

Panthers Beat Ranger; District Play Is Underway



By Kernel Gene, aPe

This week's edition contains several articles from various agencies of our government. Whether you like it or not you are just a number now and practically anything you do must be reported to some agency of the government. What can we do about it? Nothing - we have let bureaucrats and politicians run our business so long that we are too deeply involved to stop. I was almost positive I would be able to keep out from under the new unemployment tax that will burden small business men in the future but I failed to read the fine print and so I am stuck. I have to pay it but I sure don't have to like this unjust penalizing law. This law covers anyone who employs four or more for a period of twenty weeks, or any part of twenty weeks in a calendar year.

This law is going to keep many a youngster from learning a trade as most employers who have only three employees will hesitate to give part time employment due to this penalizing tax.

May I repeat that the columns of this paper are always open to anyone who would like to write an editorial or letter for publication. The only requirement is that you sign the article or letter.

The Seniors are in their final drive for subscriptions to the Progress. All renewals or new subscriptions received by the Progress this month are being credited to the Seniors whether they have solicited them or not. This work should net them almost a hundred dollars to add to their senior trip funds. It could be more than that if you folks would send in your renewals.

Max Pierce Makes Honorable Mention Sportswriters All-State

Wednesday morning all of the big daily newspapers in the state published the All-State football teams of Class A chosen by the Texas Sports Writers Association. This is the most important All-State team chosen, because sports writers all over the state participate in the balloting. It is the highest honor that a high school football player can receive.

West Central Texas was not represented on the first eleven, but Clyde Ewatt of Eastland was one of three ends chosen for the second team.

Receiving honorable mention in the Abilene area were end Jody Beal of Albany, tackle Wayne Connor of Haskell, guard Billy Don Davis of Throckmorton and backs Jerry Wharton of Ranger, Bobby Allman of Albany, Gary Cure of Munday, and Max Pierce of Gorman. So there were just eight boys from West Central Texas and three boys from our District 7-A who made the team.

In the Abilene Reporter-News Wednesday morning with the article about the All-State teams, a picture of Max was featured.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Troy H. Melton of Gorman have a daughter, Cynthia Ann, born January 10. She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wayne Archer of Cisco have a son, Wayne Dean, born January 5. He weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. O'Neill of Gorman has a son, John Bernard, born January 9. He weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces.

Grade School Girls Win First Place De Leon Tourney

The Gorman Grade School Girls basketball team won the De Leon Tournament last week end. They defeated Lingleville 48-23, Eastland 26-10, and Desdemona 37-14 in that order.

During the tournament Mary Robertson scored 41 points, Ava Askew hit 35 and Patsy Rawls scored 27. The starting guards on this team are Emma Jane Skaggs, Karen Wright, and Delores Foster. Reserves on the squad include Judy Mehaffey, Nell Browning, Tomasine Whitt, and Myrna Sue Brightwell.

DISTRICT BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

District basketball battles are now in progress.

Following is a district schedule for the entire district:

Friday, January 13 - Gorman at Wylie; Rising Star at Eastland; Ranger at Cross Plains.

Tuesday, January 17 - Wylie at Eastland; Cross Plains at Gorman; Ranger at Rising Star.

Friday, January 20 - Cross Plains at Wylie; Eastland at Ranger; Gorman at Rising Star.

Tuesday, January 24 - Wylie at Ranger; Rising Star at Cross Plains; Gorman at Eastland.

Friday, January 27 - Rising Star at Wylie; Ranger at Gorman; Cross Plains at Eastland.

Tuesday, January 31 - Wylie at Gorman; Eastland at Rising Star; Cross Plains at Ranger.

Friday, February 3 - Eastland at Wylie; Gorman at Cross Plains and Rising Star at Ranger.

Tuesday, February 7 - Wylie at Cross Plains; Ranger at Eastland; Rising Star at Gorman.

Friday, February 10 - Ranger at Wylie; Cross Plains at Rising Star; Eastland at Gorman.

Each team will play ten conference games. All of the six schools in District 7-A have both boys and girls teams with the exception of Ranger which has no girls team. In meetings between Ranger and other conference schools there will probably be a game between the boys B teams of the schools in lieu of a girls game, it was said.

Announcements

There will be a meeting at the Kokomo School, 7:30 pm. January 19th to formulate plans for better roads in and leading to the Kokomo community. Anyone interested in this project is requested to be present.

The First National Bank of Gorman will observe Robert E. Lee's Birthday, January 19th, as a holiday.

Gorman Chapter No. 443, O. E. S., will hold regular stated meeting at 7:30 p. m., Monday, January 16. Initiation. Visitors welcome.

Nora Bennett, W. M. Thereasa Baker, Sec'y.

CARD OF THANKS

This is to express our sincere appreciation to the doctors, nurses, technician and dieticians for their wonderful care and attention to all of us while we stayed at the hospital during the illness of Mrs. H. R. Mason. Also to express our thanks and gratitude to the numbers of friends who sent flowers, food, cards and called on us during her sickness, or remembered us in any way.

May you all be bountifully blessed.

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PLAY WYLIE FRIDAY

The Gorman Panthers won over Ranger Tuesday night 49-46 in a district 7-A game. Johnny Rodgers led the Gorman scoring with 20 points. Other results in the district were Cross Plains over Eastland 45-44 and Rising Star over Wylie 48-44. The Wylie girls won over the Rising Star girls 50-39 and Cross Plains defeated Eastland in a girls game. The Gorman teams journey to Wylie Friday night for district games.

DIST STANDINGS - BOYS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Gorman	1	0	1000
Cross Plains	1	0	1000
Rising Star	1	0	1000
Ranger	0	1	000
Eastland	0	1	000
Wylie	0	1	000

DIST. STANDING - GIRLS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Wylie	1	0	1000
Cross Plains	1	0	1000
Gorman	0	0	000
Rising Star	0	1	000
Eastland	0	1	000

GORMAN BASKETBALLERS SPLIT GAMES AT GRAYFORD

The Gorman Panthers lost to Grayford Friday night by a 61-46 score after the Gorman girls had beaten the Grayford girls 52-28. The boys game was a close affair for three quarters before the Grayford team took a commanding lead in the last quarter.

In the girls game the Gorman sextet held only a 7 to 5 lead after the first quarter, but four consecutive long shots by Linda Cloninger increased the lead in the second quarter. Pat Robertson led the scoring with 23 points. Outstanding guarding was turned in by guards Janey Thompson, Sandra West, Julia Beth Skaggs, Ruth Rodgers, and Jeanette Bunting.

NOTICE

The City Office has been receiving complaints about people dumping trash and garbage on private property.

Anyone caught or reported dumping trash or garbage on private property is subject to a ten dollar fine. The City has a dump ground about two miles west of Gorman near the railroad. The City also has a truck that picks up trash at your residence for a very small monthly fee. Please cooperate.

Only Half Of County Offices At Stake In Election

With the passage of the state constitutional amendment in the last general election extending political office terms to four years generally, only about half of the office holders in the county will be required to run in the 1956 election.

Offices in which there will be races this year are district judge, county attorney, county tax assessor-collector, sheriff, and county commissioners in Precincts 1 and 2.

Gilbert And Mauney Receive Promotions In Tarleton ROTC

Cadet M-Sgt. Neal Gilbert was recently promoted to the position of first lieutenant in the Reserved Officers Training Corps of Tarleton State College.

Cadet Sgt. Don Mauney was advanced to the rank of first class. Neal and Don are graduates of Gorman High.

Approximately 90 per cent of Tarleton's qualified male students are enrolled in the college's optional senior ROTC program. 21 cadets received promotions.

Mrs. John Henderson Suffers Heart Attack

Mrs. John W. Henderson, third grade teacher in Gorman Grade School, suffered a heart attack on Monday at noon while at the school. She was rushed to Blackwell Hospital in Higginbotham's ambulance. On Wednesday she was somewhat improved.

Mrs. Henderson has taught in Gorman Public Schools for many years. She taught in the intermediate grades for a number of years before changing to the primary grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker visited in Ft Worth Sunday afternoon with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Hart. The children are just getting over the measles which kept them in all through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Busching and daughter, have returned to their home in Iowa after spending the holidays with relatives in Gorman.

1 On All-Region Band PANTHER BAND PLACES SEVEN MEMBERS ON ALL-DIST. BAND

This Saturday, January 14, the All-District Band meeting will be held at De Leon. We are proud that seven players from our Gorman Band are in this fine band. They are Janey Thompson, Kay Lynn Ramsey, Annys Kate Blair, saxophones; Stanley Bell and Barbara Maupin, clarinets; Fred Gray, coronet; and Joe Mehaffey, drum.

Louis Mehaffey Is New Agent For Abilene Reporter

Louis Mehaffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mehaffey, has taken over the agency for the Abilene Reporter News in Gorman.

Louis is active in school and band activities and also raises chickens and rabbits at home.

A congenial, industrious young man, Louis has now entered a business where many a successful businessman got his start.

The training a youngster gets as a newspaper salesman is unequaled. He not only meets and converses with people in all walks of life, but must be constantly on the job soliciting new subscribers, collecting and giving service.

Illness In Gorman

Patients listed at the Blackwell Hospital on Wednesday giving Gorman as their address were Autry Hood, Mrs. G. L. O'Neill, Mrs. K. P. Rainey, Mrs. Jim Johnson, Tip Ross, Mrs. John W. Henderson, Mrs. G. C. Dawkins, and Mrs. Homer Woods.

Others listed were Mrs. Dena Meadors, W. N. Stephens, S. E. Meiers of De Leon, Mrs. Frank Genoway of Desdemona Mrs. Vernon Archer, C. L. Carmichael and Melba Ray Harrelson of Cisco, Lewis Ogle, Mrs. Della Brown, Mrs. Dave Ratliff and Mrs Sam Eakins of Rising Star.

Nicky Duggan of Carbon, Walter McCullough, Robert Hughes, Peggy Jo Lester, and Mrs. B. E. Pate of Comanche, Mrs. H. T. Sims and J. L. Craig of Dublin, Mrs. Kinser Thompson of San Angelo, Willie Echols of Blackwell, and Dena Lou Baxter of Cross Plains.

Important Information Concerning Fires

The Volunteer Firemen of Gorman have asked the Progress to publish the following information concerning fires. They ask for the cooperation of the public in these matters, since the observance of these rules will be beneficial to everyone concerned.

When the fire truck is proceeding along the streets to a fire, with sirens sounding, automobiles should be parked as far off the streets as possible. It is dangerous to the occupants of private cars and to the firemen alike when this rule is not observed. Pedestrian should likewise remain off the streets until the fire trucks and firemen have passed. The firemen often do not arrive in time to ride the fire truck to a fire, but proceed to the fire in their own cars. These cars should be given right of way, also.

RULES FOR TURNING IN A FIRE ALARM

FIRST - Ring for the telephone operator. When you are talking to the operator, you have the Fire Dept. It is not necessary to ask for the Fire Dept.; the operator turns in the fire alarm.

SECOND - The telephone operator needs to know two facts: 1. Location of fire. 2. Type of fire. (Such as grass fire or house fire).

Also remember that the telephone company is declared on an emergency basis when there is a fire, so please limit calls to one minute for at least 10 or 15 minutes after a fire alarm. This allows the telephone lines to remain open for emergency calls from firemen or others regarding assistance such as more help needed, doctors needed, ambulance service needed, etc. Never call the operator to ask where a fire is.

TOMMY BRIGHTWELL TO RECEIVE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

DENTON, Jan. 12 - Tommy E. Brightwell of Gorman is one of 225 seniors who have applied for Bachelor's Degrees at North Texas State College this semester.

Winter commencement exercises have been scheduled for 3 p. m., January 29 in the NTSC main auditorium.

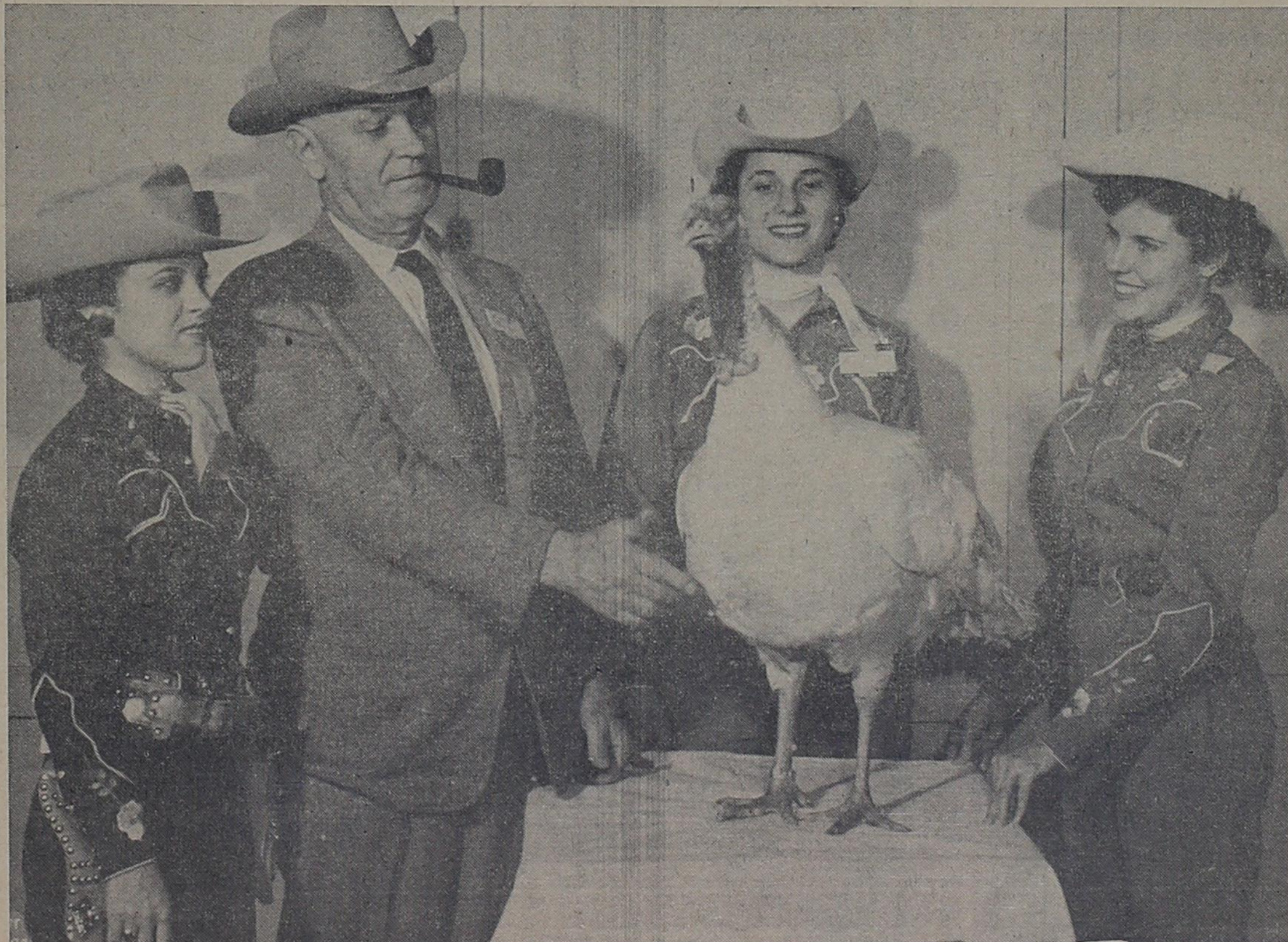
Brightwell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Brightwell, 802 North Kent St., Gorman, is a candidate for the degree of bachelor of business administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hefley of Ft Worth came for their two young daughters last week end. The young ladies had been visiting with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Richardson, for the past two weeks.

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Adv.



Three Texas beauties get some tips on turkey raising from one of their state's leading producers of the nation's favorite holiday bird. Left to right are Evelyn Grigsby, Midlothian; Ralph E. Janes Austin; Bobbie Rehm, Stephenville and Carol Sue Tidwell, Desdemona. All attended the annual convention of the National Turkey Federation in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, January 4-6. Miss Tidwell, a sophomore in Stephenville High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tidwell who operate a large turkey

farm north of Desdemona. The Tidwells had a booth at the convention and accompanied their daughter.

Texas turkey growers are asking for the Convention in 1958 and sent these young ladies as delegates to boost Texas. They made friends with other delegates by pinning yellow roses on every they met. The group also had the pleasure of being on Don McNeil's Television show.

second through sixth places. In other words, the other five teams are just about even.

District play began Tuesday night, with our boys going to Ranger. Ranger lost eight lettermen and has only junior guard Paul Hinds returning from last season's starting team.

Our girls basketball team, under the guidance of Coach David Goodwin, has an outstanding record this season. To date our girls have won 13 games and lost three. Their losses have been to Class AA schools, two losses to De Leon and one loss to Stephenville in our Indian Trail Tournament when the Stephenville girls edged Gorman in the finals in two overtime periods. The Gorman girls won first place in the Desdemona Tournament.

Their record to date has already bested their season record of last year. Last season our girls won 15 games and lost 10 while tying Olden girls for the district title. They lost the playoff game to Olden. This year they have moved up from Class B to Class A, and play in District 7-A, just as the boys do. Each school in this district has a girls team with the exception of Ranger. Our girls are expected to rank high in district play. Their toughest competition is expected from the Wylie and Rising Star girls teams.

Nine girls who have earned one or more letters are returning. They are Pat Robertson, senior forward; Jeanette Bunting, senior guard; Nelda Robertson, junior forward; Annys Kate Blair, sophomore forward; Janey Thompson, junior guard; Sandra West, sophomore guard; Linda Cloninger, sophomore forward; Julia Beth Skaggs, sophomore forward or guard; and Ruth Rodgers, sophomore guard. There are also three freshmen on the squad. They are Charlotte Hille, Kay Lynn Ramsey, and Mary Kay Cloninger.

Four of the girls have been

named on All-District teams. Jeanette Bunting has been placed on the All-District Team for the past two years. Pat Robertson, Nelda Robertson, and Janey Thompson made the All-District Team last year. These selections were made in Class B competition. However, as I have often said, Class B competition is just as tough, or often tougher, than Class A athletics.

The team has high-scoring forwards. Here is a list of the girls and their totals in scoring to date. Pat Robertson, 254 points; Nelda Robertson, 199; Annys Kate Blair, 172; Linda Cloninger, 83; Mary Kay Cloninger, 34; and Julia Beth Skaggs, 10 points. Julia Beth has played mostly as a guard this season.

The Grade School Girls team

won first place in the De Leon Grade School Basketball Tournament last week. So it looks as if Coach Goodwin will have good girls teams for years to come.



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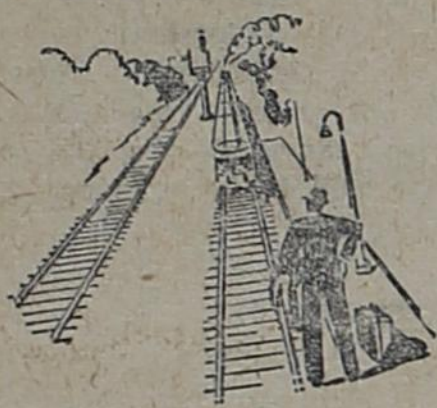
Sports

By Jerry Clark

Norman Wright, in last Thursday's Eastland Telegram, predicted that Eastland would win its football district title this fall. Eastland will be in the newly created District 10-A with Albany, Throckmorton, Wylie, and Clyde. Mr. Wright may be right about the Mavericks beating Wylie and Clyde. Gorman almost beat both of them in the past football season. (Wylie beat us by one touchdown, and we tied Clyde). But I can't see Eastland beating Albany or Throckmorton, certainly not Albany. However, everyone knows that Mr. Wright is never wrong, but always Wright. (Ouch, what a pun.)

Due credit should be given to Coach Roy Byrd for the improvement he has made in the boys basketball team this season. Our boys team won only one game in 26 last season. Byrd has already bested last year's record by winning seven of his first 16 games. He has only three returning lettermen. They are Max Pierce, Jerry Dupuy, and Jackie Don Wheeler.

The Abilene Reporter-News has been running a series of articles outlining high school basketball districts and team prospects in the Abilene area. Last Friday morning an article was published covering our own District 7-A. Cross Plains was picked as a strong choice to repeat as champions. The Buffaloes have six lettermen returning and have racked up 10 victories against only two defeats so far this season. Both Cross Plains losses to date have been to Class AA Comanche. The Buffs also won the Rising Star Tournament. The other five teams in our district are expected to battle it out for



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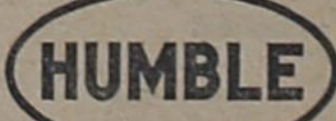
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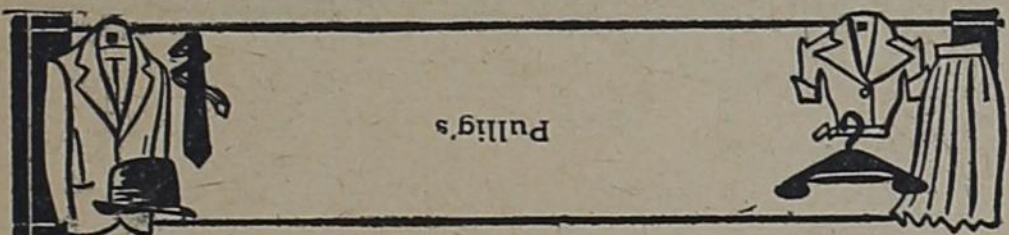
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At this season the economists present their summaries of what has happened in the past and what is anticipated for the future. There are problems and maladjustments, notably in certain branches of agriculture. But the over-all picture is one of extraordinary material progress and achievement--probably the greatest in recorded history.

The Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, has described 'what millions of Americans have been actually making of our economy.' Our total production of goods and services is not far from \$400,000,000,000 a year which works out to seven times the 1900 level after allowance is made for price rises. It is of the utmost significance that the greatest share of this goes not to the wealthy, but to the people in the lower and middle income groups. Where, early in the century, only one family in ten earned as much as \$4,000 a year in terms of today's prices, now half our families earn more than \$4,000.

The fruits of this are found in statistics which are astonishing by any standard. At the turn of the century there were 14,000,000 life insurance policies in this country--now there are 250,000,000. In 1900 individuals had liquid savings of all types amounting to less than \$10,000,000,000--now the total exceeds \$235,000,000,000. More than 15,000,000 Americans have over \$30,000,000,000 invested in pension and retirement trust funds which didn't even exist in 1900. Close to 10 per cent of all our families today own stock in American corporations, while 55 per cent live in homes of their own.

What all this means, in Mr. Humphrey's phrase, is that 'the basic interests of the man in overalls are today the same as the basic interests of the man in the

business suit.' He uses inflation as an example of that mutuality of interest. Between 1939 and 1953 inflation 'stole' \$478 out of each \$1,000 of savings--almost half. It did that by cheapening the dollar--by cutting its purchasing power.

That brings up an ever existing danger. It is commonplace to read political programs which propose tax reduction on the one hand and, on the other, all manner of increased federal expenditures for social security, for schools and roads, for public housing, for public power development, and so on and so on. How could such programs be put into effect? If only one way--by running the government further into debt through a series of huge deficits. Then renewed inflation would follow as day follows night, and people would be "robbed" of their savings again. No other results could be expected from a policy of taxing less while spending more. And, along with the material losses, the individual would lose opportunity and freedom--a price always exacted by governments which are reckless with the assets of the people, and insatiable in their drive for more and more power over the lives of all.

It is far easier to build a system which gives the masses of people freedom along with material well-being than it is to maintain it. Dr. George S. Benson has pointed out that "When you look back down through the pages of history, you will find the wrecks of 19 civilizations. You will find that nowhere in the world at any one spot have people for many generations maintained a good government or a good economy." Demagoguery, special privilege, successful pressure groups, a gradual wasting away of the principles of individual freedom, responsibility and obligation--these were among the seeds whose crop was disaster.

No nation has any natural right to freedom. Freedom must be worked for and earned--and ever

Oliver Springs NEWS

By Florence Richardson

Had our regular attendance in Sunday School Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mears of Arlington visited here over the week-end with his parents, the S. E. Mears.

Mr. Earon Mears was taken to the hospital Friday morning. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

The Bruce Hirst family visited with the B. A. Hirsts, R. H. Watson's and Mrs. Homer Richardson visited their father Sunday evening, Mr. D.L. Bond.

The Rex Kinsers visited the Clyde Fishers in Eastland Friday night, The Melvin Daniels visited the Bill Lees in Desdemona Monday night.

Visiting in the Clyde Setzler home this past week were her sister, Mrs. George Reed, and friends from the west. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Atchison have returned home from Athens, where they have been visiting their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Atchison and daughter have been visiting the Jesse Atchisons.

The Edward Johnson family of Olden visited the Jim Johnson family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pinson of Dublin were visiting in the community Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Park have been visiting in Hamlin with Mrs. Reid's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mears of Weatherford visited his parents over the week-end, the L. F. Mears family.

Mrs. Evie Smith has returned home from Comanche, where she has been visiting her daughter and family.

Rev. and Mrs. Ellis Hillard and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson visited in our home Monday night.

lastingly protected. Material gain is a by-product, so to speak, which comes to those who place the greatest value on the free man and the free society in which he lives and works.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

Gorman, Texas

In the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1955. Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection	1,018,670.10
U. S. Govt. Obligations, direct and guaranteed	505,100.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	5,300.00
Corporate stocks (including 3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,000.00
Loans and discounts (including 2,301.30 overdrafts)	689,626.55
Bank premises owned \$1.00, furniture and fixtures 2,065.57	2,066.57
TOTAL ASSETS	2,223,763.52

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,943,099.22
Deposits of U. S. Government, (including postal savings)	18,019.35
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	112,644.95
TOTAL DEPOSITS	2,073,763.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,073,763.52

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Common stock, total par 50,000.00	50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	50,000.00
Total Capital Accounts	150,000.00
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	2,223,763.52

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	211,000.00
Loans as shown above are after deductions of reserves of	940.56
Total amount of loans, certificates of interest and obligations, or portions thereof, which are fully backed or insured by agencies of the U. S. Government (other than "U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed")	70,496.10

I, Edwin A. Smith, Jr., Vice President, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Edwin A. Smith, Jr. V. P.

Correct-Attest:
W. G. Kirk John S. Kimble J. B. Brandon
Directors

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of January 1956, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

Jo Ann Clark, Notary Public

- Clover Farm PINEAPPLE JUICE 46 Oz. Can 29c
- Clover Farm POTTED MEAT 2 1/4's Cans 13c
- Clover Farm Whole Kernel Golden CORN No. 303 Can 17c
- Clover Farm Early June Sifted PEAS 8 Oz. Can 13c
- Clover Farm PIE CRUST MIX 9 Oz. Box 15c
- Wapco Cut SWEET POTATOES 503 Can 15c
- Blue Box ALL 24 Oz. Box 39c
- DIAL SOAP Bath Size 19c
- DIAL SOAP Reg. Size 13c
- Hand Cleaner BORAXO 8 Oz. Can 19c
- 20 Mule Team BORAX 1 Pound Box 21c
- Cloverbloom 99 Margarine Lb. 33c
- Sunshine KRISPY CRACKERS Pound 25c
- Aunt Ellen's PI DO 9 Oz. Box 17c
- Little Bo-Peep Ammonia Pint Bott. 13c
- W. P. Rubbing Alcohol Pint Bott. 15c
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- Clover Farm COFFEE Pound 83c
- Clover Farm Strawberry PRESERVES 12 Oz. Glass 29c
- Clover Farm Halves PEACHES No. 303 Can 23c
- Clover Farm SLICED BEETS 16 Oz. Jar 19c
- Concho Cut GREEN BEANS 2 303 Cans 23c
- Concho PORK & BEANS 3 300 Cans 25c
- Clover Farm TOMATO SAUCE 8 Oz. Can 9c

- Lettuce 10c
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- Cabbage 5c

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

The First National Bank GORMAN, TEXAS
"Oldest Bank in Eastland County"
As Of December 31, 1955

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 525,243.45
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	2066.57
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	3,000.00
Bills of Lading, Public Obligations & SBA Loans	160,683.40
U. S. Government Bonds Owned	505,100.00
CASH	1,018,670.10
TOTAL	2,223,763.52

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	50,000.00
DEPOSITS	2,073,763.52
TOTAL	2,223,763.52

OFFICERS

W. G. Kirk, President
Edwin A. Smith, Jr., Vice President
Edward F. Harrison, Vice President
Anna Louise Spence, Cashier
Dorothy Sparks, Ass't. Cashier

DIRECTORS

Mrs. G. T. Blackwell Dr. D. V. Rodgers Dr. J. B. Brandon
Edward F. Harrison W. G. Kirk John S. Kimble

Progressive Study Club Elect New Officers For '56

The Progressive Study Club had its first meeting of the year at the home of Daisy Peveto on January 5. Roll call was answered by, "A Goal For '56".

The president, Dorothy Jobe, presided at the business meeting during which officers for the coming year were elected. The officers for the coming year are as follows:

- President - Dorothy Jobe
- Vice-President - Alice Eakin
- Secretary - Theda Smith
- Treasurer - Daisy Peveto
- Reporter - Sunny Kellogg
- Critic - Vonita Hallmark
- Parliamentarian - Nancy Hendricks

A delicious salad plate was served by the hostess to the following members: Jolene Eison, Modess Burgess, Dorothy Jobe, Alice Eakin, Juanita Fuller, Vonita Hallmark, Nancy Hendricks, Ora Lee Lawrence, Wanda Goodwin, Ina Porter, Dolores Wright, Essie Lee Eison, Sunny Kellogg, and Hattie Lee Todd.

The Gorman Progress

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DUSTER ROCK BLUFF NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Lorene Johnson

Our church can be as a spiritual grocery store. Its goods are unrationed. It provides a balanced spiritual diet. Its service is free to all. If you get poor produce it is our own fault. It provides the milk of the word for the spiritually strong. It provides the bread of Heaven of which if a man eat he shall hunger no more. It has a good supply of the fruits of the spirit always fresh and sweet.

Duster Baptist had a large attendance with several visitors. Rock Bluff and Church of Christ had good attendance.

Glad to report Bro. Frank Skaggs has returned home from the hospital.

The past years rainfall at Duster was 29 and 6/10 inches.

Mrs. J. B. Dillard from Port Arthur visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Roland.

Mrs. Abb Coan spent last week in Fort Worth with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Coan and Miss Pansy Coan returned home with her Saturday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith were Esther and granddaughters, Jo and Linda, of Anson, Mr. Holliday of Brownwood, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Bingham, and Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cozby and Miss Virgie Munn of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson Tuesday night.

Mrs. Irene Heathington visited her husband at Winters Sunday. Mrs. Stokes also visited relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead Parhams of Merkel visited relatives here last week.

Burleson Heads Texas Delegation

On the convening of the 2nd Session of the 84th Congress, Representative Omar Burleson of the 17th District of Texas, whose home town is Anson, was elected by his colleagues to head the Texas Delegation in Washington. The delegation includes the twenty-two members of the House of Representatives and the two Senators from Texas, and all were present when new officers were elected for 1956.

As Chairman of the Delegation Congressman Burleson will preside over all meetings of the Texas Delegation in Congress and become the central figure in such other activities as the Members may engage in during the tenure of his office. In the 81st Congress, Representative Burleson served as Secretary of the Texas group.

The Texas group meets each Wednesday in the dining room of the Capitol assigned to the Speaker of the House. At these meetings the members may have as their guests from back home, except on those days when the meetings are closed for the discussion of legislation or other issues of mutual interest.

The Texas Delegation, however, never attempts to agree to vote as a bloc on any bill, or take unanimous action on political matters. Depending on the section of the State from which the Congressman come, there is a rather wide difference in political

views at times, but the Delegation as such is closer than any other in the Congress and it is generally conceded that, as a group, they have the greatest influence of any single State in the Union.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 SET FOR SECOND TAXPAYER INFORMATION DAY

Monday, January 16 is the second Taxpayer Information Day to be held at the Internal Revenue office, according to Administrative Officer in Charge, Howard O. Nichols. On Monday morning between 8:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m., the Revenue Service will have trained tax men available to answer taxpayers' questions. Taxpayer Information Days will

Excelsior Club Meets With Mrs. Smith

The Excelsior Club met at the home of Mrs. Check Smith.

The topic being "Movie With Sound Tract," a very good one entitled, "The Price of Freedom", and "The Soap Box Derby" was also shown with several shots on how to drive and highway rules from the Kindergarten to Adults.

The Desdemona Study Club were guests of the Excelsiors.

Mrs. Shelley Hirst was welcomed as a new member.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to Mesdames N. C. Crawley, T. G. Jackson, J. E. Foster, M. H. Fairbetter, F. R. Haile, Mae Jones, Check Smith, M. F. Allen, Martha Sutton, Edna Nunnally, Vera Hamrick, Dahlia Steele, D. J. Jobe, Gene Baker, and from Desdemona, Mesdames Davis, Maltby, Henslee, Hall and Wade.

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PATRICIA MORRISON IS MEMBER OF TARLETON SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

STEPHENVILLE, Jan. 12 (Sp1) Patricia Ann Morrison of Gorman is a member of the Tarleton State College Scholarship Society. This organization is composed of

students having a grade point ratio of 2.25 and carrying a minimum of 15 hours. Pat, an education major, is a 1954 graduate of Gorman High where she was a four year honor roll student. She was also annual editor, junior class annual editor, yell leader, Football Sweetheart, majorette, and freshman class vice-president.

At Tarleton she is a member of the OWLS, girls social club; feature editor of the J-TAC, student newspaper; and vice-president of the Aggettes, girls physical education organization.

Mr. Nichols reminded taxpayers that residents of the Dallas District should make checks payable to, and send returns to the District Director of Internal Revenue, 2101 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

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Desdemona News

Anell McMaster, Reporter

Mr. Jimmie Cassell has been students having a grade point ratio of 2.25 and carrying a minimum of 15 hours.

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quiet ill in the Gorman hospital but is home now.

Grandma Williams is in critical condition after a stroke.

Mrs. N. E. Riggs was carried to Ft Worth for treatment but is doing some better.

Mr. George Hilton, Supt. of School here, made a business trip to Austin this week.

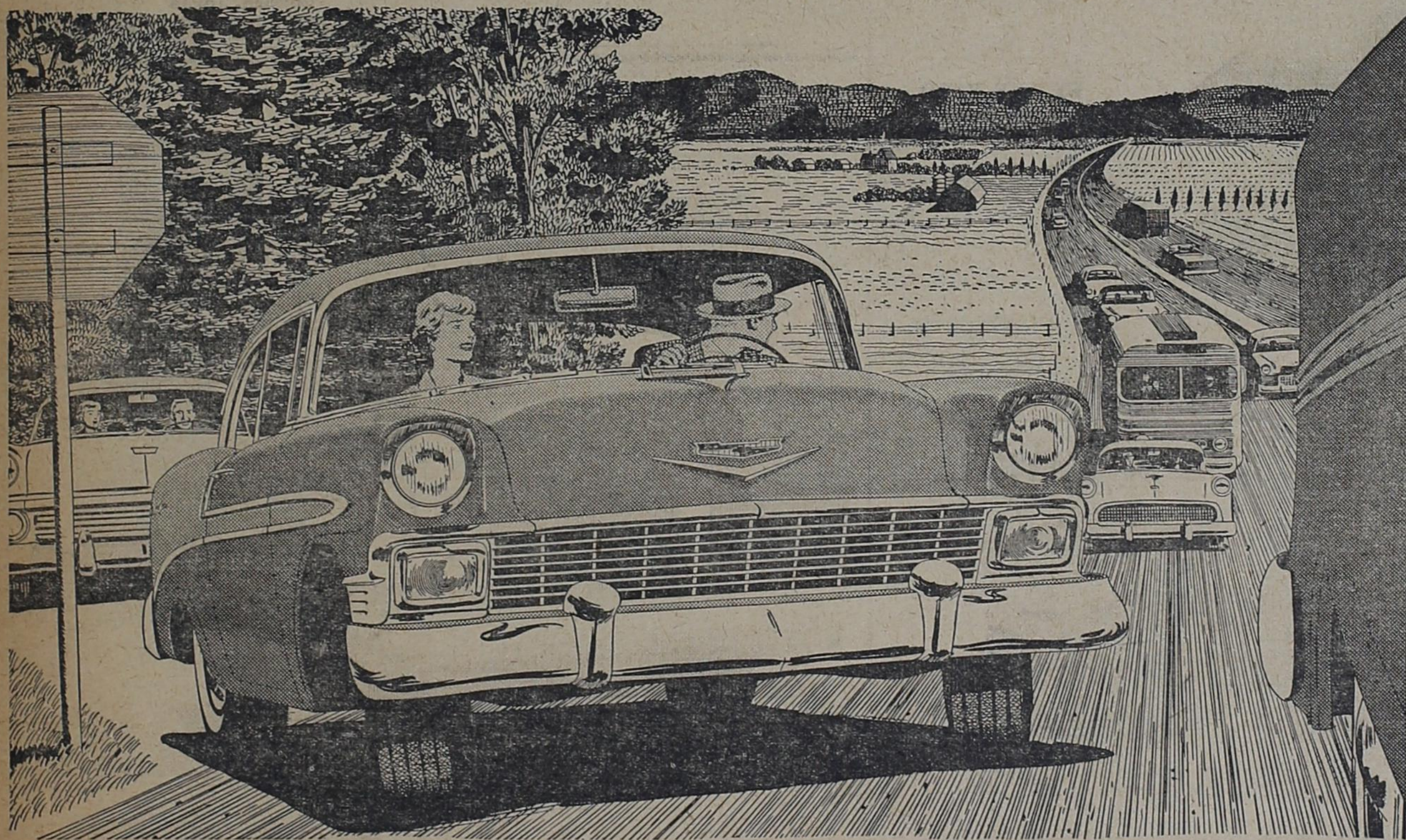
Mrs. Mattie Newton and son, Harold Dean of De Leon, spent Sunday afternoon here with her step-mother, Mrs. Ethel Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Reid have been visiting their son, Phil and family, in Alvin. They also visited relatives in Rosenberg and did some fishing in Freeport.

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Mrs. A. A. Brown
Is Elected To Head
Woman's Study Club

The regular meeting of the Woman's Study Club was held in the home of Mrs. Edwin A. Smith, Jr. on Monday, January 9 at 7 p. m.

Mrs. Dorothy Hatcher presided at the business meeting. A letter of thanks was read from Veterans Hospital in Waco for the home made cookies, peanuts and 29 jig saw puzzles sent at Christmas.

The members voted to send a letter of protest to the representatives in Washington on the proposed closing of Veterans Hospital in McKinney.

Each member was urged to pay her poll tax and become personally informed on the candidates and vote according to her findings.

Fifteen members answered roll call, "A Current Court Event."

Mrs. Ray Rankin reported on the urgent need for psychiatric nurses and helpers, and of the fund set up by the Federation of Women's Club for the training of capable boys and girls. The Woman's Study Club has made a donation to this fund.

Mrs. M. E. Shell gave an interesting report on "A Look At Our Courts", with women serving on the juries in Texas. Each woman should inform herself about the procedure and duties.

The election of officers for 1956-57 was held. The following is a list of the new officers:
President - Mrs. A. A. Brown
Vice-President - Mrs. G. C. Acrea
Secretary - Mrs. Ray Rankin
Treasurer - Mrs. Jerry Clark
Parliamentarian -
Mrs. M. E. Shell
Critic - Mrs. Keith Whitt

Refreshments were served from a tea table appointed with crystal and silver and centered with a fuschia colored Azalea, fruit salad, cheese sandwiches, olives, apple cider, to Mesdames G. C. Acrea, O. R. Buchanan, Bill Brogdon, Joe Collins, Othell Clark, Jerry Clark, Ed Harrison, Dorothy Hatcher, Glynn Kirk, Marvin Nix, Ray Rankin, M. E. Shell, Keith Whitt, and Miss Ozella Pulley.

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Monday, Jan. 30 Is
Press Day At Stock
Show In Ft. Worth

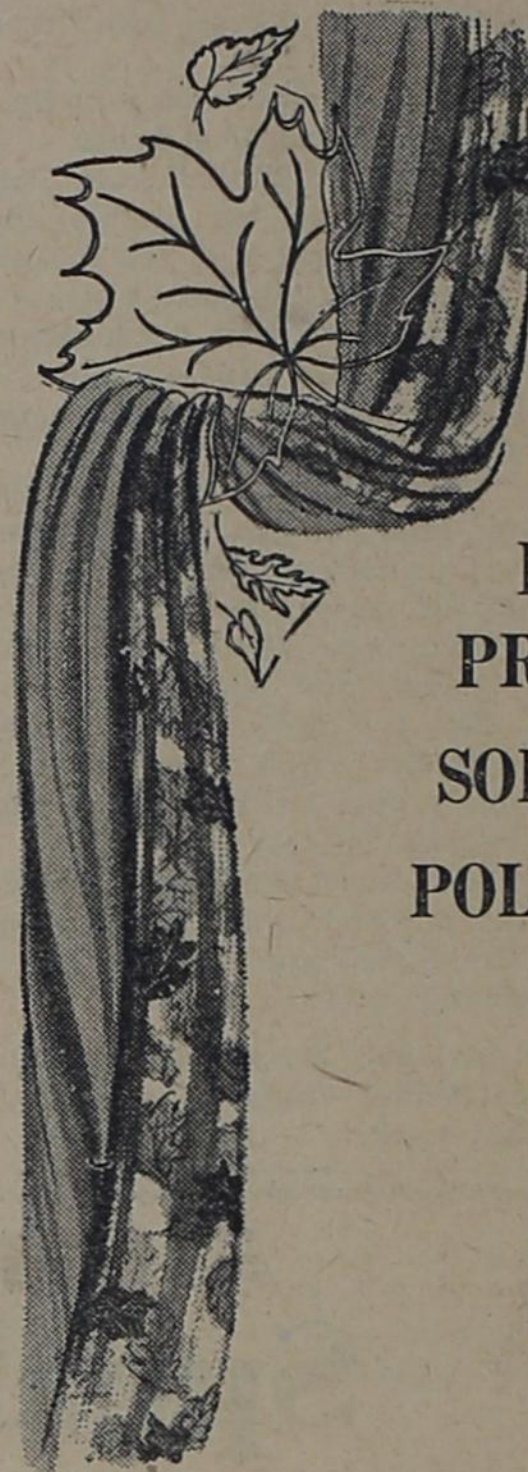
Members of the press, radio and TV will be guests of honor at the 60th annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

Press-Radio-TV day will be Monday, Jan. 30. The visitors will have an opportunity to see the selection of the grand champion steer, one of the highlights of the entire exposition. Judging of herefords, swine, sheep and Shetlands also will be held that day as well as the Southwestern dairy judg-

ing contest and the general livestock judging contest for junior A. & M. and teachers' college students.

The guests of honor will attend the afternoon performance of the world's greatest indoor rodeo at 2 p.m. where the wild horse race and Ranch Girls' barrel race are special features. Horse show events will be interspersed with the rodeo contests.

While Monday, Jan. 30 is official Press-Radio-TV day, President-Manager W. R. Watt invites those who can not attend that day to be guests at the afternoon rodeo on either Tuesday, Jan. 31; Wednesday, Feb. 1, or Thursday, Feb. 2.

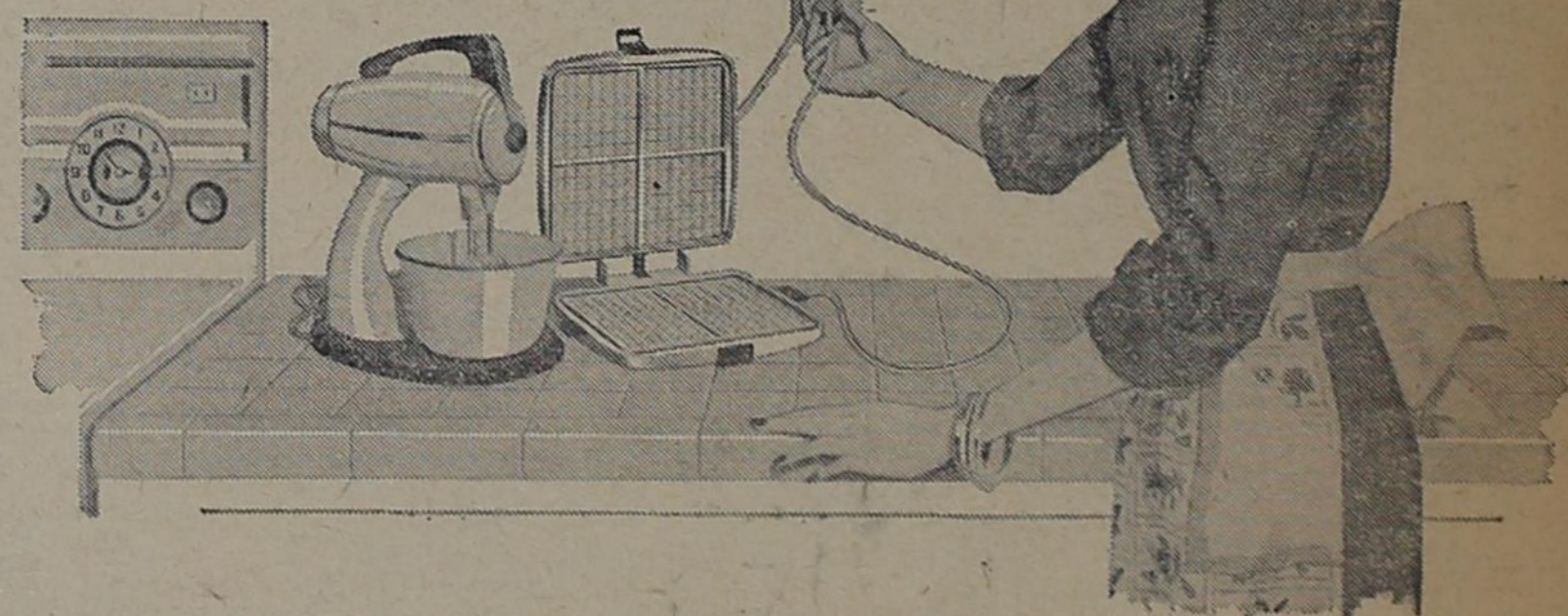


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