You must have been quite disturbed when you read the first Associated Press reports of the very severe earthquake here in Anchorage. The last twenty-four hours have seemed like a week in some respects. We feel most fortunate and thankful that our family is well and feel so saddened that there are so many people still missing. Yet, we are thankful too, that compared to the severity of the quake, the casualties have been low.

This is what we were doing when it happened; I had left the children at home at 5:00 p.m. when I went to get John at the Presbyterian Hospital in downtown Anchorage. I wanted to exchange a pair of trousers (I had bought for Gene) at J.C. Penny's. I did my shopping quickly in the beautiful new four story Penny Building, and left the building at 5:15 p.m. John was standing in front of the hospital, so we drove right home and arrived about 5:30 p.m. We parked the car in the driveway, came in the living room and greeted the children. Then we felt the first tremor. Gene said, "Why is the house shaking?" I said, "I guess it is a small earthquake."

Right after I said that, the house began to pitch and heave exactly like a boat in rough water. The lamps fell over, furniture slid around, dishes all fell on the floor (except the good china!—It was funny, Laura had unpacked those, and she ran to the kitchen and held two cupboard doors shut!) We couldn't even stand up, much less walk, but she was determined to keep those cupboard doors shut. The little girls started crying, then Gene, but they stopped when we told them just to get on the floor and it would soon be over. But the house kept jumping up and down, or more in a rolling fashion. The front door opened and a heavy set neighbor lady came in her face just chalk white. By that time the tremors were less severe. All she said was, "Lord, have mercy on us all." She had been alone, and had run out of the house, but fell down many times on the way over. She said the earth seemed to bump her in the knees as she tried to run!

The electricity was off, the phone dead, the radio dead. We went outside and looked around. All the houses in the neighborhood seemed to be intact. Then we could hear sirens blowing, and began to feel a deep fear about what it must be like in downtown Anchorage. Within thirty minutes one of the radio stations was back on the air, but very weak because of auxiliary power. It was reassuring to hear a calm voice telling all people to not panic, and remain near their homes, and that help would soon arrive for those who needed it.

Harley Reinike drove up to our house in his pickup. He had been eating supper in a Cafe when the tremors

began. The people went out. He saw the Chrysler building collapse, also another building, then he saw a power plant blow up down by the R.R. yards. Since we live away from town he thought he would try to get to our house though power lines were down in places. John wanted to get back down to Presbyterian Hospital, so he left Harley in charge at home.

I made sandwiches, lit candles, and filled all kettles and various containers with water as I knew there would be a shortage. It was getting chilly, as the furnace was useless, so we all dressed warmly. Then I got out a sleeping bag and put it in a corner in the living room. Ellen and Muriel were soon fast asleep. Soon a car drove up. It was Pastor Groth, Norma three children and their dog. They told us that at least ten houses, probably more had fallen down toward the water. (Their house is in the Turnage Area) John said over a hundred homes in Turnagain were completely ruined. A civil defense man knocked on their door and told them to evacuate immediately—They remembered that we lived far enough away from the water as to be out of immediate danger. They brought sleeping bags with them. I made more sandwiches and we listened to the radio (with our jackets on) When we heard that the J.C. Penny store was a pile of rubble it made me shudder to realize I had been in the building only twenty minutes before the quake. John came back late in the evening to say he had to help evacuate the Presbyterian Hospital and move all the patients to Providence Hospital (out in our area). His arms and back were tired from carrying stretchers. He said the hospital was a mess, but seemed to be intact. They had to evacuate due to lack of heat and lights. John had talked to a man from downtown Anchorage who said his house had dropped down 15 feet, as the earth had made a shift. He had a broken leg, but his family escaped with no severe injuries. (Evelyn and Gunner Langer's house is only one block from this man's house, but theirs wasn't severely damaged—so it goes!) The patients at the hospital came through remarkably well, though it was very hard on the post-operative cases.

This morning we got up in a very cool house, and yet we were all so thankful the weather had been moderate. Temperatures went down to 15 plus last night and climbed to 33 degrees above today.

I don't want to leave the impression that the quake left little damage, as that is certainly not true, and yet I want you to know that things aren't as bad as the first press releases stated. There are many people still missing in certain areas. When one realizes that this quake was more severe than the one San Francisco suffered, it is a miracle that more lives weren't lost. Yet there is much sadness. Pastor Everett's (from Fairbanks) daughter and her husband are still missing. They lived on the fourth floor of a downtown apartment building. I sat by them at Lenten services two weeks ago. Dr. Mead lost two sons, and on it goes—Actually I haven't even seen downtown as it is completely closed off. I did shop in Safeway store today that managed to open its doors. It is about two miles from here.

Now we are getting reports of the extensive damage

at Seward, Valdez and Kodiak as well as other places down the coast. It is strange what mighty upheavals nature can cause.

I hope you can read this lengthy letter. Please pray for the ones that are suffering from grief and pain.

Tomorrow we have to each get a typhoid shot. The electricity came back on about 5:00 p.m. tonight. John got the stack etc, fixed on the furnace, though there is still a water leak. It seems to work o.k. Our tap water is cloudy grey and everyone is required to boil all water.

We will keep you posted. I couldn't even call friends on the phone, as it is only to be used in an emergency.

Love,
Louise and John and the 5 youngsters.

Cancer Funds To Research

The American Cancer Society, Texas Division announced the award of a Research Grant for \$20,748.00 to Doctor Saul Kit, Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, for the study of Acquisition of Enzyme Function by Virus Infected Tissue Culture Cells. Dr. Willai Seybold, President of the Texas Division, said that the addition of this grant brings the total projects presently being supported in Texas by the American Cancer Society to \$750,000.00. Research projects are being conducted by 46 scientists and 7 Texas Institutions.

New Grants were made to study virus causation of cancer, how cancer-causing substances trigger off the malignant process, immunological differences between tumor and normal cells, new methods to protect animals from developing leukemia, changes in lung tissue in animals

made to smoke cigarettes, biochemical control mechanisms in leukemic white blood cells, action of steroid hormones, tumors of the endocrine glands in children, more precise classification methods of human tumors, biochemical changes in abnormal skin conditions, abnormal proteins in blood of cancer patients, research on how to stop smoking, new anti-cancer compounds, treatment methods for laryngeal cancer, methods for restoring blood cells in irradiated animals experiencing bone marrow damage, lung cancer early detection, transplantation of bone marrow cells, stomach secretions in gastric disorders, preventing spread of cancer cells during and after surgery, diagnosis of liver cancer, drug in combination with radiation therapy, effectiveness of thermography in cancer diagnosis. To date the American

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M.Y.F.-----7:00
Evening Worship-----6:00
Wednesday Bible Study-----7:00
Wednesday Choir Practice-----8:00
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Carol Litchford Shower Honoree

Carol Litchford was honored at a bridal shower April 4, from 3:00 to 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall at the Gruver Methodist Church. Miss Litchford is the bride-elect of Kenneth Roark of Phillips, Texas.

A corsage of pink carnations complimented by a miniature bridal couple was presented to the honoree. Mrs. John Litchford, mother of the bride-to-be was presented a white carnation corsage.

Miss Arlene Barkley and Miss Lillie Mae Smith served cake, punch and coffee from a silver service on a table laid with white net over a pink cloth. A bouquet of pink carnations and miniature chrysanthemums surrounding white frosted wedding bells and stream-

ers adorned the serving table.

Miss Jane Hoy assisted the honoree in listing the many gifts. Thirty-one guests registered for the afternoon. Attending the register was Freda Womble and Jane Hoy.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames F.A. Shapley, Jr., A.B. Benson, J.T. Hoy, Earnest Sluder, J.M. Hart, Clair Stockdale, Sam Cluck, Oscar Dahl, Jim Cator, Aubrey Peddy, J.C. Harris, E.T. Rafferty, Buddy Murrell and Miss Karen Stockdale.



WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steinberger of Stratford are the proud parents of a baby boy born in the Dumas Memorial Hospital. The lad's name is Barton Carl and he weighed seven pounds and eight ounces.

Grandparents include, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garoutte of Stratford and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown of Gruver. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Brown of Amarillo and Mrs. W.D. Shreve of Hereford.

DEN I MET

Den I of the Cub Scouts under the leadership of Mrs. Ted Evans planted flower seeds in colored Easter egg shells for their regular meeting on Monday.

The shells and sprouted seeds will be used for window boxes.

Present for the afternoon were Jay Crawford, David Evans, Doug Fer-

Betty Kee Hosts Party

The Wednesday afternoon bridge club met for their regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Betty Kee, April 1.

High honors went to Betty Snodgrass during the afternoon of bridge. Other

honors were taken by Marjorie Rafferty and Margaret Ralston.

Betty served a desert to her guests as their afternoon refreshments.

Those present for the occasion were Betty Snodgrass, Betty Kee, Margaret Ralston, Ben Nobles, Marjorie Rafferty and Gwen Mc Lain.

Between The Bookends LIBRARY CONTINUES TO GROW

Almost every day another adult or child is introduced to the fact that Gruver has a Public Library, and makes use of the material to be found there.

A recent survey of library records show that 3,640 books were checked out during a period from May 1, 1963 to March 31, 1964.

Many new books have been added to the shelves and our thanks to the following people for their donations of reading material:

Mary Sullins, Karl Nielsen, Stan McEuen, Ruth Lee, Judy Tomlinson, Mrs. Earl Lowe, Joette Riley, Dorothy Hudson and Ginger Hart have presented the Children's Room with eleven more books of the "Happy Hollisters" series. The Gruver Music Club has placed a number of music books on the shelves. Quite a number of Pocket Books have been received and are being read by various individuals.

These pocket books are not checked out on cards, so we have no idea how many of these could be counted on the survey.

Titles of some of the books that have been received are: Roberts Rules of Order, Revised; My Life in Court, Louis Nizer; The Dry Divide and Shake the Nickel Bush by Ralph Moody (author of Little Britches and Man of the Family) and Elizabeth Appleton by John O'Hara.

In the suspense and adventure department, guson, Nathan Wright, Bruce Knight, Billie Boone, Lannie Cotton and the Den Chief Mike Riley.

Refreshments of cokes and candy bars were served to the cub scouts by Mrs. Bobby Crawford.

everyone will enjoy "Bride of Pendorrie" by Victoria Folt and "The Venetian Affair" by Helen McInnes.

Public Library Week is from April 6 through April 12, and a cordial invitation is extended to those people who have not as yet, visited their library to come by any afternoon, Tuesday through Friday, from 3:30 to 5:30; meet our librarian, Mrs. Dick Lee and browse through the shelves. The library is located in the City Hall and may be entered through the east door.

The library is Your Library and we hope that everyone will continue to make use of the facilities offered now, and those to be offered in the future as Your Library continues to grow.

South of the Border Books

by Helen Truax
"That is a good book which is opened with expectation and closed with profit".
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The Lost World of Quintana Roo-- M. Peissel-- is a true adventure in east-Yucatan. This savage coast was, five hundred years ago, the scene of flourishing

MUSIC CLUB MET TUESDAY

Gruver Music Club, a member of the National and Texas Federation of Music Clubs, met Tuesday afternoon, March 31, in the Methodist Church.

An Instrumental Program was presented by Larry Sparks, band director in the Gruver School. After commenting on the work of the instrumental department in the school, Mr. Sparks introduced the soloists and ensemble groups; a flute quartet with Marian Jeffries, Ginger Murrah, Mary Etling and Jane Hoy; a flute solo by Ginger Murrah followed by two French Horn solos by Jody Wallin and Arlene Barkley. Kathy Fletcher accompanied the solos.

Members of the Music Club enjoyed hearing these outstanding instrumental numbers and about the work being done in the school.

Cookies and coffee were served following the program by the hostesses, Mrs. Wm. R. Murrell, Mrs. Claude Watkins and Mrs. E.M. McClellan.

The next meeting will be the Orchestra Program presented by Mr. Glenn Truax.

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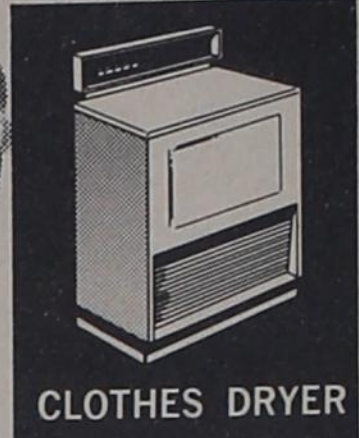
The Dayuma Story-- Ethel Wallis-- Again a true story-- of the Ecuadorian Indian girl who escaped from, and returned to, the world's most murderous tribe--the Auca (ah-oo-cah). This book is a most fitting climax to the five young missionaries martyred by the Auca.

"Comerado, this is no book, who touches this, touches a man." Whitman.

Mrs. Bob Green and Mrs. Jewel Holt visited in Lubbock over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Nick

Holt and daughter. Mrs. Jewel Holt went to San Antonio where Nick was interviewed for a job. Mr.

and Mrs. Nick Holt will be moving to San Antonio soon after his graduation.



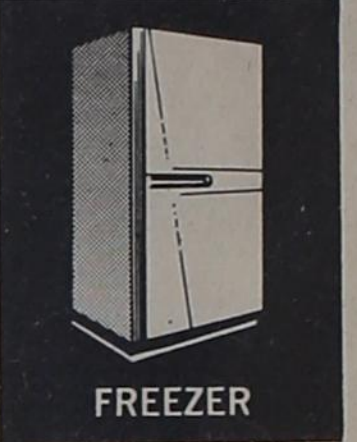
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BEAUTY BOX OPEN HOUSE

The Beauty Box Open house was held March 28th at its new location on Chase. The day was a big success with seventy-five registered guests.

Favors of lotion and cosmetics were given to the guests. Refreshments of cookies and coffee were served. Those who baked the cookies were Alice Hawkins, Alice Walker and Mickey Delano.

Free facials were given throughout the day by Bertha Shapley featuring the Edith Rehnberg Cosmetics.

The Beauty Box's color scheme of pink and gray was accented by flower plants and gifts sent by the patrons. Announced during the day was the new part of the Beauty Box for they now sell and style wigs.

Door Prizes were won of Gertie Sparks, of Gruver, Pat Lamar of Pampa, Connie Burton of Fort Worth and Reba Bennett of Gruver.

The operators, Verna Walker, Ann Taylor and Florene Gammill wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a successful open house and extend a hearty welcome always.

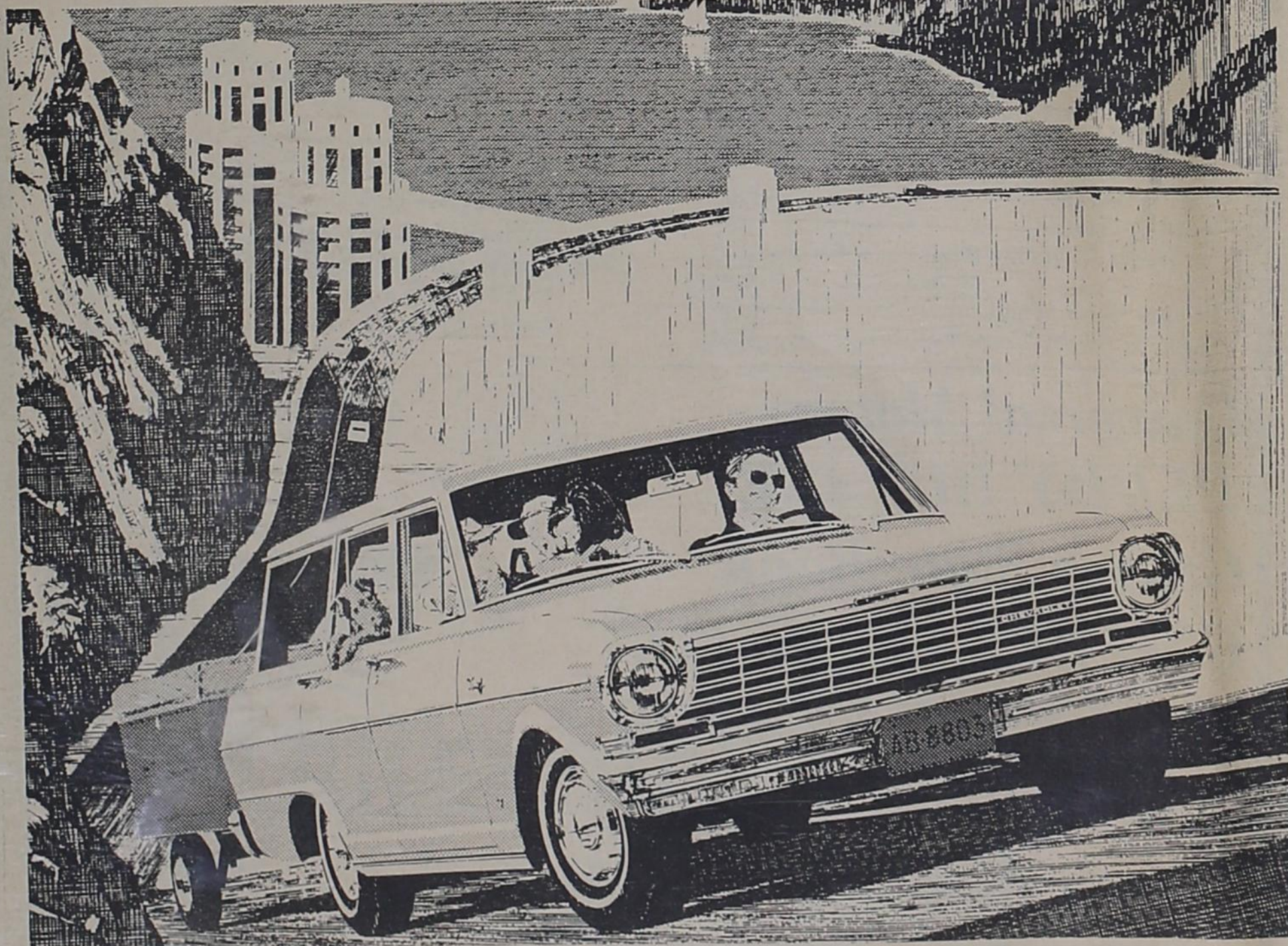
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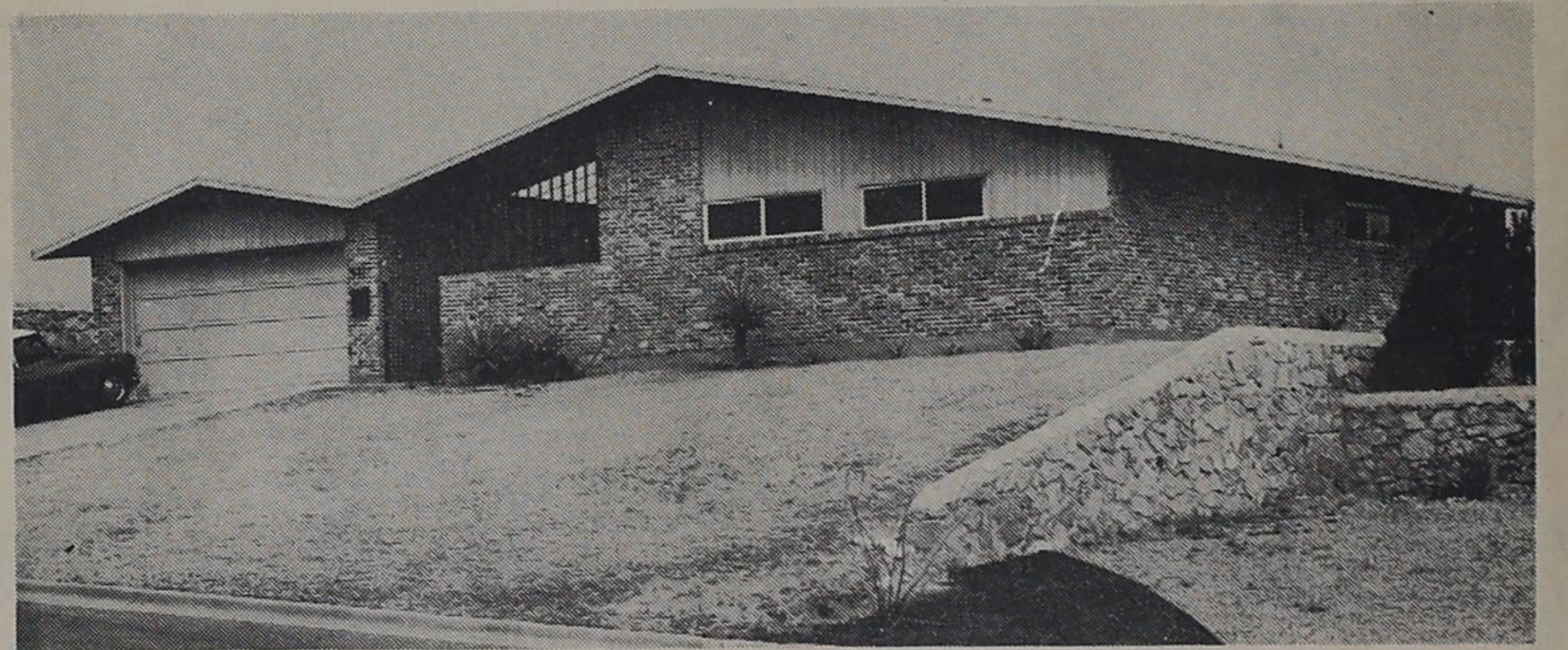
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EUROPE IN THE SPRING

By Nella Beth Alexander

From Dublin Ireland, we crossed the Irish Sea to Liverpool 2nd City of England and situated in the beautiful lake country. Then by bus to Scotland which occupies the North-east part of the Island of Great Britain. The capital City of Edinburgh is dominated by Historic Edinburgh Castle, which sits on a rock some 250 feet high. The rock falls sharply on three sides to Princess Street and the gardens below.

The castle has a long and bloody history. It was made a National Repository in 1933.

The Scottish accent is charming to hear but a little difficult to follow. We visited the Robert Burns Country. The Scottish poet who identified himself with the common folk in all his poetry. It was he who said, (translated into our own words) 'Would to God the gift to give us. To see ourselves as others see us'

We saw the birthplace of Sir Walter Scott. I think that no boy or girl could finish our High School, without having read Scotts' 'Lady of the Lake' Also there was the home of John Knox, leader of the Reformed Presbyterian religion.

From Edinburgh, we sailed over the often times rough North Sea to the cosmopolitan port of Bergen. Norway made famous for its yearly Music Festival of Edward Greig's beautiful music. Edward Greig was a famous Norwegian composer. Norway is a land of fjords, mountains, valleys and plains. The Northern part known as the land of the midnight sun, having almost constant daylight from April to mid-September.

The scenery of Norway is magnificent, majestic and rugged. The people tend to develop and bring out those characteristics in their living.

In Oslo, Norway we were

greeted by friends and friends of yours who graciously showed us the capital city and its many attractions. We visited the site where the new American Lutheran Church is under construction. A church that our own Hansford County Oslo Lutheran Church has contributed much.

From Norway we traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, the capital city is one of the loveliest in the world being situated on a number of small islands having twenty-four bridges connecting different parts of the city. Uppsala, the old Viking capitol, is 40 miles north of Stockholm. Uppsala is the home of the late Dag Hammarschold of United Nations fame. Gothenburg is a vital port town having a very fine harbor.

Denmark is one of the tidiest countries in Europe Everything bright and shining. We visited the city of Odense, the home of Hans Christian Anderson who was and is very well known for his famous Fairy Tales and stories for children. Perhaps the most liked of this story of 'The Little Mermaid' A bronze statue sits on the coast in the famous harbor of Copenhagen.

In the trip from Copenhagen to Odense, we saw the stork nests on the top of the chimneys. The mother feeding her young.

From Denmark we flew down to Vienna, Austria for a few days. In Vienna at no time were we very far distance from the Iron curtain of the Soviets. Vienna is known for its beautiful violin music of the Strauss Waltzes and the Blue Danube. There we heard the Vienna Boys Choir, visited the Imperial Spanish Riding School and the beautiful Lippizon horses. I think there is no better time to see these countries than in the Spring when nature is taking on new life.

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HARVEY'S HOST BRIDGE CLUB

The Saturday night bridge club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Harvey Jr., April 4th for their regular meeting.

The hostesses served their guests refreshments of snacks, e-clairs, coffee and punch during the evening.

High honors were won by Gordon and Anna Marie Stedje while second high was held by Tommy Joe and Charlotte Bergin. Low honors went to Del Cluck and Marjorie Rafferty.

Attending for the evening were Dayton and June Barkley, Kenneth and Jahet

Irwin, Gene and Anna Beth Wood, Gordon and Anna Marie Stedje, Tommy Joe and Charlotte Bergin, Jack and Ola Florence Henson, Ed and Marjorie Rafferty, Don and Gwen McLain, Del and Barbara Cluck and the hosts T.C. and Loucille Harvey.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday April 13th
Sliced port roast, pineapple vegetable salad, mashed potatoes, purple plums, hot rolls, milk and butter.

Tuesday April 14th
Hamburgers, French Fries, chopped lettuce and tomatoe, relish tray, apple pie, cheese sticks and

Wednesday April 15th
Sliced ham, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, rainbow jello, hot rolls, milk and butter.

Thursday April 16th
Brown beans ham, buttered spinach, corn, cake with lemon sauce, corn bread, milk and butter.

Friday April 17th
Oven fried fish, green peas, baked potatoes, ice cream, cookies, hot rolls, milk and butter.

CODES FROM MORSE

Mrs. Desmond Kelly

Mrs. H.I. Gay is now in the Thurmon Convalescent Home in Amarillo during her recovery from a broken hip. Mrs. D.M. Womble and Mrs. Mack Dortch went to Amarillo on Tuesday to see her.

Mrs. Tom Dortch and Mrs. Johnny Brumley spent Monday shopping in Amarillo.

Another new home has been moved into Morse. It is a very large three bedroom home which will be occupied by the Bunkey family from Plainview. Mr. Bunkey has opened up a fertilizer business here.

Dick Spradlin of Gruver was down on Sunday to do the wiring in the Tom Dortch home. He had dinner in the Dortch home and later in the afternoon, his wife and children visited in Morse.

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS

The Couples Bridge Club met on Saturday night in the Community Building with Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Davis as host and hostess. Those attending were the Al Carters, Charles Reids, Grant Miners, Tom Dortchs, H.B. Parks, Earl Hendersons and Gene Brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Woodruff and children of Amarillo visited Sunday in the F.W. Boney home and in Morse in the Joe Reidswigs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson have gone to take their aunt, Mrs. Roy McNutt of Ardmore, Oklahoma for a checkup at the Arthritis Clinic there.

NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

New board members for the Morse School elected on Saturday were Grant Miner and Lyn Davis. Jim Womble was re-elected.

Methodist News

Thursday seven women from the Gruver W.S.C.S. were in Canadian for a Pampa District Meeting. Mrs. Margie Barkley, Mrs. Cuma Bort, Mrs. Nell Winder, Mrs. Anna Beth Wood, Mrs. Betty Snodgrass, Mrs. Marguerite Nelson, and Mrs. Janet Irwin enjoyed talks by Mrs. Geneva Parkhurst of Woodward, Oklahoma. Mrs. Parkhurst has spoken to prayer to groups all over the southwest. She has been with E. Stanley Jones at many of his Ashrams.

Tuesday morning at 6:30 the Methodist men met in the Fellowship Hall for their regular monthly

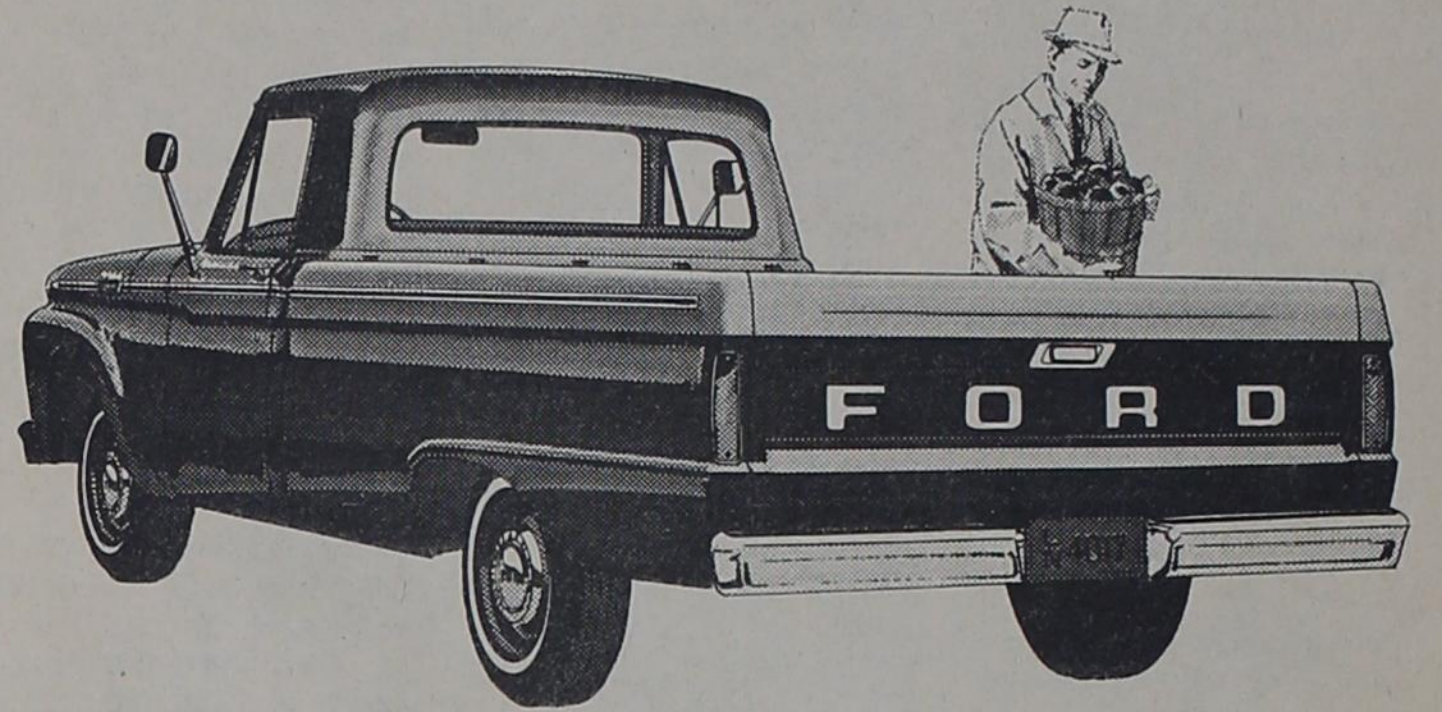
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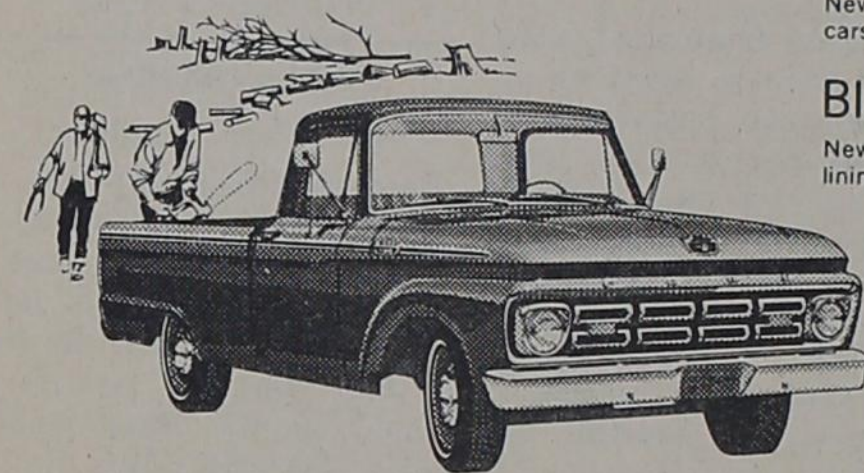
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meeting. Tuesday afternoon members of the Junior Choir met at 3:30 for their weekly session with leader Janet Irwin.



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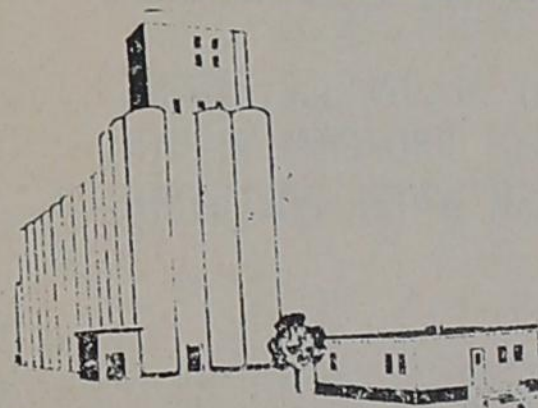
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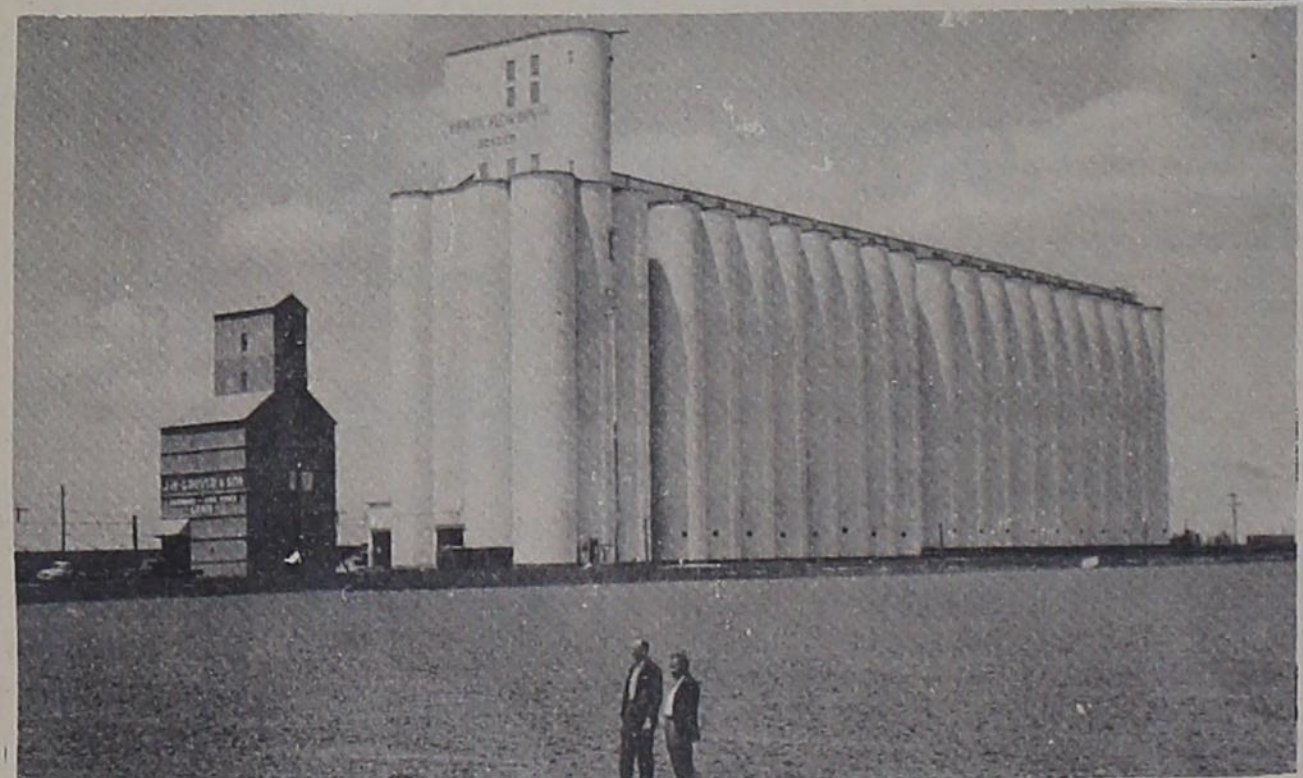
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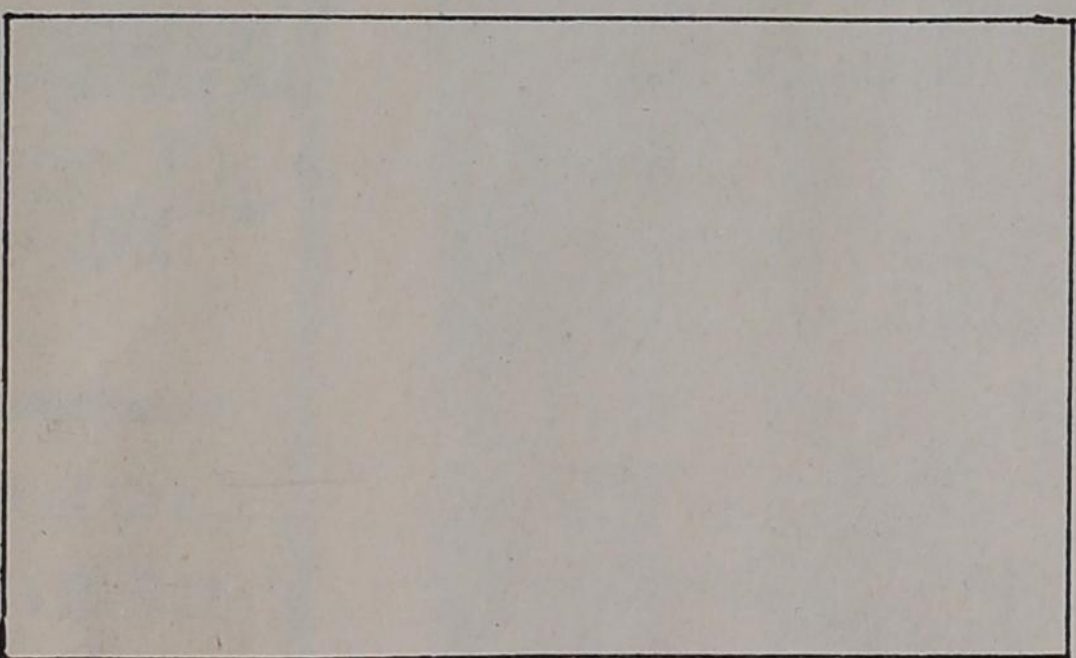
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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riggs of Odessa were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Jones.

Easter guests in the Moore Jones home were their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. L.K. Davis and family of Pampa. They attended church Easter Sunday with the Jones'.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kindy received a phone call from their son Billy on Sunday from Ft. Greely (100 miles south of Fairbanks) and on April 1 they received a letter which stated that the ground swelled and rolled like the ocean there 300 miles from Anchorage) but they had no damage. On March 30 they also received a telegram from Mrs. R.F. Brixey, Mrs. Kindy's sister, of Anchorage saying that she and the family were alright.

Miss Doris Byers of West Texas State in Canyon spent the Easter holidays in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Byers.

Another Easter guest was John Nelson, friend of Euline Green, who spent the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Green. John is a student at Abilene Christian College.

Bill Etling flew to Palo Alto California Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bakehouse have returned to Gruver from their winter home in Aransas Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gruver have returned home

from their trip to the South Coast where they spent several weeks. Upon return they went to Norman Oklahoma where they visited relatives.

Mrs. Margie Barkley spent several days with the Olen Chambers in Dalhart last week.

Mrs. Eddie Hayes of Glazier spent one night last week in the Doyle Barkley home.

Mrs. Mary Howard has been vacationing throughout Colorado where she visited relatives in Colorado Springs and Denver.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kee have been Mrs. Kee's mother, Mrs. Madelyn Millhollon, and her niece Kelli. They are of Wichita Falls and spent a long weekend with the Kee Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gorman of Boise City were guests in the Fred Womble home on Sunday afternoon.

Shirley Lowe and Louise Etter were in Shamrock on Eastern Star Business Saturday. Accompanying them to Shamrock was Charlotte Bergin who visited in the Stevens home, the home of her parents.

Clark Winkler underwent surgery in St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo on Monday.

Mr. Bob Hayes has been taken back to an Amarillo hospital where he will undergo further tests and treatment.

Mrs. E.C. Curlee has

been in the Spearman hospital where she underwent tests and treatment.

Welcome to Gruver Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones. The couple and their two children will move permanently when school is out in Iowa. Kenneth Jones will have the Jones Pipeline Contractor, Inc.

Dinner guests in the home of Grace Bennett and Reba were Mrs. Jim Cator and Maelynn, Mrs. Homer Cluck and Mrs. E.T. Rafferty, Sr.

Guests in the home of Tommie Dewees were her son and daughter, Buzzy and Karron Davis, students at North Texas State University in Denton. They visited over the Easter weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hootie Cline have returned from Oklahoma City where Hootie underwent tests. He will return to Oklahoma City and will have surgery on Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reyspent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Yancy of Borger. Mrs. Yancy is Gene's sister.

4-H ELIMINATIONS

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Leaders took a First Place.

In the Electric Section "How to Protect Your Electric Motors in the Junior Division and "How to Make Buzzers Work for You" in the Senior rank made Seconds. The first project was by Alfred Ralston and Joe Dondlinger of the Gruver Community 4-H. While Gary Heath and O'Dell Webb also of the Gruver 4-H carried seconds

also. In the Senior Division Firsts were won by Lynda Webb and Douglas Messer of the Gruver 4-H with their demonstration "Re-wire A Lamp--Be a Lamp Detective" Another First in the Senior Division was won by Sylvia Parks and Suzanne Dixon of the Morse Junior Leaders 4-H with their demonstration of "Adequate Circuit Protection". Public Speaking First went to Jan Jones of the 4-H Clovers with "Our 4-H Pledge" in the Junior division. First Place in the Share-The-Fun demonstrations went to the Junior Division which included "Magic Interlude" by Wade Parks and Carolyn Henderson of the Morse 4-H. "The Kitchen Lasses" presented by Jolinda Lee and Vicki Shedeck of the 4-H Clovers took a Second Rating. Mrs. Dick Hudson judged the Foods section of the Eliminations. In the Foods and Nutrition Educational Activity, Gail Brothers of the Morse Community 4-H took a First for her "Beef for Fitness" demonstration in the Junior division. First in the Vegetable Preparation and Use went to Vicki Rosenbaum and Ronda Duryee of the 4-H Clovers with their demonstration of "Tossed Vegetable Salad" in the Junior Division. In the Favorite Foods section and the Bread and Cereal Division, Rebecca Hutchinson of 4-H Pals had a First Rating while in the Meat Division Cindy Hutchinson of the 4-H Clovers had a first rating also.

County Agents Report

by Robert Adamson

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 Southwestern 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. Billy Gunter, Area Extension Agronomist, emphasizes 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 grain yields, Gunter stresses. According to the agronomist, the fertility and irrigation levels should have a potential of at least 6500 pounds grain per acre or more before narrow-row grain 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 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 of 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 pounds 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, as Gunter emphasizes, 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.

The herbicide is ideal for irrigated fields and is especially useful in narrow row plantings where mechanical cultivation would be difficult. Gunter says appli-

cation recommendations call for spraying the chemical on immediately after planting at a rate of 1 to 2 pounds herbicide in 20-40 gallons water, per treated acre. For careless or pigweed control use the one-pound rate. But for annual grass control, use the two pound rate on silty clay loam soils. On fine sandy loam or coarser soil, use the one pound rate as a maximum. Apply the chemical immediately after planting so the first rain can leach it into the root zone. If rainfall occurs before chemical application, weeds may germinate and grow through the propazine on the soil surface.

The chemical will control both grasses and broad-leaf weeds. It is not toxic to cotton if drift occurs.

With propazine, weeds are controlled for a month or more if the soil is not disturbed.

A point to consider is "mapping" of fields where propazine of chemicals for other crops are applied. Many chemicals have a long residual action which can seriously damage germination and plant growth of susceptible crops. Propazine, for example, should be used only where grain sorghum or corn can be grown the second crop season. Other crops could be subject to damage if planted too soon on soil that was propazine treated. According to Gunter, keeping an accurate map of what crops were grown and what chemicals were applied to all crops is well worth while.

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MUSIC FESTIVAL COMING SOON

by Arlene Barkley

Guests of the Gruver Music Club Tuesday, March 31, were the seven Gruver High School bandsmen who recently attended the U.L.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest in Canyon.

The program included a flute quartet consisting of Ginger Murrah, Jane Hoy, Marian Jeffries and Mary Etling.

number they played is "Sarabande", written by Debussy. These four girls hold the first four chairs in the Gruver band's flute section.

One member of this quartet, Ginger Murrah, also played her solo which is Sonata No. 3 by Handel.

Jody Wallin was next on

the program, playing his French horn solo "Romance" which is the second movement of Mozart's "Concerto No. 3"

Arlene Barkley concluded the program with another French horn solo "Rondo" which is a third movement of Mozart's "Concerto No. 3"

All of these solos and ensembles are to be entered in the Tri-State Contest at Enid, Oklahoma, the last of April.

PTA Meets

by Bonnie Sullins

The P.T.A. met April 6, with a full program of activities.

Jimmy Cooksey opened the program with a prayer. Pastor Cordes of the Oslo Lutheran Church installed the new officers.

The program for the evening consisted of the 3rd and 5th grades. Mrs. Knight and Mr. Dorman's fifth grade presented choral readings and songs on Tall Tales of America.

FTA MEETS

by Elaine Kelly

The Gruver F.T.A. Chapter met March 23 at 6:30 in the school auditorium.

A project for helping to improve next year's convention was decided and the election of officers was discussed.

to improve our school.

THANK YOU

by Freda Womble

On behalf of the Senior Class I would like to say thank you to the Juniors for the banquet given April 3.

As the year has passed there have been many events that we will remember as extra special, and I can truly say that our Junior-Senior Banquet will be among the most memorable.

THANK YOU

by Jane Hoy

The Junior Class would like to thank all those who helped to make our Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom a success.

We would like to recognize especially a woman who has done so much that we could never even list the things that she has done to help us, and to make our banquet and prom such a joy to work on and complete.

We also owe a special thanks to Mr. Tipton, our class sponsor. He has spent many an hour working for the banquet and prom and has helped more than we can say.

SPEECH CLASS ENTERTAINS

by Lyn McClellan

The Gruver Speech Class entertained the Lions Club on Wednesday April 1, at noon.

Karen Clawson, gave a prose reading entitled, "What is a Girl?"

As you all know children dread two things. These are going to bed and washing for Sunday School.

Elaine Kelly concluded the program by giving an imitation of the Art Linkletter House Party where she talked to little boys.

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We hope the program was enjoyed by all, because the Speech Department truly enjoyed presenting it.



From left to right at the head table is Bill Pittman, Wanda Hardesty, Sandra Riley, Jerry Gumfory, Mr. Barber, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Willoughby and Mr. Willoughby.

EVENING IN PARIS

by Jane Hoy

Friday night was the big night for many high school students. The Juniors had worked hard for about three weeks on the annual Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom.

"Evening in Paris" was the theme for the affair this year, and the gym was transformed from a drab and dusty basketball court to a Paris street scene.

tower, at the corner was an exquisite fountain and a garden to add a romantic touch to the scene.

The guests were welcomed by the president of the Junior class, Jerry Gumfory, Bill Pittman, president of the Senior Class

toes and gravy, green beans, salad, iced tea, and strawberry shortcake.

As usual, there were several girls selected from the Sophomore Class to be servers for the banquet.

also sang several numbers and were accompanied by Phyllis Elliott.

After the banquet ended, the evening was still young, and one of the main attractions was still to come.

Cheerleaders Named

by Glenda Hoel

After many hours of hard work-outs and practices, several hopeful girls tried out for Gruver High School 1964-1965 cheerleaders.

The girls were judged by last years three senior cheer leaders and, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Trammell, and Mrs. O'Keefe.

The same day these seven girls tried out in front of the entire high

school. The next morning, April 1, the student body voted on the 5 they thought most deserving.

The mile relay also won fourth place. This team is composed of Cooksey, Hoel, Etter and Leatherman.



The cheerleaders for the coming year are back row Merry Jackson and Kathy Fletcher, and front row Darlene Odom and Glenda Hoel, not shown is Judy Hill.



Carlita Knight



Elaine Kelly



Karen Clawson



Marian Jeffries



Judy Hill

ROSS TAKES FIRST

by Lyn McClellan

Ronald Ross won first place in the Guymon relays in the 880 yard run.

seconds under the poor track conditions of rain, snow and sleet.

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