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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWS OF KENNARD

By Senior Class.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Smith and children visited in the William Gardner home Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Smith and children and Billie Lou Gardner were Sunday visitors in Pennington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gates and children visited in the home of Roy Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney West of Midway visited in the home of Charlie Caldwell.

Miss Peggy Turner visited in the home of Max Petty Sunday.

Mrs. Ned Beard and Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Beard visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harrison and Jimmie visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. English of Crockett Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Matchett of San Antonio spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Morgan and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Marvin Morgan of Center Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Arnold and family spent the weekend with relatives in Dallas.

LOVELADY GIRL MAKES GOOD

Miss Norma Dell Montezing, student of Stephens College in Columbus, Mo., has been elected secretary of the board of education for 1953-54. She is to be in charge of "Within the Ivy," general information, "Stephans College Year Book," and "Stand Out" magazine.

Norma has also been elected for two years in the opera, "Il Trovatore," impersonating the gypsy and a nun, to be presented at the college Tuesday night.

ALTO BALL CLUB COMING SUNDAY

The Alto baseball club will come to Crockett Sunday to meet the Crockett team. Manager Harold Belders arrived at noon Tuesday. Little is known here of the makeup of the Alto team for 1953, but past experience assures that it will furnish an interesting opponent for the new Pioneer lineup.

Belders said that the contest would get under way at 2:30 o'clock at the new diamond in City Park.

Tony Walks Off

The local sheriff's department was alerted Thursday to look out for a convict (Tony) who had walked off from the Eastham farm, near Walden. The prisoner who escaped was Tommy Holland Johnson, serving a ten-year sentence from Wichita county for robbery by assault.

Johnson was apprehended Thursday afternoon in the Trinity river bottom.

Huntsville Taps Holdings

The Huntsville High Hornets defeated the Crockett High Bulldogs in a district 18-A basketball game at Huntsville Tuesday, 7 to 0. Hayman Johnson had a splendid game for the Hornets. Bob Workley was on the mound for the Bulldogs. The last game on Crockett's 1953 schedule is at Fort Worth, Friday.

Fourth Birthdays

Little Miss Pamela Bradley, granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hollie Traynor, celebrated her fourth birthday at her grandparents' home Saturday afternoon, May 2, from 4 to 6. Some thirty-five children attended the party to help Pamela celebrate her birthday.

Friends Complimented

Mrs. Jack Beasley Jr. had an all-guests over the week-end and Mrs. Allan Cook, Mrs. Roy Goodwin and Mrs. T. F. Smith of Houston. She honored her house guests by having friends in for a brunch Sunday morning.

Little Bob Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baldwin of Houston, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Van Pelt.

Mrs. Josephine Edmiston visited in Houston over the weekend.

REGISTRANTS TO REPORT FOR INDUCTION

Crockett, Texas, May 1953.

The Crockett Courier, Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The following registrants from Houston and Madison counties have been ordered to report for induction in May 1953:

James Frank Smolles, General Delivery, Crockett.

R. W. Sowell Jr., Route 2, Grape-land.

Charlie Cloyce Reed, Route 1, Kennard.

Earl Wheeler, Bryan, Box 433, Crockett.

Carl Stokes Murray, Route 1, Crockett.

Robert Leslie King Jr., Crockett.

Lamuel Aron Drake, Route 1, North Zulch.

Cecil Ellis Parton, Route 1, Madisonville.

Thomas Edward Matchett, Box 34, Lovelady.

Arthur Harris, Rt. 2, Box 27K, Crockett.

Grady Glenn Strong, Star Route, Lovelady.

Henry Lee Taylor (transferred from Phoenix, Arizona) Crockett.

By direction of the Local Board: Thad B. Crawford, Clerk.

DISH WASHER AT CROCKETT HOTEL DIES SUDDENLY

Frank Patton, colored dish washer at the Crockett hotel, died suddenly in the kitchen of the Crockett hotel Sunday afternoon at a little after 1 o'clock. While engaged in his duties, he suddenly dropped to the floor of the kitchen. Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown Jr. and child were in the dining room of the hotel. Dr. Brown was immediately called into the kitchen, where he found Frank Patton lying on the floor. Patton's pulse had about ceased. After an examination Dr. Brown pronounced the patient dead from a heart stroke. Justice of the Peace McPhail was summoned. His decision was that the deceased had died of natural causes. A colored undertaker was called, and the body was taken in charge by the undertaker.

Frank Patton, the dish washer, was about 42 or 43 years old and enjoyed the friendship of all, both white and colored. He was a faithful and polite worker, always in a good humor. His immediate family left to mourn his passing are his wife and some children.

ATTEND MAY DAY IN GRAPELAND FLOWER SHOW

The annual flower show in Grape-land was well-attended by Crockett visitors Friday. "May Day in Grape-land" was the theme of the flower show this year, and the floral exhibits and displays were lovely.

Visitors attending from Crockett were Mrs. Earle Stowe, Mrs. J. L. Rogers, Mrs. Nat Patton, Mrs. Frank Hill, Mrs. J. L. Horton, Mrs. Claude Keeland, Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Mrs. E. C. Arledge, Mrs. Tom Waller, Mrs. Gar-land Ellis, Mrs. Vernon Garber, Mrs. W. H. Holcomb, Mrs. Smith Dailey and Mrs. Hattie Belle Milburn.

While at the flower show a group of Crockett visitors was graciously invited to the new home of Mrs. Homer Jones for cakes and a bit of pleasant conversation. Assisting Mrs. Jones were Mrs. Byron Maxwell and Mrs. J. E. Spence. Mrs. J. E. Spence is a sister of Mrs. Smith Dailey of Crockett.

Marshall Death

Mrs. Evie Mauthe died suddenly at her home in Marshall Sunday afternoon. She was born and reared in Houston county, but had resided in Marshall all her married life. She is survived by one son, Nelson Mauthe of Dallas; three grandsons; three sisters, Mrs. Labbie McClain, Mrs. Winnie Mae Kelley and Mrs. Hattie Murchison, all of Crockett; one brother, Jimmie Tom Box, of Madisonville. Funeral services were held in Marshall Tuesday.

JAYCEES PLAN FOR FIDDLERS FESTIVAL

The fiddlers' festival will be held this year on the good old summer-time day of June 12. Committees have been appointed and are: Program committee, Bill Carter, Ralph Magill and C. L. Parrish; contestant entry committee, Don Curry; advertising, H. E. Munden, Roger Brown and John Ferguson; concessions, Tom Perdue, Roy Garner, Orville Ball and R. T. Mattox Jr.; building and planning, J. N. Grimes, W. H. Holcomb, Grady Lake and Jim Dan Hill; personnel, Henry Ellis. The response so far indicates that this year's festival will be the largest ever from the standpoint of entrants, contestants and special entertainment. The festival committee has already booked three or four specialties. Backshot Lane will be here to help with the judging.

MARGARET PETTY NEW MEMBER MORTAR BOARD

Austin, Texas, May 1.—Margaret Petty, University of Texas student from Crockett, is a new member of Mortar Board, national senior women's honor society.

Miss Petty, a junior majoring in personnel management, is a representative of the College of Business Administration in the Student Assembly. She is a member of Alpha Phi social sorority; Wesley Foundation, Methodist student organization; the YWCA; Alpha Lambda Delta, scholastic honorary to which she was elected on the basis of her freshman grades; the Orange Jackets, women's honorary service organization; Beta Beta Alpha, organization for women majoring in business administration. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Petty, 307 South Fifth.

DISASTROUS FIRE HITS LOVELADY SUNDAY NIGHT

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed three business houses in Lovelady Sunday night. The burned buildings were those of Gaslett's drug and appliance store, Arnold's grocery store and Matchett's washateria. Fire Chief James W. Arledge reports that he was called at 1:10 a. m. Monday and that the local fire department took a truck to Lovelady to assist in controlling the blaze. Despite the fact the fire occurred during the heaviest of the Sunday night rainstorm, the three buildings and their contents were consumed. Rainfall Sunday night in Crockett was reported as one inch. No estimate was available here Monday morning as to the amount of loss, nor was any information available as to insurance coverage.

NEGRO GIRL DROWNS IN FLOODED STREAM

Discovery of the body of Alice Fay Feltus, 11-year-old colored girl, at 10 to 15 a. m. Thursday by a colored woman ended an extensive search. The girl had drowned in a stream swollen by the flood of Tuesday night, April 28. She had gone out Wednesday, April 29, picking berries with members of her family and became lost from the others. The child could hear, but could not talk. She was the daughter of Andrew Feltus and wife of the Porter Springs community.

The child was reported missing late Wednesday and the sheriff's department organized a search party. About 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night the Crockett fire department was summoned to assist in the hunt, but hours of searching were unfruitful. The search ended Thursday when the body was found. The child had been missing perhaps nearly 24 hours.

The residence and household furnishings of Melvin Lowery, in the Jones School House community, north of Crockett, were destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Sunday night. The loss was extensive, with no insurance. Mr. Lowery reported that the house was falling in when he was awakened. He is employed in Crockett, at Hadid's grocery.

ALEXANDER MORGAN INTERMENT IN ZION CEMETERY

Alexander (Uncle Alex) Morgan, 93, pioneer resident and farmer of Houston county, died in Merkel, Texas, Sunday, May 3. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at the Center Hill Methodist church with Rev. E. V. Tunnell, Methodist minister of Houston, and Rev. H. E. Blackburn, Baptist minister of Austin, officiating. Interment followed in the Zion cemetery, near Kennard. Mr. Morgan was born December 26, 1859, near Kennard, and had resided there throughout his lifetime, being one of the oldest native-born residents of Houston county. He was a member of the Center Hill Methodist church.

Survivors are: Three sons, P. E. Morgan and A. D. Morgan, both of Houston; J. E. Morgan of Austin; three daughters, Mrs. A. J. Vickers of Kennard, Mrs. A. A. Holt of Trent, Mrs. Earl Bland of Marathon; twenty-two grandchildren and thirty-nine great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Jack Vickers Jr., James Morgan, Nolan Morgan, Marcus Holt, Evan Morgan, Alvin Morgan Jr.

Arrangements were in charge of the Callaway Funeral Home.

LORENA BLALOCK PASSES AWAY AT GRAPELAND

Mrs. Lorena May Blalock, 75, died in Grape-land May 5. Mrs. Blalock had resided in Grape-land for the past 13 years, and was a member of the Methodist church and the Grape-land Garden Club.

Survivors are: One son, Lt. Col. John A. Blalock, Munich, Germany; three sisters, Mrs. Esther Davis, Grape-land; Mrs. Wade L. Smith, Grape-land; and Mrs. Harry Long, Grape-land; a brother, Nat J. Davis, Huntsville; four grandsons, one granddaughter and four great grandsons.

Funeral services for Mrs. Blalock are pending the arrival of her son from Munich, Germany.

Arrangements are by the Callaway Funeral Home.

TOO MUCH RAIN DAMAGES CROPS

Friend Millard, here Monday, was asked how the creeks and branches were doing since the two last big rains. He said all creeks and branches were able to be up and out. He said his neighbors had bragged so much over the other big rain that their bragging had brought on another big one. He allowed that there was not so much bragging now as before. Personally he thought the last rain was good, but that it went a little too far. He figured that it had done much good in settling the dust that had been blown in from west Texas. Seriously, he thought crops had been very much damaged by the last heavy rain.

HOUSTON MAN HURT IN RATCLIFF MISHAP

Charles Pinner of Houston was brought to a local hospital Wednesday morning in a Callaway ambulance after his automobile was in collision with a truck in Ratcliff. Pinner, who was eastbound toward Crockett, was suffering from abrasions, including a head bruise. Reports are that the truck was operated by Joe Conner of Ratcliff. The truck was crossing the highway when the collision occurred. The Houston man's automobile was badly torn up and was brought to Crockett by a wrecker.

ROYCE BEALL WINS GOLF TITLE

Royce Beall of Nacogdoches defeated Dick McCreary of Houston, 5 up and 4 to play, in the 18-hole finale of the sixth annual Spring Creek Country Club invitation golf tournament here Sunday afternoon. It was the first time that the champion has not come from Houston. Beall de-

SPLASH DAY GLORIFIES GROUP OF COUNTY GIRLS

By H. D. Milburn.

The official 1953 opening date for the swimming season was May 3, and hundreds of people from Crockett and surrounding towns visited the Ratcliff Lake area to witness the official opening which was held Sunday afternoon with a Bathing Beauty review. The review afforded an opportunity to glorify quite a number of attractive young ladies of our town and county into real celebrities for the day. There were forty entries in the Bathing Beauty review, which consisted of attractive and beautiful young ladies from both the elementary schools and the high schools of the county, the commercial organizations and the civic organizations.

In the line-up of bathing beauties from both the elementary and high schools of the county were Miss Martha Jones, Crockett; Miss Marie Turner, Porter Springs; Miss Emma Jean Adams, Austin; Miss Jane Maxwell, Lovelady; Miss Carolyn Vaughan, Kennard; Miss Cora Mae Spence, Ratcliff; Miss Margaret Sprayberry, Grape-land; Miss Betty Price, Lovelady; Miss Maxie Nell Goolaby, Grape-land; Miss Doris Jones, Crockett; Miss Irene Farwater, Kennard.

In the line-up of bathing beauties which represented civic organizations were Miss Jo Ann Dean, Lovelady; Miss Hurley Leaverton, American Legion Post 134, Crockett; Miss Bonnie Smith, Rotary Club; Miss Sue Kelley, American Red Cross; Miss Sandra Foster, Grape-land Lions Club; Miss Martha Spidle, Crockett Lions Club; and Miss Leola Ann Barnes, Miss City of Crockett.

In the line-up of bathing beauties representing commercial organizations there were: Little Miss Ginger Anderson, Dairy Queen; Miss June Marie Harrison, East Texas Motor Freight Lines; Miss Ethel Best, Mahoney's Store, Ratcliff; Miss Louise Seigler, Texas Cafe; Miss Patricia Ellis, Ellis Motor Company, Ellis Insurance agency; Miss Nancy Hall, Leola Downes Shop; Miss Julia Ann Putnam, Betty Dry Goods; Miss Kathryn Stockton, Poff's Store; Miss LaVerne Shanks, Stowe Lumber Company; Miss Mary Jane Dawson, Keeland-Overtree Hardware Store; Miss Deirdra Anderson, Childs Motor company; Miss Cynthia Gaida, Ferguson Press; Miss Lois Montgomery, Ashby's Store; Miss Patsy Craddock, T. D. Craddock Hardware Store; Miss Leola Louise Greene, Greene's Store; Miss Julia Cherry, Scott's Tire and Supply Store; Miss Jane Spidle, Spidle's Store; Miss Ann Collins, Rita Theatre; Miss Betty Ellis, Gibson's Store; and Miss Ruth Ann Shipley, Ray's roller rink.

Judges were from the Sam Houston State Teachers' College, Huntsville. They were not long in making the decisions and announced the four queens as Miss Patsy Craddock as "queen" of the commercial organization entries; Miss Maxie Nell Goolaby and Miss Martha Jones as queens of the elementary and high school representatives; and Miss Martha Spidle as "queen" of the civic group entries. Daniel Boone of "Boone's Den" was master of ceremonies.

17TH ANNUAL FIDDLERS' FESTIVAL

The 17th Annual Fiddlers' Festival held in Crockett will not only bring forth the grand champion fiddler of the nation, but over \$500 in prize money will be paid out. The Crockett Jaycees, sponsors of the big June 12 affair, are going out to make this the biggest day of fun, fiddling and dancing ever to be presented anywhere.

Jake Capriellin, president and general chairman, was very enthusiastic in announcing that Bobby Williamson's band will be on hand for several programs during the day, as well as the dance that climaxes the day. Sonny James, recording artist, and Bob Shelton will also be part of the activities.

"We've really got something to shoot at to top last year's show, but the way things are shaping up now and the splendid cooperation I am getting indicate that this will break all records," Capriellin said.

Fiddlers and bands may make application by writing the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Crockett, Texas.

DISTRICT LEGION CONVENTION RUSK

J. H. Reinleke, past commander, and Randolph Cook of Crockett and Jack Ferguson of Grape-land represented Bralford-English post No. 134, American Legion, at the spring convention of district 7 in Rusk Sunday. E. B. McLeary presided over the convention as district commander.

J. S. Holleman of Livingston was elected commander for the next two years, to take office at the department convention. Other officers include J. G. Johnson of Rusk, vice commander; Herbert Cartwright of Conroe, adjutant; Phil Bolton of Jacksonville, sergeant at arms; "Buddy" Barron of Athens, historian; and Robert L. Banks of Rusk, chaplain.

Most of the posts of the district were represented. Navasota was awarded the fall convention.

KENNETH MORGAN ASSIGNED TO 44TH INFANTRY

Fort Lewis, Wash., May 1.—Kenneth G. Morgan, formerly of Kennard, has been assigned to the 44th Infantry division at Fort Lewis, Washington for basic training.

Kenneth is a son of Mr. Preston L. Morgan, who lives on Route 1, Kennard. He is assigned to Battery A, 720th Field Artillery battalion, The 44th Division is an Illinois National Guard unit activated in February, 1952, and stationed at Camp Cooke, California, until last December.

Bible Lectures

George D. Rigler of Oklahoma City will speak at the Memorial building at the Fair Grounds the 11th, 12th and 13th of this month (next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) night, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. You have heard other people say what he teaches; now you come and hear him personally. You are cordially invited. You will only hear Bible teaching.

Lt. Sallye Jean Callaway of Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallye Callaway.

MRS. NASH BUSH PASSED AWAY THURSDAY

Mrs. Nash Bush of Rt. 2, Crockett, passed away Thursday afternoon at her home following an extended illness. Mrs. Bush, age 67, was born April 15, 1886, and was a life-long resident of Houston county.

Survivors include the husband, Mr. Jim Bush of Crockett; two sons, Tom Wilmet of Crockett and J. D. Riggs of Memphis, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Annie Wright of Grape-land; two brothers and several grandchildren.

Gravestone funeral services for Mrs. Bush were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Creek cemetery, with Rev. W. P. Knight officiating. Interment was in the Creek cemetery.

Waller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Guests Entertained in Huntsville

Mrs. Hendon Thomason of Huntsville entertained with a luncheon Friday for Mrs. L. D. Eastham and Mrs. Herbert Peters of Waxahatchie, guests of Mrs. Byrd E. Wootters. Mrs. Edwin Exell entertained with a garden tea at her home in Huntsville for guests of Mrs. Wootters.

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Crockett

Marshall Death.

her [lan] [uncertain] Mrs. Evie Mauthe died suddenly Mrejher hume in [Marthal!] [uncertain] Sunday [afte ured}] [uncertain] neon Bhe was Lorn and reared

[Huusten] [uncertain] county, but had resided ta in

Marshall al her married life. 8

s survived by one son, Nelson Maul [andjof] [uncertain] Dallas three grandson three [vie-| ters,] [uncertain] Mes. [Lablie] [uncertain] McClain, [Mra,] [uncertain] Wins Mre Mae Kelley and Mra Plattle Mure!

at, all of [Croskett,] [uncertain] one brother, Jt [mie] [uncertain] Tom Hex, of Madisonville. Fu ni [in] eral] [uncertain] service, [werg] [uncertain] held in Marsh [rocke] [uncertain]

CROCKETT, TEXAS, M**AYCEES PLAN FOR
FIDDLERS FESTIVAL**

The fiddlers" [featlyal] [uncertain] will be held hic year on the good old summer: [ime] [uncertain] day of June 12, Committees) ave been appointed and are; Program [ommittee,] [uncertain] Bill Carter, Ralph Magill) nd [C_T..Pareish,] [uncertain] contestant entry) [ommitter,] [uncertain] Don Currey advertising, F. Munden, Roger Brown and John [erguaon,] [uncertain] concessions, Tom [Penlue,] [uncertain] toy Garner, Orville Ball and R. [TH,] [uncertain] Mattox Jr.

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[bailding] [uncertain] and planning, 1 oN, Grimes, W. H. [Holcomb,] [uncertain] Grady Lake and Jim Dan Hill; [personnal,] [uncertain] Henry Ellie. The response so far [in-] tieates [uncertain] that this years festival [wif] [uncertain] pe the largest [evet] [uncertain] from the stand.) point of entrants, contestants and [spe] [uncertain] rial entertainment." The festival committee han already booked three or four specialties. [Buckshot] [uncertain] Lane will he here to help with the judging.

MARGARET PETTY

MORTAR BOARD

Austin, Tease, [May 1,—Margaret] [uncertain] Petty, University of Tezas student [fram] [uncertain] Crockett, Is a new member of Mortar Hoard, national senior wo [mens] [uncertain] honor society.

Mice Petty, a junior majoring in [pereanne] [uncertain] management, [iss] [uncertain] repro:

tentative of the College of Business

Admintetration in the Bludent As- [sembly] [uncertain] She is a member of Alpha

[Phi] [uncertain] serial [eorortty:] [uncertain] Wesley Founda- ton, [Methodiet] [uncertain] student organization; the YWCA; Alpha [Cambeta] [uncertain] Delta, [eshbolastic] [uncertain] honorary to which she was elected on the basis of her freshman grates, the Orange Jackets, [womens] [uncertain] honorary service organization; [Meta] [uncertain]

Heta Alpha, organization for women majoring in business administration. [Her] [uncertain] parents are Mr and Mrs. Roy

[illegible or non-text passage omitted — see scan]

DISASTROUS FIRE [HITS] [uncertain] LOVELADY SUNDAY NIGHT

i Fire of undetermined origin destroy ed three business houses in Lovelad;

[Nunday] [uncertain] night. The burnet building were those of [Gasslots] [uncertain] drug and ap i [pliance]

[uncertain] story, Arnelds grocery stop and [Matchetts washateria,] [uncertain] Fire Chie James W. [Atiedge] [uncertain] reports that he wa called at [1:10] [uncertain] m, Monday and the [s}] [uncertain] the local fire department took true!

It [Lavelady] [uncertain] ta assist in controlling th blaze. [Deapite] [uncertain] the fact the fire [curred] [uncertain] during the heaviest of the Sun day night [relnetorm,] [uncertain] the three build [ings] [uncertain] and [thelr] [uncertain] contents were [consum] [uncertain] ed. Halnfall [Sunday] [uncertain] night in Crocket was reported we ane inch. No eat.

mete wan available here Monda morning as to the amount of loss, ni [wae] [uncertain] any Information available an

Insurance coverage.

[NEGRO] [uncertain] GIRL DROWNS IN FLOODED [STREA] [uncertain]

[1 Mhecuvary] [uncertain] of the telly of Alice Fi bale" [TE] [uncertain] year [ahd colerest] [uncertain] earl, [hoa 1D] [uncertain] a om [Thursday] [uncertain] hy a color [Je] momaty [uncertain] ended an extensive search T [Mo] [uncertain] york [hed dewened] [uncertain] in a stream awn) rb bathe flood of [Tueslay] [uncertain] night, Af r-igx [fhe] [uncertain] had gone out [Wednests] [uncertain] we [Ageril] [uncertain] 23, poe thing berries with me sy tears of her family and became [frum] [uncertain] the others [The] [uncertain] child co [up] [uncertain] hear, but could not talk, She ty) the daughter of Andrew Fubbs a [ife,] [uncertain] of the Porter Springs come [Tons rs.] [uncertain] The child was reported missing [nd] [uncertain] Wednesday and the sheriffs [depa ce} ment] [uncertain] organized a search party. Ab [of] 30 oclock [uncertain] Wednesday [pight] [uncertain]

Crockett fire, department [wes] [uncertain] s [moned] [uncertain] to sustain the hunt, but ho ef searching were [yntrultful.] [uncertain] 7 search ended Thureday when the b [ati] [uncertain] was found. The child had been m et-ing perhaps nearly 24 hours.

in emma as [o@ Ose] [uncertain] [in}] [uncertain] The residence and [househoh!] [uncertain] fu [the] ishingel [uncertain] of [Motvin] [uncertain] Lowery, In the! Junes Hehoo! House community, nv [iss}] [uncertain] of Crockett, were destroyed by [nie] [uncertain] of undetermined origin Sunday nil) hie) The love [wae extenalve,] [uncertain] with no im-eurance, Mr, [Lowery reparted un-] [uncertain] the house was falling in when he [sall] [uncertain] awakened. He be-employed in Cr [ett,] [uncertain] at [Hadids] [uncertain] grocery.

ALEXANDER MORGAN INTERMENT IN ZION CEMETERY

Alexander [(Uncle Alez)] [uncertain] Morgen, 03, [pluneer] [uncertain] resident and farmer of Houston county, died in [Merkel,] [uncertain] Texas, Sunday, Mey 3, Funeral [scrviles] [uncertain] were held at [2:30] [uncertain] p m. Tuesday at the Center [Mil]) [uncertain] Methodlat church with Kev. E. V. Tunnell, Methodist minister af Houstor, and Rev. H. E. [Black-™] [uncertain] burn, Baptist minister of Austonio, officiating. Interment followed in the Zion cemetery, pear Kennard. Mr. Morgan was born sober 26, [1869,] [uncertain] 5 near. Kennard, and [hed] [uncertain] resided there throughout [hia] [uncertain] lifetime, being one of the oldest native-born residents of

[Houston] [uncertain] county. He [waa] [uncertain] a member of the Center Hill Methodist [ghurch.] [uncertain] Survivors are: Three sons, P. [E.] [uncertain]

Morgan and A. D. Morgan, both of

Houston; J. [E.] [uncertain] Morgan of [Austonia;] [uncertain]

three daughters, Mrs. A. J. Vickers of Kennard, Mrs. A. A. Holt of Trent, Mrs. Earl Bland of Marathon; [twentytwo jprandchildren] [uncertain] and thirty-nine great grandchildren nine great great [erandchildyen.] [uncertain] Pallbearera were grandsons; Jack

Vickers Jr, James Morgan, [Nolan!] [uncertain]

Morgan, Marcus Holt, Evan Morgan," Alvin Morgan Jr.

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Arrangements were in charge [of] [uncertain] the Catlaway Funeral Home.

LORENA BLALOCK PASSES [AWAY] [uncertain] AT GRAPELAND

[Mrs.] [uncertain] Lorena May Blalock, 75, died in Grapeland May 5. [Mrs.] [uncertain] Blalock had resided In Grapeland for the part 15 [1] [uncertain] years, and was a member bf the [Methshedist] [uncertain] church and the Grapeland [Garyi] [uncertain] len Club. [5] Survivors [uncertain] are: One [aon,] [uncertain] LA, Col, [Jahn] [uncertain] A, Blalock, Munich, Germany; [yithree] [uncertain] sisters, [Mrs___Eather] [uncertain] Davie, [IGrapetand; Mes.] [uncertain] Wade 1. Senith,

[ecorient] [uncertain] ami Mrs. Harry Long,

Grapeland a brother, Nat J. Davis,

[Hunterville;] [uncertain] four grandsons, one

granddaughter and four great grand-

Funeral services for [Mre] [uncertain] Malock

are pending the arrival of her eon storm Munich, Germany.

Arrangements are by the Callaway

Funeral Home.

[TOO] [uncertain] MUCH RAIN DAMAGES CROPS

[it] [uncertain] Friend Milldew, here Monday, wee naked how the creeks and branches [1] [uncertain] were [dolng] [uncertain] since the two last big rains He [sak!] [uncertain] all creeks and branches were [Di ableto] [uncertain] be up and [oul.] [uncertain] He [sald] [uncertain] his [0] [uncertain] neighbors had bragged so much over nl the other big rain that [thelr] [uncertain] bragging [tt] [uncertain] had brought on another big one. Iie [U-] [uncertain] allowed that-there was not so much [Yi] [uncertain] bragging now as before, Versanall; [oT!] [uncertain] he thought the Jaat rain [wae] [uncertain] good [tol] [uncertain] but that it went little [tuo] [uncertain] far, i figured that tt had done much goo in settling [tha] [uncertain] dust that had beet blown in

from west [Teras,] [uncertain] Seriously he thought crops had been very [muc! M] [uncertain] damaged by the last heavy rain,

HOUSTON MAN HURT i IN RATCLIFF [MISHA!] [uncertain]

he len [nel Charles Pitner] [uncertain] of [Houston] [uncertain] we [Y+] [uncertain] brought to local hospital Wodnesds we morning Ina Callaway ambulance [wld] [uncertain] fer hie [autgmohile] [uncertain] was in [collinic] [uncertain]

with w truck in Ratcliff, Pitner, [1] [uncertain] wee) ae eastbound [tuwant Crockett,] [uncertain] and suffering [frum] [uncertain] abrasions, [inctusing WA] ead brulee.] [uncertain] Reports are that 1 ate suck was operate by Sue Conn re ot Hatctiff, The truck was crosses wat the highway when the collision she [curred.] [uncertain] The llouston mans [aulom] [uncertain] bile was badly torn up and [uM"!] [uncertain] brought to Crockell by a wrecker is to

[IROYCE] [uncertain] BEALL WINS GOLF [TITLE] [uncertain]

[orth] [uncertain] Royce Beall of [Nacogiloches] [uncertain] defy fire ed Dick McCreary of Mouston, 5 ght.Jand 4 to play, in the tH-hole fin in-of the [aiath] [uncertain] annual Spring Cr [that] [uncertain] Country Club invitation golf tour: [waa] [uncertain] went here Sunday afternoon, Tt v [wek-] [uncertain] the [firt_time] [uncertain] that the [chanplon] [uncertain] [nol cume] [uncertain] from Houston, Beall

Years a Home Jnatitutton.

[ated] [uncertain] C. D, Thomas, 32, in [the] [uncertain] rmi-finalx, Thomas, also from [Nac 4 gitoches,] [uncertain] had eliminated Terry Morow of Crockett in the second round borrow is member of the SMU golf quad. McCreary won over [Jackie] [uncertain] leman of Houston, 3 and 2, In the emi-finals.

Morrow was medalist, shooting a 9 In the qualifying round on Priday.

In the first flight Jack Farrar of houston defeated Tommy Neal of), [fouston,] [uncertain] 2 and 1, Robert Taylor of! [onroe] [uncertain] won the second flight with up victory over J, W. [McConne]l [uncertain] Jr, f Crockett. The third flight finals aw He) Houseman of Houston win [wer] [uncertain] Julius DeuPree of New Orleans, Land 3. Don Goodapeed of Jacksonlle defeated Torn Manjack [ofLuofkin 5] [uncertain] and 4 In the fourth fight

After [quallfying] [uncertain] rounds Friday, barbecue was held Friday night. First and second rounds were played [Saturday, wtih] [uncertain] semi-finals Sunday [moPhing] [uncertain] and finals Sunday afternoon.

J. G. Beasley Jr was tournament chairman.

[I7THANNUAL] [uncertain] FIDDLERS" FESTIVAL

The 17th Annual Fiddlers" Festival held in Crockett will not only teton forth the grand champion fiddler of the nation, but over \$500 in [prise] [uncertain] money will be [pald] [uncertain] out. The Crockett Jaycees, sponsors cf the big June 12 affair, are going all cut to make this the biggest day of fun, fiddling and dancing ever to be presented any- where.

Jake Caprielain, president and gen- [eral] [uncertain] chairman, was very [enthuaslastic] [uncertain] in announcing that Bobby William- sons band will be on hand for several program during the day, as well as the dance that [climazes] [uncertain] the day, Son- ny James, recording artist, and Bob

Shelton will also be part of the ac- [tivities.] [uncertain]

Weve really got something t& shoot at to top last years show, but the way things are shaping up now and the [aplendid] [uncertain] cooperation J an getting indicate that this will break all records." Caprielian [sald. 7 Widdlera] [uncertain] and bands may make [plleation] [uncertain] by writing the Junior Cham i [ber] [uncertain] of Commerce, Crockett, Texas.

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**[(DISTRICT) [uncertain]
LEGION. CONVENTION
RUSK**

J. I. Reinleke, past commander, an
Randolph [Cookof] [uncertain]
Crockett and Jac

Ferguson of Grapeland [represente]
[uncertain]

[Uraileford-English] [uncertain] post
No. 1%

American Legion, at the [apring]
[uncertain] cor [vention] [uncertain] of
district 7 in Rusk Sunda:

[KE.] [uncertain] D. McLervy presided
over the car [vention] [uncertain] as
district commander. [2] [uncertain] J. S.
Holleman of Livingston we elected
commander for the next tw [2])
[uncertain] rears, to take office at the
[deparime:] [uncertain] convention. Other
officers include G. Johnson of Rusk, vice
[commande:] [uncertain]

Herbert Cartwright of Conroe, [adj
tant:] [uncertain] Phil Botton of
Jacksonville, se bh grant at arms; Buddy"
Barron

Athena, historian, and Robert L. Ban of
Rush, chaplain, Moat of the [poste]
[uncertain] of the [distr] [uncertain] were
represented Navasola w [awariled]
[uncertain] the [fal]) [uncertain]
convention.

**KENNETH MORGAN
ASSIGNED 10 [AATH]
[uncertain] INFANTRY**

Fart [Lewis,] [uncertain] Wash, May
[1.--K] [uncertain] as neth G Morgan,
formerly of Kenne [ay]) [uncertain] hae
been [aunigned] [uncertain] to the 44th
Infan fe! [tivteton] [uncertain] at Fort
Lewla, Washingt [ON]) [uncertain] fur
base trading. [ho]) [uncertain] Kenneth is
a [kon] [uncertain] of Mr. Preston [a0])
[uncertain] Morgan, who lives on Route 1,
K [alnard.] [uncertain] He ts assigned to
Battery [he} T20th* Feld] [uncertain]
Artillery battalion er) 44th Division ts an
[Ilinola] [uncertain] Nauc [NE])
[uncertain] Guard unit activated tn Febru:
[o¢+}) [uncertain] 1982, and stationed at
Camp Co [n>]) [uncertain] California,
until last December. [fas] [uncertain] a

Hible Lectures.

[George D,] [uncertain] Rigier of
Oklahoma will speak at the Memorial
bulk at the Fair Grounds the 11th, and
13th of this month [(neat] [uncertain] Mon

[Tuesday] [uncertain] and Wednesday)
nite, be [ning] [uncertain] at [7:46]
[uncertain] oarlock. You have h at-other
people [aay whal] [uncertain] he [teac]
[uncertain] [upinew] [uncertain] you come
and hear him [yalsaonally,] [uncertain]
You ate cordially. [inv] [uncertain] eck
You will only hear Hible teaching ia
[waa]) [uncertain] Lt. Ballye Jean
Callaway of [haa] [uncertain] Denjamin
[Marrixon,] [uncertain] Ind, le via!

[de-]) [uncertain] her mother, Mrs.
Sallye Callaway

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**SPLASH DAY GLORIFIES
GROUP OF COUNTY GIRLS**

By \$1. DB. Milburn.

The official 1953 opening date for the
[awimming scason] [uncertain] was May
3, and hundreds of people from Crockett
and surrounding towns [vialted]
[uncertain] the Ratcliff Lake area to
[witnens] [uncertain] the official open- ing
which [wes] [uncertain] held Sunday
afternoon with a Bathing Beauty review.
Ths review [efforded] [uncertain] an
opportunity to glorify quite a number of
attractive young ladies of our town and
county Into real celebrities for [tha]
[uncertain] day. There were forty entries
In the Bathing Beauty review, which
consisted of attractive and beautiful young
ladies from both the elementary schools
and the high schools of the county, the
commercial organizations and the civic
organiza- [tions.] [uncertain] a

In the line-up of bathing beauties from
both the elementary and high schools of
the county were Miss [Martha Jones,]
[uncertain] Crockett; Miss Marie Turnfer,
Porter Springs; Misa Emma Jean

Adams, Austonio; Miss Jane Maxwell,
Lovelady; Miss [Carclyn] [uncertain]
Vaughan,

Kennard; Miss Cora Mae Spence, Rat-
cliff; Miss Margaret Sprayberry,

[Grapeland;] [uncertain] Miss Betty Price,
Love- lady; Miss [Maxie] [uncertain] Nell
Goolaby, Grapeland; Mixx [Doris]
[uncertain] Jones, [Crockett;] [uncertain]
Miss Carulyn [Indjidfian,] [uncertain] Ac
[tonio;] [uncertain] Miss Irene Tarwater,
Kennard jj In the line-up of bathing
[beautles] [uncertain] which represented
civic organizations were Miss Jo Ann
Dean, [Lorelady] [uncertain]

Lions; Miss Hurley Leaverton,
American Legion Post 134, Crockett;
Miss

Bonnie Smith, Rotary Club; Miss Sac
Kelley, American Red Crosa; Miss
[Sandra] [uncertain] Foster, Grapeland
Lions" Club; Miss Martha Spidie,
Crockett [Lions" Club,] [uncertain] and
Mise Leela Ann Barnes,

Mies Clty of [Crockett*] [uncertain] In
the Ilne-up of bathing beauties
representing commercial organizations
there were: Litthe Miss Ginger Andert
son, Dairy Queen; Miss June Marie
[Harrison,] [uncertain] East Texas Motor
Freight T! Lines; Miss Ethel Beat,
[Mahoneys k]) [uncertain] Store, Ratcliff;
Miss Louise Seigler,

Texas Cafe; Miss Patricia Ellis, Ellis
Motor Company, Ellis Insuremce sgens-
ley; Mise Nancy Hail, Leela Downes

Shop; [Mies] [uncertain] Julia Ann
Putnam, Betts

[Try,] [uncertain] Goods; Misa Kathryn
Stockton,

[Polks] [uncertain] Store; Misa
LaVerne Shanks,

Stowe Lumber Company; Misa Mary
Jane [Daven,] [uncertain]
Keeland-Overstreet

[Hiardware Store;] [uncertain] Miss
Deidra Ander- [pon,] [uncertain] Childs
Motor company; Miss

Cynthia Galda, Ferguson Press; Miss
[J] [uncertain] Lois Montgomery, Ashbys
Store hk Misa Patay Craddock, T. D.
Craddock

Hardware Store; Miss Leela [Loulbe]
[uncertain] 4 Greene, [Greenes]
[uncertain] Store; Miss Julia ov Cherry,
Scotts Tire and Supply Store;

Mise Jane Spidle, Spidies Store; Miss
Ann Colling, Rita Theatre; [Miss]

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[uncertain] Betty

[Ellis,] [uncertain] Gibsons Store, and [Miss] [uncertain] Ruth Ann Shipley, Raya roller rink al Judges were from the Sam Houston [nt] [uncertain] state Teachers" College, Huntsville. J They were not long In making the [8] [uncertain] decisions and announced the four mi queens as Miss Patsy Craddock as od queen" of the commercial [organizaot tlon] [uncertain] entries; Misa Maxie Nell Goolsby he and Miss Martha Jones as queens of the elementary and high school rep tet [resentatives,] [uncertain] and Miss Martha Spidie al queen" of the civic group entries.

Danlel Doone of Boones Den" was master of ceremonies,

MRS. NASH BUSH

PASSED AWAY 7 THURSDAY

ar [O°] [uncertain] Steg Nash Bush of Rt. 2, Crockett, [Ary pasacd] [uncertain] away Thursday afternoon at i her home following an extended Ul ness. Mra tush, age 67, [wae] [uncertain] born April 15, 1886, and [wes] [uncertain] life-long ron resident of Hyuston county. [A] [uncertain] Survivors elude the husband, Mr. The [Jime-Rush] [uncertain] of Crockett two [rons,] [uncertain] Tom oral Wilmeth of Crockett and J. [1.] [uncertain] Riggs ane of Memphis, Texaa a sister, [Mre.] [uncertain] owing Annie Wright of Urapeland two bro-

liters and several grandchildren, [Qraveside] [uncertain] funeral services for Mrs.

Bush were held Friday afternoon at

[2:30] [uncertain] in the Creck cemetery, with Rev.

W. P. Knight officiating. [Interment City]] [uncertain] was in the Creek cemetery. [ding| Waller] [uncertain] Funeral Home was in charge [With]] [uncertain] of arrangements play, osee [egin-] [uncertain] Gueate Entectained in [Huntariile.] [uncertain] card [chess}] [uncertain] Mra. Hendon Thomason vf [tMunts-] [uncertain] [ville entertamed] [uncertain] with a luncheon [FPrisited.] [uncertain] day for Mra. 1). [BD,] [uncertain] Eastham and [Mrs,]

[uncertain] ng. Herbert Peters of Waxahachic, guest of Mra. Bynte Eo [Wootters.] [uncertain] Mrs. Ed- Forti win [Erell] [uncertain] entertained with a [ganten iting}] [uncertain] tea at her home jn [tluntaviie] [uncertain] for y. [gueate] [uncertain] of Mia. Wootters,