

PLAIN TALK

By BILL PERKINS

Today is the last day to pay your poll tax and be eligible to vote during 1957 elections. Mrs. Ruby Cousins is selling poll tax receipts at the City Hall right here in McLean and you might just have time to get yours before the deadline this afternoon if you hurry.

While we were in the tax office earlier this week we got a peek at the 1957 Texas automobile license plates.

This year's plates have black letters and numerals on a white background with a lone star dividing the letters and figures.

McLean's plates begin with AU 9000. They go on sale Friday.

Johnny and Bob Glass, young sons of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glass, made their own ending to one of those western hum-dingers over an Amarillo television station last week.

Johnny and Bob decided to do a little shooting of their own, and armed with a BB gun fired directly at the television picture. In fact, their shots put an end to the entire program and all other programs for that matter until the set was repaired.

The story, making the rounds in McLean, has been amusing to most who heard it, but Mrs. Glass says that the repair bill wasn't very funny to them.

Maybe Honest Jess will start furnishing some sort of bullet-proof screen shield when he hears about this.

Today is the deadline for school age children to be enumerated in the current school census. If anyone has been missed they should contact Supt. Melton or Mrs. Sherman Crockett today.

The Hi-Fi Quartet from West Texas State College at Canyon appeared at the Lions Club Ladies Night Tuesday. They certainly earned and received a generous amount of applause for their excellent performance. McLean Lions have made arrangements for them to appear here at a later date so that all McLean can see and hear them. On their next trip here they will be accompanied by a pianist and a girl vocalist.

We wouldn't like to join in the controversy of whether it is ethical for optometrists to advertise prices or not, but we wonder if anybody has found anything wrong with the one that advertises "Eyes examined while you wait."

The current issue of The Lion magazine contains these few lines of advice: "If something goes wrong, it is more important to talk about who is going to fix it than who is to blame."

Ladies Night Held By McLean Lions Here Tuesday Night

The McLean Lions Club observed Ladies Night at their Tuesday night meeting held in Fellowship Hall at the McLean Methodist Church.

The evening began when Lion Boss George Saunders called on Rev. Jack Riley to lead the opening songs. J. F. Doggett offered the invocation.

Lion Sammy Haynes then recognized and introduced the guests. Two International counselors, Buff Morris of Canyon and the McLean club's own Boyd Meador, were present. District Governor Don Stark and his wife, Sarah, of Amarillo were also present.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parvin, Mrs. Gilbert Stribling, the former Bethie Mantooth, Norman Gilbreath, Lion Cub of the month, and his date, Elaine McIlroy. Each Lion then introduced his wife.

Lion Meador presented Lion Milton "Biff" Morris, who had brought the Hi-Fi Quartet with him from West Texas State College at Canyon.

The quartet proved to be excellent entertainers and the local club made arrangements with them to present a full hour and one-half show here at a later date.

A report was given on new members for the club which have been added during the current Founders Day membership drive. Lion President Saunders dismissed the group, announcing that the next meeting would be February 5.

Tungsten has the highest melting point of all metals.

LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

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MOTHERS' MARCH team captained by Dorris Windom as shown here collected more contributions at the house to house canvass than any other group. From left to right are Mrs. Windom, Mrs. Babe Brown, Mothers' March Chairman Erma Hester, and Mrs. Viola Glass. (Photo by J. M. Payne)

CROCKETT AND GILBREATH ARE HONORED AT BANQUET

REVEILLE



... with the boys

Army Pfc. John D. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller of Alanreed, is a member of the 933d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion at El Monte, Calif.

Miller, a radar operator in the battalion's Battery A, entered the army in June, 1955, and received basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He was last stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The 19-year-old soldier was graduated from McLean High School in 1955.

William R. Heasley, Jr., fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reo Heasley of McLean, is serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Comstock with the 7th Fleet in the Far East.

The Comstock has visited Korea, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and Iwakuni and Yokosuka, Japan.

McLean Men Attend Amarillo Banquet

Three McLean men were among more than 400 persons present at the annual Amarillo Chamber of Commerce banquet held in the YMCA building Monday night.

Amarillo's Mayor Art Jordan presented the Jaycee Distinguished Service award to Bill Montgomery, a former Shamrock boy. Guests from most of the towns in the Amarillo trade territory were present. Those attending from McLean were Jimmie Don Morris, Boyd Meador and Bill Perkins.

SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM MENU

Monday—Ham and cheese sandwich, vegetable stew, milk, cherry cobbler.

Tuesday—Macaroni and cheese, spinach, beets, bread and butter, milk, cookies.

Wednesday—Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple and cottage cheese salad, bread and butter, milk, plums.

Thursday—Barbecue on bun, pinto beans, cole slaw, milk, lime jell-o.

Friday—Fish and tartar sauce, corn, beets, bread and butter, milk, cake.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rallsback of Pampa visited in the J. J. Rallsback home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Graham of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hamilton over the week end.

Wet Snow Brings .35" Moisture This Week; January Total .48"

The city rain gauge chart maintained by Pete Fulbright shows that McLean had received .35 inch of moisture from the snow that fell here this week.

Much of the moisture was attributed to the sleet that fell Wednesday morning.

This latest measurement combined with that recorded earlier this month brings the January total to .48 inch.

At this time last year on only .18 of an inch of moisture had been recorded.

Program Nets \$65.16 For March of Dimes In Heald Community

The Heald community held a program last week for the March of Dimes drive. Sixty-five dollars and 16 cents was collected at the program.

Those on the program were Dr. and Mrs. Joe Suderman, Jane Simpson and Jeane Brown, who sang; the FFA band composed of Sammy Cooper, Carl Lee Henley and Ronnie Smith, furnished part of the music. Betty Ruth Dilbeck played several accordion numbers.

Mrs. Orphus Tate was chairman of the drive in the Heald community.

Religious Census Set for Sunday

A religious census will be conducted in McLean Sunday, February 3, from 2 to 5 p. m., sponsored by the McLean Methodist Church. Rev. Jack Riley, pastor, has announced.

The census will be city-wide and for all denominations.

After the census is taken the cards will be turned over to the church preference denoted on each card.

Homes Needed for WT Band Members

The West Texas State College band from Canyon will be in McLean February 26 for a concert. McLean band members are sponsoring the WT band of about 65 members.

The band will be in town overnight, and 10 more rooms are needed in McLean homes. Anyone willing to share their home with one or more college band members on February 26 should contact Band Director Bruce Cook of McLean.

Former Resident Dies in Muleshoe

Mrs. Laura A. Tipton, 96, of Muleshoe died Saturday. Mrs. Tipton was a former resident of McLean and lived here for many years. She was the widow of the late F. F. Tipton, pioneer Baptist preacher.

Mrs. Tipton had been living with her sister, Mrs. B. E. Chaney, for several years.



DOOR KNOCKINGEST GROUP—The ladies above asked for March of Dimes contributions at 67 homes during the Mothers' March held in connection with the local fund drive. Seated, from left to right, are Laura Smith, Erma Hester, Ruth Gapps and Helen Dwyer. Standing are Lois Page and Billie Perkins. (Photo by J. M. Payne)

'Toll Road' Date Set for Saturday

McLean Lions will sponsor a "Toll Road" all day Saturday from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. to aid in the local March of Dimes fund drive, if weather permits.

The Lions bucket brigade was originally scheduled to be held last Saturday but icy streets and cold weather made this date unsatisfactory and this portion of the dimes drive was postponed until this weekend.

Rev. Jack Riley, local March of Dimes chairman, reports that the drive so far has been very successful. He has asked that persons who may have been missed previously, and would like to contribute, bring their contributions to the Lions Saturday.

Kay Stubbs Is Named Beauty Contest Winner



At Home—

NEW BOSS

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Roger Klucas of Rose Hill, Kans., are the parents of a girl, Linda Kay, born January 21, 1957, at McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kans. The little girl weighed 3 pounds, 9 ounces. Mrs. Klucas is the former Annie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Jones of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Skaggs of South Gate, Calif., are the parents of a girl born January 14. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and has been named Rhonda Louise. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson, formerly of McLean, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Skaggs of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Rigby are the parents of a daughter born Sunday morning, January 27, at 10:30 in the Suderman Clinic. The new arrival weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and has been named Vesta Carlotta. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Gudgeon of McLean and Mrs. Mary Perkins of Oklahoma City.

Next P-TA Meeting Set for February 6

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet February 6 in the grade school cafeteria at 3:45 p. m.

Mrs. Dale Parvin will be in charge of the program concerning "Johnny and Education."

A special business meeting will be held. Main item of business will be to elect a nominating committee to select candidates for offices for the 1957-58 school term.

Everyone is urged to be present for the special business session.

ATTENDS CHURCH MEET

Rev. J. Edwin Kerr of McLean attended a church meeting in Dumas Thursday of last week.

Rev. Karl Ernst, former Presbyterian pastor here, was host to the visiting ministers.

Rev. Kerr was a guest in the Ernst home while attending the meeting and reports a very enjoyable visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stubblefield attended the wedding of his nephew, James Knorrp, in Amarillo Sunday.

Kay Stubbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stubbs, was named first place winner in the McLean High School Press Club beauty contest held Friday night at the school auditorium. Kay was sponsored by the Texaco Wholesale Agency. Forty-three girls competed in the contest.

Fern Grimsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Grimsley and sponsored by Cooke Chevrolet Company, was second place winner.

Othelia Eustace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eustace, was third place winner. She was sponsored by McLean Hardware.

Roy Hancock was master of ceremonies for the contest, and Dorothy Pakan was pianist for the beauty parade. Gayle Mullanax presented gifts to the three winners, and a bouquet of red roses to the beauty queen.

All of the girls wore beautiful flowing formals, and the all-school beauty and the runners-up were selected by out-of-town judges.

Intermission numbers featured two girls' quartets. One quartet was composed of Susie Trout, Charlene Hall, Flo Nelle Crockett and Fern Grimsley.

Darla Jane Hill, June Dorsey, Martha Jo McCurley and Rolema Chase made up the second quartet.

Caroline Stokes, soloist, sang several numbers. Just before the winner came through the "green door," Caroline sang the popular hit parade song.

Bill Reeves Named Acting Postmaster

Bill Reeves, who has been connected with the McLean post office since 1947, has been named acting postmaster.

Johnnie R. Back, who has been postmaster here for 18 years, has not announced his future plans.

Reeves has been a clerk in the local office for the past 10 years except for time out for military service.

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 3—Warren Henley, Sandra Ayers.

Feb. 4—David Wilson, Carlton Patterson.

Feb. 5—Mrs. D. A. Davis, Mrs. Jess Ledbetter, Mrs. Robert West, Ercy Eugene Hambricht.

Feb. 6—Othelia Eustace, Mrs. H. W. Finley, Mrs. Hester Adams.

Feb. 7—Byrd Guill, Patricia Kay Simpson, Jerry Mounce, Mrs. H. E. Parmenter.

Feb. 8—Billy Felton Webb.

Feb. 9—Mrs. Carl Baker, Owen Rhea.

Personals

Wayne Woods of Texas A & M College, College Station, is spending mid-semester with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. June Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders and daughter, Judy, made a trip to Kansas last week.

Mrs. Alice Short Smith returned home Monday after a ten day visit in Vigo Park.

Society



MR. AND MRS. RICKY POPE MANTOOTH

Miss Sammye Lou Norman Becomes Bride Of Ricky Pope Mantooth January 23

Marriage vows for Miss Sammye Lou Norman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Norman of 4017 Monroe St., Amarillo, and Ricky Pope Mantooth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Mantooth of McLean, were read Wednesday evening January 23, at 7:00 o'clock in the home of the bride's parents.

Elder E. J. Norman of Childress, uncle of the bride and a primitive Baptist minister, performed the ceremony.

An arch covered with greenery and white floral decor formed the altar. Candelabra completed the setting.

Miss Dortha Fish of Paducah, organist, played traditional wedding selections and accompanied Miss Irene Potts of Amarillo who sang. Miss Fish and Miss Potts are students at West Texas State College in Canyon.

Miss Charoaine Brown of Dumas, maid of honor, wore a red velvet sheath, styled with straight princess lines. Her hat was of matching velvet trimmed in seed pearls. She carried a nosegay of white feathered carnations and satin puffs.

Jerry Guyton of McLean was best man. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white lace over taffeta sheath, designed with a straight neckline finished in satin. Her hat was of white lace trimmed in white satin and seed pearls. Her only jewelry was a small cross, a gift from the bridegroom. She carried a white pearl Bible topped with a white orchid and showered with white streamers knotted with lillies of the valley. The bride wore something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue.

Mrs. Norman, mother of the bride, wore a dress of navy and white with navy accessories. Mrs. Mantooth, mother of the bridegroom, wore a sheath of peacock blue and a duster of charcoal blue. Both had corsages of red

Junior Music Club Meeting Held Friday

The Junior Music Club met in Mrs. Boyett's studio Friday, January 25. New officers elected for the remainder of the year were: president, Margie Railsback; vice president, Betty Ruth Dilbeck; secretary, Alta June Watson; vice secretary, Nancy Jean Hess; reporter, Janice Saunders.

Roll call was answered with the name, birth place and birthday of two composers.

Betty Ruth Dilbeck and Martina Glesler played a repertoire of six numbers each.

On the December honor roll were: A. F. Sarah Coleman and Betty Ruth Dilbeck.

A. Elaine Baker, Amanda Beth Dalton, Martina Glesler and

Mike Tindall.

On the January honor roll were: A. F. Sarah Coleman,

A. Elaine Baker, Nancy Dilbeck, Betty Ruth Dilbeck, Martina Glesler, Janice Saunders and Sharon Sitter.

A. Douglas Crockett, Judy Glass and Eddy Windom.

Each member present played two numbers, one by memory and one with music.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served by Mrs. O. L. Tibbets and Mrs. L. F. Glesler to 34 members and guests.

That empty and ugly thing called popularity.—R. L. Stevenson.

To protect the life of the President and to suppress counterfeits are the two statutory duties of the U. S. Secret Service.

All Baptist Circles Meet in Group At Church Tuesday

Members of all circles met at the First Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Howard in charge. Assignments were made for visitation after a prayer by Mrs. George Colebank.

Those present were Mesdames Howard, Colebank, Frank Payne, Howard Williams, Oscar Tibbets, Oba Kunkel, T. A. Langham, A. L. Day, Boyd Reeves, Luther Petty, Leo Gibson, R. L. McDonald, Homer Abbott, Onie Vineyard, Leroy Williams, F. E. Stewart and Lona Jones.

A business session and a mis-

tion program from Royal Service welcome. Reading Club members will be held in the church parlor will exchange books at this meeting at 7:30 p. m. February 5. All circle members are urged to attend this meeting and visitors are. Call 47 for classified ads.

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Kraft Strawberry jar
Preserves 29c

Kraft 2 lb pkg.
Velveeta Cheese 79c

CATSUP 19c
Del Monte 14 oz. bottle

GRAPE JUICE 29c
Welch's 24 oz. bottle

Puffin BISCUITS can 10c

Reg. bar
Lux 3 for 25c

Bath size
Lux 2 for 25c

Giant size
Breeze 73c

3 lb can
Spry 92c

Liquid 12 oz. can
Lux 35c

New Blue Giant size
Rinso 63c

Reg. size
Breeze 32c

Supreme 2 lb pkg.
Crackers 49c

Donald Duck 46 oz. can
Orange Juice 3 for \$1.00

3 lb can
Crisco 92c

Reynolds Aluminum
FOIL 29c

pint bottle
KARO 25c

PURE CANE SUGAR 10 lb 95c

SPECIALS GOOD FRI., SAT., FEB. 1, 2, 1957

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By Lewis

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Society

Bonita Joyce Bailey and Jesse Ray Crowl Repeat Weddings Vows in Church Ceremony

Mrs. Leon Waldrop Honored at Party

Friends and relatives surprised Mrs. Leon Waldrop with a "42" party on the anniversary of her birthday.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burr and Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Glaass, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Waldrop and H. L. Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Cunningham and Dora, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Railsback and Margie, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Waldrop.

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You can visit this great hotel now. Time and a small amount of money spent there will be an investment in pleasant living and good health. For reservations write to Fred Brown, manager, Crazy Water Hotel, Mineral Wells, Texas. (Adv.)

Keep your secret to yourself and it is your captive; disclose it and it is your captor.—Salomon Ibn Gabirol.

Marriage vows were repeated by Bonita Joyce Bailey of 806 A Jackson, Amarillo, and Jesse Ray Crowl, 807 N. Polk, Amarillo, Friday, January 18, in the chapel of the McLean Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey of McLean, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Othal Crowl of Berlin, Okla. Rev. H. A. Longino, retired minister, read the double-ring ceremony.

Baskets of pink gladioli and white stock decorated the altar, which was trimmed with huckleberry foliage. Candelabra completed the decor.

Traditional wedding marches were played.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Miss Bettye Hess of Amarillo, and the best man was Alton King of Amarillo.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a mauve brocaded cotton, street-length dress with white and black accessories. She carried a white Bible marked with white pom-poms and stephanotis.

Mrs. Bailey, mother of the bride, wore a blue suit with brown accessories. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Crowl, wore a beige gabardine suit with brown accessories. Both had corsages of white carnations.

Following the ceremony, the bridal party was feted at a reception in the home of the bride's parents. Miss Dora Mae Bailey, cousin of the bride, served the cake, and Mrs. Chalmus Moore presided at the coffee service. Guests were registered by Mrs. Cottie Tarbet. The serving table was laid with a white lace cloth over orchid and centered with an arrangement of orchid carnations flanked by candles.

After a wedding trip to Woodward, Okla., the couple is at home at 717 W. 17th in Amarillo.

Mrs. Crowl is a graduate of McLean High School and attended West Texas State College in Canyon. She is employed by KGNC radio and television in Amarillo.

The bridegroom graduated from Buffalo, Okla., High School and served in the armed forces. He is employed by Personal Loan Service Co. in Amarillo.



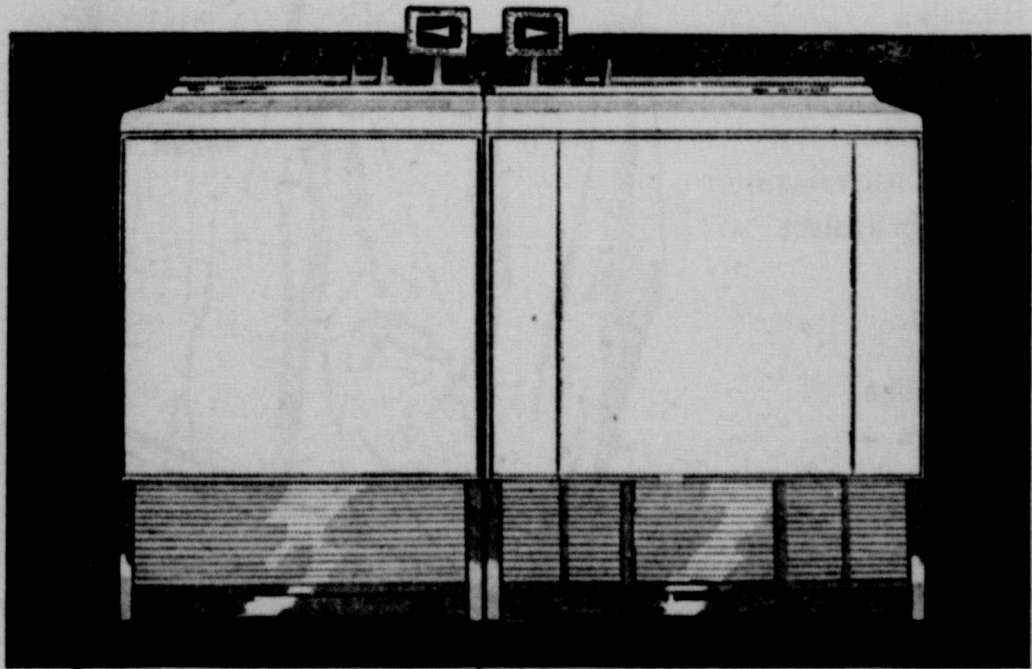
MR. AND MRS. JESSE RAY CROWL

Tax-Man Sam Sez:

Most of us are not surprised when the tax folks tell us one of the most common errors that we make in our tax returns is failing to add and subtract right. Most of us would save ourselves time and trouble by checking our tax returns before we mail them. The government has lots of adding machines and they check the tax return carefully and usually send a bill for the mistake.

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Editorial

A BETTER BUY

Research, experiment, and innovation have changed just about everything in this country. That truism even goes for the meat we eat and the livestock it comes from. In other words, "pigs isn't pigs" any more!

Nowadays, for instance, people want leaner cuts than they used to—and they're getting them. Farmers are producing strains of hogs and other livestock that, pound for pound, provide more meat and less fat.

Efforts to provide a more attractive product—and a better buy for the money—are not confined to producers. The whole meat industry is in the act. The packers have found new, better, and more economical processing methods—and some of them are unusual indeed. One that falls into that category is the wind tunnel, introduced as a rapid way to freeze meat by the use of high-speed fans. And such tools as electric knives and pneumatic needles now play roles in making packing and processing operations faster and more efficient.

Finally, the United States is the world leader in this kind of progress, as it is in so many other fields. As an example, we usually think of sausage in connection with the Old World. But an American sausage maker who toured Europe recently said on his return: "I didn't bring back a single idea applicable to our business, hard as I tried. It was like going back to the food dispensing practices of 50 years ago."

PREFERENCE FOR NEWSPAPERS

Writing in Editor & Publisher, Philip N. Schuyler says: "A new coast-to-coast check of representative automobile dealers shows a continued preference for newspaper advertising. A vast majority of 344 dealers questioned . . . declared they put this local form of advertising ahead of all other media."

An editorial in the same issue of the same magazine refutes the claim that TV is dominant among young people. It cites a factual survey in which 39% of 18 and 19 year olds questioned said newspapers are "hardest to do without," whereas only 18% said the same thing about television.

Newspapers aren't only here to stay—they're still the leaders of all media.

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40 Years Ago—
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Taken from the Files of
The McLean News, 1917

Personals

Dr. Thomas of Amarillo was called to the bedside of little Mattie Sue Howell Wednesday night when it became necessary to perform an operation of the lung. Her condition is slightly improved at this writing.

Mrs. W. R. Patterson of Lefors visited friends in the city Saturday and Sunday.

A. G. Richardson, J. L. and Josh Turner and Miss Clara Turner were visitors to White Deer Tuesday.

Estel Bowen has accepted a position as meat cutter at the market.

T. A. Cooke has the contract for a comfortable 4-room cottage for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey on their farm east of town.

Mrs. J. L. Crabtree left Sunday for an extended visit with Dr. and Mrs. Orr at Wellington. Miss Pearl Gull is visiting friends at Wichita Falls and Byers.

W. M. Greenwood was over from Alanreed Monday.

The Y. P. C. U. will hold an interrogative meeting Sunday. Vice president, Maggie Jordan, leader, Mr. Ragland.

Mrs. John Kibler is in Clarendon at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. B. F. Naylor, who is desperately ill.

G. S. Loyd shipped a mixed car

of hogs and cattle to Oklahoma City Tuesday.

George Colebank shipped four cars of sheep to Kansas City the first of the week.

Will Haynes has bought the Richardson residence on Main Street.

J. H. Harbison and W. H. Neal of Canyon are visiting Lee Van

'The Rack' Features
New Star Playing
Top Headline Role

Sant and family. The depot agent at Benonine, Mr. Dawson, was killed at his home Monday night. Several different stories are in circulation as to how it happened, but none authentic enough for publication. Hardwood floors have been laid in the waiting room and office at the local depot. The officials promise some other improvements, among which is the opening of the room just back of the waiting room for the convenience of ladies.

The general merchandise store at Ramsdell, owned by Mr. Cromwell, was destroyed by fire Monday night. The stock was partly covered by insurance.

Advertisements The early bird catches the worm, and the early chicken brings the best price. Get a Newer Fall incubator and get your chickens hatched early.—C. S. Rice.

"Uncle John's" tree syrup—it's fine. Bundy & Biggers. Ladies' and Misses' middies—new spring colors. Coffey. Buy peanut butter in the bulk—it's better and cheaper. We have it. Bundy & Biggers.

The Panama Canal is 300 feet wide and 45 feet deep.

One of the vital subjects in today's newspaper headlines is given biting treatment in "The Rack," new M-G-M picture opening at the Avalon Theatre Wednesday. It is the problem of the Korean war hero accused of collaboration with the enemy in a POW camp and facing a court-martial on his return to the United States.

What are the extenuating factors in the case of such a soldier? How much brain-washing and torture is he expected to stand? What pressures are exerted by relationships in the man's background? These are some of the questions brought to the fore in a drama as compelling and timely as such previous M-G-M hits on tropical subjects as "Trial" and "Backboard Jungle."

The pivotal role of the young officer charged with collaborating with the Reds in "The Rack" is played by Paul Newman, one of the screen's most exciting new acting personalities. Newman achieved stardom on the stage in "Picnic."

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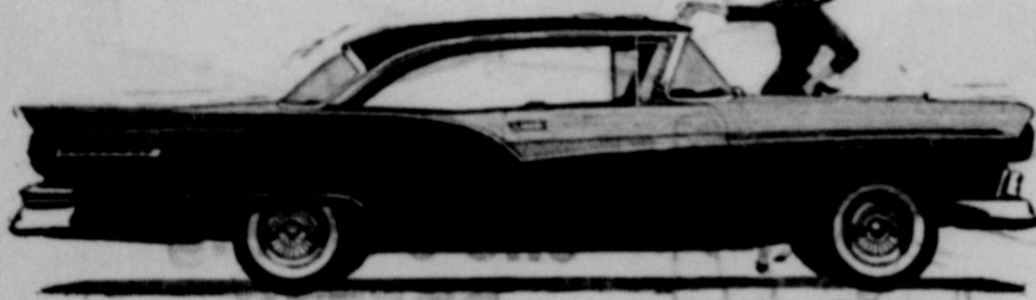
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ages of 50 and 65. The self-employment tax rate is increased to 3 3/8% for taxable years beginning after 1956. Self-employment tax returns for 1956, due by April 15, 1957, are not affected by the new law and will still be figured at the old rate of 3%. The social security taxes apply only to the first \$4,200 of earnings in a year. Sanderson emphasized that no payments under the new disability insurance provisions may be made for any month before July 1957, but applications for disability benefits are now being accepted from disabled people, and some workers now disabled may lose their benefit rights entirely.

If they do not make an application before June 30, 1957. Further information about old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits may be obtained from the social security office in Amarillo. Further information about social security taxes may be obtained from the district director of internal revenue at Amarillo. A representative from the Amarillo office will be in McLean at the City Hall on February 13.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to take this means of expressing our deep gratitude to the many dear friends who came with acts of kindness and beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Mattie Capps. Mr. and Mrs. Hap Rogers and Family

Personal

Miss Donna Ruth Magee of Texas Tech, Lubbock, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Magee, during mid-semester. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Horton and son of Pampa, and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith, Jr., and daughter of Dumas visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith, and family over the week end. Mrs. Scotty McDonald and children of Pampa visited her mother, Mrs. Odessa Gunn, and other relatives Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Estes and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart and family of Dumas, and Mrs. R. R. Cable and daughter of Letors visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Duncan, over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Humphreys of Shamrock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Humphreys, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Powell Hinson and baby of Lubbock visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holliday, over the week end.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Mantooth Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Mantooth of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. E. Norman of Amarillo, Mrs. Stribling and Becky of Letors, Va., Mr. and Mrs. D. J. of Borger, J. D. and Cleo Pope and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reeves and children of McLean.

Jimmy and Gene Farren of WTSC Canyon, are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farren, this week.

Mrs. Martha Aldridge is spending several days this week with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Nachlinger, and family in Pampa.

Mrs. Vernon Wood and daughter, Sammie Jane, of Pampa attended the beauty parade here Friday night.



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1/2 cup Fat Evaporated Milk
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1 cup powdered sugar

Have ready a baked 9-in. pastry shell. Chill milk in ice tray until almost frozen around the edges. Mix in a 1-qt. saucepan the cornstarch and sugar. Drain cherries, saving syrup. If necessary, add water to syrup to make 1 cup. Stir syrup into cornstarch mixture. Cook and stir until very thick and clear, about 7 min. Cool thoroughly and then add drained cherries. Put into pastry shell. Meanwhile, melt butter in small saucepan. Take from heat and mix in until smooth the lemon juice, salt and powdered sugar. Cool thoroughly. Put ice-cold milk into a cold 1-qt. bowl. Whip with cold rotary beater, or with electric beater at high speed, until stiff. Whip in cooled powdered sugar mixture just until mixed, about 1/4 at a time. Do not overbeat. Arrange around edge of pie. Chill an hour before serving.



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CHURCH CALENDAR

(Churches of this area are invited to run their activity calendars weekly in this column.)

McLean Methodist Church
Each Sunday:
Church School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a. m.
Vespers 5:00 p. m.
MY Fellowship 6:00 p. m.
A cordial invitation is extended to the public, to attend any or all the services. Make plans to attend every Sunday.
Jack Riley, Pastor

First Presbyterian Church
Bible School 10 a. m.
Worship 11 a. m.
Westminster Fellowship 6 p. m.
Evening worship 7 p. m.
Nursery for children
Ladies Auxiliary 2:30 Tuesday
The Mission of Our Church: To provide the public worship of God; to preach the redeeming love of Christ; to comfort the sorrowing and help the needy; to create the spirit of Christian fellowship; to serve the community, the nation, and a needy world; this is the mission of our church.
You are invited to all services.

Church of Christ
Sunday Services:
Bible School 10 a. m.
Proaching 10:50 a. m.
Communion 11:45 a. m.
Young People's Classes 6:00 p. m.
Evening preaching 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday Services:
Ladies Bible Study 2 p. m.
Bible classes, all ages, 7:30 p. m.
We welcome your attendance, investigation, and support. You need the church and the church needs you. "We preach only Christ and Him crucified."—1 Cor. 2:2. "We speak the truth in love."—Eph. 4:15. You are never a stranger but once you come.
J. F. Doggett, Minister

Church of the Nazarene
Sunday Services:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Proaching 11 a. m.
Evening worship 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Mid-week prayer service 7:00 p. m.
Missionary service each 2nd Wednesday
Come and Get Your Faith Lifted.
W. E. Bond, Pastor

First Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship service 11 a. m.
Training Union 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday:
W. M. U. meetings
Wednesday:
Sunday School teachers and officers meet at 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting and Bible study at 7:30 p. m., followed by choir practice.

Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday Services:
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Youth meeting 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
Mid-week service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Woman's Auxiliary meets on Thursday, 1 p. m.
Prayer—changes things for soul and body.—1 Thes. 5:23.
Leon Bird, Pastor

Alanreed Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning worship 11 a. m.
Training Union 7 p. m.
Evening worship 8 p. m.
Monday: W. M. S. 2 p. m.

Wednesday:
Prayer meeting 8 p. m.
Come and worship with us. Remember those who say, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psalms 122:1.
R. M. Cole, Pastor



John R. Sanderson, manager of the Amarillo social security district office, pointed out this week that beginning January 1, 1957, social security tax rates for employees and employers were increased to 2 1/4% for each. The additional tax will be used for the new disability insurance program, which provides monthly social security payments to qualified disabled workers between the

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For Sale—I am the Texas-Louisiana Talking Bible distributor. Stories from the New and Old Testaments for children. Vergal Ray Smith. 5-2p

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For Sale—4-room modern house. See J. E. Smith or call 30W. 45-1fc

For Sale—Four piece living room suite, dinette table and chairs, steel wardrobe, two mattresses and springs, Singer sewing machine. Mrs. Ben Tedder. 5 mi. E. 3 1/2 N. McLean. 1c

For Sale—Large 6-room house with 1 acre land, priced at \$4250; \$500 down and balance easy terms at 5% interest. Boyd Meador. 5-2c

FOR RENT

For Rent—Five-room house on 5th and Clarendon Sts. Phone 1606F23. J. J. Rallsback. 1c

For Rent—Furnished apartment and bedrooms; bills paid. Phone 108W. 51-1fc

Apartments for rent—Call Mrs. Windom at 183W or Mrs. Kramer at 222W. 2-1fc

For Rent—Three bedroom unfurnished house. Water bill paid. Mrs. Corcoran. 5-1fc

For Rent—Two 5-room modern houses, one with fence for children or pets. Phone 7F13, Alarendon, or see Smokey Price. 4-1fc

For Rent—Modern 2-room house, furnished. Phone 188J, Mrs. C. M. Corcoran 4-1fc

MISCELLANEOUS

See me for your income tax returns. Paul Kennedy, Phone 147J. 4-1fc

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CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone who took part in the March of Dimes drive in the Heald community. I would especially like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Joe Suderman, Jane Simpson and Jeanie Brown, who sang; the FFA string band, composed of Sammy Cooper, Carl Lee Henley and Ronnie Smith; also Betty Ruth Dilbeck for several accordion numbers.
Mrs. Orphus Tate, Chairman

Gail Russell Stars In Film Opening At Avalon Friday

"That's Stride's horse"—a simple, three-word declaration—made one of Hollywood's most beautiful actresses smile like she had just answered the \$64,000 question.
For those three words were the first that black-haired, green-eyed Gail Russell has said in front of a camera in four years.
The important, if short, sentence was uttered at Lone Pine, where Gail co-starred with Randolph Scott and Lee Marvin in "Seven Men From Now," a Batjac production for Warner Bros. release, the WarnerColor film which opens Friday at the Avalon Theatre.
"It was only a short line," Gail laughed afterwards, "but I felt like I was about to deliver Lincoln's Gettysburg address."

Tyrone Power and Kim Novak Star In 'Duchin Story'

The story of a fabulous lifetime, a blending of stardust and suffering, passion and pain, music and magic, are glowingly told in Columbia Pictures' "The Eddy Duchin Story," according to advance report. The new film stars Tyrone Power as the handsome young musician who shook the golden towers of Manhattan with his hands on the keys of a piano, and beautiful Kim Novak as Marjorie Oelrichs, the girl of his dreams. In CinemaScope and color by Technicolor, "The Eddy Duchin Story" opens Sunday at the Avalon Theatre.
Power is said to give a truly impressive performance as the gifted musician who knew more drama and despair, love and triumph than most men ever live to know. Miss Novak, fresh from a personal triumph in the memorable "Picnic," reportedly contributes as vivid a picture of a girl in love in "The Eddy Duchin Story." Here, in sharp contrast with her "Picnic" role, she is a famous, beautiful, sophisticated young woman who possesses the wholehearted warmth that can delight in sharing peanuts with pigeons on a rain-swept, romantic Central Park afternoon.

Bill Introduced To Aid Veterans In Home Buying

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson has introduced in the Senate a bill designed to speed up housing loans to veterans without any increase in the present interest rate of 4 1/2%.
The Johnson bill has three principal divisions:
1. It would make available 25% of the National Service Life Insurance fund for direct veterans' loans at 4 1/2% interest.
2. It would increase the authorized amount of the mortgage limit from \$10,000 to \$14,000.
3. It would eliminate some of the delays in processing applications, which in many cases have actually prevented loans from being made.
This measure would make available to veterans money out of their own fund," Johnson said. "It would also eliminate the dampening effect of the present \$10,000 mortgage limit, which has caused many applications to the Veterans Administration simply not to be processed."
In order to speed up action on applications, Johnson's bill would require action, either affirmatively or negatively, by the VA on each application for direct loan at the same time that efforts to obtain private financing are being made. If private financing should be available within a 20-day period, it would be preferred and used. If not, the VA would be in a position to make qualified loans much faster than at present.
A number of other senators have joined Senator Johnson in sponsorship of his bill.
Mrs. Bunia Kunkel was admitted to Highland General Hospital in Pampa last week.
Miss Donna Rice of WTSC in Canyon visited her parents last week.

From the State Capitol HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

By Vern Sanford
Texas Press Association

"Better Government" Bills
A number of the "Better government" bills requested of the Legislature by the Texas Press Association have hit the legislative hopper.

Outstanding among those introduced are:
1. A mandatory publications bill, designed to force public officials to print public notices as called for by present statutes. Requiring removal from office of any public official who refuses to publish financial reports called for under existing laws. This bill would eliminate such occurrences as have happened in Duval County in recent years. Introduced by Sen. Preston Smith of Lubbock and Rep. John Lee of Kermitt.

2. A bill to provide for public notice of applications of veterans applying for loans under the veterans land act. Notices, to appear in the veteran's home town newspaper, would specify name of the veteran, describe the land and quote the price he will be paying. Sen. Charles Herring of Austin and Rep. Louis M. Anderson of Midland have introduced companion bills in the Senate and House.

Rep. Virginia Duff of Ferris and Sen. Crawford Martin of Hillsboro have introduced measures which will require publication of annual financial statements by school districts and other official bodies. Again, a measure to help prevent situations similar to that in Duval County.

3. Sen. Otis Lock of Lufkin and Rep. Howard Green have introduced bills in their respective houses which would make it unlawful to bar newspaper reporters from precinct conventions. Object: to prevent instances when newsmen are unable to report convention facts to their readers because they are refused admission to such political meetings.

4. Meetings of public bodies would be open to the public, including newspapers, if a bill introduced by Sen. Henry B. Gonzales of San Antonio and Rep. Don Kennard of Fort Worth is passed. This bill will insure the "public's business" being kept public.

5. A measure providing for removal of officials who refuse to testify concerning their duties. By Sen. Doyle Willis and Rep. Howard Green, both of Fort Worth.

6. Two bills introduced by Rep. Jack Welch of Marlin would require insurance companies to publish financial statements annually, and provide a penalty for furnishing false information to the insurance commission.

7. Another bill by Rep. De Witt Hale of Corpus Christi would require each treasurer receiving or controlling funds of a school district to keep a full account of all funds, and to file an annual report of those funds each school year. Present laws do not provide adequate protection at the local level for such accountings.

Among other items in the still-abundant flow of suggested legislation are bills which would:
1. Require voters to register by parties. By Sen. Henry B. Gonzales of San Antonio.
2. Provide paid investigators to assist grand juries. By Rep. John T. Cox of Temple.
3. Refund state taxes on gasoline paid by cities. By Rep. Robert W. Baker of Houston.
4. Exempt widows, old age pensioners, injured veterans and others from state property taxes on the first \$5,000 in value. By Rep. D. Roy Harrington of Port Arthur.

5. Place liquidation of insurance companies under supervision of Travis County district judges rather than the insurance commission. By Sen. Charles Herring of Austin.
6. Make Texas Thanksgiving the same as the federal holiday. By Sen. Dorsey B. Hardeman of San Angelo.
7. Re-organize the industrial accident board and increase workmen's compensation benefits. By Reps. Kennard and Waie Spillman of McAllen.
8. Provide for annual sessions, boost legislators' salaries to \$7,500 a year and the speaker and lieutenant governor to \$12,500, by Rep. Truett Latimer of Abilene.

Money Here, Money There
House and Senate committees are now neck-deep in hearings on the paramount issue of the 55th session of the Texas Legislature—how much money to appropriate and to whom.
Facing them are these requests:
1. A \$2,000,000,000 appropriation bill submitted by the legislative budget board.
2. A bill to increase public school teachers' basic salaries from \$2,805 to \$3,204. Introduced by Sen. A. M. Alkin and Rep. James A. Turman.
3. A bill to give state employees a 15% raise on the first \$3,000 of their salaries. By Sen.

Charles Herring, Reps. Charles Sandahl and William Foreman of Austin. Another bill by the Travis County member, Rep. Obie Jones, asks a 25% raise.
4. A bill to appropriate \$3,000,000 to aid the totally disabled. By Sen. William S. Ely of Victoria.
5. A bill to raise judges' salaries, from \$9,000 to \$16,000 for district judges, from \$12,000 to \$20,000 for civil appellate judges, from \$17,500 to \$24,000 for supreme court and criminal appeal judges. By Sen. Doyle Willis.

New Water Plan
With two previous plans junked a third recommendation has been made for buying state water storage space in federal reservoirs. Earlier plans included, first, a fishing and boating tax, and then a water users tax. Both met strong opposition.

Now Sen. George Parkhouse of Dallas, water program leader, has substituted a plan to finance storage-buying with a \$100,000,000 bond program. This is separate from another \$100,000,000 bond proposal to aid local governments in financing water conservation.

Short Shorts
Butane fuel is not "gas" as far as the state gross receipts tax is concerned, the Supreme Court ruled. It ordered the comptroller to refund taxes paid by a Rankin-butane company. . . . State draft quota for February calls for 695 men, a drop from the January call of 861. A total of 65,094 men registered with Texas draft boards last year, according to the state selective service headquarters. . . . Governor Daniel has re-appointed William L. McGill as director of Texas Civil Defense and Disaster Relief headquarters.

Railroads Extend Rate Reductions Through March 31
Drought-ridden Texas farmers, dairymen and ranchers will reap additional large benefits as a result of the railroads' extending their 50% freight reduction on shipments of hay.

Since October 13, when the rate slash went into effect, thru mid-January, Texas agriculturists were aided by the railroads to the extent of \$1,669,89. During that time the railroads shipped 131,933 tons of hay into Texas at the 50% rate.
The rate reduction, originally railroads covered eight states. The total saving to agriculturists in the eight states has been \$2,371,882, of which \$1,669,389 has benefited Texans.

Action of the railroads, the only carriers which have come to the aid of farmers, ranchers and dairymen, has been hailed by Texas agriculture leaders as the biggest contribution to the drought-stricken area. The move was also commended by President Eisenhower.

The rate reduction, originally scheduled to expire January 15, has been extended through March 31, the Texas Railroad Association announced.

George Brown returned home Tuesday night after spending several days in Galveston.

Mrs. Della Holloway was released Tuesday from Highland General Hospital in Pampa.

Not So Strange
Louise—Isn't it strange that all those men in the front row are bald-headed?
Milton—No, it isn't so strange when you know that they probably bought their tickets from scalpers.

Why?
Small Brother—Mr. Golden, are you a baseball player?
Mr. Golden—No, Willie, I'm NOT. I know very little about the game.
Willie—Then why did Sis tell Ma that you were such a good catch?

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Duval Plunderbund Plucked \$7,187 From Benavides Schools in One Day

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—One of the Federal Government's experts working on the sticky financial morass that is Duval County figures the cost of operating a political machine such as this at about \$1,000,000 a year.

This doesn't include what goes into the pockets of leaders through big "deals" which otherwise wouldn't have been possible. John Ben Shepperd has estimated the total of "money diverted from intended, lawful purposes" in Duval County has been four or five million dollars a year for the past ten years.
That's a lot of money even for Texas where millionaires are supposed to hide behind every hui-sache bush.

Political machines fall apart when something interferes with the free flow of cash. Attorney General John Ben Shepperd and District Attorney Sam Burris have turned off the faucet in Duval.

Donato Serna, a determined little Latin-American who can spot a crooked ledger a mile away, now sits in the Courthouse at San Diego as County Auditor. Serna doesn't like George B. Parr one little bit. And for good reason. Parr once gave him a thorough going over with a five-cell flashlight, a beating so severe that one of Parr's then deputy sheriffs, Manuel Amaya, was forced to intervene and disarm the boss.

"Our County is not in a very good financial condition," says Serna.

Only one county in Texas has a higher tax rate than Duval. The County, with a population in the neighborhood of 12,000, has a bonded indebtedness of \$3,113,000 and a \$2.55 tax rate.

The adjoining county, Webb, another political hot spot, has a \$2.65 rate.
In contrast, Val Verde County has a 58 cent rate. Perhaps the avenging shade of Judge Roy Bean, "the law West of the Pecos," who held court in a Val Verde saloon, keeps sticky fingers out of the public till. There's nothing like a little fancy embezzlement to shoot a tax rate sky high.

Beside my typewriter are two documents, Donato Serna's current annual report on Duval County finances and an affidavit signed by Diego Heras, former acting secretary to the board of trustees of the Benavides Independent School District.

The two documents complement each other perfectly, the latter providing a good picture of the financial shenanigans responsible for the "not very good financial condition" of the County of Duval.
In just one day, October 19, 1950, nimble fingers lifted \$7,

187.80 from the school district treasury.
The chubby Mr. Heras lists 101 checks made out to fictitious names, the whole batch amounting to \$67,414.17. His affidavit makes interesting reading.

"I know George B. Parr of San Diego, Duval County," Mr. Heras swore. "Although he has dominated the Board of Trustees for many years, and has taken it upon himself to countersign all vouchers issued by the District, Mr. Parr has never within my knowledge been an employee of Benavides Independent School District W. M. Benson of San Diego, who keeps Mr. Parr's books, and who offices in Mr. Parr's office across from the Courthouse in San Diego, has served as 'auditor' for said Benavides School District for many years."

"B. W. Milligan is Superintendent of Schools in the Benavides Independent School District, and W. F. Reed is Principal of the Free Schools in said Benavides District. During the years I worked for the Benavides District Teacher Retirement money was to make up the teacher contribution lists from the payroll, and then to issue vouchers against the School District to Mr. Milligan or Mr. Reed for the amount of the Teachers' contributions. These men in turn were to purchase cashier's checks to be re-issued to Teachers Retirement System."

"I have carefully examined annual report of School Funds to Texas Education Agency submitted by Benavides Independent School District for the year ending August 31, 1950, and have also examined a like report submitted for the year ending August 31, 1951. These reports were prepared and submitted by the Texas State Bank of Alice, the depository for Benavides Independent School District. In these reports I have found many irregularities. On Exhibit A to this affidavit, I have listed a number of vouchers issued by Benavides Independent School District to fictitious persons. The persons so listed as fictitious are actually fictitious, never existed, and of course never performed the services for which the vouchers purportedly were drawn. Many of these vouchers were issued at the express direction of W. M. Benson. At times I would deliver the vouchers to Mr. Parr or Mr. Benson. At other times, I would present them at the depository bank, where I would be handed an envelope containing money. This envelope would then be delivered to Mr. Parr or Mr. Benson."

"On Exhibit B to this affidavit, I have listed another group of vouchers which were issued in the same manner and under the

same direction, to actual persons. However, none of these listed persons who are payees in the listed vouchers ever performed the services for which the vouchers were purportedly issued, and these persons did not receive such vouchers. Such vouchers were handled in the same manner as those issued to fictitious persons.

"On Exhibit C to this affidavit, I have listed another group of vouchers which were issued, in the same manner and under the same direction, to actual persons. However, none of these listed persons who are payees in the listed vouchers ever worked for said Benavides District."

There you have it. And this sort of thing has been going on in Duval County for half a century.
The Diego Heras affidavit tells but a small part of the story of how the plunderbund operated in one school district during one short period of time. More of the Benavides story can be found in the transcript of the trial of D. C. Chapa, tax assessor and collector for the district. Chapa is now free on bail pending a hearing on his appeal from a five year prison sentence.

Equally enlightening facts can be seen in the official transcript of the trial of B. F. Donald, former cashier of one of Parr's banks put out of business by Shepperd in 1955. Donald, too, recently was given a five year prison sentence for conspiracy to steal Benavides school funds.
It is no wonder that evidence-destroying bonfires blazed like a Fourth of July celebration all over Duval County when Attorney General Shepperd arrived on the scene with a small army of assistants, including State Auditor C. H. Cavness. County records vanished in all directions.
A political boss on plunder bent must have a machine so well armored that no dent can be made in it. But machines grow old and rusty and the engineers sometimes get careless. This happened in Duval. Some of the thick rust crust flaked off, revealing the bright metal of loot beneath. It is no wonder that the Parr machine fought with every legal, and semi-legal, weapon at its command to keep an honest auditor out of the Courthouse in San Diego. It took the full power of the State of Texas thirteen months to put Donato Serna into office in Duval.

The result, according to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, is the first honest audit of Duval books in more than half a century. And, to quote Shepperd, "Nobody can steal anything else in the county without getting caught."

George B. Parr's two banks, one in San Diego and the other, the Texas State Bank in Alice, Jim Wells County—the bank mentioned by Diego Heras as the depository for funds of the Benavides School District—are both out of business. "In Liquidation" signs posted on the windows.

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