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WHITTLIN'

BY DOLPH MOTEN

Weather of late has been giving farmers more than ample rest. Likewise people who supply farmers . . . only the suppliers aren't enjoying the situation as much as are farmers.

However, a fellow we know in the farm supply business has evidently been enjoying it. One dreary day he allowed, "I wish the weather would clear up until we could just almost go back to work, then turn bad again!"

As always, the weather is good and bad, depending on the individual. Buck Ellison says he's getting more deep plowing done by looking out the window than he's ever done before. He's referring to the fine effect all the moisture and freezing temperatures are having on the soil.

Certainly the weather has been good from that standpoint.

Jack Patterson, popular Rhea farmer, agrees with Mr. Ellison. Jack figures he's getting more work done by staying in town than he could do at home working in good weather.

While this slows down business to a certain extent, most businesspeople feel that the moisture will pay off in the long run.

Bovina will have a mayor's election in a couple of months. The second term of present mayor, J. E. Sherrill Jr., expires and he has announced he won't seek re-election.

The up-coming election reminds us to remind you (that's both of you wonderful readers) that time is running out to pay your poll tax. Saturday, January 30, is the last day.

You'll need that poll tax not only to vote in the city election, but to vote for Lyndon Johnson and against Richard Nixon in the presidential election which will come along this fall.

Henry Minter at the city hall here can handle that poll tax situation for you. He'll accept your application, which is just as good as selling the tax. After he takes your application, the poll tax receipt will be mailed to you from the tax assessor's office in Farwell.

Ordinarily, January 31 is the last day for paying for the right to vote. However, the calendar this year has the 31st listed as a Sunday. Therefore the last day is the 30th. February 1st is too, too late.

Mention of the local election reminds us of a story a former school board member here told while he was still in office:

"I had lots of friends when I took this job. Now, I have only one . . . and he's mad at me!"

Probably many present and past city commissioners and school trustees will tell you there's more truth than poetry in that story.

However, we're firmly convinced that a friend who gets mad at an individual who is serving his school or community isn't worth having as a friend, anyway. You're better off without that kind of friend.

Think that last paragraph over and see if it's not right.

This community, like all others we suppose, is full of fair weather sports fans.

We attended the district basketball game here Friday night between Bovina and Nazareth. Sure didn't have any trouble finding a seat.

There were very few people there save school teachers, mommas, papas, aunts, uncles, grandmas and grandpas.

And yet, the Mustangs are tied for the district lead. Attendance will improve if they stay near that spot, and we think they will. Like we said: FAIR WEATHER FANS!

Members of Fillies' team gave us a good lecture on sports reporting last week. The Blade wasn't doing to suit them in that department.

They had a legitimate complaint, we feel, and we'll make every effort to improve the situation. "We're going to be among the top teams in this district," they promised us, "and

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WEATHER BY WILLIE

A real West Texas Week ahead -- warm - cold - windy - sandy - and more moisture by next issue of the Blade.

--Willie
P.S. (Please Spend) \$1.75 for a poll tax receipt this week. Stand up and be counted.

SEEK LOWER KEY RATE--

Commission Meets Today To Study Fire Proposals

BY J. VERNON STEWART

City Commissioners will meet this afternoon (Wednesday) to consider ways of improving the fire department after Fire Chief Otho Hammonds talked with the group Monday and presented obstacles the department faces.

Principal point of discussion at the Monday meeting was the 25 cents per meter assessment that goes to fire department treasury. The assessment came in for discussion because it is criticized by citizens and firemen alike.

At today's meeting, a proposal made by Commissioner Bedford Caldwell will be considered. Caldwell's proposal calls for changing the funds from fire department treasury to a fire department fund to be set up with city control.

An entertainment appropriation of \$250 would be set up for the department to use for firemen-and-family socials and coffee breaks after meetings.

Also, a certain part of the meter proceeds would go to

a sinking fund to be applied on a new fire truck. Thirty dollars per month was the figure suggested. County aid issued to the department last week will be used to begin the sinking fund under the plan, with the stipulation that such aid be put in the fund each year.

Commissioners expressed the general belief that after suggested improvements to the department, brought about by better city-department relations, insurance key rates for the city will be lowered. Then citizens will look more favorably on meter assessments.

Hammonds expressed hope that Bovina firemen will be a recognized unit within six months.

"If we could get on the 48 cent key rate, citizens of Bovina would save as much on in-

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AT WELDING SCHOOL--

All But One Played Hookey

Welding school got off to a slow start Monday afternoon with only one student reporting for the initial class.

O. E. Johnston, who farms in the Rhea Community, got the full attention of instructor E. M. Golden and Roy Crawford, FFA advisor.

"We expected at least six or eight men to attend," Crawford said. "The weather is perfect for the school. It's too wet to

work and not too bad to travel."

Crawford could give no explanation for the lag in attendance.

Golden, a representative of Forney Welder Co., gave instruction to Johnston in arc welding.

Tuesday and Wednesday sessions were originally scheduled and Crawford had hopes Monday that men who had said they would attend would be there for Tuesday and Wednesday classes.



LOOKING FOR STUDENTS--E. M. Golden, instructor, and O. E. Johnston, student, look up from their welding studies to see if any more students are coming.

Church Slates Feb. Meeting

A series of gospel meetings will be conducted by Bovina Church of Christ February 1-10.

Bro. Allen B. Harper of Greenville will be the visiting evangelist.

Two meetings will be held daily. Morning sessions will begin at 10 and evening meetings will begin at 7:30.



BRO. ALLEN B. HARPER

Hart Teacher To Run For State Office

A Hart teacher announced this week that he will seek the state representative post for District 96, which includes Parmer County. That office is now held by Jesse Osborn of Muleshoe, who is seeking re-election.

The new man in the race is Bill Shelby, a teacher in the Hart school system for the past three years. Shelby authorized the Parmer County newspapers to announce his candidacy Tuesday. "I will announce my platform soon," he said.

Shelby is originally from Weatherford, and was graduated from Texas Wesleyan.

59 Pay Poll Tax

Poll tax payments are rising steadily as the January 30 deadline nears.

Fifty-nine persons have paid the \$1.75 that qualifies them as voters in 1960 elections. City Hall is the place for paying the tax.

Henry Minter, City Secretary, says the payment pace will probably pick up during this, the final week.

THURSDAY NIGHT--

Kerby Named Prexy By Quail Organization

Movement to import game birds to Parmer County became an official county-wide organization Thursday night at a meeting in the American Legion Hall. Parmer County Game Management Association is the new name for the group. State recommended articles of organization were adopted and officers were elected.

Al Kerby, one of the originators of the movement, was elected president. Kerby, a Bovina blacksmith, had served as acting president while the organization was still in the planning stage.

Other officers are Bruce Parr of Black, vice president; Joe Jones, Parmer County Agent, secretary; and Bill Nichols of Friona, treasurer.

The officers, along with five elected members, will make up the executive committee. This group will be charged with

governing the association.

Executive committeemen in addition to the officers are Jack Patterson, Rhea; Jack Smith, Lazbuddie; Bob Wilson, Bovina; Gilbert Kaltwasser, Farwell; and Woodrow Fleming of Hub.

Bobwhite quail will be imported by association members. Birds will be bought from the Texas Game and Fish Commission. Each member will stock his own farm. Price of the birds is 50 cents each. "Experts have told us that this price is cheaper than we can raise them," Kerby said.

Game officials also advised the local group to start hunting the birds the first year they are liberated. The life span of bobwhites is 16-18 months and hunters would do better to harvest the old birds than to let them die naturally. Also, hunting the birds will break up the coveys and prevent inbreed-

ing, according to game officials.

Pheasants were originally intended to be imported but a state biologist said possibilities of doing so successfully were slim.

Members who wish to buy pheasants for their farms instead of quail may do so.

The organization is to last for 10 years. Membership dues are \$1 per year. Participating members may also buy signs from the organization to show their farms are cooperating with the PCGMA.

"Most members have application forms for anyone interested in joining," Kerby said.

FOR MOD--

Mothers' March Scheduled 28th

Mothers of Bovina are joining two million women across the nation in a funds march for the New March of Dimes.

Bovina Mothers' March will take place Thursday evening, according to Mrs. Robert Read, president of Bovina Town and Country Club, sponsor of Mothers' March for the third year.

Plans for the march were laid at a called meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Read. Participants were handed lit-

erature, arm bands, and money containers for use on Thursday evening.

Last year's march added more than \$150 to county drive funds. Members felt this undertaking should be carried through again this year. They ask everyone to leave porch lights on for callers Thursday evening. Citizens will be asked to donate regardless of whether porch lights are burning.

It is hoped the Mothers' March will focus family and community

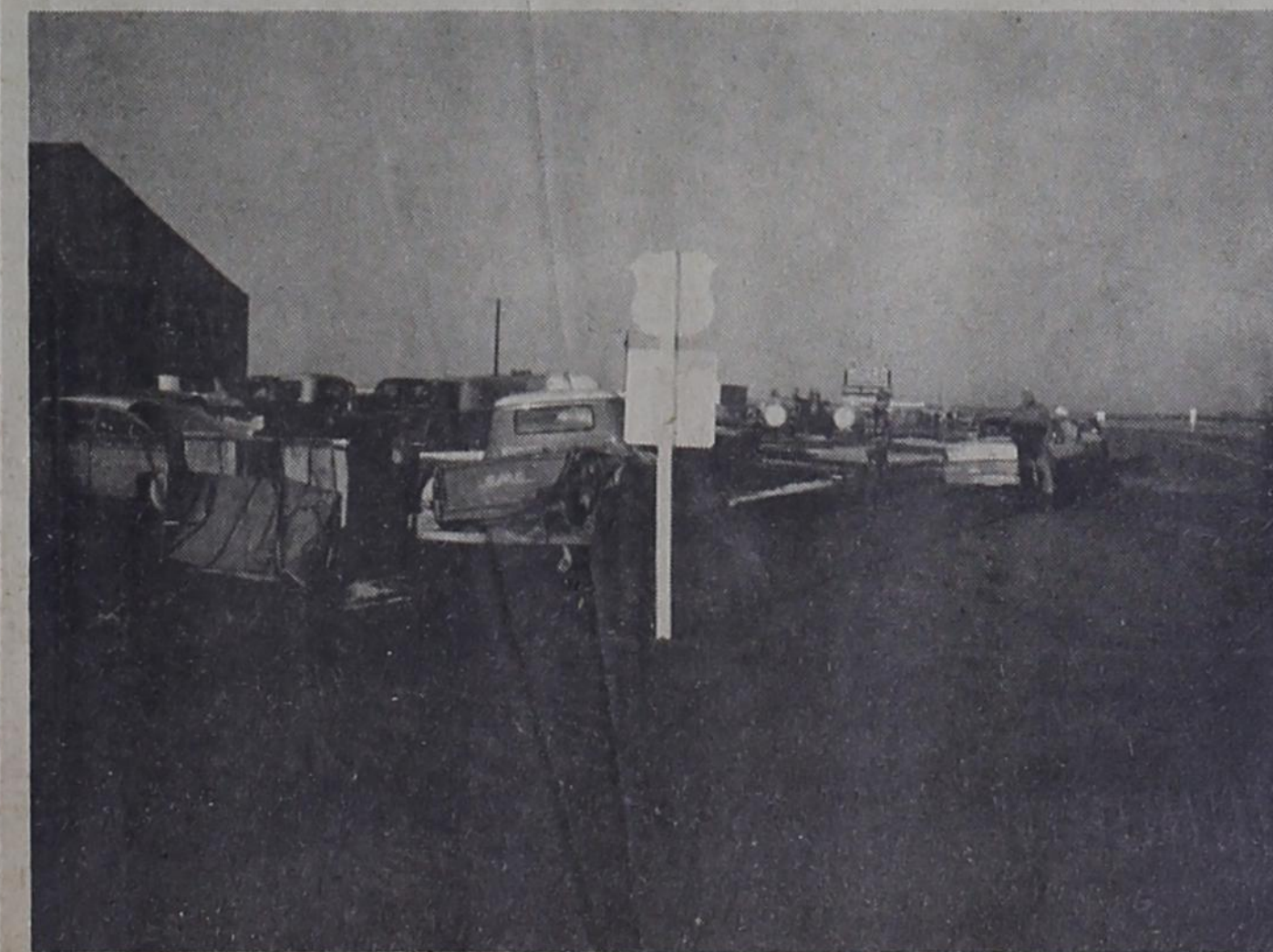
attentions on the majority of Americans still without Salk vaccine protection against polio. Earlier drives have found that neighbor calling on neighbor is one of the best ways to remind the unvaccinated to start their Salk shots according to MOD literature.

The New March of Dimes is combating birth defects and arthritis with the same weapons used to conquer paralytic polio.

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NO INJURIES--

Cars, Trucks Crash In Separate Wrecks



REVERSED COURSE--This pickup was headed west until the crash. Now it points back toward Friona from whence it just came. Note the crumpled dog cage in which two dogs were killed.

A loaded trailer truck collided with a pickup late Thursday afternoon on Highway 60, demolishing the pickup and heavily damaging the truck.

No one was injured but two dogs riding in the back of the pickup were killed.

Both trucks were going west on Highway 60. Truman Gaines was driving the pickup and was attempting to turn off at Three-Way Chemical. Bob Johnston, was driving the trailer truck.

Highway patrolman Don Tabor investigated the accident. Both drivers were issued tickets. Johnston's was for failing to control his speed and Gaines was ticketed for failure to give a turn signal.

The pickup's right rear fender was hit by the truck. Impact of the crash locked the front wheel of the trailer truck and it went off the road into railroad right of way south of the highway.

Last Tuesday afternoon an accident occurred at practi-

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MOTHERS' MARCH--Making plans for New March of Dimes annual drive are these members of Town and Country Club, Mrs. Don Owens, Mrs. Robert Read, and Mrs. Mark Charles. Mrs. Read is holding one of the arm bands to be worn by members during their canvass of residential areas.



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A Barometer

What will the 1960 census reveal about Bovina? Probably the population figure on the city limits markers will inch up a little higher. Take a guess . . . 1500 . . . 1550 . . . 1600?
Businessmen and civic leaders will anxiously await the census report. They look upon it as a sign of community prosperity or recession.
Citizens who don't think they are affected much by population fluctuations should look again. Practically everyone would be helped by a significant population surge.
Those who have business interests here would be aided more directly. More people would mean a larger volume of business.
But persons who have no business interests are also helped by population booms.
There is no organized effort to promote Bovina currently. The job that chamber of commerce men do in other towns is left undone here or else left up to individuals.
If Bovina had a chamber of commerce, it would advocate "trade at home," try to induce certain businesses such as an automobile agency to build here and generally point out the good points of the town.
There is no chamber here. Rather than let promotion work go undone, individuals must perform it.
Hopes for a chamber of commerce shouldn't be abandoned, but if citizens wait for a chamber to take up the work not only will the chances for getting one be lesser but also the need for one will gradually die.

J. V. S.

Who Represents?

Political scientists and government experts are appalled by the lack of interest by Texans in electing qualified men to the state legislature.
They point out that most Texans show more interest in county races than in state elections. The sheriff, county judge and other local officials are important but people who take genuine interest in these elections often don't know the names of the candidates for state representative until they see the ballot.
When the bribery case broke in the house of representatives less than three years ago, Texas voters showed dangerously little concern over the fact a representative was convicted of taking a bribe.
Under the Texas system of government, the legislature is all important. The present constitution, adopted after reconstruction Republicans were finally extracted from the government, gives the executive branch very little power. The governor has no removal power since most state officials are elected by the people and his legislative powers include only calling of special sessions, the veto and suggesting action to the legislators.
The legislature then has most of the power of government; still candidates for state representatives are usually less familiar to voters than are persons running for commissioner, district attorney or even dog catcher.

J. V. S.

PLAIN TALK . . . DOING AND BOOING
The average man is afraid of doing too much for his own good, once said Dr. Frank Crane. That is the reason, perhaps, that he is average.
If he wanted to do more than he is paid for, he would be an exceptional man. It is the exceptional man who is in demand.
It is not hard to do what is expected of us, yet it is difficult to find the person who will do it. Most people "soldier" on the job.
Whoever will make it a rule to do just a little more than he is expected to do is on the sure road to success. Whoever makes it a rule simply to "get by," is already on the toboggan.
There are a great many employers of labor. But do you know of one who is not constantly harassed by the difficulty of finding good help? There are a great many laborers. But do you know of one who is satisfied and happy, who is not doing all he can? And do you know of one who is dissatisfied and a maker of trouble, who is not doing as little as he can?

DEADLINE NEARS--

Busy Week Set As MOD Ends

Fund-raising activities will hit a fever pitch in Bovina this week in the drive for New March of Dimes.

Deadline for the drive is February 1 and Bovina, which has been a big contributor toward Parmer County's goal in past years, will try to give the drive a final boost.

Activity begins Thursday night with the Mother's March. Saturday the Birthday Club and several business establishments will sponsor coffee breaks with proceeds going to MOD.

Saturday's campaign will be climaxed Saturday night when the Stallions, a team of outsiders, meet the Mustangs of Bovina High School. Contributions taken at the door will go to the drive.

Wives of Stallion players will bake cakes to be auctioned during halftime. Anyone wishing to donate a cake for the auction may call Pat Hawkins at BA 5-4193.

The very small boy came home dejectedly from his first day at school.

"I'm not goin' tomorrow, he sputtered.
"Why not, dear?" his mother asked.
"Well, I can't read, and I can't write, and teacher won't let me talk, so what's the use?"

The Birthday Club will have a "coffee and cake break" at Wilson & Brock Insurance office all day Saturday. Super Saweway will sell coffee and doughnuts to aid the drive. City Drug's receipts from coffee sales will go to March of Dimes. Ladies' Study Club, which has

sponsored pancake suppers in past years for the campaign, will make a cash contribution instead this year.

Community chairman Henry Minter, says cards for contributions distributed to school children will be taken up before the deadline.

Stallions Whip Farwell

Neil Smith's 24 points paced Bovina's Stallions to a 58-50 win over Farwell Monday night in Williford Gym.

Erith Hawkins bucketed 15 points as the Stallions won their eighth game in 11 starts.

Next Stallion outing will be Saturday night when they meet the Mustangs of Bovina High School.

The win gives the outsiders an 8-3 mark for the year.

SCHOOL OPENS--

Flu Victims Come Back

There will be no Saturday classes in Bovina schools this year.

Plagued by sickness and bad weather that forced the doors to be closed three times, school officials were faced with the possibility of conducting classes on Saturday to make up for the lost days.

"We definitely will not have Saturday classes," Warren

Morton, superintendent, said. "The school term will be extended longer to make up for missed days."

End of the term has been moved from May 20 to May 26.

"This won't make the school year much longer. Classes will not be dismissed again unless it is absolutely impossible to have school," Morton continued.

A flu epidemic caused 95 students to be absent from grade school Monday before last. Monday classes were resumed and attendance was back to normal. All teachers were present.

It is neither wealth nor splendor, but tranquility and occupation, which gives happiness.

-- Thomas Jefferson

YOUR WORDS

O! many a shaft, at random sent, Finds mark the archer little meant! And many a word, at random spoken, May soothe or wound a heart that's broken.

-- Scott

TIED FOR SECOND--

Ponies Beat Nazareth 41-28; Fillies Lose

Bovina Mustangs scrambled into a tie for second place in the District 2-B chase Friday night lashing Nazareth 41-28 in Williford Gym.

Fillies dropped their third consecutive district game in the first contest 26-20.

Big Roger Ezell, who missed nearly half of pre-conference competition because of a back injury, led the Ponies with 16 points. Bill Strawn and Don Caldwell chipped in nine each. Don Cumpton had four, Jon Lin Riddle two and Arnold Krieger one.

The Bovina quintet jumped

into a 15-10 lead in the first quarter but was able to score only one point in the second period and trailed 16-19 at halftime.

Ponies were hot in the third stanza, scoring 15 while holding Nazareth to a single point. They also outscored the visitors in the last period ten to eight.

The low-scoring first game was nip-and-tuck throughout. The Fillies managed a 4-2 lead

when the first period ended but by halftime the score was deadlocked at 12 apiece.

Bovina was still very much in the game when the fourth quarter began. Nazareth led 21-19 and in the final quarter scored only five points, but that was enough since the Fillies could manage only one tally.

Kay Looney, with 11 points, copped high-point honors for Bovina. Verna Marie Estes had seven and Cynthia Patterson, two.

The loss by the Fillies dropped them deeper into the cellar. Other losses have been to Lazbuddie and Happy.

Bovina and Lazbuddie are tied for second with 2-1 in the boys division. Nazareth still leads the pack with three wins and a loss, but that margin was subject to Tuesday night action which saw Hart at Bovina.

Firemen Elect Officers

Otho Hammonds was reelected chief of Bovina Volunteer Fire Department Monday night in a regular department meeting.

Pat Kunselman, secretary-treasurer, was also reelected as were captains Weldon Moody and Bob Englant.

Hammonds will appoint an assistant chief. Assistant to Kunselman is Bill Horton.

Captains are Moody, No. 1; Dave Wines, No. 2; and Englant, No. 3.

Robert Lee Hopingardner was chosen equipment custodian. E. H. Moody and Odus White head the refreshment and entertainment committee.

MOD QUILT AUCTION

To benefit the current March of Dimes campaign, a quilt will be auctioned off during basketball games here Friday night between Bovina and Lazbuddie, Henry Minter, community MOD chairman, says.

The quilt is being donated by Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club.

The Timid Soul

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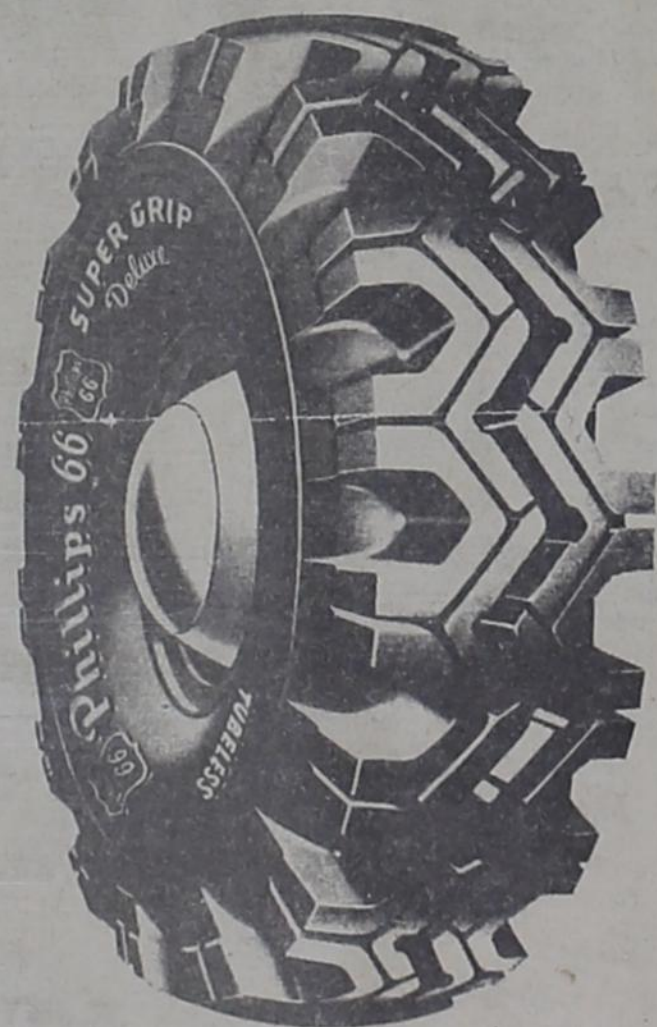


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Everyone Welcome

County Workers Get Pay Increase

The one dozen employees of Parmer County commissioner precincts will find their paychecks go a little farther following a meeting of commissioners Monday in which a general pay increase was granted.

Increases from one situation to another vary, but average out about \$22 a month per employee. This is approximately a 6 1/2 per cent increase for the average employee. The jobs included in this decision are those held by men whose principal activity is operation of county road maintenance machinery.

Wages paid hands by the commissioners in this category vary among individuals, but are in the general range of from \$325 to \$375 per month.

Workers also benefitted a year ago when the county made an across-the-board increase in salaries to all county employees (excluding the county agricultural and home demonstration agents).

Parmer County is on a par or slightly above its neighboring counties in the wages and salaries paid county employees.

Monday's decision was to take effect the next paycheck road hands will receive. They are paid twice monthly.



By Vern Sanford

Most of us who like to sports fish give little thought to the tremendous value of commercial fishing.

In fact, most of us who fish with rod and reel seem to forget that far more people eat fish than catch them.

Commercial fishing is nothing new. Simon Peter was a commercial fisherman. Ever since that time they have been a necessary part of our existence. Commercial fishing in the United States is a tremendous business. Last year we marketed more than \$1,700,000,000 in commercial fish.

According to the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service the domestic catch of fish was 4.72 billion pounds, a decrease of 62 million pounds. But the value to the fishermen was a record \$370,000,000, an increase of \$19,000,000 over the previous year.

Average per capita consumption of fish last year was 10.4 pounds. Of course, this represents commercial fish, but actually the average might not be much different from the consumption by the sports fisherman.

It is significant that 53 per cent of last year's commercial catch came from the Atlantic seaboard, which includes the Gulf of Mexico.

Also it is significant to note that Passaic, Mississippi, reported the processing of 164 million pounds of menhaden and other industrial fish. These were all caught in the Gulf of Mexico. And this means that commercial fishermen were beneficial in cleaning out a lot of undesirable fish.

Incidentally, we are glad that this industry is in Mississippi. Smelly menhaden plants could ruin a lot of good recreational areas on our Texas coast.

Texas is making rapid strides in betterment of its commercial fishing conditions. In the first place, the fishing industry has come to the realization that it must abide by certain man-made laws, or fall with the economic laws. They realize that unless reasonable controls are placed, the industry may soon die for the lack of fish.

Fortunately, the Texas Game & Fish Commission, during the last few years, has been making rapid strides in its coastal studies. Even with these constant studies on the part of our

state commission, the Bureau of Fisheries, and the University Marine Institute, we still know so little about the real condition of the gulf waters and coast fishing.

Biologists constantly are at work mapping the movement of fish, studying their spawning and nesting grounds and attempting to learn more about their productive habits. It's a big job, and one that takes a lot of time and money.

Unfortunately there is considerable strife between commercial and sports fishing. Each has its place and neither can claim the exclusive right to fishing. But each must consider that certain laws of nature must be complied with if we are to continue to have fishing on our Texas coast.

We have been able to make much more progress in our inland fishing potential. Biologists are making rapid strides in their efforts to whip the rough fish situation.

In some places a complete kill is necessary before a lake can be cleaned and good fishing restored. This was the case in the Rio Grande Valley not so long ago, when Llano Grande was given the works by a corps of Game & Fish Commission biologists. They went in with everything known to science and killed out the fish by the ton.

When the dead fish were gathered up they proved what the biologists already knew. The rough fish had taken over the impoundment. They took cars more than 6 feet long; carp, buffalo and other undesirable fish were there by the millions.

Only a handful of edible fish was taken from the water. This, despite the fact that frequent stockings had been made from state owned hatcheries.

Other lakes to receive treatments in Texas within the past year have indicated that better fishing results almost immediately.

Technical improvement of methods is making possible a better handling of the whole rough fish situation. Unfortunately it is impossible to disintegrate the desirable from the undesirable fish in any reasonable extent. The biologists have found that with certain strength chemical treatment they can kill off some of the rough fish. But they must hold down their dosage in order that they will not kill off the desirable fish.

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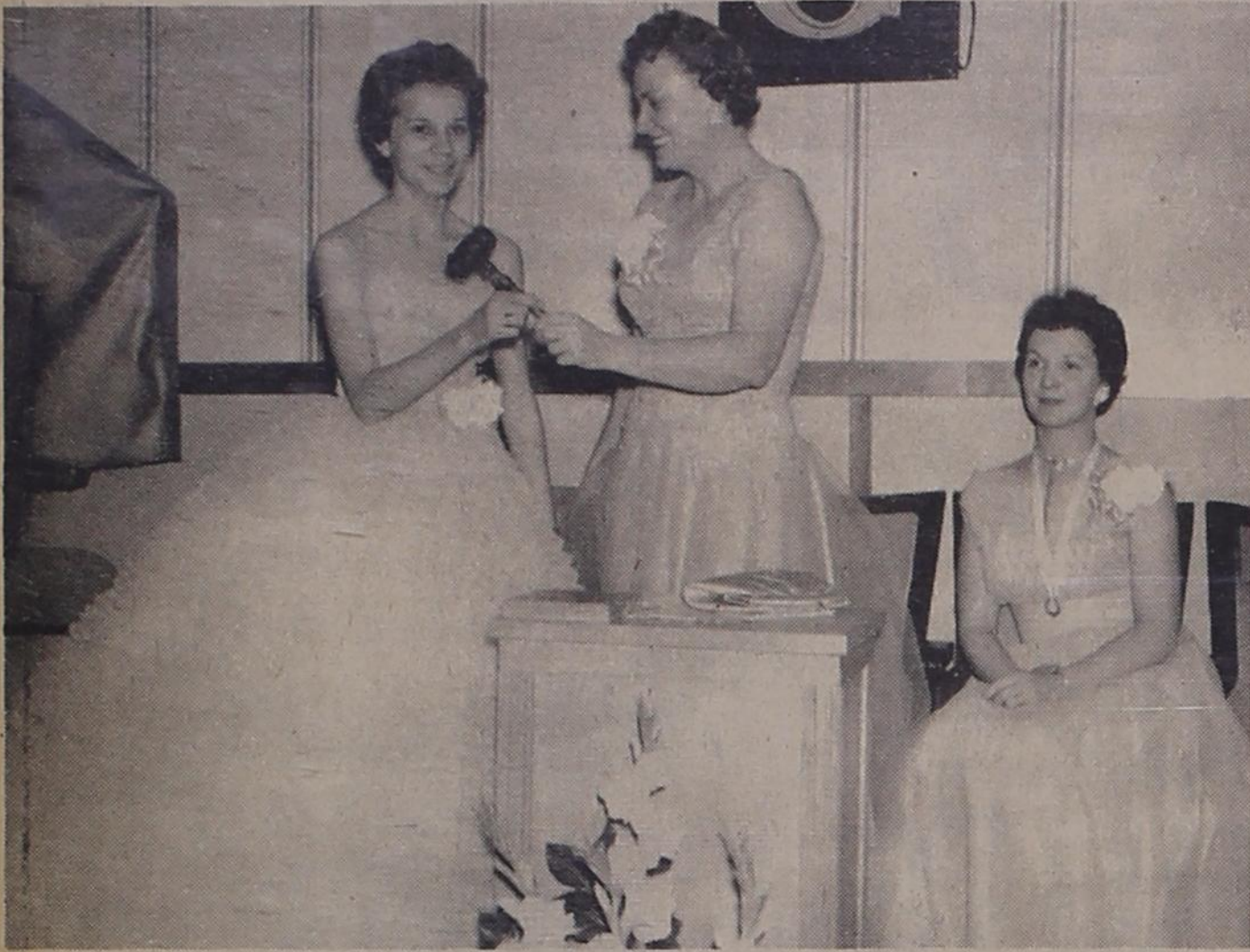


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Of Interest To THE WOMEN



WORTHY ADVISOR--Judy Meacham was presented the gavel of her office by installing officer, Mrs. Harry J. Charles, at formal installation Monday evening. Looking on is Mrs. Reba Bonds, newly installed Mother Advisor of Rainbow Assembly No. 158.

Miss Meacham Installed Rainbow Worthy Advisor

In a formal ceremony, Miss Judy Meacham was installed Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Assembly for Girls No. 158 Monday evening in Masonic Hall. Installing officer was Mrs. H. J. Charles.

Installed Worthy Associate Advisor was Verna Marie Estes. Other officers installed were Kay Looney, Charity; Leslie Formentin, Hope; and Judy Crawford, Faith.

Installed in color stations were Ann Lynn Wilson, Carol

Hammonds, Harriette Charles, and Patsy Richards. Janice Leake was installed recorder and Betti Mae Stevens

Mrs. Bonds New Mother Advisor

Mrs. Tom Bonds was elected Mother Advisor of Bovina Rainbow Girls at a regular meeting of Eastern Star Thursday evening. She will serve in the post vacated by Mrs. Roy Crawford.

Elected to serve on the advisory board were Scotty Barry, chairman; Mary Looney, Era Louise Jamerson, Lorena Brock, Evelyn Crawford, Joyce Hammonds, O. W. Rhinehart, Pauline Lowery and Margaret Charles.

Plans were made for the official visit of District Deputy Opal Robertson of Hereford February 4. A salad supper in her honor will begin at 6:30 p. m. All members are requested to bring a salad. Eleven members were present.

Baptists Dine By Lamplight

An evening of food, fun and fellowship was attended by three adult classes of Training Union of First Baptist Church Monday evening in fellowship hall. Hostesses were social chairmen of the three classes: Mrs. John Sikes, Mrs. Reagan Looney, and Mrs. Alva Hudson. The meal was barbecue and trimmings eaten from tables decorated with kerosene lamps and lanterns.

Shuffleboard and visiting followed. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ivy, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. French Crook, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Glasscock, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Owens, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Fox, and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Thomas.

Also Mmes. Vernon Ward, Connie O'Brien, A. M. Martin, Reagan Looney, John Sikes, and Buster Cochran.

Clubhouse Scene Of Bridal Shower

Mrs. Bill Burman, formerly Celia Berry, was honored Saturday afternoon with a bridal shower at Bovina Women's Clubhouse.

Corsages of aqua and white carnations were presented to the honoree, her mother, grandmother, and mother-in-law by the hostesses.

The refreshment table was laid with a lace cloth over aqua and complimented by an arrangement of carnations and snapdragons. White angel squares, coffee, tea and nuts were served from silver service.

Mrs. Al Kerby read a poem dedicated to the honoree.

Hostesses for the affair were Mmes. Earl Stevenson, Oakley Stevenson, H. H. Kelso, Lloyd Killough, Billy Marshall, Frank Smith, Harry J. Charles, Ed Paetsch, Buck Ellison and Al Kerby.

Guests called and sent gifts.

Chaplain. Myrtice Shockley was installed Outer Observer, and Suzy Estes drill leader.

Confidential Observer is Maurine Hammonds, and Patricia Crawford is musician.

Mother Advisor is Mrs. Reba Bonds. Harry Charles was introduced as Rainbow Dad.

Miss Meacham presented her parents, relatives and mascot, Mike McCallum, to the assembly. Her program was "Over the Rainbow" sung by Misses Verna Marie Estes, Janice Leake, and Marilyn Brandon and Miss Judy Roach presented a piano solo.

Orchid and white, the new Worthy Advisor's chosen colors, were carried out in a reception that followed. Punch and cookies were served from a table laid with white and featuring a rainbow centerpiece.

From an old Devotion Book
God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in my eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart
And in my thinking;
God be at my end,
And at my departing.

Wandering with Waneen by Waneen Ragsdale

That sun surely does look wonderful. Kinda makes you more cheerful for some reason. Last week while reading some of the exchange papers we receive we ran across some "Thoughts for Thursday" by H. M. Baggerly, editor of Tulsa Herald. We'd like to pass them along.

"One of the most expensive luxuries in which people indulge is the luxury of 'getting a load off the mind,' of 'throwing it in' to someone. Hardly a day passes that one isn't tempted to make such a biting remark or observation.

There are persons who memorize a "little dig" which they imagine will appear casual when they recite it at a planned opportunity. Inexperienced in



Rev. John Ferguson will read marriage rites January 30 at 2 p. m. uniting Miss Avis Williams and Julius (Cotton) Bradshaw. The double-ring ceremony will take place at First Baptist Church of Bovina. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bradshaw of Bovina. A reception will be in the church annex following the ceremony. All friends of the couple are invited to attend both wedding and reception.

T&C Discuss Federation

Federation was the main topic of discussion at a regular business meeting of Bovina Town and Country Club last Thursday in the home of Reba Bonds. Presiding over the meeting was Mrs. Robert Read, club president.

Those present were Mmes. Sammy Sudderth, Glen Hromas, Charles Embry, Mark Charles, Joe Moore, Nicky Foster.

Mrs. Bonds served refreshment of strawberry trifle,

human relations and psychology, they do not know that the remark will appear neither casual nor unplanned.

What motivates these catty and un-Christian remarks? Usually it is jealousy, spite, bitterness, malice, or the simple desire to give vent to what is on the inside.

Perhaps there is momentary satisfaction in indulging in digging--but what a price one must pay for it. It costs friends, personality and inward happiness. One can easily forgive remarks made in an unguarded moment. One can even forgive a person who fails to think before he speaks. One can even forgive a biting remark made in a fit of anger--but forgiveness is more difficult for that remark, deliberately planned and rehearsed. That is why the law provides greater punishment for murder with malice aforethought than for murder without malice.

It's much more difficult to deny oneself the luxury of getting something off his chest, to speak one's piece--but the rewards are so much more satisfying to him who controls his tongue.

The cure of an evil tongue must be done at the heart. The weights and wheels are there, and the clock strikes according to their motion. A gulleful heart makes a gulleful tongue and lips. It is the work house where

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Coffee And Cake For MOD

Bovina's Birthday Club will be helping Lady Gaines this year carry out her traditional "coffee and cake break" for March of Dimes all day Saturday in Wilson-Brock Insurance office.

Everyone is invited to drop by for some homemade cake and coffee. Those baking cakes for the event are Mmes. Joe Wilson, Paul Jones, Emmett Tabor, Jess Walling, C. E. Trimble, Bud Crump, Robert Read, A. M. Wilson, Odie White, Pete Davies, and Nat Read.

Most magazine editors are affable people who like to accommodate subscribers. One editor, however, felt the following letter was asking too much:

Dear Sir: Last year you

Friendship Class Has Social

Host couples at a Tuesday night social for Friendship Sunday School Class of Bovina Methodist Church were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baxter and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Charles.

Those attending were class teacher, Mrs. Davis Edens, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Stevenson, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Vance. Sandwiches, donuts, coffee and tea were served and the group played "42."

printed an article, at least I think it was in your magazine, that interested me very much, but I have forgotten what it was. I lost my notes on the subject and can't find the magazine. Will you send me another copy of same, if it was your magazine?"

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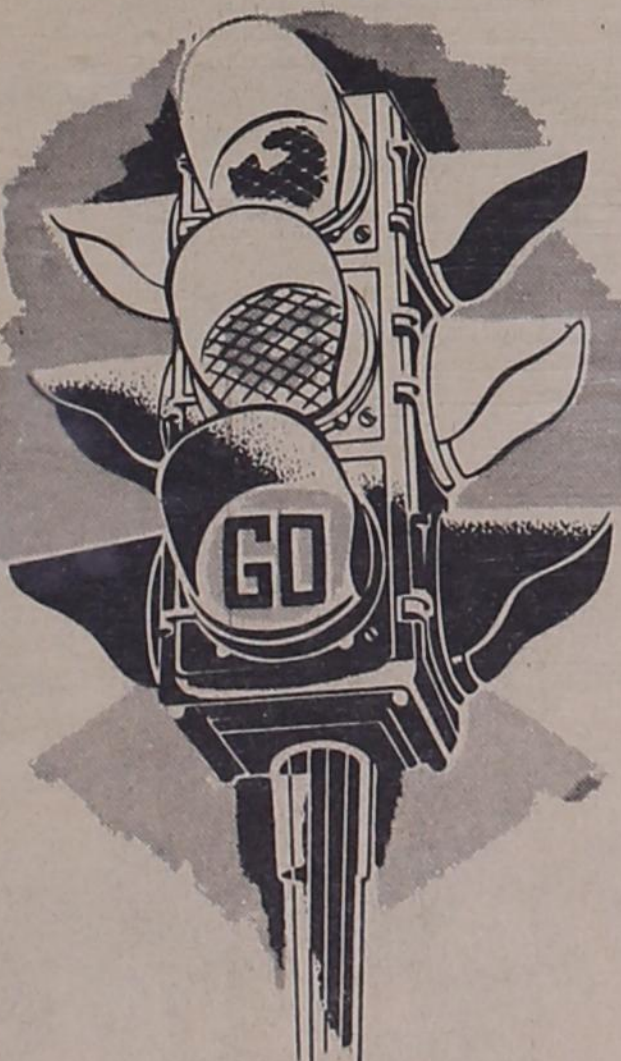
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Marching Mothers to Collect Facts, Funds

"If you can answer no to the questions inside, be thankful! If you must answer yes, take hope!" American mothers will carry a message to over 30 million homes this month. The others, volunteers in the annual Mothers' March for the New March of Dimes, will be taking information and support for The National Foundation's fight against birth defects, arthritis and polio. These mothers, initial targets in The National Foundation's campaign to prevent crippling diseases, affect the lives of one of every four American families.

Two Million in March
An estimated two million women will join the nationwide mothers' appeal for facts and funds. In most communities the mothers will march on Tuesday evening, Jan. 28, bringing to a climax the New March of Dimes January campaign.

The mothers will present each household with a copy of "Door Count," a concise fact-finding folder in which a family member indicates if any of its members has a birth defect, arthritis or polio and how many have had three or more Salk polio shots. Each family record will be confidential.

Salk Shot Reminder
The Mothers' March door count will focus family and community attention on the priority of Americans still without Salk shot protection against paralytic polio. It will remind the unvaccinated to get shots in time for summer protection and it will help communities plan local programs to further encourage

CHECK	If yes, write number of persons who were	
	NO	YES
1. Does any person in this household have arthritis?		
2. Was any person in this household born with a defect?		
3. Has any person in this household had polio?		
4. How many persons live in this household altogether?		number
5. How many persons in this household have had 3 or more Salk polio shots?		number

If you care to give your name, please do so. Thank you for your help.

NAME: _____
 First Middle Initial Last
 ADDRESS: _____
 No. and Street City or town State

SEAL HERE

This questionnaire will go to more than 30 million homes in every part of the country to provide information about three crippling diseases that affect one of every four American families.

the widespread use of Salk vaccine.

Although the house-to-house poll is in no way planned as a statistically valid survey, the sum of information taken in the door count will provide a working estimate of the number of persons suffering from arthritis; the number born with birth defects and the number who have been victims of paralytic polio. This tabulation will help guide National Foundation county chapters in formulating local programs to aid the disabled.

Mothers making the house-to-house door count will also seek contributions to the New March of Dimes for its attack on birth defects, arthritis and polio. The New March of Dimes is combating these disabling disorders with the same effective weapons used to conquer paralytic polio: medical scientific research to find causes, cures, preventives; patient aid for medical care; and training for medical workers needed to treat the sick and disabled.



Two million mothers like this one will conduct a house-to-house door count this month seeking information and support for the New March of Dimes campaign against birth defects, arthritis and polio.

Wandering

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is the gorge of deceptions and slanders; and the tongue is only the outer shop where they are vented, and the door of it. Such ware as is made, within such, and no other, can come out.--Leighton

Someone has listed five things to observe with care if you would be wise: of whom we speak, to whom we speak, and how, when, and where.

It is one thing to have a kind and generous attitude to one's fellowman. It is quite something else to be spineless, to ignore evil, to be without conviction where principle is concerned. There are times to rebuke. Jesus Christ was quick to rebuke. To smile one's silent approval when Deity is profaned, when God's Word is denied, when truth is villified, is dishonorable. To fail to stand up for a friend who is being misquoted or unjustly condemned is cowardice.

Truth and justice must always be defended and evil challenged. The difference between such a defense or challenge and a cutting, biting remark lies in the motive buried in the heart of the one who speaks.

Those thoughts by Mr. Baggerly certainly give much food for thought. In small towns where everyone knows everyone else's business talk can do unmeasured harm when it gets out of hand.

I have seen two wonderful movies in the past week. Was spell bound by "The Nun's Story" last Tuesday night. Can't truthfully say it was entertaining and enjoyable but it was interesting. Being ignorant about rituals, etc., nuns take part in we were completely

engrossed. After seeing Audrey Hepburn's performance we will have more understanding and tolerance for the sisters.

Over the weekend we saw "Pillow Talk" and can't remember ever laughing so much. In fact it was rather embarrassing. During one scene something struck us as hilarious. We got started laughing and couldn't stop no matter how hard we tried.

Those sitting around us had to look and see who the idiot was that had the silly giggles. At first my husband was punching us with his elbow and whispering to be quiet--but that only made matters worse. By that time the tears were flowing and our sides were aching. Then he became tickled too. Just knew we were going to be asked to leave for disturbing everyone around us. Have always been told a good laugh was better for you than a dose of medicine--believe me, we've had our quota for quite some time.

Mrs. John Sikes dropped by the office Tuesday morning with her recipe for the tasty barbecue served Monday evening at the chuck wagon dinner at First Baptist Church fellowship hall for the three adult classes of their Training Union. Everyone present asked for the recipe so she brought it to us to pass along. We are always happy to be of some service. We only hope some ambitious cook will bring us working people a sample of the results. Dolph and yours truly are mighty fond of barbecue. (That's a hint.)

BARBECUED POT ROAST
 3 lb. pot roast (blade of arm cut)
 2 teaspoons salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 3 tablespoons fat

1/2 cup water
 1 8-oz. tomato sauce
 3 medium onions
 2 cloves garlic
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 1/4 teaspoon paprika
 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
 1/4 cup lemon juice
 1/4 cup catsup
 1/4 cup vinegar
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Rub meat with salt and pepper; brown in hot fat. Add water, tomato sauce, minced or thinly sliced onions and minced garlic. Cover and cook over low heat 1 1/2 hours. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over meat; cover and continue cooking about 1 hour, or until tender. Remove meat to hot platter. Skim most of fat from gravy, dilute with water to suit taste, then thicken with 2 tablespoons flour mixed to smooth paste with a little water. Serves 4 to 5.

A little boy had been climbing the tree in the back yard, and for the second time that day he came in with his blue jeans torn. "Go upstairs and mend them yourself," his mother ordered. Later, repenting somewhat, she went up to see how he was getting along. His pants were thrown on the bed, but there was not a sign of the child. Puzzled, she came downstairs and noticed that the cellar door was ajar. She stuck her head in the door and called angrily. "Are you running around down there without any pants on?" "No, lady," said a deep voice, "I'm only reading the gas meter."

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Political Ring Gets Full of Hats

By VERN SANFORD

AUSTIN, TEX.--With the filing deadline (Feb. 1) drawing near, the political ring is filling with hats--most of them familiar to Texas voters.

Since there's to be no wholesale re-shuffling among top state offices, liveliest interest is focused on legislative campaigns.

Texas Legislative Service's compilation on legislative races indicates about six of the senators running for re-election have opposition or prospects of opposition. Usually the opponents include a representative from the senator's district.

New faces have entered the races in more than 50 of the House districts. In 19 of these the present representative is not a candidate for re-election. Besides the usual preponderance of lawyers, there are a number of school teachers and former school teachers among the newcomers.

Campaign platforms rest mainly on these issues:
 (1) Betterment of schools and improvement of teachers' salaries.

(2) Revamping or doing away with the new merit plan auto insurance rates.

(3) Providing medical payments for persons on the welfare rolls and raising old age pensions.

(4) Enacting stiffer highway safety laws.
 (5) Developing a comprehensive statewide water program.
 (6) Solving the state's fiscal problems. This is generally covered in some broad, fairly vague statement, such as "modernizing the state tax systems," "eliminating unnecessary expenditures" or "finding an equitable method of taxation."

ENOUGH'S ENOUGH--Presidents of Texas' tax-supported colleges and universities have come out against adding any more schools to the state's higher education system.

Their reasons: (1) we've got enough already and (2) there isn't enough state money to go around.

University of Houston is seeking admission. Its case will be heard by the Commission on Higher Education in April. Commission will report to the Legislature, which makes final decision, in 1961.

Del Mar College of Corpus Christi, a municipally-supported junior college, would like to follow the course of Arlington College and become a state-supported four-year college.

Council of State College Presidents joined unanimously in a statement that to add more schools to the state system now or in the near future would be "a grave mistake."

Texas, said the Council, supports more colleges and universities, and contributes to the support of more junior colleges (32) than any state except California.

Ninety-five per cent of our

people live within 100 miles of a state college now, the Council advises.

CHILDREN'S AID REFORM URGED--Texas' aid to dependent children program seems to be creating more of the same social ills it was supposed to alleviate.

This is the verdict of the Texas Research League after a two-year study made at the request of the State Welfare Department.

It seems that these abandoned children--those whom the parents refuse to support, or can't--often grow up to have children they too won't or can't support.

Welfare workers are seeing more and more second and third generation cases, said the League.

League recommends re-shaping the whole program to put the emphasis on rehabilitation. At present, says the League, the program does little or nothing to help families help themselves or to get at the problems that caused them to be in need in the first place.

ADC payments go to about 105,000 persons in Texas--80,000 children and 25,000 parents. Cost: \$21,000,000 a year, of which 80 per cent is federal money.

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE RULING--Legislators who carry out between-sessions committee assignments are entitled to \$8 a day and 8 cents a mile for travel, according to an attorney general's ruling.

A special law covers the expenses of members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Budget Board. They may be reimbursed for the actual cost of meals, rooms and other expenses incidental to this work.

Regular pay for state employees traveling on state business is \$9 per day and 8 cents a mile.

BIG BUSINESS--Texas General Land Office, sometimes described as "the biggest real estate agency in Texas," did a land office business during 1959.

Land Office, which is the management and collection agency for the state's public lands, took in \$60,583,603 in the past year. This came from oil and gas royalties, bonuses, grazing rentals, etc.

Main beneficiaries were the

public school permanent fund and the University permanent fund. In addition, 18 other funds received deposits.

Land Commissioner Bill Allcorn said 384 veterans paid off their land loans, bringing in \$2,352,767 that can be used for more veterans' loans.

SEGREGATION SUIT, SIDESTEPED--Dallas is in a bind between a federal court order to desegregate its schools and a state law prohibiting desegregation without a local option election.

State Supreme Court has refused to overturn a lower court ruling that Dallas was not entitled to a court order freeing it from the effects of the state's anti-integration law. A law passed in 1957 says that a school district that integrates without a local option election shall lose its state aid. For Dallas this would be some \$2,600,000 a year.

A federal court ordered Dallas schools in 1955 to integrate "with all deliberate speed."

Selection Essential In Cutting Costs

Cutting food bills may be a must for some families in '60. It's not likely that many families will increase production or preservation. Better selection among purchased foods can help cut costs a great deal, according to extension foods and nutrition specialists of Texas A&M.

Part of the increase in food costs is due to increased use of more expensive foods, and of prepared and partially-prepared foods. Surveys show that the farm housewife, as well as her city sister, is looking for ways to make her job easier.

The homemaker who knows the requirements of a good diet, and the principles of balancing daily meals, can substitute less expensive foods for costly items. Alert shoppers, who make use of foods in season, and in plentiful supply, can give added stretch to food dollars.

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IN JOURNALISM--

Stewart Gets Tech Grant

Blade newsman Vernon Stewart has been awarded a scholarship by the West Texas Publishers' Fund at Texas Tech.

Stewart is a junior journalism major at Tech. The scholarship fund is supported by publishers of weekly newspapers in the Panhandle-South Plains area. Publishers contribute from their subscription revenues.

Student chapters of Theta Sigma and Sigma Delta Chi at Tech also contribute to the fund. The former is an honorary women's journalistic fraternity and the latter a professional fraternity for men.

Stewart received a scholarship through the Texas Press Association in connection with a summer internship as a Blade

employee. He is now working part time for the Blade and The Slaton Slatonite. He is also associate sports editor of The Toreador, Tech's student newspaper.

A native of DeLeon, Stewart is also treasurer of Sigma Delta Chi.

Mothers'

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These include medical scientific research to find causes, cures, preventatives; patient aid for medical care; and training for medical workers needed to treat the sick and disabled.

Mothers who will be taking part in the Mothers' March will be Mmes. Don Owens, Nicky Foster, Tom Bonds, Joe Moore, Robert Read, Mark Charles, Charles Embry, Charles Vickers, Sammy Sudderth, Glen Hromas, C. E. Trimble, Wayne Koehler, Wayne McCutchan, and Delores Hoffer.

Whittlin'

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what we need is some encouragement!"

We greatly appreciate their interest in this newspaper. That interest made us feel good even while they were being critical.

COSMETICS: "Woman's means of keeping men from reading between the lines."

FRIENDS: "Two women who hate the same person."

OLD TIMERS: "Those who can remember when the law suspended crooks instead of sentences."

GENIUS: "The ability to evade work by doing something right the first time." -- In a Nutshell.

MIDDLE AGE: "When the telephone rings on Saturday night and you hope it's not for you." --Graphic Features Synd.

James Denton Announces Candidacy

Judge James G. Denton has announced his candidacy for the first elective term as Chief Justice, Court of Civil Appeals, Seventh Supreme Judicial District. Judge Denton was appointed to the office last October following the death of Chief Justice E. L. Pitts.

He will run in the May 7th primaries as a candidate for the Democratic Party's nomination for the office.

Denton was judge for the 99th Judicial District (Lubbock County) at the time of his appointment to the Court of Civil Appeals. He served as district judge for six and one-half years. Before that he served nearly



JAMES DENTON

two years as judge of the Lubbock County Court of Law. He has also served on the executive committee of the State Judicial Conference.

Chief Justice Denton was born in Bonham, in 1917. Following graduation from high school, there, he entered Texas Technological College and graduated with a B. A. in government in 1938. He then entered the University of Texas law school. In 1941 he was licensed to practice law. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy shortly after Pearl Harbor.

For more than four years he served aboard minesweepers in both the Atlantic and Pacific. Early in 1946 he received his honorable discharge and began practicing law in Lubbock. In 1950 he was chosen the first judge of the Lubbock County Court.

While living in Lubbock, he was active in the First Baptist Church, Lubbock Kiwanis Club and Boy Scouts. He is now a member of the executive committee of the South Plains Council of Boy Scouts. He is also the present lieutenant governor of the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International. He has been president of the Lubbock Kiwanis Club.

Chief Justice and Mrs. Denton have two boys and two girls, ages 14, 12, 9 and 7.

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Commission

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insurance as they now pay for city taxes," Hammonds said. Hammonds pointed out equipment needs of the department. He said a trained and equipped rescue unit is needed in addition to more fire hose, fire extinguishers and outside help in the training program. Hammonds expressed ambitions of firemen, commissioners and citizens when he said he hoped efforts to improve the department would "get Bovina in the protected town class."

Warm vinegar may be used to remove a shiny look from dark skirt or trousers. Just sponge the shiny spots lightly a few hours before the garment is to be worn.

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Juniors Finish Second

Bovina teams almost swept second-place honors in Friona's Junior High Basketball Tournament last week.

Eighth grade girls and boys and freshmen boys took runner up spots in their separate brackets in finals Saturday night. Freshmen girls were the lone Bovina entry that failed to make the finals.

Freshmen boys fell to Friona 42-30 Saturday night, despite a 15-point effort by MacGlasscock.

Eighth grade boys lost to Friona 26-19 and eighth grade girls were edged by Farwell 28-26.

News From LAZBUDDIE

BY MRS. C. A. WATSON

Highlighting news from Lazbuddie this week is basketball since the Longhorns have started conference games.

In their first conference game the Longhorns downed Bovina by a 37-33 score. At the end of one period the Longhorns trailed by a 10-5 score, but after Jennings scored 10 points and Brantley 2, the Longhorns went ahead at the half 17-12. At the end of three periods Lazbuddie led by a 27-20 margin and the game ended with a 37-33 score. Brantley and Jennings led the scoring for Lazbuddie.

In the girls' game Lazbuddie beat Bovina girls team 64-44. At the end of one period the girls led by a 14-11 score, and at the half the score read 35-25. The Lazbuddie team outscored Bovina in the last half 29-19, leaving the score 64-44 at the game's end. Beverley Smith led the Lazbuddie scoring with 24 points.

In the second conference game with Nazareth, both boys and girls lost. In the boys' game Lazbuddie led all the way until the final period when a strong Nazareth crew outscored the Longhorns to win 30-31.

The Lazbuddie girls were also defeated in their game by a 34-29 score. Leading the Longhorn girls' scoring was Judy Brown with 18 points.

In their third conference game the Longhorns defeated the Hart team by a 59-40 score. Leading the Lazbuddie scoring were Jennings with 16 and Brantley with 15.

The girls also won their game 61-25. They led through out the game having a 30-14 lead at halftime.

Congratulations to Richard Chitwood and Gary Mack Brown for receiving awards in the Farmer County 4-H cotton production contest.

In the grain production contest Richard Chitwood, Gary Matthews, Larry Hughes and Danny Miller were winners.

Funeral services for T. C. Lewis, father of Mrs. J. B. Wright, were Sunday, January 24, in Fredrick, Okla. Attending from this area beside the Wright and Lewis families were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pendergrass and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde

Questions Discussed By PTA

Mrs. Johnnie Horn discussed answers given by sophomore, junior, and senior students of Bovina High School to White House Conference questionnaires at a meeting of Bovina P-TA in the school cafeteria Monday evening.

Mrs. Horn was introduced by Mrs. Leon Crissom, program chairman.

Routine business was conducted by Cecil Osborne, president.

Mrs. Marion Carson, hospitality chairman, served refreshments of coffee and cookies to those present.

Monk and Lynda, Mr. and Mrs. John Agee and Mr. and Mrs. June Wagon.

The Moss Parker family has moved to a farm near Tyler from this community.

The J. T. Brantley family had a farm sale Monday and have moved from Lazbuddie to a farm near Clays Corner.

Family night was Wednesday in Lazbuddie Methodist church. All persons having birthdays in January were honored at that time. Supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wesley and children from Pettit were guests in the John Littlefield home Sunday. Mrs. Wesley is Mrs. Littlefield's sister.

Birthdays this week are Mrs. J. G. Ward, January 24; Jerry Englemark, January 24; Marsha Shumann, January 28; Dan Cargile, January 28; Jodie Menefee, January 27; Dick Chitwood, January 29; Linda Monk, January 31; Dean Watkins, January 31; and Scott Windham, January 31.

Mrs. Lena Menefee was dismissed Monday from Farmer County Community Hospital where she had been a patient several days.

Several students are missing school with the flu. Among them is Bennie Watson who hadn't missed a day of school for five years until this year.

OKLA. LANE

By Avis Carpenter

BRIDAL SHOWER HONORS MRS. LAVON JONES

Mrs. LaVon Jones was honored Tuesday, January 19, with a bridal shower in the fellowship hall of Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church. Hostesses for the shower were Mesdames R. E. Blankenship, Harold Carpenter, John West, Frank Edwards, T. L. Kent, Vernon Symcox, L. L. Cooper, Claude Watkins, George Lindop and Loucille Foster.

Refreshments were served from a table covered with a pastel pink and silver cloth. Silver and crystal appointments graced the table, and a centerpiece of pink and white carnations flanked with pink candles in crystal holders was used.

Those attending and sending gifts were Mesdames Gerald Clancy, Alvin Mace, Gerald Curtis, Melborn Jones, Lee Jones, Jim Billingsley, Dorgan Kirk, Conrad Nelson, W. P. Shelley, Donald Watkins, Ponce

Billingsley, E. W. McGuire, C. C. Christian, Robert Rundell, R. E. Blankenship, Harold Carpenter, John West and Frank Edwards.

Also Mesdames T. L. Kent, Vernon Symcox, Lawrence Cooper, Loucille Foster, George Lindop, Clarence Henderson, Aubrey Willard, Alden Henderson, Sam Billingsley, Rochelle Christian, Billy Christian, Ann Smith, Bob Gormley, Claude Primrose, Annie Jones, Wendol Christian, Donald Christian, Benny Darnell, John Aldridge, W. N. Foster, John McFarland, Everett Christian and Derrell Norton.

Also Mesdames Bob Barton, James Roach, George Douglas, Lenton Pool, Merrill Russell, Wayne Foster, Clo Ann Hunt, Paul Winegeart, W. C. Hardage, W. M. Roberts, A. V. Warren, Norman Sulser, Sterlyn Billington, L. M. Grissom, Jack Williams, Walter Hardage, Gerald Hardage and Floyd Embry.

DON McMAHANS HAVE SON

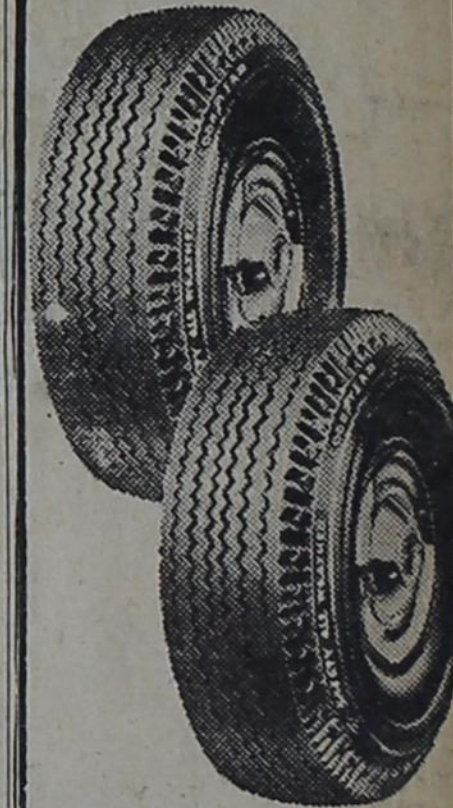
Mr. and Mrs. Don McMahan became parents of a son in Farmer County Community Hospital in Friona Tuesday, January 12. He weighed 7 pounds and has been named Ray Len. He is the first child for the McMahans.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Oldham of Hereford, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMahan of Friona.

Mr. and Mrs. McMahan are new residents in the Oklahoma Lane Community. They live in the home the Neil Stewarts occupied last year.

A New Yorker who spent a short vacation in Texas alone, returned home, bringing his wife several coats, a Cadillac, and pockets full of money.

"And how were you able to get all these things?" she asked. "Shucks, honey," he replied, "I was in Houston during Halloween and went out playing trick or treat."



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Soggy, Man, Soggy

Parmer County area farmers are nothing but stuck up this week, following thawing out of their land, and the non-paved country roads. All in all, it's stacking up as a year for the record books so far as winter moisture is concerned. The farms are plenty wet.

Two weeks ago, another two to three inches of snow was dumped over the area in the season's third severe storm. That's not a whole lot of snow, but it's just the frosting on the cake, so to speak. Total snowfall this year on most farms in the area is running from 12 to 16 inches. The moisture in the most recent deposit is just that much more.

Long-time residents declare that the moderate snow of two weeks ago has had more "staying power" than any snow that has fallen since the land has been farmed on the High Plains.

This is mostly because of the extreme cold weather which followed the snowfall, and sent the mercury as low as five degrees below zero. Clear days and sunny skies didn't dent the snow cover for 10 straight days. The thermometer just wouldn't let much thawing set in.

Finally, though, the big thaw got underway last weekend, and by the first of the week, everything was plenty sticky. The thawing and freezing of the moisture on top of the land has had a very beneficial effect on the soil structure. It tends to work into and break open the soil and put it in wonderful condition--mechanically speaking.

Farmers call this the best "underground season" they can remember. "Underground seasons" have proved to be very beneficial to farmers. Until recent years few farmers had full comprehension of their land's ability to store water. They

realized that snow and rain before planting always helped make better crops under dry-land conditions, but few were aware of just how much water could be stored in the soil's profile and made available for the crop's use the next spring.

Studies in recent years have underscored this asset of nature, and farmers have taken good advantage of it. Most farmers of the High Plains irrigate their land. In cases where water may be in short supply throughout the growing

season, they may even pre-irrigate twice and do a very thorough job of it.

Soil moisture is one of the secrets of the productivity of the Great Plains region of the Midwest, where rainfall through the growing season seldom is more than what is received here in the Southwest.

In that part of the country, big winter snows pile up a blanket of moisture over the land for months at a time and have it in top shape for growing crops. The reserve held

beneath the surface often is the difference between production and failure in that part of the Midwest.

The High Plains of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico is having one of those "Midwest" winter seasons which can be just as beneficial to this area as to that one.

Cold weather and moisture sure make things messy, and put a cramp on travel and all outdoor activity, but their benefit to the farmland is unquestioned.

With year after year of low or declining crop prices, Parmer County area farmers are returning to cattle feeding, a practice that was popular in the area ten years ago. Stock raising reached an all time low just a few years ago, but the trend today seems to be toward a more diversified agriculture.

Curtis W. Murphree is typical of a number of high plains farmers in that he is running a large herd of heifers and steer calves. Murphree's landlord, SiDarling has a one-third partnership in the herd.

"We have about 480 head. About 255 are in a commercial feed lot at Farwell," Murphree says. Murphree's farm is in two parts, three and eight miles north of Friona.

This is his first year in the cattle business and Murphree says he hasn't been in long enough to tell whether he is making a profit.

"We haven't sold a cow. We just started this year." He has

214 head of cows on wheat and maize stubble pasture and a small bunch of steer calves in a lot. Murphree has been feeding the cows ensilage, grain and meal because his pasturage is not too good.

"It's costing us about 20 cents a day to feed them, and the feed lot cattle are costing about 50 cents a day, but we are expecting a two and one-half pound gain each day." He is using his own feed to assist the pasture cattle.

Murphree put his other cattle in the Farwell feed lot in October and he says they are ready to come out.

"We bought the heifers at better than 27 cents a pound. The market is better now than at that time. Light steer calves then ran from 32 to 34 cents. I don't know what they would bring now. They might bring 25 cents."

Death loss has been Murphree's biggest problem. Ten of his small calves froze and three of his cattle in Farwell died

the same way. "The weather is too cold for trying to feed light weight steers." Murphree and one other man do all the work on his farm. In addition to cattle, he raises milo, wheat and cotton.

"I think it will make some money." Although he is new to cattle feeding, Murphree is optimistic about its future in high plains farming.

In contrast to the large herd of Murphree's is the type of operation C. W. Tannahill runs at his farm four miles south of Black. Tannahill has only 24 cows and 23 calves. He runs the cows on wheat pasture and has the calves in a feed lot, so they will gain faster.

"I just like to fool with them." Tannahill is not too concerned about the profit, but handles his cattle operation as a hobby. He says he may get in the business on a larger scale if the market gets better.

"I paid \$241 a pair for the

cows and calves last May." He is feeding the calves cottonseed hulls and ground maize, and the cows alfalfa hay and maize stalks as well as wheat pasture.

"I haven't had any death loss. The weather hasn't affected the calves in the lot very much. The cows are a little thin, and if the weather doesn't straighten up, I'm going to have to start feeding them."

Maize feeding is about as good as wheat pasturage, Tannahill says.

"They just go right on gaining in the lots."

"It's more than has been during the past few years," he says of the number of farmers who have turned to cattle and stock feeding to supplement their other farm income.

Tannahill bought his cattle at the Ranchers and Farmers Livestock Auction in Clovis. He is a veteran at cattle raising and feeding and says he has been doing some type of stock handling most of his life.

Andy Rogers To Speak At Achievement Night

Parmer County 4-H Achievement night will be February 6 in Lazbuddie School Auditorium, with Senator Andy Rogers as featured speaker.

Dick Chitwood, Lazbuddie, will be master of ceremonies for the occasion. Leading the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge will be Gary Renner, Friona, and Pat Chitwood, Lazbuddie, respectively.

Judy Billingsley, Roy Donaldson and Leon Billingsley all from Farwell, will show slides

on 4-H club activities during 1959.

Presentation of awards will be one of the highlights of the evening, with W. W. Grisham

and Miss Edith Wilson making the presentations.

Cooper Young from Lazbuddie will introduce Senator Rogers.

ASC Offers Cotton Premeasurement

Any farmer who wishes to have his cotton fields measured officially in advance of spring planting to assure compliance with acreage allotments should apply as soon as possible to the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office, says Prentice Mills, manager.

Under the premeasurement program, regular ASC performance reporters measure the cotton fields. The premeasured acreages will be accepted as official for all ASC purposes provided no obvious error is made and provided the fields are planted as measured.

A later trip to the farm will be made to determine that these requirements have been met, but in most cases an additional survey will not be necessary.

The purpose of premeasurement is to help the farmer guard against either overplanting or underplanting his crop allotment. Overplanting, either through inaccurate measurement by the farmer or through incorrect information about the size of permanent fields, can often cause unnecessary expense for fertilizer, seed and soil treatment. Underplanting can cause loss of farm income.

Requests for premeasurement should reach the county office not later than April 1. At the time of application, the farmer will be asked to deposit sufficient funds to cover cost of the work.



HERE ARE a few of the calves in C. W. Tannahill's feed lots on his farm four miles south of Black. Tannahill also has some cows on wheat pasturage. The Parmer county farmer is a veteran cattle raiser but this is only the second time in recent years that he has done any cattle feeding.

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COUNTY 4 H NEWS

COUNTY-WIDE 4-H CLUB MEETING
The meeting was called to order by Cooper Young. The minutes were read by Patsy Chitwood, as the secretary, Judy Billingsley, was absent. Bruce Billingsley led the 4-H pledge. There was no old or new business.
Patsy Chitwood gave a report on the Gold Star Banquet at Amarillo. A demonstration on true sponge cake was given by Patsy Chitwood.
Judge Loyde Brewer gave a talk on the History of Parmer County and county government. Joe Jones volunteered to give

a demonstration at the next meeting.
This meeting was in the Nelson Foster residence.

The broiler outlook for 1960 shows some promise, especially for the last few months. A decline in broiler production has been brought about by lower prices and restricted credit, says Marshall Miller, associate poultry marketing specialist. However, he noted, this decline in production can be reversed rather rapidly if the industry becomes overly encouraged as a result of recent broiler price increases. Miller added that with curtailed broiler supplies in the first half of 1960, average prices for this period may be higher than prices of the last few months.

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Failure to do so would cost our school districts money.
School census is now underway in each district.
Loyde A. Brewer
County School Superintendent, Ex-officio

Test Well Takes 80 Acre Feet Water

Approximately 26,081,600 gallons of water, which amounted to 80 acre feet, were recharged during a seven month period in 1959 at the High Plains Research Foundation at Halfway. This water flowed by gravity from a playa lake into the underground sand through an irrigation well with a pipe inlet from the lake. There were 26 acre feet pumped from this well for irrigation during this period which amounted to one-third of the amount recharged. This means that 54 acre feet are available for irrigation in the next pumping period, James Valliant, water engineer for the Foundation, reported this week. "There are many benefits to be realized from the establishment of a recharge well," Valliant says. "In actual dol-

lars, based on \$65 an acre foot applied to cotton, the water is valued at \$5,200. However, this does not start to tell the complete value of recharging. The land which is drained can be put into cultivation in most years, the water level in the sands in the immediate area is built up and the pump does not have to be lowered because of an over-pumped formation. The life of the water in the formation is prolonged due to this abundance of recharged water added to the underground supply. Recharge of water into the underground sand presents the problem of silting the formation. Pumping of the well for one hour in each 24 hours of recharge activity is the procedure practiced at Halfway.

Plans for a filter study to reduce silt and tests of flocculating materials are included in the 1960 program. Vegetable workers of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service have compiled a list of recommended vegetable varieties. Recommendations were based on results of research tests and/or field observations. The ability of each variety to withstand shipment to distant markets was a primary consideration. Your local county agent has a leaflet which contains the recommended varieties. The title is "Commercial Vegetable Varieties for Texas."

Winter Carrot, Lettuce Acreage Due Increase

(Note: The following article was prepared by the Bureau of Business Research at Texas University. Farm and Home feels it will be of interest to High Plains readers because of their increasing interest in vegetable production. Most of the article concerns the South Texas and Winter Garden vegetable growing areas.) Prospects for two of Texas' top winter vegetables, carrots and lettuce, are improved over 1959. Texas winter carrot acreage, about three-fourths of which is in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, is up some 20% from 24,000 acres last year. However, there is not yet an estimate as to indicated production for the 1960 crop. Texas winter lettuce production for 1960, on the other hand, has been estimated at 48.8 million pounds, an increase of some 16.3 million pounds over 1959. Large-scale replanting of carrots was necessary in most of the state's carrot-producing areas due to abnormally hot weather in September and early October and heavy rains in October, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced, resulting in thin stands in early fields. Late plantings, however, have good stands and have made good growth. Supplies became available in small amount in late November. Texas and California combined accounted for some 60% of the total national carrot crop in 1959. Approximately one-third the total crop was winter carrots from these two states. California consistently has enjoyed a higher yield per acre in carrot production than Texas. Coupled with this disadvantage to Texas for the 1959 winter crop were adverse planting conditions due to heavy statewide rain and flooding in October 1958 and a December cold wave in all the Texas vegetable-growing areas, resulting in a drop to 95 pounds yield per acre, cutting the 1959 crop sharply to 190.0 million pounds. Blight trouble also was experienced in January and February. California, with a much lower planted acreage, upped its yield per acre and harvested a 218.4 million-pound crop. Average Texas yield in 1958 was 160 pounds per acre, producing a 312.0 - million - pound crop, some 163.6 million pounds over the California harvest. Principal growing areas for Texas winter carrots are the Lower Rio Grande Valley (largely Cameron and Hidalgo counties), the Winter Garden and the Eagle Pass area, the San Antonio area, the Laredo region, and the Coastal Bend (mainly Nueces and San Patricio counties.) Planting begins in early August, continuing into January. Harvest in the San Antonio, Winter Garden, and Laredo areas usually begins in November, but not in the Valley until December. Coastal Bend carrots do not usually start making until late February, with production continuing as late as June. Production of fall carrots in Texas also dropped drastically in 1959. This drop, rather than due to adverse weather, was the result of a more than 50% decrease in acreage planted. Al-

though hail caused damage to some plantings in early summer, yield per acre was increased. Texas ranked first in fall carrot production in 1958, with a 97.5-million-pound crop. In 1959 the state dropped behind New York, Wisconsin, and Oregon, showing a 52.5-million-pound production. Plantings of fall carrots in Texas are from mid-April to August, with harvest beginning in late July. The peak supply is hit in mid-September, but production usually continues into January. The Panhandle (Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Hale, Lamb, and Parmer counties) is the principal producing area. Lettuce is a second vegetable crop of which Texas produces both a winter and fall harvest. However, Texas ranks much lower in lettuce production than

in carrots. The state stood third in winter production last year, but substantially below California and Arizona. In fall production Texas was second below California, but again substantially under this state. In winter production in 1959 California turned out 652.5 million pounds of the 869.0-million-pound total. Arizona produced 160.0 million pounds, while Texas produced only 32.5 million pounds. In the fall crop, Texas produced only 36.4 million pounds of the 457.3-million-pound total. California turned out 362.7 million pounds. Although a 51% increase in Texas winter lettuce production in 1960 is indicated, the harvest will still stand substantially behind California's estimated 690.0 million pounds and Arizona's estimated 171.2 million pounds. Texas' 1959 fall crop fell below the 1958 crop by some 23.6 million pounds due to an approximate 50% acreage cut. The fall crop was substantially the same as in 1958 and 1959. Principal lettuce-growing areas in Texas are the Lower Valley, the Winter Garden, the Laredo area, and the Eagle Pass region (especially Maverick County). Planting begins in September and production in the Winter Garden continues as late as April. Light harvest began in the Valley in late November, but volume does not start moving to market until mid-December. A freeze in the Winter Garden on November 7 lowered yield prospects, but no acreage was lost completely. The freeze also caused some tipburn. Plantings of Texas early fall lettuce begins in late June in the Panhandle, the chief producing area. Harvest is in September and October, but lettuce which stays in the field into November is usually killed by freezes.

Know Your Depreciation?

Every taxpayer owning depreciable property used in his trade or business is faced with the problem of determining the useful life of each asset. There is no standard life of farm property, says Bob Cherry, extension farm management specialist. Useful life in each case must stand on its own merits. For example, a barbed-wire fence with untreated posts on the Gulf Coast might do well to last 10 years, whereas the same fence in the Trans-Pecos area may last 30 years. "Useful life" means useful life to the taxpayer, the specialist explains. An automobile might be charged off in three years by one taxpayer with heavy usage, while his neighbor's vehicle of the same kind and model will last for six years because of light usage. Factors to be considered in determining useful life include the amount of use, age when acquired, policy as to repairs and upkeep, climate, and operating conditions. For example, dusty operating conditions would be a prime consideration in the useful life of a tractor. As a guide, the Internal Revenue Service has published average useful life figures for property in the United States in Bulletin "F." It is a guide only, Cherry notes, and has no official status for validating specific cases. The guide can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. This bulletin should prove very useful to persons engaged in farming and ranching. Your local county agent has a list which gives estimated life of many items found on farms and ranches, Cherry adds.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

The Farmer County newspapers have been authorized to announce the candidacies of the following persons, subject to the action of the first Democratic Primary May 7, 1960. *****
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 96th Legislative Dist.:
 Jesse Osborn (Re-Election)
FOR CHIEF JUSTICE, Court of Civil Appeals:
 James G. Denton
FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY of the 154th Judicial DIST.:
 Bill Sheehan (Re-Election)
 Jack Young
FOR SHERIFF of Parmer County:
 Chas. Lovelace (Re-Election)
FOR ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR of Parmer County:
 Lee Thompson (Re-Election)
FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY of Parmer County:
 Hurschel Harding (Re-Election)
FOR COMMISSIONER of Precinct No. 1:
 Wesley Hardesty
 E. G. Phipps (Re-Election)
FOR COMMISSIONER of Precinct No. 3:
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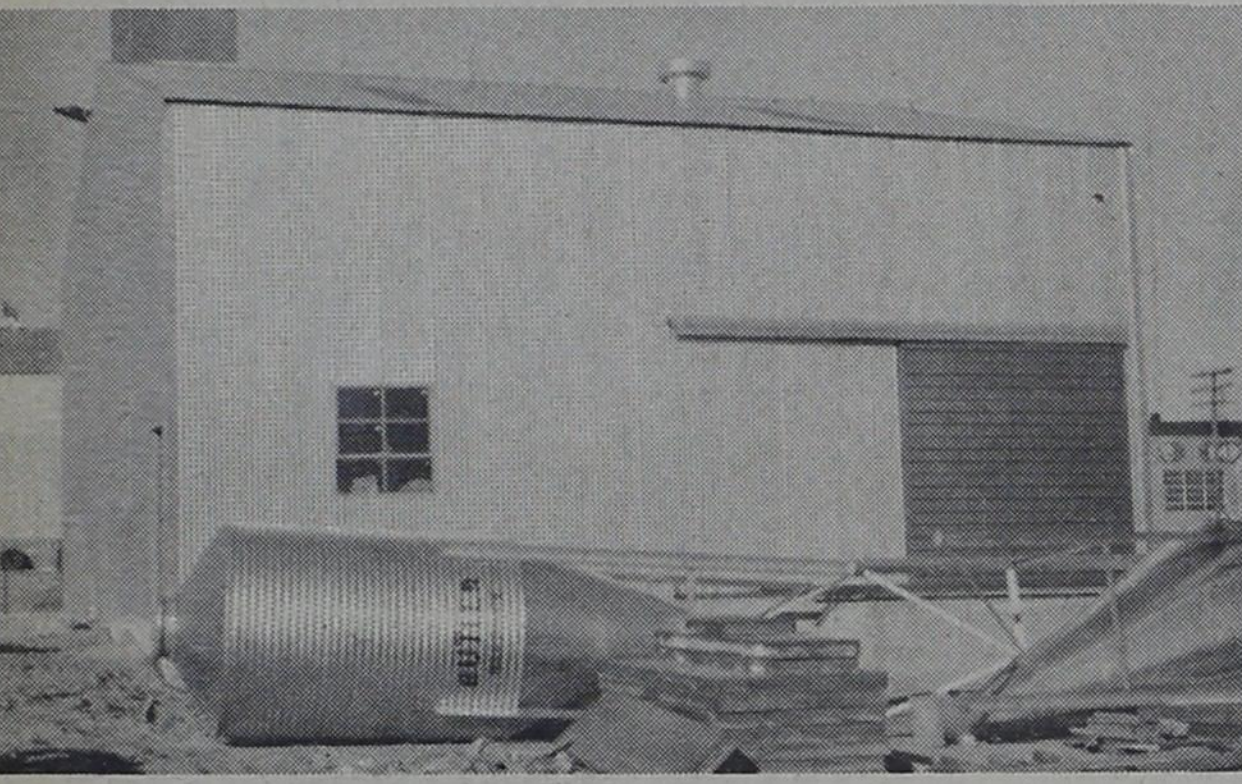
Two men were seated together in a crowded street car. One of them noticed that the other had his eyes closed. "What's the matter, Bill," he asked, "feeling ill?" "I'm all right?" answered Bill, "but I hate to see ladies standing."

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



Our congratulations to A. L. Black, chairman of Parmer County SCD Board of Supervisors, for winning the award for "outstanding service as a soil conservation district supervisor during the year 1959." Black has been a devoted worker for this soil conservation district since its organization in 1948. For the first quarter of this year, the Soil Conservation Service has received 157 referrals from the ASC office to be serviced. All of these referrals are for construction of pipelines for irrigation water with the exception of two for leveling. Servicing these referrals so that everything is in order for construction to begin will take considerable time, but the SCS will check them out as weather conditions will permit. ***** Those who are planning to plant grass this spring on soil bank land or under the Great Plains Conservation Program should remember a few important things to get a good stand of grass. First, there should be a good dead sorghum residue standing in which to seed grass. This residue should be in 24" rows or less to get a good stand of grass. Another factor in establishing grass is to plant at the right depth on a firm seed bed. Grass can easily be planted too deep. Planting time in Parmer county for warm season grasses is from January through May 15 for best results. Exceeding these dates either way will decrease your chances of securing a good stand of grass. ***** We can't do anything about the weather, but we can do something about conserving the moisture we get by keeping a good cover on the ground. Better three hours too soon than a minute too late --Shakespeare

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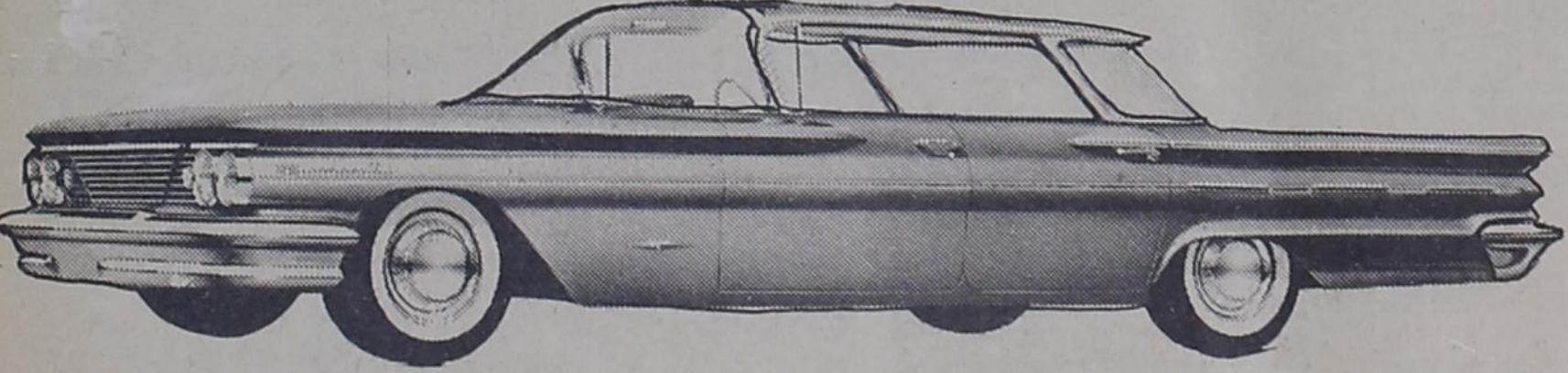
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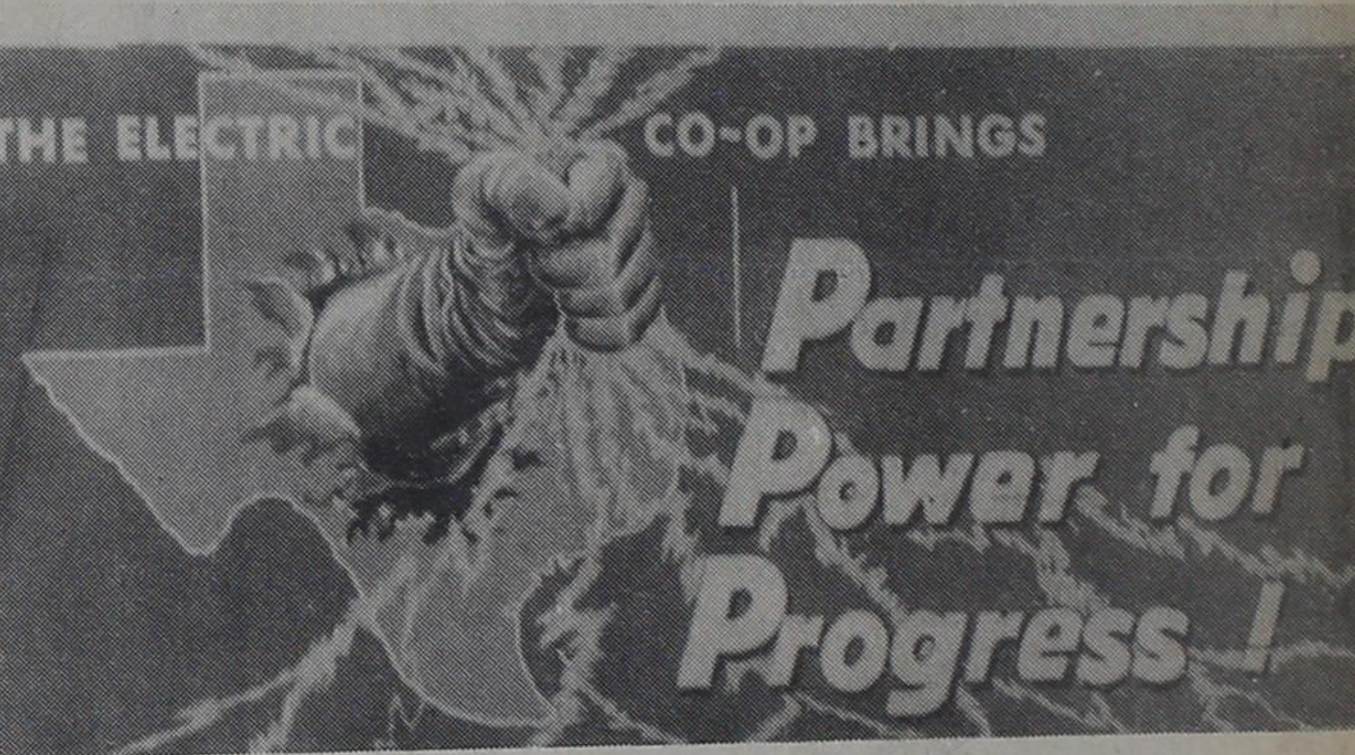


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Cotton Producers Cut Costs With Machines And Chemicals

Texas cotton producers saved an estimated \$55.5 million by harvesting about half of their 1959 crop with machines. Another \$13.9 million was saved by using machines and chemicals for controlling grass and weeds in their fields, reports Fred C. Elliott, extension cotton specialist.

While these savings were being made, they also posted the State's second highest yield of lint per acre, 337 pounds. The

7-Step Cotton Program, initiated 14 years ago by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, has been a major factor in the progress made by the growers of the State's most important crop, believes Elliott.

The program brought together on the county and state basis committees representing every segment of the cotton industry and all have worked for its improvement. Since 1946, the average lint yield per harvested

acre has increased from 134 pounds to the 1959 yield of 337 pounds.

Last year county agents in 205 counties assisted producers with various phases of the 7-Step Program. Emphasis was placed on the use of cotton burs for soil improvement and to reduce gin fires. Burs were spread on 8,323 farms in 138 counties. A few years ago most of the burs were burned as waste, Elliott noted.

There was a marked increase in the use of defoliant and desiccants and machine harvesting in 1959 over 1958. Harvest aid chemicals were used on 58,236 farms in 167 counties as compared to 37,885 farms in 162 counties in 1958.

In posting the \$69 million plus savings in labor, producers used 29,236 stripper harvesters and 3,280 spindle pickers in 143 and 100 counties, respectively. The weed and grass control savings were made through the use of 43,378 rotary hoe equipped tractors in 166 counties, the use of spot oiling of Johnsongrass on 150,834 acres in 155 counties, and the spot spraying of Johnsongrass with water carried chemicals on 50,532 acres in 125 counties. Lateral oiling with post emergence chemicals for weed control was used in 56 counties.

Full credit, says the specialist, goes to the county 7-Step Committees and the county agents of Texas for the achievements made under the program. Their contributions, concludes Elliott, to this cooperative effort have materially strengthened the economy of Texas.

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660 Leads In Hybrid Test

Texas 660 produced more grain per acre than other hybrid in a production test staged on the W. T. Johnson farm last fall. County Agent Joe Jones released the results.

Thirteen hybrid varieties were grown under similar conditions in the demonstration. The Johnson farm, located five miles northwest of the Hub community, is in the mixed land belt, but tends toward a tighter soil.

The land had 110 pounds of anhydrous ammonia applied per acre. No side dressing was applied, and the crop watered three times during the season.

The rows were 40 inches wide and seeding rate of seven pounds was used. Planting date was June 14. Johnson says his PAG 665 had a very poor stand due to the seed getting wet in his barn, and that the DeKalb F-63A should have been planted a week earlier.

Variety	Per Acre Production
Texas 660	6631#
R-108	6625#
PAG-425	6325#
Texas 610	6175#
R-12	6075#
R-111	5975#
F-63A	5800#
PAG-635	5650#
R-10	5575#
PAG-525	5187#
R-1044	5100#
R-99	4925#
PAG-665	4800#

Use Of Cotton Rising

The cotton supply in the United States during the current season, August 1, 1959 to July 1, 1960, is estimated at 23.7 million bales, about 3.4 million over that of 1958-59.

One reason for the increase in supply, said John McHaney, extension economist, is that the 1959 crop was about 3.3 million bales over 1958 because of larger acreage and a record yield of 474 pounds per acre. The larger acreage was due to the ending of the acreage reserve program which took five million acres of cotton land out of production in 1958. The Choice B support program also increased the supply in that it added about one million acres to 1959 allotments.

Of the 15 million bale disappearance expected during 1959-60, exports are expected to be about 5.6 million bales, double that of last season. One reason for this increase in exports is a decline in foreign free world production. The economist said even though the foreign production decline is estimated to be only two percent of 1958-59 production, such a decline alone could mean an increase in U. S. exports of about 14 percent over last year.

This, he emphasized, illustrates what can happen in the long run if U. S. prices are maintained at relatively low levels. Other reasons for the export increase are an increase in cotton consumption and relatively low cotton stocks in the foreign free world.

He noted also that the minimum prices stipulated by the current price support program should help the future competitive position of cotton.

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NEWS FROM THE FARM BUREAU

BY RAYMOND EULER

Poll tax can still be paid if you have put it off this long unintentionally.

We presume most of you cotton growers are aware of action taken in December approving importation of certified cotton seed, due to a shortage of Texas grown seed. We would like to urge your close attention to the white or cream colored Texas seed label, showing germination, noxious weed seed, etc. Also, if it has a third tag you will notice that it is below Texas Minimum Certification Germination Standards.

Why the question came up before such a board is a little beyond us, but the general Board of the National Council of Churches voted 73 to 16 in favor of compulsory Union Membership. We are reasonably sure the church members "represented" by this board have not been consulted for their opinion on the subject.

Quite a bit has been written in Farm Bureau papers about the AFBF Rotterdam, Holland, Office which was opened for the purpose of introducing American Agricultural and livestock products to more world market representatives. You may not have paid much attention to these articles. Nevertheless, during the first year's operation, records showed inquiries for more than 100 million dollars worth of American products. One of the first requests received was for 300,000 tons of rice when the office opened a little over a year ago.

Remember that this is the last week of the March of Dimes campaign and if you have not made your contribution, please do it. There have been many activities promoted by interested people all over the county, and in schools in the last few weeks, and it appears that contributions will be in good amounts. It takes very little from several people to keep the National Foundation Research and Assistance to afflicted young people going full ahead.

Since this nation was founded upon the principles of Chris-

tianity which are the only principles of freedom for the individual and groups of individuals, we would like to suggest that you know the man you vote for is a Christian man. The decisions he will help make will, in large measure, be effected by his attitude toward divine guidance.

CONSIDER THIS: He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whose walketh wisely, he shall be delivered. Proverbs 28:26

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INSTRUMENTS FILED FOR RECORD WEEK ENDING JANUARY 16, 1960. County Clerk's Office, Parmer County

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D.T., L. C. Woltmon, John Hancock Mutual Life Ins., S/2 Sec. 6, D&K

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D.T., David M. Hicks, United Fidelity Life Ins. Co., Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, Blk. 5, Lakeside Add., Friona

MML, J. C. Robertson, South Plains Steel Building, Inc., Lots 27 & 28, Blk. 6, Farwell

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W.D., S. P. Beltz, L. B. Blake, 17.79 a. Sec. 3, T1N, R3E, Sec. 1, Harding

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W.D., Byron Powell, E. V. Bartlett, Part Sec. 44, Blk. C, Rhea Part Sec. 6, T1N, R1E

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W.D., Joe B. Douglas, O. D. Bingham, Lot 7, Blk. 13, M&F, Friona; Part Sec. 12, T6S, R3E

W.D., Billie Joe Brown, Joe W. Jones, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5, Blk. 25, Farwell

W.D., Martha Kalbas, Wilbert Ernest Kalbas, NW/4 of NE/4 Sec. 73, Blk. Z, Johnson

W.D., Loucile Foster, Rebecca Umphress, 1/3 int. SE/4 Sec. 30, T11S, R3E

W.D., Loucile Foster, Robbie Foster, 1/3 int. SW/4 Sec. 30, T11S, R3E

W.D., Loucile Foster, Bettie Sulser, 1/3 int. NE/4 Sec. 25, T10S, R2E

W.D., Loucile Foster, Bonnie Warren, 1/3 int. SW/4 Sec. 25, T10S, R2E

W.D., Roy C. Clark, T. M. Caldwell, 1/3 int. E/2 Sec. 8, T11S, R3E

D.T., B. C. Day, Plainview P.C.A., SW/4 Sec. 24, T4S, R4E

W.D., H. A. Hyde, Maxine Bolding, 1/2 int. NW/4 Sec. 6, Kelly "H"

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W.D., H. A. Hyde, Truell W. Hyde, 1/2 int. NE/4 Sec. 10, Sullivan

W.D., H. A. Hyde, Eva Dean Kimbrough, 1/2 int. NW/4 Sec. 10, Sullivan

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SPECIAL FEATURES IN NEW DRAPERY FABRICS

Increased use of windows and glass walls in modern homes calls for new and different window treatment, according to Charlotte Tompkins, extension home furnishings specialist.

Draperies can do much more for windows than dress them up. They can help control light, sound and temperature, and provide privacy.

The newest in drapery fabric is that with the "built in" lining. The back is coated with aluminum. This serves as an insulator against cold and as a protector from the sun. Other types have a gold metallic backing.

Some drapery fabrics now have millum backings which protect the drapery fabric from radiator heat as well as from showers.

Textured fabrics with or without metallic thread and smooth fabrics are favorites, says the specialist. There is renewed interest in slub weaves.

Designs are traditional or contemporary with floral or abstract motifs. Scenes "brushed on" or penciled designs with an airy appearance are quite popular as well as those oriental in character.

Linen sheers are ideal in color, texture and design for simple furnishings and pine paneling. There are heavier linens, too.

Whatever your window problems, you will find a wide variety of fabrics and ready-made drapes to choose from in the different price ranges.

Wet weather, or even continued dampness, is very hard on shoes.

Here's first-aid treatment suggested by extension clothing specialists of Texas A&M.

Take off those wet shoes as soon as possible. Leather is weak when wet. Wearing wet shoes will cause breaks in the leather or other damage. Once removed, stuff the shoes with soft paper or absorbent cloth to take up the moisture. Never use tension shoe trees; they may stretch the leather out of shape. Dry the outside by patting with a soft cloth. Never rub. When inside moisture is absorbed, remove the stuffing and let the shoes dry slowly away from heat. Fast drying with heat makes leather shrink, harden or crack.

As the shoes dry, clean with saddle soap. Then rub in a little sulfonated castor oil with your hands. The oil, available at drug stores, keeps leather soft and pliable. Use only as much oil as the leather will absorb. Otherwise the shoes will be too greasy to take a polish. When shoes are soft and dry, polish with any good paste or cream. Two coats of polish may be needed to bring back the fresh new look to the leather.

Suede shoes should be thoroughly dry before they are

brushed or rubbed.

Use a rubber sponge or stiff brush; never a wire brush. It may damage the soft suede. After brushing, spread on liquid suede dressing in one direction. When dry, brush in the opposite direction to lift the nap. If further treatment is needed to restore the appearance, have them "rebuffed" or "vaporized" at a shoe repair shop.

WASHING COTTON SHAG RUGS

One advantage of small cotton shag rugs is that they can be washed. But how they look after tubbing depends a great deal on your laundering methods, according to extension home management specialists of Texas A&M.

First decide whether your washer can take your rug. Specialists say any rug of more than five pounds dry weight probably is a bit heavy for a washer and dryer regardless of size. Better send heavy ones and those larger than three by five feet to a laundry.

If you decide you can wash your rug in your washing equipment, do so before the rug becomes very soiled. Vacuum it thoroughly first. Use hot water if the rug is quite soiled, warm water if it's not so dirty. Use the soap or syndet (synthetic detergent) you like for colored cottons.

Place one rug or two smaller ones in the washer. Be careful how you load some machines. Balance the load. With one rug you may have to add bath mats or bath towels for balance. A wash period of six to eight minutes should be enough. Rinse well to remove every bit of washing compound. Any left will increase future soiling.

A dryer fluffs shag rugs beautifully. Overdrying has a tendency to mat the pile, so check the drying time carefully. Rugs can be successfully dried on a line too, whether they are washed in an automatic or non-automatic machine. With a wringer type machine, loosen the rollers before you pass the rug through.

A fabric softener added to a last, clear rinse water makes shag rugs more fluffy.

BRIEFS FOR FOOD SHOPPERS

This year, as in the past one, we are assured of good supplies of just about everything we eat.

Supplies of meat are expected to be greater than in 1959, and retail prices may average a little lower.

The expected increase in beef supplies in 1960 is termed "moderate" and this will probably be in higher grades of beef. So there may be little or no change in beef prices. Pork became very plentiful in the fall and prices have been quite reasonable. Pork supplies will continue plentiful, especially in the first half of 1960. So, prices of pork cuts will probably be favorable for several months.

Broilers and chickens will be plentiful, just as they have been in recent years. They will continue to be a good buy at the meat counter.

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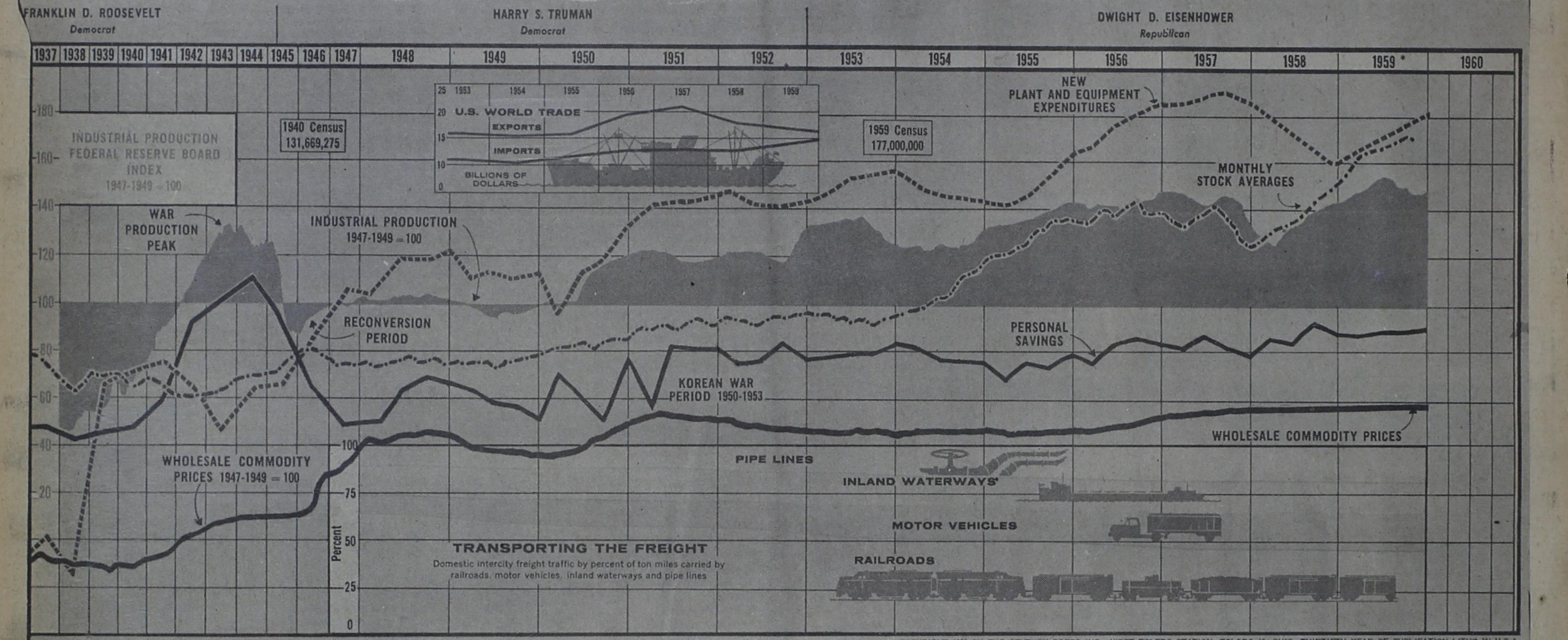
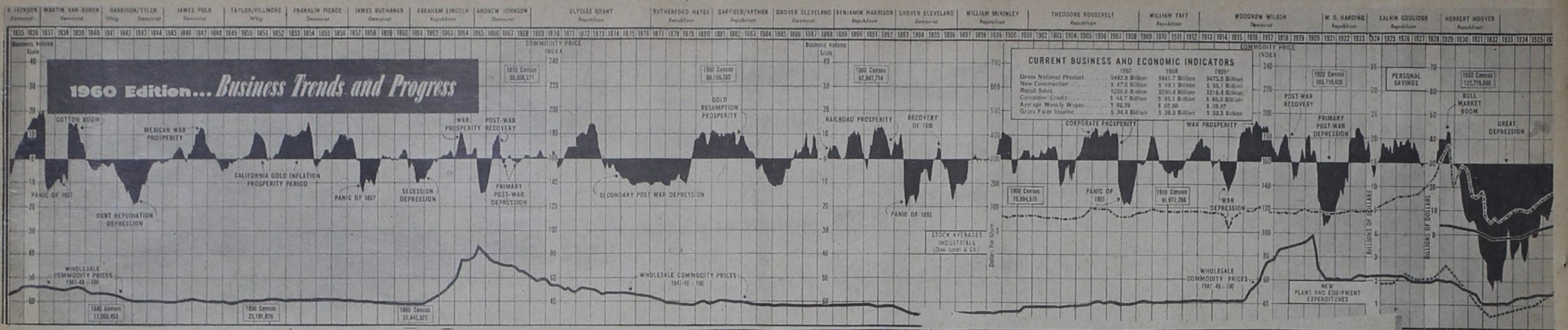
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THE PARMER FARMER

by W. H. Graham Jr.

The above is something we think you'll want to stick up on the wall of the garage for further reference -- or at least study it for a while before casting the paper aside.

There's a lot to be learned from the interesting graphs that appear on this page. We obtained them from The American Credit Indemnity Co. of New York, and were so impressed that we wanted to pass the information along to our readers.

Actually, the chart we are trying to produce a facsimile of on this page is all in one piece and is about five feet long and a foot deep. It is full color, also, which makes it less meaningful when seen as we present it here.

This chart is meant primarily for business purposes, but we are confident that it will prove

interesting to farmers also. After all, the prosperity of the hard times of the farmer has traditionally risen or fallen with other important industries in America, although there is often a lag seen in both the upswing and downswing trends of business and agriculture.

Besides, it is becoming less practical each day to think of farming in a separate and distinct category from business. Essentially, farming is a manufacturing business. A farmer takes raw ingredients and converts them into consumer products. A farmer faces problems of capital, labor, equipment, marketing, and

prices just as does his well-dressed contemporary in the office in the big city.

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Just from personal observation . . . and maybe this isn't too broad a viewpoint . . . but just from personal observation we'd say that the one thing a farmer wastes the most of is time.

His wife will say he wastes money, the water district will say he wastes irrigation water, the county agent will show him how he wastes fertilizer, or seed, or grain or lint -- but the thing he wastes the most of is time.

We are of the opinion that this criticism is more valid against the farmers of the High Plains than those of any other part of the country, save those, perhaps of Snuffy Smith's Hootin' Holler in the comic strips.

It isn't especially the lazy farmers we have in mind when we say this, even though we'd be sure to emphasize that farming -- like any other business -- does have its share of drones. The farmers we are thinking of are the ones who don't manage their time effectively.

Things are different than they used to be down on the farm. It used to be that from sunup to sundown there was a specified number of things to be accomplished during the day, and a farmer would break his back doing them -- or at least trying to get them done.

Today, mechanization and specialization has changed the picture entirely. The word "chores" around the modern High Plains farm is virtually out of use. There are jobs to do -- big jobs. But most of these jobs are of the seasonal variety, and are not the type that recur at 12 or 24-hour intervals the year around.

We can be thankful for this.

We can appreciate the fact that the highly mechanized farmer of the High Plains is no longer yoked to the milk bucket, the hay fork, or the feed trough. He deserves emancipation from humble, menial chores. He is entitled to a higher station in life.

This unshackling has been accomplished, and today, although a farmer has certain seasons when the demands on his time are extremely pressing, he does have at his disposal many, many days when he is able to do work that might be classified as "optional" in importance, or engage in leisure or semi-leisure activities.

To our notion, what the farm operator does with his time during seasons that do not require his every moment's attention, is one of the distinguishing features of a truly competent farm manager.

Somebody somewhere once invented the slogan, "plan your work, and then work your plan." It couldn't be more aptly applied than in the case of running a farm. The important thing that a plan should provide for is

eventualities. If you don't believe this, consider a plan that most of the public is familiar with. An insurance plan provides for an alternative course in case of unexpected interruption.

A work plan, to be effective, should have the same feature. It should make ready several avenues of action that would be good alternates in case of disruption.

Thus, on a day when it is suddenly "too wet to plow" this should be the green light

for another project that is resting on the shelf, just ready for a little dusting off. Too often, instead, that "too wet to plow" condition shuts down all thought of gainful activity in the mind of the less resourceful farmer, and he slumps before the TV or bounces into town for a few hours at the coffee shop or domino parlor, passing the time in idleness.

If it's idleness he wants, then that's fine. But we so often see men who are otherwise

talented farmers goof off a day or more that they really don't have to spare, simply because they lack the managerial talent to make effective use of their time.

A typhoid epidemic in Germany caused by polluted water brought a rash of U. S. Army orders on the high standards of water purification that were to be maintained at an American base. One order stated in full: "All ice cubes will be boiled before using."

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