



Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Kirk

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

Our story travels this week to south of Spearman where it settles near the Holt Community, in Hutchinson County. Highlights from the Past to the Present looks into the life history of another pioneer family, the D.B. Kirks.

Mr. D.B. Kirk was born in Tennessee and at a young age moved with his family to Dallas County and later to Erath County. At the age of fifteen Mr. Kirk worked in the coal mines near Thurman, Texas for a dollar a day wages with 50c a week taken out for insurance.

Miss Minnie Lee Crawford was born in Steville, Erath County, Texas. When Miss Crawford was only sixteen she became the bride of Mr. D.B. Kirk who was seventeen. The date of their marriage was December 24, 1895. It will never be forgotten how the couple sloshed through muddy roads from their community of Hog Creek to Dublin, Texas where their marriage was to take place in the Methodist parsonage.

Following their marriage the couple was engaged in cotton farming which they liked very much. Though the farming situation was fine, the epidemics of malaria were more than the family could take and gave them a great desire to move to another section of the country.

In 1900 (when Mr. Kirk became 21, old enough to stake a claim) the couple set out for what they have often times since called "God's Country" on the north plains. The trip by wagon and team took six weeks from their East Texas home to the Panhandle. They would camp along the way and had no trouble until they reached the Canadian River with quicksand but they crossed with little trouble. At that time the land in this area could be secured as their own by staking and living on a claim.

Mr. D.B. Kirk, his brother-in-law and two Bailey boys filed on land in what is now Hutchinson County. One of the Bailey boys traded his section to the father of D.B. Kirk, Joseph N. Kirk and the father then moved to the Panhandle to make his home. The three other men returned to Erath County where they continued with their small farming lives.

A half-dugout was the home for the family. It actually served more or less as a shelter from the outdoors rather than as a true home. The house being of dirt often was visited by many crickets, snakes and skunks. It was the easiest life one could find.

The family lived on their claim for four years making it theirs. In the time they acquired some chickens which the family had not had. Mrs. Kirk had nearly forgotten how to dress a chicken and to prove that fact she doused the hen in cold water and spent two hours plucking the feathers. The year ended with twelve dominecker hens.

Mr. Kirk worked on the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad tracks for extra money. His salary was three dollars a day by working his own mules. While the family accompanied the father and husband, they would camp out. Mrs. Kirk took her chickens, keeping them in a coop. She fed them table scraps and the chickens supplied them with eggs for their own use as well as some to be sold at 15¢ per dozen.

On April 4th 1901, Mr. Kirk was completing his "one final round" plowing sod with a team of horses. His "one final round" would usually turn into many more. A disastrous prairie fire rolled in like a dark black cloud and a quick change of the wind turned the fire toward the place where he was plowing. Thinking he could make "one more round" he was caught by the fire. Trying to get away he hitched his mules to the wagon and tried to head them toward home. The mules sensed the fire and turned quick to the opposite direction causing the wagon tongue to lodge in the ground. Mr. Kirk was thrown from the wagon to the ground and all his clothing but his shirt was burned. By the time he finally reached the dug-out his eyes were swollen shut, one ear was nearly burned off and he had terrific flesh burns on his entire body.

Help did not reach them until the next day about sundown. Mr. Bill Harbour, a bachelor, set out across the prairie as soon as the area had cooled from the fire. He made his way and got word to the doctor from Old Hansford for Mr. Kirk. When the doctor saw the terrific burns, he gave Mr. Kirk little chance to live and said if his life was spared his hands would be useless. Mr. Kirk was quite courageous and believed not one word of what the doctor had said. With his charred flesh falling from his hands, Mr. Kirk told the doctor that he had to have his hands because he had a wife and three little chaps, at the time nothing was mentioned about another baby on the way.

The family recall rains which gave way to sod crops which were small but were good. The gardens with vegetables produced the majority of the food for the family.

Keys to the doors of the Kirk home were never seen for the family never locked their home. Many a time Mrs. Kirk would comment that she never knew who slept on the guest pallet for the night. She always thought that it lessened her fears to think that she was entertaining angels unaware.

Excitement and accidents were combined for the family several times for one day Faye calmly came to the house to tell that one of the little boys had fallen in the horse tank and went to sleep. It was a far cry from sleep but a near cry to death. Still another incident is recalled by the family as the time one of the boys slammed the cellar door down just in time to knock his brother out, the lad was knocked so far out that he didn't come to, until they got him to the doctor several miles away at Hansford.

One of the best ways to keep the small children of the pioneer days quiet and occupied was to put him in a rocking chair and tie him there with a tea towel or a diaper. For most children it was 100% safe but for the Kirk child it was different. How it happened Mr. Kirk didn't know but what she knew was that the child was badly burned.

Before the family was able to put down a well water was hauled to their home from twelve miles away. The supplies for the Kirk home were purchased at Hartley in the fall and must last for the winter. Staples, such as flour, syrup, oat meal, sugar, coffee and dried fruits were bought in large quantities.

Fresh fruit was a treat and the only time the children ever had all the oranges they wanted was when a train of fruit wrecked at Mr. Kirk was going for their winter supplies. The train crew loaded down every wagon that came along with the oranges.

The only time the family would leave their farm was to attend a camp meeting or the annual Christmas Tree held in Old Hansford at the Courthouse or at the Holt school. The family always had a school to attend. Mr. Kirk and two other men, Madison Womble and John Lackey, hauled the lumber for the Lackey School.

Mr. Kirk's first love was Hereford cattle and he was one of the first farmers to plant wheat. He used a cotton-lene bucket with holes punched in it as a method of drilling. Another of the early businesses Mr. Kirk was engaged in was the building and operation of a sorghum mill on Moores Creek. He was in partners with Carson Womble with the mill.

As times improved the family had a bit of financial gain. Mrs. Kirk bought a chifferobe and a manual powered washing machine which were quite outstanding household articles for the time. They bought their first case automobile in 1913. This car had a cruising speed of about 15 mph and a racing speed of 40 mph.

Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Kirk reared nine children, eight of them now living. Bill, the inventor of "Old Scratch", died in 1959. Four of the boys followed in their father's footsteps and were farmers; being Delon, Buster, Raymond, and Herbert. The final son A.D. is an engineer with Dow Chemical Company. The three girls were teachers being; Faye, Doris and Mattie.

For about twelve years Mr. Kirk served as County Commissioner. He was deeply concerned with education and was strong with his beliefs for all school improvements. He also encouraged the County Hospital at Borger. Several of the boys make their home in this area.

Mr. Kirk passed away May, 5, 1959 after living a quite outstanding life. His wife continued to make her home in Spearman until her death last year on November 20, 1963. The couple had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1955 at a quiet family gathering.

The Kirk family was another of the quite outstanding families of the area known as pioneers who found a land which they could call home and struggled to improve it. To make it rich for the future generations. They are among the early settlers who started their business success by staking out a claim and living on it until they could call it theirs.

### CUB SCOUTS MET MONDAY

Den I of the Gruver Cub Scouts met Monday May 4th for their regular meeting in the Fellowship hall of the First Christian Church.

The group went on a field trip to gather material to use in making miniature Indian villages for their project for the month of May.

Cub Scouts present for the meeting were Jay Crawford, David Evans, Doug Ferguson, Larry Cotton, Dustin Frazier, Billie Boone, and their leader Louise Evans.

Mrs. H.M. Frazier Jr. served the group refreshments of fudge cycles.

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### ALVINO RICHARDSON RITES APRIL 28TH

Funeral Services were held Thursday April 30th for Alvino Richardson who died Tuesday April 28th 1964 in the Coon Memorial Home in Dalhart. The Services were conducted in the First Methodist Church of Spearman and interment was in the Hansford Cemetery.

Alvino Richardson was born August 27, 1891 in El Paso Texas. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Richardson. His father was one of the early mail carriers from Hansford to Zulu after their move to the county in 1902.

A rancher near Old Hans-

ford for several years, Mr. Richardson served as County Sheriff from 1923 to 1929. He has been a professional bookkeeper since serving his term as sheriff.

The family made their home near Old Hansford and Alvino along with his two brothers and two sisters attended school in Old Hansford.

On June 3, 1923 Alvino Richardson and Keese Caldwell were married. The couple have made their home in Spearman. Mr. Richardson died after a prolonged illness which time he spent several months in the hospital.

Survivors of Mr. Richardson include his wife of the home, step-daughter, Mrs. Carri B. French, sister Mrs. P.A. Lyon Sr. all of Spearman.

Mr. Richardson has lived an outstanding life and has been active in county work as well as civic affairs. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Spearman and a member of the Masonic Lodge. His life and accomplishments will be remembered by all the early settlers as well as those who knew him in his later years of life.

Reverend Graham Pugh pastor of the First Christian Church of Spearman and Reverend Charles Gates, pastor of the First Methodist Church both of Spearman officiated with the services, of this well known Hansford County resident.

Pallbearers were Freeman Barkley, Cheta Lieb, Richard Holton, Ted Voiles, Emmett Sanders and Lloyd Buzzard.

### Little League Program Slated

Are you interested in the Little League, Pee-Wee League or the Pony League? Baseball season is here and the teams are being formed. If you are interested in being on a little league team you should contact Buddy Messer at the Southwestern Public Service Company. A tentative deadline for entries is May 14th.

The baseball organizational meeting was held last week with fifteen present. The group elected Buddy Messer as Chairman and Pastor Cordes as Secretary.

Another meeting to further the plans for the Little League is slated for Thursday May 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

### LYNDON JOHNSON DECLARES SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

It is fitting that we set aside a Soil Stewardship Week each year to recognize our stewardship of the land.

During the last 50 years, the American farmer has increasingly proved himself a good steward of his land. In many places he has taken worn out and eroded land and literally turned it into a bountiful land. For the first time, we are able to produce at low cost an abundance of the food and fiber we need and still provide for many less fortunate.

It is our task to hold the rich heritage of our land in trust for future generations. What we do with it now will determine its productivity of generations to come. We must make it an instrument for progress and prosperity. If we care for the nurture and land, there is plenty. If we neglect the land, there is poverty. This is the essence of stewardship.

Lyndon B. Johnson

Most all churches in the Hansford Soil Conservation District are planning some type of Observance for Soil Stewardship Week---May 3-10, 1964. The film "The Earth Is the Lords" was shown at the First Baptist Church in Spearman last Sunday. It is scheduled to be shown at the Morse Baptist Church next Sunday.



Mrs. Mary Brandvik was honored at the Oslo Lutheran Mother Daughter Banquet, hosted by the Brotherhood. She is standing beside a beautiful bouquet of roses and a praying hands plaque which she received as a memento of the occasion. Her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Bernstein, accompanied Mrs. Brandvik to the banquet.

### Mother-Daughter Banquet at Oslo

An Outstanding Mother-Daughter Banquet was hosted Sunday night May 3rd at the Oslo Lutheran Church. The hosts for the occasion were the men of the Oslo Lutheran Brotherhood.

The Mothers and Daughters gathered for the outstanding evening which included the meal prepared and served by the men of the church. Some 100 were in attendance for the gala event.

The tables were ornately decorated with three bouquets of pink roses. Special speaker for the evening was Eula Goodall who gave an intriguing talk about "Mothers".

With Mother's Day only a few days away this was a fine salute to all mothers. The evening opened with the invocation by Elmo Dahl. A welcome was presented by Bob Ferguson and Mrs. James Stedje acknowledge the welcome with the Response. Special music was presented by David Knutson at the Piano.

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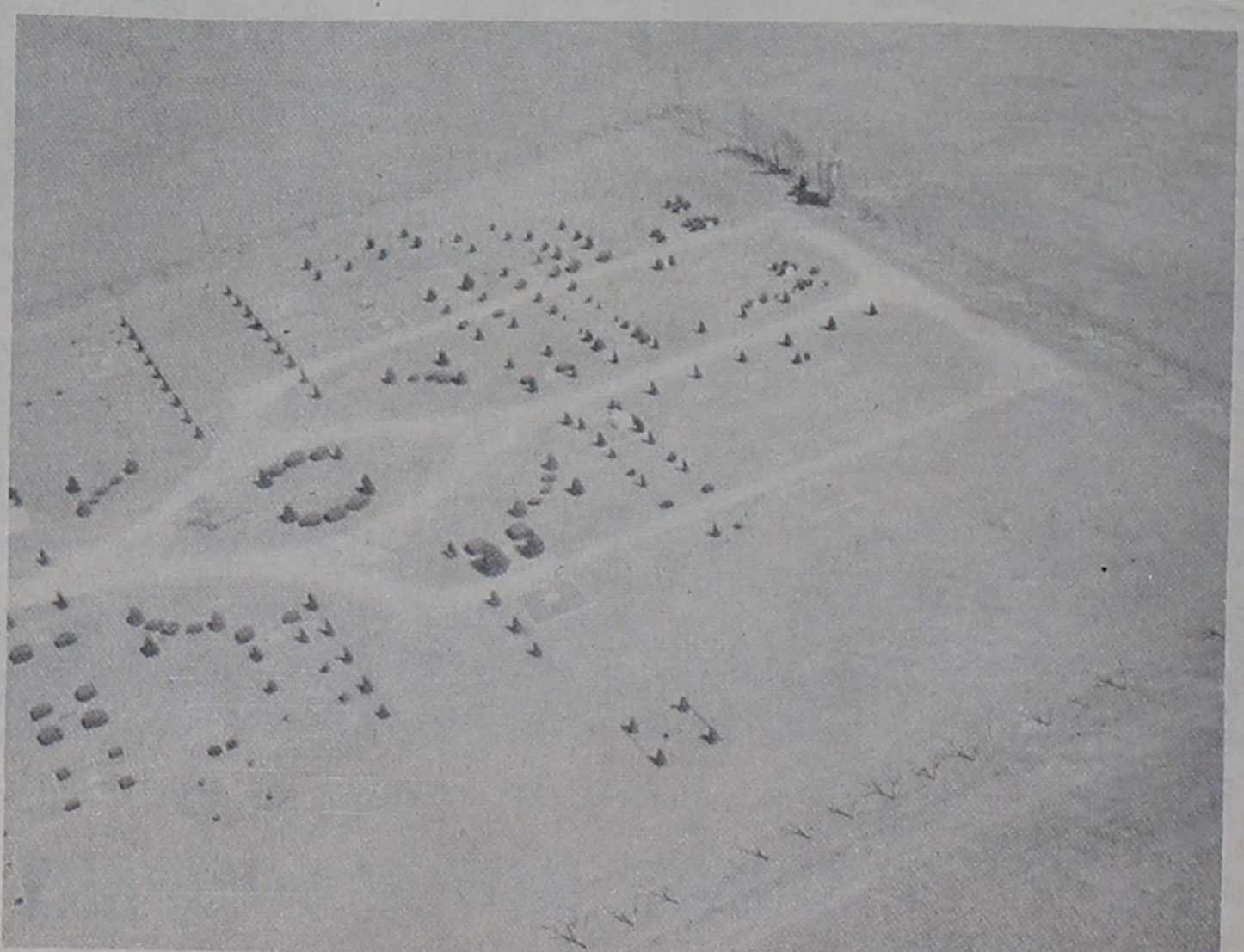
ments were presented to the eldest and youngest mothers present for the evening. Mrs. Mary Brandvik received the praying hands plaque for the eldest mother while Mrs. Vance Cclier received the same award for being the youngest mother. Hand woven book markers were presented to all the other mothers present.

The Evening concluded with the Benediction by Robert Yanke.

### INVITATION

The friends of Clarence and Missie Johnson will honor them at a Golden Wedding Celebration May 10, 1964 from 2 to 5 at Oslo Lutheran Parish Hall. Anyone wishing to help celebrate this occasion, is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brisco and son, Larry, of Elmer, Oklahoma were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sloan.



An aerial view of one of the most beautiful cemeteries of this area. The picture was taken as the trees and grass were beginning to show signs of spring.



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**County Agents Report**

by Robert Adamson

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**DISTRICT 4-H CONTEST**  
Hansford County 4-H members made a good showing at the District 4-H Elimination Contest held in Canyon Saturday, April 25. The placings the 4-H members made are in a special article in this paper.

**AGENT'S AGENDA**  
I will be out of the office May 4-8. I will be on Annual leave attending the Southwestern Recreation Leader's Laboratory. This is a lab for adult leaders of youth groups. I will be back in the office May 11.

**CHANGING AGRICULTURE**  
How times have changed! Not too long ago, when you thought of the Agricultural industry, you thought of the farmer. Kenneth Wolf, Extension economist-agribusiness, points out that today, the agricultural industry is a network of interdependence. In fact, of each 10 Texans employed, four are in agriculture, but three of the four are off the farm.

On the side of the farmer and rancher, Wolf explains, are such businesses as chemical, farm equipment, fertilizer, financial, utility and many others. Each year in Texas, they supply agricultural producers with \$1.8 billion worth of things needed to grow the products. The products grown are then sold for about \$2.4 billion.

On the other side of the farmer and rancher, he adds, are those businesses engaged in marketing the product. A few of these are shortage ware houses, textile plants, railroads and trucking lines, packing, plants, wholesale grocers and supermarkets. These off-farm businesses add about \$3.9 billion to the value of the products raised by the farmers and ranchers.

This changing picture of agriculture has resulted in change not thought possible 30 years ago. In 1930, for example, one farm worker produced enough to feed 10 people. Today he produces enough to feed 28. The average wage earner had to work 60 hours 15 years ago

to buy a month's food supply for his family. Today it takes him 38 hours, Wolf says.

Business management in our present agricultural industry has played a major role in making the industry so efficient, believes the economist.

A man's caliber may be measured by the amount of opposition it takes to discourage him.

**GRAIN SORGHUM TEST**  
Grain Sorghum farmers will be selecting the varieties they will plant soon. I have the result of the 1963-- hybrid sorghum variety test from the Experiment Station at Bushland and the High Plains Research Foundation. Below is the top 15 hybrids from the Experiment Station: Bonanza, NK 310, 62CS044, Pioneer 820, WMGS 65, TE 88, Standking, WAC 750, Dekalb F 63, PAG 515, Scott 500, Surgro 789, WAC 700, PAG 665, Apache.

Below is the top 15 hybrids from the High Plains Research Station: Excel B-52, NK 310, Golden West Bonanza, WAC 700, DEKALB F65 Richardson 303 R, PAG 665, RS 681, WAC 750, Lindsey 788, Lindsey 551 Asgrwo Ranger A, Dekalb F64, Redlan Kafir, Texas 660.

Whatever variety you select you should consider if it is right for your farming operations, that is, the yield, days to bloom or maturity date, plant height, lodging.

I have the information above on most of the hybrids so drop by the office if you would like to discuss this.

**LAND PRICES**  
Not too many years ago, all the talk in land economics was about productive value and its relationship to price. This concept of buying and selling land may still be valid in a few areas of the state, but it is becoming less important with each land transaction.

Maybe productive value is still a big question—in land pricing. However, if it is, the meaning has changed drastically. Before the big swing to rural recreation or

"people farming" as some choose to call it, the farmer looked at how many bushels of corn a tract of land would produce. He evaluated prospective acreage by such factors as soil resources, kinds of soil available, slope or lay of the land and erosion conditions.

In "People farming" erosion conditions might tend to increase land value rather than decrease it as in the past. Land with extreme erosion conditions often bring premium prices because of its ease of adaptation to lakes and ponds. Deep gullies can easily and inexpensively be converted to fishing, boating and swimming facilities.

The high price of land now makes a purchase for livestock production almost senseless. The rise in land prices can be attributed to three main sources, says Dr. A.B. Wooten, land economist of Texas A & M University. These are increased demand for rural home sites, recreation and speculation. Another factor in land buying and ownership is "hobby farming." In this situation, people buy a few acres of land and put a few cows and chickens on it. Next they build a house and a few farm buildings. These people realize they aren't making a monetary profit from the venture, but the psychological profit of living in the country and owning a farm is their main objective.

When many people buy land today, they don't really consider the total price. Instead, they want to know how large a down payment is required and what the monthly payment will be. If these two factors fit into the family budget, another family moves to the country.

**SCHOOL MENU**

- Monday May 11th  
Corney Dogs, saurkraut, new potatoes, with white sauce; chocolate cake, hot rolls, milk and butter.
- Tuesday May 5th  
Cheeseburgers, french fries, chopped lettuce, tomatoes, relish tray, busy day cobbler, and milk.
- Wednesday May 13th  
Roast Beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered spinach, pumpkin custard,

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**Legion and Auxiliary Attend Zone V Meeting**

Two members of the Sullivan R. Spivey Post Number 154 and five members of the auxiliary attended the Zone V Meeting in Peryton May 4th 1964.

There were about eighty who enjoyed the delicious dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Sidney Jines, Post Commander at Peryton, presided and introduced those on the program.

Walter LaMaster presented an interesting program. The program consisted of several dance routines by the grade school children which was well received. Mr. LaMaster played a tape recording of Gene Pryor who was third place national contest winner of the American Legion Oratorical Contest.

Those attending from Gruver were O.V. Walker Jr. Commander, of the Gruver Post; Lloyd Stavio both of the Legion; Nova Lee Walker, Agatha Rafferty, Jamie

hot rolls, milk and butter.

Thursday May 14th  
Beef Stew, cheese sticks, applesauce, cinnamon rolls, crackers and milk.

Friday May 15th  
Turkey Salad, buttered corn, green beans, ice cream, cookies, hot rolls, milk and butter.

Britt has also been named Outstanding Sophomore at Texas A & M and has received the sophomore award in Agriculture economics.

Wilmet, Margie Barkley and Elizabeth McClellan all of the Auxiliary.

**Britt Jarvis Honored**

Britt Jarvis the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jarvis has received an honor from Texas A & M University, at College Station. Britt has been named and is listed as a "distinguished student" at Texas A & M.

The registrar of the University, H.L. Heaton said that only 10 percent of the students earn a "distinguished student" listing.

A junior student, majoring in Agriculture Economics, Britt was valedictorian of the 1961 graduating class of Morse. He was active in both football and basketball.

The coveted Masonic award given by the Plemons Masonic Lodge was given to him for being an outstanding student.

**MISS JACKSON IS HONORED BY HERALD**

Miss Janet Jackson the thirteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jackson has recently been announced a winner by the Berger News Herald. Miss Jackson out pointed all entries in the 1964 newspaper carrier contest.

Janet received a \$25 savingsbond and her entry will be submitted for judging on the national scale where the top prize will be a \$500 scholarship toward college education.

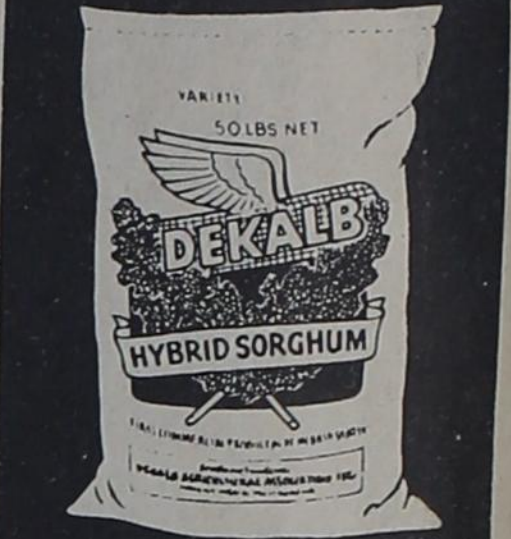
A seventh grade student Janet is active in church work, as well as her school activities. She uses the profits from her paper route for her clothing.

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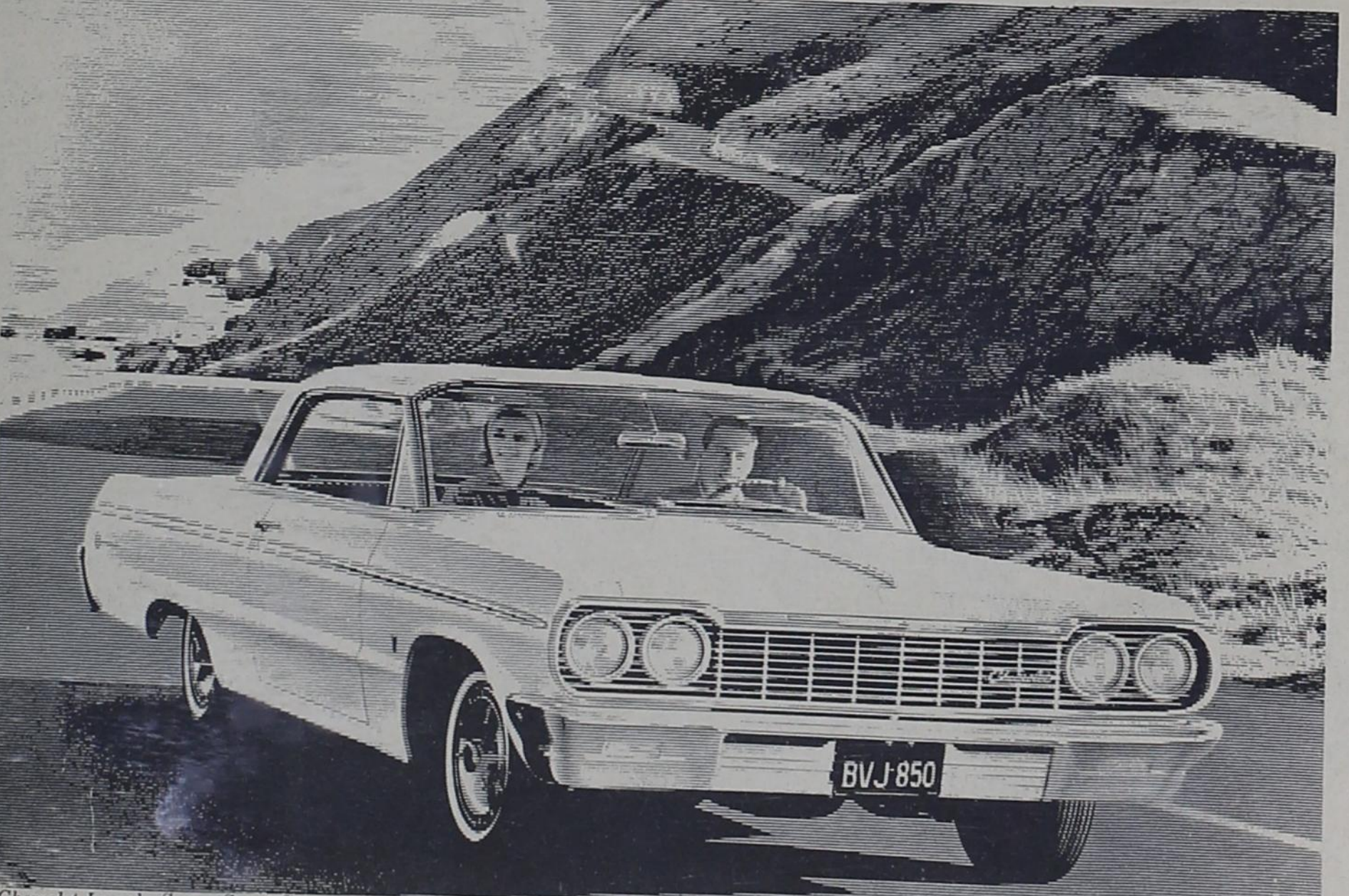
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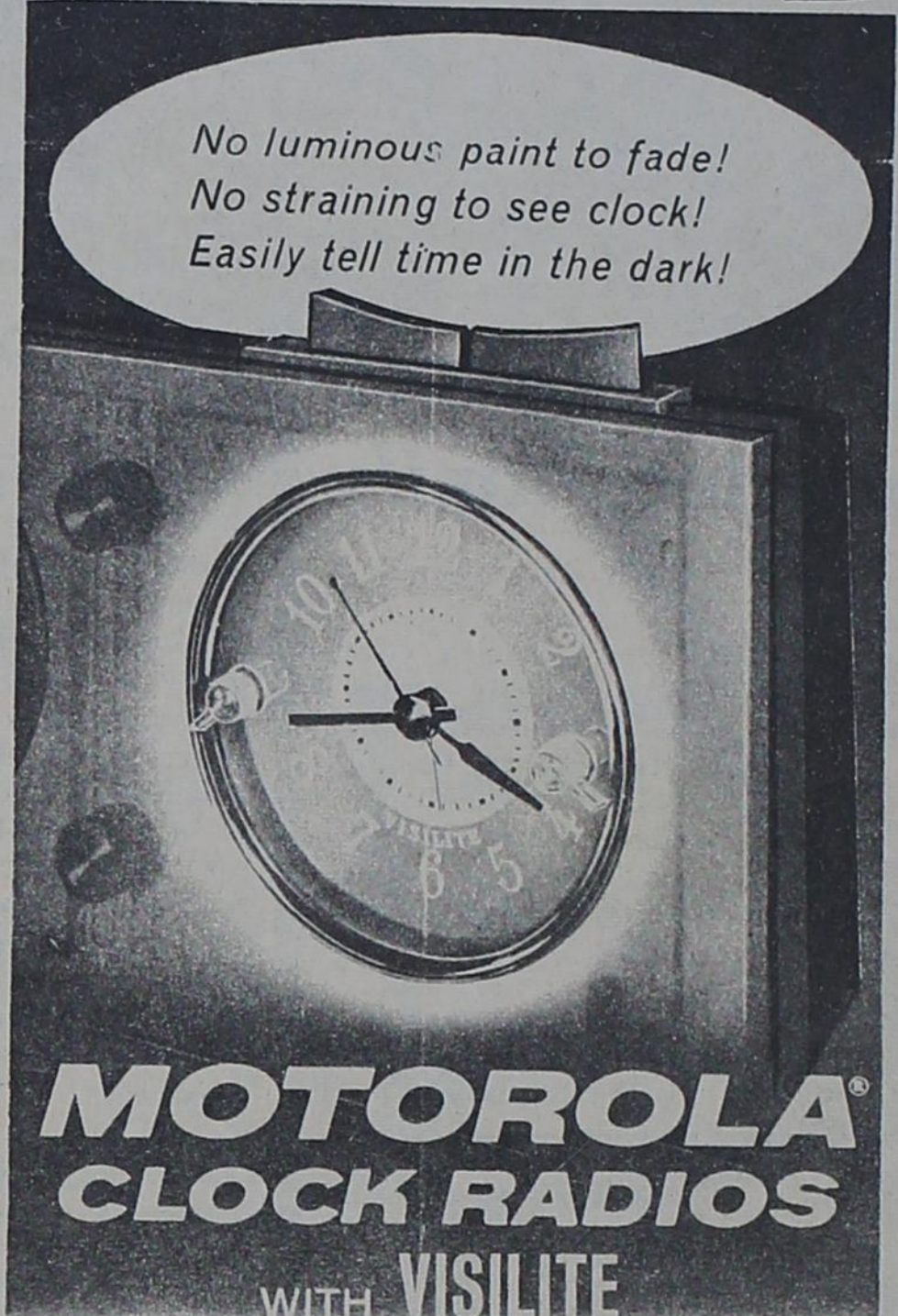
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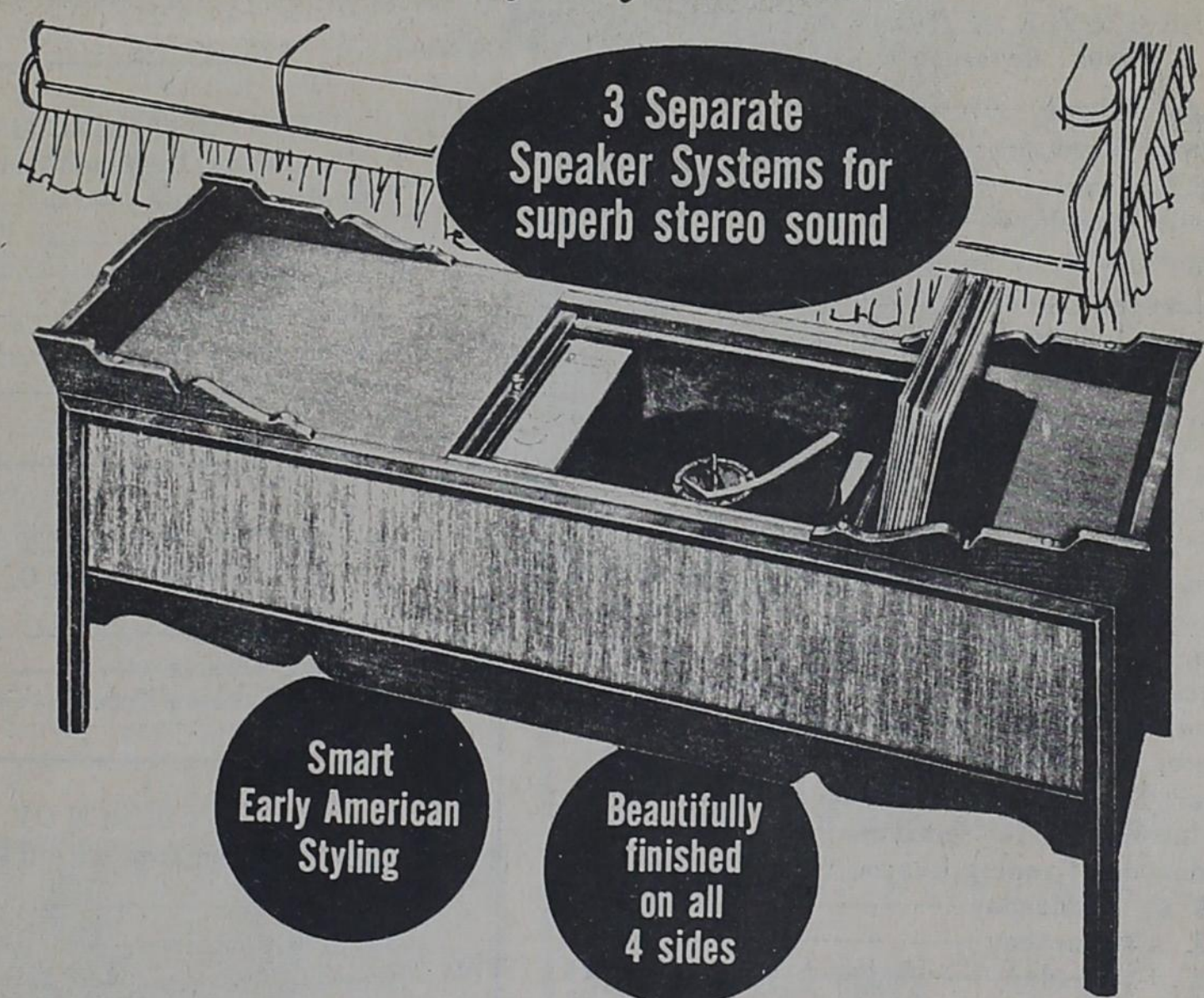
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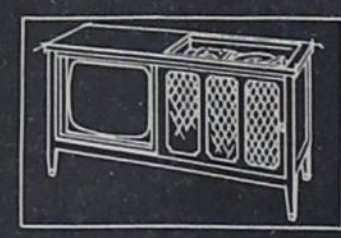
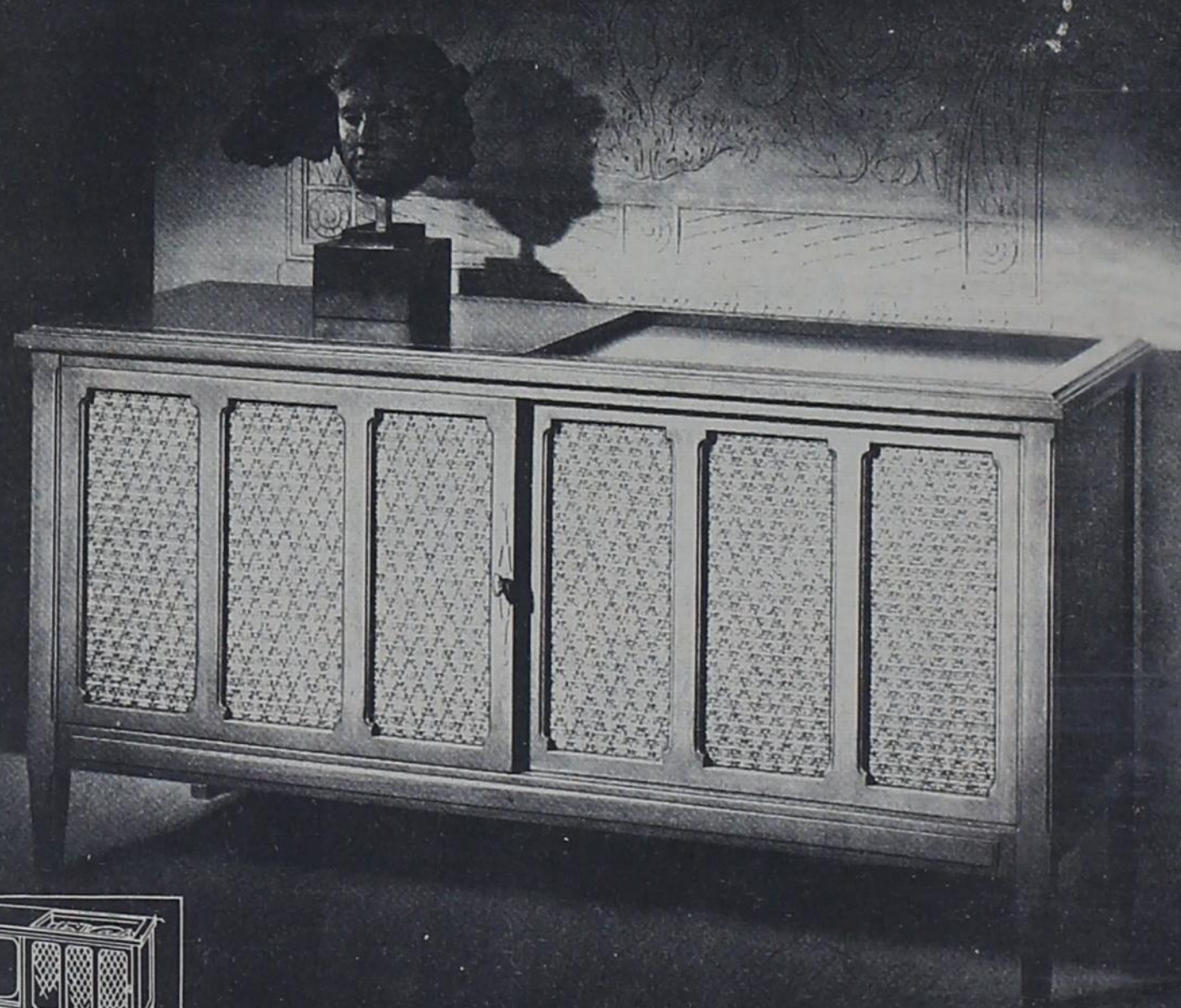
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## Alexander Family Reunion

A delightful family gathering was enjoyed by members of the Alexander families Friday May 1st at the homes of Harley and Robert Alexander.

Dinner was served at the home of Mrs. Harley Alexander, and the group enjoyed visiting throughout the afternoon.

A delightful evening meal was prepared and served in the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Alexander.

The occasion commemorated a family reunion for Mrs. Truda McBride of Duke, Oklahoma, Mrs. Pearl Miles of Austin, Texas, Mrs. A.W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Alexander, Mindy Murrell, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Alexander and family and the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander. Mrs. Alexander was assisted by Mrs. Ingeborg Sogn, a long time friend of Mrs. Robert Alexander.

After the lovely meal the family group enjoyed singing hymns and looking

at some old family pictures.

Those present included Mrs. Truda McBride of Duke, Oklahoma, Mrs. Pearl Miles of Austin, Texas, Mrs. A.W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Alexander, Mindy Murrell, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Alexander and family and the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander. Mrs. Alexander was assisted by Mrs. Ingeborg Sogn, a long time friend of Mrs. Robert Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stedje and girls and Marie Stedje spent the weekend in Dallas and Fort Worth. They visited in the Sam Martin home in Dallas.

Pastor and Mrs. Don Heiderich of Hooker visited recently in the Robert Cordes home.

Mrs. Alice Lathrop and Mrs. Emmett Pappay from Great Bend Kansas visited Sunday evening in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Collier.

Tom Collier, who is going to school in California visited recently in the home of his mother, Mrs. Jimmy Collier.

Convention. Twenty one people have registered for the trip this summer to Detroit. They will be joined by Luther Leagues from Odessa and Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yanke and Bonita were dinner guests Sunday in Texhoma at the Albert Yanke home.

Sunday dinner guests in the Reuben TeBeest home were Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne TeBeest and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hull.

Mrs. David Knutson and Julie left Monday for Seattle, Washington for a family reunion. Her parents Reverend and Mrs. Holmquest of Sitka, Alaska are coming to the States for medical treatment and their children are meeting them there.

Everyone is invited to Oslo Parish Hall on Sunday May 10 from 2:00 to 5:00 honoring Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson on their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

this Tuesday evening at 8:00 at the Jack Oakes home in Spearman at 727 Wilbanks, (1 block N. 1 East of new Presbyterian Church. White house trimmed in brown). Everyone is invited to come and learn the doctrine and teaching in the Lutheran Church.

The Young People of Oslo Lutheran League are looking forward to their trip this summer to Detroit, Michigan to the Luther League

## OSLO NEWS

Sunday School and church again next Sunday at the usual time. Services continue at the Farm Bureau Building at 9:00 in Spearman with Pastor Cordes bringing the morning message. An Adult confirmation Class will start

## THE WAY I SEE IT

Robert Cordes, pastor  
Oslo Lutheran Church

### The Holy Spirit

So many do not understand the Holy Spirit and His work. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the God-Triune.

His work? Scripture says, "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit." I Cor. 12:3. Or "The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned." (Cor. 2:14).

The things of God are understood by humans only by the power of the Holy Spirit. Until His work is in us, things are nothing but foolishness in the darkened mind of man. This is original sin. Without this enlightening insight, man doesn't even know he needs divine help. Natural man cannot come to any belief in things beyond nature because we are bound by our own nature. It requires the power of the Holy Spirit.

We need to be born of Water and the Spirit or We cannot become a child of God and an heir of heaven. (John 3:5).

It is the Holy Spirit who washes us clean in the blood of Christ. It is the Holy Spirit who helps me understand God, His Word, Christ and His Sacrifice, for the Spirit leads into all truth.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit calls me by the Gospel, enlightens me with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps me in the true faith.

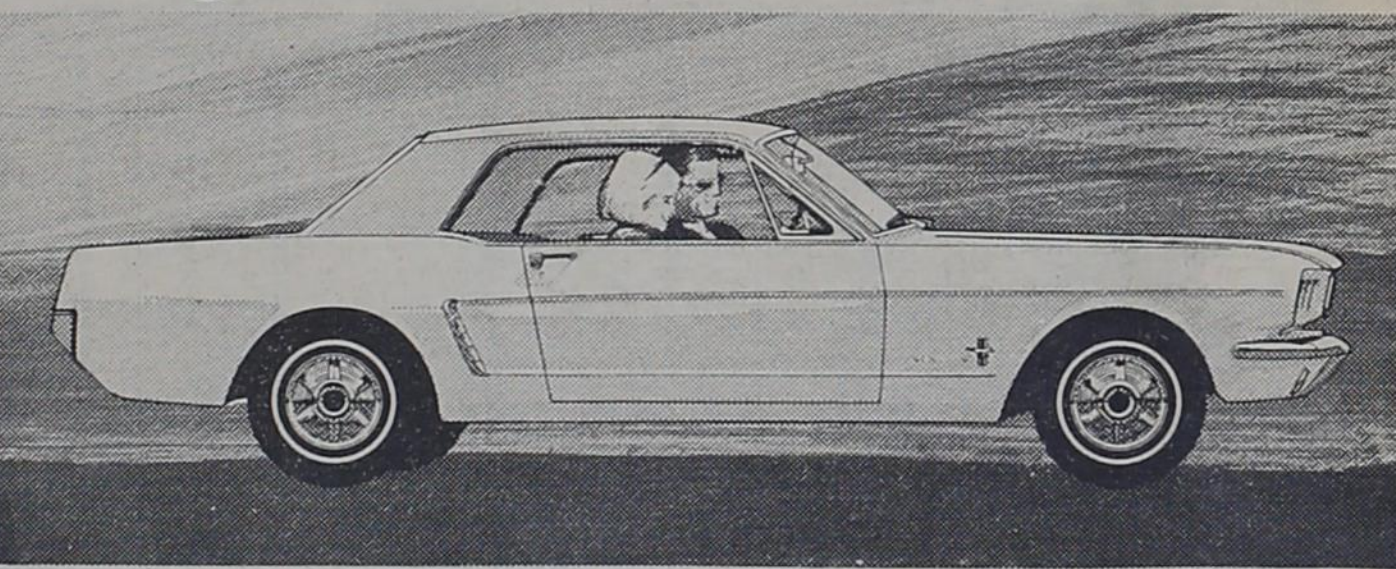
I wonder why so many people do not call upon the Holy Spirit, God Triune, for help? The Holy Spirit was given to this world on Pentecost to be an abiding working power in our life. Pentecost was the birthday of the Christian Church.

It is the Holy Spirit that convicting us of sin and

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Our prayer: Come Holy Spirit, work in my heart God's love.

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### COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT JUDGES MEET

The Junior Leader's 4-H club hosted judges in the community improvement contest on Tuesday. Judges were Mrs. Mona Hildreth and Gaines Franks, Potter County Extension Agents. They were accompanied to Morse by Miss Edity Lois Wilson, District Agent.

Patricia Henderson, president of the club, and Bill McCloy vice-president, accompanied the judges and

Call on them on this occasion!

Friday evening supper guests recently in the Robert Cordes home were the children's teachers; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams, Mr. and Omar Cotter, Miss Phyllis Elliott, Mrs. Ernice Langley, and Miss Karen Stockdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson piloted Pastor and Mrs. Robert Cordes to Fort Worth to receive Soil Conservation Awards and attend the banquet there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stedje and girls and Marie Stedje spent the weekend in Dallas and Fort Worth. They visited in the Sam Martin home in Dallas.

Pastor and Mrs. Don Heiderich of Hooker visited recently in the Robert Cordes home.

Mrs. Alice Lathrop and Mrs. Emmett Pappay from Great Bend Kansas visited Sunday evening in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Collier.

Tom Collier, who is going to school in California visited recently in the home of his mother, Mrs. Jimmy Collier.

a group of adult leaders on a tour of the community.

Following the tour the group met at the community building to hear reports by various committees. Reporting were Allen McCloy, economic progress; Reverend Vance Zinn, religious participation; Sylvia Parks and Mrs. Earl Henderson, safety; Suzanne Dixon, telephone; Delbert McCloy, park; Mrs. Vera Anderson, library; David Johnson, rural directories; Danny Womble, clean up; and

Sharon Parks, a summary of the year's work.

Refreshments were served.

### LIONS SLATE TALENT SHOW MAY 8

Morse Lion's Club will sponsor a Talent Show and pancake supper May 8, at the school. The pancake supper will be held in the school cafeteria from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the talent show will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

The talent presented will be in three divisions; open,

high school and grade school. Anyone desiring to enter this show should contact Rev. Vance Zinn, Box 111 or phone FI-7-2757 at Morse. Prices are \$1 for the pancake supper and \$1 for the show or a combination price of \$1.75 for adults and 50 cents for each event for children or a combination price of 90 cents.

The club was entertained at the Thursday meeting by the Morse Stage Band under the direction of Mr. Stanley Mohr.

**BRIDGE CLUB MEETS**  
The Saturday Night Bridge Club met in the Community

Building with the L.M. Womble as host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reisinger went to the Hitch Ranch on Thursday night to square dance with the wagon train group there.

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### THE OSLO LUTHERAN CHURCH

pastor, Robert Cordes

Sunday School-----9:45  
Adult Bible Class-----9:45  
Morning Worship-----11:00

### THE GRUVER METHODIST CHURCH

pastor, Reverend R.L. Kirk

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

### THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

pastor Reverend, A.G. Purvis

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. 1-----3:00  
Primary 2-----3:30  
Primary Choir, Thursday-----4:30  
Beginner Choir, Thursday-----4:00

### THE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

pastor, W.L. Porterfield

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

### THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

pastor, Reverend Robert Lamson

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 ASSEMBLY OF GOD

pastor, Robert G. Slaton

Sunday School-----9:45  
Morning Worship-----11:00  
Sunday Evening Worship-----7:30

### THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

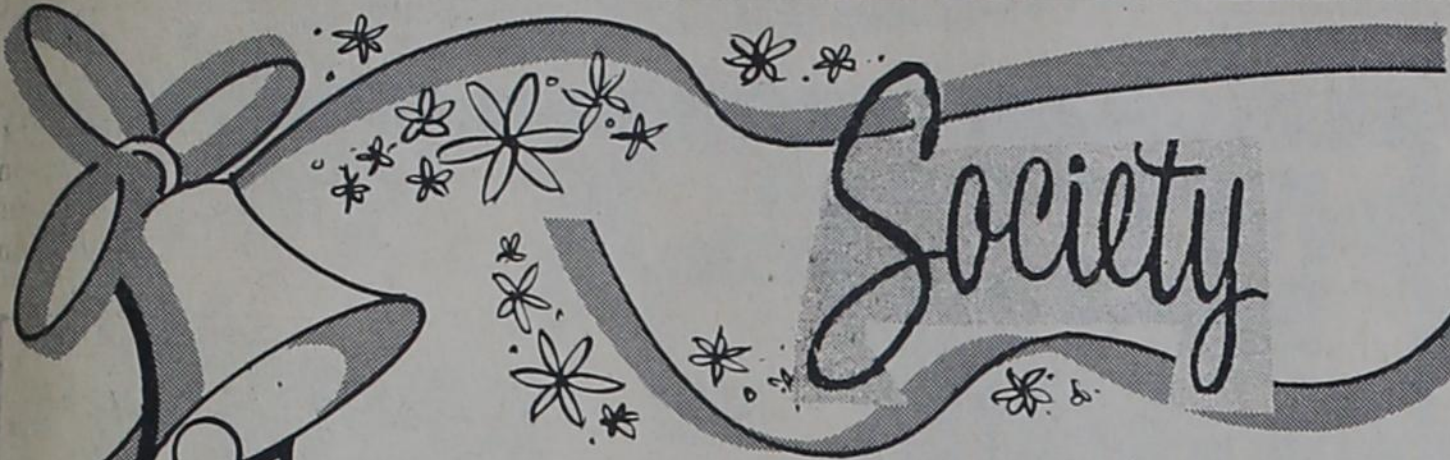
minister, Alfred White

Bible Study-----10:00  
Morning Worship-----11:00  
Evening Worship-----6:00  
Bible Study Wednesday-----8:00  
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Ladies Class Thursday Senior-----2:45

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### Mrs. Rafferty Hosts Coffee

Several friends gathered for a coffee hosted by Mrs. Agatha Rafferty Thursday morning April 30th in her home. The coffee honored Miss Loretta Griffin of Seal Beach, California, a friend of Mrs. Rafferty.

Coffee and cookies were served by the hostess, to her guests for the morning. The ladies enjoyed visiting with Miss Griffin.

Those present for the coffee were Mrs. La-Moyne Cator, Mrs. Clair Stockdale, Mrs. Durward Cluck, Mrs. E.C. Curlee, Mrs. Robert Alexander, the honoree, Miss Griffin and the hostess Mrs. Agatha Rafferty.



Mrs. Wynn Hamilton Jr. accepts the "Girl of the Year" presentation and gift before a dinner banquet in Pecos.

### Mrs. Hamilton Chosen Girl of the Year

Mrs. Wynn Hamilton Jr. Beta Sigma Phi at a recent received the honor of being Founder's Day dinner dance chosen "Girl of the Year" in Pecos, Texas. Mrs. Wynn of the Zeta Psi Chapter of is the former Jackie Thore-

son, daughter of Mrs. A.L. Thoreson of Gruver.

The occasion at which she was honored was an annual affair and carried the theme of "Fantasy of the Sea".

The presentation was made by the last year's winner.

Mrs. Hamilton has served as President of the City Council.

This is another of the outstanding honors bestowed on a one-time Gruver citizen. Congratulations to Jackie.

### SOFTBALL FOR WOMEN

Anyone interested in the Women's Soft Ball Team for the summer should call or contact Peggy Robinson or Kay Holland soon.

### Thank You

May we extend our appreciation to all the many friends and kind neighbors for their thoughtfulness, through cards, flowers, and food for us during our time of sorrow.

The Family of Mrs. Dorothy Phebus



Catherine Mae Miller

### ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Miller of Phillips-Sherman Plant north of Gruver announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Catherine Mae, to Mr. Holmes Franklin Hamit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hamit of Lindsay, Oklahoma.

homa City, Oklahoma.

Mr. Holmes is a graduate of Lindsay High School and is engaged in farming and ranching.

The wedding will be an event of June 5, 1964 in the Calvary Baptist Church of Lindsay at 7:30 p.m.

Following the ceremony the couple will make their home in Lindsay until Miss Miller graduates next summer.

### Methodist News

Monday was workday at the Gruver Methodist Church. Much work was accomplished and the women and their husbands enjoyed a covered dish lunch.

Thursday both circles of the W.S.C.S. continued their studies. Lillian Murrell led the Mary Martha Circle in "The Christian Family and It's Money". The Dorcas-Circle was led by Ann Taylor in "The Changing Mission in Southern Asia."

The Methodist men met Tuesday morning for their regular breakfast session in the fellowship hall.

### Baptist News

Filling the pulpit for the Sunday morning service at the First Baptist Church was Reverend Herbert Hughes former pastor of the church.

The W.M.U. Executive Committee met 2:00 p.m. Wednesday for the regular monthly planning meeting. The Executive meeting was followed by the mission program taken from the Royal Service Magazine.

The pulpit committee were in Fort Worth interviewing and hearing a minister. Arnold Bayless had charge of the Wednesday night Prayer Meeting.

The R.A.s will have registration for the Little League for boys from 7 to 14 at the First Baptist Church, Wednesday May 13th at 4:00 p.m. All boys are encouraged to be present.

**Kathy Fletcher** Gruver Greyhound rode on two busses of Gruver High Wednesday morning Oklahoma as their Enid around 4:00 Wednesday afternoon loaded all baggage at tel Youngblood where stayed throughout the

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### Diligent Dozen Met Tuesday

The Diligent Dozen Club was hosted April 21st by Mrs. Ann Cooper in her home. The meeting was called to order by president, Mrs. Grace Thoreson. Minutes of last meeting were read by secretary, Alma Gruver.

Plans were made to go to Boys Ranch Tuesday April 28th to take the quilts the members had quilted in the home of Charmin Lyle.

The afternoon was spent making pretty coat hangers. A delicious plate lunch was served to Mesdames Charmin Lyle, Grace Thoreson, Bebe Miller, Polly Jones, Alice Walker, Alma Gruver, and the hostess Ann Cooper.

The Diligent Dozen had to call of their plans for their trip to Boys Ranch and instead had their picnic lunch in the home of Mrs. Grace Thoreson. They will plan their trip for a later date.

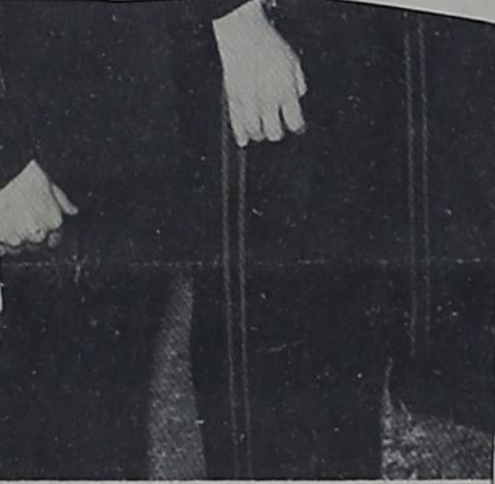
This was the last regular meeting for the club until the fall. They dismiss for the summer.

### MUSIC CLUB MET TUESDAY

The Gruver Music Club, a member of National and State Federation of Music Clubs, met for a special National Music Week program Tuesday, May 5, in the Gruver Memorial Building. Mrs. John Boney presented her dance class in several numbers. Music Club members and their guests enjoyed the dance numbers by Sherry Bergin, Frankie Bergin, Mindy Murrell, Jean Hudson, Mandy Hart, Patrice McLain, Sherilee Maupin and Paula Jones.

Following the program refreshments were served in the basement of the Memorial Building.

Gruver Music Club will close this year with a salad luncheon May 12 at 2:00 in the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Installation of new officers will be held at that time. All members are urged to come for this luncheon and program.



Finishing touches to the Greyhound before marching.

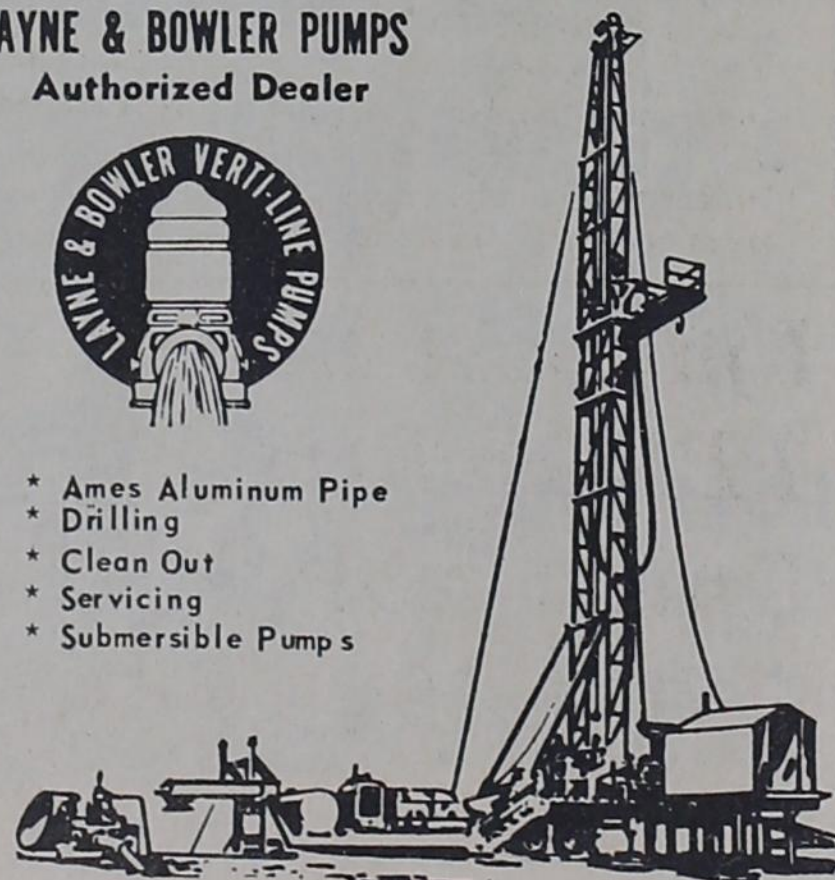


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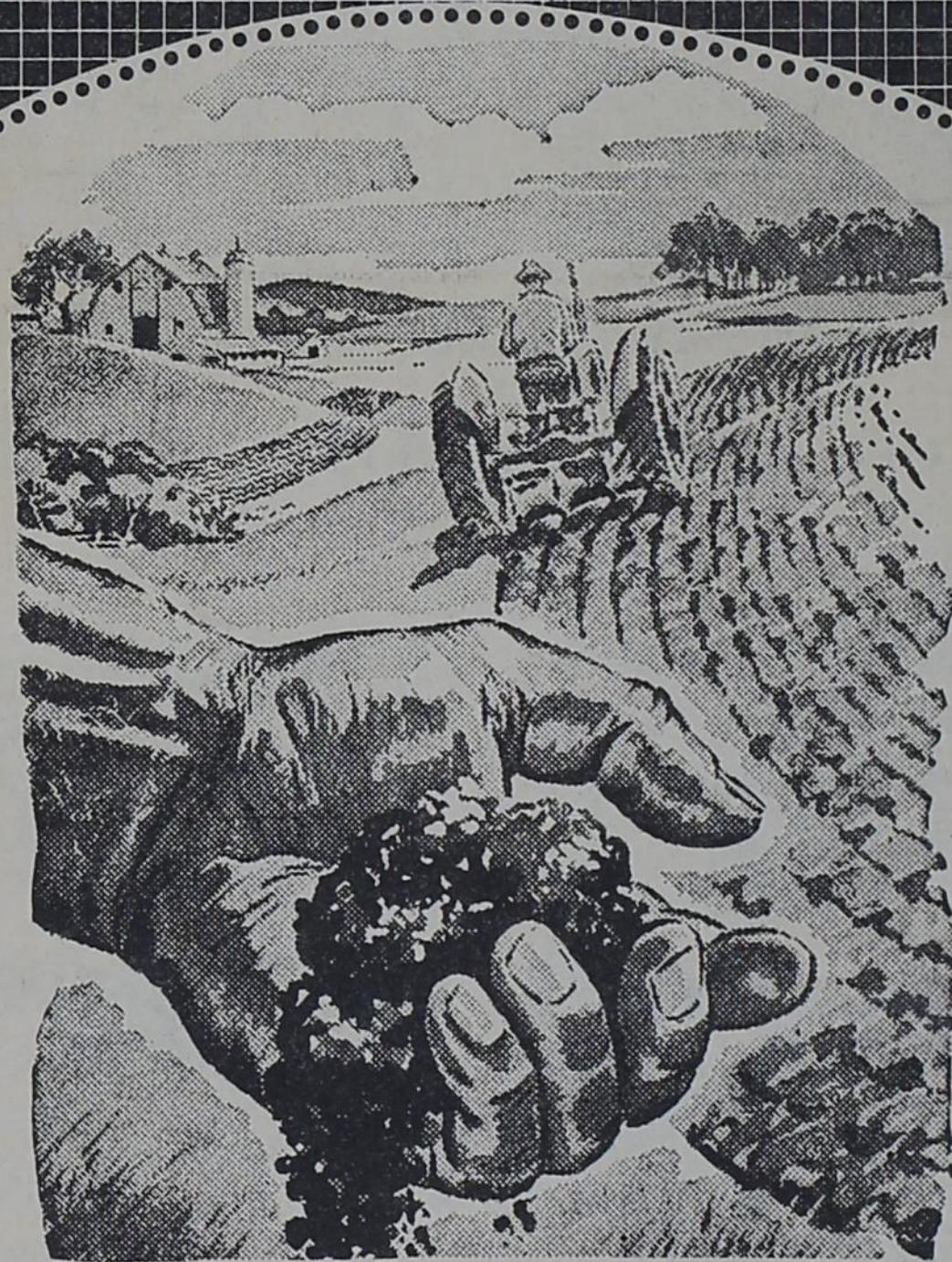


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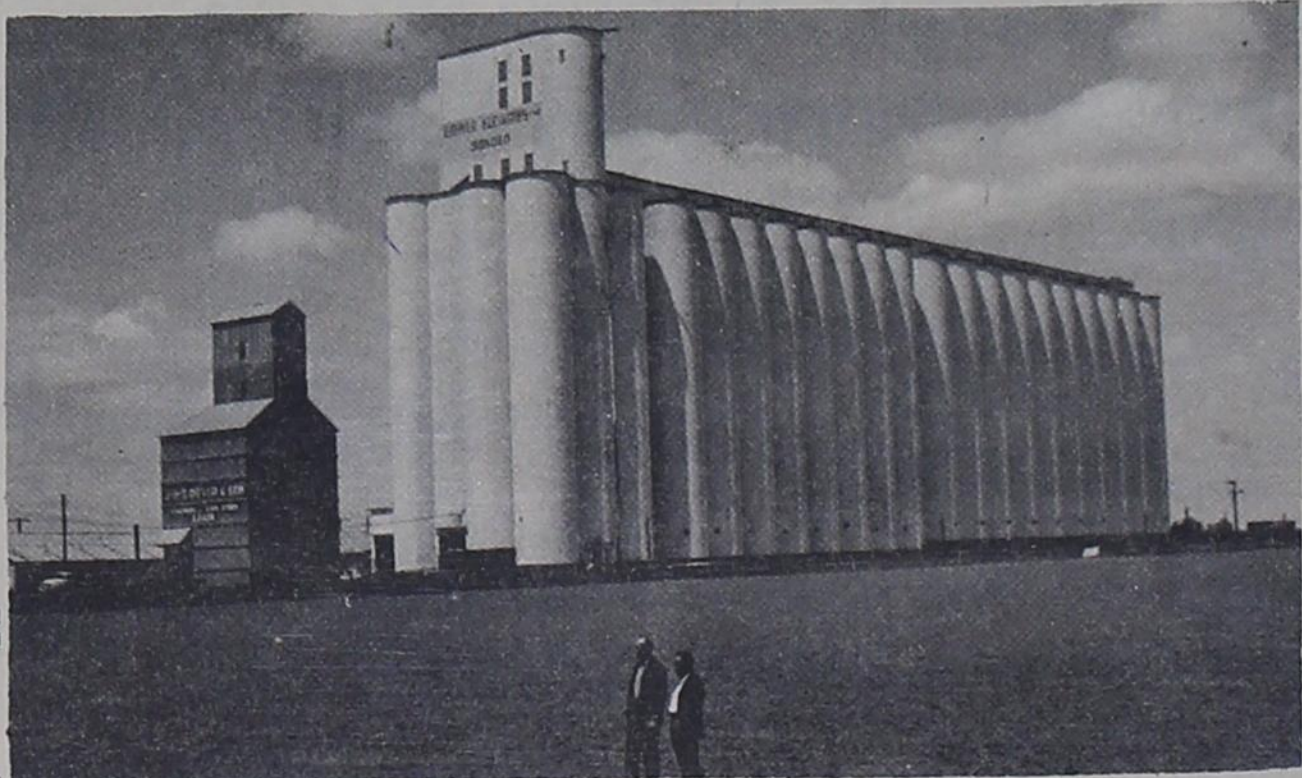
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# BAND TRIP A SUCCESS

by Kathy Fletcher  
The Gruver Greyhound Band, loaded on two buses, left out of Gruver High School Wednesday morning for Enid, Oklahoma as their destination. The group checked Enid around 4:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon and unloaded all baggage at the Hotel Youngblood where they stayed throughout the trip.

Wednesday night the 1st Festival Marching Contest was held. Thirty-two bands participated in this event. Before the actual marching took place, a military inspection contest was held. Instruments, uniforms, and personal appearance were all checked. They received a 1st Division rating for this event. Then the "Greyhound Growl" began and they stepped high, got their horns and let's have a full sound were the cries of the bandmen. In this contest, there were 100 possible perfect points and the Greyhound Band made 97.5 out of a 1st division. These ratings were rated by seven judges: C.B. Hunt, Jr. from Baylor College stated "A well trained band... interesting performance... your alignment is good!" Col. Irons from Arlington, Texas, said "A very good band!" Harold Wachman, from the University of Florida commented, "A spectacular routine; well executed." George Wilson from Interlochen, Michigan remarked, "Excellent show!"

Thursday, April 30, the Festival Solo and Ensemble Contest was held. Gruver entered several students. Eleven 1st Division medals and three 2nd Division certificates were awarded. No one made lower than a III division.

Also Thursday several band clinics were held. A percussion clinic was conducted by Dick Shory, a percussionist from the Chicago Symphony. It was attended by the full percussion section. A Low Brass Clinic was also presented by Keith Garvin who is an Army Band Soloist from Washington D.C. This clinic was attended by all the horns, trombones, basses and baritone.

Thursday afternoon the second marching contest was held in which the remaining bands competing marched.

Thursday at 4:00 p.m. the Tri-State Band, Choir and Orchestra had rehearsals, which took place on Friday and Saturday also. Twenty-two bandmen from Gruver were honored by being chosen to be in these organizations. They were: Band: Jane Hoy--2nd Flute, Lyn Ayres--3rd Clarinet, Arlene Barkley--3rd horn, Paul Cotter--2nd Cornet, Wayne Leatherman--Bass, Judy Bayless--2nd Clarinet, Kathy Fletcher--Bass Clarinet, Lariece George--1st Saxophone, Kenneth Bratton--Baritone, Larry McClellan--1st Oboe. Choir: Mary Lou Cluck--1st Alto, Marian Jeffries--1st Alto, Alford Blount--Bass, John Blount--Baritone, Mary Etling--2nd Soprano, Judy Holt--1st Soprano, Billy White--2nd Tenor, Jim Beck--Bass. Orchestra: Jody Wallin--1st violin, Judy Gillispie--Clarinet, Larry Ghigo--Percus-



Drum Major, Judy Bayless, adds finishing touches to the Greyhound Band to prepare for the rigid inspection they will go through before marching.



Mr. Larry Sparks helps to ease tension among bandmen before they march.

sion, Harley Murrell--String Bass.  
Friday morning at 10:20 a.m. the Festival Concert and Sight-reading Contest was held at Long Fellow Jr. High School in Enid. There were three judges for the concert contest: Judge Dilly who commented, "You have developed a good musical feel." "Fine disci-

pline--this group follows its conductor well," stated Jack Ranny. From the third judge, Phil Fry comments written were, "This group plays very musically. I particularly liked your handling of the 6/8 movement in the suite." In this event a I Division was made. The Band then went to Sightreading where a I II division was

made.  
Friday afternoon a stage Band Clinic was held at the VFW Hall. Everyone was invited that wished to attend. Also at the same time a High Brass Clinic presented by Byron Autry was held and a Woodwind Clinic too. All woodwinds were required to attend this clinic.  
At 7:00 p.m. the entire

## Livestock Team Ranks 15th

by Arlene Barkley  
The Gruver High School F.F.A. Chapter sent three of its members to the state livestock judging competition at Texas A & M College in Bryan, Texas last weekend. The livestock judging team was made up of three members who placed first at the district contest, sixth at regional, and won the honor of being the First Gruver F.F.A. team ever to state.

These members included Tommy Gumfory, a sophomore; and two freshmen, Van Etling and Harley Murrell. These three boys did surprisingly well in state competition. They placed 15th out of 82 teams and their score was 1497 out of a possible 1650. The team which placed 11th in the contest had a score only 2 points higher than that of the Gruver team.

Tommy, Van and Harley are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Murrell who drove

the team to Bryan from Enid, Oklahoma. Congratulations to these boys! They have made the school very proud of them.

## NOTICE TO PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS

Pre-School Day has been slated for Friday May 15th. All children who will begin school next year should report to the school at 8:30 a.m. The mother will pick them up after lunch that day.

During the afternoon of Friday May 15th the mothers of the pre-schoolers will meet with the teachers and school nurse.

## AREA I GRADE SCHOOL BAND CONTEST SLATED

by Marian Jeffries  
Friday, May 8th, the Region XI, Area I, Grade School Band Contest will be held in Gruver with Mr. Larry Sparks as Chairman. The contests start at 8:30 with the Gruver Jr. High Band starting the performance with their concert numbers. After these numbers have been played, each band will sight-read a new published band piece.

The other bands scheduled to perform are the Spearman Grade School, White Deer Jr. High, Skelly, town, Spearman Jr. High, Stinnett Grade School and another Stinnett Grade School all of Class AA; Sunray Grade School, McLean Jr. High, Canadian Grade School, Sunray Jr. High, and Stratford Jr. High all of Class A; Wake Jr. High of Class B; Armstrong Jr. High of Class C and Phillips Grade School of Class AAA.

Mr. Robert Sexton of Panhandle A H M College will be the judge for these two contests. The public is invited to come at no admittance fee.

Saturday will also be a day of contests. Mrs. Don Craig of Dumas will judge twirling on the front lawn of the Auditorium starting at 9:30. Don Craig of Dumas will be the judge for the various ensembles of the



Mothers, grandmothers, and friends watched the Seniors part from the Gruver School Friday May 1st as they were enroute to Washington D.C. and New York City for their Senior trip. The touring group will return home Sunday May 10th.

different bands in the band hall. Woodwind solos will be judged by Gerald Smith from Panhandle in the grade-

## FTA INVITATION

by Jane Hoy  
The Gruver F.T.A. would like to extend a cordial invitation to any prospective new members to come to the officer election May 18, 1964 in the high school study hall at 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The F.T.A., Future Teachers of America, is, as its name implies, a club to encourage young people to learn more about the teaching profession, it does not, however put any obligations on its members to go into the teaching profession.

The F.T.A. has been a service club for its school this year and will continue to be a club to insure progress in this school by uniting students who are interested in making our school all it ought to be.

I know I can speak for all the members of this club when I say that F.T.A. has been an exciting experience for me and an inspiration to higher achievements.

I feel that it would be well worth your while to learn more about the F.T.A. by attending this open meeting.

school building. Brass solos will be played in the Methodist church and judged by Robert Sexton, P.A.M.C. All solo contests (other than twirling) will run from 8:30 to 5:30.

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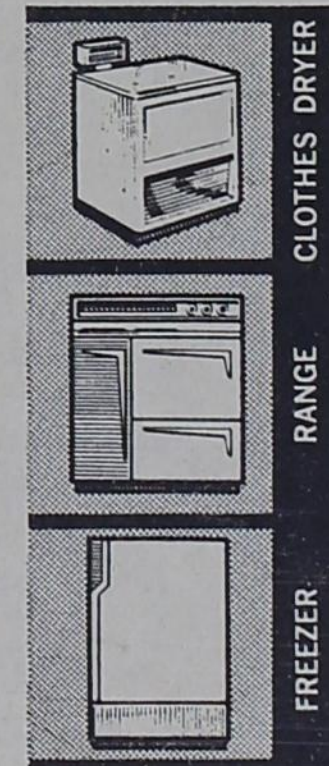
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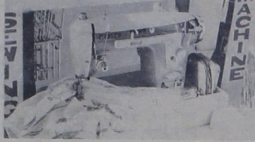
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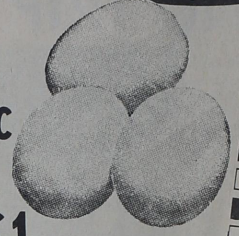
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WE GIVE BUCCANEER STAMPS

DOUBLE STAMPS ON WEDNESDAY

SPECIALS FOR May 7-8-9, 1964 Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## G&G FOODLINER

GRUVER TEXAS

## FARM FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Bud Brand Iceberg LETTUCE lb. 15c  
Garden fresh GREEN ONIONS 2 Bunches 15c  
cello pak CARROTS 2 pkg. 15c