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## EYE-OPENER

Funeral services for Barney Carter, 81, were held Monday in Tyler. Mr. Carter was the father of Mrs. Lindley Beckworth, city. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

In addition to Mrs. Beckworth he is survived by his wife; another daughter, Mrs. Jim Weatherly, of Kerrville; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

We proudly salute our farm youth. "Learning to do...doing to learn...earning to live...living to serve." With this as their motto, the Future Farmers of America work for progress and a brighter tomorrow, through the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship. To these young men of high purpose and outstanding achievement, we extend our congratulations during National FFA week, February 17-23.

For give away—Four little girl puppies to work cows. 845-4673.

A reminder: The Gregg County Association for Retarded Children will sponsor a pancake breakfast Saturday morning at Brookshire's. Tickets are 25¢—pancakes, sausage and coffee—7 a.m. until 10 a.m., all you can eat!

If you have any old books and early area pictures dated before 1930 you are reminded to take them to the Gladewater Public Library on Monday, Feb. 26, so that they can be displayed in the library's first monthly celebration of Centennial events. The library will hold open house Sunday from 1-4 p.m. on March 4 when the exhibit opens. Start searching for something you will share.

If you're a tv fan you are familiar with the Let's Make a Deal program. Wednesday as Mr. and Mrs. Clyde V. Allen watched, their niece and nephew, Phil and Angie Arnold, of Anaheim, Calif. won the "big deal"—a boat, motor, trailer, \$500 cash and a large supply of stew!

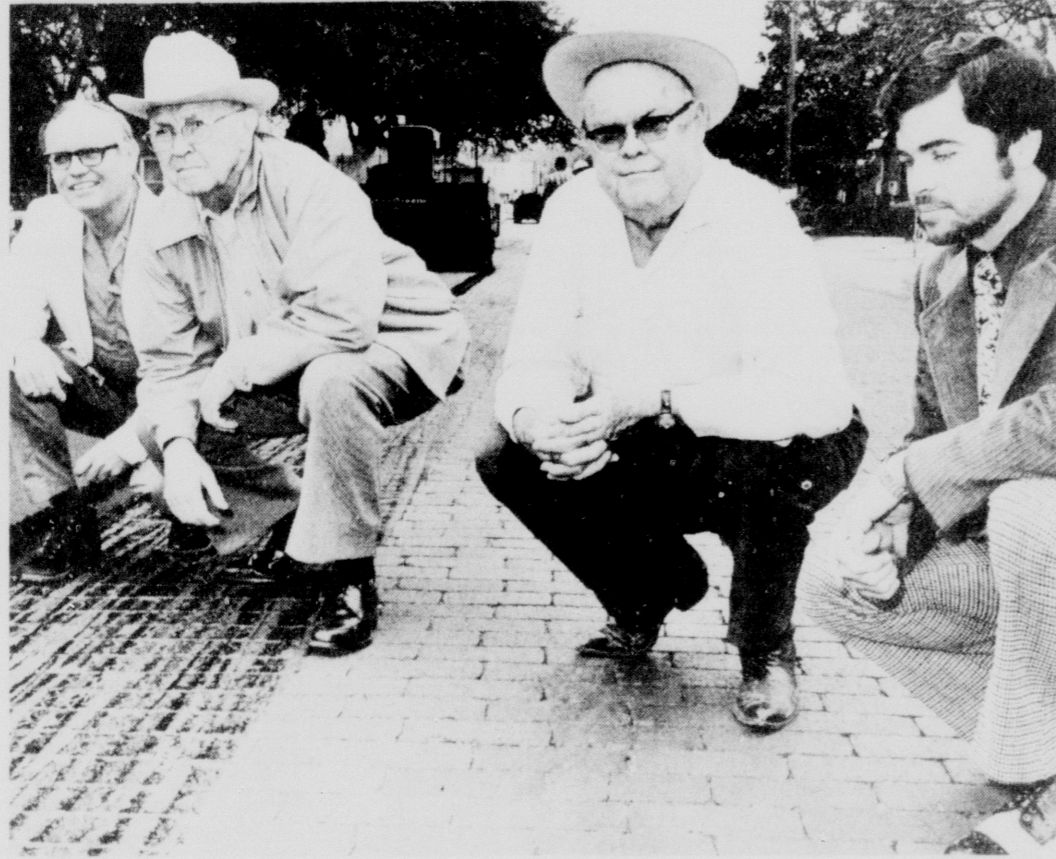
Herewith is a vote of thanks to everyone who helped clean up our city last week during Citywide Cleanup Week. The city is certainly cleaner as a result. A special Thank You to the city sanitation department men who had the job of handling the extra workload as well as their regular work. They include J. R. Fuller, W. W. Brown, Mike Sorrels, Cecil Vinson, Clem Sorrels, Doc Settles, Tilly Howard, Earnest Kipecky and Rubin Jimerson. Now that we have a good start Let's really give the town a spring cleaning for the centennial.

### CONFESSION

In making out the chart for the East Texas Revue tickets I inadvertently thought in terms of stage dialogue which is just the opposite of the audience situation. I did not realize this until after the show; consequently, there was considerable confusion about proper ticket placement. The fault did not lie with help at Jobe Drug nor with the American Legion, but was entirely mine. Please accept my apology for any inconvenience it might have caused you. Ken Bennett.

H. N. Preston is commander of the Gladewater post, American Legion, sponsors of the East Texas Revue. Proceeds are used for many worthwhile projects sponsored by the Legion. Revenue from advertising on the programs is used for scholarships presented by the GHS Choral Parents and other choir expenses.

## Asphalt paving covers 40-year-old brick



**FOLLOW THE RED BRICK ROAD**—Jack Hearrell, center, looks at the familiar red bricks on Dean Street as the asphalt topping is applied Wednesday morning. Hearrell, who as a young city engineer in 1932 supervised the paving of downtown streets with bricks, recalled the Depression era project as one of his first major jobs. Shown from the left is former mayor Jack Reed, now road superintendent for Gregg County precinct 3; Gregg County engineer W. R. Scroggins, Hearrell and City Manager John R. Marshall. (Mirror Photo)

## Jack Finley to be installed Chamber president at banquet

Jack Finley, Gladewater attorney and City Judge, will be installed as president of the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce at its annual

## Judge escapes serious injury in car-train crash

**BIG SANDY**—City Judge Lawrence J. Bell suffered minor injuries when his late model Ford sedan was struck by a Texas & Pacific Railroad diesel engine pulling a long string of freight cars at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday. He was alone in the car at the time of the accident.

The accident occurred at the rail crossing about a block from the center of the town. Both warning signals were operating at the time of the accident said witnesses.

Train conductor Bryant Malone of Shreveport, La. said engineer E. D. Friday, also of Shreveport activated the emergency brakes but was unable to stop the train before impact with Bell's car. The car, heavily damaged, was knocked off the track and came to rest about 30 feet away.

An eyewitness, section gang foreman Marvin Taylor of Hallsville said Bell's car appeared to pull onto the tracks then stop just before the collision.

Judge Bell was held overnight in Gladewater Municipal Hospital for observation, according to a hospital spokesman.



**TRAIN-CAR CRASH**—Big Sandy city Judge Lawrence J. Bell suffered minor injuries when his car he was driving was struck by a T&P freight train engine at a crossing in Big Sandy. The car was heavily damaged. Bell was alone in his car. (Mirror Photo)

membership meeting March 30. Out-going president is Bill Wagner, administrator of Gladewater Municipal Hospital. Both men will hold the distinction of having served the Chamber as president during Gladewater's Centennial year.

The general arrangements committee for the banquet includes Roy Johnson, chairman; Garland Ferguson, co-chairman; Wagner, John Marshall, Raymond Allen, Royce Ford, Earnest Martin, Mack Wiley, Finley, Lorena McChesney, Marilyn Godfrey and Fredalene Clark.

Ames Lawrence is chairman of the ticket committee. Serving with him are B. P. Dake, Bill Wagner and Garfield Hill.

## Incumbents file for re-election to school board

Virgil Wallace, whose term as a member of the Gladewater school board, expires this year, was the first person to file when the filing period opened Wednesday. Wallace is seeking a return to place 6 on the board.

The term of Medro Barnes, place 7, also expires this year and by noon Wednesday he had filed for re-election. These are the only two places expiring in 1973.

The filing period will continue through March 7. Candidates must file in the office of School Superintendent Roy Johnson at the high school.

Absentee voting begins March 19 and closes four days before the election on April 7.

Food committee—Lorena McChesney, chairman, Thelma Grayson and Don Smith.

Decorations—Ann McKenzie, chairman, Janice Walker.

Reception—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Godfrey, chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Abernathy, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Finley, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Ford.

Program—Earnest Martin, chairman with Mack Wiley, co-chairman, Fredalene Clark, and John Marshall.

Garland Ferguson will serve as master of ceremonies for the banquet which will be held at the Middle School. Native Gladewater John Ben Shepperd will be guest speaker for the occasion and musical entertainment for the evening will be in keeping with a Centennial theme.

## Rites in Denison for Sgt. Robert Bell

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Denison for Tech. Sgt. Robert Lee Bell, 37, who died while in surgery following a one-car accident Saturday afternoon. Department of Public Safety investigating officers said they thought Sgt. Bell must have fallen asleep at the wheel of his car as he drove east on interstate 20 just outside the Tyler city limits.

The Sergeant was the husband of Mrs. Margaret Bell, a teacher in the Gladewater school system. He was returning home from Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, at the time of his accident. His car

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By JIMMY BROWN

One of Gladewater's solid links with the past will be forever buried—quite literally—when the city's street paving program, which began Wednesday morning, is completed.

The red bricks of Dean Street, from West Upshur U. S. Highway 80 to the Tyler Road (U. S. Highway 271) were the first to get a layer of asphalt laid by a Gregg County laying machine. The other brick streets downtown will eventually get their black top blanket. The familiar bricks, in surprisingly good condition after more than 40 years of hard-often brutal use—will disappear.

The paving program, a joint effort by Gregg County and the city has awaited the return of good weather before a start could be made. Dean Street, a heavily traveled thoroughfare has needed attention for some time. The black topping will eliminate most of the rough spots.

The bricks were used to pave the downtown area's streets at the height of the oil boom. Before they were laid most of the area quickly became quagmires when it rained.

Longtime Gladewater resident Jack Hearrell, who as city engineer supervised the brick paving program in 1932 recalled the job clearly. "We had \$79,000 bond issue money available and used this to pave the center portion of the streets plus the intersections. Property owners paid for either side," he said. Some gaps (later paved with concrete) were left because some property owners didn't go along with the program.

Hearrell also recalled that the city commission members at the time were Mayor Archie Wood, J. M. McFarland and Grover Dunnaway.

The actual work was undertaken by the Dallas and Houston-based Austin Bridge & Road Company, still one of the largest road construction firms in the state. The same firm constructed the second causeway to Galveston, one of the biggest projects of its kind.

Hearrell said Main Street was brick paved and the Texas Highway Department paid for the center section. He said DeWitt Greer, now a member of the state highway commission and retired head of the THD was then assigned to the THD's Tyler office.

The project provided jobs for a number of men in that Depression era. He said laborers got 40 cents an hour and the foremen received \$1 per hour. The work of actually laying the bricks went at an amazing clip, according to Hearrell. The roadbeds were first cleared and leveled to provide proper drainage. He said a thick layer of crushed, iron ore gravel was laid and this was topped with a thin layer of sand on which the bricks were placed. These were held in place by fitting them sealed with road tar. So carefully were the bricks set, many areas are still as solid as the day they were laid.

Hearrell recalled with a chuckle that the decision to use bricks as paving stones was made because of the numerous oil leaks from pipelines. He pointed out it was much easier and cheaper to remove the bricks, repair the oil leak damage than replace the bricks as before. He said most of the leaks were caused by Depression-hit oil operators who used second-hand pipe.

He said as soon as the first block of brick paving was laid, he looked back and workmen were ripping some of it out to repair an oil leak.

The finish of the paving project, said Hearrell, was marked with a special downtown ceremony—complete with a reviewing stand.

**TO HONOR HORSES**—FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)—The 963-acre Walnut Hall Stud Farm near Lexington has been bought by the state as the site of a new park honoring the horse industry in Kentucky.



**NEW POSTMASTER**—Roy Pynes, assistant postmaster here since 1933, is shown being sworn in by acting Sectional Center Manager, Tyler and Longview areas Bruce Burnett of Tyler. Pynes' wife, Jessie Mae watches the ceremony. Pynes has more than 40 years service with the U.S. Postal Service. His appointment was effective Saturday, Feb. 17. He has been officer in charge since July, 1972. (Mirror Photo)

## Clara Lou Hogue wins area FFA sweetheart honors

Miss Clara Lou Hogue, Union Grove FFA Sweetheart and Mineola District Sweetheart, competed for the title of Area Sweetheart at Tyler's Wise Auditorium Tuesday night before a crowd of 168 voting delegates from 89 schools and 1,000 other FFA members and

advisors. Miss Hogue competed against 7 other girls who were the winners from their District contests held recently. In this contest each school, according to their number of FFA members have a stated number of voting delegates. These delegates are FFA members and they select who they want to represent them at the State Convention to be held at Ft. Worth in July of this year. There are 4 districts in area VI, and each district had two girls elected to co-sweetheart positions.

## Kiwanis Lt. Gov. guest of local club Tuesday

The Gladewater Kiwanis Club at their regular weekly meeting Tuesday morning saw a film titled "Your First Step To Tomorrow" presented by member Carl Jackson, Gladewater High School Vocational Agriculture Director. The film, narrated by movie personality Rex Allen, concerned the FFA and FHA programs in the nation's schools and pointed out how these programs teach the spirit of competition, how to make decisions and self-reliance to youth. In addition, the experience gained with their projects provides them with knowledge which can serve them well in life and the traveling they do to conventions, shows and other competitive activities helps broaden their knowledge of the world around them.

The film was presented at this meeting to help draw attention to National FFA Week now in progress.

Ira Peterson, lieutenant governor of Kiwanis District 14, who resides in Henderson, was also a guest at the meeting. In a discussion period following the film, Peterson pointed out how the personal involvement of the Agriculture instructors such as Jackson and Gary Boyd, Union Grove Voc-Ag instructor, is demonstrative of the national Kiwanis theme "Share Your Life."

Miss Hogue when she was one of three girls to be voted on in a close run-off election. The results made another run-off necessary between Miss Hogue and Miss Donna Hogue from Maud FFA chapter. When the results were given Miss Donna Hogue of Maud was the Area VI Sweetheart with Union Grove's Miss Hogue first runner-up.

Area VI state officer nominee chosen to represent our area in the state president's race this summer in Ft. Worth was Bobby Tucker of the Mineola FFA chapter. The new area VI president chosen was Marvin Isaacks of the Troup FFA chapter.

Those attending the Area VI convention from the Union Grove chapter were as follows: Paul Copeland, Joey Orms, Richard Johnson, Terry Woods, Mike Maddox, David Youngblood, Jerry Holcomb, Philip Gage, Vernon Orms, David Wacasey, Rex Melton, Lee Tarwater, Pam Johnston and advisor Garry T. Boyd.



## ET Chamber group briefed on pending legislation

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Gladewater banker-businessman Quentin Abernathy, accompanied by Norman Glickman, president of Honey Togs, Inc. headed a large delegation from East Texas here for a briefing on proposed legislation pending this year before Congress.

The trip, sponsored by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, was aimed at updating information on legislation. The delegation met with members of the Texas Congressional delegation.

Abernathy, chairman of the regional affairs legislative committee and chamber president James A. Wilson of Houston led the group to the briefing by Bill Brown, Gene Renta and Tom Miles—all members of the Council of State Chambers.

Consumer protection, tax reform and labor legislation were given special emphasis. According to Renta, President Nixon's strong efforts to put a brake on federal spending has resulted in a number of federal programs.

Also highlighted in the presentation was re-structuring income taxes, a higher minimum wage, labor consumerism and trade.

## Copeland files for Warren City council

E. E. Copeland, whose term on the Warren City commission expires this year, has filed for re-election. Also expiring are the terms of Mayor T. L. Sturgis, J. D. Bozman, and G. A. Thompson. Sturgis and Bozman are both seeking return to office.



**IRA PETERSON**, second from left, Kiwanis District 14 lieutenant governor, Henderson, was a guest of the Gladewater Kiwanis Club Tuesday morning. Pictured with Peterson are members (l to r) Roscoe Stevens, Jack Hart and A. R. Tucker.