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## As I See Ranger

By Gene Townsend

The Texas Beef Council stated in a report a few days ago that there would be more meat available to homemakers this year than ever before. They predicted approximately 14 billion pounds of beef would be raised this year. James Ratliff is doing his part to make this prediction come true. He has shipped 44 of the steers that he has been feeding and the 44 steers weighed 54,340 pounds. And that, we would say, is adding several steaks to the market. He still has about 150 head that he is feeding.

Ranger College held open house at Newell Hall and the Athletic Dorm Thursday night. The college can be proud of the boys for the way that they had their rooms and building cleaned. The only thing that surprised me was the boys in (Cell Block) Athletic Dorm. It didn't seem like an Athletic Dorm at all, but more like a political convention. As one would enter the Cell Block, Jimmy Knickerbocker would meet them and escort them through the building to his room, proudly saying "this is my room." Then you would be waylaid by James Hoskinson and Howard Stallings who would give a campaign speech about their room being the best and cleanest in the building. When anyone got near room 13, Bill Phillips would invite them in for a cup of coffee and some candy. But laying all jokes aside, the boys did a real good job in preparing for the open house. I would like to go on record as saying that Ranger College is fortunate in having such a fine group of students this year.

Charles Mahaffey was in the office a few days ago talking about getting everything set up for the coming Little League program. It seems like we just finished with Little League, but the season is almost on us again. A few days of sunshine and we will see a lot of boys start dragging out those gloves and bats.

The College Independent Basketball team played Jack the Ripper team at Olden Thursday night and won 117 to 89. It seems the Galloway boys, Ned and Oscar had a pretty good night.

Overheard Mrs. George Rushton and Mrs. Nick Crawford talking at the drug store the other day. Mrs. Rushton was talking about the patience that the nurses and doctors have with small children. Mrs. Crawford said that anyone could have a lot of patience if they were getting paid for it. I guess that is true in about everything. There is a lot of jobs that are easier, if the pay is right.

Mrs. Frank Weeks reported early Friday that her brother, Lloyd Clem, who has been critically ill in the Midland Memorial Hospital, is much better. He has returned to his home in El Paso.

## Statement Issued By Ogden and Sue

In a recent issue of the Times, a story concerning the resignation of three policemen, it has been brought to our attention by a statement from Bill Ogden and Ray Sue, that "their resignation was in no way connected with that of D. L. Wrinkle, but that their resignation was due to unsatisfactory working conditions."



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## High School Essays Presented Here

A total of 20 essays, written by English students of Mrs. Lillie Robinson at Ranger High School recently appeared in "Young America Speaks", an anthology of the National Essay Association.

The anthology includes essays written by high school students from Texas and Kansas.

Following is the first in a series of articles containing the essays written by Ranger students.

### Too Much Noise by Joyce Spindle

As I sit on the porch in the late evening, and watch the sun gradually being tucked away, I find myself relaxed and my mind at ease. The neighboring houses soon light up, and the aroma of supper fills the air. In the distance, I hear the roaring of trucks and the barking of dogs. Then things become still and quiet. There in the calm of the night, I realize what a noisy world we are living in. Being lost in deep thoughts, I hardly realize the peaceful surroundings. That deep meditation is suddenly interrupted by the blaring of a radio. Again I am a part of the confused world. Don't you agree, things are a bit too noisy?

### Expressing Yourself by Dean Richey

What do you think of yourself? What one thinks of himself is very important. Are you the kind of person who believes he can do no wrong? Do you think that everyone in the class is doing the wrong thing but you, when you're the one who's wrong? If you are this kind of person, then you are probably ignorant of new ideas, that is, unless you're the one who has them.

On the other hand, you may be afraid to say or do something because it may be wrong. If you fit this description, you're easy to get along with, but it's not likely you will accomplish much.

From all this criticism, we conclude that you should be self-confident, but not narrow-minded. No one can tell what our future in space holds. Only time and the Master of all worlds can and will tell.

## Tax Facts for Homeowners Purchase or Improvement

(This is one in a series of articles on federal income tax filing. These articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Society of Certified Public Accountants, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.)

In today's economy, with constantly rising prices and land values, it is quite common for the family man to look upon his home as an investment. Not that he entertains the ideal of selling it necessarily, but at least he knows that it will probably climb in value, and that he could sell it if he wanted to. However, as an investment, the ownership of a home differs in many respects from the ownership of stocks or bonds, and these differences have important tax implications that you should be aware of.

Changing Your Residence If you sell your house (which is your principal residence) at a profit and move to a new house, you may not have to pay tax on the profit. Let's say you bought a house five years ago for \$15,000, which you sold last year for \$20,000. Since you held the house for more than six months, the profit of \$5,000 is taxable as a long-term capital gain at a maximum rate of 25 per cent. However, if you move into a new house either one year before or one year after the sale, and if the new house costs \$20,000 or more, then you pay no tax on the \$5,000 profit. If you are having the new house built for yourself and construction begins either one year before or one year after the sale of the old house, then the period of replacement is extended to 18 months from date of sale, providing you occupy it within that period.

The important point here is that the new house must cost as much or more than the amount you receive for the old house. If it cost only \$15,000 you must pay the long-term capital gains tax on the balance of \$1,000.

You could actually sell your house at a profit and by a one every few years without paying a tax on the profit, but you aren't really avoiding the tax, you are merely postponing it.

The cumulative gain will be taxed when the last house is finally sold without being replaced.

Expenses of Owning a House

A home owner is usually in a more advantageous tax position

than a person who rents. This is because home owners who elect to itemize their deductions rather than use the standard 10 per cent deduction are allowed to deduct interest and property taxes paid during the year. They can also deduct the loss on damage to their house and grounds resulting from a fire, storm, earthquake, or other casualty (this was discussed in the first article of the series). Taxpayers who rent their home from others undoubtedly are paying for these costs by rent, but they cannot claim any tax deduction.

### Home Improvements and Repairs

Repairs to your home are considered personal expenses. They are not deductible, and for tax purposes, do not increase the cost of your house. Although repairs and maintenance costs are not deductible, they can be used to reduce the amount which must be spent on a new house in order to postpone payment of tax on the gain. However, this only applies on the gain to such costs if they are incurred within 90 days before contracting to sell the house, or paid within 30 days after.

Improvements to your house are not deductible either, but they do increase the cost of your house. This is an important point to remember when planning to sell your house. To determine the amount you will gain from the sale of your house, add the cost of improvements you have made to the original cost of the house and subtract the total from the selling price. If you bought it for \$15,000, added \$2,000 worth of improvements, and sold it for \$20,000, your gain would be \$3,000.

When you invest in a home, it is almost like investing in a business. To be able to take advantage of the legitimate tax considerations you are entitled to, you will need to keep accurate records of your various expenses. So don't forget to save your paid bills from year to year.

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101st, part of the U. S. Army's STRAC (Skilled, Tough, Ready Around-the-Clock) Force, is conducting a "tank killer" course at Fort Campbell, Ky. Tough STRAC troopers are being taught that with the right weapons and teamwork, even the awesome tank can be conquered by trained and determined soldiers.



By Rev. Ralph Perkins  
Pastor of First Baptist Church

In every community you will find Godly men and women who are moral, law-abiding citizens who have the general welfare of their friends and neighbors at heart.

As I raced through the vastness of space, I thought of the success we had achieved and of the unknown which was mine to conquer.

When things became too crowded, I moved on and on, knowing that I would discover the holdings of the unknown spaces.

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to quench their depraved appetites they cared nothing for "The Son of God nor the man he had healed."

These money-mad men had no regard for the Gadarene's family or his poor dear mother and father who longed for their afflicted son to be healed and return home. Ah! these "prosperity-boys" cared not for the family and neither did they care for the community. They cared not that the Son of God would depart from their coasts and leave their community desolate and destitute of the moral qualities of life.

Honor, character and the morality that come from clean, pure, Christian living was not in their thinking. They didn't think they cared for "some of it" until the day they saw their own children under the influence of sin and falling victim of the depravity that comes to the individual who leaves Jesus out of his life and of the Community controlled by godless, immoral leaders who would sell the birthrights of their children and their grand-children for a few pittance dollars in order that they might prosper for a season.

Broken homes, children placed in "children homes", blackened characters, the depraved and demented souls who have driven Jesus from their lives are the victims of those who would, for a profit, bring shame and despair to all who would come under their evil influence.

Then there are a few who do not care if "school keeps or not," or if church is held on the Lord's day, or if there is any religious service ever held. They don't care who is elected, who serves, or who does the work. Unfortunately there a few in each community like the Gadarenes, who asked Jesus to leave their coasts, to "depart out of their coasts". Matthew 8:28-34 tells the story.

The miracle is in this wise: "Jesus upon arriving in Gennesaret found a man demon-possessed, a man out of his right mind, one who was mentally and morally afflicted. Jesus healed him; the man was in his right mind. People always are mentally right when they come to Jesus. The man was "clothed and sat at the feet of Jesus." When Jesus drove the devils, the demons, from the soul of the afflicted one, the legion of devils entered into the swine that were feeding near by, and the swine ran into the sea and were drowned.

When the men who owned the swine came they asked Jesus to "depart from the coast." They saw the Gadarene clothed and in his right mind.

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Farm Bureau Urges Payment Of Poll Taxes

Veterans Benefit Checks Can Now Be Bank Deposited

Benefit checks from the Veterans Administration may be sent directly to the beneficiary's bank for deposit to his account provided the bank has been given the required power of attorney, Edward P. Onstot, manager of the VA Regional Office in Dallas, said to-day.

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## Mary Martha Class Meets In Martin Home

The Mary Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Monday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. with Mrs. C. M. Martin for the monthly business meeting and social.

Mrs. C. A. Strong, president, presided at the business session, which was opened with a prayer led by Mrs. Martin. Mrs. C. A. Strong gave the devotional, taken from Matthew 7:12, on the theme, "The Golden Rule."

The minutes of the November and December meetings were read by the secretary, Mrs. Joe Tullus. Reports were given. The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Mrs. E. L. Hargraves.

Refreshments of banana nut cake and coffee were served to the following: Mrs. J. W. Dillard, E. L. Hargraves, F. U. Bourland, C. A. Strong, W. E. Herbeck, Joe Tullus; two visitors, Mrs. Lake Douglass of Breckenridge and Mrs. L. D. Tankersley of Ranger; a former teacher, Mrs. Ruby Springer, and the hostess, Mrs. Martin.

Games of forty-two were enjoyed by the group.

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## New Era Club Meets Wednesday; Mrs. V. V. Cooper Is Hostess

"Take Time to Follow the Space Men" was the program theme at the meeting of the New Era Club Wednesday, January 13, in the Community Club House.

Mrs. V. V. Cooper, club president, presided at the business session, at which time reports were given by officers and chairmen.

The budget chairman presented the new budget, which was accepted by the group.

A nominating committee was appointed by the president as follows: Mrs. W. A. Lewis, L. L. Bruce, and W. F. Creager.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Arthur Deffebach gave an interesting talk on "Reaching for the Moon." Mrs. H. H. Oliver spoke on "Space Travellers."

Refreshments of congealed salad, sandwiches, hot spiced tea, and fudge squares were served by the hostess, Mrs. Cooper.

## First Baptist WMS Meets for Service Program

Members of the WMS of the First Baptist Church met at the church Tuesday morning, January 12, for the Royal Service program. The topic program for the day was Cuba. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Mrs. H. E. Brooks.

The program was presented by the Carolyn Bell Circle, with Mrs. J. B. Houghton, program chairman of the circle, in charge of the presentation. Mrs. Ruby Springer gave an interesting talk, and showed pictures which were taken when she visited Cuba. Mrs. Sammie Eloder read the names on the prayer list for the day.

Refreshments were served by the Vivian Benitez Circle. The following members were present: Mrs. L. D. Tankersley, Brooks, L. L. Bruce, A. W. Warford, Houghton, Wilson Guest, Carl Black, Elder, Wesley Stiffler, Earl Horton, Springer, W. A. Reuwer, and L. H. Kay.

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## TELEPHONE TALK

## HOW WE MANAGE THE TELEPHONE BUSINESS

With the beginning of a new year, many folks take stock of their old resolutions and make any changes that are needed.

Here at the telephone company there's one resolution that never changes, no matter how many times we review it. It is to manage the business in the best interest of the public, employees and shareowners.

The telephone company exists for one purpose: to furnish you the best possible telephone service at reasonable cost—a cost consistent with financial safety and fair treatment of employees.

## Service Has Been Improved

Good service, of course, is our first objective. But since the only good service is one that continually improves, a planned program of service improvements is called for. Some examples:

The work on the new dial system here in Ranger is of course our biggest improvement during 1959. The new building, as you know, is already completed and the finishing touches are being made now in preparation for the change over to the dial system in March.

We are also replacing much of our uninsulated wire in the rural areas with insulated wire in cables. Another improvement is the replacement of the old paper insulated cable with the new improved plastic insulated cable.

## A Big Job

Improvement of telephone service is a big job, but probably the biggest of all is expanding the telephone network. Just look at the growth in Ranger: 1639 phones today, compared with 1468 in 1950, and one out of 8.9 residential customers has at least one extension phone.

Good service also takes willing owners, folks who've invested savings in the business and depend on management to run it in a sound, profitable manner. If their money can't earn a reasonable profit in the telephone business, who can expect them to continue investing it with us?

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The following members were present: Mrs. Creager, Arthur Deffebach, Vernon Deffebach, B. S. Dudley, Sr., Myrtle George, Addie Harris, Lewis, W. W. Mitchell, Oliver, W. D. R. Owen, Alex Roberson, J. L. Turner, Buck Wallace, A. W. Warford, and Cooper.

## Mrs. Elrod Is Honored at Birthday Dinner

Mrs. J. U. Elrod was honored with a surprise birthday dinner Thursday, January 14, at her home in the Terrell Building.

Those attending the dinner were her three daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hanna of Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Elston of Stephenville, and Mrs. Retta McMurray of Breckenridge; one great-granddaughter, Mrs. Glenn Dale Butler of Stephenville; and several friends, Mr. and Mrs. Tate Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Hallmark, all of Stephenville, and Mrs. Lee Graves and daughter, Mrs. R. L. Ross, Mrs. Alice Landers, Mrs. Mabel Williams, Mrs. Mae Rodgers, and Mrs. Louie Calder, all of Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Elston furnished music for the occasion.

## Dutch Club Has Meeting Jan. 13 At King's Cafe

The Dutch Club met Wednesday, January 13, at 8 a.m. in King's Cafe for breakfast and a business meeting. Mrs. D. E. Pulley led the opening prayer.

After the breakfast, Mrs. Marvin Wilson, president, presided at the business meeting. A birthday card was given to Mrs. E. F. Artiburn from the club. The meeting was closed with the members' repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

The following were present: Mrs. Pulley, Fred Ellis, E. F. Artiburn, Lem Rushing, Mrs. Weaver, H. C. Edwards, Eary Wallace, Wilson, and Earl Horton.

**VISITING IN CALIFORNIA**

Walton Weeks, son of Mrs. Frank Weeks, left this week for Long Beach, California, to visit friends. From there he will go to Van Nuys, California, where he will visit his sister.

## Go To Church This Sunday

The Women's Society of Christian Service met Monday, January 11, at 3:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church for a business meeting and program. Mrs. C. E. May gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. A. J. Ratliff presided at the business meeting, at which time reports were made by all officers and circle chairman.

Mrs. F. S. Pearsall chairman of literature and publications, presented the program on "New Year's Meditations." Mrs. Pearsall and Mrs. W. F. Creager gave a skit entitled "World Bank Plan," and told of how World Bank money is used for hospitals, schools, and missions. Mrs. Pearsall closed the program with a poem, "The World, One Neighborhood."

**J. M. White's Hold Family Reunion Sunday**

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White of 306 Third Street were visited by all six of their children last Sunday, which was Mrs. White's 81st birthday. The couple celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary Friday, Mr. White is 85. Sunday was the first time the entire family had been together since they were young children.

Mr. and Mrs. White have nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. They have lived in Ranger for 32 years. Mr. White operated a service station at 301 North Austin Street during the 1930's, and retired in 1942.

Those attending the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White, Jr., and Anna, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Sapp, and Susan, and Mrs. Tom Zeigler and Tommy, all of Odessa; Chester White of San Angelo; Mrs. J. J. Coker, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Houck, Glenda, and Shelly, all of Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. White of Ranger; and two friends, Mrs. B. M. Callaway and Mrs. Reba Rawls, both of Ranger.

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