

HERE IN HICO

By R. L. H.

Lots of people are feeling tough during the changeable weather we're having. Some are seriously ill, and they naturally have the sympathy of this column, along with the wish that they may get well as soon as possible.

Varying degrees of the virus, flu, bad colds, and even hiccoughs have attacked numerous victims. Here in Hico had a week-end siege of something-or-other (don't worry, Mama), keeping him away from the office for three or four days. Thankfully we report that the worst seems over, and probably no one else was greatly inconvenienced anyhow.

More noticeable to the public, doubtless, has been the illness and resulting absence from his regular duties of everyone's friend, O. L. Davis, local OPS manager.

Besides his faithful devotion to assigned duties, Ollie has a faculty for going a little further and rendering service "above and beyond" without thought of recompense or personal inconvenience.

He has been missed in all accustomed places, which are almost everywhere, including salesmanship in the office, skill and drudgery around the power plant and on transmission and service lines—day or night; accommodation jobs that are "tinkering" to him, but necessary enough to the layman who is served; and in various other places where he does a good job whenever he has a moment to relax.

Ollie's host of friends will be glad to know that he is at least navigating again. Although not under full sail, and that he apparently has found a cure that he can recommend for hiccoughs.

Illness is not a laughing matter, in whatever degree it may be encountered. HHH is witness to that, after a week end of meditation over troubles that were temporary and minor when compared with what many others are undergoing.

But the old saying that misery loves company does not always hold true. For our part we wish everyone could be well all the time. Then the doctors could go in for atomic research, hospitals could be turned into clubhouses for the enjoyment of living instead of its mere perpetuation, and Bill Howard could have a big time peddling bicycles and Cokes and waiting on his trade consisting of customers for trivial and frivolous things instead of the medicines he efficiently dispenses now in such variety over such a wide territory. But such has never been the case, is not now, and never will be. And the medical fraternity and all its affiliates have our utmost respect for the way they respond to the need for relief of suffering.

The story of an "afling" person's thoughts is better told by a contemporary, Rufus Higgs, in his "Till Tell the World" column in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune.

"Most of the time when people become ill they get all out of sorts. Their patience becomes heavily taxed and on occasions they are downright irritable—not at anyone in particular but just exasperated at themselves. That just about sizes up the situation this department found himself in for two weeks. Of all the times on earth that sickness was not needed it was, and is, now. But that doesn't change the picture. When the old machine gets out of kilter we have to get it serviced. A little medicine here and there, with an abundance of rest and a sensible diet, will accomplish wonders. Now that we are better, to some extent at least, it is easier to smile. For one thing, a lot of telephone calls, letters and personal inquiries as to our well being are something that has been helpful. Moreover, they are appreciated. It does look like that the best people on the face inhabit this land of the blessed. We are still somewhat puny. However, we are back on the job where we want to stay."

Well said, Rufus. That's the very thought we were trying to find words to express, and you say it differently on each occasion while being consistent in your appreciation of and love for people.

Without thought of or attempt at criticizing the dictation of a past master who can casually and appropriately toss around words like propitious, HHH begs leave to examine that word puny. According to the dictionary, puny means "imperfectly developed in size and vigor . . . small and feeble . . . insignificant . . . petty."

Knowing you from "way back when we owed you real money instead of the present acknowledged obligation which is more personal and aesthetic, we would rather describe your recent situation as "temporarily indisposed." No one who has known you has ever found anything puny in your personality, disposition or character.

Sincerely we disclose that we esteem you as a gentleman and a scholar—a statement in which

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Payment of Poll Tax Is Made Easier

Emphasis placed on the importance of paying poll taxes before the January 31 deadline is beginning to pay off. Although current payments are still lagging over previous years, many have been reminded through pleas of various organizations and civic groups to get this important matter off their minds at once.

With only three days remaining before the deadline, the following methods are suggested for last-minute expectant voters.

1. Pay at the Hico City Hall Saturday.
2. Pay at County Tax Office. If more convenient, which Tax Officer Billy G. Wood says will remain open Saturday night as long as he has any business.
3. Mail in payment, giving necessary information as indicated in ad on Page 3. Postmaster R. B. Jackson advises that letters mailed Sunday will bear Jan. 31 postmark.

In addition to this being election year for all county and most district and State offices, there will be 11 amendments to the constitution facing qualified voters this fall.

AG BOYS DISPLAY 'AMERICANISM' THEME

As a project in citizenship, vocational agriculture classes have been assisting this week in urging local voters to pay their poll taxes. Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, the boys drove through town in their pick-up, making an announcement on the loud speaker that poll taxes could be paid Wednesday morning at City Hall.

The project was under the direction of their instructor, Harold Walker, who worked at the City Hall that morning, filling out the tax receipts.

A similar plan is scheduled for Saturday, when the boys expect to have the added assistance of Mayor W. H. Greenslit in making out the receipts.

Mayor Cooperates in Movement Publicizing State Song of Texas

Responding to a suggestion from Edgar Deen, Mayor of Fort Worth, Mayor W. H. Greenslit this week issued a proclamation commemorating the 25th anniversary of our state song, "Texas Our Texas." The document has been placed on the bulletin board at Hico's city hall.

Mayor Deen's letter read, in part: "I have endeavored to emphasize and perpetuate the use of our State song on all appropriate occasions."

"We in the city of Fort Worth would like to extend an invitation to all Texans to make use of our beautiful State song, and I feel that one of the best methods in which this can be accomplished is by calling this anniversary year to the attention of the Mayors of our respective cities."

Sammy Baugh Will Address Grid Banquet

Sammy Baugh, former featured player on the Texas Christian University team, will be the principal speaker at the annual football banquet to be held here Monday, February 8, at 7:00 o'clock. Announcement was made by Harold Walker and W. C. Howard, members of the planning committee of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring organization, after a meeting of the group Tuesday night at Firemen's Hall.

Twelve members attended the meeting this week, and heard plans for the banquet. T. A. Randale, president of the Chamber, expressed the desire that the group plan to have a meeting with dairymen in this location in the near future. Inasmuch as the industry has developed in this vicinity so well, he said he thought it would be well for the civic group to cooperate with the raisers of dairy herds.

W. C. Howard is general chairman on arrangements for the banquet for football players, and said that the football jackets, to be presented that night, have now arrived. Tickets will be on sale to the general public within the next week, he said.

Others who are assisting with plans for the annual affair are as follows: Fred Harris and Truman Roberts, in charge of the meal and site for the banquet; Odie Patsick and Harold Walker, to secure a speaker; Ray Cheek, J. B. Woodard and D. E. Bullock Jr., in charge of tickets.



Now in Texas on Month's Vacation

Hicoans' Son Pilots Plane For King of Saudi Arabia

Tales are told of men who walked with kings, but Esker W. Coffey, a Hale Center man who makes his living in Saudi Arabia, flies with them.

The following interesting story about a man whose parents live here was told in last Friday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

While waiting at the Hilton Hotel Thursday for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coffey, now of Hico, to pick up him and his wife, Coffey said he has piloted the present King Saud of Arabia about 100 times in a Saudi Arabian Airlines craft.

Each trip has been a pleasurable one, he added.

In keeping with that fine old Arabic custom of bestowing gifts on those whose works are admirable, King Saud presents Coffey with a handful of gold coins after each flight aboard the Saudi Arabian plane.

Coffey, employed by the airline as a pilot for almost seven years, said he first started carrying Saud as a passenger when the latter was the crown prince.

That first flight netted Coffey a royal gift of 100 pounds sterling, about \$400 American.

Coffey, who admits that Saud is "a pretty nice guy," since that first flight generally is left with an extra 10 gold pieces, about \$100 American, in his pockets when he lets the king out of his plane.

Less blue-blooded passengers aboard the line's planes seldom leave gifts, but they do leave something of their presence behind, Coffey explained.

Since Saudi Arabia doesn't offer what would be called first class accommodations aboard its planes, the passenger list often is made up of persons who limit their use of the country's scarce water to drinking and cooking purposes only.

In addition, some take their small livestock along with them. However, no sheep or goats have been extra passengers, so far, while Coffey has been in the pilot's seat.

However, some of the passengers take their falcons along. As of now, none of the hunting birds has broken loose from its owner and made a pass at the plane while in flight, Coffey said.

Coffey, a former Air Force pilot, lives in Jidda and flies DC-3s and DC-4s to Damascus, Cairo, Egypt, Beirut, Lebanon, and Riyadh, King Saud's capital.

Most of his passengers are Arabs—the late King Ibn Saud was a passenger shortly before his death—but there are a sprinkling of American Oil Company people.

The line, owned by Trans-World Airlines, operates 13 DC-3s, five DC-4s and five Bristol freighters.

Coffey, the line's senior pilot in Saudi Arabia, does a large part of his work aboard the DC-4s.

He and Mrs. Coffey, a Parisian who is now an American citizen, live in an apartment, and buy a good portion of their groceries in the local markets. Since acquiring fresh and wholesome meat is somewhat of a problem in Saudi Arabia, Coffey often brings back a supply for his home freezer when he returns from Beirut.

Coffey, who plans to continue as a Saudi Arabia pilot for three more years and then come home, is in the United States on a month's vacation.

Howell E. Cobb Is Re-Election Candidate For District Attorney

Howell E. Cobb of Comanche makes his announcement this week as a candidate for re-election as District Attorney for the 52nd Judicial District.

In making a similar announcement in the Comanche Chief last week, Mr. Cobb's home town paper had the following to say about him:

"Mr. Cobb is serving his second term and has made an outstanding record. He is a graduate of the Goldswrite High School and of the University of Texas, and was a commissioned officer in World War II. He came to Comanche from Brady several years ago."

NEW CITIZENS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wolfe, who have been making their home in Hamilton, moved Wednesday of last week to Hico, and are living on V. H. Jenkins' place, in the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boone.

Mrs. Wolfe is the former Marguerite Blacklock of Fair. They have one daughter in school, Margo, and three other children, Nellye Don, Jim and Jean.

Response to FFA's Cattle Spraying Deal Above Expectations

"Response to the cattle spraying deal offered by the Hico FFA Chapter has been most gratifying," Harold D. Walker said Wednesday. "Our new equipment is being put to good use, and local farmers and cattlemen seem to appreciate the cooperation we are trying to give."

In ordering a re-run of the advertisement announcing this service, the chapter advisor said that particular emphasis at this time was being placed on spraying for ticks. "We found numerous cases of tick infestation where it had not been suspected before," Walker added. "This is the time to get right down to business on this important work, and we are ready to help in any manner we can."

A number of other services are outlined in the ad which carries a picture of the excellent equipment the local chapter recently acquired through the Texo Community Prize Program sponsored by Burrus Feed Mills.

W.S.C.S. Plans to Sell Cakes on Special Order, Repeat Rummage Sale

Because of inclement weather last Saturday afternoon, several articles of clothing were left over from the Rummage Sale sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service. Ladies have announced that the sale will continue this Saturday afternoon with a rummage sale, and also the bake sale of pies and cakes.

The sale will be held in the waiting room of the De Luxe Beauty Shop, operated by Ruby Lee Byrd. Again the time for beginning the sale will be 8:30 a. m. to continue throughout the day.

During the month of February, the members of the W.S.C.S. will take orders for homemade cakes to be sold to the public. Anyone desiring any of these cakes is requested to call either Mrs. Fred Jones or Mrs. Mont Young, members of the committee in charge.

MOVING TO HICO

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ramage, who have made their home in Black Stump Valley, moved this week into Hico. They are at home in Mrs. Ethel Lackey's house near the Methodist Church.

Their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Ramage and Cherry D. and Lee Curry, plan to move to the Ramage homeplace from Houston early next month.

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY DISTRICT MANAGER VISITS

Earl W. Heath of Cleburne, district manager of Lone Star Gas Co. which serves Hico, was here Wednesday afternoon.

Conferring with Lone Star's local manager, Pete Turner, Mr. Heath commented on the recent changes in company officials, whereby several promotions were announced.

March of Dimes Will Follow Porch Lights

YOUR DIMES HAVE DONE MUCH — AND CAN DO MORE IN '54!

"Light the way to Victory" is the slogan that many mothers' groups are using this year in the annual Mothers' March on Polio. Victory has a stronger meaning than ever before this year, as scientists working with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis have for the first time both a limited, temporary preventive agent and a trial vaccine which may provide the final answer to infantile paralysis.

Group captains who have been named by Mrs. Goodloe to take various areas of town in the Mothers' March are as follows:

- Mrs. J. B. Woodard
- Mrs. Lenard Weaver
- Mrs. V. H. Jenkins
- Mrs. Marvin Marshall
- Mrs. Morse Ross
- Mrs. Odie Patsick
- Mrs. Grady Hooper
- Mrs. R. T. Simpson
- Mrs. Jim Jameson
- Mrs. W. C. Howard

As Hico joins with other towns and cities across the nation in contributing to the 1954 March of Dimes, it is this "Fourth Front" or polio prevention which will highlight the campaign. Already through 16 years of organization the National Foundation has attacked the crippling disease on three fronts: polio research, polio patient aid and professional education. Now it has approached its final aim and is ready to attack with polio prevention which has passed all tests in the laboratory. Scientists feel that they now can move safely to the human body with this trial vaccine.

Funds from the 1954 March of Dimes drive will enable scientists to give this vaccine to a trial group of children, and in addition polio patient aid will be continued for those who have previously been under care through the National Foundation.

WITH THE COLORS



(U. S. Army Photo)

IREDELL RIFLEMAN STATIONED IN KOREA

Army Home Town News Center, Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 21.—Pvt. Donald L. Linch, 20, Iredell, Texas, is a rifleman in the 3rd Infantry Division. He entered the Army in May 1953 and completed basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Linch, Iredell, Linch graduated from Iredell High School and was a carpenter for W. H. Linch in civilian life.

SPECKEN ZIE DEUTSCH?

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Napier visited in Marlin last week end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Atkins and daughter Elizabeth.

The Napiers have recently returned home from Germany, where he was stationed for 2½ years, and she joined him there after the first six months of this time. Johnny, who was known to the Army as Warrant Officer Ira E. Napier, received his honorable discharge on January 5, and they have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Grimes, in Hico.

'Fourth Front' Expects To Bring Elimination Of Polio Epidemics

As ladies of Hico met in City Hall Monday night with March of Dimes chairman Truman E. Roberts to plan their campaign for the Mother's March on Polio, they were reminded that the goal for this year's drive is higher than before, and that the March of Dimes which has made so much progress in years past has an even higher goal this year, because of the development of the new trial vaccine for Polio Prevention. Roberts emphasized the importance of supporting this effort especially this year because of the strides made toward prevention of the dread disease, which have led to the Fourth Front, or polio prevention.

Mrs. R. B. Goodloe was named by Roberts to head the Mother's March, which will be held tonight (Friday) beginning at the sound of one long blast on the fire alarm at 7:00 p. m. The signal will be, as it has in the past, a lighted porchlight or candle in the window, or some other indication that may be seen from the street.

The ladies who met Monday night also decided that they would attempt to go as far around Hico as they could find people who desired to give to the March of Dimes. They said that they possibly would cover territory beyond hearing distance of the fire alarm, within the trade territory of Hico. If there are those within the city limits or beyond whose homes are inadvertently missed, these people are requested to telephone the City Hall, where some volunteer worker will be during the hour from 7 until 8 o'clock.

The quota for the March of Dimes drive this year is 50 cents per person, which would make Hico's share a little over \$600. In previous years, the volunteer workers have raised more than this, and can reasonably expect the same generous cooperation. A substantial beginning to the fund was made Saturday when an offering was called for at Hico Commission Co. during their weekly auction sale.

F. E. Creman, manager of Hico Theatre, will cooperate with the drive as usual, with collection for this purpose at the movie Friday night.

Other groups participating in the March of Dimes drive in addition to the ladies who will visit residences tonight are a Lions Club committee delegated to solicit donations in the business area; school teachers who have received cards to give children who wish to contribute, and seven local merchants who have allowed the chairman to put up test-tube containers for voluntary contributions by the public.

Cooperation With '54 Dimes March Pledged By Hico Lions Club

At its weekly meeting Wednesday at noon the Hico Lions Club pledged full support to the current March of Dimes drive.

President Harold D. Walker appointed Pete Turner and Paul Noel to put up advertising posters over town. S. B. Starnes, John Reed and Fred Red Harris were appointed to make a solicitation of funds in the business section.

Members voted to contribute to the March of Dimes a sum of \$25.00 from the club treasury.

Reporting for a committee appointed last week to investigate a trades day plan, Ray Cheek said the members were open to suggestion, but had received no encouragement on the plan that had been submitted. A subsequent motion that no action on the proposal be taken at this time was passed.

Further emphasis was placed on importance of paying poll taxes by the Jan. 31 deadline.

Ray Renfro of Fort Worth, Herbert Barish of Waco, and Leonard McLendon were guests at the meeting.

Directors assembled for a short business session following the regular meeting, and agreed to resume the regular meetings at noon on the first Tuesday of each month, starting March 2.

CHILD INJURED IN WRECK

Serious injuries were escaped when Mike Brannan, three-year-old son of Lonnie Brannan, Church of Christ minister, and Mrs. Brannan, fell from their car into the traffic lane of the highway, as they were traveling to Comanche last week. The boy was hospitalized overnight, and was examined for possible concussion, but doctors found only bruises, which are healing very well this week.

FINAL Clearance

Friday, Saturday and First Monday Bargain Day
COME EARLY FOR BEST SELECTIONS

100 DRESSES—For street, dress-up, dinner parties—Complete size range. Were 10.98—14.98—24.50—37.98—41.50. Now 5.00—7.00—9.00—10.00—12.50.

50 BLOUSES—T-Shirts, Weskits & Sweaters. Were 2.25—4.98—5.98—7.98—14.98. Now 1.00—2.00—3.00—4.00.

COATS, Fitted and straight line, 100% wool. Were 26.50—37.98—49.50—66.50. Now 5.00—8.00—10.00—15.00.

SUITS, 100% wool, 2 only sizes 46 and 28½. Were 71.50 and 82.50. Now 25.00.

SUITS, Rayon. Were 19.98—24.50—29.98. Now 10.00.

LADIES' HAND BAGS, Were 3.00—5.00 and 8.50. Now 1.00 and 2.00 (plus tax).

LADIES' SLIPS, Were 3.98—4.98. Now 1.00.

LADIES' PANTIES, Were 79c — Now 15c.

LADIES' RAYON UNDERVEST — Were 79c. Now 25c.

GOWNS, Rayon satin & crepe, lace trimmed. Were 8.50 and 10.50. Now 2.98.

LADIES' GLOVES — Were 1.98 to 4.00 — Now 1.00 and 2.00.



Stephenville,
Texas

IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mrs. Emma Fuller is visiting her niece, Mrs. Virgil Neatherlin and family of Houston.

Miss Ella Thornton is visiting her niece, Mrs. G. W. Mingus Jr., near El Paso.

Mrs. C. A. Mitchell spent the past week end in Dallas and McKinney.

Mr. Behringer was in Fort Worth Tuesday buying merchandise for their store.

W. E. Boyd Jr. was in Dallas Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank and family and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hughes and son of Fort Worth spent the past Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Owens.

Mr. W. H. Loader is ill in a Dallas hospital.

Mrs. Wildah Mitchell, who works in the Stephenville Hospital, spent the week end at home.

Mr. A. F. Polnac of Walnut Springs was here Saturday.

Mrs. Rube Warren spent the week in Fort Worth with her children.

Mrs. Ray Gibbons and daughter of near Meridian visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Webb this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guinn and sons of near Hico spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Nora Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Minnix and daughter of West spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Jess White and family.

Mrs. R. L. Brown of Fort Worth spent the past Sunday with her mother, Mrs. N. L. Mingus and Mr. Mingus.

Mrs. T. M. Davis visited in Fort Worth this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Linch and son of Fort Worth spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Lela Tidwell.

Mrs. Mammie Edwards of Walnut Springs was here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Wilson are the proud parents of a son, born Jan. 23 in Clifton Hospital, who weighed eight and a half pounds and has been given the name of Willard Ray. Mrs. Wilson is the former Miss Peggy Harden.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Lott and son and their daughter, the former Miss Patsy Jean Lott, all of Waco, spent the week end here.

Mrs. Dorothy Hendrix of Waco spent the week end with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Wade. Her husband is in the army.

Mrs. Raymond Thompson and daughter were in Hico Saturday.

Mr. John Parks, who is ill, is reported to be some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ince were in Hico Saturday.

Mrs. Gladys Wilson and son of Fort Worth are visiting his mother.

Large crowds were at the Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday nights to hear Rev. and Mrs. Grayson Tension talk on Brazil. They were interesting and enjoyed by all. Pictures of Brazil were shown on a screen. Mrs. Tension showed some things they brought from there. All enjoyed looking at them. Rev. Tension preached Sunday and Sunday night. A very large crowd were there. When they leave for Brazil, they will be gone 5 years. Their friends hope they will return, and make it fine in Brazil.

Mr. O. M. McCoy is ill in the Clifton Hospital with a bad tooth. Her husband and Joann are with her.

Mrs. Trotter and son of Walnut Springs were here Saturday. They visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Roy Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ciccolella of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Whitley.

We had an interesting study on the Book of Jeremiah, led by Mrs. Ralph Bradley, Mrs. Elakley and Mrs. Pike, for the WSCS on Monday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. A very good crowd of ladies were present. All Methodist ladies are invited to attend.

Clairette

— By —
Mrs. Henry Mayfield

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Lewallen of Duffau community moved to

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pruett and Deborah spent last Tuesday in Fort Worth shopping. Mrs. Lucile Mayfield accompanied them and spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. Elwanda Duncan and children.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg spent Saturday night and Sunday in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Conway.

Lt. Millholland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millholland of Dublin, who is a student in the Air Force at Bryan, had a bad car wreck late Saturday afternoon just a few yards west from the big bridge across the Bosque River. It is presumed he hit loose gravel on the bridge and lost control of his car, which knocked down a post or two and went on down the deep embankment and landed in the Henry Mayfield field. The car was almost demolished. He was injured when he was thrown from the car. He was carried to the Dublin Hospital. The Myrtis Robbin wrecker of Dublin came and pulled the car to Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Artie Thompson received news of a new granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Thompson of Fort Worth, Friday, Jan. 22.

Mrs. Ross Fryer and little girl of Fort Worth moved last week to the Bob Clark place in Clairette. Her husband, Bro. Ross Fryer will be at home on week ends and fill his appointment at the Baptist church each Sunday. He is in school at Fort Worth.

A cold wave hit here Wednesday night. Everything was covered with sleet and ice Thursday and Friday, sending the temperature down to 13 degrees. There was no school Thursday and Friday, due to the cold weather.

Friends here of Rev. Arch Jones of Union Grove were sorry to hear of his death Friday. Funeral services were held in Dublin Saturday afternoon. Some from Clairette attended the funeral services. Rev. Jones was pastor several years at the Congregational Methodist Church.

L. E. Roberson and Danny of Stephenville visited a while Sunday afternoon in the Herman Roberson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sanders and her daughter-in-law of Fort Worth visited at the cemetery Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Sanders is better known here as Velma Reagor. She was reared here. She remarked about how nice the cemetery looked and wished to contribute money soon to the cemetery fund.

The Busy Bee Club are making a quilt to help raise funds for the cemetery this year. Those who are interested are asked to send their donations to the Clairette Cemetery Committee anytime for spring cleaning at the cemetery.

Miss Mary Sherrard went to Fort Worth Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Sherrard of Hico.

Etheridge Sherrard and children of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherrard Sunday.

Miss Sandra Pittman of Tarleton State College spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pruett and Deborah.

Miss Deborah Pruett is sick and not able to go to school today (Monday).

Roland Sherrard of Hico spent Sunday night with the R. W. Sherrard family.

Buster Roberson and Lillian Pruett of Hico were married Jan. 15. Buster is employed at Bell Aircraft at Grand Prairie. The couple are making Granbury their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Partin and family of Stephenville visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harvey Sunday afternoon.

Dow Self and sons of Carlton took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Self.

Burl Havens and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Havens of Dublin attended the funeral of John Lane of Killean at Nolanville Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Lane is a brother-in-law of Burl's. He passed away suddenly on Tuesday.

Enlistments of Texans In Armed Forces in '53 Totaled Over 31,000

Austin, Jan. 18.—More than 31,000 Texans were reported as enlisting in the armed forces during 1953, and nearly 51,000 were separated during the year.

State draft boards made up the difference, with some to spare, Brigadier General Paul L. Wakefield, state Selective Service director, said here Friday. Nearly 25,000 men were inducted in 1953. Inductions and enlistments combined amounted to more than 55,000 men.

Biggest month for enlistment of Texans in 1953 was March, with 3,718 entering the armed services by that method. March was also the biggest month for the draft and separations. A total of 3,056 Texans was drafted and 6,789 Texans were separated.

Smallest month for inductions was December, with 1,136 being drafted. December was also low month for enlistees, with 1,983 Texans donning a uniform by choice. July saw the ebb for separation of Texans, with 3,031 reported as discharged from active duty status.

During the last four months of 1953, enlistments and the draft failed to equal the figure of Texas separations. During the earlier part of the year, however, with the exception of March, enlistments and the draft more than equalled the separations reported.

Separations from and enlistments into all services are reported by the different branches of the armed forces to state directors of Selective Service, who send these individual reports to draft boards having jurisdiction over addresses given.

TRY NEWS REVIEW WANT ADS FOR RESULTS!

To Relieve
Misery of
COLDS
take 666
LIQUID OR TABLETS—SAME FAST RELIEF

NOTICE

In mailing tax payments, please check at your post office to make sure the postmark will clear the Jan. 31st deadline. Make checks or money orders payable to County Tax Collector, add \$1.75 for each poll tax to the amount of your tax statement, and fill the information needed for your poll tax in the space provided on the back of tax statement.

A penalty of 1½% will be added to unpaid taxes Feb. 1st, 1½% additional penalty for each month thereafter through June 30th. The Penalty and Interest July 1st will be 8% plus \$1.00 cost.

1954 License Plates will go on sale Feb. 1st at the Tax Office. They will be on sale at Hico, Carlton and Evant the 5th or 6th.

The numbers range from EY-6700 through EY-9999. Any special numbers that you wish to reserve, please advise as early as possible. Please bring your Certificate of Title and Registration Receipt when making the reservation.

BILLY G. WOOD

TAX ASSESSOR & COLLECTOR
HAMILTON COUNTY



REDDY WILL HELP YOU

Turn On Your Porch Light

As a Welcome to
Hico Mothers in Their

MARCH ON POLIO

FRIDAY NIGHT, JAN. 29

FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P. M.

GIVE GENEROUSLY

— TO —

THE 1954 MARCH OF DIMES

Help Put Hico Over the Top



COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Your Friendly Electric Company



Please . . .
Turn On Your
Porch Light . . .

Fight Polio Tonight!
(Friday, Jan. 29---7 to 8 p.m.)

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS —

On Friday night, January 29, 1954, at 7:00 P. M. the Hico Fire Department will sound the fire alarm. All activities in the City of Hico will virtually come to a standstill until 8:00 P. M.

During this hour, there will be a mother waiting in every block in Hico for you to turn on your porch light which will signify that you desire to make a contribution (it's not actually a contribution but a form of insurance) to the—

MARCH OF DIMES

If you desire to give a few extra pennies, nickels, dimes, etc., turn on your porch light Friday night, January 29, 1954, and "HELP FIGHT POLIO." If you do not have a porch light, use a lighted candle or flashlight.

IN PREVIOUS YEARS HICO HAS EXCEEDED HER
QUOTA IN THIS ONE-HOUR DRIVE

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DUFFAU

By —
Mrs. Pascal Brown

Mrs. J. R. McMillan, Mrs. Em Vickrey, Mrs. Bill Williams, Mrs. Bert Daugherty and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Driver of Hico were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. M. E. Laney recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Witt and children of Weatherford, Mr. Herbert Evans of Dallas visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Evans during the week end.

Bro. Gerald Fruzia of Abilene preached at the Church of Christ Sunday and was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hutson and family.

Visitors in the homes of Mrs. M. Nelms and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers during the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carson and Mrs. Kate Suggs of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Anderson and daughter, Janett and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Albright and children, John, Jenny Mae and Doris Faye, all of Stephenville.

Miss Imogene Lindsey of Stephenville spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Huel Lindsey and family.

Visitors attending services at the Church of Christ Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Anderson and daughter, Janette of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Giesecke of Stephenville, Miss Oneta Giesecke of Bonham, Billy Bob and Kathy Power of Stephenville.

School dismissed Thursday and Friday due to the sleet and ice.

We are very proud to learn that Mrs. Will Jenkins of Hico is doing nicely following an operation the past week and will soon be back at home again.

Mr. J. A. and Miss Sally Craig spent Monday in Harbin in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Killion.

Mrs. P. D. Ash spent the latter part of the week in Arlington with her husband, P. D. Ash.

Mrs. A. B. Naul and family spent the week end in Arlington with their husband and father, A. B. Naul.

Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Brown and family visited a while Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Babe Christopher of Hico.

Mr. Dodd, school supervisor of Stephenville, visited school last week. He also reported Mrs. Mamie Jo White, our school nurse, as being improved after several days illness. We are missing her and hope she is soon able to be back again.

Artie Van Cavitt is suffering from a cut foot, received when cutting post.

Huel Lindsey sold his three thousand broilers last Wednesday and will be getting a new bunch the third of February.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Ash visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hancock and baby son of Stephenville Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gillentine of Fort Worth visited during the week end in the home of Mr. M. H. Gillentine and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Giesecke Jr. and daughter of Stephenville visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drury Sunday.

Fairy

By —
Mrs. Eunice Massengale

All experienced some real winter weather Thursday and Friday of last week. For a time it was feared the grain might be killed or badly damaged, but as yet no damage has been reported.

Friends and acquaintances of Miss Clara Sormrude of Clifton will be sorry to learn that she had the misfortune of receiving a broken hip when she fell a few weeks ago. Miss Clara, who has operated a ready to wear ladies dress shop at Clifton for a number of years, is a former resident of near Fairy. We sincerely hope she will soon be fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Porterfield have returned home after a few weeks visit in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hurt and twin daughters of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Turner and family went to Flat last Saturday where they visited relatives and brought back a load of feed.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers, Carolyn and Jimmie Don, spent Sunday at Dublin visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison, Ruby Jean and Darrel.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mason visited Tuesday night of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Cox and enjoyed television.

Guests in the home of Mrs. M. E. Parks, Audie and Elsie over the week end were their son and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Lee Parks of Fort Worth, and their daughter and sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Miller and Ronald Keith, also of Fort Worth, and Miss Ovie Parks and nephew, Kenneth Driver and Delbert Pack of Stephenville.

The writer attended singing at Plainview Church near Chalk Mountain Sunday afternoon. We were accompanied from Hico by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sumnerford of near Hamilton. All enjoyed a good song service with singers from Cleburne, Stephenville, Alvarado and all the nearby communities attending.

Our news letter stated last week that the writer and sister attended funeral services for an aunt, Mrs. Betty Jones of Gatesville last Thursday afternoon. Since we phoned the News Review office after receiving word of her death, seems there was a misunderstanding as to our going. The writer and sister, Mrs. Gladys Cox did go to Gatesville on Wednesday, soon after receiving word of death

and visited with relatives at her home and at the Scott Funeral Home. While there we made floral arrangements for her funeral service to be held on Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m., as we had received the radio report of an approaching blizzard and feared we would not get back for funeral services, and true it came. It was blowing in full sway by the time we reached home late Wednesday. The next day the ground was ice coated and we were unable to go back for the funeral services of which we were very sorry. Mrs. Jones, who was 86 years old, suffered a stroke about two weeks prior to her death and was never able to speak a word or swallow, after the attack. A few days prior to her death she was able to take fluids by means of a dropper. She was preceded in death by her husband, Brack Jones, who passed away in 1919 and a son, Newman Jones, who passed away in 1920. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Emma Stribling of Alice, Texas, and three sons, Clay of Gatesville and Cecil and Vennie and families. We failed to remember where the two latter sons reside. Burial was in the family plot at Pidecke.

Another aunt, Mrs. Sallie Beavers, sister of Mrs. Jones, passed away in Jan. of 1948 and due to a week of ice coated highways we were unable to attend her funeral and it was with deep regret that due to similar weather conditions we were unable to attend funeral services for Mrs. Jones, who was the last of our deceased father's own sisters. Two half-sisters and two half-brothers still survive. We will miss our dear old auntie and it was indeed hard to walk out of her home knowing we would never be able to visit her again, but we realize we have been fortunate in having her with us thus far and hope to meet our dear old aunties in the great beyond where there will be no sad partings.

Revival services are in progress this week at the Agee Baptist Church, with services being conducted at night only, with the pastor, Rev. Dan Johnston officiating. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Our school was suspended Thursday and Friday of last week due to the severe cold and ice coated roads.

Several in the community have been ill with colds, but glad to report them improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Driver visited last Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Guinn and children of Brownwood spent the week end with her mother and sister, Mrs. Grady Anderson and Virginia.

We are glad to learn that Sid Dickerson of near Hico is able to be up and about again after spending several days in the Hico Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Texie Dell Allison of Fort Worth have been visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Garlon Streater during the past week.

Two more recent donations received for the Fairy Cemetery fund have been received from Mrs. Ellis Hackett, Houston, \$2.00, and Mrs. A. J. Wilkerson, Hamilton, \$1.00. We thank each and hope others will send in donations in order that there will be funds on hand to have the cemetery burned off when the first growth of spring weeds appear. This is just around the corner.

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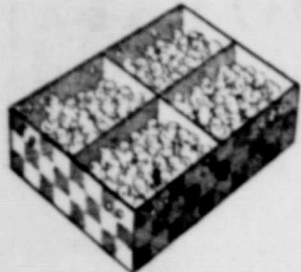
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Styled "the first annual West Texas Industrial Conference," the one-day event is being sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

"We have designed a program of fundamentals which we feel will be of particular interest to business leaders in West Texas," said E. L. Buelow of San Angelo in announcing the subjects to be discussed. Buelow is a district vice-president of the WTCC and chairman of its industrial committee.

Subjects range from "where to begin" to "organizing for action," and include discussions on markets, transportation, labor, industrial financing, what industry looks for in selecting a location, and the importance of balanced community development.

The program includes: "Industrial Development in West Texas. A Challenge"—Fred H. Husbands, executive vice president and general manager, WTCC.

"Where To Begin—The Fundamental ABC's of Industrial Development"—Fred A. Elliston, manager, area development division, Texas Electric Service Company, Fort Worth.

"Balanced Community Development—The Best for Industry"—Frank W. Cantrell, managing director, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, Little Rock.

"What Industry Expects of a Community"—C. C. Whitney Jr., personnel superintendent, Celanese Corporation of America, Pampa.

"Transportation Facilities and Their Relation to Industry"—S. C. O'Neal, traffic manager, Waco Chamber of Commerce, Waco.

"Human Resources in West Texas"—Ted Clifford, supervisor, reports and statistics, Texas Employment Commission, Austin.

"Markets for West Texas Industry"—Dr. John R. Stockton, director, Bureau of Business Research, University of Texas, Austin.

"Industrial Financing"—Harold S. Foster, vice-president, Industrial Bank, Fort Worth.

"Organizing for Action"—Rex Jennings, manager, Brownwood Chamber of Commerce, Brownwood.

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Listen as the Redbird Rambles

By Carolyn Holford

UPROAR SPREADS... as coffee drinkers continue to complain that a dime or fifteen cents is too much to pay for a cup. Perhaps the day is approaching when a nickel cup of coffee is as hard to find as a "good five-cent cigar" which has been described previously as just what this country needs.

The federal government has become concerned over the matter of rising coffee prices too, and is toying with the idea of some sort of investigation.

Meanwhile, typical of its usual placid economic situation, the town of Hico remains aloof from the rest of the country and continues to serve nickel coffee in the public eateries and drinkeries.

Visitors from Stephenville and Hamilton comment that you couldn't find many cafes in either place where you could get this bargain. But proprietors in Hico are not to be swayed until the situation becomes unbearable.

No other town can make that statement (that we know of).

SIGN OF THE TIMES... noted this week Mrs. Coyt Clark, who came by the office to renew her subscription dating back to pre-war days, jokingly remarked that she believed it must be a sign of depression approaching when she received a notice of her expiration on her paper, as she never had received such notice all during the war and she supposed the management must need the money.

We told her that we hoped that this wasn't a bad sign, and the reason notices weren't sent during the war was due to a shortage of help.

Something to think about though.

YOU MIGHT THINK... as I did that a lady who operates the switchboard at the local telephone office everything they know just about everything there is to know in a small town. In fact, I was meditating about that the other day and thinking that there was probably nothing new to these ladies who were depended upon in all emergencies, who placed long distance calls in times of serious illness or death, and who are notified to turn in the fire alarm when this tragedy strikes.

That's why we were all doubly pleased when Miss Ira Cunningham came in to pay her subscription renewal and commented that she always finds so much to read about when she gets her Hico News Review.

IT'S NOT A CASE... of one hundred per cent satisfied customers, however, as I took a subscription a week later from Mrs. C. W. Stanford who was frank enough to tell us there just wasn't much to read in the paper any more.

Maybe we need to hear things like that now and then—keeps us on our toes.

TALKED TOO MUCH... telling what a lovely time I had visiting Galveston and Houston. Mary Peek, who always renews her subscription about this time each year and writes a neighborly note along with it, has written again and says that she thought it was "downright unneighborly" of me not to even call her house while in Galveston.

Just knew there'd be some of that noise from someone; don't have a very good excuse either, except that the trip to Galveston was brief. Sorry, Mary, but maybe I'll come back soon. Meantime, "Y'all Come."

LOTS OF REEF... will be represented this week at the Houston Stock Show, and local citizens will find something to watch during the 1954 judging.

This will be the first time that the Hico Chapter of Future Farmers of America will have an animal entered in a major show. Dennis Stipe has raised the fine animal, which weighed about 100 pounds when purchased in Llano last year, and has carried it and worked many long hours keeping it cool during the summer in order to allow its hair to grow long.

The Hereford calf now weighs over 1000 pounds, and Dennis and his FFA Chapter Adviser, Harold Walker, will be in Houston this week end to show the calf, which will be put up for sale there if it receives one of the awards in its class.

MOD CHAIRMAN... Johnnie Goodloe asked me to put in a plug for the March of Dimes. Guess she thought I wouldn't give up a real dime.

And if that's too corny for you to take—then I'll lapse into the more serious. It is remarkable that Hico citizens have contributed so wholeheartedly to these campaigns in the past few years; especially remarkable since there have been few polio cases within Hico's boundaries to call attention to the seriousness of the disease.

People just seem to have a more understanding heart for the prevention of this illness, and it is to be hoped that hearts will be even more generous this year as the march leads on to bring a cure and preventive for polio.

HERE IN HICO—

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your multitude of friends scattered over a vast area will doubtless concur.

To prove that this is not merely a personal opinion, we quote from last week's "Forty Years Ago" department in the Hamilton Herald-News. Explaining that since publication of the original item in a 1913 edition of its predecessor, Mr. Higgs has become publisher of the Stephenville Empire-Tribune, the Hamilton paper aptly added that he subsequently has made it into a daily—and a very good daily, too.

Here's the early-day item:

"Rufus Higgs, who has been a highly valued member of the Record mechanical force during the past nine months, resigned last week and left Sunday for Stephenville where he is working on the Empire under his former employer, Editor Hawkins. Rufus is a splendid boy and is a good printer, conscientious, industrious and well informed. His character is clean and above board and during his stay here he became a favorite in Hamilton's best society, winning as friends all who had the pleasure of knowing him. The Record wishes for him continued success and happiness and a full realization of his highest ambitions."

All of which still holds good in our book... along with renewal of the kindly wish expressed by a perspicacious but—unfortunately—anonymous author of a former day.

Younger in spirit, perhaps, than some like HIM who are chronologically his junior, the Stephenville sage must recall with us one of his oft-quoted Biblical expressions which can be paraphrased: "The time we have long feared is now upon us."

The clock ticks... the calendar turns. There's nothing we can do to stop the encroachment of time upon our earthly existence.

But this does not mean that love of life should wane, or that appreciation of one's friends should lessen, as has been repeated to the world so many times in periodical columns from up Erath way. We have all heard from elderly people that the best days are still ahead. We can reap a harvest of happiness from memories of associations that were closer, perhaps, in days gone by when the world wasn't turning over so fast.

Trouble is, it seems to us, that old friends don't get together often enough these days. More as a soliloquy than as advice—which Heaven knows is not needed in the present case—we venture a suggestion that might be appropriate. Think about the pleasure derived on numerous occasions just from working together, visiting frequently, and taking off now and then to gather around the campfire and homologue after mutilating huge quantities of bacon and eggs and "taters and onions and other grub that nevertheless "shore did taste good."

How's about having a picnic at Salem roadside park again some time soon, Podner? At least we offer to meet you half way—and that goes for a lot of other things, too.

Hico-Iredell to Play In Basketball Benefit For Injured Athlete

The Hico basketball teams will meet Iredell on the Iredell court Tuesday night, February 2, in two games that promise to be hotly contested. The games are to be benefit games for Vernon Barnhill, an Iredell athlete who has just undergone surgery in the Hico Hospital as a result of an injury sustained during the football season. All proceeds will go toward paying his hospital and doctor bills.

The games are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p. m. with a girls game between Hico B team and Iredell B team and will be followed by a conference game between the boys team. Hico defeated Iredell twice in their earlier meeting.

The strong Hico girls team will not meet Iredell's girls first team until February 23 when the two get together to begin a 3-game series playoff for the district 6-AA title.

Admission prices for the games are 10 cents for students and 25 cents for adults.

Registration Is Feb. 1 For Adult Students in Tarleton Night Classes

Stephenville, Jan. 26.—Evening classes for adults and others will again be offered at Tarleton State College during the spring semester.

Classes in welding, auto mechanics, machine shop, woodwork, typing and bookkeeping will be organized Monday, Feb. 1, in the Agricultural Auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Shop work students will register in the shop building.

Last day for registration in night classes will be Feb. 13.

Other courses for which there is a sufficient demand will also be taught at night, Dean Paul A. Cunyus says.

Further information may be obtained from J. E. Tompkins, Tarleton registrar.

CARD OF THANKS
A word of thanks to each friend for the prayers, blood donors, cards, calls and flowers during my stay at the hospital. Each was appreciated. My thanks go also to the nurses and doctors for their kindness.

J. R. GRIFFITHS.

Mrs. N. H. Connally Hostess to Ladies of South Hico H. D. Club

The South Hico Home Demonstration Club met January 19 with Mrs. N. H. Connally.

Mrs. Lenard Weaver, club president, handed out the new year-books and called attention to the fact that the motto, pledge and prayer are the same as last year. The song, "Follow the Gleam," is printed in this year's books.

Members present picked their answer for roll call from the list. Mrs. Weaver read the duties of officers, purpose of the H. D. Council, T.H.D.A. recommendations and "A Reminder of Courtesy," which as follows:

Let's not whisper during a meeting.

Let's not make our neighbor smile.

Let's not choose this time for sleep.

Let's just listen for a while.

Let's not interrupt the speaker.

Nor idly rush away.

Let's be quite and attentive.

Let's appreciate it and stay.

The club program chairman, Mrs. Byron Hawthorne, assigned parts for all member meeting programs, which will be on the second Tuesday in each month.

The next program is a leader meeting, and the subject is "Breads for the Right Occasion," to be given by Mrs. King. Mrs. Woody Garner will be hostess; Mrs. W. A. Knox will conduct a parliamentary drill. Nominee to the district meeting will be elected. Educational fund will also be turned in.

Mrs. Connally discussed medicine chests for civil defense.

The hostess served jello dessert, cookies and coffee to Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Hawthorne, Mrs. Loyal Carr, and two visitors, Mrs. L. V. Knight and Emma Lou Knox.

Bridal Shower Is Given Monday for Betty Alexander

Miss Betty Alexander, bride-elect of Fred Duncan, was honored at a shower Monday afternoon from 2:30 until 4:30 o'clock at Firemen's Hall. Hostesses were Mrs. Weldon Pierce, Mrs. Ray Stipe, and Mrs. L. J. Chaney.

A yellow and blue iris arrangement was the center of attraction in the decorating scheme. Approximately 85 guests called. Refreshments of white cake squares and punch were served.

Presiding at the bride's book was Mrs. Ben F. Meek Jr.

Miss Alexander will be married Saturday evening, January 30, at First Baptist Church.



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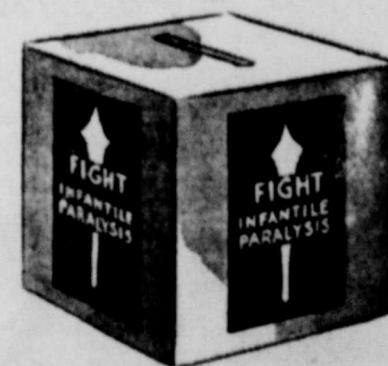
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Personals

F. E. Creman left this week for a visit in Foreman, Ark., with his son, K. L. Creman, and family.

Mrs. Hiram Smith of Abilene was a week-end visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rands.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wall of Brownwood visited last week with her sister, Mrs. Grady Hooper and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Whitson and children, Nickie and Toni Lynn of Dallas spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Maude Whitson.

The newest ladies' Western shirts, short sleeves and sleeveless. Pearl snaps. Various colors. \$3.95 and \$4.95. G. K. Lewallen Boot Co. 38-1tc.

Recent visitors with Mrs. Bettie Worrell and Mrs. Albert McAnally were M-Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph Worrell, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Ray and Mrs. Sam Battershell of Fort Worth; also Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnhill, Cleburne; and Mr. and Mrs. James Cranfill, Iredell.

A2c and Mrs. Derel Fillingim were week-end visitors here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodard, and in Iredell with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fillingim. Mrs. Fillingim, who has been making her home in Denton, moved the first of this week to Wichita Falls to join her husband after completing this semester's work at TSCW.

ABOUT TO GET "CAUGHT UP" IN WORK WITH RAILROAD

In requesting a change in address on his paper from Houston to Austin a former citizen, F. S. Crafton, stated that they had moved into the house they built in the Capitol City in 1950 and never got to live in. "I had to go to Houston about the time I got the house finished," he said, adding:

"I have said it was hard to catch up with the hauling on the railroad, but it looks like I am going to get my part caught up soon if they continue pulling off jobs and trains."

The new address is 621 Radam Lane, Austin, Tex.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The News Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries:

Hamilton County

For District Attorney, 52nd Judicial District: HOWELL E. COBB (Re-Election)

For Tax Assessor-Collector: BILLY G. WOOD (Re-Election)

For County Clerk: IRA MOORE (Re-Election)

For Co. School Superintendent: FOREST O. HARPER (Re-Election) W. B. McPHERSON, JR.

For Sheriff: N. Y. TERRAL W. W. (Woody) YOUNG (Re-Election) ED FROST

For County Judge: W. E. (GENE) TATE H. B. (BUSS) GORDON (Re-Election)

For District Clerk: C. E. EDMISTON (Re-Election)

For County Treasurer: MISS PAT SECREST (Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 3: FERN JORDAN (Re-Election)

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rusk, Connie and Kay of Dallas were week-end visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rusk.

Miss Betty Davis, student at TSCW in Denton, was a visitor this week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Davis.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cook were his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Whitfield, and mother, Mrs. C. H. Cook, all of Dublin.

J. B. Woodard, local Texaco dealer, and Cliff Brogdon, territory representative, were in Fort Worth Tuesday and Wednesday attending a sales meeting at Burrus Feed Mills.

Visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Blackburn were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Duckworth and children, Charles and Sharon Lynn, of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Truett Blackburn of Abbott. Mrs. Blackburn teaches home economics in the public school there.

Frank Mingus, who has been in Ganado for several weeks with his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Bauknight recuperating from an illness, returned home Sunday. The Bauknights brought him as far as Austin and he was met there by his wife and Harold Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walker of Stephenville have been visiting here during this week with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker and small daughter, Johnette, while Johnette has been in Hico Hospital for treatment of a serious illness. She was reported to be much improved and possibly able to come home Thursday.

Friends were informed Thursday that the condition of Emory Gamble, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gamble of Hico, was as well as could be expected. Under treatment in a veterans hospital in Houston, Emory underwent major surgery the latter part of last week for the second operation during a week. His parents and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fred Rainwater, have been at his home in Pasadena during his illness.

F. F. A. Is Feature of Humble's Broadcast, 'Texas In Review'

A film story of Texas Future Farmers of America will be featured next week on Humble Oil & Refining Company's TV program, "Texas In Review."

The story, filmed in West Texas, will show the FFA boys' accomplishments and their chapters' activities to better communities.

Important events and persons in Texas news this week will also be on the program.

On Monday, "Texas In Review" can be seen over KRLD-TV, Dallas, 7:30 p. m.; WBAP-TV, Fort Worth, 7:30 p. m.

The program will be carried Tuesday by station KCEN-TV, Temple, 8:30 p. m.

Baylor Athletic Head Speaks at Iredell at '54 Football Banquet

Dr. James Mason, head of the physical education department of Baylor University spoke to the football squad of Iredell High School Monday night at their annual banquet.

Speaking on the subject, "Athletics and Character," Dr. Mason stressed the importance of sportsmanship and clean play. An enthusiastic group later saw movies of Baylor games.

ONE MEMBER ADDED, OTHER SCOUTS WELCOME

The Hico Boy Scouts had one new member, Thomas Hughes, at their second meeting Tuesday night at the Scout House. Others present were Butch Eubank, Alan Hedges, Tommy Johnson, Lavon Pierce, Van Keith Hooper, James Jordan, Shelly Hooper, and Royce Sanford.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p. m. next Tuesday and Scoutmaster Weldon Pierce has asked each boy to bring a new member.

ALAN HEDGES, Scribe.

Church Services Honor Mrs. Mary E. Horton On 92nd Birthday

Mrs. Mary E. Horton was honored at church services at First Baptist Church Sunday, January 17, in tribute to her 92nd birthday which was Wednesday, January 20.

Five generations of her family were represented that day as relatives visited with her. These were her son, A. D. Horton; grandson, Fain Horton; great-granddaughter, Mrs. Harvey Bacon Jr., and great-granddaughter, Connie Ann Bacon, all of whom live in Killen.

Mrs. Horton was unable to attend church services that day, but Rev. L. H. Davis led the congregation in singing her favorite hymn, "The Unclouded Day." Her grandson, Gene Horton, who is a ministerial student, made a talk before the pastor's sermon.

Others visiting her and her daughter, Mrs. Rena Epperson, that day were Mrs. Gene Horton, Harvey Bacon Jr., Mrs. Fain Horton and Mrs. A. D. Horton, all of Killen, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Mulen and daughter Jane of Cleburne.

Another daughter, Mrs. Annie Shaw of Rising Star, was a visitor during the following week. On her birthday on Wednesday, she received a nice shower of greeting cards from friends and enjoyed a birthday cake. During the week, she had a number of callers who brought gifts and greetings.

Still observing her birthday, she had as visitors this past Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Reed and children, Jackie and Helen Kay, of Sweetwater.

Wesson-Holley Rites Read in Stephenville At Home Ceremony

Pfc. Elson G. Holley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Holley of Hico, and Miss Lola Mae Wesson of Stephenville were united in marriage on Wednesday, January 20, at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Lula Mae Stewart of Stephenville.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wesson of Stephenville. Bro. Ralph Starling, minister of the Graham Street Church of Christ, read the vows. Parents and close friends of the bride and groom attended the ceremony.

The bride wore a beautiful blue taffeta dress with black accessories. After the ceremony, they left for a short wedding trip, after which they will be at home in Oakland, California, where he is stationed with the Army.

Nuptial Vows Read For Roberson Couple

Lillian Pruitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Adkison of Hico, and William Moody (Buster) Roberson were married in Granbury on Friday, January 15. Mr. Roberson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Roberson of Claiborne.

The couple are making their home in Granbury. He is employed with Bell Aircraft Co. in Fort Worth.

Rural Church to Be Subject of Lay Meet In Hamilton Tonight

Methodist laymen and pastors from over the Gatesville District will be gathering in Hamilton today (Friday) for the Seminar on the Town and Country Church, which starts at 1:30 p. m. and lasts throughout the evening.

The District Rally will be held at 7:15 p. m. at First Methodist Church, Hamilton, with Charles A. Stuck, Methodist layman from Jonesboro, Arkansas as the inspirational speaker. Mr. Stuck has been a delegate to several general and jurisdictional conferences, and most recently returned from a study of lay preaching in England.

Rev. C. C. Sessions, district superintendent, states "this is a rare opportunity for us to have a man like this to bring us words of encouragement on the bright future of the town and country church in the life of today."

Dr. J. T. Archer of Meridian, District Lay Leader, will be in charge of the meeting and Eugene F. Jud, Conference Lay Leader from Waco, will present the speaker of the evening. "You are welcome to come," Rev. Sessions said in a news release prepared for publication.

BOSQUE WATER GROUP MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT

The Bosque River Water and Sanitary Association met Tuesday at Stephenville with 20 members and two visitors present.

Two motion pictures were shown, one an American Airlines picture of "Viva Mexico." The other was prepared by Johns Manville Co.

The group are asking the instructor at Texas A & M College for an advanced water works school in early fall.

With other business taken care of, refreshments were enjoyed.

NEW BEHIND THE COUNTER

New employees at Howard Drug Company are Mrs. J. D. Partain, Mrs. N. N. Akin and Bobby Ogle. Mrs. Akin will handle the duties of bookkeeper.

They are filling the vacancies created by the resignation of Mrs. R. W. French and Miss Loretta Hyles, who is employed in a Fort Worth bank.

Inspiring Messages at Baptist Youth Revival Due to Begin Tonight

"Tonight is the night," Rev. L. H. Davis reminds his congregation and others who are welcome to attend the beginning of a week-end of special services at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Charles Welborn, young, dynamic pastor of Seventh and James St. Baptist Church in Waco will preach tonight (Friday), and Rev. Davis says much interest has already been expressed in hearing this young man.

Also present tonight to sing will be Bob Cunningham of Baylor University in Waco.

Saturday morning the Youth Revival will continue with a sermon by Bro. Robert Richardson at 10:30 o'clock.

Bro. Rollie Chaney, local student at Baylor, will be the speaker at 7:30 p. m. Saturday.

Sunday services will feature Bro. Jack Partain at the morning worship at 11:00 o'clock, and Bro. James Smart at the evening service at 8:00 o'clock.

In making the announcement of these services, the Baptist pastor also had the following to say in a news release, "If your heart is cold and indifferent and you want it to stay that way, you had better not hear one of these young men. But if you want to do the will of God, you will not miss a single service of this Youth Revival."

George W. Phipps, Well-Known Citizen, Paid Final Tribute

Funeral services for George W. Phipps, 79, who passed away suddenly at the family home in Hico Friday morning, January 22, about 6:45, were conducted Sunday afternoon, January 24, at 2:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church in Hico. Rev. L. H. Davis, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Stanley Giesecke, minister of the church of Christ.

Burial was in the Hico Cemetery under the direction of Barrow-Rutledge Funeral Home of Hico.

The deceased was born April 2, 1874 in Fannin County, Texas, the son of Willis and Mary Phipps. When he was two years old, the family moved to Bosque County. He was married to Darcus Addie Grace July 13, 1902 in Runnels County, and they observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary July 13, 1952. In 1911 they moved to Floyd County and lived in Floyd and Crosby Counties for a number of years. They have lived in or near Hico since 1939.

The deceased was converted and joined the Baptist Church at an early age. He lived a devoted Christian life.

He is survived by his wife and four children, one daughter and one son having preceded him in death. The surviving children are one daughter, Mrs. Elsie Mankins of Tucson, Arizona; three sons, W. B. Phipps of Stephenville; D. L. Phipps and W. P. Phipps of Amarillo; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Osborn of Clyde and Mrs. Alice Gibbs of Gorman; three brothers, Jim Phipps of Crews; Dink Phipps of Walnut Springs; and Ellick Phipps of Glen Rose; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeralbearers were Melbourne Giesecke, Tim Bateman, Doc Russell, Raymond Blue, Sherman Roberson, and G. E. Arnold.

Visiting Instructor to Show Leather Tooling For Adults Monday

The art of leather tooling will be demonstrated in a meeting open to the public at the Homemaking Cottage of Hico High School next Monday, February 1, according to an announcement from Mrs. Sammie Pittman, homemaking teacher. The meeting, to be held from 3:00 until 4:00 p. m., is for all adults interested in learning this craft. Ladies are invited to bring some articles along to have working on it, if they like. Mrs. Pittman stated, and if there are enough people interested, the classes will be continued.

Mrs. Bryan Hale of Stephenville, who is the handicraft demonstrator for the Parent Teachers Association in this district, will be the guest instructor at the Monday meeting. She will show various articles of leather which she has tooled.

Sponsored by the homemaking department, classes have previously been held during the past semester to teach aluminum and copper tooling and knitting to adults.

P.-T.A. Will Hear Discussion on Plans And Projects for Hico

Truman E. Roberts will serve as panel moderator at an open forum at the February meeting of the Hico P.-T.A. at 7:30 p. m. next Monday at the high school auditorium. The subject of the discussion will be "Problems, Plans, and Possible Projects for Hico."

Mrs. Grady Wreay will have charge of the opening music.

A meeting of the executives will precede the regular program.

CARD OF THANKS

Words are inadequate to express to our friends and relatives our gratitude for the many kindnesses extended to us during the sickness and death of our mother, for the prayers that were prayed, for the beautiful flowers, cards, visits, food, gifts and for every other thoughtful act we are grateful.

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New York, Jan. 18.—More people are probably under treatment for tuberculosis today than ever before in this country, according to Miss Mary Dempsey, statistician of the National Tuberculosis Association.

Pointing out that the loss from tuberculosis runs into hundreds of millions of dollars annually, Miss Dempsey says that the excessive cost of the problem has seldom been faced "by law-making bodies or health organizations, official or voluntary."

The cost of each case of tuberculosis could conservatively be estimated at \$15,000, she says.

Miss Dempsey calls tuberculosis "both a cause and an effect of indigency."

"It is simple to grasp the fact that poverty lowers resistance so that the disease spreads rapidly when families live on an inadequate or unbalanced diet, are crowded into insanitary homes, can obtain little education," she says.

"But we do not always stop to think how directly tuberculosis leads to poverty in families where it did not previously exist," she pointed out. "A recent study of a sizeable group of patients showed less than two per cent of the patients' families were relief recipients at the time of diagnosis; upon being admitted to hospitals a few months later, 16 per cent were receiving public assistance. At the time of hospital discharge, 50 per cent of the families of these same patients were on relief."

YOUR brain budget

1. The U. S. Secretary of Labor is (a) Sinclair Weeks; (b) Douglas McKay; (c) James F. Mitchell.
2. New president of France is (a) Francois Mauriac; (b) Rene Coty; (c) Jean Cocteau.
3. The face on the \$20 bill is that of Andrew Jackson. On the other side is (a) U. S. Capitol; (b) Lincoln Memorial; (c) White House.

ANSWERS

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TEXAS SCHOOL CENTENARY

A century of phenomenal progress will be celebrated by the Texas public schools throughout 1954, their centennial birthday year.

Today's Texas public schools are a far cry from their humble beginning back in 1854, when the per capita was 62 cents and the permanent school fund was started with an initial endowment of \$2,000,000. The per capita payment has now grown to \$96, and the permanent school fund to \$249,016,781. A minimum foundation program now guarantees every child a minimum of nine months of school each year; whereas, originally the maximum was three or four months.

Despite these vast improvements, Texans have not yet achieved the goal outlined by their forefathers. The Texas Education Agency, the Texas State Teachers Association, the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers and other participating groups hope the centennial celebration will renew the interest of the general public in its schools and lead to additional improvements.

It was on January 23, 1854, that a group of Texans converged on Austin for a mass meeting. "We will not only be the Empire State in point of territory," they solemnly

resolved, "but in the number and excellence of our institutions of learning."

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This was the beginning of a long road—a road to be increasingly traveled, so that this year 72,000 more children are traveling it than in 1953.

Of the six periods for celebration, the Hico Public School System will observe the week of March 1-7, the annual observance of Public Schools Week.

—HHS—

SEEN 'WHAT'S DOIN'

After our two-day absence last week because of the icy weather, everyone came back to school eager to find out if anything had been going on that they hadn't heard about.

The Senior Class has chosen its play for this coming April. Its title is "Brides to Burn" by Jay Tobias, a farce in three acts. The story concerns a young man who has had amnesia for two years. He returns home to find he has acquired two brides and a fiancée. The play has not been cast yet, but will be directed by Mrs. Louise Angel.

Interested in Pen Pals? If there are those of you who would be interested in beginning a correspondence with a foreign pal, see Mrs. Angell. Such a correspondence would not only foster friendship between countries, but would be valuable to you.

Carlton

By —
Mrs. Fred Geyo

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ellison and sons, Doug and Kenney, who are here from Eugene, Oregon, visiting in the home of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ellison, returned to Carlton Saturday after attending the funeral in Dallas Wednesday for her sister, Mrs. Hattie Anderson, who passed away on Tuesday in her home in Dallas.

Dow Self returned to Temple Sunday, where he underwent surgery Monday on one of his fingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewe'll Brewer of May were visitors Sunday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yocham and daughter, Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Logan and daughter, Dorinda moved Saturday to Desdemona to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Proffitt visited Sunday afternoon in Hico with her sister, Mrs. C. N. Wade.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl McKenzie were visitors in Dublin Saturday afternoon. While in Dublin, Mrs. McKenzie visited with Mrs. Elmer Carlton, who is in a rest home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ellison and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ellison were dinner guests Tuesday in Dublin with the former's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Byrd of De Leon visited Sunday afternoon with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brimer and Mrs. Lilla Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rudd and her mother, Mrs. Alma Hensley spent the week end in San Angelo with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Rudd and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ellison and daughters, Sandra and Kathy of Dallas visited during the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ellison.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fine spent Sunday in Killeen with Mr. and Mrs. Daymond Weaver and sons, Barry and Larry.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clark and son John Ralph, of Cleburne visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Sid Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowden and Joan left Monday for Ballinger in response to a message that her nephew had passed away from a heart attack.

Woody Wilson of Stephenville was a visitor last Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Norma Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson of Brownwood are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. Hobdy Thompson, between semesters at Howard Payne College, where he is a student.

Mrs. Fred Brown of Waco was a week end visitor with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Sharp and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith and children of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thetford and Theon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Salmon and daughter, Becky and Mrs. Dan Carpenter and baby of Stephenville visited Sunday afternoon with Miss Ida Fine and Mrs. John Samuelson and family.

Mrs. Gene McCombs and daughter of Fort Worth were week end visitors with her sister, Mrs. Lynn Harbour and family and her brother and wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Broadway.

The father of Bill Grubbs is seriously ill here in the home of his son.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one who so kindly and thoughtfully aided us in any way during the passing of our beloved husband and father.

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11:00 a. m. Worship & Communion.

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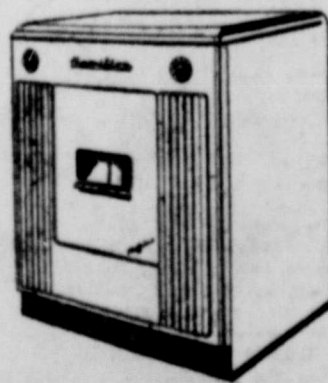
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LAW DIVIDES SEPARATE, COMMUNITY ESTATES DIFFERENTLY

The death of an intestate person (one who has made no will) may give rise to many problems regarding distribution of his separate estate. In the preceding column we investigated the manner of dividing the community estate upon the death of a husband or wife. Now we shall see that, where separate property is involved, a completely different set of rules applies in determining heirship and apportioning the estate among the rightful claimants.

It may be well to recall that the separate estate of a husband or wife includes property owned by either before marriage, and that which is acquired after marriage by gift or inheritance. Any other property acquired after marriage is presumed by law to be community property until the contrary is clearly proved.

Now, here is a general idea as to how your separate property will be divided if you do not make a will with contrary provisions prior to your death.

If your husband or wife survives and if, in addition, there are surviving children or descendants of previously deceased children, the children and their descendants immediately obtain a full (fee) title in two-thirds of the real estate involved. The surviving spouse receives a life interest in the remaining one-third of the real property, which passes on to the children and their descendants upon the death of the spouse.

The rule for distributing personal property—cash, stocks, bonds, furniture, or any other item not constituting real estate—is different. Here the surviving spouse gets full ownership of one-third, and the children and their descendants inherit the balance.

Now suppose your husband or wife survives, but there are no surviving children or their descendants. In this case the surviving spouse inherits all of the personal property involved.

With regard to real estate, the survivor obtains full title to one-half, and the other half is divided between your mother and father, if both survive you. If only one of them survives, he or she receives only half of this portion, and the other half (or one-fourth of the entire real estate) will be divided among your brothers and sisters (and their descendants) who survive. If there are no surviving brothers and sisters and their descendants, then the one surviving parent inherits the full one-half.

Where no parent survives, but there are brothers and sisters and descendants, the full one-half is divided among these survivors.

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A TIME FOR ALERTNESS

Any program as extensive as the recent drouth relief hay shipments to Texas can have mixed results. It can do a lot of good and yet still have some harmful after-effects.

One danger lies in the spread of noxious weeds or plants to areas where they did not exist before.

When hay is brought in from distant points, it is inevitable that some foreign plants are mixed with hay. And they can be a real bother if they get a foothold in Texas fields.

There are several precautionary measures a farmer or rancher can use to prevent this spread. When practical, only one area of the pasture or barnyard should be used as a feeding site. This area can be watched closely, and if weed seeds are present in the hay, it will be a simple matter to eradicate the resulting plant growths. Caution also should be used when using barnyard fertilizer in the fields. Many undesirable weed seeds can pass unharmed through the digestive tracts of livestock and germinate in the ground.

If this fertilizer is used, it should be spread in designated areas and a close watch kept on it. Any new or unusual plants found in the field is a potential threat to the land.

Studies show that the shipment of agricultural commodities from one state to another is the prime cause of weed and insect spreading. The opportunity is especially ripe in Texas this year.

Although only about 81 counties have received these disaster shipments this winter, the facts are that foreign plants can spread alarmingly in a new area in a very short time.

This coming spring is the time to begin a sharp lookout for strange weeds that might have slipped into the state in drouth relief hay. The farmer who takes the necessary precautions protects not only himself but also his neighbor, and his state as a whole.

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FLIES TO KOREA . . . Film actress Terry Moore flew from Hollywood on USO entertainment tour of U. S. army posts in Korea.



TWO GROUPS: Agriculture and small business are of vital importance to Texas. Any development which affects them adversely injures our entire State.

In any downward trend of our economy, the first real victims are farmers and small businessmen. That is why we must keep a close watch for economic danger signals.

The present is being called a period of "transition," of "readjustment." In dealing with resulting problems, I want to make sure the transition is not from economic sunshine to economic gloom—that we do not readjust ourselves into a recession.

SOCIAL SECURITY: President Eisenhower's Social Security message was sent to Congress just three days before the nineteenth anniversary of the day in 1935 when the idea was first proposed to the lawmakers.

President Roosevelt told Congress in 1935 that the job could not all be done at once, that there would be continuing need for improvements in the program.

President Eisenhower said in his message, "The human problems of individual citizens are a proper and important concern of our Government." That is the policy upon which the program has stood from the beginning.

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dent Eisenhower has proposed a substantial addition to that number.

FAIRM INCOME: Cash income of Texas farmers was 17 per cent less in the first 11 months of 1953 than in the same period of 1952, reports the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Texas. That was a decline of close to a quarter of a billion dollars.

We had a drought, of course, but falling farm prices were mainly responsible for the drop in income. Overall prices for all farm products went down by 14 per cent during the year.

When farmers receive less total income—and when prices paid for their products keep going down—those are danger signals in any language.

SAFEGUARDS: Fortunately, we have machinery for combatting a recession if the threat of one should become imminent.

Many economic safeguards have been set up by the Government during the last 20 years. We have the know-how—gained from experience—to fight the threat of depressed economic conditions, and to fight it successfully. We must be ready to use this know-how if the necessity arises.

OPEN-MINDEDNESS: We hear a lot about the wisdom of looking at everything with an open mind. It's a good policy, all right. But we must be careful not to confuse an open mind—with a vacant mind.

NEWS BRIEFS: Mr. and Mrs. Vann Kennedy of Corpus Christi, widely known in Texas newspaper and radio circles, were welcome visitors at my office. . . . J. B. Kirklin, Ralph Burkholder, Bob Sherrill and L. D. McNeil, all of Pecos, were here in connection with the cotton acreage allotment legislation. . . . Texas stands sixth among the States in number of farmer cooperatives. The Texas organizations have 110,679 members. . . . A. F. (Andy) Baker of Austin was here with a group of postal employees to discuss legislation of interest to them. . . . Over the whole country, REA electric cooperative borrowers are \$62,500,000 ahead of schedule in re-payment of loans made to them.

1954 License Plates Will Go on Sale Feb. 1 In Hamilton County

Tax Officer Billy G. Wood announced this week that 1954 car license plates will go on sale Feb. 1 in Hamilton County. The registration period runs through April 1. They will be available in Hico and Carlton a few days later.

This years series, he said, runs from EY-6700 through EY-9999. In an ad on Page 2 of this issue he has other important information for taxpayers.

In making application for re-registration, motorists are required to show a car title and 1953 registration receipt.

State law now requires that a motor vehicle license be purchased in the county in which the owner resides. Violators are subject to fines ranging up to \$200, plus re-registration in their home counties for the full year coupled with a 20 per cent penalty.

A spokesman for the State Highway Department said the law will be "rigidly enforced."

WEATHER REPORT

The following weather report is submitted by W. R. Hampton, local observer for the Climatological Service of the United States Weather Bureau:

Date—	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Jan. 20	75	37	0.00
Jan. 21	39	16	0.10
Jan. 22	40	15	0.00
Jan. 23	54	21	0.00
Jan. 24	73	35	0.00
Jan. 25	75	54	0.00
Jan. 26	79	42	0.00

Total precipitation so far this year, 0.38 inches.

SPECIAL MEETING SUNDAY AT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

There will be an all-day meeting Sunday at the Pentecostal Church, with services beginning at 10:00 a. m., according to an announcement from Mrs. Dolly Lynch.

"Everybody is cordially invited," Mrs. Lynch said in a news release. "There will be many preachers and singers from other towns. Come and enjoy it."



Austin, Jan. 25.—Legislators were getting ready this week to tackle again the teacher pay problem as Governor Allan Shivers put out the word that a special session is coming up soon.

Shivers' move came quickly after a committee unanimously approved a compromise plan to raise teacher-pay \$402 per year. The committee was appointed by the governor and the Texas State Teachers Association.

Governor Shivers told committee members that he would convene the Legislature "if this bill embodies what I understand it to, and submit it not only as your recommendation but as mine."

"I think we've all reached an accord here that I hope will become an actuality," he commented. Estimated cost of the proposed salary increase is \$22 million per year. The committee's bill, however, does not include a method of financing the cost.

School Superintendent H. W. Stillwell of Tarkenton told the committee that the Governor had indicated the subject of more tax revenue might be submitted to legislators if the money is not in sight from other sources.

Involved in this question is the natural gas pipeline tax which is before the U. S. Supreme Court. The tax would yield about \$1 million a month, in addition to the \$45 million already impounded from the levy.

Although the bill provides that the pay increase would not start until the 1954-55 school year, Stillwell said he is hopeful that bonuses for this year might be approved once the Legislature is in session.

Meanwhile, Attorney General John Ben Shepperd declared that the Supreme Court's action in another gas case "could result in a great victory for all gas-producing states."

A rehearing was granted to Phillips Petroleum Company in a suit concerning sale of gas to interstate pipeline firms. Lower courts had held that such sales were subject to federal regulation.

Chief argument against the Texas law has been that it was a tax on interstate commerce and thus void.

Shepperd said that the fundamental question is "may the states continue to regulate the gas industry, or must they step aside for federal bureaucracy?"

"This decision by the court is the first ray of hope in recent years that the court may recognize states' rights in natural gas production," he added.

Liberal Texas Democrats were at loggerheads in a drive by national party leaders to set up an advisory council for the state.

Disension developed when House Minority Leader Sam Rayburn asked "faithful Democrats" to nominate members of the advisory council, which would function under the National Democratic Committee.

In addition to the 62 members to be appointed by senatorial districts, several members-at-large have been appointed by National Chairman Stephen Mitchell.

One sore point seemed to be the absence of former loyalist leaders among those chosen for key roles in the new group.

"Loyal" Democrats are planning a showdown fight this year against Governor Shivers' conservative forces to recapture control of the state executive committee.

Mrs. H. H. Weinert of Seguin, national committeewoman, made it clear that she would oppose use of the advisory group for any purpose except fund raising, its stated principal purpose. She backed the party ticket in the 1952 presidential race, but has not been aligned with the extreme liberal faction.

As another point of disension, some leaders in the 1952 "loyalist" fight have questioned the authority of Byron Skelton of Temple to continue as chairman of the Texas Democratic Organizing Committee, which was formed last Fall to battle the conservatives.

Skelton was the first liberal named by the national party to serve on the advisory council. But, regarding activities of this group, he said any statement would have to come from Rayburn or Mitchell as directors of the program.

Strange as it may seem, Governor Shivers has lined up with the liberal Democrats on one issue. He declared that he favors allowing 18-year-olds to vote.

It is a matter that should be submitted to the people for a decision, Shivers said.

"In view of the fact that 18-year-olds are called during war to defend our democratic principles, it is even more reasonable to encourage their active participation in the science of government," the governor added.

Charges that the State Board of Hospital and Special Schools has "repeatedly failed" to accept lowest bids for construction work

have been made by State Senator Wayne Wagoner of Bowie.

He called upon the Senate investigating committee to hold an inquiry for which he claimed to have documentary proof of the charges.

Dr. James A. Bethea, executive director of the system, replied that "in every instance, the lowest bidder has gotten the bid."

An architect for the board, Walter Moore, explained that usually bids with alternate materials are asked. Then, when bids are lower than the estimates, the board sometimes approves construction that is better than the cheapest offered.

Continued high employment levels during 1954 have been predicted by the Texas Employment Commission.

Although some unemployment is expected as a result of reduced military spending, there will be gains in non-defense industry, the commission said.

Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Denver Post, told a meeting of the Texas Press Association that instead of a depression, the country is due a "buyer's market."

He berated people who are "wasting a lot of breath and causing a lot of heartaches by insisting that we are going to have a depression."

Observance of the Centennial of Texas Public Schools will start throughout the state on January 31, the anniversary date.

Climax of activity for the year-long observance will be during Public Schools Week March 1-6, coinciding with the anniversary of Texas Independence.

Although other cities are planning special events for that week, the capital city as a center of education and government plans a massive celebration with more than 100,000 persons taking part.

Lone Star GIs in England will likely eat barbecued beef on Texas Independence Day with some Britons who call themselves "Anglo-Texans."

Houston Fat Stock Show officials talked to the governor about how to get some Blue Ribbon winners to England in a hurry after the show.

Shivers expressed a desire to take a quick hop to Britain and said: "I'd like to see if they barbecue Texas beef in England as good as they can in Texas."

SHORT SHORTS: State officials and the American Legion set a pattern in combatting a Communist-front organization at Port Arthur recently, a national Legion official declared here. The post at Port Arthur whose members mainly are composed of organized union members moved in unison to thwart this subversion, he asserted.

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