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and
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county**

by bascom nelson

The United States is coming into a new awareness of the problems of schooling due to the missile and the intricacy of industry and generally more complex problems of society. Our schools are turning to higher sciences, higher mathematics and intensified studies of the humanities.

Let us hear nothing of training youngsters in the skills that made our country the great industrial power that it is.

The magazine this week offered a lengthy study on higher education and thus reflected the current moods of the nation. We are concerned with the gifted and their advanced education and so much of our public school work is directed that way that we tend to forget vocational education.

There, on a pre-college level, a youngster is taught in a school the operation of a milling machine, a shaper, a lathe, a linotype, a band saw, a sander, or a stamping press. He can learn metallurgy, aircraft, pattern-making, die-making, dynamiting, drilling, turning, operation, carpentry, boat-making, riveting, boiler-making, mach-making and ultra-sonic machining?

Every one of these things are available to our nation, from Castro County on up. A boy unable to attend college can learn a lot of things in high school—but he can't learn how to make a living!

Some educators would argue that there is not a school function to teach small arts, that craftsmen emerge from on-the-job training. They may or may not be true, but my boys will remember how to open a lathe bit much longer than how to diagram a sentence, which means simply that perhaps small arts would do the most fine good in many cases.

This bone of contention has been around a lot in recent years. I have heard the statement "My son has a college degree, but he can't have a trade... he can't live a living!" This, and similar phrases, happens often enough. But, if anything, should be enough to let the first place most high school courses now are necessary to insure some degree of capability in math, English, history and other departments. But a youngster should not have sixteen high school courses crammed into his head to be dumped out upon the world at age 18 to fend for himself against others for the few remaining unskilled jobs available.

We think that at least two more courses should be offered as optional to youngsters interested in developing an industrial art. Let others go on to college, but the boy who can't go on the opportunity to earn a good-paying wage. It wouldn't cost much to set up a few basic courses in metal working, wood working, mechanics, shopwork, and other manual arts. \$20-to-\$30,000 in equipment would take care of most of the expenditures in a place like Dimmitt High School and shop equipment usually lasts so long that depreciation would not amount to more than a thousand dollars or so a year.

Back in the early days a 12-year-old was apprenticed out to a father to some craftsman or old. He was paid \$5 or \$10 a week for his work until he was 21 when after critical judgment by his peers in the trade he was granted journeyman status. The ritual was almost universal, whether it was painting, carpentry, masonry, or what have you. But as just aren't done that way anymore.

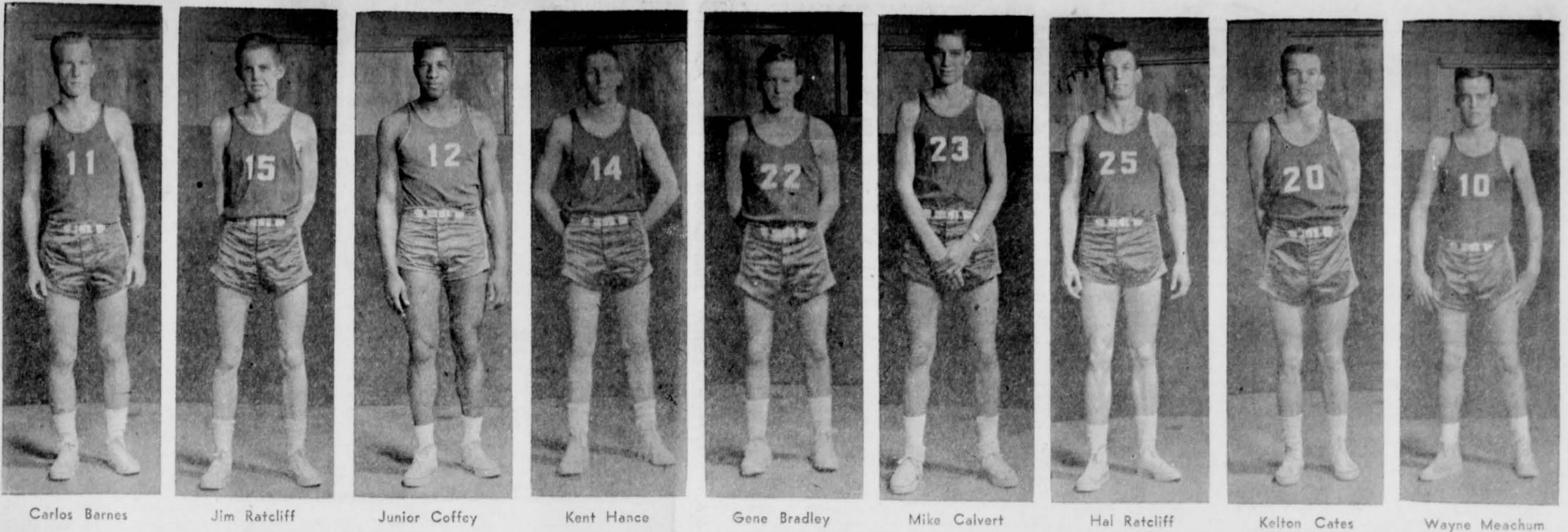
Someday we'll have engineers coming around with drawings asking in vain for someone to build their machines for them.

Have you ever considered how you would sound if we wrote our news stories in this newspaper in a "style"? So you're not interested in style, well, we'll give you a sample below, viz:

State police from Dimmitt a few days ago rushed to the scene of a bus accident ten miles north of town. First reports have it that bodies are lying all over the road. Our information is scanty as best we can tell—but wait!!! Have you heard the latest? Smoochy Lipstick Corporation has come out with a tremendous new, cancer free, odorless lipstick—orange 17! Not one rat out of a hundred that uses Smoochy's Orange 17 has died of cancer. No other lipstick—er, lipstick—firm can make that statement! Be sure you're charming, gay. Live up to your expected lifespan. Remember—For the lipstick that can't make your lips stick, choose Smoochy's.

"Oh, yes, about the bus. It just had a flat. Seems the people were hanging around on the ground because the weather's pretty and stuffy in the bus. And now, time out for the next commercial."

And so on. We hate to point up too many faults of this great mass medium of television because we can't even have a set ourselves and it's a borrowed look anytime we see a program. We may run out of ads in this newspaper, but we don't insert them in the news stories and features.



BOBCATS GAIN STATE FINALS!

The Dimmitt Bobcats Thursday night battled a highly-favored Belton Tiger basketball team in Gregory Gymnasium in Austin and came out winner by a score of 65-62.

It was a hair-raising spectacle for Dimmitt fans from the beginning. Belton quickly jumped into a 7-point lead in the first quarter and the Bobcats seemed to falter and miscue. But about midway in the quarter the Dimmitt team found the range and from then on it was a battle royal. The first quarter ended with Belton ahead, but Dimmitt gaining, 17-20.

The lead changed hands four times in the first half and the score at the end of the second quarter was 37-36, Dimmitt leading.

It was nip and tuck as the Bobcats battled fiercely against the team that averaged 3 inches per man taller. Belton controlled the backboards except when fiery Richard Walker could snag one at the top of one of his many high jumps.

Hal Ratcliff was the star of the game, although he fouled off late in the third quarter. Until that point the Bobcats had relied heavily on his unerring aim and it seemed all was lost to the hard-pressing Tigers when Ratcliff walked off the court with 1:30 left in the third.

But the rest of the team—Carlos Barnes, Delbert White, Richard Walker, Junior Coffey and 14-year-old Mike Calvert—turned on an ice-cold game of methodical basketball that ground away at the Tigers until the Bobcats, minus Ratcliff, had worked up a 7-point lead. In fact, despite the wild attempts to score by the Tigers, the Bobcats never lost control of the game in the final stanza.

This was the Bobcats' 15th straight win (against 9 losses) for the season.

Belton was more or less hamstrung in the final minutes because virtually all of their players had at least four fouls each. In fact, two of their stars, Neal Chaney and Richard Inman, fouled out in the last two minutes.

The large number of Belton fouls held a good portion of the secret of Dimmitt's win. Dimmitt made 25 points through the free-throw route. Belton wasn't hitting their field goal attempts either. They connected only about one out of four of their 80-odd attempts at the basket.

This brings the Bobcats into a game Saturday night at 7:45 p.m. against the winner of the Clear Creek—Linden-Kildara game. The winner of this game will emerge as the State Class AA champion. It will be broadcast over KGNC, Amarillo.

The big consolation of the game Thursday night was that Dimmitt fans saw the Bobcats could gain ground against at least the fourth best AA team in the state without the services of the tremendously capable Hal Ratcliff. Dimmitt coach Johnny Ethridge had good reason to be proud of his team.

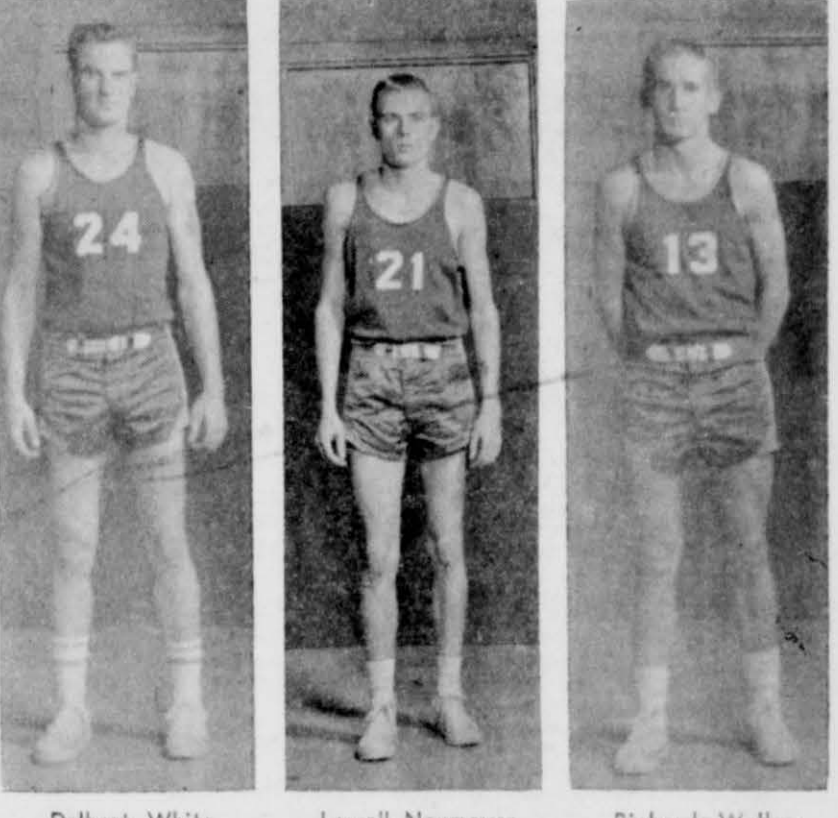
The ovations of a jam-packed crowd at Gregory Gym on the University of Texas campus were terrific. About 7,500 persons were there.

Ratcliff was again high point man with 23 points, which, incidentally, were scored in 22 minutes before he fouled off. Coffey turned in his usual tremendous game and was second in the scoring with 17 points. Carlos Barnes, whose play is as calculated as a cat stalking a sparrow, dropped in 12 points, mostly after Ratcliff fouled off. His superb performance was typical of his deliberate hard playing all year. Richard Walker scored 12 points. This short 5'-9" youngster made up in hustle what he lacked in height and through his tremendous efforts ranked as capable as any man on the team. Delbert White scored one point but his stout defensive play and aggressive offensive ball handling rounded out the starting combination that held the Belton Tigers at bay. 14-year-old Mike Calvert who took Ratcliff's place didn't score a point but his ability at coming up with the ball and his down-court play would have made him a star in any lesser game.

To get to the state tournament, the Bobcats had to reverse last year's situation and defeat the Seminole Indians 58-57 at (Continued on Page Seven)



COACH JOHNNY ETHRIDGE... takes a team to Austin for the first time.



Delbert White Lowell Neumayer Richard Walker

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Chris Birkenfeld of Nazareth Named 'Outstanding Conservation Farmer'

Chris Birkenfeld of the Nazareth Community has been selected as the "Outstanding Conservation Farmer of 1959" in Castro County.

This selection was made by the Board of Supervisors at their regular monthly meeting on February 11.

This selection is made annually by the Running Water SCD and the winner is awarded a plaque in recognition of an outstanding job in the Conservation of Soil and Water in the County on land he operates. The 1958 winner, D. D. Myrick, went on to be named one of the top 15 in Texas and was the winner of one of the Great Southwest Life Insurance Company Picture awards.

"The work that Birkenfeld has done on his own farm was enough

Four Youths Not Indicted for Recent Liquor Store Incident

Four youths who were implicated in a Nazareth liquor store break-in on January 15th were not indicted by the Castro County Grand Jury Tuesday.

Although all four of the men admitted their part in the episode, the grand jury did not return an indictment because they felt the consequences of the act had proven to be punishment enough.

Clarence Schulte, owner of the liquor store, said at the hearing that he was willing to forget the whole thing.

The verdict will give a new lease on life for the men who were charged with the attempted break-in.

They had been expelled from Texas Tech at Lubbock where all but one were students. Tech officials have given notice to the youngsters that they will be eligible for readmittance at the end of this semester. This will mean the continuance of the college careers of the youths, one of whom is within one semester of finishing a five-year engineering degree.

Vegetables Are Meeting Topic Here Wednesday

There will be a meeting to discuss the different phases of vegetable production, Wednesday, March 9th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the courthouse.

Extension personnel who will be on the program are Dr. Clyde Singletary, vegetable specialist; Dr. Harlan Smith, Plant Pathologist; and Joe Cole, Horticulturist.

These three men will discuss the growing, insect and disease control, and marketing of the different vegetable crops grown in the county. They will also be available to answer questions and discuss any particular problem the grower might have.

Any grower or interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.



Judging the entries in the Science Fair presented by the Dimmitt Schools during Public Schools Week was no easy task, a fact that is demonstrated here by the intent expressions on the faces of this judging team. This particular experiment they're examining is an effort to determine the feasibility of using plant life as a source of oxygen on other planets. The judges in this picture are Mrs. Zack Estes, Mr. Bob Haynes and Mr. Zack Estes.

Dimmitt School Enrollment has Grown to 1,399

Dimmitt School officials this week reported that an official census disclosed 1,399 students as compared to 1,344 this time last year.

This is an increase of 55 or about 4 percent.

School Board Election Set For April 2nd

The terms of the Dimmitt Public School Board expire this year and an election will be held April 2 to fill these vacancies.

The terms of M. E. Cleavinger and Norris Wesson will expire.

Wesson has stated that he will not run for re-election. He has been a member for the past fifteen years.

Cleavinger will be a candidate for re-election and H. W. Golden will be a candidate for election.

Week of Soil Stewardship to Be Observed

A special meeting of the Running Water Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Monday night, February 29, at the Community Room of the First State Bank to lay the groundwork for the observance of Soil Stewardship Week in churches throughout the County.

Soil Stewardship Week is a week set aside nationally for the purpose of reminding men that soil is a precious gift of God and that it warrants their best Christian Stewardship. In its sixth year of observance, a majority of the nearly 3,000 Soil Conservation Districts in the U.S. have reported an increasing participation of churches in Soil Stewardship Observances.

The 1960 observance of Soil Stewardship Week begins Sunday, May 22, and continues through Sunday, May 29. The Running Water SCD, in preparation for this observance, invited the pastors of all churches in the county to meet with them and plan this observance in their churches. All are being encouraged to bring the subject of Soil Stewardship into their services on one or both of these Sundays. The SCD is planning to furnish booklets, posters, and church bulletins to encourage participation.

W. G. Sanderson, chairman of the Board, told those present, "It is our hope that this observance will not only serve as an inspiration to laymen, but also serve as a reminder to pastors of one of their responsibilities."

By RALPH TEE

When Jr. came home from college, he told his father (who did a very nice business) that bad times were coming. And so his father took down his signs, stopped ordering as much merchandise, stopped telling people what he had to sell and, sure enough - people slowly stopped coming to him for things to buy. After a few months, the father turned to his son and said, "You were right son - things are bad."

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Hospital News

Patients in Castro County Hospital, types of illnesses and dates of admissions: Mrs. R. G. Ramsey, med., Jan. 24; W. L. Crabtree, med., Feb. 18; Mary E. Adcock, med., Feb. 21; Daniel Frazier, med., Feb. 28; Raymond Hance, med., Feb. 28; Clint Simmon, med., Feb. 29.

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

"I Give You Texas" is a new slogan for the state. It is a slogan that is being used by the state government and by the people of the state. It is a slogan that is being used to promote the state and to attract tourists.

Teens Need Parents' Help

In our society boys and girls begin associating at a relatively early age. Among young people, there is no thought of immediate marriage. They are just "going steady" or "going out."

What's Doing At The Churches

Northside Baptist Church: Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Services 7:30 p.m. Church of Christ: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

31 Present at First Services of Christian Church

First Christian Church in Dimmitt at 10:50 a.m. last Sunday. 31 members and friends of the church were present for the first services of the church.

SHOP BOB'S

FOR SHOPPING BASKET Specials. U.S. No. 1 COLORADO RED POTATOES 49¢. WASHINGTON RED DELICIOUS APPLES 19¢. CALIFORNIA FANCY CRISP CELERY 15¢ per stalk.

WRESTLING

Saturday, March 6, 8:30 p.m. MAIN EVENT MIGHTY ORTEGA VS. STRANGLER STAN. SEMI-FINAL EVENT DICK HUTTON VS. ALEX PEREZ.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Northside Church of Christ: Sunday: Bible Classes for all Ages 9:30 a.m., Preaching 10:30 a.m., Evening Bible Classes 5:00 p.m., Evening Preaching 6:00 p.m.

WILSON'S SMOKED

JOWL SQUARES 23¢. SUNRAY BOLOGNA 43¢. PINKNEY'S SAUSAGE 2 lb. bag 39¢. PEN FED ROUND STEAK 89¢.

Mrs. Carl Kemp Honors Son on 18th Birthday

Mrs. Carl Kemp honored her son on his 18th birthday Tuesday evening. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Kemp.

Call 88 for Printing

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Cobb's let Yourself GO for dollar day bargains. MONDAY MARCH 7. ONE TABLE OF MERCHANDISE PRICED AS MARKED. ONE GROUP JEWELRY 2 FOR THE PRICE OF ONE. GIRL'S DRESSES BROKEN SIZES YOUR CHOICE 1/2 PRICE. NYLON & VISCOSE BLENDS REG. \$2.39 \$1.79 DOLLAR DAY ONLY. THROW RUGS DOLLAR DAY ONLY. BED PILLOWS CHICKEN FEATHERS, FOAM RUBBER, REG. \$3.00 DOLLAR DAY ONLY. MEN'S HATS \$2.00. CASUAL SLACKS \$3.98 to \$4.98. MEN'S STRETCH SOX 2 PAIR FOR \$1.00. SHRIMP 45c. FISH STICKS 27c. PERCH FILLETS 45c. WHITTING 35c. OLEO 19c. EGGS 37c.

ARNEY NEWS
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fortner attended the funeral for Mrs. Laura Jane Hutson at Blackburn Shaw Funeral Chapel Monday in Amarillo.

FOR INSURANCE SEE BUDDY

Do You Need A WATER SYSTEM?
Then Check Our Supply Of New and Used Systems:
One Almost New Aeromotor Pump-Jack Type Pump.
One Used Jacuzzi Jet-Type Pump
Brand New Peerless Systems
NEW & USED GALVANIZED PIPE!
1/2 inch, 1 inch, 1 1/2 inch, 2 inch, 2 1/2 inch, and 3 inch.
USED WINDMILLS and TOWERS OVERHEAD TANKS
BOOSTER PUMPS New and Used
Come To See Us At Our New Location
1/2 Mile North Of Dimmitt On Highway 385
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Hard to define, but easy to appreciate is the way we make you feel welcome from the minute you enter our bank.
Mostly, we think, it's the kind of people who work here...
Dressed with the same ideal of friendly, interested service!

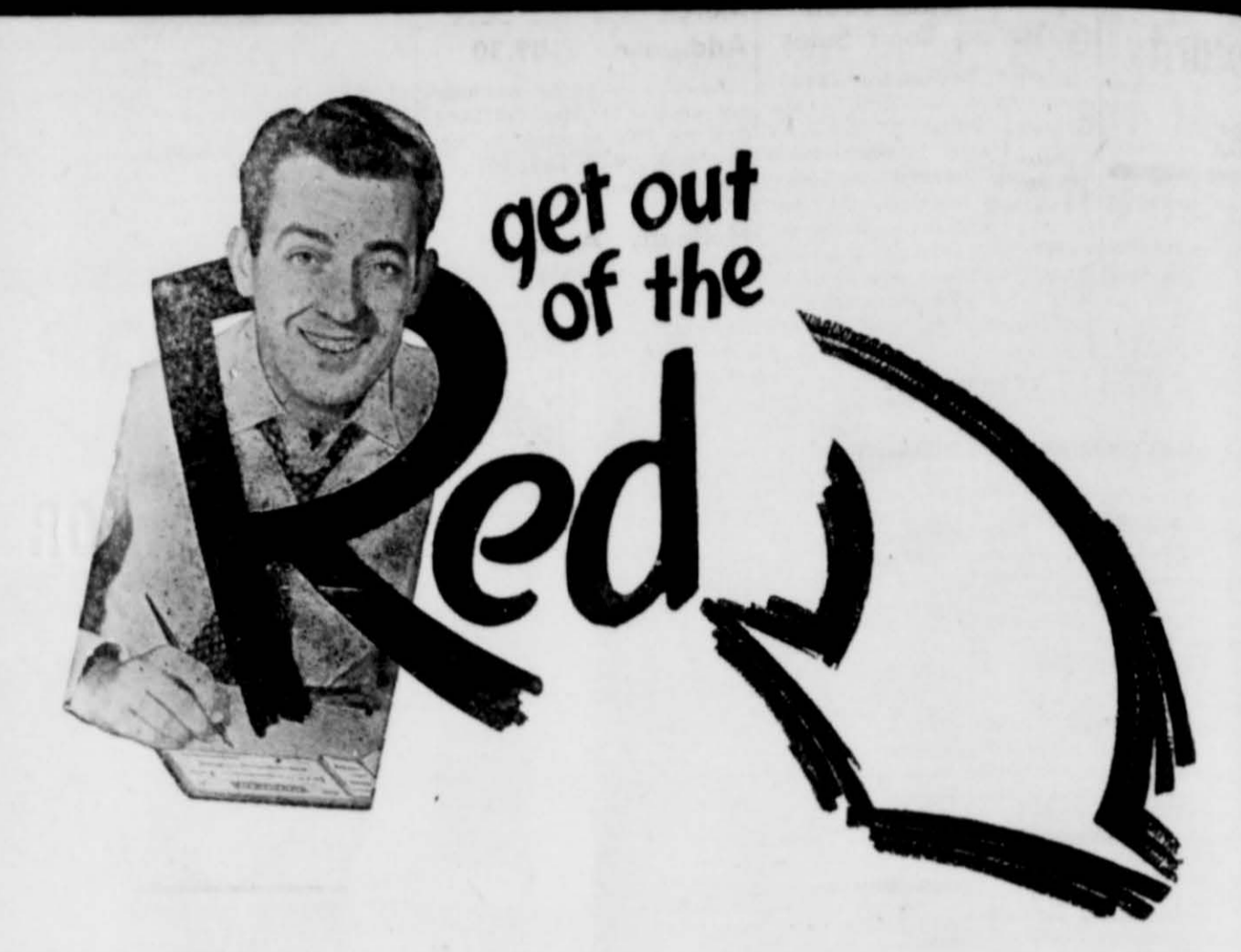
THE FIRST STATE BANK of Dimmitt

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Through a hard-hitting, conscientious ADVERTISING PROGRAM
Competition is a demanding taskmaster—but it can also be the greatest rewarding factor in merchandising or servicing. It is a taskmaster when competition defeats, when it sets the rut that engulfs the businessman. Competition is rewarding when the merchant forces it to become his tool, when he knows he has a thriving, growing business that will never want for customers.

Specialized and Dependable Agricultural Credit to Farmers and Ranchers
Specialized because:
1. It handles only agricultural credit.
2. The loan committee is composed of farmers and ranchers who know farming and ranching in this area and the General Manager who has had years of credit experience and training.
3. All personnel dealing with credit have an agricultural background and agricultural credit training.

Plainview Production Credit Association Lending in excess of \$27,000,000 annually
Ewing L. Mathis Field Office Manager Dimmitt, Texas
Other Offices Located in - Plainview, Floydada, Friona, Muleshoe, Littlefield, and Tulla.

Security Notes

Goals of the Social Security Act are to provide a safety net for the elderly and the disabled. The Social Security Administration is to pay benefits as early as possible to persons entitled to them.

Rev. Egger To Preside At District Rally
Rev. Darris Egger will preside at a Missionary Rally for the Plainview District at the First Methodist Church in Tulla on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

The Versatile Everman 329
The main wheels of the EVERMAN 329 are made with NEW SPINNING technology for extra durability and long life.

YS IMPLEMENT CO. Dimmitt, Texas

County Leads Area In Saving Bond Sales

Savings Bond sales for January 1960 totaled \$29,857,000, Judge Raymond Wilson, Chairman of Castro County Savings Bonds Committee reported this week.

March of Dimes Gets Additional \$109.30
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Piggly Wiggly's Pick of the Week Values

Table listing various grocery items and their prices, such as Shurfine Apple Butter, Swift's Premium, and Coca-Cola.

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Castro County News

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Dryland maize yield increases 1100 lbs. per acre



KENNETH BROSEH of Lockney, Tex. reports that 60 lbs. of Ammonia helped make 3200 lbs. maize per acre

A test was conducted on 250 acres of dryland maize to help determine the benefits of ammonia. On 30 acres, 60 pounds of Phillips 66 Ammonia per acre was applied pre-plant.

"Cotton increased 1/4 bale per acre," he says, "where 40 pounds of Phillips 66 Ammonia was applied pre-plant.

HART NEWS

By Mrs. Grenville Martin... The W.M.U. Ladies of the Hart Baptist Church gave a "Come As You Are" breakfast Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Donald Leonard gave the devotional. Mrs. Percy Hart led the games. Mrs. Howard Mitchell gave the program for the month of March and Mrs. Jess Newomine gave the history of the W.M.U.

Coffee and doughnuts were served to Mrs. G. C. Kirell, Mrs. Grenville Martin, Mrs. Jimmie Davis, Mrs. Nora Ray, Mrs. Donzi Loomis, Mrs. Jack Harris, Mrs. Dave Bastie, Mrs. Bill Lack, Mrs. Ethel Lacy, Mrs. Jim Helgert, Mrs. Jess Newomine, Mrs. Lee Harris, Mrs. Casey Jones, Mrs. R. A. Futrell, Mrs. Sherd Davis, Mrs. Joe Claude Ray, Mrs. Rodney Smith, Mrs. Weldon Davis, Mrs. Dean Sanders, Mrs. Harvey Davis and Mrs. J. P. Armstrong.

Monday: Bar-B-Q pork, buttered potatoes, combination salad, ginger cookies, milk, butter and bread.

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Wednesday: Hamburger, French fried potatoes, tomato slices, jelly and fruit, milk.

Thursday: Fried chicken and dumplings, lettuce and tomato salad, English peas, chocolate pudding, ginger cookies, milk, butter and bread.

Friday: Phillipine of Plainville was visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Reed, Sunday.

Mrs. C. L. Beavers was visiting in Plainville Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. U. S. Grant.

Mrs. and Mr. Jim Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brooks were in Lamesa Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Eld Brooks and family of Dimmitt visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Landers were in Lamesa Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. John Credek.

Mrs. Jack Godfrey and Danny Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harris last week was their daughter, Mrs. Sharon Anthony of Vernon.

H. L. Crouch, father of Les Crouch, underwent surgery Monday, the second within a week. This time his leg was removed above the knee. He is doing as well as could be expected.

The Senior H. D. Club met with Mrs. Ray Bennett Tuesday, March 1, for covered dish luncheon. Present were Mrs. Bill Swindle, Mrs. Paul Brooks, Mrs. Percy Hart, Mrs. Fred Hamm, Mrs. Buster Adams, Willis Hawkins, Mrs. T. U. Smith, Mrs. Mable Avon, Mrs. E. E. Foster, Mrs. Bennett and one visitor, Mrs. Lawrence McLain.

The program was on Insurance Recreations and making pillows. The club showed a film at school Wednesday, March 2 at 2 p.m. The film was entitled "Arctic Adventure."

The next meeting will be held March 13 with Mrs. Paul Brooks. The program will be on salads.

HARMAN'S DOLLAR DAY MONDAY, MARCH 7th. clean sweep SALE. PLAYTEX GIRDLES \$6.95. TOP QUALITY WHITE GOODS 49c yd.

PLISSE or 80 SQUARE 39c yd. 72 inch NYLON NET 29c yd. 45 inch TAFFETTA 2 YARDS \$1.00. UNBLEACHED 80 SQUARE DOMESTIC 4 yds. \$1.00.

LADIES DRESSES \$4.99. HOSERY 69c pr. SANDALS \$2.49 pr. JUMBO CUP TOWELS 4 For \$1.00.

WHITE SHEETS 81x99 Only \$1.67 each. BED PILLOWS \$4.47 ea. SWEATERS BULKY KNIT VALUES TO \$6.98 only \$3.97. DIAPERS 1 dozen \$1.77.

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"Sparky Sez"

By Willie Word

Your fire department has made four fire calls since the last printing of this column. This means that we have had nearly as many calls in a two week period as we had since the first of the year. The statement which I made in this column a few weeks ago about the months of January, February and March has already proven to be a fact even this year. I would caution you to be that much more careful in order that we hold our fire loss to a minimum and protect the lives and property of ourselves and our friends and neighbors. We have had some grass fires that didn't amount to much damage but could have resulted in a great loss of property if they had not been brought under control at the proper time. The time of the year is here when we have our highest winds, so I would caution you to be especially careful about lighting trash barrel fires and burning weeds, grass, etc. without first checking to see whether we are supposed to get winds of a high velocity within the next few hours. We were called to the home of the George Pope's Wed. to extinguish a grass fire that was started from the trash barrel of one of the neighbors. I would hate to think that I was the cause of one of my neighbor's homes being damaged or destroyed because of my thoughtlessness and thoughtless and carelessness are the two primary

factors that cause fires that destroy lives and property. We made one fire call to the Assembly of God Church. About \$150.00 damages were done to the building in one of the rest rooms. Fortunately it was discovered and reported soon enough to prevent total loss of the building and the wind happened to be in the right direction to prevent any smoke damages to the remainder of the building. We were called to a fire seven miles North and one and three fourths of a mile East to the G. R. Adams place on which Buddy Barnes farms. Approximately 350 bales of good alfalfa hay and a sheep shed were destroyed. The barn and hay were beyond saving by the time the fire department was notified, but we were called to stand by to protect the home and outbuildings which were greatly endangered when a cold front moved through with 20 to 30 mile per hour winds it quickly fanned the embers into the hay inciting it and fanning the fire out of control within minutes.

One of the headlines in one of the daily papers today reads, "33 Killed in Bash of Home Fires, 25 Children among the Dead. Four in Texas." "These are headlines in a paper. It won't happen to us." This very thing is happening every day throughout our great country and it could very well happen right here in Dimmitt unless we take every precaution to check our homes for hazards and do everything in our power to prevent fires. On the news broadcast on the radio this morning eleven more persons had lost their lives in fires. (These losses were too late in the night to have made the morning papers). This means that

within a 36 hour period that 44 people have lost their lives in fires. Three of these were firemen who lost their lives combating a blaze which was of an incendiary nature (Arson). To me, the arsonist is just guilty of murder as a man who would pull a gun and shoot a man, and should be punished accordingly. Four of the children who were burned to death had been left alone at home by the parents who were separated. They were not only left alone, but locked in the house and were unable to free themselves. The locked doors also prevented would-be rescuers from entering the home in an effort to save the children. I don't know what punishment could be inflicted on people who would do such a thing in the first place, but I am sure that the Good Lord has something in mind. LET'S STOP FIRES — SAVE LIVES.

Your fire department held their regular practice sessions the past two weeks. The fire department and their wives and children were treated to a good fresh pork sausage supper with all the trimmings one night this past week by Mr. and Mrs. Fay Pinner of the Pinner Insurance Agency. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the supper and the visiting which followed. Thanks to the Pinner.

A man vacationing in Europe wired his psychiatrist back home: "Having a wonderful time—why?"

Anyone knowing the where, abouts of the silverware which the fire department used to have should notify any member of the department or the auxiliary. Evidently someone borrowed it and has failed to return same. It is a little inconvenient trying to eat sausage, beans, and potato salad with your fingers, but it can be done. Seriously, the silverware has been misplaced by someone and if you know where it might be, please contact us. Revenge

It was three o'clock in the morning when all at once the telephone began to ring. Fred Vogelswinner climbed sleepily out of bed and answered it. "Listen, I'm your next door neighbor and your dog is barking so loud I can't sleep. If you don't do something about it I'll wring the dog's neck."

The next night at three a.m. Fred Vogelswinner went to the telephone and called his neighbor. His neighbor dragged himself out of bed and sleepily answered the phone. "Listen you," said Fred, "I don't have a dog."

Here's a little rhyme to remember.



Acting as judges of the science exhibits at the annual Science Show presented by the Dimmitt Schools this week were these five persons selected by the Pan-Plains Chapter of the American Chemical Society. They are left to right: Mr. Bob Haynes, Mr. Lowell Stroud, and Mr. C. G. Kirkland all three of whom are chiefs in the engineering division of the United States Bureau of Mines. The two persons on the extreme right are Mr. and Mrs. Zack Estes. Mr. Estes is employed by Pan-Tex Ordinance Co. and Mrs. Estes is a former teacher of chemistry at West Texas State. In summing up their remarks to Inez Robinson, who is head of the high school science department, the judging panel said they were "extremely impressed with the number of entries and with the calibre of them".

Burk and Kenny Ebeling; Horace, Robert Froehner; Heck, Steve Smith; Paul, Michael Cranford; Slim, Jerral Seale and Jimmy, Tommy Tittle. Mr. and Mrs. Esteban and sons Doyle Underwood attended services of J. J. Sunday.



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A service has been planned by the chairman of the Spiritual Life Committees of all the WSCS Churches and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Members of this group are: Mesdames George Bagwell, Floyd Stanford, J. C. Williams, Sid Muse, George Webb, and Melton Richardson. All women of the church are invited to attend.

have. You know he's never ever broken a hundred before!"

"You forget," smiled St. Peter, "that he can't ever tell anybody he played golf on Sunday!"

Definition of a Texan: The only man in the room who doesn't know whose picture is on the one dollar bill.

Sparky Sez, "So long for this time, and don't start a fire that you can't control."

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