

Methodist Church Revival Aug. 18-20

The Rev. Charles L. McClure, District Superintendent of the Brownwood District of United Methodist Church, will be the preacher for the revival services at First United Methodist Church in Rising Star August 18-20. The services are to begin at 7:00 each evening.

The Rev. McClure, a native of Mississippi, received his BA degree from Southwestern University and his Master of Theology degree from Southern Methodist University. He has served as a campus minister at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, as well as pastor of churches in West, Temple, Brownwood, Fort Worth, DeLeon and Ennis.

There is to be a reception honoring the McClures following the Sunday evening Service August 19.

Music for the revival will feature the team of Don and Betty Roath, who head up the music at Lake



D.S. Rev. Charles L. McClure

Brownwood United Methodist Church. Mr. Roath has been a minister of music in churches in West Texas and New Mexico for 32 years and Mrs. Roath is a piano teacher with a wealth of experience. Special music will also feature local talent.

All are welcome at these revival services.

Gospel Singing at Calvary Assembly Is on Friday Night

There will be a special Gospel Singing at the Calvary Assembly Church in Rising Star Friday night, August 9.

The "Hands of Faith," a Gospel Singing Group from Fort Worth, will be the guest singers and musicians. They are well known and loved throughout the area for their anointed singing and music.

The services will continue through Saturday night, Sunday morning

and Sunday night with special singing, music and preaching. Sister Flossie Rodgers will be the guest speaker on Saturday night and Sunday.

Services will begin Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30, Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and Sunday night at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy these special services with us. If you enjoy good gospel singing, come and be blessed.

Church of Christ at May Will Hear Guest Speaker

LeRoy Stoddard, from the Northwest Church of Christ in Abilene, will be the guest speaker at May

Church of Christ Sunday, August 11. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the services.

Gospel Meeting at Church of Christ to Be August 11-14

A late summer gospel meeting begins Sunday, August 11 at the local church of Christ. The spiritual menu will offer a feast of good, solid gospel preaching and the singing of old-timey gospel songs that have been loved and sung through the ages. The singing and the "true to the Bible" messages will teach, lift up, and inspire memories of great gospel meetings

and fellowship of years gone by.

Owen Cosgrove of Waxahachie, will preach in the meeting. His background and experience serve well in equipping him for the preaching of the gospel in efforts like this. Mr. Cosgrove graduated Magna Cum Laude from Abilene Christian University in 1954 with a B.A. degree in Bible and

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Polls Open 7 to 7

Two Elections Saturday

Saturday will be "school-tax decision day." Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, August 10, at 14 locations in Eastland County, and in other counties throughout the State of Texas.

The results of the voting, will to a large extent, determine the amount of additional school taxes we'll all be paying in the future.

Voting in this county will be at the nine usual state voting sites AND five in five school district voting sites.

Absentee voting ended Tuesday at 5 p.m.

There are two ballots - one for state constitu-

tional amendments and one for County Education District decision choices - and the two are linked together.

The first amendment choice, if passed statewide, would give the CED the right to do certain things. The other amendment would, if passed, authorize bonds for higher education scholarships.

The three school ballot choices (provided the Amendment one decision is affirmative) are "for" or "against" personal property taxation, overage and homestead exemptions.

All eligible voters are urged to vote in both elections:

1. At their regular political voting site for the amendments; and 2. at their regular school-related voting site. Voting may be at either site first, but both sites should be voted.

The voting locations are as follows:

Polling Places For School District Elections

CISCO: Polling place, Aug. 10: Corral Room, 400 Conrad Hilton Ave.

EASTLAND: Polling place, Aug. 10: High School Cafeteria.

GORMAN: No information is presently available on the school cafeteria in Gorman.

RANGER: Polling place, Aug. 10 Election: Ranger Community Clubhouse.

RISING STAR: Polling place, Aug. 10 election, City Hall.

Polling Places For Aug. 10 Amendment Elec- tion

Precinct 1, Eastland - First Floor of County Courthouse.

Precinct 2, Olden - Community Center.

Precinct 3, Ranger, Community Clubhouse.

Precinct 4, Desdemona - Community Center (Old School Bldg.).

Precinct 5, Gorman - Old Fire Station.

Precinct 6, Carbon - Schoolhouse.

Precinct 7, Rising Star - City Hall.

Precinct 8, Cisco - Corral Room, Laguna Hotel, 400 Conrad Hilton.

Precinct 9, Lake Leon - Morris Newnham Home.

The polls will be open August 10 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Texas Jail Standards Commission Lifts Remedial Order on County Jail

Eastland County Judge Scott Bailey and Sheriff Roland White have received a notice from the Texas Jail Standards Commission that the agency has vacated the Remedial Order on the County Jail. This is welcome news for everyone in Eastland County.

Jack E. Crump, Executive Director of the Commission, stated in a letter dated July 26: "At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 24, 1991, in Austin, Texas, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards by motion, second and unanimous vote did vacate the Remedial Order issued Eastland County on October 3, 1986, based on inmate population being consistently maintained below capacity and properly

classified."

This is the first time the order on the Jail has been rescinded since the facility went out of compliance. It has passed inspection for several years now - 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991.

At one time it appeared that the County would be ordered to expand the present Jail, which was constructed in 1980 with a 24-bed capacity. But thanks to the work of county officials this has been averted.

The cost of Jail expansion was estimated at around 1.2 million, more than the cost of the present building.

A copy of the letter announcing the vacating of the Remedial Order was sent to Robert Dearing, a Supervising Inspector for

the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. He has been making inspections of the facility.

Rising Star ISD Communicator

by Donald E. Bryan

The summer of 1991 is ending and school begins on Friday, August 16. Buses will run the same routes taken during the 1990-91 school year. If you did not ride the bus last year and desire to ride this school year, please call 643-2717 and give your name and location. Buses will depart from school about 6:55 a.m. and after school routes will run at 3:15 p.m.

daily schedules for students will be from 8:10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. for grades 7-12 and from 8:10 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. for grades k-6.

If your child will be attending the Rising Star ISD for the first time, please contact Robby Stuteville, High School Principle, at 643-3521 or Randy Mohundro, Elementary Principle at 643-2431 for registration information. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security number, immunization records, and previous school records.

Lunchroom meals will remain the same for the 1991-92 school year. For breakfast students are \$.60, \$.30 for reduced breakfast, and \$.90 for adult breakfast. Lunch prices will be \$1.75 for adults, \$1.25 for grades 7-12 and \$1.15 for grades k-6. Reduced lunch prices will be \$.40 for grades k-12.

On August 28 a developmental screening will

be held for young children ages zero to three. This screening will be conducted at the Eastland County MHMR Center on 301 Pogue Street in Eastland, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The screening will take about 20 minutes to complete testing of a young child in four areas; personal/social skills (playing, eating, dressing, etc.), fine motor skills (ability to work with small objects), gross motor skills (running, jumping, etc.), and language development (speech, following instructions, etc.). If a child is found to have two or more delays in one area, there is further testing available or referral to the appropriate agency.

For further information, please feel free to call (915) 646-9574, ext. 158/159 in Brownwood, or come to the screening site.

During the summer there were eight sessions of extended year services program with 21 students participating from grades 1-6. The purpose of this program was aimed toward mainstreaming and/or improving the student's skills in reading, writing, math, and self-esteem. Students worked in small and large groups and individually.

Writing skills worked on were handwriting, spelling, vocabulary, and using conjunctions, adjectives.

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Best Fast Foods Grand Opening Will Be Friday

Best Fast Food and Steakhouse has reopened. They have made some changes. They have a daily buffet, salad bar, steambaked potatoes, and more. The Grand Opening is August 9. Their will be door prizes, free tea and coffee and entertainment will be by McCall's,

a 5th degree Black Belt, Tae Kwon-Do class at 7 p.m.

The Best's wish to extend a special "thank you" to everyone who helped them get things back in shape and ready for business and to their customers who have been so patient during this ordeal.

New Store Will Open Saturday

Pauline Winfrey, former resident of Rising Star, has set an immediate opening date for her new business here. She and Helen Heyser, who will manager the store, were moving merchandise in Monday and planned to have enough stock here by Saturday to open for business.

The store, Honey Bee Wholesale Outlet, will carry clothing for ladies, teenagers and children, belts, jewelry, watches, gift items and toys. The new business is at 102 S. Main where Pauline Winfrey had a retail clothing store from 1977 to 1981.

Pauline later went into the wholesale end of fashions and began her Honey

Bee Fashions, a wholesale fashion accessories business. She and her representatives travel in Texas, New Mexico and Arkansas selling her merchandise to retail stores and showing the items at market. The store he has in Eastland evolved from a continued demand for retail sales at the warehouse for her wholesale business.

Pauline invites everyone to come in and say "hello" and meet her manager Saturday. A grand opening for Honey Bee Wholesale Outlet will be held at a later date. Pauline is making plans to return to the Rising Star area and make her home at the farm where she grew up.

School to Start August 16 Here

School is scheduled to begin at Rising Star Elementary on Friday, August 16 at 8:05 a.m. All elementary students who will be entering school for the first time or who are new to the district may register in the elementary school office on Monday, August 12, from 9 until 12 noon. Parents must bring shot records, birth certificate, and a social security number to register their children for school.

This year classes at Rising Star Elementary will end each day at 3:05 for all grades. Buses will run for the elementary school at this time and then will proceed to high school to pick-up all second-

ary bus students. Buses for the first day of school will run their usual routes ran last year.

All students this year will be able to pre-pay for their lunches on either a weekly or monthly basis. Students can purchase their lunch ticket in the school cafeteria every Monday morning from 7:45 until 8:10. Lunch prices for the 1991-92 school year will be the same as last year. Breakfast is .60 cents, with lunch being \$1.15 for elementary students and \$1.25 for all secondary students. Lunch menus will be published weekly in the newspaper as normal.

Community Calendar

2ND THURSDAY
Masonic Lodge, 7:30

EACH THURSDAY
Senior Citizens Center is open for lunch, activities.

EACH SATURDAY
Bingo, American Legion Hall, 205 S. Main

2ND MONDAY
Rising Star School Board, 116 N. Main

EACH MONDAY
Meals on Wheels are brought on Mondays to Rising Star Senior Citizens Center from Cisco. Make reservations, 643-5141, by 9:45 a.m.

2ND WEDNESDAY
License tag renewals, County Precinct offices, Hiway 36 W

HOMECOMING
Rising Star Homecoming will be Saturday, October 19.

THANKS to the STAR PRIDE volunteer workers who picked up trash last week.

EASTLAND COUNTY HISTORY

The Gilbert boys located ranches on Hunting Shirt and Sabano creeks where they remained for a few years before returning to Parker county after the killing of Sing Gilbert by the Indians at Ellison Springs in 1864; J.B. McGough settled in Erath County some miles East of Desdemona where he resided until his death some years ago; Lewis Ellison, on whose farm a part of the town of Desdemona is located, was a lad of eleven years at that time and lived with his father, J.M. Ellison Sr. on that farm. Nothing is known of the later residence of other members of the party.

Around the settlements mentioned the principal growth in the population of the County and adjacent territory in the next fifteen years took place.

There is nothing on the location at the present time to indicate that Blair's Fort ever existed there.

By 1873 a number of families had made their homes in the vicinity of Hog Springs and when Silas C. Buck, a young lawyer who at that time made his home with the family of "Uncle Peter Davidson" in what is now known as the Tanner neighborhood, circulated a petition asking that the Legislature of the State of Texas that the County of Eastland be organized, he found the following who were qualified to vote: J.W. Watson, J.H. Henry, C.F. Henry, C.M. Henry, J.A. Howard, John Howard, W. Funderburk, and B. Funderburk.

Others who came later but are entitled to be called early settlers, and who contributed much to the development of the community are Tom and William Prater, John P. Wynn, J.H. Woodard, J.J. Rushing, W.J. Nabors, McAfee, Ben Hawkins, Lafayette Fontville, C.H. Genoway, Lee Yardley, F.M. Daniels, James Foote, A.C. Brown, G.W. Daken, John N. Abernathy, Pascal Askew, John Caruth, (Probably in Erath County), and three doctors without whose names the list would be very incomplete, T.W. May, A.C. Martin, and S.E. Snodgrass. Am sure that some of the people connected with the development of the community have been overlooked but if so not intentionally.

The first post office to be established in this community was Winona, usually spoken of as "Old Winona", which was located about one mile East of Desdemona in Erath County. Part of the old house logs may still be seen on the location but are pretty badly decayed. A Mr. McKinney was probably the only Post Master to serve this office.

The Desdemona Country was first in precinct number four (1874) and was composed of, approximately, what is now Justice precinct No. 8 and that part of No. 5 (the Gorman Precinct) which lies East of what was then Jewell community. J.W. Watson was Justice of the Peace and performed the first marriage ceremony after the county was organized. The contracting parties were J.L. Duffer and Mary Bowlin, parents of Dr. Duffer of Brownwood and Mrs. Tom Jones who lived in Eastland until a short time ago.

An order of the Commissioner's Court at its February term, 1876 directed "That Election Precinct No. Eight shall include all of the territory embraced in Justice precinct number eight and that all

elections within same shall be held at the town of Crystal Springs in said county and precinct." F.N. Roche was appointed to hold the elections.

Another order of the Commissioners Court at its November term 1876 created a precinct about as it is now. J.J. Wynn was appointed Justice of the Peace and was directed that Justice Courts of Precinct number eight should be held at Crystal Springs on the third Monday of each month.

Order number twenty six of the same term of Court directed that William Brown be appointed as Presiding Officer of elections in Election Precinct Number Two of said county. Order No. thirty of the same term of court directs "That all elections in precinct number eight be held at Crystal Springs in said County."

The foregoing is the last order of the Commissioner's Court which the writer has been able to find in the records referring to this community as "Crystal Springs" but thereafter the neighborhood has always been referred to as Desdemona or Desdemonia. In fact, when the post office was first established, and for more than twenty years afterwards, it was officially "Desdemonia". It seems that the name was given in honor of the daughter of Esquire Wynn, at the suggestion of a young lawyer from Eastland who occasionally practiced law in the Justice of the Peace Court.

In the County's earlier years Desdemona was very much in its political picture, majority of its voters living in its Eastern part. Of its first officers Sheriff H.S. Schmick, County Clerk A.J. Stuart, County Treasurer Ike P. Schmick, came from the Mansker's Lake community in this section of the county and County Surveyor, and afterwards County Judge, G.W. Daken, County Judge J.T. Hammons and District Clerk S.R. Dickie came from the immediate vicinity of Desdemona; but after the center of population moved further West and the railroad towns gained in numbers, no other of the principal county officials have been elected from this section.

The only white person who is known to have lost his or her life in the neighborhood of Desdemona in the raids of the Indians was Billy Cross who was killed just East of Armstrong Creek, close to Moccasin Rock, near where the old Stephenville road crosses that creek. The Indians had stolen a number of W.H. Mansker's horses and were being pursued by Mansker and his son and Tom and Billy Cross who overtook them at the place above mentioned. In the fight that followed Billie Cross was killed and the Mansker and Tom Cross were unhorsed, but made their way home unharmed. This was about 1860 and probably just before the building of Blair's Fort and the concentration of the settlers there.

John O'Rear, a life time resident of Desdemona, says that the old rock building destroyed by fire during the boom was built by R.H. Pierce in 1878 and was used by Pierce as a store building, the upper story was used as a meeting place by the Masonic Lodge. Another early business man was Alec Booth.

A land mark which is missed by old timers is the well which stood in the middle of

the street.

G.W. Bull had a one stand gin and was also the proprietor of a thresher in 1878 as is shown by the county records.

Old time physicians at Desdemona were Dr. C.E. May, coming in the middle seventies, and Drs. Snodgrass and Moorehead who came about the last of the eighteenth century.

DESDEMONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Area $1\frac{1}{2}$ square miles. Total assessed valuation of property \$456,421. Scholastic Population, 219; Bonded Indebtedness, 1940, \$75,000. Per Capita Net Debt, \$83.35. Refinanced in 1940 and has retired \$2,000 of the principal. The following data may be of interest. The total attendance is given on the records of the County Superintendent as being three hundred; that three buses are used in the transportation of pupils at a cost of \$1,970, and that these buses are valued at \$3,500.

The first schools taught in the community were "pay schools" held in log houses with dirt floors which had been built for dwellings but had been vacated by some settler who had become hungry for the loaves and fishes of the older settled country.

The teachers were usually men in the community whom the patrons thought capable of instructing, in the three R's. One of these was J.T. Hammons, afterwards a practicing attorney at Eastland and County Judge of Eastland County, who seems to have been the first to teach in the Hog Creek country.

The first organized school on the records of the County in this community was Chrystal Springs, number 8-B in 1878, and was reported to having been taught by F.N. Roche.

The following is the description of the lot deeded by William D. Brown to the County Judge of Eastland County, the consideration to be paid by "The Chrystal Springs School Community". Tract of land in the town of Desdemona; begins 207 feet North, 71 feet East of W.C. Whitley's Hotel Lot; Thence South 240 4/10 feet; Thence East 75 feet; Thence North 290 4/10 feet; Thence West 75 feet to the beginning. Part of the Thunderburg Survey."

(From the deed records of Eastland County.)

The following year, 1878-79, the community was known on the school records as "School Community Number twelve," and no session of school seems to have been held in this year, but the notation is made that it's public funds are being used for the purpose of the building a school house.

The teachers for the next few years seem to have been A.P. Hightower, 1880-81; C.J. Koll, 1881-82; B.F. Cotton, 1882-83; and Thomas J. Heffner in 1883-84.

Desdemona was first incorporated for school purposes in 1884 and for that reason we find but little mention made of the school on any county record for a number of years as the Ex-Officio County Superintendent of Schools, the County Judge, had no authority over it while it had that standing.

This incorporation was abolished in 1893 but the district was again incorporated in 1906 and continued in that capacity until 1911 when it again became a common school district and continued as such until 1921 when it assumed its present

status and built its first modern school house. The district had the misfortune to lose this building by fire but, erected upon the ashes of the old building, Desdemona has a splendid set up at the present time. Its new high school building and equipment cost them \$62,000, is well arranged and presents a very pleasing appearance. Its grammar school building, which was not destroyed by the fire, cost an additional \$25,000. The system employs a superintendent and eleven teachers who are required to hold college degrees or to be working to that end and has twenty five and one half credits.

The school has a fair foot ball field, a good gymnasium and its basketball team was champion of its district in 1940.

Howard was a school in District No. 23 in 1884-85, reporting 56 scholastics. By 1892 the enrollment had increased to 92 which was probably its high point as it had dropped to 61 in 1896. Howard has been a part of the Desdemona Independent School system since 1925.

Jamison's Peak was school number eight on the list of schools for 1894 and had been a school since 1878 but, with Desdemona about three miles to the South-West and Howard but little over a mile to the West it was probably thought best to close the school land transfer its pupils to Howard and Desdemona.

Part of the Young Springs School District was incorporated in the Desdemona Independent School District,

In so far as the writer has been able to determine, the Desdemona Baptist Church is the oldest organization of any kind in Eastland County. Organized as Rockdale Baptist Church in 1872 by Elders Wm. Northcutt and Wm. Barker, it held its services in a log house about one mile South of the present bridge across Hog Creek at Desdemona until about 1886 when it moved its meeting place to Desdemona and changed its name to Desdemona Baptist church without change in operation.

Some have given 1886 as the date of the organization of the present church body, but in the opinion of the writer backed by the testimony of Mrs. Lizzie Shuler, a member of the organization when the move was made, it was only a change in the place of meeting and not a re-organization.

The names of those participating in the organization according to the information obtainable were, John Caruth, wife and daughter; Mrs. Mary Jasper, Mrs. Sallie Robinson; Nancy Ellison; Mrs. J.M. Ellison, Jr.; Mrs. Parmer and John Cowan.

The church was a member of the Comanche Association in 1875, reporting J.R. Northcutt as pastor and he seems to have held that position for several years. In 1879, H.F. Reynolds was pastor and the church had a membership of 60. The length of this pastorate is not known as there is a break in the Association Records. In 1885, D.N. Holleyman is reported as pastor and was followed in order by W.J. Hicks, 1886; J.T. Cumbie, 1887; W.H. Harper, 1890; J.T. Cumbie, 1892; J.B. Vincent, 1894; G.R. Ross, 1898; A.L. Castleberry, 1899. No further record found until 1911 when M.R. Cox served that and the following year; L.W. Stewart, 1914; E.L. Springer, 1916; J.A. Kidd,

1919; R.N. Greer, 1922; A.W. Cunningham, 1929; F.N. Allen, 1930; Z.C. Chambliss, 1933; H.N. Balderee, 1935; Melvin Shaw, 1938; Arvil Richardson, 1940; H.D. Martin, 1942.

The Sunday School has had an average enrollment for the last few years of around 100. The church property is valued at, house of worship, \$2,500 and parsonage at \$1,000.

CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH was located at Howard School House and its place of worship was about one hundred yards South of the Cemetery.

No data has been found as to the time of its organization but it was a member of The Comanche Baptist Association in 1885. It is reported to have had a membership of three hundred at one time, rating as one of the stronger churches in the county.

In its petitionary letter the bearers, D. Lewis and G.W. Daken, were named as messengers, W.J. Hicks, Pastor, and G.W. Daken, Church Clerk. A membership of 125 was reported that year.

In 1886 the church was represented by letter only, and reported J.T. Cumbie, pastor and J.J. Lindsey, Church Clerk.

The church does not again appear on the minutes of the association until 1889 when J.T. Cumbie is again pastor and J.R. Horne is Church Clerk. Pastor Cumbie seems to have served through 1890 and maybe until 1893, the next appearance of the church on the minutes of the Association, this time naming A.L. Castleberry in that position and A.B. Wells, clerk. Mr. Castleberry was followed by G.R. Ross, 1899, and B.H. Bell, 1901. From this time to 1916 no record of those serving the church has been found, but at that time W.R. Shelby is reported as pastor and the church is affiliating with the Round Grove Association. The messengers at that time were I.N. Haygood, Pearl Powers, and Letha Hogg. Mr. Shelby continued to be pastor in 1917 but no later information has been discovered as to this church.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Desdemona was probably organized in 1877, according to Mrs. A.C. Brown, the only person now living who was in its organization. As she remembers the incident, the organization was perfected by Rev. George Fair, then residing at Eastland, and the members were her husband, A.C. Brown, herself, and J.T. Hammons and wife. She thinks that Rev. Law was presiding Elder at the time. The writer has no information as to the accomplishments of the church body until its appearance on the conference reports in 1894 when it is stated that Desdemona Church was in the Dublin District and that J.E. Stephens was its pastor. In 1895 it was Desdemona Mission in the Abilene District and the same pastor was reported. The value of the church property at that time was given as Mission \$100.00 and Parsonage, \$150.00 and the membership was 200.

Since that time the following pastors have served; 1896-H.K. Agee, 1898-M.H. Hudson, 1901-J.M. Owens, 1903-T.W. Ellis, 1904-J.T. Owen, 1908-M.J. Vaughn, 1910-F.A. Ray, 1911-W.H. Whitworth, 1913-J. Fred Patterson, 1914-S.P. Gilmore, 1915-J.O. Gore, 1918-C.H. Ledger, 1919-M.A. Turner, 1921-E.R. Patterson, 1923-W.T. Jones, 1927-J.T. Furgeson, 1928-H.B. Landrum, 1929-Paul W. Evans, 1930-R.A. Walker, 1932-Z.L. Howell, 1934-E.M. Dalley,

1936--O.D. McDonald, 1940--W.E. Anderson, Circuit composed of Desdemona, Victor and Salem.

The membership of the church has been reported from 200 in 1915, to 438 in 1925. The value of its house of worship is given in the conference reports as being \$5,000 and that of the parsonage as \$2,000.

The Church of Christ has been an important factor in the religious life of the community but it keeps no records it is hard to get any particulars as to its history or accomplishments. Among the early ministers of the organization those best remembered are John Martin, Jack Nabors and Lish McCoy. The church has a house of worship in Desdemona.

The story of events leading to the development of Desdemona as an oil center is so much better told by that inimitable writer, Boyce House, than this poor penman can hope to do, he will quote, with the authors permission, from "Were You In Ranger," as follows;

"There came an Englishman into the region and bought a farm. He tramped among the hills and examined rocks. Folks allowed as how he might be a bit 'Off'. He talked about oil possibilities but few gave heed to him. At last he died.

But F.M. McDaniel, a merchant, turned over in his mind the thought and finally decided that there might be something to the notion that the stranger had held after all.

So the storekeeper succeeded in interesting a number of farmers and townspeople, and enough money was subscribed for a test. Daniel sent to Oklahoma for a machine that had been used to drill water wells. The location chosen was half a mile North of Desdemona, on the farm of Walter Caruth, Daniel's son-in-law and owner of the town Barber Shop.

A showing of oil and gas was struck at less than a thousand feet, but the funds were exhausted. Time drifted by and nothing was done. The well was not plugged but for one - for some obscure reason, or perhaps by accident-drooped a fence post in the hole.

In 1917, however, two men from the outside world, learning of the test, enlisted the aid of "Shorty Caruth", in leasing three thousand acres. Then they cast about to find someone who would finance the well they had agreed to drill. Happening to read in the newspapers that T.M. Dees, of Midlothian, had just disposed of some oil holdings in Oklahoma, they decided that here might be their man. Dees was offered the block of acreage and an additional two thousand acres if he would take over the enterprise and give the trio a share. Interested, the lumber yard owner said he would visit Desdemona.

Upon his arrival, he was met by Caruth and numerous citizens who escorted him to the old well on the bank of Hog Creek. The hole was almost filled with water but the barber lowered a bottle on a string as he had done many times before for visitors and brought it up full of oil. Dees lowered the bottle himself, but succeeded only in obtaining water. He had heard of "Salted" gold mines and this looked like a "Salted" well to him. He so expressed himself.

But the farmers present who were on hand when the well was drilled declared that they had seen a "Rainbow" of oil in the slush pit and that the test had made gas. So Dees decided that Caruth, through long

practice, had acquired the knack of lowering the bottle to just the right depth to skim the oil from the top of the water, and that there was really oil in the hole.

The visitors was sufficiently interested in the possibilities that he asked and was given ten days; whereupon he bought a star machine, which is a type used for drilling shallow oil wells, and employed a driller. It was found that the fence post could not be taken out of the old well but the drill was able to drive the post deeper and the work of bailing out the water began.

A few days later, Dees saw something that shimmered emerging from the mouth of the well. He lighted a handful of matches and tossed them into the quivering "something" and there was a flash. It was gas.

Convinced now of the potentialities, he plugged the well and moved to a location a hundred yards away. Water for the drilling was hauled in a wagon as Hog Creek was dry, not an unusual condition for late summer. The boiler was fired with wood, chopped from the forest of mesquite and post oak where the hogs scampered about.

With drilling in progress, Dees returned to Midlothian to the task of managing his lumber yard. One day a farmer walked into the office, asked how much Dees had spent on the Desdemona enterprise and upon learning that the outlay had been three thousand dollars, returned in a few minutes with an equal amount and told his friend that he wanted to invest in the undertaking. And so the venture, until then un-named, was christened the "Hog Creek Oil Company".

Other citizens in Dees' little home town in central Texas wanted a part in the affair. No one ever was asked to buy stock, but almost daily, some of his own volition would drop in and purchase a share, usually handing over ten or twenty dollars and agreeing to pay the remainder of the one hundred dollars at ten dollars a month. No stock certificates were given that none had been printed. Dees simply recorded the purchase in a dime note book.

He discouraged the widows and aged from buying at all. One woman wanted to put her entire savings, five hundred dollars in the company. Dees refused but at last yielded to the extent of accepting two hundred dollars. Soon afterwards a farmer walked in, planked down one hundred dollars on the desk and said "I want a stock". Well it was not until months afterwards that Dean learned that the woman had the farmer make this purchase for her.

As drilling progressed on the Hog Creek well, the McCleskey gusher came in at Ranger and Dees bought several leases between Ranger and Desdemona. A representative of R.O. Harvey of Wichita Falls visited the Hog Creek test and Dees offered to aid in getting up a block of acreage South of his company's building. He agreed to put in some of his own tracts if Harvey would drill on the Northern part of the block to be leased, which of course would place the wild cat well near the Hog Creek company's land, and if the Wichita Falls Company's man would give Dees his choice of one hundred and twenty acres offsetting the well.

The leases were obtained and the Joe Duke farm was chosen as the location for the well, a mile a half South of Desdemona and over the line in Comanche County.

While the drill was pounding away on the Duke, the Hog Creek well reached the depth at which the showing of oil and gas had been struck by the early well, and not the least sign of oil or gas was found. The crew kept busy, however, tinkering around as the outcome of the Duke wild cat was awaited.

That well reached the level at which most persons had expected that oil would be encountered, if it was found at all, but passed through the formation without result. So it was the general belief that the Duke would be a duster. But still Dees did not abandon his well. If he had done so, there was the chance of forfeiting the leases. So day after day, the fire flared in the boiler, the steam hissed, the crew was busy, with the drill, it was said later, ten feet off the bottom of the hole. It was Monday night, September 2, 1918. The crew was drilling away on Harvey's test, expecting nothing out of the ordinary. The people in Desdemona had gone to bed at an early hour, just as the inhabitants had always done in the serene half century of the hamlet's existence.

There was a roar; a tower of oil soared towards the stars; then instantly there came a flash and the derrick was flaming. Scant minutes later, the machinery was a twisted mass of metal, the derrick was in ashes and the oil was a column of billowing, following fire.

So vivid was the glare that in Ranger, twenty five miles away, a night watchman thought it came from a blaze at the edge of the city. The entire population of Desdemona came pell-mell to talk and marvel.

The next day hundreds gathered as near the gusher as safety permitted. Estimated as making 10,000 barrels of oil, the well represented a daily loss of wealth that was the equivalent of the yield of hundreds of sandy acres planted in peanuts and harvested in back breaking toil.

A pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night it symbolized deliverance from hardship and sacrifice and unending toil and entrance into the land of milk and honey, the inhabitants felt.

The flaming well emblazoned the name of Desdemona on the consciousness of the nation. At night a newspaper could be read in the town by the intense light of the huge torch, a mile and a half away.

The news of the strike was not long getting to thousands watching the Ranger district and the night after the discovery many slept in the cold on the vacant lots in Desdemona. Some were accommodated by the residents of the village but with all they could do many could not be cared for.

Although in March, 1919, only eight wells were completed, by July the operations had so multiplied that fifty four new wells, besides nine dry holes, was the month's record.

In October 1919, there three hundred wells drilling and seven hundred fifty were awaiting equipment.

The reason for the more frenzied operations at Hogtown was that a vast amount of land was not leased when the discovery was made and so the pool was a paradise for men with nothing more than the proverbial shoe string. Of two hundred and eighty eight wells drilling at one time, the companies and individual putting them down numbered ninety seven, not counting those having smaller interests in the ventures.

State Capitol Highlights

Texas House members will likely approve a hike in the gasoline or sales tax to fund a budget that Senate leaders call too skimpy to serve state needs.

The end-game, or brinkmanship, for the special session now appears to be between pro-tax factions arguing not whether but how high to raise new taxes.

In fact, state Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, labeled the House budget "irresponsible" and reflecting no leadership.

House Speaker Gib Lewis defended it as "well thought out." It slashes five percent from most agencies, and cuts \$500 million from higher education, \$200 million from welfare and \$100 million from the prison system.

Parker contends that House members could raise money easily by taxing a people who are not now paying any taxes, with very little effect on the average Texan.

Another Lottery Skirmish

But the tax picture was clouded when House Ways and Means Chairman James Hury, D-Galveston, raised the prospect of an eight-cent-per-gallon levy on gasoline.

The anti-tax forces, predominately Republicans, have been effectively cut out of the process by the Democratic leader-

ship in both chambers, to the point that Rep. Randy Pennington, R-Clear Lake, expressed doubts that anything meaningful is being accomplished.

Hury disagrees, calling the franchise tax overhaul the cornerstone of tax reform, and cautioned lawmakers not to fail to revise it, particularly since anti-lottery forces seemed to have the upper hand on that issue.

Ironically, the horse and dog racing lobbies are also working to defeat the state lottery, drawing a rebuke from Gov. Richards and a threat from the House lottery author.

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, warned he might start working to undo the new tax cut for parimutuel horseracing.

Hury and Parker Hury seemed to agree with Parker when he singled out lawyers, doctors and other professionals who make millions and pay no franchise taxes.

"The top 25 law firms in Texas earned \$1.7 billion last year and yet paid no franchise taxes," he said. He said the revised plan will spare "Mom and Pop" businesses which "pulled the state out of the economic doldrums."

On the Senate Side Meanwhile, senators avoided one scrap by adopting the House version of a bill creating a new Texas environmental agency, sending it to Gov.

Ann Richards, who is unhappy because it does not give her hire and fire authority.

The Senate also voted to merge several agencies into one new Texas Department of Transportation, likewise limiting her influence there.

Redistricting Battle The Texas House and Senate redistricting plans may be placed directly before a federal court in Washington, D.C., by-passing the normal clearance procedure of the U.S. Department of Justice, Speaker Lewis said.

Lewis said Rep. Tom Uher, the Bay City Democrat who chairs the House Redistricting Committee, suggested the idea to save time and trouble. "I agree with him," Lewis said.

He said he had discussed with Secretary of State John Hannah various approaches to getting plans approved.

7-Eleven, Lottery Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi wants to bar the sale of Texas Lottery tickets at 7-Eleven stores, because parent company Southland Corporation pleaded guilty to a felony charge of rigging school milk bids by its Florida dairy subsidiary.

Speaker Lewis disagreed with Berlanga, his former speaker pro tem, but added he didn't think advocates had the two-thirds House membership, or 100 votes, to pass the lottery amendment.

Lewis speculated the split was 84-43 for the lottery, but many lawmakers were non-committal.

Other Highlights • While lawmakers bite the budget bullet this week, 50 mental health agency employees were scheduled to attend a four-day management seminar in California costing taxpayers more than \$43,000 in travel expenses.

• A recent Texas Poll indicates 56 percent of Texans are against raising state college tuition.

• Attorney General Dan Morales said "the insidious spread of gang-related violence" is a major challenge facing Hispanics, and suggested the 13,000 gang members in Texas



A bicycle team 'Across America For Sight First' traveled through Eastland County last week. McComb Lions Club is helping sponsor this trip. The team began July 14 in San Diego, California, and will travel to Savannah, Georgia, which will be a total of 2450 miles. The team is made up of Buz Dyer and Tom Patterson. Their aim is to address the problems of world blindness by providing service where critical needs exist. Over 30 million people worldwide are blind now. They are now able with funds to help prevent or reverse 80 percent of world blindness.

Mr. Patterson says "Texas is the heart of the trip by now. We have our hearts in the trip."

Donations may be sent to McComb Lions Club, P.O. Box 128, McComb, Ohio 45858.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Dyer would like to express their appreciation to The Sleephouse in Eastland for providing them a room for their stay in Eastland.

needed "windows of opportunity," not more prisons.

• Former state Rep. Dick Waterfield resigned from the Texas Department of Agriculture last week, but denied he used a racial slur in a meeting with a loan applicant, as the unsuccessful applicant alleged.

• Dallas Republican Barry Williamson, who served in the administrations of Presidents Reagan and Bush, is indicating he plans to run for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission. Williamson named former GOP state Chairman Chet Upham as his campaign treasurer.

• Eight Miami residents, including two school board members, have filed a lawsuit against County Education District 14, charging the state's new education finance law is unconstitutional.

Eastland Telegram, Cisco Press, Ranger Times, Callahan County Star, The Rising Star Thursday, August 8, 1991

Protection Against Misleading Ads

A new law to combat mail scams is expected to provide much needed protection to Social Security beneficiaries besieged by various solicitations under the cover of official-looking envelopes. Called the Deceptive Mailings Prevention Act, the new law gives the United States Postal Service specific power to stop delivery of mail that gives the impression it is connected with the Government.

The law says that any envelope (or the face of any postcard) that includes a name, seal, insignia, term or symbol that could reasonably cause it to be mistaken for

a mailing from the Government will not be delivered unless there is also a prominent 'disclaimer.' The disclaimer must appear on the envelope (or face of the postcard), and must clearly state that the mailing is not made or endorsed by the Government.

Many companies use "Social Security" or "Medicare" as a "come-on to get people to read their advertisements. Even worse, some of these ads appear to deliberately try to mislead people into thinking they have to respond or they might lose Social Security or Medicare benefits.

Here are the steps you should take if you receive mail you think violates this new law. First, you can go to your local post office, explain why you're concerned about the mailing, and ask the people there to forward the mailing to the Postal Inspector's Office.

Or, if you prefer, you can send in a complaint directly to the Chief Postal Inspector, at this address: Chief Postal Inspector United States Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20260-2100

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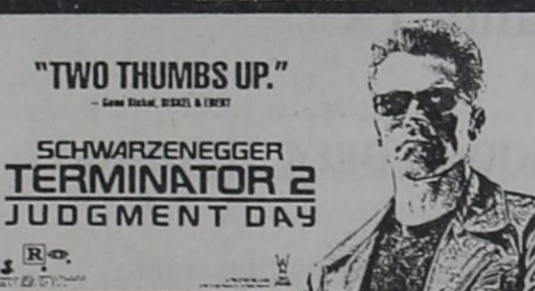
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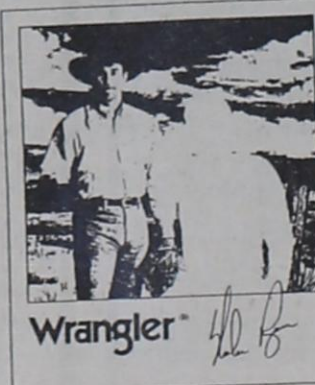
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Fishing Outdoors

by Terry L. Wilson

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For more information call toll free 1-800-792-1112 ext. 4999 or 512-389-4999.

Anglers around the area are facing some tough

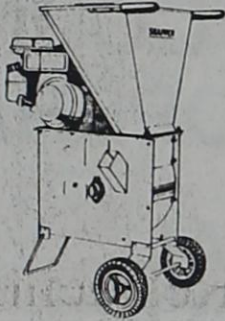
fishing at present. But one factor that can help many is often overlooked. During these hot Texas summer heat exhaustion can and does affect your fishing. Lots of water, and a sport drink such as Gatorade are recommended. But often these just don't quench that thirst. Natural juices have been a standard with the pro anglers to combat fatigue from heat. Grapefruit, pineapple, orange, and so on. One of my favorites is V-8 juice. And all of these juices are healthy for you also. Alternate your drink breaks out so as not to become blotted from too much water.

Leon's bass are slow to 3 pounds with jigs and crankbaits, crappie good in numbers but small using minnows.

Brownwood's bass are good in numbers but most are under 14 inches using buzz baits and worms. Crappie are good with limits numerous on minnows.

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Hubbard's bass are good to 4 pounds using slugs early, a few fish on worms; crappie are fair in main lake brushpiles.

The final Anglers Choice Northwest Team event will take place August 11, 1991. A number of area teams are in the race for the top 15 spots. Those qualifying in the top 15 will be heading to Texoma in October to compete with anglers from 5 states, for over \$100,000 in boats, cash and sponsor prizes. This year's sponsors have been Ranger Boats, Yamaha Outboards, Evans Motors, Lowrance Electronics, Zebco Motor Guide, Eagle, Jawtec Jigs; Check It Stik by Bingham; Boat Buddy; Poe's Lures, Strem and Prime Plus Jawtec Worms, Outdoor Trails and Tournament Angler Neves.

Anglers have received sponsor prizes at each of the seven qualifying events and will be receiving complete packages at the Classic. Next year some surprises are in store for anglers who compete in these events. More boats, 6 this year and a possible 6 more for 1992. This is why anglers choice is growing so fast, anglers fish for more than just their own money.

Terry L. Wilson

11th Court Of Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas:

AFFIRMED

11-90-263-CR Richard Guerra v. State of Texas. - Erath. (Per Curiam Opinion)

APPEAL DISMISSED

11-91-092-CV P. O. Sample v. O. D. Finance, Inc.-Shelby. (Per Curiam Opinion)

SUBMITTED & GRANTED

11-90-045-CR Curtis Weeks v. State of Texas.-Walker. Appellant's motion requesting oral argument.

11-90-113-CR Jesse Bernard Jackson v. State of Texas. - Harris. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-91-028-CR Wesley Truitt Dixon v. State of Texas.-Stephens. State's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-91-074-CR Terry Eugene Barney v. State of Texas. - Taylor. Appellant's motion for permission to file supplemental transcript.

11-91-081-CR Keunte Darell Johnson v. State of Texas.-Smith. Appellant's

motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-91-092-CV P. O. Sample v. O. D. Finance, Inc.-Shelby. Appellant's motion to dismiss appeal.

11-91-109-CV Employees Retirement System of Texas v. Wanda Bass.-Upshur. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-91-152-CR Kenneth Douglas Kidwell v. State of Texas. - Erath. Appellant's motion for permission to file late transcript.

CASES SUBMITTED

11-91-036-CR Jackie Barney Hooper v. State of Texas.-Palo Pinto.

11-91-088-CV Dan Thomas v. Oscar Strain.-Anderson.

11-91-101-CV Dan Thomas v. Marshall Herklotz.-Anderson.



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By Bob Mueller

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The beta carotene in carrots and broccoli may help prevent heart attacks in people with clogged arteries, Harvard researchers found. Participants in the study actually took beta carotene supplements.

Army researchers are developing a new way to deliver antibiotics directly to a wound: sprinkle-on, sustained-release microcapsules. One dose would last up to six weeks.

A study from Finland indicates that vitamins A and E can ease the suffering that comes with rheumatoid arthritis.

More folks around the country are switching from water supplied by municipal water systems to bottled spring water. Since spring water isn't fluoridated for cavity protection, many dentists now recommend fluoride supplements available as rinses, tablets, gels or drops.

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Senior Citizens Center

by Marjorie West

Marion and Marjorie West attended the funeral of Annie Maples Loyd in Brownwood Tuesday morning. Marion and Annie were classmates at the Romney school.

Eddie and Linda Armstrong visited Winnie and James Armstrong last week. Sheila and Jake Senkirk from Bangs also visited.

Bobby and Inez Elliott's visitors Tuesday were a niece and her husband, Betty and John McDonald, from Silsbee. They were visiting John's daddy in Cisco; he was in the Eastland hospital having a bunch of tests run.

Marion and Marjorie West went to Fort Worth Friday. They visited Lucille and Weldon Stillwell. Saturday the Wests went to Carrollton and visited their daughter, Wanda Brown, and family. Sunday the Wests visited Marion's cousins, Nina and Clyde Bryant and daughter, Letisha, in Arlington. They enjoyed every visit they had. It was a rushing trip but they had the yard flowers and pets to take care of back home.

Mary Carroll had gone

with her sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Dowell West of Abilene, to Grand Prairie to visit Henry and Inez Robinson. Twenty-five people came Monday for "Meals on Wheels" luncheon. We would be glad to have more people to come in for lunch and play "42" call 643-5141 by 9:45 a.m. to get a plate reserved for you.

We are glad Edith Bostick is doing better, but she is not able to fill her place as Vice President of our club just yet. The other officers are filling in for her and we hope she will be well real soon.

Berna Lee chick enjoyed visits from two of her granddaughters Whitten

and Jerrilea Ann Hubble and great-granddaughter, Kiela BreeAnn Whitten, this weekend. They visited Donna Priest Sunday evening.

Stamford Horton is in a nursing home in Kerrville. He is recovering from pneumonia.

Sally and Ray Hutchinson have returned from a vacation and family reunion in West Virginia.

Have a good week!

Pioneer Patchwork

by Irma Miller

Jewel Foster and her brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Akins of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Akins of Cisco, had a mini-reunion at Jewel's house on Saturday. Later on in the afternoon, Charles and Lucille Foster came from Clyde and brought their son, Doug and his two sons, Steve and Charles, from Arizona. They took the boys to see the rodeo in Cross Plains.

Has everyone noticed the new signs on the Pioneer Store? Just lately, the signs, one facing west and the other facing north, were put up. They read, "Pickett's Pioneer Store," and Donna and Pee Wee are justifiably proud of their store's new look.

Jerry Fleming of McLean came to visit his mother and father, Joe and Nell Fleming, after Nell's surgery, lately. Also, Mrs. Cleo Barton of the community visited Saturday.

Ruby and Lynn Daniel spent Friday night and Saturday at Lake

Brownwood with their daughter, Barbara Athans.

John and Irma Miller spent the weekend in the Metroplex visiting with their two daughters and husbands. On Saturday they took two of their grandchildren, Steven and Mark Lipstraw and their daughter, Becky Lipstraw, to see "Blue Planet" at the Omni Theater in the Science and History Museum complex in Fort Worth. "Blue Planet" shows spectacular views of the earth and things and people living on it. It shows the natural

forces and the man-made forces which affect the earth. The viewing experience was, like that of the IMAX theater in Houston, quite unforgettable.

Two grandchildren of Laverne and Cowan Hutton, Noah's children, Melissa Hutton of Savannah, Ga. and Matt Hutton of Anton, spent the summer with Cowan and Laverne.

Rising Star Nursing Center

Vickie Majors,

Activity Director

MON: We did in-room activities and exercises, passed out mail and played bingo. Players were Daisy Smoot 1, Mary Hord 3, Rose Nichols 3, Lena Scott 3, Velma Baker 3, Ruby Booth 1, Addie Green 2, Pauline Hill, Opal Gattis 4, and Lou Gardner called bingo for us.

TUE: We did care plans, passed out mail and Ruby McCowen and Bobby Jack was here to sing for us.

WED: We did ring toss and exercises, passed out mail and played bingo. Players were Daisy Smoot 2, Opal Gattis 3, Rose Nichols 3, Helen Mitchell 2, Manon Cox 4, Addie Green 4, Pauline Hill 3, Velma Baker 5, Ruby

Booth 1, Mary Hord 5 and Buster Rixford 1.

THU: Activity director was out.

FRI: We did exercises and some residents sat out on patio and we played bingo. Players were Daisy Smoot 2, Helen Mitchell 3, Jenney Turner 4, Velma Baker 4, Addie Green 2, Pauline Hill 3, Ruby Booth 1, Lena Scott 6 and Buster Rixford 2.

Visiting with Alma Armstrong were Vida Baulkum and Lorena Wright.

We would like to thank the First Baptist church for Sunday services.

The Sound of Gospel canceled on August 8 and will be here August 15 at 6:30.

Sipe Springs News

The Sipe Springs Homecoming was well attended both Saturday night and Sunday. People attended from far away places.

Mrs. Opal Whiteside had as her guests Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lacy, Dee Brown and wife and Ruby Burrows and all attended the homecoming.

Mr. Elton Richardson of Levelland visited friends and attended the homecoming.

The Clyde Hogan family came from various places to meet the Barton

and Jones families at homecoming Sunday.

Oran Buddy and Arthur Hansford visited friends and attended homecoming.

Guests at Mae Leonard's over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Simons and children, Sherry Morgan and Julie Morgan, Linda Thompson, Gary Leonard, Marilyn and Don Leonard, Gayle Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. Nonnie Leonard Jr.; all attended the homecoming.

Other visitors of Mae Leonard during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garden of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stokes of Brownwood, Howard Barton of Archer City, Tommi Guthery of Gorman and George Leonard of Rising Star.

Mrs. Bailey McKeehan of Mador visited her brothers and attended the Homecoming.

Mrs. Ruby Boswell spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Boswell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boles of Levelland visited Mrs. Ruby Wyatt on Sunday.

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AUGUST 9

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Obituaries

Grace Goss

Grace Goss, 88, died July 16 in a local nursing center. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. July 17 at Rising Star Cemetery with the Rev. Darrell Dossey officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Goss was born in McGregor, moved to Rising Star from Ballinger 20 years ago and was a graduate of Baylor University.

She taught school in the San Angelo Independent School District for 40 years before retiring.

She was a Baptist and the widow of Howard H. Goss.

Survivors include a stepson, Bob Goss of Lancaster.

ices were held at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Fort Worth Monday with burial in Escanaba, Mich. on Wednesday.

He was a frequent visitor to Rising Star and was owner and editor of the *Eastside News* for many years and later with the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* until he became ill. An accomplished musician, he played with the Dallas Cowboy band for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly; four sons, three daughters and five grandchildren, all of Fort Worth; two sisters, Ruth Griffin of Rising Star and Eva Hoffman of Janesville, Wis.; and several nieces and nephews.

Jane Thomas Landers

STEPHENVILLE - Jane Thomas Landers, 32, died Saturday at a local hospital. Services were at 4 p.m. Monday at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Everett Yielding of

Defensive Driving Class

Eastland County Defensive Driving Class will offer classes on Defensive Driving Saturday, August 10th, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Mountain Top

Church Family Center at 600 East Eight Street, Cisco. The evening class will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 19th and 20th, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the T U Electric Reddy room at 113 East Commerce in Eastland.

To enroll or for further information, please call 442-2673 or 442-4479.

Survivors include a son, Jeremy McVay of Menton; a daughter, Robin Brown of Hico, her mother, Jodeen Thomas of Eastland and Michael Thomas and Steven Thomas, both of Stephenville; five sisters, Diane Schwartz of Bryan, Melanie Thomas of Bryan, Gina Thomas of Eastland, Christy Constantin and Dena Walker, both of Houston; and two grandmothers, Lavora Smith and Flossie Boyd, both of Brownwood.



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Stephen Reich, Nimrod 4-H - 1st Place.
LEADERSHIP:
Jeremy Keith, Olden 4-H - 1st Place.

ENTOMOLOGY:
Joanna Wallace, Ranger 4-H - 1st Place.

HOME ECONOMICS ACHIEVEMENT: Cathy Thomas, Eastland Sr. 4-H - 1st Place.

SHEEP: Ricky Agnew, Nimrod 4-H - Participant Award.

AGRICULTURE: Tommy Thompson, Nimrod 4-H - 2nd Place.

First Place senior Record Books will advance to State 4-H Record Book judging at Texas A & M University on August 12-13-14. Best of luck to the following who will be competing on state level judging: Stephen Reich, Jeremy Keith, Cathy Thomas and Joanna Wallace. Winners at State win the honor to attend National 4-H Congress in Chicago during December 7-11.

Janet Thomas, Eastland County Extension Agent; and Shelly Bailey, Eastland 4-H Leader, will serve as judges for the State Judging.

DISTRICT 84-H FASHION SHOW RESULTS:

The District 84-H Fashion Show was held recently in Marble Falls, Texas. Over 225 4-Hers from 18 Central Texas counties competed for top honors.

Congratulations to Felicity Byars, of Eastland Sr. 4-H Club. Felicity was recognized as the overall modeling award winner for the junior division. Felicity was entered in the construction division - non-tailored day wear.

Lacy Knight, of Rising Star 4-H, was a third place high point winner in the sub-junior consumer buying division.

County 'Parenting Education Coalition'

The Eastland County "Parenting Education Coalition" provides an opportunity for people, organizations, churches, agencies, and others concerned about parenting to develop and support a coordinated parenting education effort in our county.

The Extension Service has established a state parenting resource library at Texas A & M University and we will be able to borrow video tapes and other teaching materials to use in our program efforts.

The Coalition is now in the planning stages to sponsor programs in the county. We welcome assistance and input from organizations and parents. We're hoping to make this a real county-wide effort, but can only do that with the help of

PTO's, churches, day care centers, and lots of other groups where parents are involved.

The Parenting Education Coalition meets the 4th Wednesday at noon at K-Bob's for dutch treat lunch and meeting.

Anyone interested in learning more or being a member is invited to attend these meetings. For additional information contact Mrs. Janet Thomas at (817) 629-2222.

Kori Collins, of Rising Star 4-H, won a participation ribbon. Kori was in the sub-junior construction division.
CONGRATULATIONS!!!
LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRIES DUE FOR 4-HERS

4-H members wanting to enter the state Fair of Texas, West Texas Fair and Rodeo, Central Texas State Fair, Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo, or Washington County Fair may pick up entry forms at the County Extension Office. Completed entry cards and fees must be returned to the County Extension Office on or before Monday, August 12, 1991.

children grow up in the traditional, simple, nuclear family with the father the breadwinner and the mother at home caring for the children. Today many families "live in the fast lane" with both parents working which certainly adds to the stress of family life. We are also a mobile society and often families do not live close to grandparents or other relatives so there is a lack of family support.

Cisco Junior Rodeo Set In August

Cisco Junior Rodeo will be August 16 and 17. Admission will be as follows: Adults-\$2, Students-\$1, and children under five are free. Age groups will be 10 and under, 11-14 and 15-19. Age as of Jan. 1, 1991. There will be six Montana Silversmith belt buckles given away to the All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl in each age group, Saturday night. For more information contact 817-442-1063 or 817-442-2426.

Developmental Screening to Be Held in Eastland

A developmental screening will be held for young children ages zero to three at the Eastland County MHRM Center on 301 Pogue St. in Eastland 9-11 a.m. August 28.

The screening, which takes about 20 minutes to complete, tests a young child in four areas; personal/social skills (playing, eating, dressing, etc.), fine motor skills (ability to manipulate small objects), gross motor skills (running, jumping, etc.), and language development (speech, following instructions, etc.). If a

child is found to have two or more delays in one area, there is further testing available or referral to the appropriate agency. The purpose of Early Childhood Intervention is to identify and correct as many problems as possible for young children. Early detection of young children's delays have proven beneficial to the child, parents, and teachers.

CJC Abilene Campus Pre-Registration Is to Begin August 21-22

Pre-registration for the fall 1991 semester will be due at time of registration.

Regular registration at the Abilene campus will be August 26 and August 27 from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Night registration will be August 26 from 6 p.m. through 8 p.m.

COUNTY 4-H FOODS WORKSHOP

Countywide 4-H Foods Workshop will be Thursday, August 8th in the Eastland Senior Citizen Center which is located in the City Park by the pool.

The Workshop agenda includes:

8:45 A.M. - Registration.

9:00 A.M. - Overview of Foods Project - Agent.

10:00 A.M. - Fad Diets - Rising Star 4-Hers.

10:30 A.M. - Food Safety - Eastland Jr. 4-Hers.

11:00 A.M. - Get Fit...Physical Fitness - Ranger 4-Hers.

11:30 A.M. - Opportunities - Let's Enter the Food Show - Cathy Thomas, Eastland 4-H.

* Lightenup Project - Agent.

* Method Demonstration Contest.

12:00 Noon - Sack Lunch in the Park.

* Brink sack Lunch.

* Drinks Furnished.

1:00 P.M. - "Bread in a Bag" Workshop - Agent and 4-H Jr. Leaders.

Pre-Registration Deadline - August 6th.

(Call the Extension Office - I need a headcount to have ample supplied for Bread Workshop.)

Cost: \$2.00 (for Bread Workshop supplies and refreshments.) **What To Bring:** Bring a bread loaf pan. When you leave the workshop you will have a delicious loaf of bread rising-ready to bake when you get home!

4-H JUNIOR LEADER NEWS

Attention 4-H Junior Leaders!!!

It is time for us to regroup and promote 4-H! We will sponsor a 4-H promotion booth at Walmart on Saturday, August 10th, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. If any of you can help, please call Janet Thomas, 4-H Junior Leader Advisor, at 629-2222.

All 4-Hers 13 years of age or older are invited to become an active 4-H teen leader. The 4-H Junior Leader Association

meets the 2nd Sunday afternoon, 2:30 - 3:30 P.M. of the month.

EASTLAND COUNTY 4-HERS WIN!!!

Eastland County 4-Hers excelled in the District 84-H Record Book Judging Contests. The 4-H Record Books include the 4-Hers project(s) growth and size, leadership and citizenship/community service activities. The over-all growth and development of the 4-H member is emphasized. Mrs. Janet Thomas, Eastland County Extension Agent, states that of the 16 record books submitted for district judging, 9 were high point winners in their divisions. This year's Record Books were of top quality.

Results Included:

Sub-Junior:
BREAD: Leigh Henke, Cisco 4-H - 2nd Place.

WOOD SCIENCE: Jessica Keith, Olden 4-H - 1st Place.

AG ACHIEVEMENT: Tommy Seay, Olden 4-H - 1st Place.

FOODS & NUTRI.: Racheal Bush, Rising Star 4-H - 2nd Place.

SWINE: Jeremy Orsage, Olden 4-H - Participant Award.

HORSE: Blair Bailey, Rising Star 4-H - 1st Place.

Juniors: DAIRY GOAT: Kimberly Reich, Nimrod 4-H - 1st Place.

SWINE: Kirby Bush, Rising Star 4-H - 3rd Place.

FOOD & NUTRI.: Niki Cozart, Ranger 4-H - 1st Place.

Senior: HORSE: Holly Greenwood, Ranger 4-H - 2nd Place.

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John May - Heads a Growing Bank, A New Era

John W. May, President of the Citizens State Bank in Gorman, has a smile that seems to come naturally. But the young Banker has extra things to smile about these days, and he wraps a lot of them up in the world "peanuts."

May has interesting figures he brings out, sitting there in his office on the south side of the bank.

"Eastland County had 26,000 acres of peanuts in 1990," he says, glancing across the papers on his desk. "There was \$10,500,000 worth of peanuts sold, with bonus payments as high as \$950 per ton.

"Add to that the high prices for cattle and the good hay crops - and you see what has helped Citizens State Bank come from \$13 million in assets in 1986 to over \$16 million now.

"We've had at least two real good years for peanuts, and the '91 crop looks good too. Of course the price is governed a lot by what happens in Georgia. Another shortfall there could cause big bonus payments again here."

The office where May is discussing agriculture and banking is a pleasant blend of the old and new. A carpet in dark rose, wood paneling, southwestern paintings and art objects.

Nearby, the bank lobby reflects May's cheerful tone and his sunny office. This atmosphere is quite a contrast to Feb. 27 1986 when in this same building the First National Bank of Gorman was declared insolvent by the FDIC.

The end of First National was a shock to Eastland County. This was the oldest bank in the county and had been known as a strong institution. In 1975 the bank had moved into this modern brick building.

But First National, when declared insolvent, was sold to a newly-formed Holding Company, Mid-Tex BancShares of Fort Worth. The new bank opened March 7, 1986 as the Citizens State Bank.

Doyle Dale became the Interim President, and he and bank employees assured customers that



Citizens State Bank President John May reports that agriculture is a big plus for the Gorman bank.

checks on their First National accounts would be honored. Most customers also got the impression that Citizens State Bank truly wanted to be a part of the community.

John May began work at the Gorman bank in 1987, and became President Jan. 1, 1991. He also serves on the Board of Directors, Chairman of this Board is A. G. Cummings.

"The Holding Company for the bank is now based in Gorman," May says. But he goes on to explain that considerable shares of the bank stock are owned in Lometa, where a sister-bank of Citizens State is located. The group also has a branch bank in Lampassas.

Obviously these banks are all located where agriculture is important to the communities. It's important to May, too - who comes from people

who depended on farming and ranching for a living. He is a seventh-generation descendant of early Texas colonists, with part of them with a group known as the "Old 300."

John May's family was living in Burnett when he was born, but moved to Brownwood afterward. His father had a cattle auction business in Brownwood, so he learned about the business aspect of ranching early.

John says he first became interested in banking when he worked in a mailroom at the First National Bank in Brownwood. At Texas Tech he studied General Business, then got a full-time bank job in 1975 at First Comanche Bank, Comanche. He held several other bank positions before coming to Gorman.

During that time he married, and he and his

wife, Lisa, have two children.

When asked about his duties at Citizens State Bank, May says an important one is to oversee the daily operations of the bank. There are 12 employees here, and he is available to them or customers who need to discuss things.

"I'm the only loan officer here - I make the decisions on all types of loans," he says.

He adds that some good loans are available now.

"Of course I can't loan to everyone who walks in the door," he explains. "But basically a bank is supposed to serve the needs of the community." He says there have been a lot of changes in banking just since his career began.

"Many of the changes are regulatory," he says. "There's increase in documentation - you have to conform to new banking laws. I'm afraid signature loans are out."

He calls the huge increases in FDIC insurance an "added burden." He does say that he feels that Texas Banking Industry is on the upswing, however, recovering from the drought and collapse of oil prices in the 1980's.

He describes Gorman as a "hardy little town," and says this area has come out a lot better than some other places during the recent recession. It's the land that has again pulled people through - those fertile fields of deep loam and sand and oak woodlands.

But he realizes the area needs more industrial base to go with the agri-

Guest Slot By HVO

BECAUSE WE'VE been asked, here's how we're voting in the TWO elections to be held Aug. 10th:

In the Amendment (State) Vote, we'll mark FOR the two amendments.

In the School vote, we'll vote AGAINST No. One (taxing personal property), and FOR Two and Three (on exemptions.)

Books Make Good Friends

The City Library is open Thursday mornings. New books are available.

culture. May says he wonders sometimes about the future - what political decisions are going to do to the type of farming here. "Mainly it's what will be done about the peanut program and imports," he says. He, like other bankers in the area, appears to be wary of the GATT proceedings going on right now.

China is one of the biggest peanut producers in the world," he remarks. "What's going to happen if they get turned loose on our producers?"

"I think if the peanut program fails the alternative would be to plant coastal Bermuda on the acreage here and run livestock."

He adds that what Gorman and Eastland County needs is some type of manufacturing industry. The Eastland County Economic Development group is working hard to secure companies that will bring jobs to the area, he says. He is a member of the group and glad to be associated with it.

"This is the way we're going to get things done - all working together," he remarks.

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Refund to Customers

ment reduction in its base rates that brought the average cost of its wholesale power back to the level it was in the mid-1970s.

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Rising Star 4-Hers Attend Camp at Texas 4-H Center



Thirteen members of the Rising Star 4-H Club attended County Camp July 12-13. At camp they participated in various workshops such as recreation, nature, archery, rifle and canoeing. They all enjoyed swimming and a Hootenany Party. Chance Schaefer served as a teen helper at camp. Dedria Emert (who is not pictured) served as a teen counselor and part of the program committee for camp.

Schaefer, Judy Ware, Chance Schaefer, Kirby Bush, (front) Tracy Clark, Blair Bailey, Amy Agnew, Rachael Bush. Adult sponsors were Frank and Peggy Agnew and Shelly Bailey.

Camp was a blast this year. Eastland County shared camp space with Stephens County.

The entire camp group was presented a program on "Ecology and How to Save the Earth" by the Texas State 4-H Center Counselors and a program called "Buckle your Bod" by Eastland County 4-H Council. Both programs were very educational and entertaining.

Local Girls Attend Basketball Camp

Heather Wright, Teri Hardwick and Rachel McInnis attended the Cisco Lady Wrangler Basketball Camp during the last week of July.

Heather Wright of Rising Star was considered in the top five of the best ball handlers and the top five of the best defensive rebounders, and her team, The Lakers, received second over all.

Teri Hardwick of May received a trophy for first place spot shooting and was considered in the top

five best offensive players. Her team was awarded third over all. Together Heather Wright and Teri Hardwick were awarded most talented.

Rachel McInnis was picked for one of the top five of the fighting Lady Wranglers. Her team was awarded first in the Little Wrangler division.

These girls will work hard in basketball season and will return to Cisco next year for further instruction and experience.

Brazos Electric Will Refund to Customers

Customers of Brazos Electric Cooperative in August will receive a \$2,994,535 refund for fuel overcollections. The refund is due to the availability of economical power that Brazos Electric purchased during the first five months of the year combined with lower than expected gas costs at the cooperative's generating plants.

In 1989, the cooperative's gas costs were the third lowest of any generating utility in the state, and in 1990, they were the second lowest according to a Public Utility Commission report. In February 1990, Brazos Electric also implemented a perma-

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Based on projected sales in August, this refund will mean a savings of \$5.50 per 1,000 kWh of usage at the wholesale level. It will have different effects on the retail consumers of Brazos Electric's 27 wholesale customers over the next few months. The refund will be passed through to end consumers of Brazos Electric's member cooperatives as an adjustment to the power cost recovery factor. This is the second fuel refund the Waco-based generation and transmission electric cooperative has provided customers this year.

"We continue to find ways to save our member cooperatives money," said Richard E. McCaskill, executive vice president and general manager of the cooperative. "That is the very purpose and nature of an electric cooperative."

Golf Scramble at Lakewood to Be August 10-11

The Lakewood Golf Course has scheduled a 4-Person Scramble Tournament for Saturday and Sunday, August 10-11. Entry fee will be \$60 per person, which includes your meal, mulligans and contests. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each flight.

Tee off times will be 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day. There will be a Longest Drive Contest on Hole #4, and a Closest to the Pin on Hole #3 on Satur-

day only. A \$50 prize will be given to the winner of each contest.

The fish dinner will be served after play on Saturday. Plates will be available at \$5 each for club members and guests.

This is a 4-Person Tournament, so even a team of four women can play.

Get your team together and call the Pro Shop at 817/643-7792 to enter. Lakewood is located midway between Rising Star and Cross Plains.

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Rising Star ISD Communicator by Donald E. Bryan

tives, and adverb to "paint a picture" with words. Students used the computer to draw a picture and then write a story about the picture.

Since reading and writing are closely related, some of the same skills were worked on sequencing and predicting words or phrases that come next in the text.

Math was aimed basically at problem solving. Each week the students completed a problem solving activity either in a large group, small group, or individually.

the extended year program was a success because each student that attended on a regular basis showed improvement in some areas. It was important to take each individual on their level and work from there.

We express our appreciation to Susan DeLong Harrelson and Pam Thompson for teaching these classes. Appreciation is also extended to Sue Harris and Paula Collins for their help as teacher aides.

The new building project is making progress. We are very anxious about moving into the new facility sometime in March 1992.

Two unusual requests were made in my office this summer. One gentleman came in wanting to buy some "Beware of Dog" signs of course I directed him to another vendor in our community, but to this day I cannot understand why one would enter the Superintendents office requesting such a sign. The other incident involved an elderly gentleman entering my office requesting a haircut and a shoe shine. I told him that I could give him a shoe shine but that the barber shop had been closed for about six years.

We want to express our appreciation to you for allowing us to work with your children in the hope that we can help you in providing them with the appropriate tools to function in a very competitive and productive society.

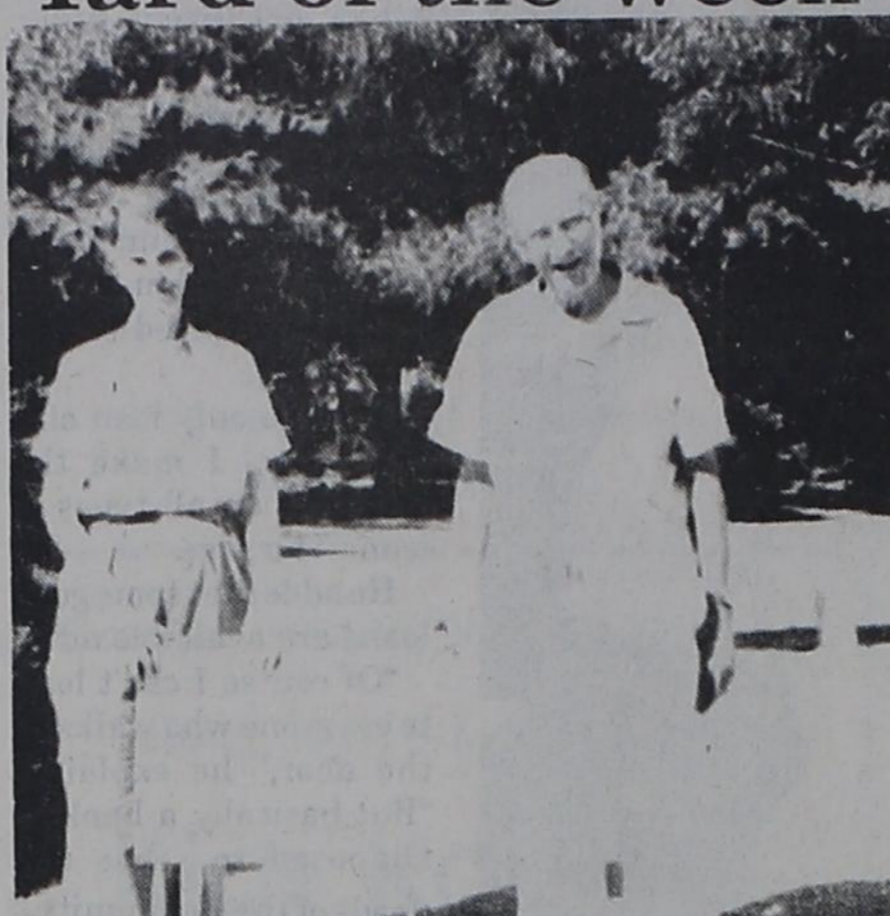
Should you have questions my door is always open or call at 643-2717.

Orientation for Substitute Teachers Will Be Wednesday

Patrons of the Rising Star ISD interested in performing substitute teacher responsibilities during the 1991-92 school year are requested to attend a substitute teacher orientation between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on August 14 in the Rising Star ISD Business Office (Old Tax

Office). Information such as payroll and daily operations will be discussed. The district is soliciting all persons with college degrees, college hours, or a high school diploma to apply for substitute teacher position. Daily pay is \$30 per day.

Last Week's Star Pride Yard of the Week



The well tended yard of Mutt and LaVerne Carroll has responded to a different caretaker for the past few months while its usual tender has recovered from surgery. Mutt took over both yard and household duties when LaVerne had to be hospitalized and both areas retained their well cared for looks.

The Carrolls moved into their home about 25 years ago and have achieved the good looks and maintained them through the years. The extremely hard freeze a year and a half ago damaged their lawn as it did many others, but the St. Augustine grass they put in soon after moving there has made a good comeback.

A crape myrtle, out of view of the camera, brings welcome color to the August landscape. It was tree size before the freeze damage, but the plant is still very large.

Mutt and LaVerne have two sons, five grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Both are graduates of Rising Star schools and Mutt grew up here, while LaVerne grew up in the Okra community.

Lakewood News

by Betty Westerman

We're still having our weekly Thursday scrambles. There have been anywhere from 30-45 players each week. You get to play with different people each week, and we all really have a lot of fun.

Kyle Coker will be going to Frost to coach. He and Chad will become Polar Bears. They don't have a golf program there yet, but I'm sure Kyle will get one started.

We sure will miss you Coach, and also Chad, Craig, and Kyle. You guys

have always participated in anything we have going on. And you had finally gotten Lana involved too. I have enjoyed playing golf with all of you this summer, as I know we all have. You be sure to stop by and play a round with us anytime you are in the area.

We appreciate all of the local teams each time. Don't forget our 4-Person Tournament next weekend. They are always a lot of fun, and there isn't as much pressure when you have four shots to choose from. So get your team together and sign up.

School Supply Lists

First Grade

6 number 2 pencils, erasers, 1 box 24 count crayons, 1 box 8 count crayons, 1 large school glue, 1 large box kleenex, 1 kleen cut or safe-t-cut scissors, 1 school box (plastic), 1 package water color paints, 4 pocket folders, 1 ruler, nifty manuscript tablets (first grade), 1 package manilla paper,

1 box markers.

Kindergarten

2 box eight count crayons, 2 four ounce Elmer's glue, 2 number 2 pencils, 1 plain pencil top eraser, 1 pair crayola or durasharp scissors, 1 crayola or prang set of water colors, 1 package of construction paper, 1 box of kleenex, 1 mat for rest time, 1 school box.

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Gospel Meeting

minors in Greek, English, and Education. he has earned two Masters degrees in the area of Religious Education: his M.S. was taken at A.C.U. and an M.A. at Sul Ross University at Alpine. Mr. Cosgrove also earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of North Texas in 1976. With this educational background, he has served churches of Christ widely in lectures, gospel meetings, and teaching. he is the author and publisher of a series of 30 religious tracts that have a circulation of over 13 million.



Owen Cosgrove

Mr. Cosgrove and his wife (married in 1954) have four children. Thus, they join (and can identify with) tens of thousands of couples who have experienced the tensions of parenting in an age that has felt the onslaught of Satan against the family. his preaching and teaching reflect sympathy for both parents and young people who must face the societal problems of today. And, he points with emphasis to the Scriptures as the source in which are found God's own solutions to the problems of any age and any society.

Mr. Cosgrove is no stranger to Rising Star. He preached in the first gospel meeting held in the present building when it was first opened in 1966. Herschel McDonald, now an elder in the Church of Christ in Cisco, was the local preacher at that time. Cosgrove remem-

bers a number of folks, some who have since passed away, who were present as visitors from within the community during that meeting will be as good as back then.

All those in and near Rising Star have a cordial invitation to be the guest of the Rising Star Church of Christ during the four days of August 11-14, (Sunday through Wednesday). In a time when much of the religious world seems tottering on the brink of rank theological liberalism, with little respect for the Bible as the Divinely inspired word of God, it will be refreshing and uplifting to be able to hear solid, conservative, "straight-down-the-line" preaching of the Old Book that has thrilled the hearts of people throughout the years.

The schedule of services is as follows: Sunday: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, all services will be at 7:30.

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<p>Pillsbury Fudge Brownie Mix 21.5 oz. \$1.29</p>	<p>Chef Boyardee ABC's 123 15 oz. 2/\$1.00</p>	<p>Tic Tac Toes w/Cheese Sauce 15 oz. 2/\$1.00</p>
<p>Frito Lay Potato Chips 6 1/2 oz. Assort. \$1.19</p>	<p>Dr. Pepper 2 liter bottle Assort.-Diet-Caf. Free 99¢</p>	<p>Otis Spunkmeyer Muffins Assort. flavors 2/\$1.00</p>
<p>USDA Sirloin Steak \$2.99 lb.</p>	<p>USDA T-Bone Steak \$3.99 lb.</p>	<p>Strawberries 99¢ pint</p>

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