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## Safety and Health for Every Child Is Goal Sought By Health Department

Austin, Texas, December 4: "The Texas State Department of Health has joined the President of the United States, and United States Children's Bureau, in cooperative measures designed to promote the welfare and safety of children," declared Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. This is a part of the Civilian Defense Plan that is being set up throughout the nation.

Adequate provisions for safety and health for every child, lead the list of objectives in the defense program for children. Emphasis is laid on the importance of advance planning to assure safety in case of grave emergency; and on the continuation and extension of the health services now available for mothers and children including maternity care, continuous health supervision of all children; medical, surgical and dental care of children and young people beyond school age.

Measures that will keep children well and strong physically, with particular reference to their nutritional needs, come next on the list, with special reference to the education of parents and children in the selection and preparation of foods; extension of school lunch services; extension of the food stamp plan of low-income families; and utilization of advisory services of nutritionists in health and welfare agencies.

Security in home life comes next among the objectives, including provision for proper housing, care of dependent children; aid to mothers and responsible care and supervision of children whose mothers are employed; social services thru county or local agencies to help conserve home life and make good school and community relationships possible for children with special needs and handicaps.

Recognition of the need for maintaining and extending all

possible safe-guards against the employment of children in hazardous occupations in industry and agriculture is urged as a further objective; and particular emphasis is laid on the importance of character building for citizenship through the continuation and extension of educational and other services, to learn to accept responsibility, to understand the rich heritage and purposes of our civilization to develop high standards of personal integrity and intelligent loyalty to democratic ideals and institutions.

## Browning Leases Farm To Pete Gentry

There is demand more or less for good farms—small farms and stock farms. But there has not been many changes thus far.

The most important deal of its kind of which The Enterprise is informed was the leasing by Brooks Browning, manager of Browning's store, of his stock farm, a mile north of town on highway 70, to Pete Gentry.

Mr. Browning bought this farm less than two years ago and began to improve it and converted it into a stock farm. Before he hardly knew it, he had a good herd of jerseys. From these cows he was getting a fine revenue, selling their milk products. But Mr. Browning found himself tied down with too much responsibility. Therefore he cast about for a responsible man to whom he could turn over the farm and the jersey herd. When he and Pete Gentry met, the two men, each, found the man for whom he was looking. Consequently the trade was made and Mr. Gentry has assumed charge.

## MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS

Owners of all motor vehicles must have Title Ownership Certificates to operate or register vehicles after Jan 1, 1942. That is a new state law.

Owners of motor vehicles acquired since Oct. 1, 1939, have been given certificates of title along with other necessary papers in the transaction.

But prior to Oct. 1, 1939, these title certificates were not issued. To avoid violating the law, these owners must obtain such certificates.

Such certificates may be obtained through the Nolan County Tax Assessor-Collector's office. Applications should be accompanied with a copy of the 1939 registration papers, as well as the current registration receipts.

These applications should be made immediately to avoid the last minute rush. All motor vehicles must be titled regardless of when purchased.

**RAYMOND BISHOP**  
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR  
NOLAN COUNTY

## As President of McMurry College Dr. Frank Turner Begins His Fourth Year

## "Grandmother" Higginbotham, 82, Dies at Her Home

Mrs. Sarah A. Higginbotham, when she died Wednesday afternoon, December 3, 1941, at her home in Bronte, one of the truly pioneer women of Bronte and Coke county passed from the walks of life.

Religious services were conducted at the Bronte Baptist church, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Eldridge conducted the services and interment followed in Fairview cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Allen Butner, Albert Rawlings, Bob Ash, O. H. Willoughby, George Thomas and Emmett Caperton.

Deceased came to Bronte in 1890, making her to have been a resident of Bronte and this immediate section of country for more than a half century. Her husband, T. A. Higginbotham, a ranchman and farmer, died in 1907. Since that time "Grandmother" Higginbotham, as she was affectionately called by her wide circle of friends and acquaintances, chose to spend her days most of the time in her home, where she lived and her children and grandchildren cared for her wants.

Those who survive are her son, F. S. Higginbotham, who served different terms as sheriff of Coke county. Besides the son there are ten grandchildren who are: Mrs. A. J. Fitzhugh of San Antonio; Gwendolyn Higginbotham of San Angelo; Modelle, Mozelle and Betty Jane Higginbotham of Bronte; T. A. Mitchell of Blair; Mrs. Paul Good of Robert Lee; Mrs. Fay Scott of Bronte; Mrs. Imola Lee of Abilene; and Mrs. Beatrice Biggestaff of Bonham. Also surviving are 10 great-grandchildren.

Keeney Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The writer has known "Grandmother" Higginbotham for forty one years. It was in 1900 that we first came to Bronte, meeting her at that time. In later years from 1909 to 1912 we owned and published The Enterprise at

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## Garey Edwards Has Fast-growing Grocery & Station

Less than six months ago Carey Edwards bought the grocery and service station from U. F. Taylor and took charge of same. Before buying this business Mr. Edwards worked for a long time for Mr. Taylor. Being an experienced grocery and service station operator, Mr. Edwards fit right into his job—so much so that Mr. Taylor due to ill health, turned the business and its management over to Mr. Edwards. He did so well, Mr. Taylor desiring to get free from any burdens of the business altogether, sold to Mr. Edwards.

At once Mr. Edwards began to improve and expand his business, both the grocery and the service station. "Service" was his battle song from the first—as a result, by all his courteous treatment of those who buy from him and by honest fair, square dealing Mr. Edwards is building a business of which he may justly be proud.

is to serve as a source of maintenance until such time as permanent funds can be secured. Preparations are being made to put it into effect throughout both the Northwest Texas and the New Mexico conferences.

to the school during Dr. Turner's tenure as its chief executive, are the erection and payment of the president's home, at a cost of more than \$11,000; the addition to the Radford Memorial auditorium the gift of the concert grand three manual, electric organ and a soundproof studio to house it; the paving of streets on and about the campus; the purchase of the Radford art building adjoining the campus; and the lights on Donaldson Field.

Latest gift to the college is the R. V. Miller collection of antiques which is one of the most extensive in the part of

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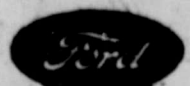
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Mrs. Jack Dixon had an operation for a growth on her finger. It was feared at first that it was a malignant tumor, but later, it proved, after a thorough laboratory test, that it was not, which was much relief to Mrs. Dixon and all her family.

Mesdames Barrett Mackey, Callie Bennett and J. D. Luttrell were among the throngs that were shopping in San Angelo, Monday.

Mrs. Charles Albert was rushed to a San Angelo hospital Monday, being stricken with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walls are visiting their daughter, Mary, in Oklahoma City.

### Odd Fellows In Coke County To Organize Again

A very enthusiastic meeting was held in the Bronte Lodge No. 307 IOOF, on last Monday night. Members of the Ballinger Lodge, headed by District Deputy Grand Master, Roy L. Hill, at Bronte for the purpose of resuscitating the lodge, which has been demised for several months. A round table discussions was had, and all former members of that Lodge, and the Robert Lee Lodge, rededicated themselves to the work of re-organization. A committee composed of G. A. Best and W. C. McDonald, was appointed to work out the preliminary plans for the consolidation of the Bronte, Robert Lee, and Edith Lodges, with the combined membership of each, making one of the strongest organizations of subordinate lodges in this section. Complete consolidation of the Lodges is expected to result forthwith.

Tuesday night, Ballinger Sub-

ordinate Lodge No. 291, was host to the Tuscola, Winters and Miles Lodges, at which time a class of four candidates took the First Degree work. A team was made up of members from Ballinger, Winters, Tuscola and Miles, with Uncle Bob Smith of Tuscola as team captain, and Glen Raley of Miles as noble grand. Some very fine team work was done by the team, after a banquet prepared by the Sister Rebekahs for the visiting members, consisting of baked chicken, dressing, the usual trimmings, cake and coffee. Every one expressed themselves as having spent an enjoyable evening.

Ballinger Odd Fellows visited Tuscola Lodge last Monday evening, and participated in putting the Second Degree on a class of three candidates for the Ballinger Lodge. They are to visit Miles Lodge next Monday night, and team up with the Miles members on degree work, for other candidates, that have recently joined the Ballinger Lodge. Miles, Winters, and Ballinger Lodges are each receiving new members, and Wingate Lodge will be re-organized within the next few days, and some new members taken into the work there. All Lodges in this District are experiencing a renewed interest, and the work is progressing satisfactorily, far in excess of any previous record.

Roy L. Hill, D.D.G.M., Ballinger, Texas

Misses Dot and Allene Edwards visited their grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Edwards, at Blackwell, the past week end.

### Bronte NYA Activities Are Now Discontinued

Bronte NYA activities have been discontinued for the present. This was done because of the closing of the San Angelo NYA district office which has been moved to Lubbock. It is thought the activities will be resumed as soon as all minor adjustments incident to moving are made.

Department of Commerce  
 Bureau of the Census  
 Washington  
 Cotton Ginning Report

Census report shows that 3,237 bales of cotton were ginned in Coke County from the crop of 1941 prior to Nov. 14 as compared with 3,484 bales for the crop of 1940.

Very respectfully,  
 William R. Knierim  
 Date 11-26-41 Special Agent

Rupert Robbins was visiting in Bronte recently. Rupert was in the last call for the army so was making a goodbye visit, before entering the service.

Lawrence Sims was in San Angelo Monday, in quest of a job.

**Dr. R. C. Maddox**  
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Mrs. O. H. Willoughby who has been in a San Angelo hospital, suffering from pneumonia is now recovering. Mr. Willoughby spent Sunday with her.

Mr. Morgan who is with the Atlantic Pipeline is building a new residence which will soon be ready for occupancy.

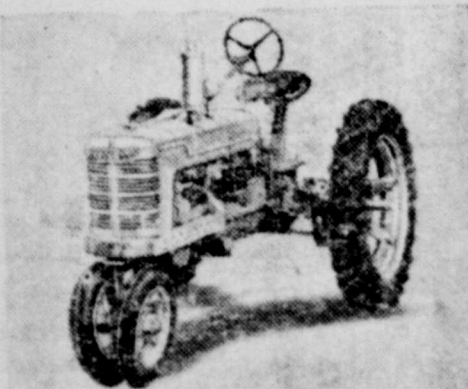
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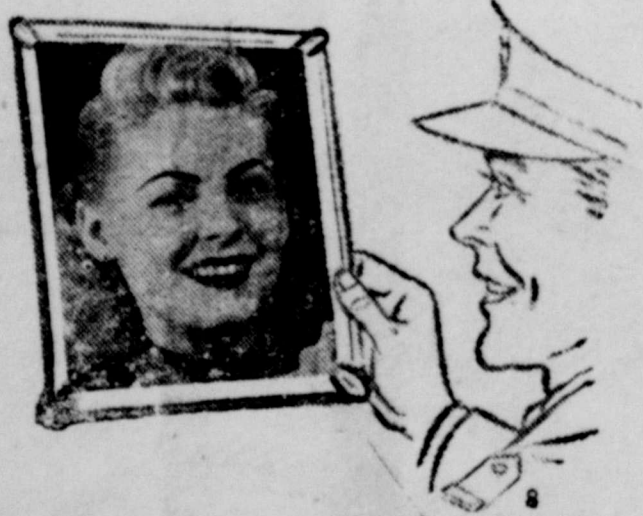
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Mr. and Mrs. Orbie Lee Williams from Odessa were visiting relatives here first of the week.

Jacob Morrow, Jr., who has been in a San Angelo hospital, at last report was improving.

### W. W. Millikin Buys Modgling Grocery & Market

The most important business transaction in Bronte that changes up the complexion of the business personnel of the town is the purchase of the W. Modgling Grocery & Market by W. W. Millikin.

The Modgling Grocery & Market was one of the old established businesses of the town. It was launched first by Walter Modgling, W. B. Smith, deceased and Walter Good. Later Mr. Modgling bought the interests of his two associates and continued the business in his own name. The thing about the partnership of the three men is they were in business together for several years, and there never was any misunderstanding between them. And after the partnership was discontinued all three remained the best of friends, and both of the retiring partners worked for Mr. Modgling at different times. Mr. Smith was in the employ of Mr. Modgling at the time of his untimely death.

And another feature of the "new deal" is that Mr. Modgling will be in the employ of Mr. Millikin.

Mr. Millikin owns his business house, part of which he occupies in his ice and coal business. He has an elegant place in the front of his building in which to house his grocery business. He has redecorated the interior of

his place in which the grocery and market are located and has also given touch of paint to his shelves and show cases, thus making his place sanitary and beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. St. Clair returned to their home at Quemado Saturday. Mrs. St. Clair had been here for some time visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hagaman and Mr. Hagaman, and taking care of the new grandbaby. Mr. St. Clair, who was recently injured in a tractor accident, is about recovered.

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**PRESIDENT—**

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the country and comprises some relics that are almost invaluable. Plans are now being made to provide adequate housing for the collection.

Largest individual gift to McMurry College since its founding, that of \$72,250 in oil payments made this fall by Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Jay of Abilene, came during Dr. Turner's administration.

Since coming to the college, Dr. Turner has inaugurated a maintenance program which is conference-wide and which has greatly improved the financial condition of the college. This program during the past conference year yielded over \$12,000 for maintenance and improvement.

Dr. Turner gives it as his conviction that "the position of McMurry college was never more secure or its challenge never greater."

**HIGGINBOTHAM—**

(Continued from page one) which time we became steadfast friends and through the years we never met but that we discussed the earlier days and the conditions that existed then. She was a quiet, modest, gracious woman through all the years and was a devout Christian devoted to her church and its work, and in the days of her active life she was always faithful to the obligations her church vows put upon her.

"Grandmother," may you rest sequestered spot, with the others in peace, out there in that quiet, of the precious dead, where those lifelong friends put your poor, tired, frail body away, yesterday, for its last sleep and rest— for,

"well done" has been your part in life and now that you are gone, your loved ones and your host of lifelong friends will miss you from the walks of life, but they will, each and all, cherish your queenly graces of womanhood and the many kindnesses you have shown them along life's tragic way.

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