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ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM OF STATE NEEDS FINANCING

Advances in medical science, with widespread education of the public leading to early detection and prompt treatment, have brought many diseases under complete control. Former scourges like typhus, cholera and yellow fever have been eliminated. There was only one case of smallpox reported in Texas in 1952.

Deaths from tuberculosis have dropped more than fifty percent in Texas in the past five years, from 2,340 deaths in 1949 to 960 in the first eleven months of 1953. The venereal diseases have shown a similar drop, from a high of 49,780 in 1947 to 25,230 in 1953. Erasing the stigma connected with these problems was the first step toward recovery for their victims.

Similarly, lack of knowledge and understanding about alcoholism is a sure bar to recovery of many thousands of Texans today. Many people still consider alcoholism the direct result of 'lack of will-power', and some look on treating alcoholics as approval of drinking.

A better view of the seriousness of the alcoholic problem may result from ignoring the individual alcoholic and considering the damage done to his family. Everyone is concerned about the child whose father is in an iron lung or in a TB sanatorium for months, but little thought is given the child who is exposed to the constantly repeated emotional storms and insecurity resulting from alcoholism.

How serious is the problem of alcoholism? How many alcoholics are there in Texas? No one knows exactly, but there are many clues which point at the magnitude of the problem. It is certainly so extensive and expensive that it should no longer be ignored or dismissed as a matter of individual responsibility.

Alcoholism is a causative factor in an unknown percentage of many serious social problems, such as divorces, juvenile delinquency, drunk arrests, DWI charges, and so on. The cost to society is included in taxes for jails, prisons, mental hospitals, welfare expenses, in increased automobile liability insurance rates, industrial accidents, absenteeism, hot checks, etc.

Excessive drinking is reported to be a factor in more than 50% of all DIVORCE CASES by authorities from coast to coast. The March Readers Digest reports that a Harvard University survey of 1,000 JUVENILE DELINQUENTS found that 6 out of 10 of their fathers were excessive drinkers.

The Department of Public Safety reports that a 'drinking driver' was involved in 50% of the 2,498 FATAL HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS in 1952, also in one-third of the 112,968 accidents resulting in non-fatal INJURIES, increased from 70,025 in 1951.

In answer to questionnaires sent out last year by the Governor's Committee on Alcoholism, 76 Texas County Judges and 49 County Attorneys estimates averaged that alcoholism was involved in 41% of ALL THEIR CASES.

Twenty-eight Texas District Judges estimates averaged that alcoholism was a factor in 58% of their DIVORCE cases, and in 55% of all AID-TO-DEPENDENT CHILDREN welfare cases. The increase in this problem is reflected from the Department of Public Welfare annual reports as follows:

1952. 45,014 children from 15,474 families, annual cost, \$9,789,509
1953. 50,900 children from 17,550 families, annual cost, \$12,755,794

If the District Judges estimate of alcoholism being involved in 55% of all ADC cases were cut in half, the resulting number of children affected would far exceed either the 1,751 cases of polio, or the 3,890 cases of tuberculosis reported to the Health Department for the first eleven months of 1953.

The dramatic success of Alcoholics Anonymous has resulted in recovery for more than 5,000 men and women in Texas, but that organization's traditions prevent their offering treatment for any of the physical illnesses resulting from alcoholism, hospitalization of any kind, or carrying on any widespread educational efforts. They work entirely by attraction and never by promotion.

The experience of other states, which have adequately financed alcoholism programs, shows that with knowledge and techniques presently available, MORE THAN HALF OF ALL ALCOHOLICS CAN RECOVER. Texas has created a Commission and outlined a broad, constructive program providing for education, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, but PROVIDED NO FUNDS.

If enough interest is shown, the special session of the Legislature will appropriate funds to enable the Texas Commission on Alcoholism to fulfill its duties set up by the last Legislature. Neglecting this problem is definitely costing society more than will treatment and rehabilitation. Men who are now drains on their families and the community can become useful and productive citizens, but they must have help.



Mrs. Sam Black of Ft. Worth visited her mother, Mrs. O. B. Jarrett and other relatives here last week.

Mrs. Todd Newton had major surgery last week and as we go to press, we are happy to report she is doing fine.

Down Memory Lane

March 28, 1913

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Mercer, of Atwell, were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bowen of Cottonwood, were in Baird Monday.

Miss Vida Gilliland is spending a few days in Brownwood this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford, of Putnam, were in Baird Tuesday evening.

Misses Kathleen Tuttle, Glenzie Platt, Mrs. Henry Benham and Sarah Maude Benham, of Cisco, were the guests of Claude Flores for the grand Easter ball Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. L. Stone, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. L. White, left Tuesday evening for her home in Pearce, Arizona.

Geo. B. Scott was thrown from a "bucking float wagon" yesterday and as a result has a badly sprained ankle.

Earnest Hill and Miss Ruby Hill were in from the ranch south of Belle Plain, yesterday.

Miss Alice Floyd, who has been teaching school at Cross Plains, has returned home.

March 30, 1934

C. A. Kent of Cross Plains was in Baird Tuesday.

Teller and Miss Evalyn Blakeley of Belle Plain were in Baird Wednesday.

R. P. Stephenson, of Eula, was in Baird yesterday.

Louis Taylor of Oplin, was in Baird yesterday.

Mrs. L. E. LeBlue of Big Spring is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray this week.

Miss Callie Windham and her brother, Dewey Crenshaw of Tecumseh were in Baird yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Suggs and daughters, Misses Gladys and Bobbie of the Clyde community, were in Baird Tuesday.

Albert Betcher of Oplin was in Baird Tuesday. He called at The Star office and placed his name on our subscription list. Mr. Betcher is another of our pioneers, having resided in the Oplin community for more than a half century.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Powell of Brownwood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell and Miss Lillie Morrison.

Questions and Answers

Q—About two years ago, a veteran-friend of mine applied to VA for disability compensation, but failed to take any further action on his claim. He did not show up for his physical examination, and did not contact VA in any way. At this late date, could he still follow through on this same claim?

A—No. VA considers that a claim is abandoned, if a veteran ignores VA's requests for evidence or an examination for one

year after the requests were made. Your friend will have to file a new application. If he is awarded compensation, it will begin as of the date of the new application.

Q—I was awarded a VA pension around the middle of the year. In computing my income to see whether I come under the ceiling set by law, must I count income for the entire year, or only that part of the year during which I was on VA's pension rolls?

A—You must include your income for the entire year, even though you were drawing a pension for only part of the year.

Q—I am a disabled Korean veteran. If I take vocational rehabilitation training under Public Law 16, will I have to give up my monthly compensation payments?

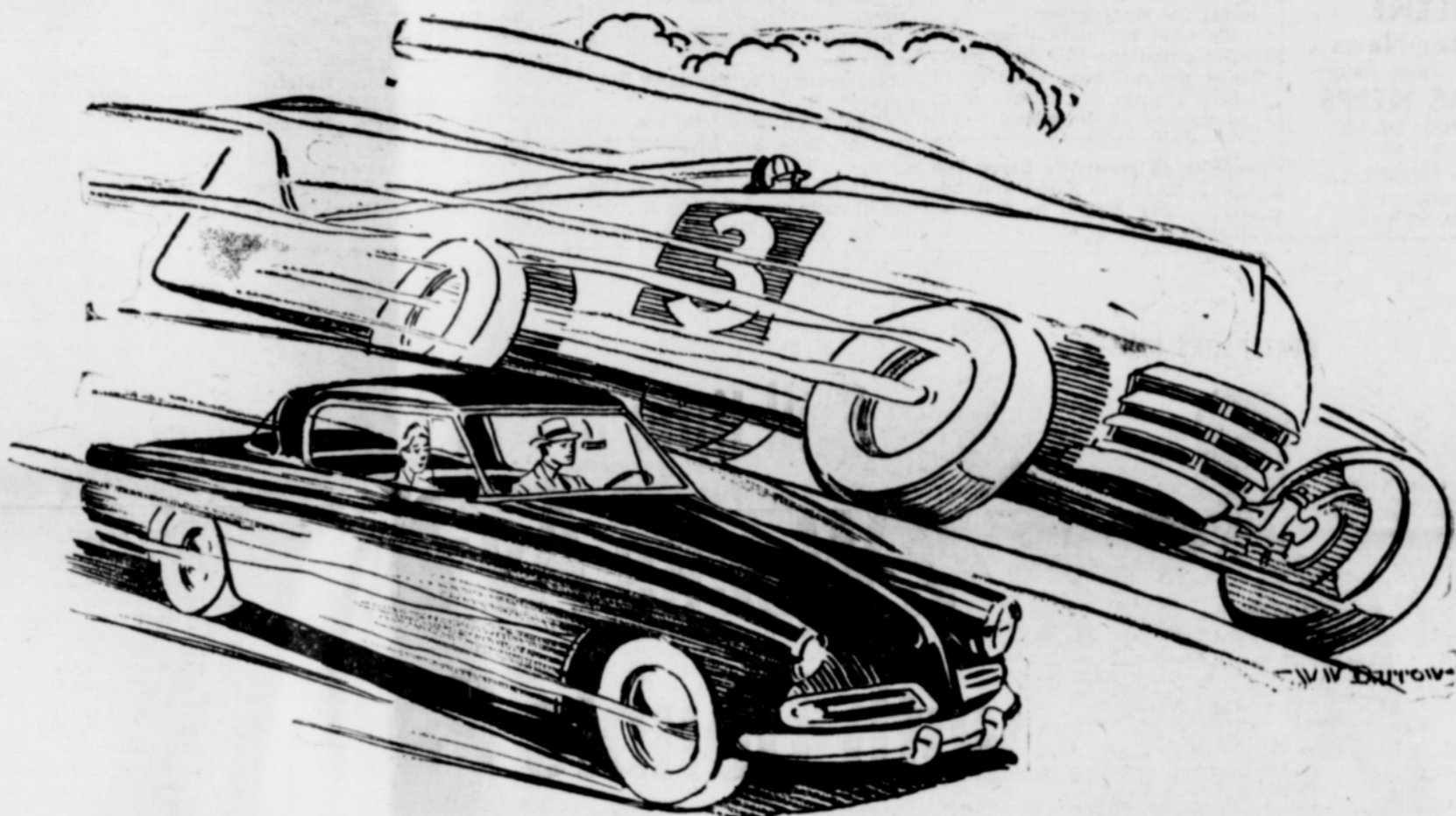
A—No. So long as you are eligible to receive the payments, you will receive them—even though you are taking training under Public Law 16.

Q—I was awarded a disability rating by VA, and I think it should be higher. I want to appeal. Is there any time limit on filing my appeal?

A—Yes. Your appeal must be filed within one year from the date VA made its original award.

Mrs. Cecil Nichols is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy Clucks in Abilene.

Mrs. L. G. Kerby attended the funeral services in Sweetwater last Saturday of Jess Lambert.



Weather Clear TRACK FAST Fatal!

When racing drivers are out for new speed records, they pray for a clear, fast track.

But those same conditions on the nation's highways produce different records—deadly records! Last year 80 per cent of fatal accidents, 26,280 occurred in clear weather on straight, dry roads. Only one answer—too much speed, too little control.

Highways are not raceways, but every road has its dread quota of "race track fringe" drivers. One highway safety authority says: "It is not a question of what is a safe speed—now it is what is a 'survival speed' for the average driver? It isn't up in the 65 miles an hour and plus range, where sustained momentum hypnotizes the senses, where impact is deadly. Now we must slow down to live!"

In the last four years average speeds have been creeping up until more than half of all rural driving, passenger cars and buses, are now exceeding fifty miles per hour with many of them doing well over sixty.

This high speed hysteria must be tamed. It has become a national emergency to be met by indignant public demand for more and stricter law enforcement. Let's stop this losing race with Death!



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Texas Highway Patrol Activity In Abilene District Released For Publication

Captain G. L. Morahan, commanding officer of the Abilene Highway Patrol District released the following figures today regarding activity of the Texas Highway Patrol for the month of February 1954, in their job of Traffic Supervision on the rural highways of this area, which consists of Direction of Traffic, Accident Investigation, and Traffic Law Enforcement.

Warnings for moving hazardous traffic violations were issued to 948 persons by members of the patrol for the month.

The 21 patrolmen of the Abilene District worked 2960 day hours and 18000 night hours, for an average of 179 hours per man for the month, and traveled 52,734 miles, filed 383 traffic cases, 315 of which were for moving hazardous traffic violations. Fines were paid by counties as follows: Callahan \$1,002.30, Eastland \$394.50, Fisher \$146.20, Haskell \$796.00, Jones \$555.50, Mitchell \$572.60, Nolan \$250.40, Scurry \$272.50, Shackelford \$174.40, Stephens \$191.00, Stonewall \$38.50, Taylor \$1,273.00 and Throckmorton (none), for a total of \$5,666.90 in fines.

Eight fatal, 14 personal injury and 46 property damage accidents were investigated in which 8 persons were killed and 32 personal injuries were sustained. Property damage to motor vehicles involved in the 68 accidents amounted to \$43,362.00. The accident score by counties in the Abilene District is as follows: Callahan, 1 personal injury accident and 5 property damage accidents for a total of 6 accidents in which 6 personal injuries were sustained, with a property loss of \$12,600. Eastland County, 2 personal injury accidents and 6 property damage accidents, with 2 persons injured and property damage of \$2,984. Fisher county, 1 fatal accident, 1 personal injury accident and 1 property damage accident, with 2 persons injured and property damage of \$2,900.00. Haskell County, 1 fatal accident and 2 property damage accidents with property damage of \$660.00. Jones county, 2 property damage accidents with damage of \$425.00. Mitchell county, 2 personal injury and 5 property damage accidents, with 2 persons injured and property damage of \$3,120.00. Nolan county, 3 personal injury accidents, 5 property damage accidents, 6 persons injured, and property damage of \$4,143.00. Scurry county, 1 fatal accident, 6 property damage accidents, 1 person injured with property damage of \$4,005.00. Shackelford county, 2 personal injury accidents, 2 persons injured, property damage of \$725.00. Stephens county, 2 fatal accidents, 2 personal injury accidents, 4 property damage accidents, 2 persons killed, 5 persons injured, property damage \$5,520.00. Stonewall county had only one accident reported, 1 fatal in which one person was killed, one person injured and property damage of \$2,250.00. Taylor county, 2 fatal accidents, 1 per-

sonal injury accident, 13 property damage, 2 deaths, 6 persons injured, property damage of \$4,030.00. No accidents were reported for Throckmorton county in February.

Taylor and Stephens counties had 2 fatal accidents each with 2 persons killed in each county during February. Fisher had 1 death, also Haskell, Scurry and Stonewall had one death each from traffic accidents. The principle violations causing these accidents was exceeding safe speeds, with 2 violations listed, exceeding legal speed 19, driving while drinking 10, failure to grant right of way 10.

Eight persons were killed during the month of February, while only 1 was killed during February of 1953.

Mrs. Al Gardiner and son, Gary of Galveston are visiting her mother, Mrs. J. R. Coley, Mr. Coley and family and other relatives here. Mrs. Gardiner will be remembered as Mildred Ann King.

Mrs. M. O. Moring and little daughter, Shelley, of Austin and Mrs. H. L. Ferguson and daughters, Martha Carol and Ivey Lee, of Cisco visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ivey the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Manning received word last week that their son, William H. Manning will receive his masters degree from H-SU of Abilene in June of this year.

Mr. Tom McIntosh who has been a patient in the Callahan County Hospital was able to be moved to his home in Clyde last week.

RIO Theatre

NEW SHOW TIME
Doors Open 7:00
Show Starts 7:15

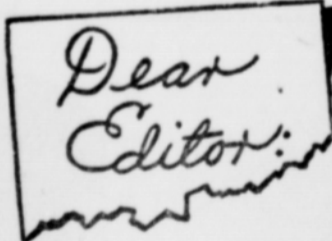
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Gas Co. To Refund Gas Gathering Tax

Lone Star Gas Company's industrial customers in Texas are to receive state gas gathering tax refund checks totaling approximately one million dollars.

One firm alone will receive \$100,000 in refunds from the tax. These refunds are made possible by the United States Supreme Court's decision, rendered Feb. 8, holding the tax to be unconstitutional and void. It was explained by Chester L. May,

Lone Star's senior vice president. The tax, totaling nine-twentieths of one cent per thousand cubic feet, had been paid by Lone Star's industrial customers in Texas since September, 1951, when the State gas gathering tax went into effect.

Lone Star, following the Supreme Court decision of Feb. 8, announced that, effective with the March billing, the tax would no longer be added to future industrial gas bills. On March 15 the Supreme Court restated its decision and refused to reconsider the case.

The gas company proposes to refund the entire amount of the gathering tax paid by these customers as soon as the state refunds the tax to the company. The tax was never applied to domestic users.

Refunds will vary from a few dollars to as much as \$100,000 per customer.

Special checks are being printed on which the notation "gas gathering tax refund" will be carried. These refund checks will be distributed locally by the company's district managers.

Baptist Church Notes

Those attending W.M.U. Regional Meeting, Big Spring, March 18-19, report a wonderful meeting. Those attending were Mmes. Riley Fugitt, C. J. Redwine, Myrtle Berry, Lawrence Bowius, Conley Pruitt, G. H. Tankersley, E. L. Chelf.

Youth Revival, April 4-11. Rev. Bill Austin, Brownfield, Evangelist. Watch for further announcements.


Youth Banquet, April 2, to be

held in Dining Hall of Educational Building. Dr. Harris, returned missionary from Hawaii to speak. Later announcements on this. Watch your Baird Star and Church Bulletin.


A good number of our youth and youth workers attended the Youth Rally, Monday night at University Baptist Church in Abilene. Also quite a few have attended State Sunday School Convention in Abilene, at First Church, this week.



- COCA-COLA, six bottle carton 25c
- SALT, Morton's, 2 boxes 19c
- CORN MEAL, Kimbell's, 10 lb. bag 75c
- ORANGE JUICE, Hi-C, 46 oz. can 27c
- KLEENEX, 200 Size, 2 boxes 29c

NABISCO RITZ CRACKERS 8 ounce box 19c	 PET MILK 2 tall cans 27c	THREE-MINUTE OATS 1 pound 4 ounce 17c	BABO 2 cans 23c
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- CABBAGE, Green Crisp, lb. 03c**
- ONIONS, Yellow, lb. 03c**
- BANANAS, Golden Ripe, 2 lbs. ... 25c**
- LEMONS, Sunkist, dozen 29c**

BLACK'S

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor
Apricot Coffee Cake

No. 2 1/2 cup apricot halves
 2 cups biscuit mix
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 cup Pec Evaporated Milk

1/2 cup coarsely broken nuts (can omit)
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/4 cup flour
 2 Tablespoons butter

Drain apricot halves. Cut up enough apricots to make 1/2 cup. Save rest to put on top of cake. Mix well in a bowl the biscuit mix, 1/3 cup brown sugar, the soda and nuts. Stir in with a fork the cut-up apricots and the milk. Spread in a well-greased 9-in. round cake pan. Sprinkle over top a mixture of 1/4 cup brown sugar, the cinnamon, flour and butter. Arrange apricot halves on top. Bake on center rack of 400 oven (hot) 40 minutes, or until cake pulls from sides of pan. Serve warm.

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