Clips and Briefs

by Sue Lyman

Buddy and Ruby Harris (now of Athens, Texas) are back in town, guests at Coral Cay. Spending two or three weeks with them is Mabel Winkler of Teague. Buddy is minding the store while Mark and Carolyn Grosse are vacationing in Colorado. Sure nice to have you back.

Jack Estep and wife, Marilyn, are here visiting from Washington, D.C. for three weeks. Marilyn is working in the Geophysical Lab at the Carnicige Institute of Washington. Not too clear what Jack is doing. Hope you are having a good vacation.

Bus and Pat Cheatham took the twin grandchildren on an 8 day trip through Laredo, Eagle Pass, West Texas and Six Flags. In West Texas they noted the change in crops from cotton and maise to fruits and vegetables. They said that a lot of the fruit and vegetables were not being harvested and were just spoiling on the vine. Maybe we should organize a group to go do some harvesting.

Aunt Mathis Belcher called to say that her nephew, Mark McClung and his new bride, Terry, are here honeymooning at the Double Barr. Couldn't have had a better moon for one than we've had the last couple of days. Congratulations.

There will be a benefit dance for George Swank at the Community Center September 18th from 5 - til ?. George is recovering from a number of operations to save his eye after an injury several months ago. The dance will feature live entertainment by the Pocket Rockets and the Jessee Bishop Band. A fish dinner will be served and there will be a white elephant auction. Raffle tickets will also be available and they will have door prizes. Tickets are $5.00 for the meal and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased starting Wednesday, August 23rd from Betsy at the *SOUTH JETTY*, Party House, Rod and Gun, Vera Cortson at Island State Bank, Lois Lister or Lexa Frishman at H.G. Olsen School or from Dottie Bull. It was asked that any one wishing to donate to the white elephant auction please contact Julie Weeks at 749-5681. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Hope to see all of you at the dance.

I'm going to take a minute to remind everyone that school has started and all of our little people are back on the streets. The crossings are well marked but kids don't always use them. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY and look out for them.

Paul and Mary Jo Mathews have a baby girl, Lydia Ann, born August 14 and weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. Mom and baby are doing fine. Congratulations.

I will be reminding you at the end of this column from now on that if you have news of guests or a baby or a wedding or a meeting coming up or one that has been or just some idle chatter, please call me. We don't always have time to chase down all the goings on and we don't want you disappointed if your news isn't in the paper.

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BY BETH LAYTON

Key Thought: Pergamos

The church in Pergamos is tightly webbed in a network of sin ruled by Emperor Constantine. The church has compromised by permitting pagan worship. The Emperor sought to merge Christianity and pagan rites. The faithful knew from the enlightening of the Holy Spirit that God would give them the strength to victoriously overcome all persecutions. Even death has no sting to the believer. It was hard for the church to combat the practice of Balaam (idolatry and sexual sins). Voluptuous women were used to entice sexual sins. Thus, the nation's morale ebbed to an extremely low tide.

The teaching of the Nicolaitans entrenched heavily on the church. Nicholas taught a paradoxical doctrine. The spiritual part of man, he reasoned, is inherently good and the material part inherently evil. He reasoned that a man's indulgence of his body did not defile the spirit (a diabolical Satan's venom to poison the spiritual lives of man), making a playboy of man with sin. Living a double life? Only Satan encouraged *that*. David shouted. "Help, Lord! For the godly man has ceased: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak." James said a double minded man is unstable in all his ways, either Christian or sinner. But, draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." It is documented in the Bible that the Church at Pergamos suffered baffling maneuvers to confuse the church. Persecution ceased but a greater curse fell upon them. In its symbolic counterpart in the fourth and fifth centuries, spiritual adultery (an impure alliance) was created with the Roman Empire. Read Rev. Ch. 1, 2, and 3. Next edition will feature Thyatira: The Great Counterfeit.

Youth Dance Held Friday

Another in the series of successful youth dances for youngsters in grades 6 through 9 was held last Friday evening at the Community Building. Forty-six young people attended the dance that was held in a Saturday Night Fever theme.

Winners of the dance contest receiving 1-hour passes donated by the Aqua Thrillway, in Corpus Christi, were two couples, Bill Furlow and Annie Scalan, and Chris Abdo and Suzette Parker. The contest couple that won T-shirts from Pat Magee's was John James and Luann Needham.

SOUTH JETTY provided the cold drinks for the dance that was sponsored by Charlie and Linda Zahn, Jan Pierce and Shirley Barr.

The next youth dance is planned for the group in late September. The date will be announced shortly.

CCSU Holds Registration

Special office hours to meet students' admission and registration needs have been set by Corpus Christi State University, which will hold fall semester registration Thursday, August 31. Prior to registration, the admissions, financial assistance and registrar's offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tudsday, August 29 and Wednesday, August 30. On registration day, Thursday, August 31, admissions, financial assistance and registrar's offices as well as the business and deans' offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

These offices will all be open after registration, Tuesday, Sept. 5 through Thursday, Sept. 7 and on Monday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Regular 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours will be observed on Friday, Sept. 1 and Friday, Sept. 8. All offices will be closed Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day holiday. The special office hours were set to allow working people the opportunity to make admissions and registration arrangements for the fall semester.

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Thank You

Many thanks to all my friends for their kind notes and calls during my recent hospital stay and recuperation at home. Your kindness will always be remembered by me and my family. I hope to be out and around soon.

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