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GAIL, TEXAS - BLOCK NORTH OF COUTYHOUSE -IN 1926

NOTE THE UNPAVED STREET

LIGHTS FOR GAIL

DONATION BY

(Your Name)

Nights available will be from November 27 through December 31, 1999.

Bulbs @ \$5.00 per person per bulb
per night.

Nights @\$25.00 per person or couple
per night.

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Total Bulbs \$

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To be fair to all please limit each bulb or night to one of the following examples:

John Smith

If you want to list John, Jane, Joe & Julie Smith

Mr. & Mrs. John Smith

Please list them on separate lines.

John Smith Family

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Gail, TX 79738

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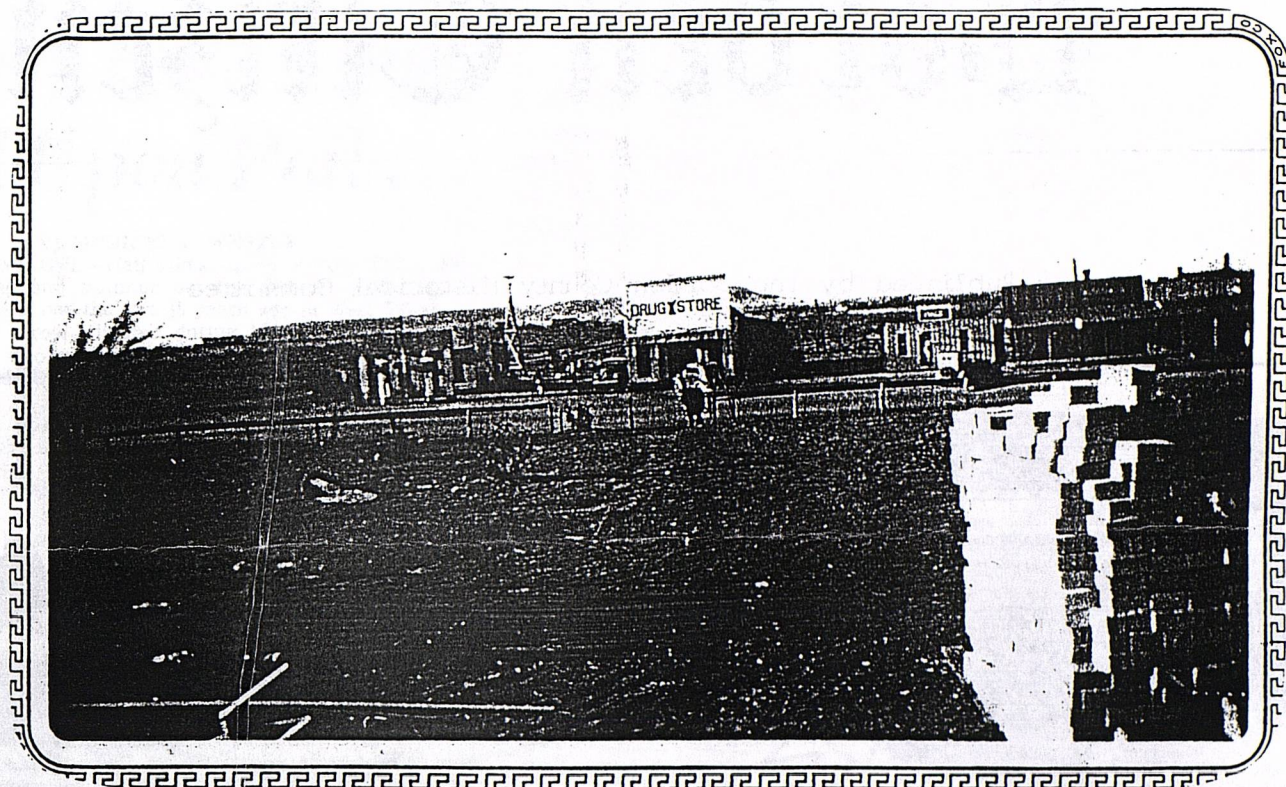
Please note below if you wish to have the name listed above "In Honor of..."

"In Memory of..."

For example if you listed Joe Jones for a night, note here that it is in memory of, or any special notation you wish.

SIXTH ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE STAR

You are invited to attend the 6th Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain. Once again, the "STAR" on Gail Mountain will be lit on Friday, November 26, 1999 at 7:00 P. M. and will continue to shine until January 1, 2000. The Museum in the Courtyard will be open at 5:00 P. M. for reminiscing, visitation and refreshments. There will be local talent providing music for your enjoyment. Please plan to attend.



BRICKS FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE

Built in late 1930!. This picture and the one on the front page sent by LaNell (Johnson) Deaton, 325 Raintree DR #52, Tyler, TX 75403. We say THANKS"

LETTERS FROM THE PENS OF OUR READERS

OLD GAIL

If time could turn again to Gail
In times of "use to be"
If we could walk again upon
the streets of memory.

We'd meet in Dorwood's Drugstore
and sip a sasparilla
say hi to Myrtle Hopkins
who carries her umbrella.

The Millinery Shop display
attracts the passing ladies
and Jim Smith passes on the street
and tells about his babies.

Then hurries to his blacksmith shop
and stokes the burning embers
and people hurry on the street
in golden mid-September.

And times are good and neighborhood
exemplifies perfection
and all in sweet accord await
Gail's very first election.

Miss Minnie teaches at the school.
Doc Prince makes his rounds.
Men gather on the sidewalk.
The mail hack brings the mail.

J.N. Hopkins reads his law book.
The sheriff keeps his jail.
Cowboys come to town again
and all await the mail.

All this has faded in the mist
A picture perfect scene
but hearts relive and minds recall
and "Old Gail" lives again.

Bobbie J. Lawson
2267 W. Inglewood
Springfield, MO 65810

Enclosed is a check for my subscription to the Borden Citizen and to one for my brother Binie White. I am still very much interested in saving the old school house in south Borden Co. that is West of the Griffin Ranch and near the old Wilson Place. My great Aunt was one of the teachers there. No one seems to claim ownership, but I believe that we could manage to preserve our history. Let me know if there is any support. I have talked with several people that would be willing to contribute to saving this building. Martha Kallus

H C 71, Box 109, Coahoma, TX

Nov. 15, 1998 My good friends in Borden County, a happy Thanksgiving and Christmas. I was raised in scurry County but I married Wat Weathers in 1923, then moved to Borden County. We had good neighbors there, Edd Murphy, Von Roeders, Barriers, Richters & many more good people out there. We moved to Hamilton, Tex. in 1952. I still miss our old FAITHful friends and loved ones. I love getting the Citizen paper. Leila Weathers, Hamilton, Texas

Am enclosing \$20.00. \$3.00 for BORDEN CITIZEN renewal, balance a small donation. Thanks, much. Bob Whitaker, Breckenridge, TX

Please renew my subscription to THE BORDEN CITIZEN
Thank you, Stephanie Brown Porterfield, New York.

I have wondered about why I had not received a "News Letter" in such a long time and found I had failed to send new address as requested. Mary Mitchell, Lubbock, Texas

Am enclosing \$3.00 for my subscription for 1999. I saw a copy of the Spring 1998 at the Library. My husbands family were from Lamesa and we enjoy learning about the experiences of others who were early citizens in that area. Mrs. Carroll Anderson Lubbock, TX.

JAMES AARON III, 48, of Fluvanna passed away Nov. 16, 1998. Mr. Aaron served as the Fluvanna fire chief and was actively involved with The Borden County EMT and the Scurry County EMS. He is survived by his step-father, Bob Fee; his Grandmother, Odyne Jones & friends.

WANDA JONES, 65, of Seagraves passed away Nov. 18, 1998. She lived in Borden County until 1972 and among her survivors are two daughters, Deona Hale and Debra Lancaster.

LINDA PERRY STANFORD, 49, of Big Spring lost her long fight on Jan. 25, 1999. She grew up in Borden County and graduated from the High School here in 1967. She is survived by her mother, Lura Perry of Lake J. B. Thomas, a brother Glen Perry of Vealmoore 7 Cousins.

BONNIE WILSON, 65, of Hereford left this Earth Feb. 1, 1999. Mr. Wilson lived in Gail until 1942 when he moved to Snyder. Survivors include a son, T. Glen Wilson of Ft. Worth, two daughters, 3 brothers, Bob of Nampa, Ind., Pete of Amarillo, & Marshall of Sweetwater. A sister, Marguerite Favor of Lubbock is among his other survivors.

EDWARD E. SMITH, of Gail, died March 5, 1999. He was a farmer in Borden County and was a supporter of Borden County Junior Livestock Assn, and 4-H. He is survived by his wife, Terry of Gail, a son, Gerry of Amarillo, a son, James of Stratford, his mother, Juanita Smith of Big Spring, two sisters, a brother and many friends.

MARY CANTRELL SANDERS, 83, of Lubbock passed away May 4, 1999. She was born in Durham in Borden County. She was a longtime resident in Big Spring and Borden County. She served as County Clerk in Borden County for two terms. Survivors include a sister, Pailine Cantrell Brigham of Laguna Hills, California.

TOLLOE FAVER, 104, of Snyder died May 7, 1999. He was born March 11, 1895 in Light, near Fluvanna. and lived in Snyder, with some interests in Borden County. Survivors include a son, Red, and a daughter, Wernette Smith of Snyder.

J. D. HART, 78, of Gail passed away May 10, 1999. He was a farmer and rancher. Among his survivors are four sons, Sidney of Gail, Ronnie of Post, Kenny of Ruidoso, N.M. and Jay of Munday, seven sisters and a brother.

WELDON "BANNIE" HANCOCK, 75, of Borden County died June 17, 1999. He was born in Borden County and lived here most of his life. He was active in the Livestock Assn, The Booster Club and was a great supporter of the School and sporting events. Survivors include his wife Juanda, two daughters and two sons, and his parents of Tahoka.

ALDA HARRISON STAGGS, 92, of Lamesa died July 9, 1999. She moved to Borden County from Abilene in 1944. Survivors include two sons, Bill of Hobbs, N.M. and Jerry of Ackerly. A daughter, Mary Lynn Williams of Borden County, 15 grandchildren, 26 greats & 2 greatgreats.



"LIVING PORTRAIT" — Ritch Miller, who paints life on scenes in Spain, gets down a different type sketch while visiting back in his home in Borden County. Posing in a living portrait on a rise in

the rugged "breaks" country on the Ralph Miller H L Ranch are Ralph Miller and his daughters, Becky, left, and Tammy. (Staff Photo by Pauline Warner)

Dear Friends, Please send your letters, pictures and memories of Gail to us so we can continue to Publish the Newsletter.

ADDRESS: THE BORDEN CITIZEN
GAIL, TEXAS 79738

The Hail In Gail Filled Pail Upon Pail Upon Pail...

By MICHAEL O. WESTER

GAIL, Tex. (UPI)—Hail takes its toll across Texas during the spring and summer but the fiercest storm of all might have been one that hit 38 years ago in West Texas.

"We had a real whopper during May, 1934," said Mrs. Adella Drew, who grew up in Borden County near the small community of Gail, midway between Lubbock and Big Spring.

"Ice was piled up after the storm—and a real heavy rain—12 to 15 feet deep along the channel of Jolly Draw," Mrs. Drew said.

"And for the Fourth of July celebration seven weeks later, we got ice out of the sheltered-from-the-sun parts of the draw to freeze ice cream."

Possible Texas' Worst

That hail storm may have been the worst in Texas history—although there are no records to prove or disprove it. There were several persons caught in the storm, however, who will never forget it.

"It was a very hot afternoon," said Russell Dorward, an oldtimer from Gail who was helping two others mend fence along the old '49' Lane in the pasture draw.

"About 1 p.m. a small, spinning black cloud formed over what youngsters still call 'Dillahunty Mountain.' With little warning the bottom just fell out.

"Fortunately, the hail was about the size of a large marble and we were able to get some protection by holding our hands over our heads," Dorward said. "But it fell so fast, and rain with it, that we could hardly breathe. It seemed like it lasted a lifetime, but most likely it was only about 40 minutes."

Water Knee Deep

When it was over, Dorward said, water was knee deep on the flat, running like cold molasses because of the ice in it. Several persons caught in the storm were beaten black and blue by the hail stones.

"A big rise came down every creek," Mrs. Drew said. "The hail killed jackrabbits, wildlife, and even small calves. Trees were beaten to a pulp.

"The ground was packed as hard as pavement. Stock tanks were ruined. Some tanks were packed so solid with ice you could drive a wagon team out on them."

Hail still takes its toll on the plains. Already this year some farmers have had their cotton crops wiped out and a few ranchers have reported heavy damage to cattle. But few storms can compare with the one near Gail back in 1934.

Dear Friends at Gail, Enclosed money for subscription to wonderful paper. One HUNDred years ago, my 4 great grandfathers & their wives settled in & lived at Gail, also both sets of grandparents, The Jeters and the Scalper Jim Smiths. My parents, Charley Jeter & Hattie Smith were both born in Gail. They have passed on to settle another Country, and we, their descendants are still here to cherish the memories and accounts of life at Gail. Bobbie (Jeter) Lawson Springfield, Mo.

Thanks Bobbie for the poem in this Newsletter. Also Thank You for your interest and letters.

Friends like you make this paper possible!



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