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Monday Morning Musings

Someone might remind Wess Ezzard that you don't have to worry about the draft if you can remember when the morning coffee conversations were about base ball and fishing rather than the TV McCarthy-Stevens show of the evening before!

Seems that one of the most valuable and used assets in this community is the school auditorium.

With it in use practically every night by either a school-function or for community meetings; and we say "well and good", for we believe it is fulfilling the function of its existence.

Regret to say that we have seen some localities with auditoriums just as fine as the local one, but in which only definite school programs were held, due to the rulings of school officials. We are fortunate that operations on the local scene are more farsighted than that. The officials evidently see the wide field of good accomplished by sharing this "tax payers' property" with the tax payers for the common good and education.

The Man Up the Street mentioned buying a dress for a ridiculous figure. Didn't say who she was.

Hear about the undertaker who ran for office? His slogan was "I'm the last man to let you down".

Apologies for this one told by Fisherman Jake:

Jake was over at Hot Springs you remember. Now, he finally remembers about "that fish". He had put large frog on his hook, anchored the hook with pretty heavy wire tied to a stump, all prepared for the big one. Next morning there was the frog, out

of the water and sitting on the stump, with a catfish trying to climb the stump, sweating most of its weight away trying to get to that meal!

The Teacher in the other room notes that many small boys are just the type that their mothers wouldn't want them to associate with.

We give a bank inspector the credit for this one:

Seems it was a very hot day in a small town at which he called. He walked into the bank, and was quite surprised to find it evidently deserted. Finally he saw there in the cashier's office two officials and two clerks playing cards. Determined to teach them a lesson, the inspector tripped the burglar alarm and then ducked into a vacant office. Hardly had the clang of the alarm died away when the doors of the tavern next door popped open.

"Coming right up, gents", the bartender called, entering and balancing a tray with four foaming mugs on top.

Court trials in the news remind us that confession is good for the soul but bad for reputation!

Grade School Principal John Parish said this week that 65 children attended the pre-school visitation day held last Friday. According to Parish, this is a larger percent than was present last year at the visitation day and he estimates that there will be about 110 to 125 registered when school opens in the fall.



At Last, Something To Cheer About



Water is Topic

Water conservation was a prime subject for the political speakers this week.

That problem is one of the state's biggest, and influenced him in deciding whether to run for governor again, Shivers told reporters.

He said that in his opinion Texas has sufficient water if the supply is conserved, adding: "Texas can solve its own water problems. It ought to be done in large part on the local and state level."

Backing for Shivers came from Guy C. Jackson, president of the Texas Water Conservation Association.

Jackson said he believes that the governor "plans to go all out with his usual energy to see that the next session of the legislature dedicates itself to an intense, patriotic study and ultimate solution of our water situation." Yarborough, speaking at Hempstead, said that the answer to the water problem "is action, not a continual bickering between the State and Federal Government."

He added: "The State Government is wasting its energy and killing time by continuing to call the Federal Government names."

C. T. Johnson, as part of his platform, proposed the construction of 100,000 small dams in Northwest Texas to hold rainfall.

He also recommended a canal to connect 10 Texas rivers and provide an interchange of water

to balance irregular flow. Senator Lyndon Johnson also urged thousands of small dams in the upland areas of Texas for water storage and protection against floods.

Race for Senate Senator Johnson drew opposition in the person of Representative Dudley T. Dougherty of Beeville, wealthy rancher and oil man.

While RR stands for railroad, in Washington it also stands for Randall Report.

Many believe Randall Report is attempt to Rail Road through Congress final destruction of U. S. Protective Tariff laws.

Much fuzzy oratory will be unleashed incorporating economic theories, philosophies, theories on universal brotherhood, perhaps even Yogisim. It will be confusing to follow.

Already confusion has been created. For example, some farm spokesmen claim that tariff abolition will give foreigners dollars needed to buy U. S. farm products.

Perhaps some facts should be injected into all the fantasy. Between 1940 and 1946, due to war conditions, trade figures mean nothing. But immediate prewar and postwar years in Commerce Dept. records are revealing.

For example, in 1930 U. S. exported \$362,500,000 worth of finished foodstuffs, imported \$293,448,000 worth. In same year imports of crude foodstuffs totaled \$409,125,000, exports \$178,533,000. Even this left a combined trade deficit of \$230 1/2 million.

But that was peanuts compared to what happened when protection wrecking reciprocal trade treaties got underway. By 1935 imports of manufactured foodstuffs totaled \$318,828,000, exports \$157,211. Crude foodstuff imports totaled \$322,327,000 and exports dropped to \$58,751,000 leaving a trade deficit balance in food of over \$400 million.

At war's end, this trend zoomed. By 1950 finished food imports

climbed to \$898,422,000 with exports only \$602,412,000. Crude foodstuff imports climbed to \$1,759,565,600, with exports totaling \$750,723,000, leaving a deficit in the balance of trade on foodstuff of \$1,285,823,000. In 1952 the deficit was \$1,623,500,000.

It is very evident that large share of lost export dollars is not due to lack of dollars in foreign nations, but rather to their own increased productivity, substantially financed by U. S. aid programs.

For example, canned and dried fruit exports were once big volume business. In 1935, typical prewar year, 7,700,000 cases of canned fruit were exported. In 1952 exports totaled 2,200,000 cases. In immediate prewar years dried fruit exports averaged 200,500 tons. Postwar exports average 104,000 tons.

Here are interesting figures.

In past 10 years foreign orange production has increased 19 1/2%. U. S. increase is less than 3 1/2%. In past 10 years, British Commonwealth alone has increased canned fruit production from 6,212,000 cases to 15,379,000 cases, an increase of 250%.

Records of 20 years of reciprocal trade treaties show U. S. farmer has in peacetime, suffered by tariff tampering, and has only survived by yoke of price supports and subsidies imposed on necks of all Americans. In meantime, imports of manufactured good produced by cheap labor in foreign plants of U. S. firms has steadily increased.

So they now say in some Washington quarters that if present tariff wrecking drive succeeds, the Bureau of Indian Affairs should be combined with the Agriculture Department, so that Ezra Benson can be in charge of all the vanishing Indians.

Dougherty cranked up his campaign by sending to Johnson in Washington a telegram asking him some questions. Dougherty wanted to know:

Does Johnson approve the use of U. S. troops in Indo China? Does Johnson favor sharing the atomic secrets with other nations?

Will Johnson assist in the investigation of federal loans on

Texas hotels and apartments? Justices Will Run Elsewhere on the political front

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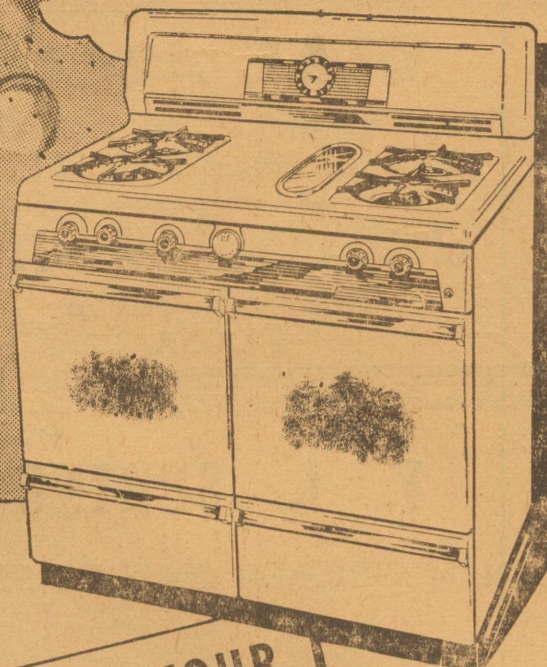
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News From BLACK

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright of Warren, Arizona and Mrs. Ty Cobb of McMenville, Oregon visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Deaton and family Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Cobb are aunts of Mrs. Deaton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Barnett, Weslie, Judy and Betty were in Lubbock Sunday visiting with their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Deaton, Lois Brenda and Glenda and Ray Strickland were visiting Mr. Deaton's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Holly at Plainview on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Christian Lou and Ann were in Oklahoma over the weekend visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ivie have started building their new home. They began the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Price and Randie and Jeffery went to Cheyenne, Oklahoma over the weekend to visit Mrs. Price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shackelford and also to see Ronnie Shackelford who was home on furlough from California. Ronnie is in the Marines.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bailey were visitors in Portales, New Mexico on Saturday.

The hail that fell here on Sunday afternoon did a lot of damage. Some wheat crops being a complete loss. Some houses received damage to roofs. The rain measured around one half inch. R. E. Barnett and Dick Rocky had complete loss on their wheat. Lightning struck at the farm home of Mrs. Leona Wolf, burning out all electric wiring and tearing fences out. The television aerial was blown down at the L. R. Hand home. Roofs were blown off of milk barns and brooder houses and many windows were broken, along with other damage to farm homes.

John S. Thompson returned to his home Sunday night after attending a national meeting of Shorthorn Breeders at Springfield, Missouri last week.

Thompson is secretary of the Shorthorn Association. Leo Weir of Hale Center is president and also attended the meeting with Mr. Thompson.

Mrs. Lois Dennis spent Sunday with Mrs. Leona Wolf.

SOIL CONSERVATION ACTIVITY - NEWS - SUGGESTIONS

BY STEVE H. BAVOSETT

Jim Terrell and Melvin Swartz have been running some water infiltration tests. Some of the information they have found is quite interesting. On the Clark K. Carter farm, southwest of Friona, they found that the water had soaked into the ground 8 feet up next to the ditch. It was 7 feet deep 400 feet from the ditch. At 1300 feet down the row the water had soaked only 3 feet deep. At 2600 feet from the ditch the water was down only 33 inches. The root zone of Mr. Carter's soil is only about 36 to 42 inches

deep. This means that he has wet the soil next to the ditch about 8 feet deeper than he needed to. Then the last 900 or 700 feet of his rows still needs to be wet 6 to 8 inches deeper.

The thing that is happening for Mr. Carter's farm is also happening on many other farms in the Farmer County Soil Conservation District. I wonder if it wouldn't be worth your time for you to know what is happening to your irrigation water.

There will be an irrigation meeting in Bovina at the American Legion Hall at 8:00 Thursday

night. Bob Thurmond, Tom McFarland and Bill Broadhurst will discuss the Water Conservation District and the new regulations concerning the waste of water.

Keith Brock has just finished his work with the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. Keith worked out of our office for about a month. In that time he helped 55 different farmers with their well locations, ditch lines and bench leveling. Those 55 farmers probably would not have been served by the SCS office. The farmers of the Farmer County Soil Conservation District owe the Friona Chamber a vote of thanks for their help. The next time you see a member of the Chamber, just tell him thank you. I'm sure the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture would like to hear from you.

SCOUT POT LUCK SUPPER

Scoutmaster Steve Bavousett has announced that there will be a "pot luck" supper Monday night for all scouts of Troop 56 and their parents, at the Scout Hut at 7:30 p.m.

Each family group is to bring sandwiches, cokes and pie for their members.

The main discussion of the evening will concern the summer camp and the date of the camp and other factors will be discussed and decided upon at this meeting.

The scoutmaster asks that all scouts and their parents be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Maurer are in Fort Worth this week attending to business.

State Officer Was Club Speaker Here

Guest speaker at the meeting of the Modern Study Club last Tuesday night was Mrs. A. J. House of Yoakum, vice president of the Texas Federated Clubs. Mrs. House had been visiting various clubs within her territory and was on her way to the Federated Clubs convention at Dalhart.

Subject of her talk was "Need of Federation" in which she explained that one could find her purpose in life through church and club work.

Special guests at the meeting were members of the Progressive Club, Friona Woman's Club and clubs from Black and Bovina.

Floral arrangements of spring flowers were used in the decoration of the club room, and the tea table was laid with a color scheme of yellow and green with spring flowers. Refreshments of small individual cakes and green punch were served, with Mrs. C. W. Dixon pouring the punch.

Mrs. F. W. Reeve and Mrs. L. F. Lillard presented piano duets.

About 60 members and guests were present; the hostesses were Mesdames Wesley Hardesty, C. W. Dixon, Ed Lehnick, Avis Write Jamie Lou Lillard and Clydie Black.

Mrs. House was the houseguest of Mrs. Roy Slagle during her stay here.

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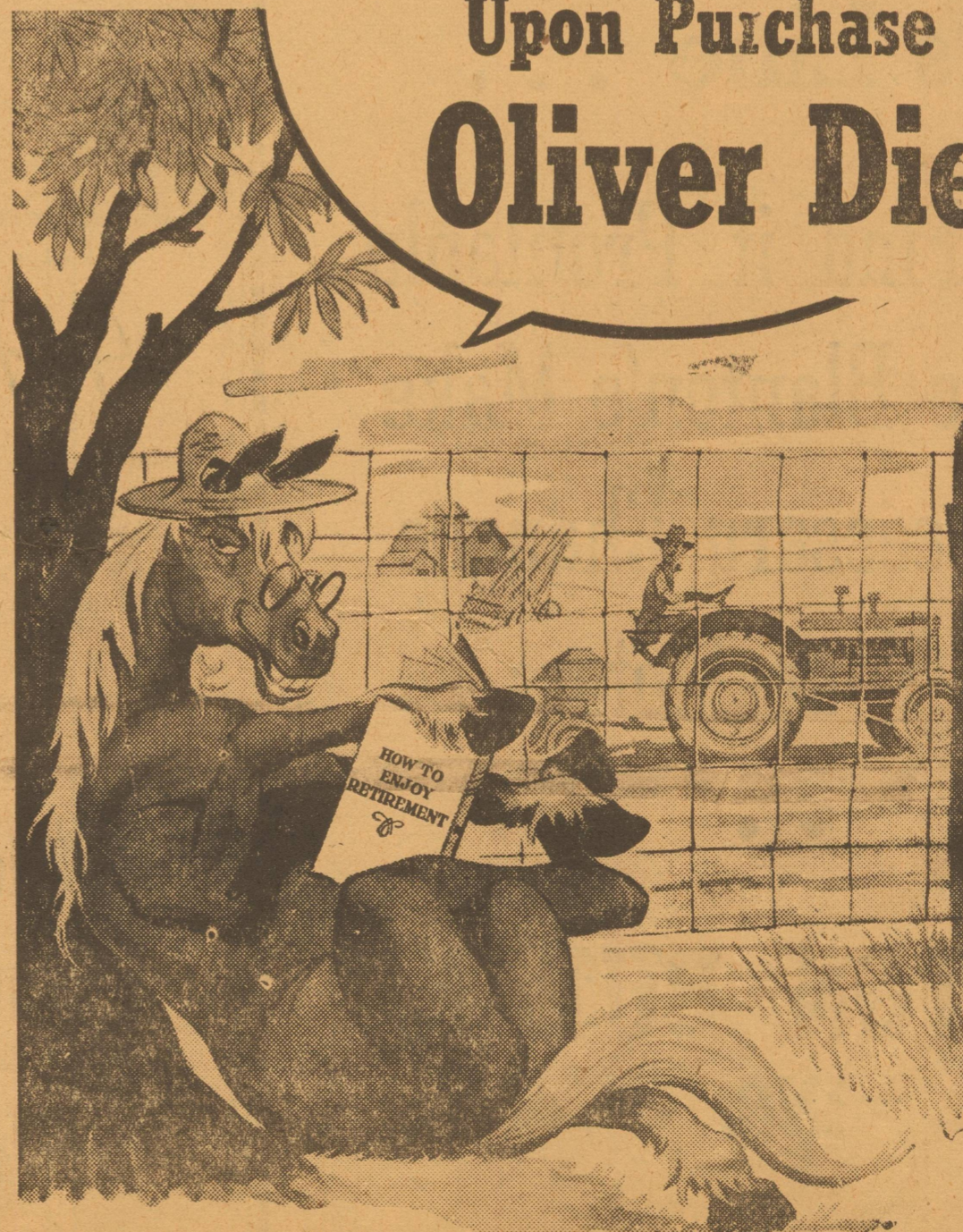
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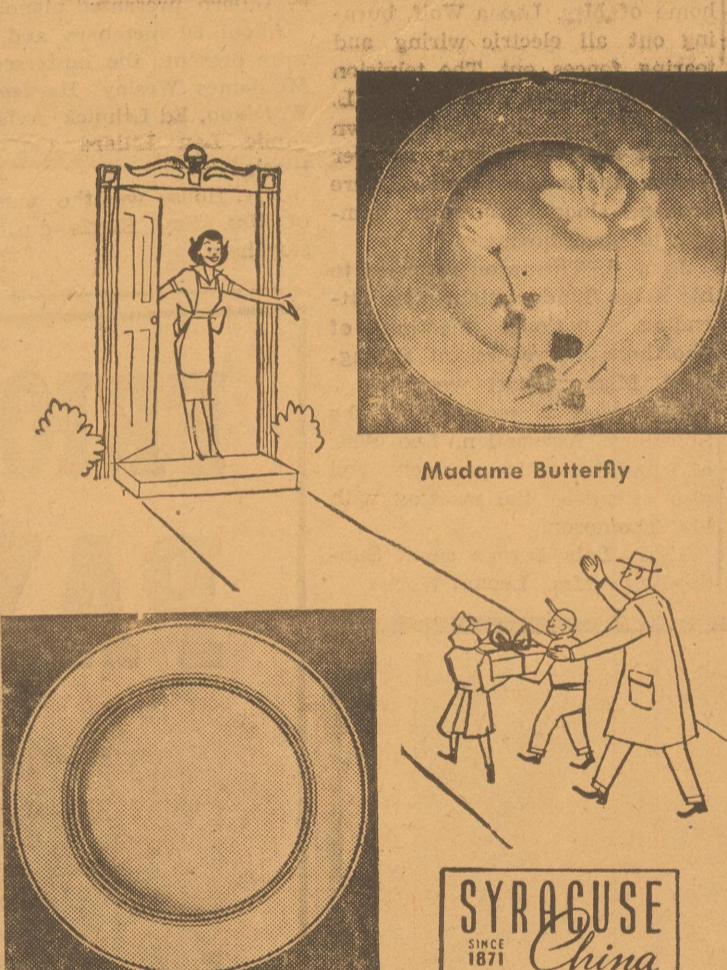
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W. M. U. Tues. 8:00 p.m.
Sunbeams Tues. 8:00 p.m.
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pilgrim Fellowship 8:00 p.m.
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Church Family Night—1st Sunday of each month.

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Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Training Classes 7:00 p.m.
Worship Service 8:00 p.m.
MONDAY:
Friendship, Courtship and Marriage Class 8:00 p.m.

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Rev. E. W. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study, Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Young People, Fri. 7:30 p.m.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Associate Justices Few Brewster of Temple and Clyde E. Smith of Smithville announced for reelection as members of the Texas Supreme Court.

And Chief Justice J. E. Hirkman said he would file soon. The other six justices still have parts of their elective terms to serve. Most members of the legislature will seek re-election.

Martin Dies, of Lufkin, has filed for re-election as Congressman at Large.

Teacher Pay Boost

Passed by the special session of the Legislature, a bill to increase Texas public school teachers' pay by \$402 per year was signed by the governor.

Present for the ceremony were House and Senate sponsors of the bill and members of a committee that worked out the compromise plan for teacher pay.

Governor Shivers already has signed a tax bill for raising the money for increased teacher pay and other purposes.

CLOSE THE GAPS

E. H. Thornton Jr., chairman of the state highway commission, told a Kaufman County delegation that the commission's policy is to complete gaps in the farm road system before beginning new routes.

Thornton's statement was in response to a Kaufman County representative's question on a local road problem.

"We will not be limited in our thinking by precinct lines," he said. "We are proud of our farm

BOOK REVIEW

A review of the book, "The Edge of Time", was given by Mrs. Calvin Talley Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Progressive Study Club at the Friona clubhouse.

Also heard was a report by the club delegate on the highlights of the Federated Club Convention held at Dalhart last week. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Lynn Roberts and Mrs. Sue Procter.

to market road system in Texas. There are about 22,000 miles built or under construction. It is high time to start connecting these roads."

Thornton said that federal aid for roads has been increased for next year, and with matching funds, Texas' highway program will expand by \$35 million a year.

Inspection Stickers

There are 2,650,000 vehicles in Texas that have passed the automobile inspection test - but a quarter of a million cars are going around without the required stickers, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Automobiles lacking the evidence that they have been inspected will be sought out and the owners given warning tickets.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Martin and Tommy of Clovis visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Foster.

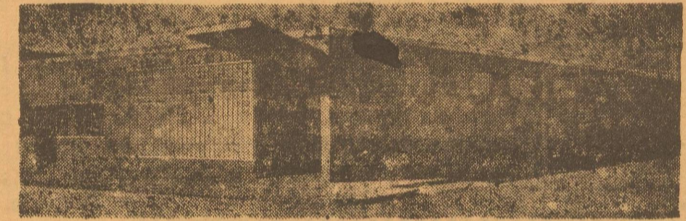
Frank Spring and Dr. Paul Spring left Wednesday morning on a fishing trip to Conchos Dam.



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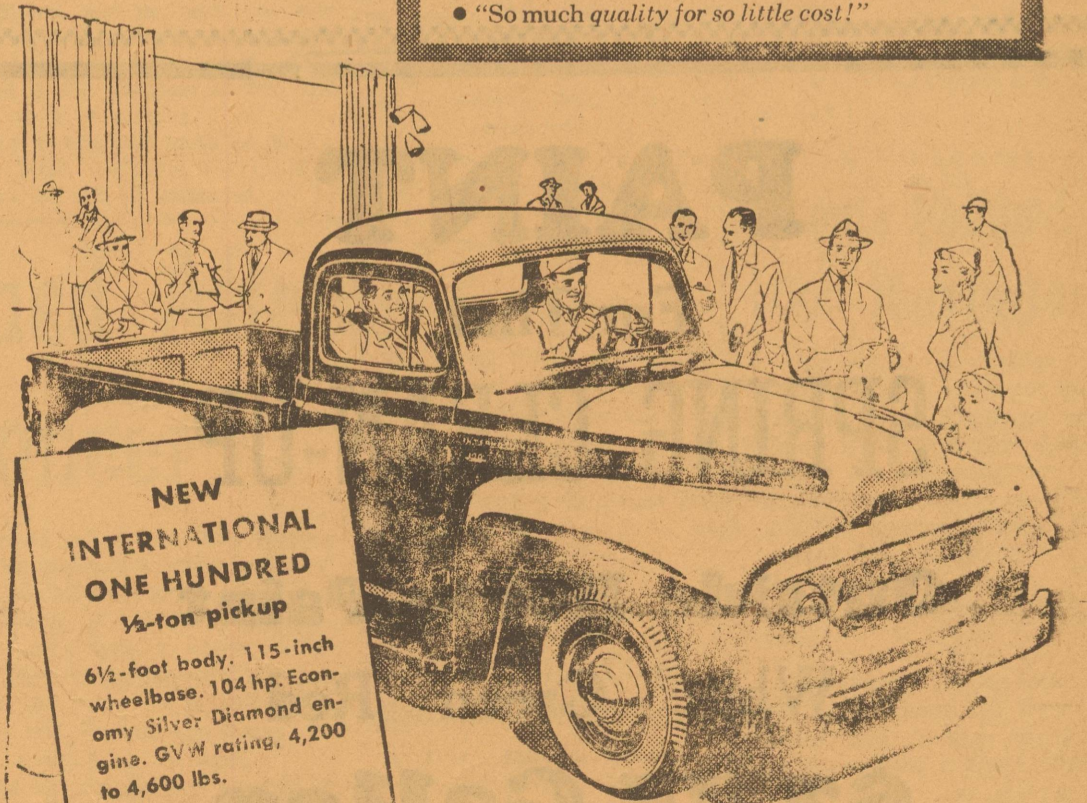
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The deadline for returning acres to the county committee is June 4, but we strongly urge that you act before that date, as it will then be too late for these allocated acres to be planted.

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Farm Bureau Credits Self With Pending Compromise Farm Bills

Farm Bureau's proposed farm program, a compromise between two extremes in agricultural planning, has been introduced in Congress, according to A. J. Ellison, president of the Farmer County Farm Bureau.

Companion bills embodying specific proposals for improvements in price support and adjustment legislation were introduced recently by Reps. Martin (R) of Iowa and Herlong (D) of Florida. The House Agriculture Committee, of which Congressmen W. R. Poage of Waco and Clark Thompson of Galveston are members, is studying the bills now.

Provisions of the bills carry out the major policies on price supports and related legislation adopted by the official voting delegates to the American Farm Bureau convention last December in Chicago.

Included in the proposed legislation are certain recommendations adopted by the voting delegates to the Texas Farm Bureau annual convention last November in Minera Wells.

The bills call for the variable provisions of the Agricultural Act of 1949 to go into effect next year, but with several important amendments. At least two of the amendments were compromises on recommendations adopted by the Texas Farm Bureau.

One of these would make it mandatory for the government to pay 90 per cent support for any basic commodity, except tobacco, the first year that marketing quotas are in effect on that crop after a year in which they were not in effect. This gives producers an extra year in which to bring supplies in line with demand before any changes may be

made in the support level.

Another Texas Farm Bureau recommendation in the two bills is the provision establishing a soil fertility bank to alleviate the surplus problem and store up the fertility in the soil. This is a compromise on the TFB acreage retirement plan. Under the provisions of the FB sponsored bills, the percentage of their cropland to soil building crops or practices as a condition of eligibility for conservation payments and price supports on commodities which are not under marketing quotas. The Secretary would be directed to require that a producer comply with all marketing quota programs in order to be eligible for conservation payments and price supports.

One proposed amendment to the 1949 Act provides up to \$2.5 billions worth of surplus commodities be set aside before computing support levels so that the crops in surplus now could start off under the variable system with supports at or near 90 per cent of parity. Farm surpluses in this commodity set-aside would be used to expand international trade and in foreign aid programs. However, the surpluses in the commodity set-aside

would be used in figuring marketing quotas and acreage allotments.

Another proposed amendment would require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for a marketing quota referendum for a crop when supplies reach a specified level. This guarantees the producers the right to indicate how they feel about keeping the supplies in line with demand. Had a referendum on quotas and allotments been called in 1952, the problem of unmanageable surpluses might not exist now. The amendment takes some of the politics out of national farm legislation.

The FB proposals, as embodied in the Martin-Herlong bills, represent a 'middle road' or compromise between extremes in agricultural farm programs. Producers of some commodities which will be affected by acres diverted this year from basic commodities generally favor straight flexible price supports. Some do favor doing away with all price supports. On the other hand, some producers of basic commodities favor straight 90 per cent of supports regardless of supply and demand.

Cash farm receipts from the six so-called basic crops constitute 23 percent of total cash farm receipts. The other 77 percent of gross farm income is derived from all other farm and ranch commodities. Some 60 per cent of the gross income of American farmers and ranchers comes from the sale of commodities which do not have any government price support whatsoever.

The FB program contains some of the best features of both variable and rigid price support plans. It guarantees a certain amount of freedom from government control, and, at the same time, provides essential price protection.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sheriff, Tax Collector and Assessor:

CHAS. LOVELACE
(Re-election)

For Treasurer:

(MRS.) MABEL REYNOLDS
(Re-election)

For County and District Clerks:

HUGH MOSELEY
GRAHAM G. THORNTON

For County Attorney:

BILL SHEEHAN

For District Attorney:

JOE L. COX

For State Representative 96th Legislative District:

JESSE M. OSBORN

For Justice of the Peace:

Precinct 2, Friona
WALTER LOVELACE

For County Judge and Ex Officio County Superintendent:

A. D. SMITH

For Commissioner, Precinct 1:

FORREST W. OSBORN

For District Judge:

E. A. BILLS (Re-election)

Members of the Friona school board and their wives will fete the faculty members with an ice cream party at the school cafeteria on the evening of May 7.



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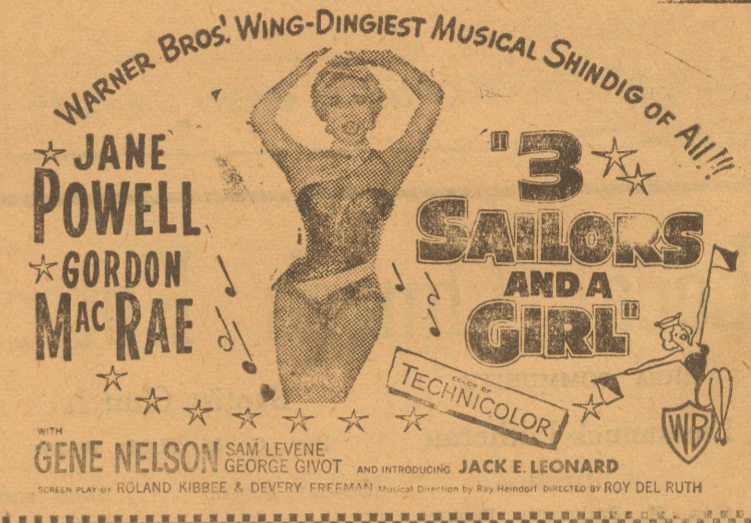
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