

# The Gorman Progress

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## HULLS by Kernel Gene, aPe

You have heard of the old saying, "Cream of the Crop". It is a term used when one wants to refer to something or someone that is just about the best. We are referring to a family in Gorman that is considered among the "Cream of the Crop" by all who know them.

As a rule the man of the house usually gets all of the credit - but this week we want him to share the credit with the one who is responsible for his success, as well as his friendly disposition and other good qualities (of course this was after he married and left home - after all one must have good material to work with).

So this week we are proud to name Mrs. Thomas J. Hallmark, LADY OF THE WEEK, and Preston Florist will present her a Corsage for Sunday.

While the Hallmarks will move to De Leon, the love and affection of their friends will always be a magnet drawing them back to Gorman for short visits.

Senior Craddock pushes caucahuaches - (peanuts, if you please)

Hubert Craddock has been doing his part in selling S W Spanish peanuts as per the following letter from Warner Bros. Distributing Corporation in Dallas: Dear Hubert: — As it will be a month before you get back into our office, we, here in the Book-in Department would like for you to send us a big box of Peanuts, and we will pay later.

We just can't wait, as we all agreed that these are the best Peanuts that we have ever eaten. Very truly yours,

Forrest Baker, Booker

May 7, 1957

Dear Mr. Baker: I am trying to complete my business the last few days I am here in Germany. I am returning to the States so you can discontinue the Progress you have been sending me for the past 22 months free of cost. It has kept me up to date on all my friends and all the happenings around home. Since I've been overseas it is about one month old when it arrives.

It has been a long two years but I realize the experiences I have had and the places and countries I have seen make me appreciate home and the free and prosperous nation I live in.

Jerry (Mike) Collins

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins of Carbon.

A notice from the American Angus Association states that Mr. J. N. Jordan of Gorman has purchased three purebred Angus cows and a purebred Angus Bull from Baker Bros. at Eastland.

Mr. Cooper and his assistant Curtis Boase from the County Agent's office visited the Progress Wednesday. They said pigs for the 4-H Club members of Eastland County would be distributed at the storage building of the Cisco Mills Saturday, May 9 at 10:30. Larry Morrow of Carbon is one of the members that will receive a pig.

The American Shorthorn Breeders' Association has announced that Harold Hilley has been awarded a junior membership.

Purpose of the group is to collect, verify and preserve pedigrees of Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn beef cattle and to promote greater use of the breed.

OUCH! Our apologies to Mrs. Clifford Gilbert for the following error. We are running the announcement in the proper column as it should be. Being the Boss I will blame this error on Joe and

## T. J. Hallmark Promoted - Will Move To De Leon



Tom J. Hallmark is the new manager of the Texas Electric Service Company at Gorman and De Leon, Frank N. Sayre, announced Wednesday. Mr. Hallmark succeeds L. D. Stewart, Manager here for the past thirty years, who died last week.

A native of Gorman, Mr. Hallmark has been with the electric company for the past six years. He was Commercial Manager here and at De Leon prior to being named Manager.

The Hallmarks will move to De Leon soon, but Mr. Hallmark will continue to spend much time in the electric company's office in Gorman.

## NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to take this method to thank the fine people of Gorman who contributed in any way during the illness and death of our father. We think you are the greatest people to be found anywhere.

The Doctors and Nurses at the hospital are the finest. We sincerely say thanks to them. Our wishes and prayer is that God may bless all.

The J. C. Frasier Family

Mrs. Frank Dean is visiting in Odessa with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dean and children.

Jerry.

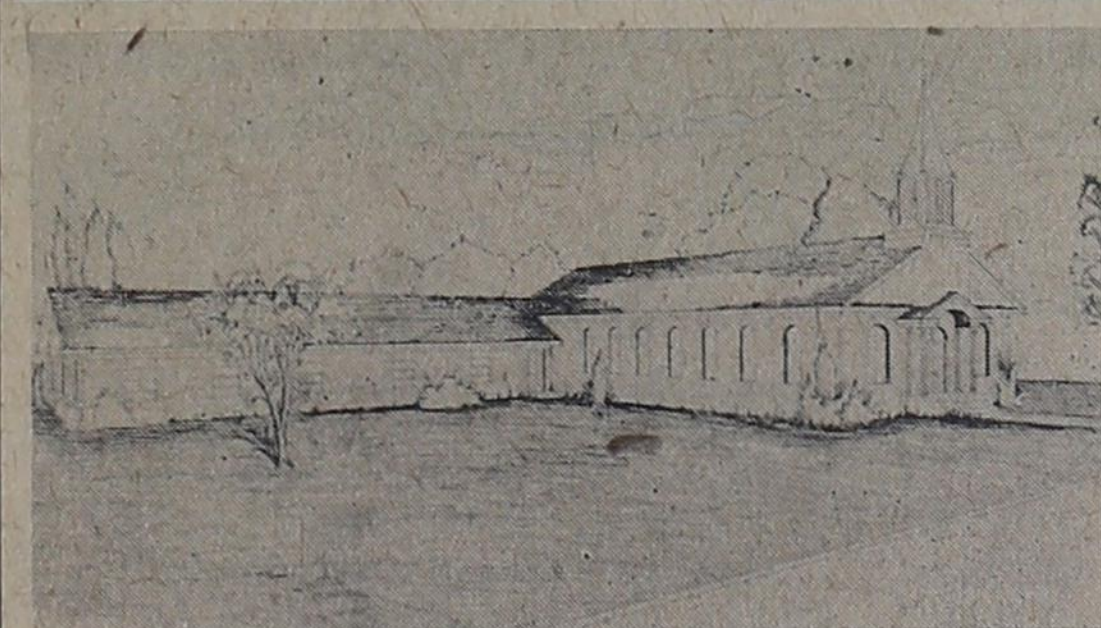
Mr. Baker:

If you will read your paper of May 2nd, you will find that you (or your typist) misquoted an announcement that I asked you to publish. It says, "It takes money to hire me to do this work, etc." and has only the name of J. W. Jackson, Pres., signed to it.

He has nothing to do with the writing, the money, or the actual labor. I sent it in stating that we had "men" to do the work, but needed funds.

I do all of the writing of receipts and I handle all cemetery funds. The donations should be sent to me in order that I may send receipts to the ones who contribute.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Clifford C. Gilbert  
Secy.-Treas., Carbon Cemetery Association, Carbon, Texas



Proposed Church and Educational Building  
First Methodist Church, Gorman

"We are thankful to be of a generation that has the privilege of erecting a beautiful church, which is to be a center of spiritual power. In Eternity this may be our supreme joy . . . that we left on earth this perpetual reminder of our gratitude to God for the saving and redeeming work of our Lord Jesus."

## "Kick Off Dinner"

We Eat . . . . . Planned by the W S C S Building Committee  
We Can Build A Church . . . . . Two Minute Speeches by Committee  
Explaining the Pledge . . . . . Allan A. Peacock  
We Make Our Pledge . . . . . Glynn Kirk, Committee Chairman  
The Quarterly Conference . . . . . Everybody

## Scout Camporal Set For Lake Leon Friday - Saturday

Several hundred Boy Scouts and Explorers will pitch camp at Lake Leon Friday and Saturday, May 10-11 for their annual spring Camporal.

The Scouts will bring camping equipment and under the supervision of their Scoutmasters will set up camp Friday afternoon. The public is invited to attend the campfire that night after the Scouts have cooked their supper.

Field events to take place on Saturday include building fires by flint and steel and by friction, pancake race, water boiling contest, sack race, tent pitching, judging, compass, signaling, first aid and pioneering.

"This is to be a Patrol Contest based on a standard with each Patrol Leader in charge of participation of events and camping" according to John A. Bates of Ranger, Camping and Activities Chairman.

It is expected that Scout Troops and Posts will enter the week-end camping experience from Stephenville, Johnsville, Dublin, Purves, De Leon, Gorman, Carbon, Lingleville, Huckaby, Eastland, Ranger, Cisco, Breckenridge, and Woodson.

The Scouts will prepare meals for breakfast and dinner on Saturday and the Camporal will officially close at 4:00 p. m. Saturday.

## Band Boosters Say Thanks

About eighty people thought they were worth two bits, and indeed they were. We made a little money for music or some other needed band item, and perhaps some family is trying a new dish tonight that was learned at the cooking sessions.

We are very grateful for your support. Thanks, too, to Buddy Blair for the opportunity given to us.

Band Boosters

## Jack Bennett Now Parts Manager For Philco In S. Antonio

Jack Bennett, son of Mrs. Mollie Bennett, has been appointed Manager of the Parts and Accessory Department of West Texas Appliance Company in San Antonio. This company is the Philco distributor for the San Antonio area.

Jack has had much experience in the electronics field, having served with Bell Aircraft Corp., Minneapolis - Honeywell Corp., and as field service Engineer for Philco Corp.

For the past eight months Jack has broadened his experience in electronics in his position as District Manager for the Jack F. McKinney Sales Co. of Dallas for whom he contacted Electronic Parts Distributors throughout West, Central and North Texas.

## Funeral Services For J. C. Frasier Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Jonathan Cole Frasier, 66, were held Tuesday, May 7, at the First Baptist Church of Gorman with the Rev. J. L. Burleson, pastor of the Bible Baptist Church of Desdemona, in charge of services. Burial was in the Weaver Cemetery.

Mr. Frasier died on Monday at the Blackwell Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Frasier was born in Marion County, Arkansas, on March 13, 1891. He moved with his parents to De Leon in 1900. He lived near De Leon for several years and was married to Miss Josie Deaton, who preceded him in death. There were four children born into this union, three boys and a girl, who passed away in infancy.

In 1919 he married Mrs. Minnie Parks of Gorman, and has lived near here the remaining days of his life. To this union were born five sons, who live in this city. He placed his trust in his Savior at an early age and united with the Nazarene Church. The life he lived spoke for his faith in his God and fellowman.

Survivors include his wife; a sister, Mrs. R. P. Moore of San Antonio; two brothers, G. J. Frasier of De Leon and J. K. Frasier of Cisco; eight sons, P. C., J. S., T. L., L. C., R. H., and A. F., all of Gorman, and the Rev. F. P. Frasier of Imperial, and J. D. Frasier of Odessa. There are also 16 grandchildren who survive.

Pallbearers were Edgar Reynolds, Herman Eison, Ervin Frasier, Alvin Frasier, Best Frasier, and Roland Perry.

## Announcements

### ATTENTION GORMANITES —

If you have any jobs that you don't wish to tire yourself doing, just notify any senior. We will be glad to do it and all work is guaranteed and it will be done at a very reasonable cost. See any senior and your work will be done promptly.

If you have loved ones buried at Carbon this is to you. It is raining and the weeds are growing. The cemeteries must be worked as soon as it is dry. Men have been hired, but we need funds with which to pay them. Your help will be appreciated and acknowledged.

J. W. Jackson, Pres.  
Mrs. Clifford C. Gilbert  
Sec.-Treas. Cemetery Ass'n.  
Carbon, Texas

The Gorman Masonic Lodge will meet Tuesday night, May 14 at 8 p. m. Visitors welcome.  
C. H. Robertson, W. M.  
E. E. Todd, Sec'y.

The Business Men's Club will meet Monday night, May 13th at 6:30 p. m. in the school cafeteria.

Because of last Saturday's good rain, the Friendly Ladies Sunday School Class will continue their rummage sale next Saturday, the 11th.

Attention! There will be a Bake Sale, too, this time. Sales begin at 10:00 a. m. This project is for the benefit of Methodist Building Fund. We would appreciate your participation by bringing things to sell or buying from us.

Alameda Cemetery working postponed last week due to the weather conditions will be held Saturday, May 11th. Officers will be elected. Your help is needed.

The Kokomo Cemetery working will be held Saturday, May 11th.

The Sabanna Valley Game Preserve Association will meet Tuesday night, May 14 at 7:30 at the Center Point Community House. There will be refreshments at the close of the meeting. Everyone welcome.

Berry Greenwood, Sec.-Treas.

The Eastland County Council Parent Teacher Association will meet on Friday, May 10 at 9:30 a. m. in the home of Mrs. M. W. Herweck, 726 Blundell St. in

## Students Rank High In Literary - Athletic Events

During the past Spring there have been interschool literary contests in the Grade School and interscholastic league volleyball in the district.

The Gorman High School girls won first in volleyball by defeating Olden and Desdemona. The squad consisted of Julia Beth Skaggs, Linda Cloninger, Linda Speck, Annye Kate Blair, Nelda Robertson, Janey Thompson, and Sandra West.

The boys got second by beating Olden and losing to Desdemona. This squad was composed of Ed Rodgers, Johnny Rodgers, Eddie Gregg, Eddie Browning, Delbert Smith, Jerry Warren, Ted Snider, Bobby Standridge, and Butch Eison.

In Grade School both boys and girls won the district. The girls defeated Desdemona and consisted of Mary Dell Thompson, Nell Browning, Kay Jarrett, Barbara Overstreet, Myrna Sue Brightwell, Tomasine Whitt, Dolores Foster, and Glenda Joiner.

The boys defeated Olden and Desdemona with a squad of Jimmy Rasco, Clyde Kinser, Jackie Simpson, Joe Harrison, David West, Royce Cozart, Larry Bunting, Larry Rodgers, Phil Puckett, and Harold Hilley.

In the literary events, Spelling in the 4th, 5th, and 6th, grades was won by E. C. Bramlett and Sonny Rawson - tie for first. Richard Watson and Ethel Thompson tied for second and Joy Love and Mary Shell tied for third.

In 8th grade Spelling Glenda Pennington was first and Larry Chambers was second.

In Declamation in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades the girls division was won by Sharon Bennett, with Sunny Rawson second. The boys division was won by Larry Bunting with Charles Reeves second and Jimmy Hart third.

The Picture Memory team consisted of Joy Love, Joyce Burgess, Glenda Rodgers, Tommy Broom, David Hunt, and Jerry Rasco.

Story Telling in the 3rd grade was won by Marilyn Shell with Joyce Joiner second and Jana Pullin third.

## Valedictorian Carbon High School



WANDA JEAN PAYNE

## Salutatorian Carbon High School



MARY ESTHER EAVES

Ranger. Officers for the coming year will be elected, and Field Extension Service for the near future will be discussed.  
Mrs. Norman Rawson

## Peanut Grading Is Annual Contention

Peanut grading is again the subject of heated discussion between the peanut growers and the powers that be. Each year a new system of grading peanuts is proposed by the shellers and processors which means more dollars out of the farmer's pocket. Such proposed changes in the grading system is very likely to be carried out despite the protests of the growers.

## Top Graduates Of GHS Announced

The three top honor students of the Class of 1957 in Gorman High School were announced this week by Principal Jerry Hamrick.

Valedictorian of the Class of 1957 is Sara Jane Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. (Quail) Thompson. Salutatorian is Linda Lee Speck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Speck. The top male graduate is Burnett (Butch) Eison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Eison.

The Valedictorian, Janey Thompson, maintained an average of 95.24 during her four years tenure at Gorman High School. Linda Lee Speck, the Salutatorian, completed her scholastic average with a 92.24. The highest ranking boy, Butch Eison, finished his work with an average of 91.12. Mr. Hamrick stated that all three of the honor students have been consistent and proved to be tireless workers in school. He stated that their past records were most commendable.

Graduation exercises will be held Friday night, May 24, at the High School auditorium. Baccalaureate services will be held the previous Sunday night, May 19, at the High School auditorium.

Unless the tampering with the Post Office Boxes and other government property is not stopped the Post Office Department will be forced to lock the front door when leaving the postoffice each day.

## Notice

Percentage of loose shelled kernels, with varying percentages of mature kernels and other kernels will be determined, and discount must also be made for damaged kernels and foreign material. Value of loose shelled kernels will be seven cents per pound paid back to growers.

## THE CLASS OF 1957 Carbon High School

### Baccalaureate and Commencement PROGRAMS

May 12, 1957

May 17, 1957

### Graduates

Carolyn Joan Collins  
Mary Esther Eaves  
Bryan Lee Hayes  
Patsy Marie Jackson  
James Vernon Lewis

Janette Lindley (Jo Holleman)  
Charles Edward Little  
Donna Lois McAfee  
Mary Emma Nicholas  
Wanda Jean Payne

### Baccalaureate Service

Sunday Morning  
11:00 o'clock  
Processional  
Invocation

May 12, 1957  
Baptist Church  
Mittie Rone  
Rev. Embry

Special Music - "Our Best" - Nancy Norris, Ann Mangum  
Wanda May, Marcell Underwood, Dorothy Simmons, Lavonda Harris, Zelma Hendricks, and Sandra Lasater  
Announcements - Mr. R. P. Browder  
Special Music - "O, Come All Ye That Labor" - Mrs. Roger Butler

Sermon - Rev. Roger Butler  
Pastor of Baptist Church  
Benediction - Pastor of Methodist Church  
Recessional - Dorothy Simmons

### USHERS

Wanda May  
Larry Greer  
Marcell Underwood  
Marvin Lee

### Commencement Exercises

Friday Evening  
May 17, 1957  
Processional  
Invocation

8:00 O'clock  
High School Auditorium  
Mittie Rone  
Rev. Roger Butler

Salutatory - Wanda Payne  
Song - Senior Class  
Valedictory - Mary Esther Eaves  
Presentation of Certificates and Awards - J. L. Hughes  
Presentation of Diplomas - R. P. Browder  
"Dear Carbon High" - Audience  
Benediction - Rev. Lee Fields  
Pastor of Mangum Baptist Church

Candle-Lighting Ceremony - Nancy Norris  
President of Junior Class  
Recessional - Dorothy Simmons

### USHERS

Nancy Norris  
Lyndall Morrow  
Ann Mangum  
Donald Cook



### A Ready Answer (1 Pet. 3:15)

**WAS THE THIEF OF THE CROSS, BAPTIZED?**  
 Answer: The Bible does not say definitely, but it does say, "There went unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins." Mk. 1:5. He might or might not have been in the group. However, we do know that the thief who asked Christ to remember him WAS NOT under the New Testament of Christ, for, "Where a testament is, there must of necessity be the death of the testator. . . it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." Heb. 9:16, 17. Thus even if it could be proven that the thief was not baptized, it would not prove that baptism is not essential to salvation today, for we are now under the Testament of Christ. People of this age are to believe, repent and be baptized for the remission of sins. Read the book of Acts.

A Cordial Welcome Awaits You At All Services  
**THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, Gorman, Texas**  
 Listen 9 a. m. Sunday to Station KERC, 1590, Eastland

### FLOOD BATTERED, BUT IT'S HOME



ABILENE, TEX. — Familiar surroundings outweighed all flood discomforts with Mrs. Gertrude Hurd, 75-year-old blind resident of the flood-struck North Park area here, who insisted on returning to her home as soon as waters went down sufficiently, despite urging from friends and Red Cross workers. Here she sits in her favorite chair from which she says she can find her way to anything in the house. Helping her is Estell Johnson, one of the 56 trained Red Cross national disaster workers who have been dispatched to the Southwest storm area to assist chapter volunteers in helping disaster stricken families restore homes, furnishings and other living necessities. Red Cross relief operations have been constant throughout the month of April in Texas, with workers now spread through eight tornado swept counties and 18 other counties affected by floods.

### 4-H Awards To Be Given At Rally In Eastland Tonight

Rally night for 4-H Club members is to be held tonight, Thursday, May 9, at 7:30 p. m. at the City Park in Eastland, according to Curtis Boase, Ass't Co. Agent.

The purpose of this meeting of 4-H Club members and their parents is to recognize the ones that did the most outstanding 4-H Club work in 1956. These 4-H'ers will be presented with a medal by Judge John Hart, County Judge of Eastland County.

The awards on Beautification of Home Grounds will be presented to Patsy Fox and Elizabeth Fox of Eastland, and Bonnie Fox of Olden. The Clothing awards will go to Mary Tonne and Beverly Bostick, Cisco. Billy C. Caraway, Gorman, Jerry May, Jimmy Burleson and Jimmy Sandlin all of Carbon will receive the Dairy awards. Mary Carolyn Berry, Cisco, will be presented the Dress Revue award.

The Electric award will be presented to Martha Walker of Rising Star. Jerry Yates and Ray Woodall, both of Gorman, and Mark Kurklin and Larry Slatton, Cisco, will receive the Field Crops awards. Food Preparation awards will be presented to Rosemary Berry and Kathleen Ziehr, Cisco.

Frozen Foods award to Jerri Jordan, Eastland, and Home Improvement to Charlene Stacy, Desdemona, Carole White, Rising Star, and Ruby Rasberry, Eastland. The Leadership awards will go to Mike Herrington, Ranger, and Christina Stroebel, Cisco. Meat animal awards to Bob Leveridge, Cisco, and Harold Hilley, Gorman. Kurt Clark, Eastland, and Roger Woodall, Gene Snider, and Larry Anderson, all of Gorman, will receive the Poultry awards.

The Recreation Award to Jean Berry of Carbon, and the Safety award will be presented to Leatha Luster, Joel Ray Graham, and Roland Ziehr of Cisco.

Last of all for the most outstanding awards of the year of 1956 will be presented to Kathleen Ziehr, Cisco, and Billy Charles Caraway, Carbon, and this will be the Gold Star award.

- 403 - Mrs. Jess Blackwell, Ranger  
 404 - Mrs. Ruth Ruse, Carbon  
 405 - A. M. Thurman, Gorman  
 406 - C. E. McElroy, Gustine  
 407 - Mrs. Timmy Johnson, Rising Star  
 408 - John Browning, Gorman  
 410 - Don Nicholas, Carbon  
 411 - Mrs. H. C. Albin, Comanche  
 412 - Mrs. G. W. Alexander, Gorman  
 414 - F. T. Caudle, Gorman  
 416 - Mrs. Della Brown, R. Star  
 417 - Mrs. Sam Wallace, Gorman  
 418 - Mrs. P. W. Jeanes, Sipe Springs  
 419 - Mrs. W. J. Richardson, Gorman (No Visitors)

### You Who Own Real Estate -

... and have never filed the deed for record should do so at once for your own protection and safety. This also applies to every other important instrument pertaining to your title to land. We have seen good titles fouled up and costly law suits made mandatory just because important title instruments, like deeds, were not filed promptly. Don't blame us if you get caught - for we are urging you now to send all your unrecorded title documents to the County Clerk's Office today.

### Earl Bender & Company

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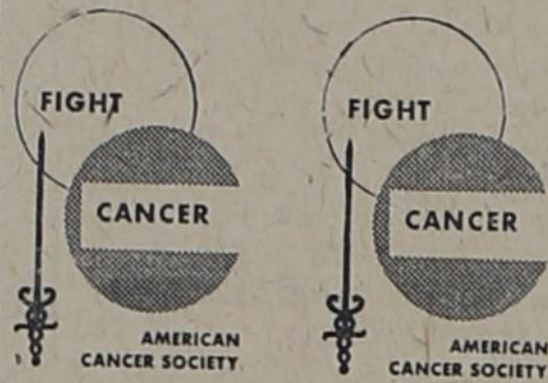
Cosmetics for Mother

### CANCER'S SEVEN DANGER SIGNALS

- 1 Unusual bleeding or discharge
- 2 A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere
- 3 A sore that does not heal
- 4 Persistent change in bowel or bladder habits
- 5 Persistent hoarseness or cough
- 6 Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing
- 7 Change in a wart or mole

None of these symptoms necessarily means that you have cancer but any one of them should send you to your doctor! Cancer is usually curable when detected and treated early.

REMEMBER THE DANGER SIGNALS! FIGHT CANCER WITH A CHECKUP ... AND A CHECK



### Richard Faver

Will Be At MEHAFFEY DRUG on Saturday and Wednesday afternoon to Handle Your Watch and Clock Repair

Jewelry Repair - Engraving Prompt, Courteous Service.

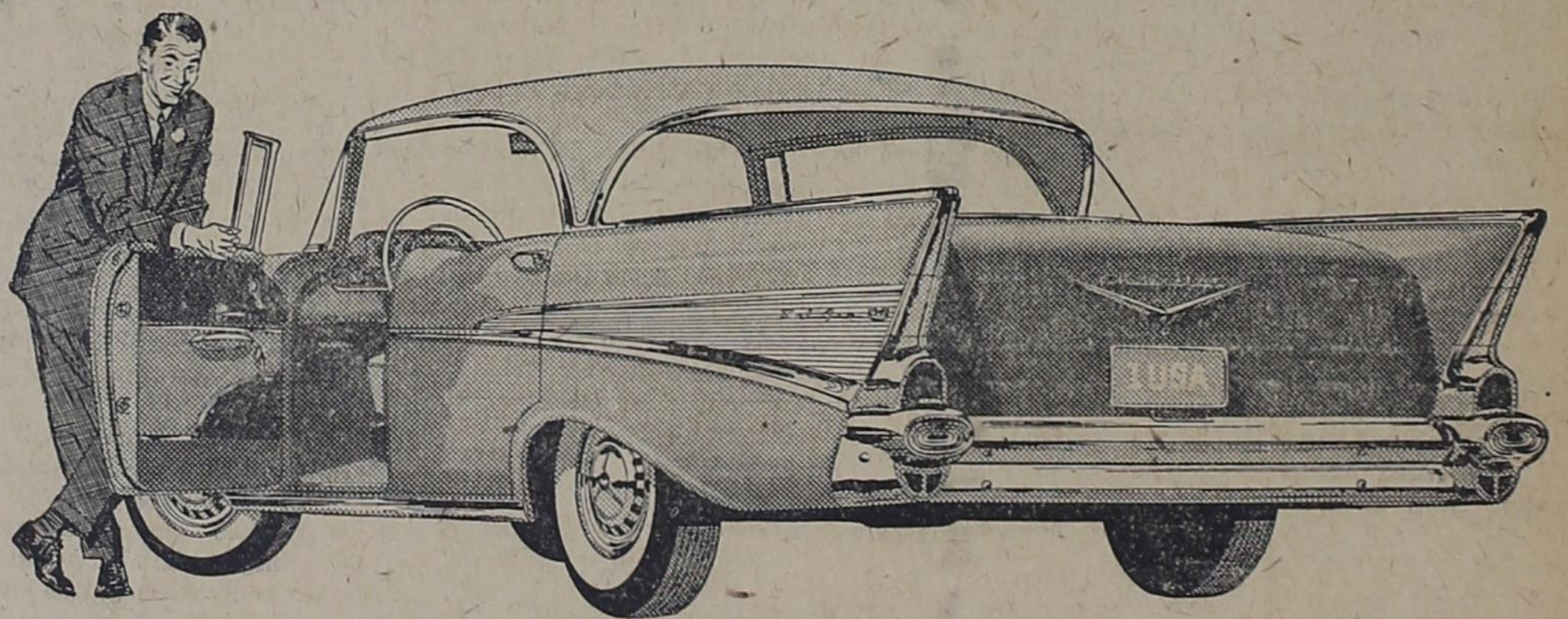
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## come try Chevrolet's new Triple-Turbine take-off!



Sweet, Smooth and Sassy—that's Chevy! Model illustrated, the Bel Air Sport Sedan with Body by Fisher.

Turboglide is the first and only triple-turbine transmission! You can feel the difference from your very first take-off!

Just slip Turboglide into "D" for "Drive" and pay it no mind. There is no "Low" or other positions to worry about.

For this is the automatic with triple turbines. One for quicksilver starts from a standstill. Another for cream-smooth cruising. And a third turbine for passing

response that's safer all the way.

In GR (Grade Retarder) position Turboglide helps slow you down—saves your brakes on long, steep hills.

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 Night Phone 24J Day 11



# Desdemona News

Anell McMaster, Reporter  
Mrs. Lora Abels is in the Gorman hospital.

Mr. Richard Crof lost his car which caught on fire and burned Thursday evening.

The Desdemona Study Club will meet Saturday evening, May 11 with Mrs. Ollie Fein as hostess. The art program will include a book review on "Life of Grandma Moses."

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Reid and children of Alvin were week end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Reid.

Mrs. Robert Mears of Arlington and Mrs. Stel Joiner and Mrs. Lora Abel spent the past week end in Odessa, Oil Center, N. M. with relatives.

Mrs. Ethel Keith spent a couple of days last week with her mother, Mrs. N. S. Partain, in Dublin.

Mrs. Tig and boy, Bobbie, of Houston came by to visit her sister, Mrs. Cecil Carr, enroute to Seminole.

Mr. and Mrs. James Riggs and son of Ft Worth visited here with relatives.

# Sports

By Jerry Clark

A rain-soaked track and a seven-mile-per-hour wind kept high school track and field stars down to just four new records at the big State meet in Austin last week end. Great individual efforts by Pasadena's Bert Coan and Stamford's Mike McClellan brought state titles to Pasadena in Class AA and Stamford in Class A. Weimar, a darkhorse, won the Class B title.

In Class AA, Coan won the 100 and 220 dashes, set a broad jump record of 24-4, and anchored the winning 440 relay team. In Class A, McClellan won the 100 and placed second in the 220.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyson Echols visited their children, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Echols, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyd in Ft Worth.



## FRESHMAN NEWS

The Freshman class are planning to have a class party Friday, May 10, 1957. We plan to go to Cisco and skate. We have decided to leave at 5 p. m.

We are just about through with our General Math book and when we do, we are going to have a study hall at Math period.

In English book we checked our last lesson Tuesday. It was

set a broad jump record of 23 ft, 11 1/4 inches, and anchored his 440 relay team to a win. His defeat in the 220 by Sidney Garton of New Boston was his first this year.

Proof that the track was in poor condition was evidenced by the fact that Coan and McClellan had slow times in the 100. Coan has run a 9:5 this year, but did just 10 flat, while McClellan usually runs around 9.7 seconds, but got only 10.1 in his race.

The four new records were made in the Class AA, A, and B broad jumps, and in the Class A mile run. Dale Beyerly of Coleman broke his own record in the mile run with a time of 4:32.9 minutes, and Pat McKennon of Sheridan set a record of 23, 3 1/4 in the Class B broad jump. The other broad jump records were mentioned above.

From our Region II-B, Calvin Cooley of Hawley turned in the best individual performance in Class B by winning the low hurdles, the high hurdles and placing fifth in the broad jump. He was the only entry from Hawley, and almost won the Class B title singlehandedly. He would have scored two more points if judges had not overlooked his fifth place finish in the 100 yd. dash, and that would have given Hawley a clear second place in the meet instead of a tie with Richland Springs.

Other good performances by boys from our Region II-B were: David Green of Richland Springs was 2nd in the 100 and third in the 220; Pete Sloan of Richland Springs, 4th in the high hurdles and 5th in the low hurdles; Larry Nettleship of Richland Springs, 5th in the discus; Bryan Boyd of Early, 6th in the 880; and Pat Moore of Cross Plains, 6th in the 440-yard dash.

Texas is favored to win the Southwest Conference track and field meet at Austin this Friday and Saturday. At least four records should fall and several more are in danger.

Texas figures in all the marks that appear in danger - its 440 yard relay team, miler Joe Villareal, hurdler Eddie Southern, and broad jumper Pat McGuire. Texas holds the world record in the 440-yard relay with 39.9 seconds - a mark set at the Kansas Relays several weeks ago. And the Longhorn relay team has been consistent in getting under 40.8 seconds - the conference record.

Villareal sped the mile in 4:08.8 minutes. That's 8.4 seconds under the conference record of 4:17.2 minutes. Southern has done the high hurdles in 13.9, which equals the league mark. McGuire has broad jumped 24 feet, 9 3/4 inches, same as the conference record.

Texas appears likely to roll up more than 100 points to win by a long margin. SMU, A&M and RICE will be vying for second place.

the 69th lesson. We also turned our textbooks in Tuesday.

Science class has been pretty interesting since we are studying about the body and its functions.

Many of the students in the Freshman class are welcoming the last day of school. Many? Everybody! They will probably be welcoming the opening of school in the fall before the summer is over, too.

## SOPHOMORE NEWS

Everybody is excited because there is only about fifteen days of school left. We had an Algebra test yesterday and it was hard for most of us but we hope we made it.

In English we are studying nouns and pro-nouns and learning about them and their use in sentences.

In Ag we were planning a field trip but today we were disappointed because we couldn't go.

## JUNIOR NEWS

The Juniors suffered a whizzer of a History test Tuesday and some suffered a Biology test. They both were very hard.

In History we have been studying World War I and II and all events connected with this.

## TEXAS HD ASSOCIATION HOLD SPRING SESSION IN ABILENE

Members of the Board of Directors of Texas Home Demonstration Association met Monday through Wednesday for their Spring Board and Planning Meeting.

The official call was issued by Mrs. R. C. Wood, Port Lavaca, President of THDA, and headquarters for the meeting will be in the Wooten Hotel in Abilene.

The group numbering 24 plan the State Meeting agenda which will be held in Houston the first of August.

In Plane Geometry theorem 50 is being discussed and explained.

In English we are studying adjectives and pronouns.

Since we are nearing the end of school all the pupils are working hard to get some good grades.

The Junior and Senior Banquet is set for May 18, all the Juniors are working very hard to make it a success.

## SENIOR NEWS

The time is now drawing near when the seniors will be on their own and everyone is studying hard to get the knowledge in these four weeks that they didn't get in the four years.

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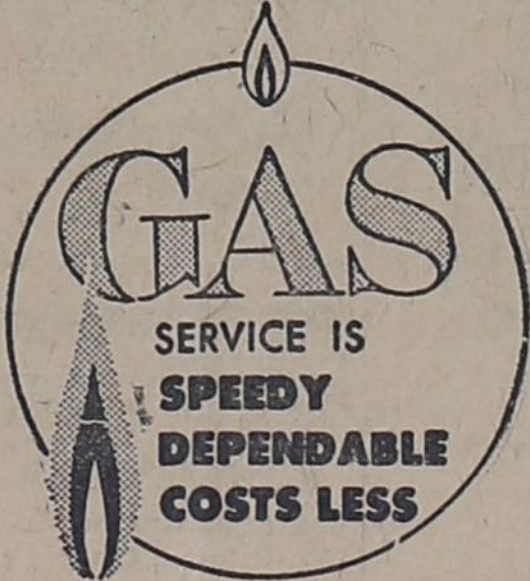


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My, what a beautiful Monday morning. The carpet of the earth green, birds singing, flowers blooming, everything is bursting with its beauty. Mother nature makes it so with the wonderful rains that have fallen in the past two weeks.

The Elmer Watson family of Midland spent the week end visiting with their parents.

Miss Kay Elson spent Friday night with Barbara Kinser.

The Buel Bryans of Desdemona were in Palestine this week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Grisham of Crane were here this week attending the funeral of Mr. C. H. Stacy and visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mears and this writer and husband attended the singing at Rock Bluff, Sunday afternoon. Had good singing, met and visited with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson visit

**MR. AND MRS. FRED EAVES ANNOUNCE ARRIVAL OF A NEW SON, DELMON MARK**

Joyce and Fred Eaves are announcing the arrival of a son, Delmon Mark, born April 27 at Freeport.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eaves of Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Graham of Gorman. Also he is the great grandson of Mrs. Emma Lasater of Gorman.

Mother and son are doing fine.

ed in Glen Rose this past week. Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Mears visited the L. F. Mears Sunday afternoon.

We want to welcome to our community some newcomers, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Earl Simpson, living on the G. R. Sanders place.

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**Your Mother And Mine**  
By Nora Lee Smith

There is an enduring tenderness in the love of a mother to her child that transcends all other affections of her heart. It is neither to be chilled by selfishness, weakened by worthlessness nor stifled by ingratitude.

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In good repute, or bad, in the face of the world's condemnation, still she remembers his infant smile that ever filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the opening promise of his youth; and thinking of these, she can never be brought to think him all unworthy - "No, not your Mother and mine."

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**Valedictorian Of '57 Tarleton St. College**

Valedictorian of the 1957 Tarleton State College graduating class is David Sam Joiner of Gorman, majoring in petroleum engineering.

Joiner is graduating with a grade point ratio of 2.89.

Salutatorian of the graduating class is Joyce Green of Stephenville, an English and Education major, graduating with a 2.84 grade ratio.

**Platoon Leader**

Joiner plans to continue his studies at Texas A&M College. Graduating from Gorman High in 1956, Joiner was treasurer of his class for three years, class favorite in his sophomore and senior years, and president of his agriculture class for two years.

He was president of the student body in his senior year, and was chosen Star Chapter farmer of the FFA in his junior year. Joiner plans to continue his studies in petroleum engineering. At Tarleton he is platoon leader of Company "B".

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Joiner and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dukes.

David was complimented on his English teaching he received in Gorman High School.

David finished high school in 3 1/2 years, entering Tarleton, January 1956, but did not get a high school diploma until May, 1956.

**STAN POWERS CONTINUES TO MAKE GOOD AT TEXAS TECH IN LUBBOCK**

Stan Power, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powers of Desdemona, was recently re-elected a cheerleader for the year 1957-1958 at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Election of cheerleaders is held each Spring in a college-wide election.

Others chosen for 1957-58 are Dick Sewell, Bill Bean, Sharla Pepper, and Susie Miller.

Stan was an honor graduate at Stephenville High School in 1954 and is a Junior Petroleum Geology major. He has a grade point average of 1.7 at Texas Tech.

He is very active on the campus. He is a dorm supervisor, social chairman, glee club director of Pi Kappa Alpha, nominated for "Ten Top Techans", belongs to the Kingsmen Combo, Tech Band, and is R. O. T. C. Band Commander.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We should like to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends in Gorman who were such a comfort during our recent bereavement.

Your many deeds of thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

The family of L. D. Stewart

**CARD OF THANKS**

Though words could never express our most sincere appreciation, we wish to choose this means of thanking each and every one who were so wonderful in sharing their love, kindness and sympathy during the illness and loss of our loved one.

To the doctors and nurses who were faithful to the end and to the many friends and neighbors who showered us with great quantities of good food, lovely flowers and sweet words of sorrow.

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**M. Y. F. News**

The Methodist Youth Fellowship gathered at the announced time of 6:30 in the annex and began with a picnic supper and drinks. After we ate we had our meeting. Our program consisted of four parts: Harold Hilley gave "The First Missionaries"; Terry Shell had the second part, "The Jews Protest"; Royal Joe Wilson had the next part, "Starting Out Again"; and the fourth part, "A Third Journey" was given by Larry Grice.

The committee on arrangements for our party reported difficulty in finding a suitable time, so it was decided to postpone it until a later date. Don't know when we are going to have it.

We closed with a song. Carol Hatcher played the piano and Norman Jones led the singing.

We were dismissed with the M. Y. F. benediction.

M. Y. F. at 6:30 p. m. Sunday. You are invited.

**MRS. NANNIE HAGOOD WEDS MR. D. O. MARTIN.**

Mrs. Nannie Hagood announced today that on Wednesday May 1, she and Mr. D. O. Martin were married in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Johnson Smith of Eastland.

The couple will make their home in Eastland where Mr. Martin is employed

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stacy and Scott, and Mrs. J. Q. Eakin visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eakin and children in Moore, Oklahoma last Sunday.

**L. D. Stewart Rites Held In De Leon**

Funeral services for Leonard Dewitt Stewart, 62, local manager of the Texas Electric Service Co., were held last Wednesday morning at the First Baptist Church in De Leon with Rev. D. E. Simpson, the pastor, officiating. Mr. Stewart died the previous Monday night in a De Leon hospital following a heart attack. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery.

Mr. Stewart was born November 8, 1894, in Lorena, Texas. He was married to Miss Macy Parrott, who survives him. In 1919, the couple moved to Gorman

where he accepted a position with the utilities company. In 1945 the Stewarts moved to De Leon and he was named local manager for De Leon, Gorman, Carbon and Desdemona.

Mr. Stewart was a member of the First Baptist Church and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and the American Legion. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Miss Mary Dell Stewart of Dallas and Mrs. W. T. Calhoun of Comanche; a son, W. R. Stewart of Monahans; a brother Robert L. Stewart of Lubbock; and a sister, Mrs. E. H. White, of Waco.

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Filmed at Marfa, Texas on an epic scale commensurate with the novel's locale, the vast empire of Texas, "Giant" is more than a regional story of Texas and its people.

tially a stirring chronicle of three decades of American family life and the profound human emotions generated out of the problems of our changing times.

"Giant" has become one of the most eagerly awaited motion pictures ever to be produced. The excitement that began with Warner Bros.' announcement that George Stevens was to film the Edna Ferber best-selling novel gained in ever increasing momentum as the months of production slowly became years.

Some of the screen's most exciting stars will be seen in Giant. Elizabeth Taylor, oftspoken of as the most beautiful woman in the

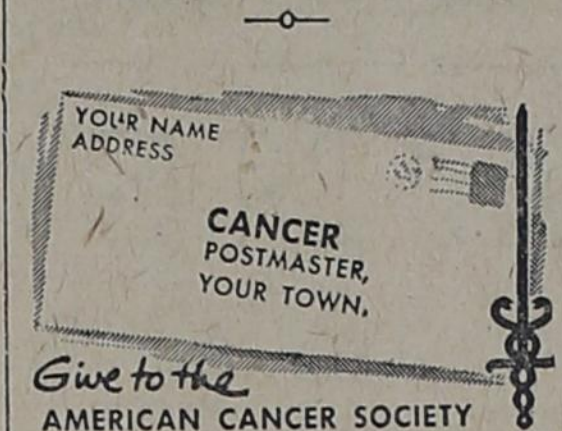


NEW ORLEANS — Rear Admiral John M. Higgins, Commandant

of the Eighth Naval District and Area II Commander for Armed Forces Day, 1957, joins with President Eisenhower and Secretary of Defense Wilson in extending an invitation to all citizens to attend an "open house" at a military installation during the week of May 12 to 19.

The commanding generals of the Fourth Army and Flying Training Air Force are cooperating with Admiral Higgins in the five states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas in this year's observance.

Parades and speeches will share the limelight with the flyovers. Each brand of the military team feels that citizens will benefit more if they can see for themselves the "Power for Peace" Armed Forces Day theme demonstrated.



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world plays the lead role of Leslie Benedict. Rock Hudson, the popular actor who won acclaim in "The Magnificent Obsession", portrays Miss Taylor's husband, Bick. He is the ruler of a vast empire of land and cattle.

James Dean, who rose to stardom in his very first motion picture, "East of Eden," for which he also won an academy award nomination, stars as Jett Rink, an ambitious and hard working ranch hand who by sheer energy and determination turns a small piece of property into a fulfillment of his dream for riches.

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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 a book 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.

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. "Plumb crazy," according to several people in this sun-baked county that slithers 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-throwing could cost him that \$7,500. The only reason anybody can figure out for his brassness 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 Sheppard 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 bulldog 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 Sheppard 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 Dar 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 palsy-walsy 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.

Pickett is a political fixer of no little renown in Texas, a sporting man who, like Parr, loves fast horses. Also like Parr, he once did time for forgetting to pay his income tax.

Pickett is head of Thomas Y. Pickett and Co. of Dallas. His firm holds the tax evaluation contracts for Duval County and for the county's school districts. For tax purposes Duval property is valued at just over \$41 million, of which some \$36 million represents the valuation of oil and industrial properties including utilities and railroads.

It's the tax evaluator's job, in this case Pickett, to set the value of county property and report to the commissioners (including Judge Tobin) who in turn, set the tax rate. Pickett has held the Duval contract steadily since 1934.

This writer talked to Mr. Pickett in his office in Dallas and later at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Austin. I promised to print a statement from him exactly as he gave it to me. Here it is, precisely as typed by his secretary. "During the period of 1926-27, and from 1934 to 1950 inclusive, Thomas Y. Pickett and Company were paid total fees from Duval County in the amount of \$247,330.66, and not \$900,000 as reported in Collier's magazine, which is now out of business. Since 1950 we have had a contract with Duval County and they have paid us \$15,000.00 per year."

Note please that Mr. Pickett brings up the matter of Collier's magazine. I didn't bring it up. Note too that Mr. Pickett makes no mention of his contracts with the Duval school districts including the notorious Benavides School District from which Parr and his pals are accused of plucking much of their plunder.

Back in June of 1951 Collier's ran an article entitled "Something Is Rotten in the State of Texas" and the writer, Gordon Schendel, brought Pickett into the picture as being buddy buddy with the Duke.

Time magazine in its issue of February 15, 1954, also suggested a close alliance between Parr and Pickett and the story caused quite a sensation in oil circles.

"Why I hardly know the man," Pickett told me. "Oh, I guess I've seen him a couple of times when I've been down in Duval on business."

Mr. Pickett went on to make this interesting observation. "I was the most surprised man in Texas when I read in the papers what had been going on down there."

Okay, let's look at the record. It's a lulu.

At Pickett's federal trial for income tax evasion it came out that he had taken \$150,000 from W. L. Pearson and Co. of Houston to swing a road bond vote in Hutchinson County.

At Parr's federal trial for income tax evasion it came out that he had taken a \$25,000 kick-back from the same W. L. Pearson and Co. on a Duval County road contract. Parr was then County Judge.

The two men, Parr and Pickett, are as alike in some departments as two peas in a pod.

In the multitudinous court actions in the sticky Duval situation much has been made of bank checks many of them made out to persons both existent and non-existent.

In the Pickett trial the evidence showed that he had no less than six hidden bank accounts. Testimony of federal experts admitted to by Pickett on the stand showed that he used the system now attributed famously to Parr. Checks were endorsed in Pickett's own handwriting with such names as J. S. Carnes, C. O. Carnes, J. C. Jones, Jack Jones and Jack Johnson.

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 Sheppard 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. Our 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 Sheppard's findings in Duval County along with others that Sheppard 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 Sheppard 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.

Some of the most important of them are stalling through the legislative halls, not expected to live. Others have had their death blow unless interested citizens raised a protest.

Among the staggering is SB 223, which would make it possible for men who steal public funds to be indicted and prosecuted outside the county of the offense. Such a law would prevent

embezzlers from getting off scot-free by controlling judges, prosecuting attorneys, or grand juries.

Sheppard 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. SB 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.

SB 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 SB 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 kicking 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 these others that have passed one House only.

Bills which have gone to the Governor for signature open political precinct 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 subcommittees, might pass if a few interested citizens would speak up for them.

So as I head back for Hollywood, I'm going to stick my neck out and offer Texans a little word of advice. I've known Capone and Costello and some of the other big-time boys, and I've been in Europe where I looked on the faces of bigger, better dictators than Boss Parr. But I haven't seen one yet that couldn't be stopped by a few good laws, properly enforced.

Texans like their "local autonomy," that peculiar Constitutional system by which every Texas county is an island with a fence around it when it comes to enforcing the law and prosecuting by the TPA. It's especially designed to accomplish good law enforcement without disturbing that local autonomy. That's the appraisal of John Ben Sheppard, former Attorney General who busted Duval wide open from the inside, without violating anybody's local self-government.

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Notice Peanut Growers

Some growers have been misinformed as to whether the New Argentina Peanut would be eligible for Support Price.

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Washington D. C., 425 P.M., May 1, 1957

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Mark Elon Campbell born to Mr. and Mrs. Elon B. Campbell of Breckenridge on May 4 weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces.  
Robert Leon Norris, Jr. born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leon Norris of Ft Worth on April 30 weighed 5 pounds and 15 ounces.

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thanks, friends, for your kindness during my recent illness. And for the hospital staff and doctors, we just don't realize how lucky we are to have you near until we need you.  
Thanks again to all of you.  
Bud Short



If you are sick see your doctor. If your watch is sick see Elbert Denton.

NOTICE - We do first class renovating on mattresses. We make new cotton and innerspring mattresses. Pritchard Mattress Factory. Phone 3841, De Leon, Texas We pick up and deliver.

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WATER WELL DRILLING - see Roy Parker, N. Kent St., Box 223 Gorman, Texas 5-3fnc

FOR SALE - Our home. See Mrs. Viola Eaker. 10-25fnc

FOR RENT or SALE - Furnished house. E. F. McCormack, Gorman, Phone 72-W. 1-24fnc

BABY CHICKS each Monday and Tuesday. STARTED CHICKS every day. Write for prices or come to see us. STAR HATCHERY, Baird, Texas. 2-21fnc

HOUSE FOR RENT - 4 rooms, bath and two porches, hot and cold running water, garden if desired. Roscoe Reeves, Phone 36, Gorman. 5-2fn

FOR SALE - Woody home on old Carbon Highway near City limits. See T. E. Woody at Katy Depot or Mrs. Floy Morrison, Gorman. 4-4fnc

FOR SALE - Well fertilized Coastal Bermuda Grass Sod. S. S. Powers, Phone 2475, Desdemona. Located two miles north of Desdemona on Hwy. 16. 4-11fnc

FOR SALE - Used gas ranges, refrigerators and washing machines. See us before you buy. Higginbotham's. 4-25

FOR SALE - House in Gorman near Baptist Church. Max Jackson, Phone 7, Eastland. 4-18fnc

FOR SALE - Metal Trash barrels, \$2 to \$3 each. J. A. Davis, Phone 98W. 5-23p

FOR SALE - 1 Frigidaire and 1 International refrigerator. See Mrs. Eula Caldwell or call X-151, Gorman. 5-9p

FRYERS FOR SALE - L. O. Curtis, Carbon, Texas. 5-9p

PLANTS FOR SALE - Texas Surecrop, Red Cloud, and Porter, 30c per dozen. \$2.00 per hundred. Pepper plants 5c each. Dick Pennington, Hwy. 8. 5-16p

FOR SALE - 220 ft - 3 1/4" galvanized pipe. cheap. Mrs. Mary Hogan. 1tc

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FOR RENT - 3 room house. Phone 148W 5-9fnc

Mr. B. E. Wilson has 2 plates and two bowls which were left at his home without names. If owners will notify he will be glad to return them.

HOUSE FOR SALE. See Mrs. N. C. Crawley. 5-9fnc

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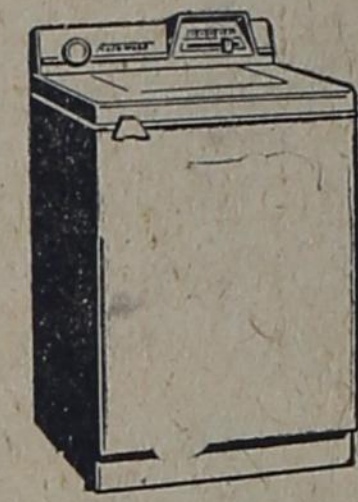
**Keeping Up With Our Friends**

Mrs. Huppe Morris and daughter of Brownfield visited with the John Brownings last week end. Mrs. Ray McHenry of Ranger visited the Brownings Sunday Day at Tarleton last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Todd, Delmar Shugart, Mrs. J. R. Todd, Mrs. J. D. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Munn and Jean of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Rodgers and Anita.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbatter and Milton visited in the homes of the Wade Russells in Ft. Worth and the Manning Fairbatters in Granbury the past week.

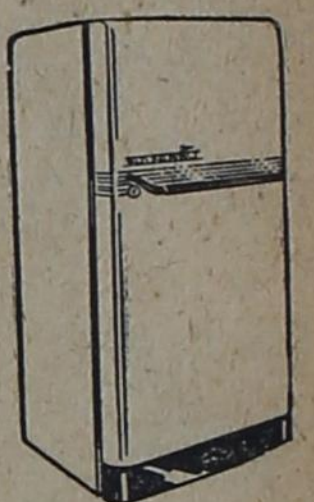
Mrs. Robert Lee and son of Ft. Worth have been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greer of Carbon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Clement of Waco visited their parents, Mr and Mrs. Arland Clement and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter last week end.  
Mrs. Geo. Blackwell and Mrs. Mollie Bennett visited Mrs. Blackwell's sister, Mrs. Floyd Harrelson in Cisco Sunday.  
Mrs. Geo. Blackwell, Mrs. Ethel Harrell, Mrs. Minnie Richey, and Mrs. Bertie Crawley left Wednesday morning for New Orleans for a short vacation.  
Mrs. John West visited with her daughter, Pvt. and Mrs. Cecil Collins and Melva in Fort Polk, La. last week.



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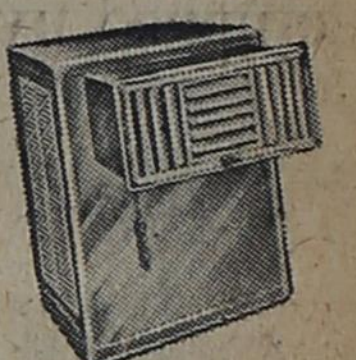


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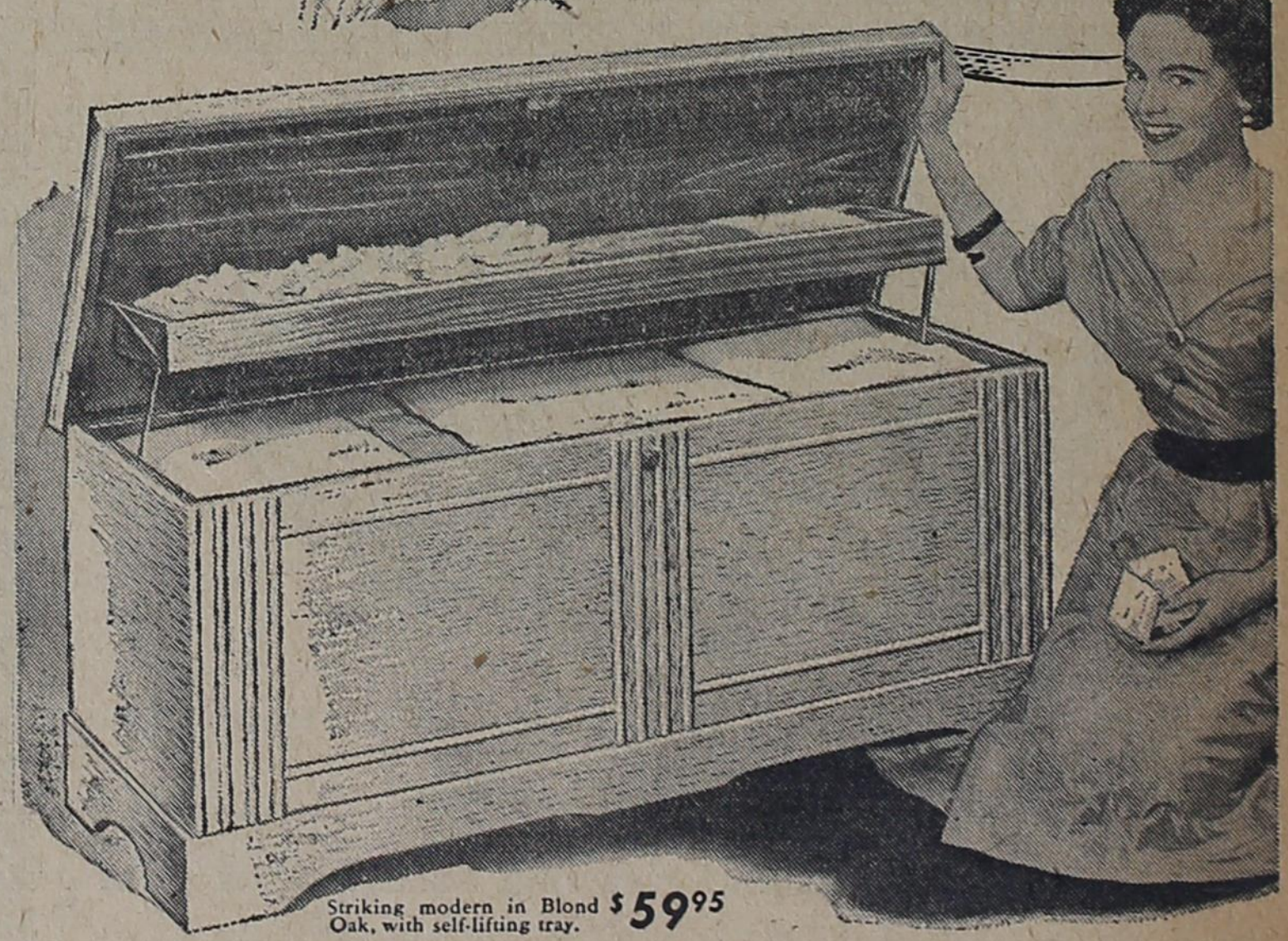


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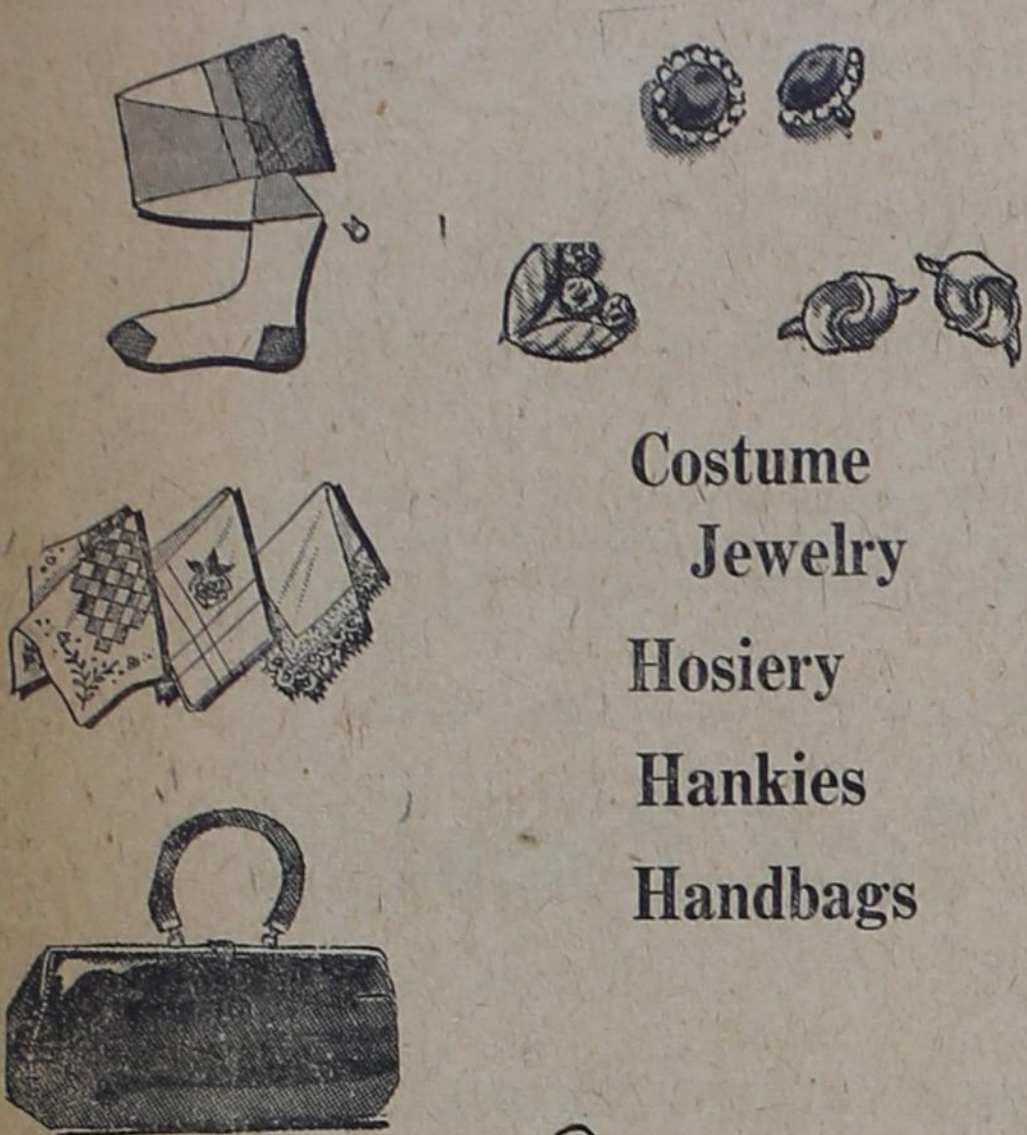
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	3.95	\$2.88
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