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County Farmers Will Be Paid For Conservation

Castro county farmers have been allocated \$111,900 for soil conservation practices in 1956 as set up by the Board of Supervisors of the Running Water Soil Conservation District, county agent, county ASG committee and a representative of the Farmers Home Administration.

4-H GOLD STAR WINNERS—Miss Mary Ann Huseman of Nazareth and Richard Hunter of the Jumbo community (pictured above) are winners of the 1955 4-H Gold Star Awards, the highest tribute paid a 4-H Club member. They were selected for their outstanding 4-H work and were presented trophies at the county 4-H banquet held here Saturday night. Miss Huseman is in her eighth year as a 4-H'er. She has been active in many 4-H projects and contests and is a senior at Nazareth High School. Richard has been feeding beef cattle for eight years and has had numerous other 4-H demonstrations, including hybrid corn, tractor maintenance and electric programs. He has held many 4-H offices and is currently reporter for his club.

County 4-H'ers Given Awards At Dinner Sat.

Some 140 Castro County 4-H Club members, adult leaders, parents and special guests packed the Dimmitt High School cafeteria Saturday night for the annual county 4-H Achievement Banquet to witness the presentation of top county 4-H awards and hear Dr. M. R. Callahan, head of the West Texas State College Department of Agriculture, laud county 4-H'ers for "living up to their past reputation of doing fine work and carrying out a program of noteworthy achievements."

Receiving the two top county awards or the Gold Star Awards, which are given on the basis of outstanding 4-H work and achievement, were Mary Ann Huseman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Huseman of Nazareth, and Richard Hunter, son of Mrs. Addison Hunter of Jumbo. These awards, presented by District Extension Agent Knox Parr of Amarillo, are the only medals given by the Texas Extension Service and are based on overall 4-H work.

Before the awards program and following the banquet supper, Dr. Callahan praised county club members for their achievements. He also spoke about character building and stressed the vital importance of agriculture and homemaking as vocations. The West Texas College professor told 4-H'ers he shared their joys and disappointments as "I'm a former Carson County 4-H Club member and have been in agriculture since my early youth."

Mrs. Sybil Stringer, Castro County Home Demonstration agent, and Edna McLeRoy, county 4-H Adult Leader, presented all awards except the Gold Star awards and 4-H Alumni Award. Bobby Bradley of the Dimmitt club served as toastmaster for the occasion and was assisted by other 4-H'ers who took part in the program during the evening.

Generally described as the second highest awards a boy or girl can receive, the achievement awards, were presented to Mary Helen Maples and Mary Thack of the Hart club and Bobby Bradley and Alphonse Huseman of the Dimmitt and Nazareth clubs respectively.

Also a high award and important in its own right, leadership awards went to Mary Ann Huseman and George Huseman, both of Nazareth.

Other awards presented to deserving county 4-H girls follow: Dimmitt.

Canning—Willie Mae Scoggin, Clothing—Rosanetta Hyatt, Dimmitt; Kay Carpenter, Flags; and Kay Ann Bradley, Dimmitt.

Dress Revue—Royce Lynn Pyeatt, Hart.

Food Preparation—Esther Hyatt and Janice Nelson, both of Dimmitt.

Frozen Foods—Virginia Huseman, Nazareth; and Verdona Curtis, Summerville.

Garden—Gwen Dunn, Dimmitt; Home Improvement—Tommie Allen, Dimmitt; and Irvalene Ott, Big Square.

Poultry—Glenn Ann Maples, Hart; and Mary Helen Behrends, Big Square.

J. N. Burgin, Frio 4-H Adult Leader, was recipient of the 4-H Alumni Award, which is presented each year to a former 4-H member who is now an active 4-H leader. Burgin is credited with organizing the Frio Club earlier this year. This award is made available by Mathieson Chemical Co. of Houston.

Many Castro County 4-H boys were presented awards or certificates as winners in the county safety awards program, a program that was first organized in this county this year by County Agent Marvin Simms. These winners follow:

Hybrid Corn—Johnny Collins, 1st with yield of 138.9 bushels per acre; Leon Collins, 2nd, 137.9 bushels per acre; and Jerry Lange, 3rd, 133.6 bushels per acre. Richard Hunter, Norman Nelson and Alphonse Huseman completed this program and will receive certificates. E. L. Lochstein, Nazareth

Adult Leader, also finished this program which was open to both youths and adults.

Safety and Fire Prevention (sponsored by various oil companies of Dimmitt)—James Burgin, 1st place trophy; Jerry Hodges, 2nd, Mary Burgin, 3rd; Dennis Hodges, 4th; and Austin Hodges, 5th. Jerry Hodges, Mary Burgin, Dennis and Austin Hodges were also awarded national awards program county medals in connection with this contest. J. N. Burgin and E. O. Goodwin were leaders of this program.

4-H Electric Program (sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Co.)—James M. Arnold, Richard Arnold, Charles Axtell, Guy Clifford Scoggin, Bobby Bradley, Jack Holmes Bradley, James Norman Burgin, Sam Burt, Russel Grindstaff, Richard Hunter, Alphonse Huseman, Aaron Hutto, Gene and Keith Johnson and Burris McRee. Receiving the national awards program county medals in the senior division of this contest were Jack H. Bradley and Sam Burt. Junior division winners were James Norman Burgin and Aaron Hutto. Hank Grindstaff and Earl Brock were leaders in the program.

4-H Milo Program (sponsored by county elevators)—Bobby Bradley, 1st place trophy winner, with yield of 6,685 pounds per acre; Jack H. Bradley, 2nd with 6,532 pounds per acre; Don Howard, 3rd, 6,420 pounds per acre; Donald Renfro, 4,840 pounds per acre. Also to be awarded milo medals for completing the milo program are Charles Axtell, Keith Johnson, Gene Johnson, Jimmy Sharp, Leon Collins, Johnny Collins and James N. Burgin. Norman Nelson, Don Howard, Don Sharp and Donald Renfro will receive national awards program county medals in the milo contest. Ray Axtell and Edd McLeRoy are leaders for this contest.

Tractor Maintenance (sponsored by Dimmitt and Hart Implement and Machinery companies)—Richard Hunter, 1st, and Bobby Bradley, 2nd, in senior class; and Stanley Nelson, 1st, and Burris McRee, 2nd, in junior class. Tractor maintenance national awards program county medals were given Leroy Hoelting, Stanley Nelson and Burris McRee. Others completing the contest and participating were Bobby Bradley, Larry Dobbs, Jerry Hodges, Alphonse Huseman, George Huseman, Norman Nelson, Joe Ed Pohlmeier, Donald Renfro, Charles Axtell, James N. Burgin, Austin and Dennis Hodges, Dean Lilley, Larry Don Phelan and Glendon Wear.

The national awards program county medal for gardening went to Joe Druer of Nazareth.

Girl 4-H Club members awarded certificates of completion for completing goals outlined at the start of the year include Tommie Allen, Mary Behrends, Willie Scoggin, Kay Bradley, Kay Carpenter, Janice Curry, Verdona Curtis, Gwert Dunn, Mona Dell Hunter, Mary Huseman, Virginia Huseman, Esther Hyatt, Rosanetta Hyatt, Glen Maples, Mary Maples, Janice Nelson, Irvalene Ott, Royce Pyeatt, Mary Thack and Gaynelle Tate.

There were 107 certificate winners, 64 medal winners and ten trophy recipients.

Gins Hum Around The Clock; Milo Harvest Complete

Castro county cotton gins hummed around the clock this week as fleets of loaded cotton trailers rolled into gin yards. The county bale total as of Wednesday was listed at 27,652, a jump of over 9,000 bales over last week.

Strippers are rapidly cleaning fields out and the harvest, over halfway complete, should wind up by mid December. Gin fires and breakdowns here and at Hart and Sunnyside have slowed operations some but gins are keeping pace with production.

The milo harvest, now complete for all practical purposes, is being readied for shipment daily. A total of 610 box cars of milo have been shipped out this month and 1,800 have been sent out since the harvest started. Still about the equivalent of 400 cars of milo remain on the ground. All of this should be shipped out in about two weeks, however, local Depot Agent Al Williams reports.

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Hart Man Hurt In Rail Crash

A 43-year-old Hart resident, Jack Benson, suffered serious injuries when the car he was driving crashed into a box car Friday night at a Hart railroad crossing, Castro County Sheriff Jack Cartwright said in a report to the News.

Benson was taken to the hospital at Olton by friend after the crash. He suffered four broken ribs and a head concussion but was reported this week as convalescing satisfactorily. His 11-year-old son, who was with him at the time of the crash, 7:00 p. m., was dazed and shaken up but otherwise uninjured.

Sheriff Cartwright described the accident this way: "Two box cars had just been loaded at the Burrell Elevator in Hart. The cars were moved by a tractor to make way for other cars. They made contact with two other cars down the track and caused these cars, which had not been braked, to roll to the crossing just south of the Hart depot. Benson, in a 1955 Chevrolet, apparently failed to see the cars until too late to avoid the accident. His car crashed into the side of one and went partially underneath the box car."

The front of the car was smashed almost ever with the front windshield, Cartwright indicated. Damages were figured at \$500 or over.

Cotton Growers Raise Funds To Fight Acreage Program

Between 40 and 50 Castro county cotton growers and ginners, meeting in called session here Monday night, made it known they intend to back Willis Hawkins and three other West Texas cotton growers all the way in their court battle to "return West Texas to the cotton trend basis."

The group unanimously went on record as questioning the principle and legality of quotas as set up for 1956. That is, "has the State ASC

Commission been fair in setting up the 1956 allotment and at the same time ignoring cotton trends?" Growers and ginners alike are alarmed over the current problem as Castro county stands to lose up to 6,000 or 8,000 acres of cotton land and there is fear that additional cuts will be forthcoming in future years under the present setup if allowed to stand.

Hawkins, one of the three protesting the 1956 allotment, brought the group up to date on the current status of the petition that has been filed at Houston alleging the State Commission plans to set unfair 1956 cotton crop quotas for West Texas. He said a federal judge at Houston would take action on the petition during the first ten days of December. The petition will either be dismissed or a permanent injunction will be issued. He indicated that even if the petition is dismissed, an appeal may be made to the federal supreme court.

Allan Web chairmaned the Monday night meeting and told the group what he knew about the cotton problem and what was discussed and acted upon in connection with it at the recent State Farm Bureau Convention at Fort Worth.

Thirty farmers and ginners from over the county responded to the appeal for funds to help defray court expenses that may be incurred in the present fight and any other expenses that may arise. Contributions ranged from \$5 to \$10. A total of \$165 was collected at the close of the meeting.

Hawkins, as president of the Castro County Cotton Growers Association, said future meetings would be called as this development in order that growers and ginners may keep posted. These meetings would be held in the District Courtroom of the courthouse here, just as the Tuesday night meeting.

Phillips To Meet 2-AA Champs In Bi-District

Cats Lose To Olton 13-6; End Season With Five Victories And Five Losses

Coach Leo Field's Dimmitt Bobcats played one of their best games of the season Friday night at Olton and gave the Mustangs a good scare before dropping a close decision to the host team by a score of 13-6. The victory enabled Olton to win the District 2-AA championship.

The Olton game closed the season for the Bobcats giving them an even split for the season—five wins and five losses. The Cats had to settle for fourth place in the district 2-AA standings with a record of two wins against three losses. Here's how the other teams finished in conference play: Olton, first, with five wins and no losses; Littlefield, second, with four wins and one loss; Lockney, third, with three wins and two losses; Tulia, fifth, with four losses and one win; and Muleshoe, sixth, with five losses and no victories.

The Olton club will now face Phillips in bi-district play as representative from this district. The Mustangs will be decided underdogs in this clash as Phillips has only a tie marring its record and is considered one of the strongest teams in the state in its class.

In the game at Olton, Coach Joe Turner's Mustangs took a 6-0 lead in the first quarter when Fullback Teddy Estes capped a drive that started on the Olton 32 yard line with a three yard scoring plunge. The extra point failed and the game went scoreless until the third period when Olton struck again on a four-yard plunge by Estes. Quarterback Jack Strung converted this time to end Olton's scoring for the evening.

The 13 points stood up though, as the Dimmitt crew fought back in the last quarter with a passing attack that fell just short of a possible tie or victory. Quarterback Don Mobley hit End Jimmy Butler with a pass that covered 37 yards and a touchdown. The conversion failed and the contest

Bill Ford Joins Sheriff's Staff

William L. Ford, former Hale county deputy sheriff and Amarillo city patrolman, joined the staff of the county sheriff's office here Monday and will serve as a county deputy and additional aide to Sheriff Jack Cartwright.

Sheriff Cartwright announced Monday afternoon that Ford had been hired for the job, which was provided for by county commissioners at a recent meeting. The new deputy, his wife and four-year-old daughter will live at Hart as much of his work will be done in Hart and that area. Sheriff Cartwright said, however, that Ford would be subject to call in any part of the county.

County commissioners unanimously approved the addition to the county force earlier and made provisions for his salary. His selection was left up to Sheriff Cartwright.

Deputy Ford served in a similar capacity in Hale county for 16 months and prior to that was Amarillo City patrolman for three years.

In a statement to the News, Sheriff Cartwright said, "The town and county has outgrown present law enforcement and another man had to be added to the force. I feel sure we have an efficient and qualified man for the job in Bill Ford."



The Castro County News Wishes You A Happy Thanksgiving



NELDA BAGWELL as Jean, the bride; FLOYD BRADLEY as Edd; DONALD CURRY as Raybon; SANDRA OWENS as Miss Jones; KEITH TAYLOR as Hugh; SUE BAGWELL as Alyene; LEON CRUM as Cecil

Dimmitt Juniors to Present 3-Act Play "Papa Was a Preacher" Dec. 1-2

A riotous comedy, filled with humor and unforgettable predicaments, is in rehearsal stages now but will be ready for its first Dimmitt showing the nights of Dec. 1 and 2. The stage play, a three-act production entitled, "Papa Was a Preacher," will be in the local high school auditorium and as a junior class offering will have a cast of players made up of eleven elite grade students.

The story of the play centers around a minister's family. Members of the family because of certain restrictions are unable to skate in public or protect their cotton patch from a gang of young "toughs." The trouble maker in the play, Miss Jones, takes pictures of the preacher's sons defending their cotton patch and to "make matters worse," one of the minister's sons puts on an acrobatic dance at school, is expelled and runs away. These predicaments or disasters happen just as the minister and his wife are about to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

The 15-member cast follows: Rev. Porter—Jerry Jones; Mrs. Porter—Gail Cooper; Harry—Richard Hunter; Jean—Nelda Bagwell; Hugh Porter—Keith Taylor; Cecil Porter—Leon Crum; Raybon Porter—Donald Curry; Janette Porter—Karen Bell; Edd Porter—Floyd Bradley; Alyene Porter—Sue Bagwell; Helen Ludlow—Wilton Ivey; Lucy Smith—Nancy Neumayer; Jerry Smith—Judith Cleavinger; Jeffery Cole—

Don Howell; and Miss Jones—Sandra Owen.

The junior play is under the direction of James W. Bates, Dimmitt High speech instructor. Assisting him as student directors are Miss Wilma Noble and Miss Myrna Thompson. Stage managers are Monty Boozer and Jimmy Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith are junior class sponsors.

Performances will begin each evening at 8 o'clock and admission prices will be 25 cents and 50 cents.



KAREN BELL as Jeanette



DON HOWELL as Jeffrey Cole; NANCY NEUMAYER as Lucy Smith; JERRY JONES as Papa; Judith Cleavinger as Jenny Smith; RICHARD HUNTER as Harry, the groom; WILTON IVEY as Helen; GAIL COOPER as Marna

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In 1954, the American Red Cross issued 96,100 certificates to persons completing Red Cross swimming instruction training.

Judge Estes Heads Local State Relief Program

The appointment of Judge Robert Estes as local representative for the Governor's Committee for Refugee Relief Program has been announced by John H. Winters, committee chairman. Judge Estes will act on behalf of the State Committee in Castro County.

The Committee was appointed by Governor Allan Shivers at the request of President Eisenhower to inform the people of Texas on the Refugee Relief Program. In addition to Winters, who heads the State Department of Public Welfare in Austin, members are the Rev. Henry Herbst, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, New Braunfels; the Rev. A. O. East, Executive Secretary of the Texas Lutheran Mission Board; Leonard L. Holloway of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Sam W. Under, Jr., of Coupland.

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In Address Before Lions Safety Officer Urges Residents To Help Make S-D Day 'A Big Success'

Cecil McNeil, Texas Highway Patrol safety officer for the Amarillo District, urged Dimmitt and Castro counties to help National Safe Driving Day which this year falls on December 1 and help curtail the useless and senseless toll of American lives which each year takes place on the nation's highways. McNeil made the appeal in an address before Dimmitt Lions at their Tuesday luncheon meeting.

He pointed out that this year S-D Day is being observed the ten days following December 1 and the State Department of Public Welfare in Austin, members are the Rev. Henry Herbst, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, New Braunfels; the Rev. A. O. East, Executive Secretary of the Texas Lutheran Mission Board; Leonard L. Holloway of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Sam W. Under, Jr., of Coupland.

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Brother of Local Men Dies At Kirkland

Puneral rites for F. C. Rickert, brother of R. H. and H. M. Rickert of Dimmitt, who died Friday morning at his home in Kirkland, Texas, were held Sunday in the Kirkland First Methodist Church. Interment was in the cemetery at Wheeler, Texas.

Hardin-Simmons Takes on Tech In Lubbock Sat.

LUBBOCK, Nov. 21—Sammy Baugh brings an aerial circus, as the Hardin-Simmons football team, for an engagement in Jones Stadium with the Texas Tech Red Raiders Saturday afternoon.

Local Man Escapes Wreck Injuries

Jesse Deart Putman, Dimmitt resident, miraculously escaped injury Saturday night when his automobile went out of control six miles southeast of Dimmitt on Highway 194 and overturned.

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Dimmitt Delegates Attend Park Event; Lunch With McKay

Three Dimmitt businessmen returned here Tuesday after attending the Big Bend National Park dedication held Monday in the Basin of the Chisos Mountains near Alpine.

The trio, T. A. Singer, an outspoken exponent of federal designation of Texas Highway 51, Glen Young and E. B. Noble, were among hundreds of Texas Highway 51 members and visitors attending the colorful event which saw U. S. Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay bring the dedication address.

Local Man Escapes Wreck Injuries

Jesse Deart Putman, Dimmitt resident, miraculously escaped injury Saturday night when his automobile went out of control six miles southeast of Dimmitt on Highway 194 and overturned.



ANOTHER PICTURE OF A CASTRO COUNTY farm is this photo, which represents mystery farm 44. Do you recognize it? If so call the News office and submit your guess. It may be worth a year's subscription to your county newspaper.

WALTER ROGERS

Washington Newsletter

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH DISTRICT: Departure from Leningrad to Moscow

The crack train from Leningrad to Moscow is the "Red Arrow." We were to depart Leningrad at 8:10 p.m. but due to the fact that the Canadian group was going to Moscow the entire group, both Canadian and American, were set up for departure at 11:15 p.m.

Looking at the land, however, the thought occurred to me how strange it is that the surface of the earth is so similar everywhere but the people are so very dissimilar.

There were quite a number of horses and cows to be seen. The cows were all milk cows. Although much of the land appeared to be grass land, there was very little evidence of beef cattle or any herds of cattle at all other than what appeared to be small dairy herds.

Students in more than 700 colleges and universities throughout the country participate in Red Cross activities, including first aid, water safety, and home dress-

Before a subscription winner can be declared, the owner of the farm must give proper identification and information about the farm. The mystery farm series is made possible by Blanton Butane, Inc.

Holiday Meals To Be Cheaper In Dec.

COLLEGE STATION, Nov. 24—Housewives should find the December plentiful foods listed to their liking both from the standpoint of supplies and price.

Turkeys, broilers and fryers, beef and canned tuna are available now than in several months. These include grapes, winter pears, cranberries and grapefruit.

Also more dates are showing up at local markets than is usual at this season. Pinto beans and Irish potatoes are also on the December list.



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On This THANKSGIVING We Extend warmest greetings to the fine people of this area along with an expression of deepest gratitude for the liberal patronage accorded us during the past years. Please call on us when we can be of service to you.

Dimmitt Wheat Growers, Inc.

Castro Group To Attend Wheat Meet

The Texas Wheat Growers Association will meet Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Amarillo, according to Leo Wilkowski, treasurer. Wilkowski will head the Castro county delegation attending the meet.

Featured speakers will be State Agriculture Secretary John White and Herb Hughes, vice-president of the National Wheat Growers. Hughes recently returned from the International Wheat Agreement in Switzerland and will speak about that meeting as well as latest developments on the national wheat scene.

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SEE US FOR repair parts for your Briggs & Stratton motors. Bud's Fixit Shop 28-tc

WILL CARE FOR children any age in my home. Second house west of Dimmitt Grade School. Mrs. Dean Myers. 9P-51

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. 35-tc Glenn Youts

WANTED—We need listings in Dimmitt territory. If you have a farm for sale, we can sell it. Phone, write or come to see us. Phone 3221, Box 127, Turner Bros. Land Co., Hale Center, Texas. 49-8P

FOR SALE—1953 John Deere cotton stripper, price \$300; 1952 Johnson cotton stripper, \$300; lawn mower, 1950 model, \$200. 4-tc

FOR SALE—1954 Chevrolet station wagon, good condition, clean, good tires. Olivia Medina, 4-tc

FOR SALE—Used kitchen cabinet, General Electric Refrigerator, 24-in. bicycle, all in good condition. Phone 227V, Mrs. W. C. Johnston. 46-tc

FOR SALE—640 acres on pavement, irrigated. Two houses, one six and one three rooms. Also 5-h. Rickert, South 4th St., P. O. Box 21. 4-1P

FOR SALE—Two-room home with two lots, located just east of Dimmitt. Write Castro County News, Dept. A, Dimmitt, Texas, giving qualifications. 1c-4

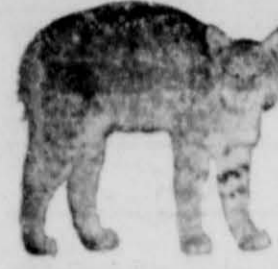
FOR SALE—1952 Model G John Deere tractor with equipment. See D. O. Wortham, 6 miles north and 3 miles west of Dimmitt. 3-tc

FOR SALE—150 Lephorn hens. S. Underwood, phone 283V. 3-2P

Advertisement for King Turkey, featuring a large illustration of a turkey and text about Thanksgiving dinner.

Advertisement for Sears Grain Co., listing various grain products and prices.

Advertisement for Piggy Wig City, featuring a piggy bank illustration and text about their products.



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OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL

Junior Play "Papa Was A Preacher" Dec. 1 & 2



The Monkey's Viewpoint

Three Monkey's sat in a coconut tree, discussing things as they laid to be...

THE STAFF

Editor: Melba Curry; Reporters: Blanche Billars, Claude Blocker, Jerry Brown, Jimmy Butler, Donald Cheek, Melba Chism, Wayne Collins, Joe Mitchell, Don Mobley, Melba Sholtz, Barbara Stevens, Alton Whitworth and Joe Lee Wilcox.

Thanksgiving Day

In the United States and Canada, a day is set aside each year as Thanksgiving Day. On this day people give thanks with feasting and prayer for the blessing they may have received during the year...

Happy Thanksgiving! We are all thankful for our parents, our homes, and our many friends. Let's all stop long enough to thank God for all he's done for us...

Don'ts For High School Students

Don't get to class until 8:45 in the morning for the tardy bell doesn't ring until 8:45 and the teacher will have lots of patience. Don't forget to slum your look...

This Aut "Send" You

The CADILLACs that you see in the streets are not so expensive as you think they are. It was a real impressive program, and we shall never forget all the nice things that were said...

Pep Rally Was Dedicated To Seniors

We appreciate from the very depths of our hearts the pep rally that was dedicated to our seniors. It was a real impressive program, and we shall never forget all the nice things that were said...

Olton Edges Bobcats

The Bobcats bowed to the Olton Mustangs 13-6 Friday night in their last home game of the season. Olton drew first blood in the first quarter but failed to score...

Senior of the Week

On August 3, 1957, at Hereford, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Benson were the proud parents of a little baby boy. They named him OC...

A B C's of Safe Driving

A. All who obey the law. B. Better Drivers. C. Careful driving. D. Durability when on the road. E. Efficiency at the wheel...

Ann Smith's Ideal Boy

Most Handsome—Gary Cleaver. Cutest—Donnie Renfro. Careful—Eddie Winkle. Neatest—O. C. Renfro. Personality—Zay Gilbreath...

Gary Cleavers Ideal Girl

Cutest—Karen Bell. Neatest—Sharon Wesson. Personality—Charlotte Mears. Personality—Charlita McElroy...

Olton "B" Whips Olton "P"

The Dimmitt "B" team wrapped up the season with an impressive 26-13 victory over the Olton "P" team. Spearheading the attack was David Bradley, Norman Nelson, Donald Shelton and George Frye...

M. John Butler Called To Navy

Upon Mr. John Butler's leaving it was unanimously decided that Mrs. Peggy Bain should become the Sophomore Class co-sponsor. She moved here from Waynesville, Missouri. Mrs. Bain is also teaching music in the Dimmitt School...

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Editorial Comment

The Dimmitt Bobcats have ended another football season, and in all, they did a good job. The season's record stands at five won, five lost which doesn't mean a successful season in itself...

Thanksgiving and our acres

A number of local firms have placed Thanksgiving advertisements in our columns this week. They are a sincere tribute from the businessmen of Dimmitt to the tradespeople and farmers of Castro County who are making this one of the finest agricultural areas in the United States...

Best wishes for your Thanksgiving. Gladman Drug Store. It has been a privilege to serve our customers during the past year and we are indeed grateful for your patronage.

We Give Thanks. Gladman Drug Store. LET the Pilgrims of America's infancy be shining examples to all of us here today. Their courage, their humility, their gratitude for the blessings of freedom and bountiful land are engraved upon the history of our country.

Pre-Christmas Sale at FROEHNERS. Dimmitt, Texas. STARTS FRIDAY. Ladies' Slips, Doll Buggies, Record Players, Doll Trunks, Wagons, Filling Stations, Cowboy Suits, KLEENEX. This coupon worth 9c on a Dollar Purchase FREE.

IT'S THE LAW. There is always a certain number of families in the United States with serious financial troubles. At this time, the number is relatively few. To those few and to their creditors, this column should be of particular interest.

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Joan Dawson In Piano Recital

Joan Dawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dawson of Springdale, is giving a piano recital at her home in Springdale Sunday afternoon.

Joan is six years old and has studied piano under Mrs. O. G. Hyatt. She played 20 varied selections at her recital, including a Thanksgiving hymn and two Christmas songs.

Young guests who performed with her were: Carol Ann Dawson, Tulsa; Becky and Jacquelyn Parish, Springdale; Ewella Jade Astell, Springdale; Dickie Dyer, Dimmitt; and Ken Dawson (Joan's brother).

Onke and coffee were served following the recital.

Stephens Circle Meets Monday

The Marriage Steps Circle of the local Baptist Church met Monday in the home of Mrs. Dan Heard with seven members present.

FLAGG NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Edna Tug and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevens were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dammron Sr. and Mrs. Jim Black of Big Square. Mrs. Douglas Dammron and daughter had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. O. English Sunday.

RA Schedule Listed

Intermediate Royal Ambassadors of the Baptist Church will meet each Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the church, according to an announcement from James Sinclair, church music and educational director. Sinclair will serve as counselor for the meetings.

CARD OF THANKS

We are grateful for the fine job Dimmitt volunteer firemen turned in when fire broke out on our yard. Had it not been for their quick response and alertness, the gin could have caught fire. Thanks again for a job well done.

Shepard Gin Company

John E. Pearson spent last week end here with Bacon N. Nelson. The boys were classmates at Texas University. John is now employed by General Electric.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Arnes from near Plover were Sunday visitors of the Sid Sheffys and Hugons.

Mrs. Tom Tate's sister and her husband were visitors in the Tate home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond King and children of Lubbock and Mrs. Joe Benson and Sue were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Moran.

Charles Ray Houtchens is in Monterey Park, Calif. where he is operating a Standard Oil station.

Garden Club Hears Ideas on Wrapping

"Keep a big box handy for your Christmas gift wrapping and only do a few gifts at a time," Mrs. T. A. Singer told members of the Dimmitt Garden Club in an address before the group Tuesday afternoon.

The title of Mrs. Singer's talk, which was given at a meeting in the home of Mrs. N. A. Singer, was "Cheerful Gift Packages."

Mrs. Floyd Copeland demonstrated to the speaker by preparing two gift boxes—one in silver and blue befitting a grandmother.

Mrs. Sam Gilbreath presided at the club business session. Emphasis was placed on the Christmas lighting contest and all members were urged to help promote the event.

Members were urged to help promote the event by giving suggestions on Christmas decorations.

Mrs. P. L. Cunningham served coffee from a linen covered table with silver appointments. The table arrangement was made by Mrs. W. H. Curtis. It was a big group cascading the candle.

The musical arrangement was prepared by Mrs. Robert Singer. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Gwendolyn Miller, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Jim Clavinger.

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Wootens To Be Given Going Away Party

A "going away" party will be given the Richard Wooten family Thursday night, Dec. 1 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houtchens.

The Clow Club is sponsoring the party in honor of the Wootens, who are moving to Oklahoma.

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DIMMITT, CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1955

Wellington Man Introduces New Australian Grass to the High Plains

(Editor's note—The following was taken from the Wellington Leader and is published here in the hope it may inform our readers as to the work being done in other areas towards bringing more productive and profitable farm yields to the high plains. Sorghum alnum is a native grass of Australia, with a stalk resembling cane but with heads like sudan grass. Farmers utilizing the crop in this country hope it will prove more drought-resistant than present varieties.)

Back home, Chisholm sent by air mail about a tablespoon of sorghum alnum seed, a perennial sudan-like plant native to Australia. From that small piece the first seed crop is being sold commercially this fall and as far as is known, it is the only Australian sorghum alnum seed on the market in the United States.

Coleman is cautious about any claim for sorghum alnum. He wants the plant to stand in its own merits, but it looks as another good drought-resistant grass has been introduced in this area.

"When you get home, send me a little of what you consider the best grass seed you find anywhere in the world," John Coleman of Wellington requested Jim Chisholm of Australia, a friend from

prisoner of war days in Japan, when the latter visited here three years ago on a tour of the world representing his government in the study of grasses and other plants.

They have worked closely with the Soil Conservation Service personnel and the Salt Fork Soil Conservation District. All of them regard production as still in the experimental stage, but they are enthusiastic over what they have seen.

Growing 8 feet tall, with many characteristics of cane, the sorghum alnum was planted in late June at the rate of a pound per acre, or one seed about every 18 inches in 42 inch rows.

"The plants have a massive amount of fibrous roots going over 18 inches or more, and besides that a large tap root that goes even deeper," Fred Squires, work unit conservationist of the SCS said.

"Yet the plant doesn't spread from the roots, but from clumps of suckers that shoot up from the root system, 18 to 30 from a single plant," Coleman explained. The six-acre plot had no additional moisture after it was planted and it was never plowed. Later turnrows are still visible.

"I had to cut the heads with my pocket knife," Starkey remarked. "It's been a long time since I headed anything with a pocket knife."

Coleman and Starkey made better than 300 pounds of seed per acre, a total of approximately 2,000 pounds. This is now on sale, at \$4.00 per pound, and a limit of 5 pounds per buyer. So far, seed has gone to buyers at Clandon, Amarillo, Childress, Ardmore, Oklahoma, Willow, Oklahoma, Chihuahua, Mexico, and Albuquerque, N. M.

Since the seed was cut the patch is being grazed.

"I'd spent at least \$51 per acre trying to get something to grow in that field," Starkey said this week, "and that doesn't include the money lost from not having it in a crop."

"It's the hardest grass I ever saw, and the easiest to get up—out of the ground," Coleman added.

The sorghum alnum grew as tall as cane this year, but the stalks are not as regular. They are solid, rather than hollow, like sudan.

Coleman and Squires estimate he could have cut 8 tons of green silage per acre had he wanted to use it that way.

"I think it would make more per acre than any other silage feed I've seen," Coleman declared. They estimate that under irrigation the grower could expect as much as 14 tons per acre.

Livestock seem to like the taste of sorghum alnum.

The sudan (cane) like leaves grow thick on the stalk, which are juster than cane, making it an ideal silage feed. For that same reason, however, Mr. Coleman feels the sudan does not do as well as cane for bouders.

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labor costs for the smaller ranches. Wooden fences wouldn't work on the High Plains for the simple reason that there wasn't any wood. Any other type was too expensive. As a first step in the process of fencing, some ranchers tried coils of barbed wire. Remnants of some of these thick, matted and apple-producing hedges are to be found near Lubbock. No known boss of an orange-hedge was supposed to do.

Glidden used an old-fashioned coffee mill to twist his first wire and the same principles were used later when the first wire factory was established. It was a slow process and the fence was made in six to ten foot lengths and tied together. Later the firm of Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, makers of single-strand wire, heard about the task and barbed wire by Glidden and had one of their designers, named H. W. Putnam, to design an automatic barbed-wire making machine. It worked and the Worcester, Mass. company bought an interest in the Glidden company and began producing barbed wire. The first machine was put into operation on April 19, 1876 making wire at the rate of about seventy bars per minute. They continued to build other machines.

The High Plains ranchers and farmers were desperate for fencing when barbed wire was invented. Credited with this invention was J. F. Glidden, a farmer in DeKalb, Ill. He made the first barbed wire in 1873 and sold his first following year. He patented his invention on November 24, 1874.


The invention was described in the patent as a "twisted fence-wire having the transverse spir Wire D bent at its middle portion about one of the strands A of said fence-wire, and clamped in position and placed by the other wire Z, twisted upon its fellow, substantially as specified." Of the many other types of barbed wire placed later on the market, this was to prove the most popular. The American Steel and Wire Company later established an almost complete monopoly on barbed wire manufacture through use of the Glidden patent.

Another man who came through with a barbed wire invention and capitalized on it about this period was Jacob Haish. It was similar to the Glidden wire and this similarity led to a conflict between these two men and their representative companies that proved long and costly. Dozens of their men invented and tried to market types of fence based on the barbed wire principle. Although Glidden is credited with the first true barbed wire as we know it today, there were others who tried to adapt steel spiked bands, stamped-steel spikes, slats and nails, twist-steel bands, single strand wire with

it. Big ranchers hated it, but it came and it brought with it new prosperity and an avenue to upward mobility. It represents a big investment, but actually has about as much to do with the prosperity of the county as any one factor. It brought with it the possibility of small farms on the High Plains and increased land prices. If served as borders and cut the need for so many ranch hands. Barbed wire truly tripped an economical revolution in Texas. When driving through the country some time look at the common, accepted, and unglorious barbed wire. Behind those strands stand a history of big business, intrigue, wars and economic upheaval. We owe much to these strands of steel.

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By YERN SANDFORD Texas Press Association After three excited years, Texas again has an official, accredited Democratic national committee man. Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey's acceptance by the national committee for the first time since Sept. 1952 Wright Morrow was refused recognition because he supported Republican Dwight Eisenhower. Official groups of both conservative and liberal Texas Democrats supported Ramsey. Only scattered protests were heard, one by the president of the liberal faction of the Texas Young Democratic club, Shivers Okays Demo Rules.

Gov. Allan Shivers says he is willing to play by the rules adopted for the 1956 Democratic national convention. He said at a news conference that he expects to be challenged nevertheless, by a "bunch of wild-eyed pinkies." Rules set for 1956 were viewed by Shivers as being the same as in 1952. Then they required heads of delegations to work for placing the party nominee's name on the state ballot under the proper column. Shivers said he is not surprised to hear that some old political enemies, like Stephen Mitchell, Adlai Stevenson's aide, think he should not be allowed a 1956 seat. He held firm that he would not take any pledge to support the party nominee. "I will give no pledge to support a nominee until I know who he is," Shivers said. He said he considers himself a "bona fide democrat" and feels that it is no crime for a Democrat to vote for a Republican friend. "I consider President Eisenhower a friend of mine," the governor said. His statement was widely interpreted as indicating he might support Eisenhower again if he is a candidate.

High school seniors with a University of Texas career in mind will find a good vocabulary, logical mind and number sense helpful in taking the scheduled aptitude tests. Tests may be taken in 42 Texas cities on three dates—Feb. 4, May 12 and Aug. 10. Dr. H. T. Manual, director of the University Testing and Guidance Bureau, said that, as a general rule, a student can be confident of his ability to succeed with university work if he is in the upper three-fifths of his high school class and makes a score of 75 or more on the aptitude test. Most of those applying for entrance into the University of Texas will be admitted, he said. The tests are designed to measure two very general abilities in academic work. First is the ability to work with words and to understand their meanings. Second is the ability to work with numbers and to solve problems. Scores on the required tests will not be kept confidential. The Department of Public Safety sent back the over-payments. Now, however, the new law is in force—and guess what. The DPS is busy writing Texas drivers—asking for more money. Many

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Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey announced committee assignments at the first meeting of the new Legislative Council. Serving on the executive committee with Ramsey and House Speaker Jim Lindsey will be Sen. Abraham Kazen of Laredo and Reps. Otis Brantow of Big Spring and W. G. Kirklin of Odessa. Studying finances will be Sens. Neville Cobson of Navasota and Gus Strauss of Haltomville, Reps. E. F. Crim of Henderson, W. S. Healy Jr. of Paducah and Pearce Johnson of Austin. On the subject matter committee are Sens. Rogers Kelly of Edinburg, George Moffett of Childress, Reps. Tom King of Dallas, Gus Garrett of Raymondville, James W. Yarnall of Houston, Ben A. Gising of Kingsville and Joe Burkett of Kerville. The state committee was authorized by the 1953 Legislature to "study the subject of preservation and dissemination of the records of Texas and Texans."

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Frio News

Miss Rose Marie Vandell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Vandell of Tahoka, became the bride Sunday at 3 p.m. of John Robins, son, also of Tahoka, in the First Baptist Church of Wilson. Included in the wedding party were the bride's aunt, Mrs. Olin Parrish, who was matron of honor; her uncle, who was best man; and her nephew, Walker Parrish, who was one of the candlelighters. From Frio. Also attending the wedding from Frio were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sparkman, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. O. Andrews and family, Mrs. Annie Springer, Grandpa Parker, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Andrews and Rocky. The Vandells are former residents of the Frio community and Rose attended the Frio and Hereford junior high schools. She graduated at Tahoka High School with the 1955 class. The Robinsons will make their home in Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. James Dobbs and Joe Andrews were Sunday dinner guests of the Leonard Schmidt family. Peggy Little and Ray Cole were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. H. M. Mobley, Don and Austin. Ray Cole of Hereford spent the weekend in the Floyd Cole home. Frank Robins and E. H. Little were in Colorado Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. Frank Robins and children spent Wednesday night of them are sent in the old 51 fee. SHORT SNOZES: Heart disease is Texas' number one killer, accounting for 20,191 deaths last year, said Commr. of Health Henry A. Hoie. An early winner in the first week of deer hunting season was Rep. Charles L. Sandahl Jr. of Austin who shot an eight-point buck from the wheelchair to which polio has confined him... W. Newton Barnes, Terrell city attorney has been named assistant secretary of state, replacing Miss Marie McCutchen of Dallas who did not accept the office offered her two weeks ago.

Castro Soldiers Participate In Big Army Exercise

FORT POLK, La.—Two Castro county soldiers, Privates Robert W. Smith of Dimmitt and Floyd J. Schulte of Nazareth, are participating in the largest joint Army-Air Force maneuver since World War II. Exercise Sage Brush, Louisiana. Some 110,000 Army troops are testing the latest concepts of atomic, bacteriological, chemical and electronic warfare. The exercise is being held in the old 51 fee. SHORT SNOZES: Heart disease is Texas' number one killer, accounting for 20,191 deaths last year, said Commr. of Health Henry A. Hoie. An early winner in the first week of deer hunting season was Rep. Charles L. Sandahl Jr. of Austin who shot an eight-point buck from the wheelchair to which polio has confined him... W. Newton Barnes, Terrell city attorney has been named assistant secretary of state, replacing Miss Marie McCutchen of Dallas who did not accept the office offered her two weeks ago.

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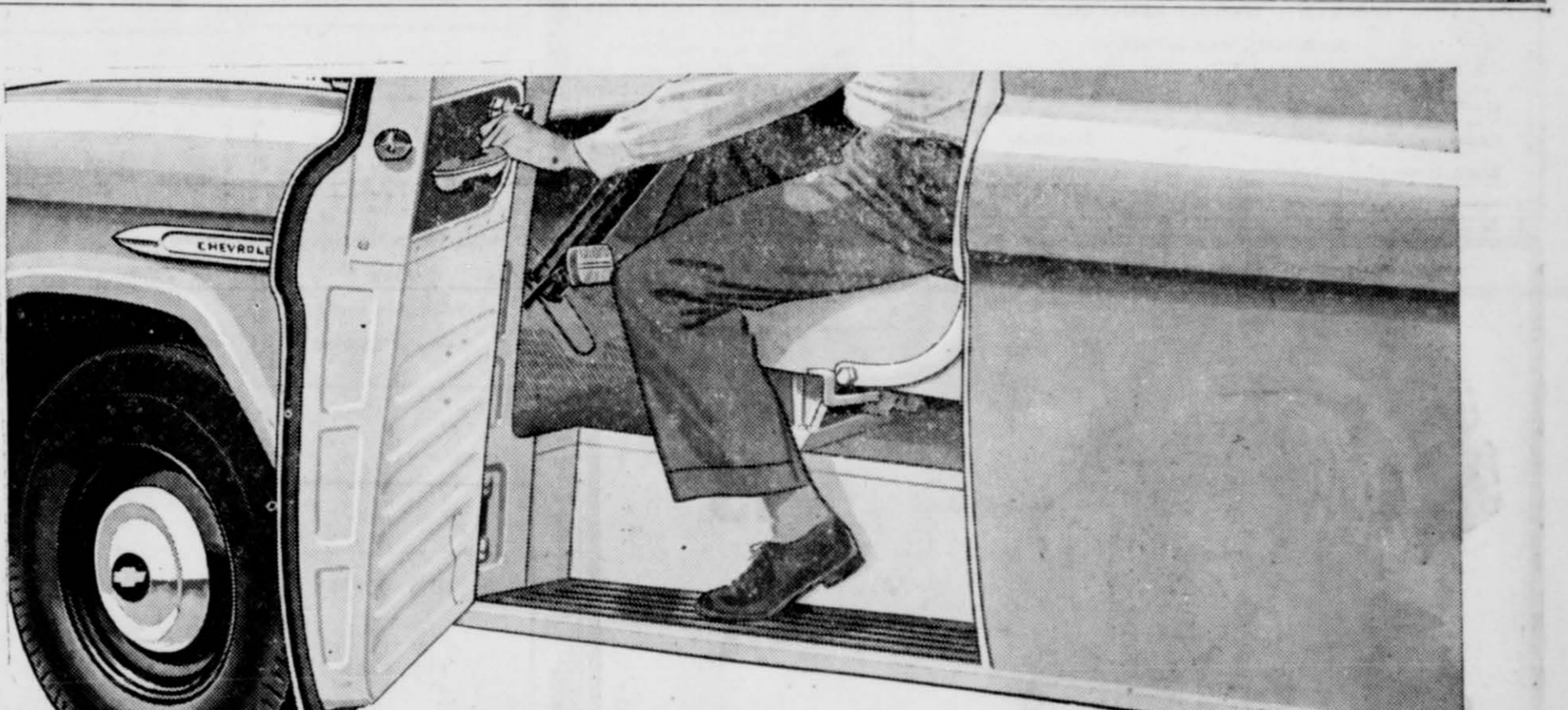


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Tenure Is Factor In Use Of Cotton Strippers In High Plains Area

COLLEGE STATION, Nov. 24—High Plains farmers in 1952 were in a position to weigh the economics of stripping versus hand harvesting and to select the method that would yield the highest return. The early killing frost made machine harvest practical. Their decision was neither to hand harvest their entire crop nor to harvest it all by machine.

Instead, says a study just released by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, most farmers chose to first go over their good acreage by hand and then complete the harvest by machine.

Electrification Of Texas Farms Is Continuing

COLLEGE STATION, Nov. 24—The 1954 agricultural census recorded a total of 292,946 farms in Texas. The total number electrified last November stood at 269,219 for a percentage total of 91.9. By contrast, in 1940 only 22.4 percent of the farms reporting were electrified; by 1950 the number had jumped to 260,373 farms or 78.5 percent.

In 1940 only 17.6 percent of all farms in the state reporting had telephones. During the next 10 years the percentage rose to 23.9 percent but from 1950-54 the percentage jumped to 38 percent. A summary of the preliminary reports from the 1954 Census of Agriculture covering Texas also shows that rural residents have equipped their farms and homes with many electrical appliances for making life in the country more enjoyable and also have used electricity to save labor and increase production.

The summary shows that by October of 1954, 30.8 percent of all farms had television; 68.1 percent had piped running water; 32.1 percent had a home freezer; 12.6 percent had a power feed grinder; 3.4 percent a milking machine and .8 percent used electric pig brooders.

It must be remembered, points out Extension Agricultural Engineer W. L. Ulich, that the percentages are for all farms in the state and that the percentages vary with almost every county. In the case of feed grinders, he says the greatest numbers are found in the counties where much grain and forage is produced and fed to livestock and poultry. Milking machines are most numerous in the counties where dairying is of major importance.

Low yielding acreages were stripped by machine the first time over.

Tenancy, report W. G. Adkins and W. H. Metzler, appeared in both the 1951 and '52 surveys as an obstacle to the use of mechanized harvesting. Landlords object to machine-harvesting on the basis of grade losses and lower returns while the tenant profits from the lower harvesting costs. Recent studies, say the economists, indicate that grade losses are a matter of harvest time rather than of the method used. The earliness of a killing frost was also found to be an important factor in determining which method of harvest would be used.

For the 1951 and 1952 seasons, 40 percent against 42 percent of all bales were machine harvested on the High Plains. Only 8 percent of the farm operators hand pulled all of their cotton in both 1951 and '52, but 16 percent stripped all their cotton in 1952 against 8 percent in 1951. The combination of hand and machine harvesting was used by 84 percent of the farmers in 1951 and by 76 percent in 1952.

Full owners cut back on machine-harvesting while tenants increased their use of machines. In 1952 owners machine-harvested 45 percent of their cotton compared with 68 percent the year before. Tenants on the other hand jumped their use of machines from 26 percent in 1951 to 41 percent in 1952.

Wayland Choir To Present "Messiah" At Earth Church

PLAINVIEW, Nov. 17—Earth Baptist Church will present the Wayland College Oratorio Choir in Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 7, under the direction of William E. Steward, chairman of Wayland's Division of Fine Arts.

For a number of years Wayland College has presented "Messiah" in churches of the area, as well as in Plainview. The Earth performance will be the only out of town appearance during the 1955 Christmas season, since the Wayland choir will form the nucleus around which a great community "Messiah" will be built for 3:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, at the Plainview High School auditorium to which the public is invited.

At Earth Mr. Steward will not only be the director but also the tenor soloist. While at Westminster Choir College at Westminster, N. J., he sang with that institution's traveling choir and appeared with a number of the outstanding musical organizations of the East.

David Appleby, associate professor of music, will be pianist and Miss Susan Logan, Lamesa, a talented student, will be organist. Other soloists for the Earth performance will be Misses Janette Bar, Hope Ark, Dolores Clark Perryton, Carolyn Smith, Odessa, soprano; Mrs. Jimmie Malone

Hartheek, Clovis, N. M., and Miss Koko Maeda, Honolulu, altos; and Earl Nance, Denver City, bass, all from the Wayland College International Choir, which is directed by Mr. Steward. Bill Swenson, Lubbock, bass, from the Chapel Choir, directed by Mr. Appleby, will complete the list of soloists.

BIG SQUARE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Whitehead of Odessa spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howard. Mrs. M. L. Howard and daughter were Muleshoe visitors Monday.

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