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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

You can pay your poll tax at the city hall in Merkel until noon Saturday. Flossie McKeever, city secretary, said she has sold 150 receipts but that doesn't constitute the total number sold here. She has no record of the ones sold by representatives from the tax assessor's office who were here for a couple of days this month to collect state and county taxes.

Surely every eligible voter in Merkel has or will get their poll tax receipt which gives them the right to vote come election day — the civilized way of deciding who will run things. The ballot, you know, is the successor of the bullet. So, let's keep this thing civilized and peacefully pay the tax. Let your weapon be your vote. Remember, poor public officials are elected by good citizens who don't go to the polls.

Speaking of voting — without reservation I will cast my vote for Effie Rider as one of the kindest persons who ever lived in Merkel. Due to ill health, Mrs. Rider has moved to Fort Worth where she lives with her daughter, and her absence has left a gap in our little city that won't be easy to fill.

In her many years as a telephone operator she had occasion to perform little acts of kindness "far beyond the call of duty." Outside her work, in her quiet way, she could always be counted on with kind deeds in time of sickness and bereavement. If a trier smile, and a genuine interest in our fellowmen are the essentials for success in life, Mrs. Rider is on the top rung.

Then we have the other extreme — the person best known for habits not so Christian-like. I speak of the malicious gossip — not the ordinary "ben" talk type — but the spreader of vile untrue tales which could defame a person's character. The momentary satisfaction this type person derives from "throwing stones" can hardly be worth the loss of true friends, respect, personality and inward happiness.

Before yielding to the temptation of repeating a story that we do not know is true, it would be wise to first observe: of whom we speak, to whom we speak, and how, when, and where. This should apply especially to those who are tempted to pass along an unkind remark about teenagers. A teenager is actually just starting life — a life that will be filled with enough obstacles without having a "reputation" to live down.

This brings to mind the story of a peasant with a troubled conscience who went to a monk for advice, saying he had circulated a vile story about another, only to find it was no true.

"If you wish to make peace with your conscience," said the monk, "you must till a bag with chicken dung, go through every dooryard in the village and drop into each one of them a fluffy feather."

The peasant did as he was told. Then he came back to the monk and said he had atoned for his folly.

"Not yet," replied the monk. "You must now return and gather up every feather you have dropped."

"But the wind must have blown them all away," protested the peasant.

"Yes, my son," said the monk: "and so it is with evil words. They are easily dropped but no matter how hard you try, you can never get them back."

If you feel you must "throw stones," be sure you know what you say is true so that you will not have to spend the rest of your life "gathering feathers." And to those of you who might be victims of the "stone throwing," remember, "it is only at trees that bear good fruit that stones are thrown."

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons have made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

Lorraine Boyce
Mrs. L. M. Touchstone

Phone Service Out Here When Trunk Line Cut

Telephone service to an area north and west of Merkel, including Noodle and Trent was cut off last Thursday afternoon when a construction crew accidentally severed a trunk line. Service was resumed late Friday afternoon.

The accident happened about 2:30 p.m. when a hole was being drilled for a light pole by Joe Bates Construction Co. at the north Interstate 20 overpass.

The hole was being dug for part of the extension of street lighting on Kent St. to the overpass to help light a new area which is being developed.

3 From Merkel At Easter Seal Luncheon Meet

Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. J. Lynn Knight and Mrs. Pat Hunter of Merkel attended an Easter Seal workshop Thursday, Jan. 21, in the Wylie Wing of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center at Abilene.

The program consisted of a tour of the Center; a luncheon; a short address by Z. Oswald, president of the board of directors of the WTRC and Arthur McKnight, director of public information for the Texas Society for crippled children.

The Easter Seal campaign will be house-to-house drive this year.

Chandor Garden Is Program Topic For Lambda Betas

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the Taylor Electric Cooperative auditorium Tuesday evening for a program on "The Garden."

Mrs. Dale Litton, who presented the program, chose the famous Chandor Garden in Weatherford as her subject.

The seven-acre garden, she said, is the result of a dream by Douglas Chandor, well-known English portrait painter, who moved to Weatherford following his marriage to a Weatherford girl.

When Chandor, who painted portraits of such famous personalities as Winston Churchill and Queen Elizabeth, died suddenly in January, 1953, the plans he drew up for his garden in 1936 were almost realized.

Mrs. Litton said Chandor, when commenting on the green (intense) he produced from once barren ground, said he and his wife planned the garden first, then "snuggled a house into it."

The garden setting for their home includes streams with water lilies, a bowling green, a canopy of wisteria blossoms above a fountain, Chinese figurines and a "mountain" made of rocks hauled from miles around. Thomas Mann, well-known author, described the general effect as 18th Century English, with Chinese sculptural motives.

At the business session preceding the program, members voted to disperse with the spring rushing program this year.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. R. E. Dayton on Feb. 2 when the program will be "Nature's and Artist's Landscape."

Fifth Graders Name Officers

Mrs. Johnny Cox' fifth grade pupils elected officers to serve for a term of six weeks.

Officers are Linda Clift, president; Richard Walker, vice-president; Cecil Hernandez, secretary; Rosita Hernandez, treasurer; John Read, reporter.

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ROY SKAGGS

Roy Skaggs Files For Congress

Roy Skaggs, Abilene businessman, announced today as a candidate for Congress from the 17th Congressional District.

Skaggs is district manager for a mutual fund investment company. He served as district clerk of Taylor County from 1938 to 1946, and for seven years was a member of the Abilene school board.

Skaggs was born and reared on a farm near Gorman in Eastland County. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1928.

He made the following statement in announcing his candidacy: I am asking the people of the 17th Congressional District for the privilege of representing them in Washington for the following reasons:

- It is my sincere belief that the 17th Congressional District (all of it) is entitled to positive representation.
- It is my further belief that any man of integrity with ordinary intelligence seasoned strongly with good common sense, who has initiative and fortitude, can provide positive representation for this district.
- It is my conviction that nothing (absolutely nothing) is so big and so bad that nothing can be done about it.
- It is an obvious fact that there are faults within our government that need correcting.
- It seems inevitable that tremendous loss will accrue to all of us unless something is done to correct these faults and is done right away.

- Foreign Aid should be re-evaluated on a realistic basis. More should be spent "for defense" and less "for tribute."
- Wanton wastefulness through cancerous, bureaucratic agencies should be brought to a grinding stop by consolidations and eliminations.
- The Supreme Court should be put back into the business of interpreting law under the Constitution rather than making laws by decree. To accomplish this, Justices should be selected on the basis of judicial qualifications rather than on the basis of political expediency.
- Unnecessary government interference should be stopped to the greatest possible degree and with the greatest possible speed if free enterprise is to survive and if we are to survive as a capitalist nation rather than deteriorating into a socialist welfare state — just a half step short of communism.
- At all costs (there is neither choice nor alternative here) and through the finest team work, the arms situation must be brought into balance with emphasis on nuclear warfare methods strongly implied by conventional devices. Economies must be effected in methods — not in magnitude.

I am realistic. I know that I cannot go to Washington, D. C. and reverse the processes which have been wreaking havoc on us for so long. But, believing that I have a reasonable degree of intelligence and the courage of my convictions, together with a willingness to listen with an open mind to the opinions of others, and being willing to work to de-

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Richard Reagan, Retired Farmer, Dies Here At 86

Richard Allen Reagan, 86, retired farmer, died at 4 p.m. Friday at Starr Rest Home here after an illness of three years.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Starbuck Chapel. The Rev. Mart Hardin, First Baptist Church pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Aug. 10, 1873 in De Witt, Ark., he moved to Killen where he met Della Drake, marrying her in 1901. The couple moved to Merkel in 1908. His wife died in 1945.

Survivors include two sons, Aubrey and Hoyt, both of Merkel; one daughter, Mrs. Ruby Jinkens, Abilene; one brother, J. W. De Witt, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Fannie Gravett of De Witt, Ark.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ernest Ritchie, Sylvester, Dies

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Baptist Church at Sylvester for Ernest Ritchie, resident of Sylvester since 1915, who died Wednesday in Sadler Clinic Hospital here after an illness of one week. He was 76.

The Rev. M. Hartman, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Johnny Hamilton, pastor of the Noodle Baptist Church.

Burial was in Sylvester Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Ritchie, a retired farmer, suffered a stroke Jan. 13 at the Sylvester Post Office and was taken to Hamlin Hospital, then to Sadler Clinic Monday.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Bennie Anderson of Noodle and Mrs. W. R. Trice of Abilene; two nieces and one nephew.

Garden Club Plants Tree At Primary School

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Ross Ferrer were hostesses for the Merkel Garden Club meeting in Mrs. Brown's home Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Carroll Benson, chairman of the beautification committee, gave a report on the tree the club had voted to plant on the primary school grounds in observance of Arbor Day, Jan. 15. She said teachers in the primary building had matched the tree given by the Garden Club and both had been planted.

Mrs. Dent Gibson was leader for the program on "Preserving Beauty for the Future."

"Conservation of Natural Resources," was the subject discussed by Mrs. Johnny Cox. Mrs. Mack Fisher spoke on "Pest Control," and Mrs. S. D. Gamble gave a talk on "Indoor Gardening."

The dinner table setting, arranged by the hostesses, was in china and crystal with silver appointments. The table was centered with an arrangement of gladiolus.

The following members answered roll call: Mmes. Benson, Cox, Fisher, Odell Freeman, Gamble, Gibson, Robert Hicks, Robert T. Hedge, John Hughes, Dale Litton, A. H. McElmurray, H. N. Odum, Herbert Patterson, Luther Reeger, W. T. Sadler, Josie Shanks, John Shannon, Charlie Sherrill, R. W. Shields, D. H. Vaughn, Jarrett Williams, Nathan Wood, Bud Haley and Miss Christine Collins.

Girl Scouts Add \$154 To MOD Fund

Merkel Girl Scouts collected a total of \$154.79 for the March of Dimes by selling balloons in the downtown area three Saturdays this month.

Last Saturday's sale by troops under the supervision of Mrs. Kenneth Browning, Mrs. A. V. Dickey, Mrs. Buddy Derrington and Mrs. Albert Evans, brought in \$44.19.

FARRIS NEILL WINS TOP LAMB AWARDS IN COUNTY STOCK SHOW

Farris Neill, FFA representative and a sophomore in Merkel High School, won most of the titles in the fat lamb division of the Taylor County Livestock Show Saturday.

Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill, had both champion and reserve champion intermediate wool lambs, the champion and reserve champion mutton lambs, the top pen of three mutton lambs, and the top pen of Suffolk-Hampshire lambs.

He won around \$150 in prizes, in addition to the blue ribbons and championship rosettes. Billy Dan Snow, Hamby 4-H,

J. L. Burleson and Barbara Hudson and Barbara Hudson, both of Jim Ned FFA, kept Neill from making a clean sweep in the lamb show. Billy Dan had the reserve champion crossbreed, Burleson and Miss Hudson had the champion and reserve champion fine wool respectively.

The Wylie 4-H Club members walked off with the major prizes in the steer show. Kay Holloway, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holloway, Buffalo Gap, won her second Taylor County calf championship when she showed an Ernest Windham Baird,

bred-steer to the coveted title. She had the champion in 1956.

Lowell (Shiner) Freeman, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Freeman of Potosi and a sophomore in Wylie High School, had the reserve champion, a steer obtained from Mrs. Fay Young Morton, Y-6 Ranch, Hamlin.

Charles Burnes and Jim Dominy, Wylie FFA feeders, had the champion and reserve champions, respectively, of the Duroc barrow classes; Burns and Robin Dominy, the latter a Wylie 4-H member, had the first and second place pens of three Durocs.

Ricky McElmurray, Trent 4-H, and Carolyn Fay Moore, Abilene 4-H, showed the champion and reserve champion in the "other breed" classes.

The grand champion barrow of the entire show belonged to Burns of Wylie and the reserve to McElmurray of Trent.

Calvin James of the Abilene FFA had both champion and reserve champion pens of poultry broilers. Ross James had the champion pen of turkey broilers and Reggie Pittman had the reserve.

Paul Higgins of Trent FFA had the champion and reserve champion capons.

In the sheep showmanship competition, James Richards Jr., Wylie FFA, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Richards, won the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. award. It was presented by his uncle, Jack Richards, view, president of Taylor County organization.

FIRST AID CLASSES SLATED IN ABILENE

First aid classes, under the direction of Melvin Dixon, First Aid Chairman of Taylor County Chapter of Red Cross, will be held in Abilene for five weeks beginning Feb. 15.

Classes will be held in the Red Cross Chapter House at 1610 N. 2nd, Abilene, from 7 to 9 o'clock

each evening and from 9 to 11 a.m. each Friday at the Central Fire Station across the street from the Chapter House.

The first lesson will be taught every night for the first week, second lesson every night the second week.

Instructors in charge will be F. E. Shotwell, director of athletics at McMurry, Monday night, Harold Brinson, assistant coach at Abilene High, Tuesday night; Claude Willis, principal College Heights School, Wednesday night; Mrs. Burce N. Pyeatt, housewife, Thursday night; and W. D. Chewing, Friday night.

The Friday day classes will be taught by members of the first department who are authorized instructors.

Ollie Olsen, of the Taylor County Chapter of Red Cross, said if there are enough persons interested in the Merkel area, first aid classes will be arranged here.

MOTHERS TO MARCH TONIGHT

The annual Mothers' March on Polio will be conducted this Thursday night January 28 starting at 7:00 o'clock.

The local Room Mothers of the public schools directed by Mrs. David Gamble, will participate in the house-to-house campaign. About 30 local women volunteers will be knocking on the doors of every home in Merkel.

This phase of the New March of Dimes program brings in more money each year than all of the rest of the program combined. Last year a total of \$452.50 was raised by the Mothers' March.

Local GS Leaders Attend Council Meet At Rotan

Mrs. David Gamble, neighborhood chairman of Merkel Girl Scouts, and six leaders attended the West Texas Council meeting of Girl Scouts of America held in Rotan Thursday, Jan. 14.

Merkel leaders who attended were Mrs. Francis Cox and daughter, June, Mrs. Alvin Smith, Mrs. Buddy Derrington, Mrs. Wallace Doan, Mrs. Jim Torrance and Mrs. Kenneth Browning.

Mrs. Gamble was officially installed Neighborhood Chairman by Dr. J. C. Shipman, Butterfield District chairman, at the business session held in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church. The meeting was preceded by a dinner.

Therapeutic Pool Planned For WTRC

Z. Oswald, president of the board of directors of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, announced the board of directors' approval of plans for a \$40,000 therapeutic pool.

He also announced that funds for the pool must come from donations, stressing the fact that there will be no direct solicitations. It is the policy of the center that no construction is ever started until the entire funds for the project are in hand.

He stated that a \$10,000 gift from Mr. and Mrs. Conda H. Wylie of Fort Chadburne started this fund and the center had received another gift of \$5,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Wylie this past week for the pool building fund.

The Wylies were the donors of the recently constructed Wylie Wing at the Center.

Mrs. Allen D. King, Ida May, Buddy and Sue were guests Sunday of Mrs. R. L. Elms, Sydney and Earl in Lubbock.

Youth Importance Stressed At Show In Fort Worth

Young Southwesterners do a man's job during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. Dates of the show are January 29 through February 7.

The importance of the youth in the Stock Show is fully emphasized by the hundreds of youngsters who ride in the opening day parade through downtown Fort Worth, who march with the bands in the parade and who give concerts for Stock Show visitors, who exhibit livestock and who participate in judging contests.

Schedule of events for the youth include FFA, FHA and 4-H Club Day — January 30; Junior Achievement Day — January 30; the Annual Junior Exhibitors Sunday School Breakfast, January 31; FFA and 4-H poultry and grass judging contests — February 6; and college judging contests on January 30, February 2 and 3rd.

On January 30, all FFA, FHA and 4-H clubbers are given free entrance to the Stock Show see all the livestock and exhibits free of charge and also to grounds. This enables them to visit the midway.

N-O-T-I-C-E

The Taylor-Jones County 5th Sunday singing will be held at the Pioneer Memorial Church Sunday, Jan. 31 beginning at 2 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend according to Joe Nalley, president.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Noodle vs. Old Glory
Noodle defeated Old Glory, 58-51, in Old Glory Thursday night to retain a share of the District 17-B boys basketball lead with the Hawley Bearcats.

Both are 4-1 in loop play. Lowell Sipes poured 21 points through the hoops for Noodle while Sandy Leverett countered with 20 for Old Glory.

Marilyn Olney sank 33 points for the Noodle girls but they were edged, 63-62, by Old Glory as Peggy Pringle bucketed 25 for the winners. The girls game went two overtimes.

NOODLE: Sipes 7 7 21; L. Ueckert 4 6 14; Irvin 2 5 9; Rhyens 2 3 7; D. Ueckert 1 1 3; Hogan 1 0 2; Sturgin 1 0 2; Totals 18 22 58.

OLD GLORY: Leverett 9 2 20; Lowack 3 3 9; Tredmeyer 1 3 5; Newman 1 4 6; Sawyers 1 2 4; Letz 2 3 7; Totals 17 17 51.

NOODLE 11 31 44 58
OLD GLORY 6 21 35 51

The victory gave the hosts a 2-1 record, and shares the top spot with Cross Plains. Albany carried a 2-1 record into this game, but is now in third place.

James Bible, 6-1 1-2 Badger forward paced the winning attack with 23 points, and Phil Seymour hit 16. The Lions, who were never in contention after the first few minutes, had no player to score more than seven.

Albany took the B team game, 42-30. Agan hit 18 for the winners and Mike Farley had 17 for Merkel.

In the girls' game, Merkel raced past Albany, 52-28. Sue Madrell tossed in 30 for the winners, and Flo Gary had 14 for Albany.

The box score:
ALBANY: Durham 2 1 5; Taylor 2 0 4; Hogan 3 1 7; Hudson 1 3 5; Baker 2 0 4; Mitchell 1 2 4; Wood 1 0 2; Tucker 0 1 1; Totals 13 8 34.

MERKEL: Reeger 2 1 5; Seymour 5 6 16; Ayers 1 4 6; Dorton 1 1 3; Higgins 1 2 4; Bible 11 2 23; Moreno 3 0 6; Denman 1 2 4; Farley 0 2 2; Totals 25 19 69.

ALBANY 10 19 24 34
MERKEL 16 31 46 69

Merchants Appreciation Day Is Every Thursday

Governor's Committee Recommends Ways To Tackle Delinquency

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth in a series of articles on the studies and findings of the Governor's Committee for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth.)

The various factors surrounding juvenile delinquency constitute many problems facing today's children and youth. But delinquency in itself is a problem affecting only a small minority of young Texans.

The Governor's Committee for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth conducted extensive studies of delinquency, its causes and cures. And much of the responsibility, it was found, lies on the doorsteps of the communities.

Because of its findings, the Committee recommended that communities tackle the problem on an every-day basis in the following areas:

Schools, law enforcement, juvenile court and probation, churches, youth participation and recreation, youth employment and health.

Emphasis was placed on the need for continuing work within communities to prevent delinquency by affirmative action in

Sen. Yarborough Leads Dimes Drive



Sen. Ralph Yarborough, of Texas, leads off the 1960 New March of Dimes with his contribution to Pat Lombardo, six-year-old polio victim in Washington, D. C. New March of Dimes funds are being used to combat three cripplers: birth defects, arthritis and polio.

those areas which affect youth development.

Highlights of the Committee's findings include:

1. The moral, religious, and value decay within many homes has given rise to growth of delinquency.

2. In the field of law enforcement, there is an inability to cope with the lack of respect by youthful offenders for the individual and property rights of citizens; insufficient personnel trained in servicing youth; lack of respect for police and lack of concern on the part of communities for law enforcement.

3. In the area of treatment of juvenile offenders, a need was noted in the fields of rehabilitation and diagnosis, probation, detention, parole. Understaffed — or none at all — juvenile probation departments and lack of treatment facilities for the mentally ill and severely disturbed child also were cited.

4. In the field of prevention, the identified areas of concern were vocational guidance and job responsibility training for young people; community action for the creation of local youth employment opportunities; child protective services to help prevent child neglect; early treatment of the prospective delinquent, and community action to utilize resources available to deter delinquency.

The Governor's committee cited numerous individual problems which contribute to the delinquency of children. Many of these revolved around the home and the relationship between the child and his parents. The studies showed that a great majority of the Texas public feels that parents today aren't doing as good a job of raising their children as did parents of yester-year. The general opinion was that youth is losing out on the values of family togetherness, the time, attention and personal care of their own parents.

Many such problems brought about by lack of parental guidance have been covered in this series of articles. The specific problem of juvenile delinquency, although not a major one at this time, can best be coped with on a community basis, the Governor's Committee reported. It was recommended that White House Conference committees be organized and maintained on a continuing basis in every county to spotlight community problems and formulate step-by-step plans for the control and prevention of delinquency.

These and other findings of the

State Committee were aired at the Governor's Conference in Austin on December 5. Texas delegates will take the complete Committee report with them to the White House Conference in Washington, March 27-April 2.

NEXT WEEK: CONCLUSION

Trent vs. Hobbs

Noodle vs. Old Glory

Trent defeated Hobbs, 48-19, in District 15-B basketball Friday night. Trent is now second in district play with a 6-1 record.

Hobbs' Mike Soto scored 14 points for game honors. Trent's Barnes scored 10 points.

Trent also won the girl's game by downing Hobbs, 32-22. Trent's Sarah Payne was the game's leading scorer with 17 points.

TRENT: Bright 2 0 4; Jones 3 1 7; Payne 2 2 6; Swinney 2 0 4; Wilkes 1 1 3; Heatly 2 1 5; Barnes 4 2 10; Kagans 3 0 6; Lawlis 1 1 3; Seago 0 0 0; Maybury 0 0 0; Totals 20 8 48.

HOBBS: M. Soto 6 2 14; C. Soto 1 1 3; Ratliff 1 0 2; Firestone 0 0 0; Neveo 0 0 0; Martinez 0 0 0; Totals 8 3 19.

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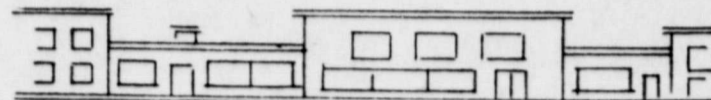
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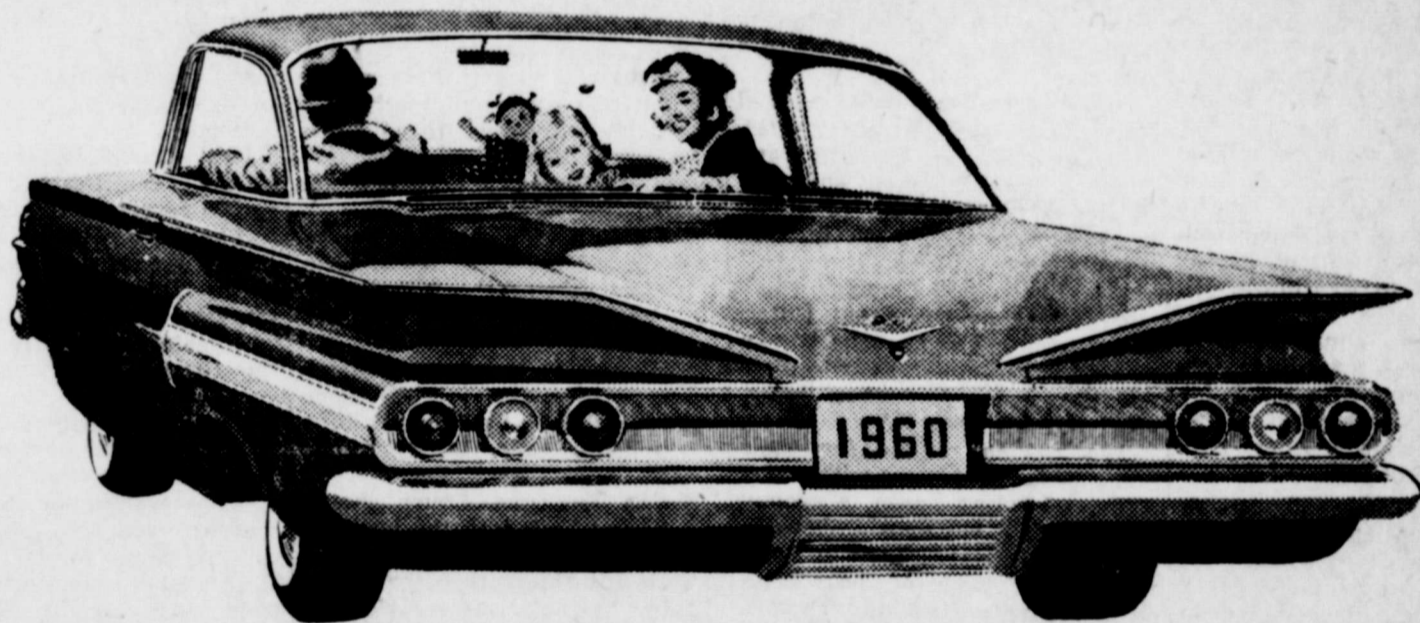
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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

It looks like everybody in this country that ain't running for some office is busy conducting a poll of them that is running. Between the candidates and the poll experts, business has about come to a stop.

Over in England they say a feller "stands" for office. In this country he "runs" for it. A candidate "standing" for office in this country would get squeezed to death in the rush. I reckon you might say the difference between politics in England and the United States is that they handle theirs standing and we handle ours running.

Different countries had different systems. I recollect reading a few years ago where the voters in a town down in Brazil was so disgusted with the local situation that they elected a goat named Smelly to the town board with a write-in vote. While we don't go in much for goats in this country, we has elected a few jackasses to office from time to time.

In all these political polls, I see where a certain per cent is listed for or agin certain candidates and a certain per cent "has no opinion." I'm awful curious to meet one of them fellers that ain't got no opinion on some pun. I ain't never met nobody in my life that didn't have an opinion on about everything under the sun. And most of them was anxious to express it.

I got a hunch, Mister Editor, that this campaign for President is going to be rough. Already the

Democrats is speaking of "Richard Milhouse Nixon." Regardless of how a feller feels about politics, I think it's carrying it too far when you expose a candidate's middle name. For instant, Ed Doolittle's middle name is Cornwalis and he'd shoot his brother for divulging the fact. Ed says Cornpone would've been just as good and a darned sight easier to spell. There's a heap of folks that don't like the middle name exposed in public and some of 'em, like Woodrow Wilson, gits rid of it by law. And they'll vote for Nixon on account of the Democrats taking advantage of his middle name. Ed Doolittle, for instant, is a stompy-down Democrat but he'll vote for Nixon as sure as shooting on account of that "Milhouse" trick.

But actually, Mister Editor, there ain't much difference between political campaigns now and back when I was a boy just after the turn of the century. I can't see but two small changes. In them days we didn't have no "polls" to give us the results afore the vote was counted. And in them days all the candidates bragged about being a pore boy that started life off in a log cabin. Now they brag about being a pore boy that started life off as a pedestrian.

Yours truly,
GABBY

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well January is about gone. The stockman always say that February being a short month makes spring seem near, which is always a relief because that stops so much feed expense and care of livestock.

This has been a long winter, coming in November and will probably last until March.

Uncle Jack Latimer is quite sick in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sam Butman Jr. His sons, Oddie Latimer, Mrs. Latimer and son, Jimmie of California, and Johnnie Latimer of Arizona are at his bedside. Another son, Clyde, of California has not arrived yet.

The flu has abated to some extent in this area, however, there are still several who are confined to bed.

Mrs. Addison who has been ill for three weeks with the flu, was able to attend the Pioneer Church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Oliver and the Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Byers, who recently moved from this community, were given gifts of blankets and sheets Wednesday night by members of the Pioneer church, of which they were members.

There has been some dog trouble recently here in flocks of sheep. Tom Russom reports seven head killed and chewed up and Ford Butman five head killed. Some of the club lambs at the Davis ranch were reported attacked.

Perhaps you won't hear much about that \$400 or \$500 dollars loss to stockmen, but you will always hear about Poor Old Rover who didn't get back home in as good shape as when he left.

R. E. Clemmer, Canyon stockman, has just completed a de-horning setup at his place. He is getting ready to start de-horning his cattle.

Will Butman is setting ready to start working the cattle at his place.

Well with two dry oil wells just recently drilled in the Canyon, the oil business isn't any better here. In fact it has probably affected the leasing here.

At this time we have more land with the leases expired than for a long time.

We extend an invitation to the public to attend the Taylor and Jones County 5th Sunday singing convention to be held at the Pioneer Memorial church here Sunday, Jan. 31. If you like good singing bring some one and come on out at 2 p.m. Joe Nalley of Merkel is president.

Mrs. B. H. Rinev is improving at this time but is still unable to attend church.

Mrs. Oddie Latimer's family, the Robinsons who formerly lived here, had planned a reunion to be held at her home in California the past Sunday. The family had the reunion, however, she and her family were unable to attend.

Booth Russom of Seminole was here the past week to sell some of his cattle off his place in the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones visited Sunday with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright, all of Cross Plains.

Mrs. Jimmy Duncan and daughters of Abilene visited Mrs. Billy Dunagin Friday.

Elmo Dunagin of Florida visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunagin the past week.

SKAGGS

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termine the will and the needs of all the people of this 17th Congressional District. I sincerely believe I can be an effective representative.

I need a lot of help—the enthusiastic help of friends by word-of-mouth, by correspondence and by distribution of campaign material. This kind of help, together with a great deal of hard work on my part plus a little financial help from each of a lot of people will enable me to conduct a winning campaign.

Your vote and your assistance will be gratefully acknowledged by my constant effort to serve you to my utmost capacity.

TRENT GARDEN CLUB HEARS 'FLOWER' TALK

Mrs. Noma Byrd of the Hobby Shop in Abilene was guest speaker for the Trent Community Garden Club at a meeting in the Trent school cafeteria Monday evening, Jan. 17.

Following the theme "Love of Flowers," Mrs. Byrd gave a demonstration on the making of plastic flowers. Mrs. Carl Edwards read "Gardner's Prayer," and Mrs. H. H. McLeod talked on "Planning Flower Arrangements."

Plans were discussed for a flower show and reports were given by the following committee chairmen: Mrs. Weldon Beasley, flower show; Mrs. Jack Bright, historian; Mrs. Ronnie Freeman, treasurer; Mrs. Horace A. Holt, fund raising; and Mrs. Erna Black, yearbook.

Members answered roll call with the name of a guest. The following guests were present: Mmes. F. W. Fields, F. H. Duncan, R. O. Payne, Reynolds, Lawrence Berry, J. J. Hale, Earl Stevens, Creta Case, C. W. Edwards, Clark Hamner, Sherman Duviers, Don Kinsey, Leonard Quattlebaum, Fay Steadman, O. E. Taylor, W. J. Bicknell and Tom Christ.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Marvin Freeman and Mrs. O. V. Barnhill. There were 25 members present in addition to the 18 guests.

Next meeting will be on Feb. 1 at the home of Mrs. Hollis Jones.

Bluebonnet HD

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of the president, Mrs. Tom Russom, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 19.

Roll was called with "Have you paid your poll tax?"

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Mrs. O. W. Reed. Games were directed by Mrs. Grover Blair, recreation chairman.

"The Story of Table Service" was the program directed by Mrs. Allen D. King and Mrs. R. F. Clemmer.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Clemmer Reed, Joe Seymour, King, Grover Blair and a new member, Mrs. E. C. Ray.

Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Grover Blair on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

NOODLE NEWS

Mrs. T. L. Kerby of DeLeon, mother of Mrs. V. Cross, is in the rest home at Anson. Mrs. Kerby would appreciate her friends coming to see her.

Earnest Richie, brother of Mrs. Bennie Anderson, died in the Sadler Clinic hospital in Merkel Wednesday. Burial was at Sylvester Thursday. The loved ones have our sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith of Hodges visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Sunday. In the evening the group visited in the home of Mr. Caldwell's brother, Charlie Caldwell of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox spent the past weekend in San Angelo visiting in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herby Bullock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winter of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox the past week.

The Rev. John Hamilton and family were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCain, Sunday.

Mrs. Zenobia Lucas and Mangle Denton of Merkel were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway Sunday.

Sandra Vancel and Nancy Campbell spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Zenobia Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Toliver of Abilene spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Spurgin.

Guests Sunday afternoon in the Dock Callaway home were his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Gary of Merkel, her daughter, Katy Hunter, a student in Texas Tech, Lubbock and her roommate, Kay Hobbs, whose home is in Hale Center.

Wavlan Vancel spent the past several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Vancel. He attends Texas Tech.

Mrs. Clifton Barnwell of Millsap, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Byrd and daughters and Mrs. Leonard Byrd, all of Weatherford, were recent guests in the home of their sister and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bonneau.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews of Abilene were Sunday afternoon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bonneau.

Mrs. Zenobia Lucas and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pursley and Mrs. Inez Warren spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Warren of Richardson.

STITH NEWS

There was good attendance at the Stith Baptist church Sunday. The Rev. Swindell preached. Special music was by the "Gospel Teens," composed of Pat McDonald, soprano, Martha Perry, alto, Lonnie Harris, tenor and Johnnie Harris, bass. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Munday of Abilene, Mrs. H. B. Warren, Seymour and Bob Brannon of Dyeess Air Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker of Slaton visited the past week with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Leach, Linda and Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clearey of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haley of Grant, Mo., were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley the past week.

John Brown was on the sick list the past week.

There will be a chili and hot dog supper at the Stith community center Saturday night, Jan. 30, proceeds to go to the payment on the building. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keener attended the funeral of her cousin, Roy Clem, at Eastland Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris attended the basketball games at Coleman Saturday.

Linda Beth Loflin and Chesley McWilliams were married Saturday evening at 7:30 in the Stith Baptist Church. We wish for them a long and happy life.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford of Lomax spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Lonnie and Johnnie.

Curtis Clyburn will be ordained deacon in the Stith Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. John Brown visited her sister, Mrs. Jim Davidson, in the Anson General Hospital Sunday afternoon.

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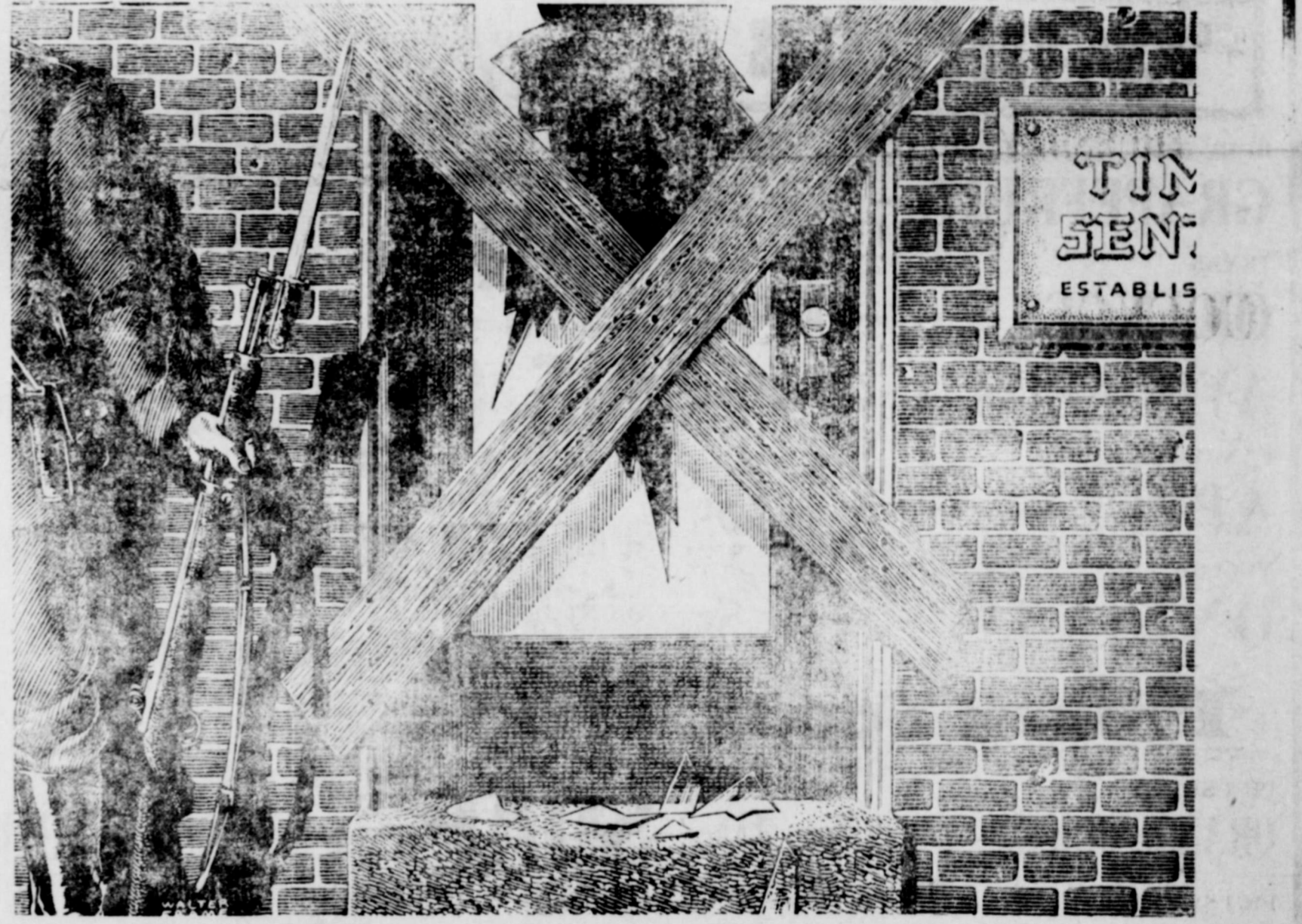
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LINDA LOFLIN WEDS CHESTES McWILLIAMS

Linda Beth Loflin and Chestes Edward McWilliams Jr. exchanged vows Saturday evening in Stith Baptist Church at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Jessie Swindel performed the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Edward McWilliams Jr. and Mrs. W. M. Loflin of Merkel. The bridegroom, who is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McWilliams of Brownwood.



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The bride's attire was a gown of silk taffeta with the bodice overlaid with reembroidered lace applied with pearls and iridescents. The full skirt had alternating inserts of lace and tulle. The front panel of tulle was also applied.

She had a waist length veil falling from a small headpiece. She carried a white Bible topped with gardenias and surrounded by white frenched carnations.

Bob Brannon was best man. The bride's brother, Joe Loflin, was ring bearer. Ushers were Bob Bedsworth and Larry Bertke. Candlelighters were David Loflin, the bride's brother, and Teddy McWilliams, brother of the bridegroom.

Leta Loflin attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore a rose velvet dress styled with a V in back and accented with a cummerbund. She had matching accessories.

Bridesmaids were Hazel Humphreys of Abilene, cousin of the bride, and Fonda Brown. They were dressed identical to the maid of honor except with white accessories. They all carried crescent bouquets of white pompon mums.

Laurel Loflin, sister of the bride was flower girl. Music was presented by Mrs. J. B. Harris, pianist and Mrs. Jessie Swindel, soloist.

The reception followed at the Stith Community Center. Serving were Kay Teaff, Donna Huff of Seymour and Shirley Olesaka of Abilene.

For traveling to Tulsa, Okla., the bride wore a blue suit and white accessories.

The couple will reside at 839 N. Eowie.

The bride is a 1959 graduate of Merkel High School and has been employed by U.S. Tins Corp. in Abilene. The bridegroom is a 1956 graduate of Brownwood High School.

BADGER TALES

By RUTHA CORDER

This week's column will be devoted to a discussion of various kinds of undesirable characters. All of us at least one time or another, and in some cases all of the time, are quite "difficult". Some of these disreputable characteristics possessed by we humans include "gossipyness," hypocrisy, and the habit of sup-

posedly analyzing others. Not only will we find these bad characteristics in students but in adults because not everyone "outgrows" them.

How many of us have been hurt by the critical words of another, and yet, at the very first opportunity, said something as equally destructive about someone else. This is being like the little boy that forgot about the spanking and kept stealing cookies. The only difference is that no one is even benefited momentarily by gossip. If everyone took into consideration how they feel when they find that they have been the main topic in a discrediting discussion, they might not do as much destructive criticizing.

Hypocrites will be found in the smallest cliques and organizations. Every class has one or more. They practice their deception on everyone not sparing a friend or foe. They soak in a "honeyed" voice until you have walked out the door and then tear into you. Since you can usually detect a hypocrite I really don't mind them as much as a gossip.

Last is the person that analyzes people's characters. They think they are an expert on the matter and know just what a person's motives and thoughts are. Unlike the gossip they usually honestly believe a person is just as they have figured them out to be. No matter how wrong they are they keep their mistaken opinions and try to convince others of the supposedly analyzed person's guilt or innocence. I consider this type of person more menacing than the previously mentioned too because he cannot be converted to a new way of thinking.

The Pat Neff Chapter of the F.T.A. met in the history room on January 25, 1960. The meeting was called to order by Mary McKeever, president. Plans were then made to go to Denton to attend the F.T.A. Convention.

Mary McKeever and Mike Farley were chosen to be the two voting members in the House of Delegates. Plans were also made for money raising projects and to get our scrapbook project underway. A Valentine's party was discussed, and will be given at Penny Gardner's residence.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Hallie Burden and son, Dewell, were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunt and sons, Randy and Tracy, of Denver City and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie and daughter, Mary Lynn, of Big Spring.

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TO: C. A. Kincheloe, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of March A. D. 1960, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31st day of December A. D. 1960, in this cause, numbered 24,532-A on the docket of said court and styled Lena V. Kincheloe, Plaintiff, vs. C. A. Kincheloe, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 20th day

of March, 1947 and became permanently separated on or about the 13th day of November, 1955.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on ground of harsh and cruel treatment and asks for custody of the minor child born as issue of this marriage as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ

shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 25th day of January A.D. 1960.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on the 18th day of February, 1959, and became permanently separated on or about 1st of January, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff also sues for custody of minor child as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of January A.D. 1960.

(SEAL)
Attest R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy,
45-46-47-48

Latimer Suggests 3 Auto Insurance 'Rating' Changes

Judge Penn C. Jackson, Chairman Texas Insurance Commission 815 Brazos Austin, Texas

Dear Judge Jackson, I am for an automobile merit rating plan whereby the rates are based on the accident record of the driver. It is my personal feeling that accident free drivers should be given a reward in the form of lower insurance premiums. However, I am not for the merit rating plan the Commission put into effect on January 1 whereby rates are derived at by using both the accident record and the traffic convictions of the driver.

State Rep. Truett Latimer of Abilene suggested three changes in the Automobile Merit Rating Plan in a letter he sent to the Insurance Commission.

So that the Automobile Merit Rating Plan may be fair and equitable and accomplish the purpose for which it was intended, I am asking the Commission to make the following changes:

1. Take traffic convictions completely out of the plan. Let the point system of increased rates be based solely on the accident record of the driver.
2. Raise the amount of allowable physical damage in an accident from \$25.00 to \$100.00.
3. Take out the provision whereby a man driving a company passenger type automobile who has an accident be charged a higher rate on his personal car for an accident he has had in a company car.

If the Commission sees fit to take the above listed actions, I believe we will then have a fair system to reward the safe and careful driver. Unless the Commission makes major revisions in the present plan, the 37th Legislature meeting in January of 1961 will have no other alternative than to enact legislation correcting the inequities that exist.

Sincerely yours,
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LYNDON JOHNSON PREDICTS CONGRESS OPINION CONFLICTS

Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) predicted Sunday that sharp differences of opinion would mark deliberations of the Congress, but he said this was a healthy and desired situation.

"One of the keystones of a democracy is the freedom to think and the equal freedom to freely express those thoughts," the Senator said in a weekly radio report to his Texas constituents.

Johnson noted that within the United States Senate was one of the world's greatest forums for the free expression of ideas.

"Here," he said, "the elected representatives of the people of this nation may freely express their views and — in the final analysis — arrive at what is best for the nation."

He touched on various basic problems, embracing differences of opinions, such as the defense needs of the nation, the national farm program, civil rights, and the sharp differences of opinion embodied in that subject, as well as the budget and fiscal responsibility.

As for the budget, Johnson told his listeners he had "no doubt as to the course that will be taken by the Congress."

"Again, I confidently expect that the Congress will cut the President's budget recommendations." He noted that the Congress last year sliced \$1,800,000,000 from the Chief Executive's spending recommendations and

Jimmy Brown, who spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. Edna Brown, left by plane Monday for Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where he has accepted a position with a Geophysical company.



Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Today is the beginning of the three day hat making workshop with Mrs. Camille Burchfiel as instructor. The workshop is being held January 18, 19, and 20. The following people are attending:

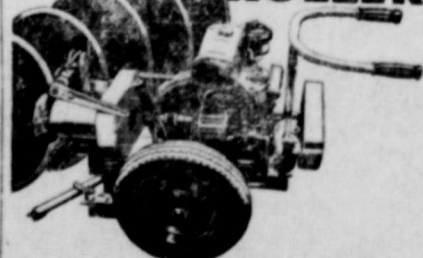
- Mrs. Floyd Tate, Mrs. Lucille Snow, Mrs. Elby Frazier, Miss Sybil McDaniel, Mrs. Marlys Rice, Miss Loreta Allen, Mrs. Elmer Griffith, Mrs. Bouldin Crofton, Mrs. J. C. Griffith, Miss Maude Hooten, Mrs. Riley Miller, Mrs. Clint Stewart, Mrs. L. A. Groene, Mrs. Clifford Kyker, Mrs. E. H. Kendall, Mrs. J. H. Smith, and Mrs. Theo Baack

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HOUSTON STOCK SHOW DRAWS AREA ENTRIES

The 11,000 or more entries in the 100 Houston Fat Stock Show and Rodeo to be held Feb. 24 through March 6, include several from this area.

Freddie Toombs, member of the Merkel 4-H Club, has made an entry of one Hereford steer in the Junior Fat Steer Show.

The Merkel Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has entered seven sheep in the Open Class Sheep Division and three lambs in the Junior Fat Lamb Division.

The Trent Chapter of the FFA has made the following entries: 19 swine in the Junior Fat Swine Division, two Hereford and three Angus steers in the Junior Fat Steer Show and one Angus heifer in the Junior Breeding Beef Division.

The show offers more than \$200,000 in awards with \$160,142 specifically for the livestock division. Discounting small stock, the open classes will share \$52,600 and the junior classes will vie for \$71,913.

Two scholarships amounting to \$6,300 will be presented to outstanding junior exhibitors. There are 273 trophies and special awards and \$1,245 in prizes for Good Housekeeping.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Toliver are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver. The Tolivers who are attending Sul Ross college, Alpine, are classified as Juniors.

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CAPTURE OF RIO GRANDE CITY OF CORTINAS
December 24, 1859:—The few American inhabitants of this place, concluding that resistance

Army Commission Being Offered To Qualified Men

Individuals possessing the educational qualifications and scientific knowledge critically essential to the national defense are being offered an opportunity to apply for a regular Army commission whether or not they have had previous military experience. Fourth US Army headquarters announced.

Opportunities are being offered in 22 Chemical fields, 32 Quartermaster fields, 20 Signal fields, 19 Transportation fields, 18 Medical Service fields, and 5 Finance fields. Among the technical fields concerned are: chemistry, engineering, nuclear physics, electronics, agriculture, bacteriology, psychology, pharmacy, meteorology, business management and administration, and many other related fields.

Individuals possessing a master's or doctor's degree from an accredited college or university in any of the above technical specialties, or a bachelor's degree with practical experience in a particular technical specialty, and who are eligible otherwise, can qualify for regular Army commissions.

An applicant must be between 21 and 27 years of age, but those with military experience may apply if they can complete 2 years active commissioned service prior to their 55th birthday.

Individuals who are interested in apply and desire additional information may write to the Commanding General, Fourth US Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AKAAG-T.

to so large a force was in vain, passed over to the Mexican side of the river.

Two merchants went out to escort Cortinas into town thinking to be able to save their stores of goods. Their stores were the first that suffered and to the full extent, as far as wearing apparel, arms, ammunition, etc. went.

Col. Ford with the volunteers and Major Heintzleman of the regulars reached Rio Grande City on the 29th and drove the Mexicans from the town and pursued them nine miles up the river, scattering them in all directions. What became of Cortinas and his men was not known, but a rumor reached Roma that Cortinas had re-united with some 200 or 300 men at Rancho Boston, some 33 miles above Brownsville.

Col. Thomas Rose advertises a flat boat ready to leave Galveston.

Jagaterrier, New Breed Of Pooch, Comes To Texas

AUSTIN — An Austin nurse has brought a new breed of hunting dogs to Texas. They are Jagaterriers, registered dogs imported from Germany.

Mrs. D. M. Knutson thinks her dogs, Fritzie and Mitzie, will be the start of another hobby for sons who like dogs. An account of the dogs is in an article in the December issue of TEXAS GAME AND FISH magazine.

There are approximately one hundred Jagaterriers in the United States today, and the owners have formed an active club about 35 years ago.

The dog is approximately 12 to 16 inches high, with a body length of from 16 to 19 inches. It weighs between 15 and 20 pounds.

It is predominantly black with some brown markings. The hair coat is thick and rough. It is described as a good retriever for ducks, rabbits, pheasants. It also is a good dog for predators.

ton on the first rise of the Trinity.

Overland Mail:—We are again indebted to the overland mail between San Diego and San Antonio for San Francisco papers of December 19, received here on the 10th inst., this being within 22 days after the day of publication.

Among the passengers by the Persia is the young Baron Solomon Rothschild, of the Paris House of Rothschild.

From The Augusta Dispatch Southern Shoes. — One of our contemporaries asks: "What is to hinder us from manufacturing our own shoes?" To which we are to answer, the want of shoe pegs. Thousands of bushels of shoe pegs are brought from the North and sold to Southern shoemakers. Is it possible that there is no wood in the southern states suitable, or that the manufacture of a shoe peg is beyond southern ingenuity? We know to the contrary, and we think that those who very properly advocate the manufacture of southern shoes had better begin at the beginning and let their motto be, Independence in Shoe Pegs.

A convention of Bloomer damsels is reported to have resolved that they will wear short dresses or nothing. What an awful thing it would be if they should not wear the short dresses!

A SCAPE GRACE Corsicana, Texas, December, 1859

Eds. News: Have you heard of Brother Taylor? You answer No. Very well, allow me to give you a scrap of his history. Brother Taylor is a low, plump dandy-looking man of 27 summers. He came into this region from a septentrional direction and was employed by our elder to occupy the Tellico circuit.

But Brother Taylor had a cloven foot. He "borrowed" a pair of match horses worth, I understand, \$400, and a buggy, left with them and has not been seen since.

I wish I could describe him better so that after he has been honored with a notice from the Galveston News and a few other journals of large circulation, he may be captured and taught useful lessons at Huntsville for 10 or 15 years. Brother Taylor is one of the few white men our citizens would pay half the price of a black man for.

Hwy. Department Ends 41st Year Of Operation

AUSTIN — The Texas Highway Department has just totaled its forty-first year of operation. State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer said that 80 per cent of the funds expended during the past year were for construction and 13 per cent for maintenance.

"Less than two-thirds of one percent was spent for the administration of the Highway Department, and the remaining six and one-third percent went for the highway patrol and miscellaneous operations.

"The 80 percent expended for construction is the largest percent that has gone for this item since the few years soon after the creation of the Highway Department. Almost all of the expenditures went for construction in those early days, as the counties were responsible for highway maintenance at that time. The Department assumed maintenance of state highways in 1924.

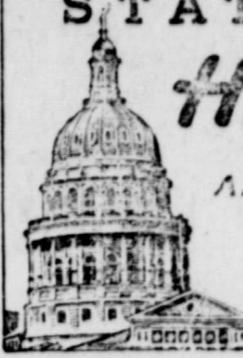
"Over the 41 years, 70 percent of the funds have been expended for construction," Greer said.

Greer stated that during the past year, 19 percent of the revenue of the Department came from license plates, 32 percent from the gasoline tax, 43 percent from the federal government, and the remaining 6 percent from miscellaneous sources.

In the 41 years of operation, \$3.3 billion dollars have been spent on the Texas Highway System. The System now consists of 60,374 miles.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sheppard of Big Spring visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Nettie Shelton, and aunt, Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights



by Vern Sanford

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — 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 new comers.

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 system," "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 is not 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 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 at all deliberate speed."

Mr. and Mrs. Blue McCoy spent Sunday in Abilene visiting their sons. Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCoy and Mr. and Mrs. Jean McCoy.

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