

# PLAIN TALK

By BILL PERKINS

Sometimes we are prone to overlook some of the good things that happen to ourselves and our town. We have been told that it is just the point of view one takes whether he is happy or not. We don't believe that anyone is prouder of McLean than we are and we know that the good things about it far outnumber the bad. But it is bad to urge people to trade where they live, we plead guilty. We contend that McLean is losing trade that can be kept at home. We believe it is a problem that sooner or later will have to be faced and we do not believe that it can be solved by denying that such a problem exists. We are not angry at anyone. It is simply a matter of survival. When local merchants prosper, the entire town prospers, including the newspaper. Right now our particular business is doing quite well. We want it to continue to do well, and grow with the town. Guess we are just a little selfish, though, because we hate to see dollars that should be helping McLean go to some other town.

Everyone down at Brown's Drug is happy this week and Hickman bought a full page advertisement to tell about it. We don't believe anybody, anywhere, will beat some of the bargains he has listed. For instance, he is offering an electric shaver for \$5.02 below wholesale price. We didn't believe it, either at first, but you can see for yourself on page three.

Saturday is a big day in McLean for the little folks. That's when Winston Lucas will be at the News office to take pictures of all of them for the paper. There is no age limit and there is no charge.

Don't forget that next week is Clean Up Week here. The city truck will be around to haul away the stuff that has accumulated during the last year.

Help McLean continue to grow. Try Hometown merchants first. They will appreciate your business and you will SAVE money in the long run.

## Funeral Services Held at Saint Jo For H. A. Hale

Funeral services for H. A. Hale, 92, were held Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. in Saint Jo. Mr. Hale died at his home in Saint Jo Monday night. Rev. Archie Cooper of Boise City, Okla., former pastor of the McLean Pentecostal Holiness Church, assisted with the services.

McLean survivors are a daughter, Mrs. W. R. Cooper, and two granddaughters, Mrs. Susie Trout and Mrs. Minnie Erwin; also a grandson, Paul Cooper of Alameda.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Paul Cooper of Alameda and Chester, Jessie and Clarence Cooper of Amarillo.

## GA Presentation Service Is Held In Wellington

Friday night at 8:35 o'clock a Baptist Girls Auxiliary presentation service was held at Wellington. Maidens were presented with octagons. Three McLean girls, Joyce Smith, Linda Smith and Barbara Simpson, were in this group. Pat Vineyard of McLean was one of the ladies-in-waiting who were presented octagons with white stars. The princess, Ava Nell Burdine of Shamrock, was presented an octagon covered with a white star and a gold GA.

Saturday morning at 7:00 o'clock breakfast was served to the group by the Baptist ladies. Mrs. R. L. McDonald of McLean was in charge of the watch service in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30. At 8:30 a picture was shown. Registering at the Wellington house party were 101, representing Quail, Wellington, Shamrock, Wheeler, McLean, Mobeetie, Lela and Kellerville.

Those attending from McLean were Mesdames McDonald, Hazel Smith, Onie Vineyard, Eva Jo Day and Bobbie Dwight; and Misses Sharon Vineyard, Ella Gail Day, Pat Vineyard, Joyce Smith, Linda Smith and Barbara Simpson.

LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

# The McLean News

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## MAY 15-20 DESIGNATED AS CLEAN-UP WEEK IN McLEAN

Next week, May 15 through May 20, has been designated as clean up week in McLean by Mayor Ed Lander.

The city trucks will pick up all trash and rubbish placed in alleys during the week.

It was emphasized that only such trash and rubbish that can be handled by one man will be moved, since only one man will be loading and unloading the truck.

Mayor Lander asked the cooperation of all citizens in the clean up campaign to make McLean a more sanitary and more beautiful place to live.

## LUCAS TO PHOTOGRAPH LOCAL CHILDREN SATURDAY, MAY 11



At Home—

## NEW BOSS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Longino of Denver, Colo., are the parents of a girl born April 28. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and has been named Laura Jean. Paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Longino of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart of Dumas are the parents of a son born April 28. The new arrival weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and has been named Mark Kenyon. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Duncan of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Stewart of Olton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Skoog of Borger are the parents of a girl born May 6. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skoog of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rippey of Fort Worth, formerly of McLean. Great-grandmother is Mrs. A. Stanfield of McLean.

## Officers Installed At Recent Meeting Of McLean P-TA

The McLean Parent-Teacher Association met Wednesday, May 1, in the grade school cafeteria. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Bernard McClellan. The teachers voted to donate \$10 to the Pampa P-TA council for maintenance and use of audiometer and tele-binoocular in the local school for visual aid and tests on hearing. Mrs. J. D. Richards was elected publicity chairman. A corsage was presented to the out-going president, Mrs. McClellan.

An impressive installation ceremony was presented by Mrs. Erma Hester. Gary Hester represented the school; Mrs. Bill Earles, the home; Dale Parvin, the school; Mrs. E. J. Windom, committee chairman; Mrs. Sinclair Armstrong, parliamentarian; Mrs. Barbara Richards, publicity; Mrs. Lynn Reeves, treasurer; Mrs. Loree Brown, secretary; Mrs. Cecile Pavin, vice president; and Mrs. Naomi McCarty, president. Refreshments of cookies were served by Mrs. Troy Corbin, Mrs. Jim Hathaway and Mrs. J. D. Richards.

## BREAKS ARM

Bob Stubblefield broke both bones in his right arm while participating in the Stinnett High School rodeo Friday night.

Elizabeth Arden's real name is Florence Nightingale Graham.

## VILLAGE



## GOSSIP

(More or Less)

Mrs. Willie Boyett's Music Club recital will be held Thursday night, May 16, at 7:30 o'clock in the McLean Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend.

A. N. Hardman was awarded \$84 in merchandise certificates at the Appreciation Day activity last Saturday.

## Panhandle Pioneer, J. C. Studer, 94, Dies in Canadian

Funeral services for J. C. Studer, 94, of Canadian were held Wednesday at 4:00 p. m. in the First Baptist Church in Canadian with Rev. Joe Vernon, pastor, officiating.

Interment was in the Canadian cemetery.

Mr. Studer, a Swiss immigrant who became a pioneer cattleman in the Panhandle, died at 5:33 a. m. Monday in his home on the Anvil Ranch near Canadian.

He was born in Kastenholz, Switzerland, March 24, 1863, and had been a resident of the North Plains since 1887. The family settled in a Swiss colony near Tracy City, Tenn., in 1865, where he hired out as a farm hand when he was 10 years old.

Mr. Studer was one of the first buffalo hunters in this area and decided to stay in the Panhandle where he became a prominent rancher, business man and civic leader.

Moving to Canadian in 1887, he worked as a buffalo hunter and gunsmith and bought the land that became the Anvil Park Ranch. In 1888 the ranch became the site of the first professional rodeo in America open to the public. People came from as far away as New York to see an authentic cowboy sport on an authentic Texas ranch.

Mr. Studer has owned business interests that included a chain of grocery stores in Canadian, Miami, Perryton and Pampa; meat markets, a packing house, lumber yards, and the first ice plants in the Panhandle.

On June 29, 1930, he married Miss Ella Gallaher. One daughter and seven sons were born to this union. Mrs. Studer died in 1932.

Mr. Studer was the grandfather of Mrs. Larry Fuller of McLean.

## Deadline Extended For Blood Typing

Only 28 persons had indicated by Wednesday that they were interested in having their blood typed, the Lions Club committee in charge of the free service reported.

The committee was disappointed in the small number of persons who signed up for the typing and said that unless more are interested that it would not justify the technician's coming here.

The deadline for signing for the free blood typing has been extended to May 15. If enough persons register before that time the technician will come to McLean. Interested persons are asked to register at Brown's Drug store.

If carried out, a card with each individual's blood type and RH factor will be issued. Such information can prove valuable in emergencies, the committee pointed out.

## Homemaking Class Offered for Summer

A meeting will be held Monday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock in the high school homemaking department for those interested in having a summer class in June. Mrs. Dee Coleman will be the instructor.

She will offer a class on foods, clothing, crafts, or whatever is desired. Everyone interested is urged to attend.

## Ann Williams And Gayle Mullanax Are Honor Students

Patricia Ann Sligar Williams has been named valedictorian of the McLean High School 1957 graduating class with the high grade average of 95.119.

Milton Gayle Mullanax, runner-up, won salutatorian honors with an average of 94.958.

Other students, all with averages over 90 and listed in the top ten students this year, placed in the following order:

Monta Jean Kennedy, 94.666; Patricia Ann Wiggins, 93.583; Joe Melvin Dwyer, 92.564; Nelda Mauree Miller, 91.437; Miles Pat Miller, 90.391; Joyce Evelyn Fish, 90.389; Ida Sue Evans, 90.023; E. W. Riley, 90.000.

## ANSEL BACK FUNERAL HELD WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Ansel Lee Back, 47, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Church of Christ in McLean with Minister J. F. Doggett officiating.

Mr. Back was born December 31, 1909, and was found asphyxiated in his car Monday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock.

Johnny Day, local oil field truck service operator, said when he found Back about 8 miles northeast of McLean, he was sitting in his closed car. A hose connected to the exhaust pipe had been inserted through a crack in one of the car windows.

Justice of the Peace C. S. Rice returned a verdict of suicide in the death of Back.

Day said that after he found Back in the car, he opened the windows and doors, turned off the engine and rushed to call Constable J. D. Fish.

Constable Fish went to the scene and found Back dead. A note was found in the car but was not revealed.

Survivors include his wife, Margie; two daughters, Anita and Mollie; two sons, Larry Lee and Gary Lee, his mother, Mrs. Mattie Back; a brother, Cecil Back; and a sister, Mrs. Sherman Crockett, all of McLean.

Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Richerson-Lamb Funeral Home.

## Lion Boss Saunders Tells of Convention

Lion Boss George Saunders gave a brief report on the district convention held in Lubbock last weekend when the club met in regular session at the McLean Methodist Church Tuesday at noon.

Representing McLean at the convention, besides President Saunders, were Lions Odell Mantooth and Boyd Meador.

District Deputy Governor Ralph Thomas was a guest at the Tuesday meeting as was Miss Fern Grimsley, who represented McLean in the beauty contest at Lubbock. Lion Meador presented Fern and thanked her for so ably representing McLean.

Roy Hancock was introduced by Lion Sammy Haynes as the club for the month of May.

Rev. Jesse Leonard was introduced as a new member of the club, having transferred from Turkey.

Program Chairman S. A. Cousins presented the program arranged for by Lion Creed Lamb. It was a documentary film of the history of the funeral directing profession.

Calvin Fraser, McLean manufacturer, was a guest of the club and with him was another guest, Cody Jordan of Chicago, development engineer for Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Lion Larry Fuller announced that some light bulbs were still left from the club sponsored sale two weeks ago. Sacks of bulbs are still available at the Public Service Company office.

Ladies night and installation of new officers were discussed, with a definite date to be worked out by the directors at the next meeting.

## McLEAN BANDS TO PRESENT CONCERT AT SCHOOL TONIGHT

A concert to be made up of the Grade School, Junior High and High School Bands will get underway here tonight in the high school auditorium. Band Director Bruce Cook has announced.

The fifth grade band will start the program with the Alma Mater; Easy Steps March, Choral played by a saxophone trio composed of Janelle Hall, James McCarty and Janice Saunders; America, Shadowland Waltz; clarinet trio composed of Joyce Beasley, Kathy Harlan and Shirley Bybee will play How Can I Leave Thee. Their concluding number will be America the Beautiful.

Members of the fifth grade band include Eddie Allsup, Larry Andrews, Joyce Beasley, George Burrow, Gene Bench, Shirley Bybee, Max Coleman, Barbara Dwight, James Farris, Gary Graham, Mike Grogan, Janelle Hall, Kathy Harlan, Jackie Hess, Collene Lee, Lloyd Morgan, James McCarty, Ernie McCracken, Janice Saunders, Barbara Simpson, Joe B. Taylor, and Larry Williams.

The Junior High School band will play the following: The

Junior Band March, Merry Widow Waltz, Marines Hymn, Carnival King Overture, and Vim and Vigor. Members of the Junior High band include Sherry Biggers, Cheryl Grimsley, Emme Grigsby, Douglas Groves, Linda Gull, Richard Lowe, David Massay, Marilyn McIlroy, Patricia McIlroy, Joy Richardson, Doris VanHuss, Sharon Vineyard, Robert McDonald, Don Hauck, Jimmy Kingston and Worth Miller.

The High School band will conclude the program with popular and march selections. They will include American Patrol, The Thunderer, High School Cadets, Indiana State Band, Bye Bye Blues, China Boy, Blue'n the Blues, Satanic Blues, and Allegro Moon.

This will be the last appearance of the high school band with this year's seniors. They are Betty Dickinson, Roy Hancock, Monta Kennedy, Maxie Lisman, Pat Miller, Gayle Mullanax, John Paskan, Bob Stubblefield, Mauree Miller, Pat Wiggins, and Rolena Chase.

Twenty-five cents per person admission will be charged.

## OPEN HOUSE SET MAY 18 BY LOCAL ARMY RESERVE UNIT

The 337th Engineers Utility Detachment in McLean will observe Armed Forces Day with a flag raising and open house all day May 18, it was announced this week.

The flag raising will begin at 7:00 a. m. Saturday, May 18, and everyone is invited to the open house which will be held all day in the American Legion building. All equipment used by the engineers unit will be displayed.

The 337th now has a strength of 23 men and is becoming fully equipped. The unit meets every Monday night at the Legion Hall.

A goal of 54 men in the local unit has been set. If strength can be increased to the goal, a new \$85,000 armory will be built here to house the unit and equipment.

## Dr. Suderman Back From Convention

San Antonio—Dr. Joe Suderman of McLean attended the annual convention of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons here at the Plaza-Hilton Hotel May 2 through 4.

Mayor J. E. Kuykendall of San Antonio opened the three-day post-graduate conference which was attended by some 300 osteopathic physicians and surgeons throughout the state.

Five panel symposiums formed the basis of the scientific program arranged by Dr. Joseph F. De Petris, Dallas, program chairman. Allergies, heart disease, eye disorders, skin problems and the use and abuse of adrenal steroids were subjects aired by the panel.

Dr. Robert D. McCullough of Tulsa, Okla., president of the American Osteopathic Association, was a featured speaker at the conference. Dr. Lester I. Tavel, Houston proctologist, was installed as president of the state society, succeeding Dr. John L. Witt of Groom.

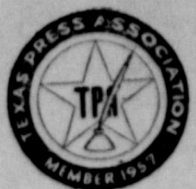
A "western party" and the president's banquet and ball highlighted the social activities.

## MAYOR LANDER SAYS CLINIC WILL RE-OPEN HERE JUNE 1

The McLean Clinic will be back in operation June 1, Mayor Ed Lander announced this week.

Dr. H. F. Fabian of Pampa has signed an agreement with the city of McLean and will begin operation here the first of next month.

Dr. Fabian has been associated with the Overton Clinic in Pampa for the past three and one-half years.



# Society

## Pioneer Study Club Honors Seniors With Tea Thursday

The annual Pioneer Study Club Senior Tea was held in the parlor of the First Baptist Church May 2. The honored guests were the 1957 graduating girls, their mothers, and the senior boys' mothers.

Hostesses for the occasion were Betty Bunch, Betty Allsup, Mary Ann Hale and Billie Brown.

Carolyn Post played background music while Rosemary Melton and Erma Hester, current officers, received the guests and Betty Bunch poured punch from a beautiful bowl made of ice and encircled with tulips. Dainty cookies, mints and nuts were served. Also on the lace covered table were tall white tapers and a beautiful floral arrangement given by Molita Greer.

Rosemary Melton, club president, gave the welcome and introduced the program.

A medley of songs cleverly arranged was sung by Mrs. Morris Brown and Mrs. Frank Simpson, accompanied by Mrs. Paul Miller.

Ruth Magee introduced Mrs. W. R. Brown of Wheeler, who reviewed Marjory Wilson's book, "The Woman I'd Like to Be." The club presented corsages to the people on the program.

Those signing the register were: Mrs. E. C. Lisman, Rolena Chase, Sharon Immel, Mrs. Elmer Immel, Monta Jean Kennedy, Mrs. Paul Kennedy, Mrs. Miro Paskan, Mrs. Earl Stubblefield, Mrs. June Woods, Mrs. Dee Coleman, Mrs. Forrest Hupp, Darlene Trout, Evelyn Fish, Mrs. Suzie Trout, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Rosie Lee Smith, Mrs. Birtie Lee Smith.

Mrs. Frank Simpson, Mrs. Morris Brown, Mrs. Paul Miller, Mrs. Freeman Melton, Mrs. Jack R. Riley, Mrs. Edgar Smith, Glenda Smith, Mrs. John Biggers, Mrs. Creed Lamb, Mrs. Jim Hathaway, Mrs. Walter Evans, Sue Evans, Pat Wiggins, Mrs. Frank Wiggins, Mrs. Everett Dorsey, June Dorsey.

Mrs. J. P. Dickinson, Betty Dickinson, Mrs. Clyde Magee, Mrs. R. William Brown, Ann Williams, Mrs. Fred Sligar, Maurice Miller, Mrs. D. L. Miller, Mrs. Leon Crockett, Marlene Gindgel, Martha Jo McCurley, Mrs. C. H. McCurley, Mrs. Tommy Hale, Mrs. Guy Hester, Mrs. Harold Bunch, Mrs. Sinclair Armstrong, Mrs. Jesse Coleman.

ily of Compton.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Woodrome, Don and Gail, Mrs. Y. B. Lee, Mrs. Cat Armstrong and daughter of Lakewood; Forrest Rogers of Los Angeles; Hubert Chilton and W. J. Chilton of San Fernando; R. N. Henderson of Imperial Beach; Mrs. Buena Sullivan Gregory, Mrs. Dixie Phillips and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Green and children, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Armstrong and Clara Reneau of Long Beach.

Leslie Henderson, Mrs. Bettie Jo Warren and daughters, Mrs. Margie Shannon and daughter of San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wood, Sr., of Gardena; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wood Jr., and daughters of Chino; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Litchfield, Mrs. Lessie Green, Mrs. Shirley Honea and son of Bell Gardens; Mrs. Bobbye Marty of Covina; Mrs. Dala Morrow of Chula Vista; and Lee Cates of Lancaster.

## Pink and Blue Shower Honors Mrs. Dale Parvin

Mrs. Dale Parvin was honored with a pink and blue shower recently in the McLean Methodist Church.

Hostesses were Mrs. Tommy Hale, Mrs. Harold Bunch, Mrs. Sinclair Armstrong, Mrs. Freeman Melton and Mrs. Lucille Gething.

Mrs. Hale registered the guests as they arrived, while Miss Billie Brown and Mrs. Clyde Magee played several piano selections. A baby sock corsage was presented to the honoree.

Spring flowers arranged in a miniature baby cradle centered the table from which pink lemonade and green foam cookies were served by Mrs. Melton.

Those present and sending gifts were Mesdames Magee, Jack Bailey, C. H. McCurley, Miro Paskan, C. E. Cooke, Jack Riley, Jack Dyer, Dee Coleman, Paul Kennedy, Hiceman Brown, Ernie Frye, Jim Hathaway, Jesse Coleman, Elmo Whaley, Earl Stubblefield, J. L. Mann, Joe Simpson, Johnnie Mertel, Forrest Hupp, June Woods, Vergal Smith, Duane Capps, Charles Weaver, W. D. Priest, Laine Armstrong, Joe Taylor, Jim Back, Lucille

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## Baptist Women's Missionary Society Meets Tuesday Night

The monthly missionary and business meeting of the Baptist WMS was held at the church parlor Tuesday night.

The business session was directed by the president, Mr. R. L. McDonald. Mr. Joe Suderman read the minutes and reports were given by the treasurer and

committee chairmen. It was decided to try to organize a business women's circle. A nominating committee was appointed.

The Royal Service program was led by Mrs. L. F. Giesler, program chairman of the Oleta Snell circle. Her subject was "Broken Cisterns." The devotional was given by Mrs. Raymond Smith. Mrs. O. L. Tibbets talked on "Thirsty Children"; Mrs. L. H. Nicholson told of "Satisfied With Good Things"; "America's Broken Cisterns" was discussed by Mrs. Johnny Caudill. Mrs. Giesler spoke on "The Living Waters." The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Nava.

Refreshments of cookies, coffee and kool-aid were served by the Helen McCullough circle to the WMS and Brotherhood members.

Members present were Mesdames Paul Miller, Frank Howard,

Lawrence Nicholson, Bill Pettit, Homer Abbott, Clarence Voyles, Bimia Kunkel, Jack Ayers, Jim Stevens, Jesse Leonard, Frank Simpson, Boyd Reeves, E. L. Price, Joe Taylor, David Dwight, Leo Gibson, Ellis Wyatt, Onie Caudill, Oba Kunkel, W. N. Pharis, T. A. Langham, R. L. McDonald, Joe Suderman, Lona Jones, J. Boyd Smith, Howard Williams, L. F. Giesler, O. L. Tibbets, Raymond Smith, Luther Petty, and a guest, Mrs. Tony Nava.

Circle meetings will be held in various homes next week.

The decisive thing is not the type of armaments used, not the state of disarmament; the decisive thing is the state of the spirit—Charles Malik.

## Stubblefields Feted With Dinner on Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. Earl Stubblefield were honored by their children with a dinner party on May 1 in observance of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

After the presentation of silver gifts and the cutting of the cake decorated with a silver and white 25th anniversary motif, dinner was served to the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Don Light of Stinnett, Mrs. C. T. Cline and Dwight Stubblefield of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Light of Panhandle, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Close and Mrs. Katie Close of Shamrock, and Bob and Jerry Stubblefield. The occasion was also Mr. Stubblefield's birthday.

## Personals

Mrs. B. F. Holland and Mrs. Elton Johnston were in Shamrock Monday morning.

Mrs. J. A. Sparks' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bodine of Satanta, Kans., visited her Saturday night and also visited other relatives here. They were en route home from a vacation trip to New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Weatherford. They also visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Bodine, at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Horton and son of Pampa spent the weekend in McLean with her sister, Miss Vergie Smith.



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**DREFT** Giant size 73c

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## Former Residents Have Reunion In California

A group of former residents of McLean and Heald who now live in California had a reunion and picnic April 28 at South Gate Park in California.

A very nice time was reported by all and plans were made to have the next reunion at the same place on the first Sunday in May next year.

The group talked about Texas until late hours after enjoying plenty of fried chicken.

Former residents of this area who now live in California and attended the reunion are:

Mrs. Barton Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Armstrong of Santa Paula; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson, Freddie and Mike of South Gate; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reneau and family of Porterville; Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Bell and Riecky, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patterson and Bob of Bellflower; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bentley and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stauffer, Mrs. Barbara Sodenkamp and daughters, Jack Brawley and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ledbetter and fam-

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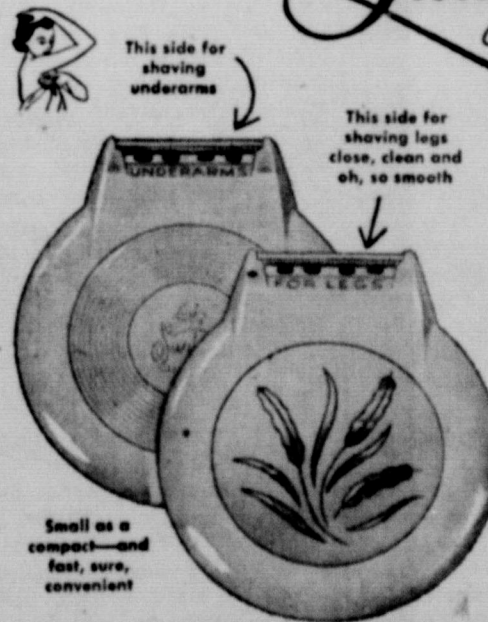
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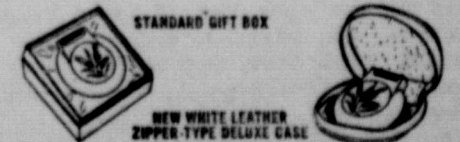
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**BETTY MOXLEY FEATHERSTON**

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was written by Mrs. Vera F. Back, an instructor in the McLean elementary school, about her mother. It tells a story as real as America itself, and is as interesting as it is emotional. It was printed in book form by The McLean News and we found it so interesting we asked, and were granted her permission to pass it on for all of our readers to enjoy.)**

This is the story of Mary Jane Elizabeth Betty Moxley Featherston. Born December 11, 1854, in Montgomery, Alabama, Betty was the oldest daughter of Mary and Dr. William Matthews Moxley. During the Civil War, Dr. Moxley served as major in the Confederate 18th Alabama Regiment while Betty, along with the other Southern children, went about singing:

"Jeff Davis rides a big white horse;  
Abe Lincoln rides a mule;  
Jeff Davis is a gentleman,  
While Lincoln is a fool."

She never knew whether she received more pleasure in hearing him called Major or Doctor, but Betty loved her father dearly and when—with the doctor away binding the wounds of the southern soldiers—her mother died giving birth to a baby boy, ten-year-old Betty "took over" and ran the household, assuming most of the responsibility for the bringing up of her two brothers and one sister. When the war was over, the broken-hearted father loaded all his earthly possessions in one covered wagon and, following the advice of Horace Greeley, went "west," settling in Lone Oak, Hunt County, Texas.

When Betty was nearing her fourteenth birthday, her father married one of the Justice girls and Betty found she was no longer the "lady of the house." She was hurt at first and a wee-bit jealous, but soon became accustomed to her new role of being "big sister" to her own brothers and sisters and nursemaid to her half sisters and brother as they arrived, as was the custom in those days—one every two years.

Betty found little time for social affairs, but did manage to attend spelling bees, literary societies, a few play parties, and an occasional "footwashing." One such ritual was held at Miller Grove with a Bro. Elder in charge of the service. Those present loved to tell of an old man, bent down with the infirmities of age, who took the bowl and towel and, approaching a youth dressed in a Confederate uniform, asked permission to wash his feet. The old man shed tears as he put his hand on the young man's head while the latter was removing his shoes. Though Betty did not take part in this ceremony, many of the women did, performing the rites in a modest and decorous way. There were no hand-embroidered petticoats shown while they washed each other's feet. It was a devout service to those engaged in it; a lasting impression for good for those who looked on.

At one of the Friday afternoon literary societies, a tall, blond, young man rose and—at the request of the local schoolmaster—repeated an oration which he had written and delivered the year before at Ladonia Institute while he was a student there. His subject was "Think for Yourself" and the closing paragraph went like this:

Schoolmates, we have no time to sow wild oats; no time to loiter away in idleness! We must be up and doing and, if we expect to accomplish anything, we must begin now. The world is progressing. We are so constituted that there is no pleasure except in action. Let us bear in mind that we must do our own thinking, and that as long as we are true to ourselves, all is well!

When the young man had finished, Betty found herself on the edge of her seat, thinking not of the speech, but of the speaker, and "thinking for herself" that here was an unusual young man who possessed dignity, poise, intelligence, and personality far superior to any of the boys who moved in her group.

The next social event was a spelling match at the schoolhouse. In the meantime, Cupid had been throwing a few darts and the tall, blond young orator was there waiting to see the popular daughter of the local doctor whom the boys had been telling him about. When Betty stepped in the door, a buddy nudged him and said, "There she is, Ed!"

Not to show his true feeling, Ed whispered back, "My! What a foot!" Despite this catty remark, Ed was attracted to the tall girl with black hair and a pleasant, modest face, but kept his feelings to himself.

The couple were not introduced until that fall at a play party while a game of snap was going on. Betty "snapped" Ed who tried to get up a conversation with her, but she was soon "snapped" away.

About this time, debating among the men and boys became very popular; one older man and boy would challenge another older man and boy. Dr. Moxley chose Ed Featherston as his protegee and for two years they debated as a team, but not once did the doctor make it easy for Ed to meet his daughter. But Ed confessed he was admiring her all the time, and modest Betty just smiled at the mention of his name.

Finally a friend made the date and Ed took Betty to church one Sunday evening and, to quote him, "On the way home went to courting her."

When Ed left for Cass County where he was attending summer school during the week and preaching at a country church on Saturday night and Sunday, the two carried on a correspondence. One of his letters Ed ended by saying, "If you are willing to marry me when I come back this fall, show this letter to your father."

In due time the answer came back, "Pa has seen your letter."

They were married in her father's home November 27, 1874, and Betty began her fifty-one years as a pioneer preacher's wife. All week she worked to keep her house in order, to clean, mend, and press Ed's Sunday clothes and to have his linen duster starched and ironed. This he wore over his suit to protect it from dust as he rode horseback from five to twenty-five miles to fill his weekly or monthly appointments. At first Betty, in long, black riding skirt, rode beside him, but as the babies began coming she was left behind.

At the end of nine years, four babies had been born and the little family had moved from Hunt to Comanche County where they settled on a 280 acre tract. Here Ed farmed on a small scale, tended about twenty head of stock, taught school during the summer, preached once a month for the church in Comanche, and acted as surveyor for the entire county.

They lived in two log huts but God was near to them as, each morning Ed read from the Bible and all of them knelt on the sod floor to ask divine guidance for the day, or until such time as the father could return to his little family.

When Ed was away, Betty was assisted with the care of her little brood by the family dog, Vick, who slept just inside the door. Even the children soon learned to understand her language. By the tone of Old Vick's voice, they knew whether there was an animal in the yard, a strange person was approaching the house, or her master was coming home.

It was a dramatic moment on one Monday night when Ed took his single-barrel, breach-loading shot gun from off the deer horns over the front door, kissed Betty and the children, patted Old Vick on the head, and took off with a neighboring boy, to intercept the wire-cutters who—according to grapevine—were to cut the Featherston fence that night. Much has been written and the story has been told and retold by such historians as J. Frank Doble and Wayne Gard, of how Ed, hidden in a Spanish oak thicket and with the moon shining on his gun barrel, fired into the wire-cutters as they were cutting his fence, killing the leader's horse and—according to "old-timers"—stopping the wire-cutting in Comanche and Brown counties.

Yes, much has been written of what Ed did on that August night of 1883, but little has been said of the agony Betty suffered, of the hollies she sang to quieten her frightened children, who seemed danger by the way Old Vick was acting, of the prayers that ascended to heaven for the safety of the husband and father

who had gone out—as men have down through the ages—to protect and preserve what was legally and rightfully his.

If Betty were not a praying woman before, she became one that night, as she counted twenty shots from several different types of guns—all from the direction Ed had taken when he left the house at dusk. At daylight, when Old Vick began wagging her tail and barking in the friendly way, Betty unlocked the door to see the answer to her prayers standing there, scared, tired, sleepy, and hungry—but thankful to be back safe with his family once again.

Three weeks later one of these wire-cutters attempted to take Ed's life while the latter was cutting wood in his own back yard, but the appearance of a neighbor on horseback frightened the would-be assassin away. That night Betty's prayers continued long after Old Vick had been quieted and Ed had fallen asleep with his gun in his hands. The enemy did not return.

Ed continued his teaching and preaching. History records his carrying a single-action 45 colt pistol to school and of his standing in the pulpit with one hand on his Bible and one on that gun. As he prayed he turned one eye toward heaven and kept one on his men who was in the audience and had sworn "to kill Ed Featherston if it took him five years." But history forgets Betty's part, she, when privileged to attend these services, sat on a rough bench with a child on each side of her, one in her lap, and the baby asleep on a pallet at her feet. She did not have to listen to her husband's sermon for she knew that by heart. She, too, spent that hour in watching, yes, watching the enemy and praying to God to stay his hand. Her prayers were answered.

By 1890 there were seven children. Comanche County was settling. The churches Ed had been pastoring were prosperous now. One had built and paid for a new building. Why, they could pay their preachers money now. Ed felt he was no longer needed by them. This part of Texas was a frontier no more and again Ed felt the urge to go west. He sold his farm that spring and took the older boys on a prospecting trip. They wound up in Stonewall County where he purchased a section of sandy land seven miles north of Aspermont. They broke the sod and planted their crop, then returned to Comanche County for Betty and the girls.

It was a hot, August day when, in two covered wagons they started out. Betty was sick, pregnant again! The first day out, she became violently ill and told Ed she could go no farther. He stopped the wagon, helped her out and she lay down under the shade of some trees. It was Ed's time to worry now, to watch, and to pray. At the end of two hours, she got up, refreshed and ready for travel. Every day Betty improved and by the time they reached Stonewall County, she was her old self again.

Their farm was a veritable sanctuary for wild game, deer, antelope, prairie chicken, wild turkey, and quail. It would have been a pleasure to camp there, but the stork was due in a few weeks, so Ed rented a house in town until he could build one of his own.

On September 26 another boy was born and Ed paid the attending physician twelve bushels of corn for his services.

Betty was a loving wife and mother but certainly not a sexual, passionate woman. It was no wonder, then, that she was ashamed to look forward to her fortieth birthday and the coming of another baby at the same time. Yet the baby arrived, fat and healthy, while Ed was away holding a meeting. Two neighbors acted as mid-wives, so there was no doctor bill to face Ed when he returned several days later. Betty reminded him, maternity fees hadn't been too high. They had paid out only \$15.00 in money, one plow point worth about \$1.75, and those twelve bushels of corn for the delivery of all nine of their children. And she also reminded him that he had not been present when any one of them was born.

Life in the new country was pleasant. Ed helped organize the First Baptist Church in Aspermont and, until they were financially able to pay the preacher a salary, he was happy to do the preaching. When this time came, he felt his work was done, so he began riding to outlying places, even as far as Clairmont, 30 miles, and Dickens City, 50 miles, to preach for them.

Neither Ed nor Betty ever asked for or expected a salary for his services, but were grateful for any member who shared with them. Somehow, Ed's name got on the list of preachers doing missionary work and they received several "boxes."

May, Ed's youngest sister, remembers one of those boxes. Here is her story:

I was visiting Ed and Betty when they were living on the farm near Aspermont. Ed got a missionary box from Georgia. Betty just sat and looked on while the kids and their father were enjoying the "surprises." There were button shoes—small in size—and all you children had big feet. Ed tried on a coat or two and passed them on to the boys. The whole business, as I remember it, was almost worthless.

Yes, Betty just sat and watched, and when all the "surprises" had been tried and "found wanting," swallowed her pride, picked up all "possibilities," and put them away in a box, to be taken out later, ripped apart, pressed, turned, and made into suitable garments for her children.

Those not practical for wearing or making over were put in another box—the "play" box. Hence a stranger passing by was sometimes shocked to see one of the Featherston boys in high top silk hat and long frock tail coat, emerge from the house, carrying a walking cane. He would swagger to the bank of a small pond several hundred yards from the house followed by a retinue of brothers and sisters dressed in ragged frills suitable a dozen years back only for the opera. When the group had assembled someone started singing *Bringing in the Sheaves*, followed by *Have You Been Washed in the Blood?* and the meeting was under way, nor did it end until all had "got religion" and been baptized in the muddy waters of the pond. Then all—including the preacher in his frock-tail coat and high-top, silk hat—marched joyfully toward the house, dripping wet, but happy. Betty watched from the window and smiled—after all, missionary boxes did have their good points.

Ed was proud of his English name and ancestry and boasted the fact that his great-great grandfather came directly from the town of Featherston, England, to settle in Virginia in 1750. Betty seemed unimpressed, judging people by what they, themselves, were and not what their ancestors had done—yet of their few pictures, she and her children were proudest of the Featherston coat-of-arms.

Naming the children as they arrived was not much of a problem with Betty and Ed—they just took time about. The first was a boy and they compromised, giving him Ed's father's first name and her maiden name: Charles Moxley, they called him. The second was a girl and Betty decided on Emily Laura for her sister. When the second boy came it was Ed's turn, so he was christened Winfield Scott, for his uncle who had died when a small boy but who was named for his uncle who had made the supreme sacrifice during the Civil War and who had been named for the Winfield Scott, famous American General of the War of 1812. The next was another boy and this time Betty gave him her father's given name, William Matthews. Two years later Ed said, "This little girl will be named for my mother and baby sister, Nancy May." She was, but has always been Nannie to everyone.

Ed's mother was a demanding woman. On a visit to see Ed and Betty, she began reviewing the names of their children. To her dismay, she found that their oldest son, Charles Moxley, carried her husband's first name and Betty's father's last name, while their third son had the doctor's full given name, William Matthews. She demanded then and there that the forth-coming child be a boy and that he should bear her husband's full name. The stork supplied the boy and Ed supplied the name—Charles Henry Featherston—over Betty's protest that they already had one Charles in the family. Betty called their next Mary Lucy, after her mother and a friend. To retaliate, Ed named the next Solon Richmond after a friend of his. Apparently having run out of both relatives and friends, Betty chose a name from a story she had read and christened the last, Vera.

After the birth of this last child, Betty's health broke down. She weighed less than 100 pounds and was scarcely able to supervise

the household work from her bed or rocking chair. The older girls took over and did their best. This was pronounced very poor when one morning a bar of lye soap was accidentally cooked in with the breakfast oatmeal. Ed wasn't worrying too much. Betty was just going "through the change." He kept her well-supplied with peruna, left most of the farm work to the boys, and went on with his preaching on Saturday night and Sunday.

The oldest boy went to Abilene to study law, the oldest girl got married and moved to an adjoining county. Betty realized her family was breaking up and suffered "crying spells." To escape these, Ed would open his Bible to find a text for next Sunday's sermon, the boys would ride away on their horses, the two oldest girls would slip out to the plum thicket or the china tree grove and read such forbidden novels as *St. Elmo* and *The English Orphans*. Only the baby stayed with her. She cried when her mother cried, though she often didn't know why.

Betty had always had a great fear of storms—especially electrical ones. Feathers, she had heard, were non-conductors, so when the lightning started she always gathered her children on her feather bed and there they stayed until the sun was shining again. As the boys grew up, they refused to be sissies, defied their mother and sat by the fireplace with their dad or went to the barn. Even the older girls found duties elsewhere until, finally, only Betty and the baby were left.

During this period of bad health, Betty began to receive premonitions. She warned the boys that one of them would be struck by lightning. This prophecy came true (but not in Betty's life-time) when, in 1928, William Matthews was killed by a direct bolt of lightning while drilling wheat on his farm near Petersburg, Texas.

One day, with Ed away holding a meeting, the boys at a round-up on a neighboring ranch, Betty was home with her three girls. From noon on she walked the floor, crying and wringing her hands, saying over and over (at the same time praying that it would not be true) that something had happened to the boys. The sun went down, the supper on the table was untasted and cold. The boys had not returned. Betty's cries changed to sobs and her prayers changed in tone. Humbly she prayed to God that no matter what had happened—to spare the lives of her boys and, as if God were waiting for this change of heart, the sound of a wagon was heard and soon a young man was explaining that Solon Richmond was in a neighbor's half-dugout with a broken leg.

Betty was a good nurse and for months she forgot herself and gave all her attention to caring for her youngest son. When he was barely able to be up and walk around the room on his crutches, the third boy, William Matthews, became seriously ill. The doctor pronounced it typhoid fever. No time to worry about herself now, so Betty opened a new bottle of peruna and started on a long but successful fight over another sick bed.

Her second patient had scarcely recovered when measles began to sweep the country. Betty and her seven children at home took down at once, leaving Ed to act as nurse, cook, and, as they said in those days, "chief bottle washer." Ed did his best, and, when she began to improve, Betty asked him to kill a chicken and make her some broth. He went at the task with great pride. Betty's favorite piece was the back, so he added that to the broth and proudly bore his masterpiece to her bedside. She smiled her thanks and sat up to eat it. As she turned the back over, a look of horror came over her face and she handed it back to him—untasted—saying, "Why, Ed, you didn't cut the oil bag off!"

Yearly supplies for the Featherston table were bought by the barrel and case when the cotton was sold in the fall and stored in the cellar. Fruit and vegetables were raised and canned, hogs were killed, lard rendered, sausage ground, shoulders, bacon, and hams were hung in the smoke house to cure. These tasks were family projects and, each member had his or her duty to perform.

Rarely was the cellar or smoke house empty, but one fall morning there was no meat for breakfast. Ed was to take a bale of cotton to town that day and would bring back a few sides of salt pork to last until it was cold enough to butcher. This particular morning a careful search of both cellar and smoke house netted only one can of sardines. This, thought Betty, with hot biscuits, scrambled eggs and home-made plum jelly, would have to suffice. She emptied the sardines in a small bowl and put them where the meat platter usually was—in front of Ed's place. After he had given thanks for the food, Ed took up the small bowl and emptied the entire contents into his plate. Betty was horrified. "Why, Ed, would you eat all the sardines we have and not leave any for the children?"

Without saying a word he raked them all back into the bowl, left the table and began to prepare for the day's trip. On the way to town, Charles Henry—the only one of the children accompanying Ed, became violently ill, but denied emphatically that he had been smoking or chewing tobacco. When they arrived in town, Ed rushed him to the doctor's office where the boy was sick on the floor. When he saw and smelled, Ed picked up his son and rushed madly for the wagon, yelling, "Come on, Doc, my family's dying."

They arrived in time to save their lives and to hear Betty say, "Thank God for your temper, Ed. If I hadn't made you mad this morning you'd have eaten all those sardines and been dead by now."

Ed was a hospitable man and Betty made their many guests feel at home. Peddlers, preachers, prospectors—all—found a welcome and good food at the Featherstons. Men coming into the country with big families and all their possessions in covered wagons would always contact Ed, for hadn't he surveyed all that county and wouldn't he be able to show them the best place for a home? These families were sometimes Ed's and Betty's guests for a month or more. While the men went in search of good land to buy, Betty would be hostess to the wife and children. Always the women formed lasting friendships. One such family was the Roberts family who stayed six weeks before they located. By this time Billy Featherston had fallen in love with Fannie Roberts and his sister Nannie had promised to marry Dan Roberts.

Ed was a "marrying parson" and Betty always asked the newly-weds in and served refreshments. Seldom was her cupboard without a cake and this with home-canned peaches, topped with fresh cream was a treat good enough for any bride.

While Ed was going about preaching, Betty stayed home to care for her large family of children, but the women came to her for help. She was the first in the country to cold-pack her fruits and vegetables and women came from miles around to learn this marvelous new method of preserving food. She taught them to sew, to render lard, to make lye soap as white as this paper, to make good sausage, delicious chow-chow and cucumber pickles. She taught the young mothers how to make a powder bag and dust their babies to prevent diaper rash. She persuaded them to stop chewing their baby's food before putting it in the little one's mouth. She showed them how to make an effective cough syrup by boiling prickly pears and peach-seed kernels. There were no county demonstration agents in those days, but Betty, the preacher's wife, was the best substitute.

One fall, Ed bought 20 high-bred, high-spirited coming two-year-olds from his brother in Coleman County. Seventeen-year-old Charles Henry was the cowboy of the family, so he took over the breaking of these horses the following spring. This did not meet with Betty's approval, but how could one frail little woman combat her husband and four boys? All went well until it was time to break the iron-gray—a horse admired by everyone who saw him and for whom Ed had been offered \$150.00—a fabulous sum for a horse in those days. Betty was worried as she watched them rope the animal. She stood at the kitchen window, tears streaming down her face, wringing her hands and talking to the only one who would listen to her this morning—her God.

With the co-operation of Ed, his four boys, and two of the neighbors, the horse was finally saddled but not quieted. Charles Henry decided he might need his quirt, so came to the house for it. Betty

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followed him to the door, "Son, please don't get on that horse. He'll kill you!"

The young cowboy brushed her aside, took his quirt and hurried out. Betty went back to the window, continuing her prayers. As her son was opening the lot gate, the horse—in spite of all those trying to hold him—leaped high in the air, reared and fell backward, hitting his head against the feed trough. When the young bronco-buster reached him, the high-spirited animal was dead.

The seven prayer of a righteous woman availeth much!" Betty's health improved with time and more Peruna and well that it did because it took physical strength, a strong heart and faith in God to accept the fact that Moxley, her lawyer son, had tuberculosis and was having to give up his practice. At that time there were no sanitoriums for treatment of the disease and nothing was known of the rest cure. The doctor sent him to the farm with orders to get on a horse and ride, ride every day. When his strength failed so he could no longer ride, he was ordered to "go west." Ed, Betty, their two youngest children, the sick man, his wife and eighteen-month-old daughter set off in two covered wagons for a slow journey to Alpine, Texas. Here they camped in their wagons and a tent on the hill where Sul Ross College is now located.

The town was full of "lungers" and when he did not improve, the local doctor said he would do better in the country away from other patients. Ed filed on a four-section tract of school land 25 miles south of Alpine. Here in a half-dugout, Ed, Betty and their two children lived while 100 yards away the sick man and his family—now a wife and two children—lived in a tent.

When he died, Betty and his wife dressed and laid him out while Ed, failing to find the horses, walked ten miles to the nearest neighbor for help.

Broken-hearted, Ed and Betty left their first-born in the cemetery and started the 425 mile trek back to Stonewall County. It was one night while camped on the banks of the Pecos River that Betty thought her family circle was again to be broken. A flash flood came out of the west and soon water was up to the larks of the wagon. Another foot and it would be in the wagon bed. Ed realized his hobbled horses were in danger of being washed helplessly down the river and announced his intention of going after them. Betty protested, but—giving his watch, his knife and his wallet to his thirteen-year-old son and admonishing him to take care of the women folks and children should he not return, Ed waded out after the horses with Betty's prayers echoing in his ears. An hour later, the waters had receded, and Ed was back with the horses.

After the re-marriage of this daughter-in-law and her removal to East Texas, Betty took over the responsibility of her dead son's two children.

As has been said, Betty had been so busy with her family and her responsibilities in helping and inspiring Ed with his preaching, she had little opportunity for work outside her home, but the time finally came when her children were all married or away at school and Betty had some leisure hours. She moved into a new home in 1911 and now had a bath instead of a path. How she enjoyed this luxury and how she enjoyed going to church and to Sunday School every Sunday, prayer meeting, the Ladies Aid, and to Eastern Star!

What pleasure she received in taking a fresh pound of butter, a dressed hen (always with the oil bag removed), a jar of cold buttermilk to the sick, to "sit-up" with those who needed her, and to officiate at both birth and death.

Not tied down with children, Betty could now accompany Ed on his preaching trips and could stay through the entire meeting, which, in the summer, was held under a brush arbor, and enjoy the hospitality of his members. At first they drove Old Patsy or Old Hippy to the buggy. Ed had formed the habit of doing his thinking and polishing up his sermons while making these trips, and, while Betty sat quietly by just enjoying God's great outdoors, the horse could be depended on to find his way.

When the horse and buggy gave way to the Model-T, Ed was prone to keep musing. On returning from Clairmont one day, they reached the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River. There had been recent heavy rains and both of them were enjoying the greenness of things. They drove onto the bridge and Ed pulled the gas feed down a little more as he looked out over the swollen stream where was only sand last week. Suddenly Betty screamed and Ed, thinking a wasp or a bee must have flown in and stung her, stopped the car to administer to her needs. "Look, Ed, look!"

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Nothing brings me closer to heaven than to witness the miracle of birth or the mystery of death. I am thankful I was present when Betty passed on. I shall always treasure the memory of that entire day: our sickening sensation of knowing it was her last, the every movement of her body—past all pain now—of how each of us stood in the presence of death and thought our own thoughts, prayed our own prayers. I shall never forget how Ed sat by her side, stroking her hand and saying over and over, "You've been a good wife, Betty! You've been a good wife!"

As the sun was sinking below the western hills, Betty's eyes took in the entire room and for a moment rested lovingly on each of us. Then she turned to Ed, who was still holding her hand, and preached a far better sermon than any he had ever preached when, her face aglow with inward joy, she whispered, "I'm going now, Ed, going home."

Then she looked away from us all into the great beyond and said, "I see Jesus! Come all the way, Moxley, come all the way!" We bowed our heads in humble thankfulness to God for allowing us to witness one of His greatest miracles.

### Fifty Tracts of Land Offered in Veterans Land Board Sale

Austin, April 29—Fifty tracts of land, mostly in Central Texas and the upper Valley region, will be offered for sale on June 6 by the Veterans' Land Board.

Forfeited earlier by the Board because purchasers were not keeping up payments, the lands total 3003.44 acres. They are located in 25 Texas counties.

Nine of the 50 tracts offered are in Medina County, just west of San Antonio. This is the largest county offering. Nearby Zavalla County has five of the forfeited tracts.

Forfeited lands to be offered for sale in the east and northeast are in Lamar, Red River, Hopkins and Rusk counties.

In Central Texas, forfeited tracts are in Erath, Comanche, Brown, Hamilton, Coryell, Lampasas, McCullough, Williamson

and Bastrop counties.

Upper valley lands are in Bexar, Medina, Karnes, Frio, Zavalla, Maverick and Dimmit counties.

Hidalgo and Cameron are the only two counties in the Valley with forfeited lands.

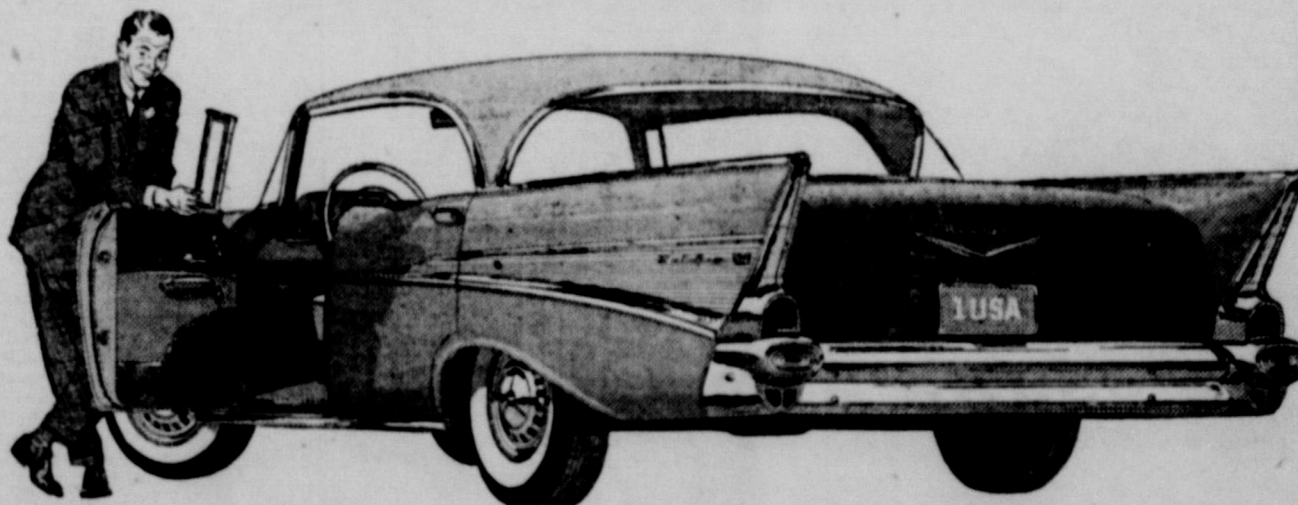
In West Texas, tracts will be offered in Presidio and Culberson counties, and in the Panhandle in Oldham County.

Anyone desiring information about the sale may contact the Veterans' Land Board in Austin, Land Commissioner Earl Rudder said.

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QUIZ SHEET ON POLIO VACCINE

You have been urged to get polio vaccinations for your family. Naturally you want to know the facts about it.

Q: Is the Salk vaccine safe? A: Since the spring of 1955, 51 million people have had injections with an excellent safety record.

Q: Is it effective? A: Two shots, two to six weeks apart, are 70 to 80 per cent effective. A third, or "booster" shot, seven months after the second, provides effectiveness estimated at 90 per cent.

Q: How many have had it? By March 1, 1957, 51 million Americans had had at least one shot; of these, 27 million had received two shots; 11 million the required three shots.

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GRASSROOTS OPINION

Riverton, Wyo., Ranger: "The states and the local school districts are doing a much better job building schools than the federal government ever thought they

could. . . . We have the wherewithal, the knowledge, the local control over our American schools. Let's keep Washington's finger out of the education pie."

West Branch, Iowa, Times: "From the 'What's New Dept.' Ready-to-eat meat that you can warm for serving without a stove or fire; pull a tab on the box and a chemical heats it up."

Leesburg, Fla., Daily Commercial: "There's nothing like a horde of ants to break up a picnic. While we had a 'picnic' debating and philosophizing about Juan Peron, deposed Argentine dictator, a less newsworthy character from that country was busy infiltrating the United States from Mobile, Ala., to Wake County, N. C. The Argentine fire ant apparently arrived on a South American ship 24 years ago, by-passed immigration officials and went to work. The ants reportedly have spread over 22 million acres."

40 Years Ago— IT HAPPENED HERE

Taken from the Files of The McLean News, 1917

Plains Gets Big Snow

From four to nine inches of snow fell over the Plains Saturday morning and it is said the precipitation will be of great benefit to the wheat and other growing crops.

Enjoyable Program Last Week

The 15c program and lunch given by the Presbyterian ladies was at the home of Mrs. Erwin Tuesday afternoon. The main feature of the program was the debate, resolved: "That Mary was more spiritual than Martha."

Mrs. Johnson Dies

Mrs. C. E. Johnson, a resident of the Carpenter neighborhood, died at her home Tuesday night and was buried here Wednesday afternoon.

Personals

Evan Sitter and Erwin Rice are spending the week in Oklahoma City. Dolph Burrows has been assigned the section house division of the Rock Island and will be located here.

W. R. Wise and family are enjoying a visit from their kinsman, Mrs. Hunt of New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Sitter

have returned from an extended visit at Oklahoma City, where the former took treatment for his hearing.

Mrs. James McLean and Dorothy spent the weekend with friends.

Hubert Bentley surprised his friends about three weeks ago by going to Amarillo and bringing home a bride, Miss Lorena Connell.

Miss Lolene Coffey and little brother left Wednesday for Reed, Okla., where they will spend the summer with their grandparents.

Ernest Burrows was down from Amarillo visiting friends. The new espionage bill recently passed in Congress carries dras-

Time for Someone To Make a Move: Will Lawmakers Act, Asks Writer

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, Tex.—I'm not sure whose move it is in Duval County, but I get the feeling it's time for somebody to play his hole card.

I have just returned to deep south Texas after several months in New York and Hollywood in New York negotiating with Random House about back on Duval County. And in Hollywood writing a motion picture with my collaborator, Franz Rosenwald, on the same fascinating subject.

Now that I'm back I'm wondering about three things. First, what the Texas Legislature will do with the opportunity it has to plug up the loopholes in the law that made this political jungle possible—this place where the strong have lived off the weak and shouted their defiance to the world "It come back to this."

Second, I'm wondering about the man Parr himself and a couple of his old friends, one of whom says he is Parr's enemy while the other says he hardly knows the man at all.

Parr is different nowadays. "Gumb crazy" according to several people in this sun-baked county that altho in oil a few months ago Parr paid a big fine for waving a carbine and threatening to kill Thomas Molina in the dim halls of the Duval court house. He was put under a \$7,500 peace bond.

But a few weeks ago he again pulled a pistol out of the glove compartment of his car and stuck it under the nose of Eloy Ramirez. Another conviction for gun-broving could cost him \$7,500. The only reason anybody can figure out for his brashness is that Eloy refused to shake hands with him in Angelina's cafe.

The Duke has always been a gun-waver, but now they say he waves it with a more deadly vehemence.

Parr doesn't look good either. He has gone bankrupt, and he is intermittently on trial in Houston on a charge of using the mails to defraud. The trial has started three times. The first ended with one man hanging the jury, and since then two juries have been spoiled by the discovery of an unqualified juror in the bunch.

Parr hates a lot of men, and his hatred seems to obsess him. It centers on District Attorney Sam Burris, now that John Ben Shepperd has left the Attorney General's Office and gone into business in West Texas.

Burris is the symbol of all Parr's troubles. He is the bulwark of the law that won't let go, even though the Duke has lost his fortune, his political power, his prestige, everything Burris still gets help from the state, but it was John Ben Shepperd who started tearing down the Duke's feudal empire, and it was Burris who helped him Duval residents say the Duke can't talk about anything but Sam Burris.

The Peripatetic Pals But about those friends of Parr's. This is what really prompted me to add this article to the series of 11 which Franz Rosenwald and I wrote recently. They were distributed by the Texas Press Association, and published by some 250 dailies and weeklies in Texas with a readership covering more than half the state. Since so many people are listening, I want to add a little to what I said.

Recently Dan Tobin an able and personable young man who was once a Parr stalwart but who turned against the big boss, has been running around the state palay-walay with a long-time Parr crony named Thomas Y. Pickett. The junkets to Dallas and other places, were to raise money from the oil companies to get Duval County out of its current financial jam. Judge Tobin, by the way, is under indictment because of his past association with the Parr machine.

BIBLE TALK

(1 Pet. 4:11)

Is man saved by faith only? This doctrine is taught by many denominations of today. It is either true or false. If false those who subscribe to it are in a lost condition. The Bible says we are justified by faith, but nowhere does it say we are justified by faith only. The Bible says we are justified by works, but nowhere does it say we are justified by works only. I invite any preacher in McLean to give one scripture, or cite one case in the Bible of salvation by faith only. There is no such case on record in the word of God and those who so teach are teaching error. Note this one example used by many to illustrate salvation by faith only: Saul of Tarsus (they say) was saved on the Damascus road. Afterward Paul wrote, "Being therefore justified (saved) by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1) When a person is saved by faith (justified) he has peace with God. If Paul was saved on the Damascus road this is not true. Though Saul (afterwards Paul) believed on the road to Damascus it was three days and nights before he had any peace in his soul. He was led into the city and neither ate nor drank, but was praying during this time. He was waiting to hear what he must do to be saved—for as yet he was only a believer, a penitent believer. Ananias came, healed him of blindness and said, why do you tarry? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins calling on the name of the Lord. (Ac. 22:16) If he was saved by faith only he didn't know it and neither did the Lord who told him to go into the city and there it would be told him what he MUST DO. If he was saved by faith only he was saved before his sins were washed away. But why continue to discuss a matter as clearly defined in the scriptures? "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only." (Jas. 2:24) That settles the matter with all who believe. Direct all questions to P. O. Box 155.

penalties to be inflicted on those who offer insult to the American flag or engage in undue criticism during the war. Wagons will be furnished free by the city to haul off all trash. Clean your premises Wednesday, put the trash in boxes or barrels, and phone the mayor, W. C. Cheney; he will send the wagon.

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF THE CITY OF McLEAN, TEXAS, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF McLEAN, TEXAS

Pursuant to a Resolution duly adopted on April 25, 1957, by the Council of the City of McLean, Texas, Notice is hereby given of the intention of the City of McLean, Texas, to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of McLean, Texas, and further:

Notice is hereby given that at the expiration of 60 (60) days from May 2, 1957, the Council of the City of McLean, Texas, will consider the question of whether or not it will enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of McLean, Texas. A copy of the proposed Cooperation Agreement is available for the inspection of the public at the office of the City Clerk during business hours.

This Notice is given and published pursuant to the Housing Cooperation Law of the State of Texas. 18-2c

drawn on the Duval County general fund, all made out in Parr's own handwriting, and all made out either to Thomas Y. Pickett and Co. or to Thomas Y. Pickett personally.

Most of the checks are in the amount of \$1,000 and the endorsements on these are correct, each check stamped on the back Thomas Y. Pickett and Co. and each deposited in the company's account.

Two of the checks, however, stand real scrutiny. They're not piddling little \$1,000 items. They are for big money. And they don't bear the Pickett company rubber stamp, indicating that they didn't go through the company account.

One of these checks, dated simply June, 1951, and not signed by the County Judge as required by Texas law, is for \$5,500. This check is number 544.

The other check, number 17, is dated July, 1952. It is for a whopping \$6,500. And this one wasn't signed by the County Judge as required by law.

The harder up the county gets financially, the more they dig around in the old records. And the more they dig around in the old records, the more odd-looking checks they turn up with funny endorsements.

As I said, Dan Tobin and Thomas Y. Pickett have been running around the state trying to tap the oil companies for a little financial assistance to the county. Tobin split with the Duke some time back, and Pickett says he hardly knows the man. Maybe they're both smart. A lot of the Duke's old friends have found themselves in trouble.

The Cause of Corruption in Texas

Which brings me to the third thing I've been wondering about. What is the Texas Legislature going to do about plugging the gaps in the law which John Ben Shepperd said make situations like Duval County possible?

I've read several articles in national magazines about the corruption in Texas on the state level. I've been in and out of Texas, studying Texas laws and lawbreakers and writing a book and a movie script, for about 10 months now. In my humble opinion the corruption in Texas starts right down at the grass roots, in the counties and the little towns. And it starts with the out-moded Texas Constitution and the lack of adequate statutes to enable people at the county level to keep things clean. Your primary trouble, Texas, is not in Austin.

Twice in as many legislative sessions the Texas Press Association has laid a stack of proposed bills in front of the lawmakers, incorporating a number inspired by Shepperd's findings in Duval County along with others that Shepperd and the TPA have urged "for good government" in Texas. These others deal mostly with keeping government meetings open to the public eye, keeping public records public, and requiring the publication of information the people have a right to know.

As John Ben Shepperd put it, "Take any four or five of these proposed new laws and enforce them, and you just can't have a Duval County." There are 15 of them altogether.

I came back to Texas to do some final checking on a few things, including these bills. I have to admit that even with my natural newsman's cynicism, I was a little staggered to find that the Texas Legislature had been in session three months in 1957, and was active six months in 1955—and in all that time only a couple of the bills have struggled through to the Governor's desk for signing into law.

embezzlers from getting off scot-free by controlling judges, prosecuting attorneys, or grand juries. Shepperd says this is the most important bill, from the standpoint of criminal law, and he ought to know. To get the Duval County indictments he had to wait for a district judge, a district attorney and a grand jury to be thrown out. SR 223 is in a Senate subcommittee, and its survival looks doubtful.

Another bill buried in a Senate subcommittee where the death rate is high is SB 88. It would forbid holding government meetings in secret, except as provided by law.

SR 31, you might say, has been sent to Death Row. It was referred to the Attorney General for re-drafting, with the intention of killing it. Its purpose is to remove from office any public official who stands on the Fifth Amendment to avoid showing his public records or answering questions about his official actions.

A bill requiring county attorneys to sue for the recovery of unlawfully expended money, with or without the consent of the commissioners court, is also in a Senate subcommittee but has a little better chance of survival. It is SR 224.

A number of others haven't had any torpedoes thrown into them, but the lawmakers' enthusiasm for them is not conspicuous. In fact, the boys are taking their good old easy time, if not actually stalling. Companion bills to those listed above are "picking around" in House committees, faring little better than in the Senate, apparently.

I might say right here that the views expressed herein are mine, not necessarily those of the TPA. Among the 15 "Better Government" bills, I count only two that have passed both houses of the Legislature, and three others that have passed one House only.

Bills which have gone to the Governor for signature open political precedent conventions to representatives of the press, and require a special audit of county records in any county upon a petition of at least 30 per cent of the qualified voters. Both were designed to provide Texans with more adequate knowledge of what goes on in their counties and their state.

Three others have passed either the House or Senate, but not both of the Legislative bodies. Senators okayed SB 131 to require school districts and other political subdivisions to publish annual financial statements; likewise SB 55, a Mandatory Publications Act to assure that public officials will publish the information they are supposed to under present laws.

I'm told this one can get through if a few citizens interested in good government will speak up for it to urge its passage through the House.

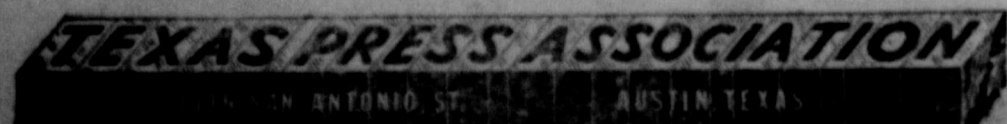
House members passed HB 199 providing for stopping payments to school districts which, like the notorious Benavides district, fail or to refuse to furnish an audit of accounts.

In fact, just about any of these bills, even the ones that are all but dead and buried in the subcommittee, might pass if a few interested citizens would speak up for them.



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The history of the press, since its development five centuries ago, has been a history of restraint. It is natural for men in authority to resent the sting of criticism. It is human for them to be ambitious, and to seek to entrench themselves. Hence rulers often avoid criticism and disagreement by stifling it. But the courageous men who founded this new nation sought here full freedom for each individual. When they established a constitution, aware of the human frailty even of rulers elected from among them, their First Amendment provided that "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech and of the press..." With the widespread education and enlightenment that resulted, the people here have advanced farther toward all freedoms than the people of any other nation. The beacon of this Western World, marks for all nations the start of the path to Freedom of Speech and of the Press.



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### SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



By Jack G. Douglas  
Work Unit Conservationist

Good rains have fallen and caused our grassland to look green and show signs of producing some foliage once again. More rains mean more grass, more grass means more beef, more beef means more dollars, the object of most farming and ranching operations. The rancher or operator has some control over all these items except the rain.

Management is the rancher's most important conservation tool. Soil Conservation Service technicians assisting the Gray County Soil Conservation District suggest the use of two important practices, deferred grazing and proper use as first steps toward bringing ranges back to their normal production.

Deferred grazing is simply taking cattle off of an area for a long enough period to cause beneficial effects. Deferment for a period of 90 days any time during the year will be beneficial to most any range site. During early spring, deferment will tend to increase vigor of old plants and give small seedlings a chance to get a proper start before grazing or trampling.

Rest during late summer gives the grass a change to produce seed heads for possible re-seeding, thus producing thicker stands of the better grasses. If cattle are taken off during winter months more dead litter may accumulate. Litter left on the surface will tend to decrease runoff, increase water intake, and give protection against wind erosion.

The practice of "proper use" is about what the name implies. To use a range properly would be to take the maximum amount of forage off an beef production, yet leaving enough grass so as to not abuse the range. According to conservation ranchers and agriculture experiment stations, the best rule to follow is to take half and leave half of the current production. This type management practice is based on the most desirable grasses present. S. C. S. technicians are available to make suggestions toward a complete conservation plan on your range land. "Management" is the key to good ranching—"turn it the right way."

### NEWS FROM KELLERVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Rush Turner and family of McLean visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyd made a trip to Amarillo Thursday on business.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles H. Boyd of Amarillo spent Saturday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyd.

The Baptist church of Kellerville started their revival Sunday morning. Rev. J. E. Byers of Shamrock is the evangelist.

**Party Honors Mrs. Bruton**  
A surprise party was given Mrs. Edith D. Bruton, who retired as postmaster at Kellerville April 30 after 15 years of service. The party was given by the Kellerville community in the back room of the post office. The affair was a token of appreciation of the service Mrs. Bruton has rendered the community. Those who attended the party are:

The honoree and her husband, J. M. Bruton; Mr. and Mrs. Brent Chapman, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyd, Mrs. R. B. Kinar, Mrs. Edgar Kephart, Mrs. E. D. Morris, Mrs. C. J. Hess, Mrs. J. B. Brown, Mrs. Ray Gossett, Mrs. Ollie McPherson, Mrs. J. J. Broome and Jesse Wayne, Mrs. Vestal Bailey and Rodney, Mrs. B. R. Gray, Molly and Steve, Mrs. Clarence Drum, Mrs. Alice McPherson, Mrs. Joe Harris, Mrs. Roy Lynch, Mrs. Lloyd Burnett, Mrs. Raymond McReynolds, Gene Pice, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Price, W. W. Hughes, Mrs. Curby Morris, Bo Nicholas, Marvin Shelburne, Mrs. E. S. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Harris D'Spain, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Farren and Mrs. W. M. Rhodes from McLean, Mrs. Earl Tarbet, Sherrie and Rocky, from Pampa. The community wishes for Mrs. Bruton much happiness in her retirement.

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# Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Meador attended the district Lions convention in Lubbock Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. H. A. Longino has returned from a two-weeks visit in Denver, Colo. with her son, Harold, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Stokely left Tuesday afternoon to visit her sister, Mrs. George Schutten, and family and her mother, Mrs. Sarah Woody, in Dale, Okla. They will also visit his sisters in Kansas at Emporia and Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith, Mrs. Elton Johnston and Mrs. Buck Atchley were in Amarillo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Crockett and son, Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Butrum and sons visited in Tulla Sunday with Mr. and Hap Rogers and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith went to Henryetta, Okla., last weekend to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pulliam, who are ill. Mrs. Smith remained in Henryetta with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Price and son, Randy, of Abilene spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smokey Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Mertel and girls were in Shamrock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott visited his brother, W. M. Scott, and family in Wellington Sunday.

Miss Becky Barker of Pampa visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barker, Sunday.

Bob Stubbs of WTSC in Canyon was home over the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stubbs.

Mrs. R. A. Wood and daughter, Mrs. Don McMahan, of Amarillo visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Sparks, Sunday. They were en route home from Norman, Okla., where they visited their son and brother, John Regal, who is attending Oklahoma University. Saturday and Sunday had been designated "Mom's Day" at O. U. and the mothers of the students attended church services with them Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnston, Jr., and son of Brownfield and Mr. and Mrs. Jack West and children of Groom spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnston.

Mrs. Bert Rhodes from Devine is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rhodes this week. She stopped here en route to visit her daughter in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Mintoath attended the district Lions convention in Lubbock over the weekend. En route home they visited his brother and family in Muleshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pickett and children of Amarillo spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilkerson and daughter visited in Amarillo over the weekend.



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CARD OF THANKS
I would like to take this means of publicly expressing my appreciation to the many friends who visited me and also sent flowers and cards while I was confined to the hospital. Thanks very much! E. W. Riley

Alabama seceded from the Union January 11, 1861, and reentered July 13, 1868.

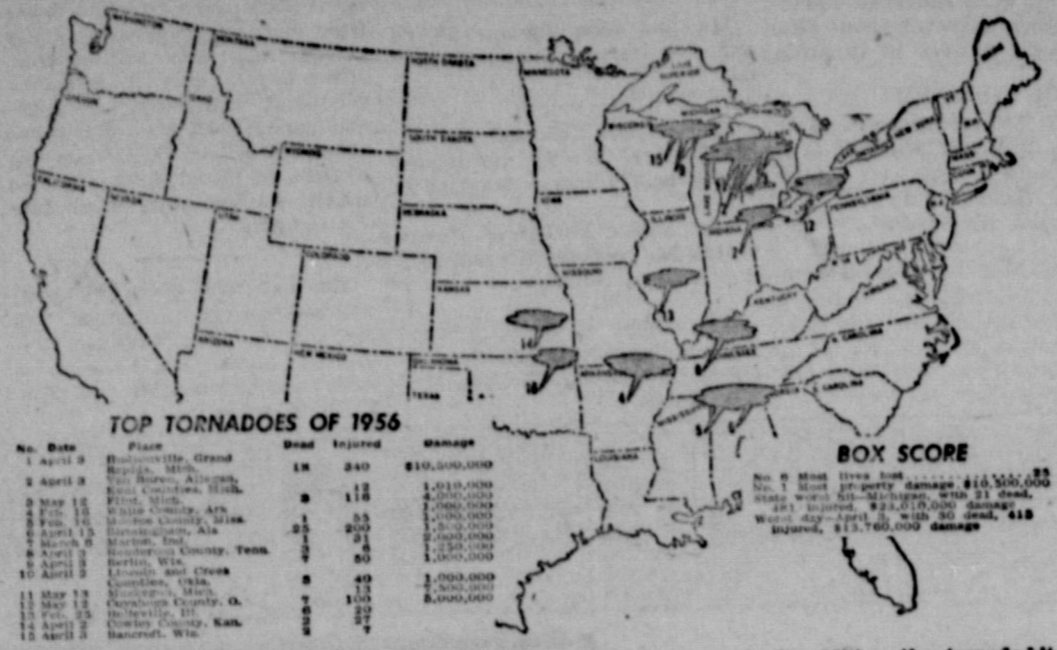


Table with columns: No. Date, Place, Wind Speed, Injured, Damage. Lists major tornadoes of 1956 with their respective statistics.

MAJOR TORNADOES OF 1956, as compiled from preliminary Weather Bureau data, clearly point to Spring as a time for special watchfulness by residents of the central United States—the world's most dangerous tornado area.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

McLean Methodist Church
Each Sunday:
Church School 9-9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:35 a. m.
MY Fellowship 6:00 p. m.
Evening services 7:00 p. m.

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.
Preaching 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 seek the church and the church seeks 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...

Church of the Nazarene
Sunday Services:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching 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 Lilted. W. E. Bond, Pastor

First Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship service 11 a. m.
Training Union 7:00 p. m.
Evening worship 8:00 p. m.
Tuesday:
W. M. U. meetings
Wednesday:
Sunday School teachers and officers meet at 7:15 p. m.
Prayer meeting and Bible study at 8:00 p. m., followed by choir practice. Jesse Leonard, Pastor

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.

What To Do In a Tornado

People in open country can view the approach of a tornado and move at right angles to its path. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch or ravine. In towns or cities, seek shelter inside, preferably in a substantial building. Stay away from windows. The southwest corner of the basement of a frame house is safer than in a brick or stone house. If there is no basement, lie down on the first floor under a table or bed (preferably in the southwest corner). Urban schools: Stay inside, away from windows; remain near an inside wall on a lower floor. Avoid auditoriums and gymnasiums. Rural schools of frame construction: Teachers should remove children to a ravine or ditch if storm shelter is not available.

Monday, W. N. Z 2 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer meeting 8 p. m.
Come and worship with us. Be among those who say, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psalms 122:1. John I. Herndon, Pastor

LIBRARY NEWS

The circulation of non-fiction shows the 500's, 335's and 917's well in front. Science, American Government and Texas History, in the order named. Humor, including cartoons, is popular all of the time. Over the years an interest has developed in presenting books for the memorial shelf. These books are varied in subject and size. Plastic clear book jackets will add to the attractiveness as well as preserve the case. A suggestion for gifts? Plastic clear book covers of course, or a subscription to Panhandle Plains Historical Review. A complete file of back issues is available from 1935 to current issue, 1956, at a price of \$250 if you are interested in complete files of Panhandle history for the library.

CARD OF THANKS
With grateful hearts, we thank all those who did so much to help us in our time of grief. The kindness and thoughtfulness shown us was indeed helpful. Kid and Myrt McCoy

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Duncan visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart and boys in Dumas Monday.

McLEAN LIONS CLUB
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 12:05 p. m.
McLean Methodist Church Visitors Welcome



By Vern Sanford Texas Press Association

Flood Disaster
Texans will be a long time cleaning up from one of the greatest flood disasters in the state's history.

Nearly 10,000 persons were forced out of their homes and some 35,000 square miles were affected, according to official estimates. State, national and private agencies are cooperating to help the flood victims. At the request of Gov. Price Daniel, President Eisenhower designated the flooded counties as "major disaster areas." It brought an immediate flow of funds, equipment and supplies to aid state disaster relief headquarters.

Governor Daniel also asked the Legislature for \$20,000 to replenish the National Guard's fund for emergency work. As waters receded in most areas, people began to take stock of the future. Though crop damage was estimated as high as \$30,000,000, most farmers took a long range view. Many missed the corn planting season and will have to switch to sorghum or some other crop. Others have put cattle back on dry feed after seeing the best pasture in years ruined by floods. "But," they say, "at least it's wet."

Water conservationists point to the flood-ridden areas as "Exhibit A" in the case for more dams and lakes. Rampaging rivers could be held in check, they say, saving top-soil and water for future use. It's Governor Lock Now
Sen. Otis Lock of Lufkin became governor for a day and received all the honors customarily paid on such occasions. May 3 long will be remembered by the 46-year-old lawyer who has served 18 years as a state official.

He issued a proclamation designating the day as Texas Inter-scholastic League Day; addressed the high school journalists assembled in Austin; served coffee and cake in the reception room of the governor's office; and attended a banquet given in his honor by his many Lufkin friends. As president pro tem of the Senate, Lock became governor for a day when Governor Daniel and Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey left the state on official business. Long Talk
Longest filibuster in Texas Senate history brought only a "moral victory" for opponents of school segregation bills. Sens. Abraham Kazen, Jr., and Henry Gonzales teamed up to talk 36 hours and 2 minutes against a bill to allow school boards to assign pupils to certain schools. When they finally quit, their colleagues passed the measure and sent it back to the House for concurrence on a minor amendment. Proponents agreed to delay for a few days taking up other segregation bills. Previous filibuster record was 31 hours and 25 minutes set in 1949 by opponents of a medical bill.

Kazen and Gonzales were aided by prolonged questions from other anti-segregation-minded Senators. Those who opposed the bill included Sens. R. A. Welner, Bruce A. Reagan, Hubert Hudson, Charles Herring, Carlos Ashley and Frank Owen, III.

ICT Report
Senate ICT committee's voluminous report had no kind words for those who had been connected with the \$4,000,000 failure. It said the company was founded contrary to law and operated in a negligent, haphazard and downright fraudulent manner. It sharply criticized Ben Jack Cage, one time ICT manager, and labor leaders who had helped Cage sell union people on investing in ICT. Union officials, it said, had been compromised by "lavish entertainment" or payment of money. Their attitude was called "negligent or at least complicit." Committee made 20 recommendations for tightening laws to prevent future ICT's. One would make insurance company officials criminally liable for false statements. Another would place insurance securities under supervision of a securities commission. Naturopaths Set Back
Naturopaths are in a worse quandary than ever now that the State Supreme Court has ruled their licenses to practice are no good. Texas Naturopaths will be in court again next week when Ex-Rep. James E. Cox of Conroe comes to trial. Cox is charged with consenting to accept a bribe from a TNA member in return for killing a bill outlawing naturopathy. Insurance Reorganization
Governor Daniel is riding a crest of triumph after House passage of his plan to reorganize the Insurance Commission. After weeks of wrangling and nip-and-tuck committee votes, final approval was by a lopsided 109 to 25. House version calls for a three-man, full-time board, all to be appointed by the governor. Senate already has passed a similar bill calling for a part-time board. Both versions would remove from office John Osorio, the present commission chairman, and Member Mark Wentz. Opposition by their friends in the Legislature was one of the main obstacles to reorganization passage. Joe P. Gibbs, the third member of the commission, was appointed recently to serve temporarily. Thumbs Down
In the push to clear the legislative calendars, a lot of bills are falling by the wayside. Measures which already have hit the dust include those to: Abolish

the property tax on automobiles and substitute higher registration fees; provide for re-districting of county precincts; require county judges to be lawyers; allow citizens on local option to elect officials for four years instead of two; raise the minimum age for senators from 26 to 30 and the minimum for representatives from 21 to 25; require persons over 60 years of age to obtain an annual exemption certificate to vote; prohibit cities from annexing property across county lines; and allow cities to issue bonds to build municipal parking lots.

Approved
Measures which apparently have made the grade: Allow use of tax money to advertise the state of Texas; levy penalties for tossing litter on public roads, parks and beaches; make it unlawful to carry switch-blade knife; permit skipping of jury trials in lunacy cases; create a new Securities Commission to handle regulation now divided between the Insurance Commission and secretary of state's office; create a system of full-time paid supervisors for paroled convicts; and define rights of REA co-ops to operate in areas annexed by cities.

Short Snorts
First six officials to file statements of their personal business interest under the new code of ethics bill were Reps. Joe Pool, Tom Joseph, Joe N. Chapman, Herman V. Puckett, Jr., Rufus U. Kilpatrick and State Auditor C. H. Cavness. New U. S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough is slated as main speaker at a state convention of the Democrats of Texas May 18 in Austin. Identified with the liberal-loyalist block, the DCT has been sharply criticized by the Democrat State Executive Committee. The penultimate day of the month is the next to the last day. Only 12 letters comprise the Hawaiian alphabet.

There are about 250 islands in the Fiji group. A jackplane is a carpenter's plane. "Myriad" literally means ten thousand.

Personals

Mrs. Larry Edwards of Farmington, N. M., is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Black. George Saunders attended the district Lions convention in Lubbock the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Alexander of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Powers and daughters of Waco visited Mrs. J. P. Alexander during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wood of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. Enloe Crisp over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady McCoy and family of Amarillo visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kid McCoy, over the weekend.

Clifton Wilkerson and family of Amarillo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Wilkerson, over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Stokely visited in Wheeler Sunday afternoon with their son, Archie Hibler, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Crockett and sons visited relatives in Stillwater, Okla., over the weekend.

Jesse Leonard and Mesdames James Massay, Clarence Voyles, Luther Petty, Rush Turner and Lawrence Nicholson attended an elementary Training Union workshop at the First Baptist Church in Pampa Monday. They also visited Bob James and Finis Dalton at Highland General Hospital.

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CORRECTION!
in Brown's
Advertisement on page three of today's paper a line (With your old electric shaver) was left out. THE SUNBEAM SHAVEMASTER PORTION of the advertisement should read: OUR PRICE TO YOU \$14.95 with your old electric shaver. That part of the paper was already printed before the omission was detected. The McLean News

MR. BUSINESSMAN:
HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO COURT YOUR WIFE?
Did you just happen to see her, walk up to her, ask her to marry you, call in the minister—right on the spot?
Perhaps not. It probably took a lot of calls, many evenings on the family davenport, movies, flowers, candy—and a lot of nice things over a period of time before you closed the deal.
It's the same with advertising . . . you can't woo customers with one ad . . . you've got to "call on them" over a period of time.
Consistent advertising wins customers for you. Let The Enterprise carry your message into hundreds of homes in the Vega territory for you. Free ad help and illustrations.
Consistent advertising wins customers for you. Let The News carry your message into hundreds of homes in the McLean territory for you. Free ad help and illustrations.
The McLean News