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## Star Gazing

By DON HOUK

Car keys in the pocket or purse are awfully comfortable when you find out later that someone has tried to steal your car!

Mrs. Darrell Cotney, who sometimes takes the keys out of her car and sometimes doesn't, took them with her when she went to the drug store Wednesday mornin'. She says she was watching two strangers in her rear view mirror when she poked that morning.

Some instinct made her take the keys with her this time. Thereby hangs a tale!

Her brother, Bob Garoutte standing in Woolsey's window, watched one of the strangers get in to his car and then into Mrs. Cotney's car. The stranger couldn't start either one.

Bob scared him off by asking what the stranger was doing.

As the would-be thief drove off with another man, Garoutte got their license number and gave it to his sister, who in turn took it with her to the court house and told Ross Turner, sheriff, about it.

The rest is history. The stranger was caught, one of them shot by Deputy Sheriff Claude Roper in Dalhart. (Details elsewhere).

Mary Lou said she got as nervous as a cat after she had told the sheriff about the incident. She had visions of attempts on her life and anonymous phone calls if the stranger found out who had turned them in.

They probably won't bother anybody for a long time. The FBI has taken over the case and will handle those two young men.

## Fat Stock Show Opens Tuesday



The Sherman County Fat Stock show and sale will open at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, in the county barn, in the south part of Stratford, agriculture officials remind.

Judging of swine, calves and breeding stock will be between 1:00 and 2:15 p.m. The judge will be a professor of animal husbandry at Panhandle A&M college, Goodwell.

Alphonso Garcia will take bids as auctioneer at the sale which will follow the judging. The sale will start at approximately 2:30 p.m.

In addition to FFA and 4-H club livestock, breeding stock from several of the prominent herds in the county will be shown.

Ernest Goule, county agent, and Duard (Charlie) Lamb, FFA adviser, said, "The finance committee got good response from local businessmen who contributed prize money through advertisements in the show catalogue.

"Committee members are Joe Billington, Bob Pendleton and Floyd Brannan. The boys and girls are proud of the catalogue and the nice prizes offered. They always stimulate keen competition."

Earl Riffe and Les Parker are the livestock sales committee. Prospective buyers of calves or hogs are asked to contact either of these men before or at the auction, Lamb and Goule stated.

The FFA boys will have a booth at the barn for the sale of cake, pie, coffee and soft drinks.

Show trophies were donated by Elmer Hudson and Elmer Summerour, grand champion steer; First State Bank, reserve champion steer; Pronger Brothers, steer showmanship; Consumer's Co., grand champion hog; Jones Hardware, reserve champion hog.

## FBI To Handle Suspects In Wild Car Chase

A clue provided by Bob Garoutte of Stratford led to the capture of two men, suspected of car theft, in Dalhart Wednesday.

About 8:20 a.m. Wednesday, Mr. Garoutte was standing in the front of a store on Stratford's main street. As he watched, a young man got into the Stratfordite's car and tried to start it. The intruder immediately left Garoutte's car and got into a car parked beside it.

The second car belonged to Garoutte's sister, Mrs. Mary Lou Cotney. The suspect tried to start Mrs. Cotney's car but was unsuccessful. In the meantime, Garoutte walked up to his sister's car and asked the man what he was doing.

He didn't answer. Garoutte again asked the man what he was doing. The man said "nothing," and ran to a car that had another man in it. The pair drove off.

Garoutte quickly took down the license number of the car and passed the information along to Mrs. Cotney. She in turn took it to Sheriff Ross Turner, who broadcast an all-points radio bulletin including the license number and a description of the car.

Not long after it had hit the airwaves, the Dalhart Police Department saw the car heading toward Dalhart and gave chase. Deputy Sheriff Claude Roper, with Sheriff R. C. Johnson as a passenger, joined the mad dash.

The two cars careened through the downtown section of Dalhart, endangering the lives of pedestrians and other motorists. The wild chase ended in the south part of Dalhart.

The case of two men, involved in a wild auto chase through Dalhart that ended when one of them was shot, has been turned over to the Amarillo office of the FBI, it was learned from Deputy Sheriff Claude Roper this morning.

The men, whose names and ages remain unconfirmed, were chased through downtown Dalhart at high speed by Mr. Roper and Sheriff R. C. Johnson.

It ended at a dead end on Rock Island Ave. when the pursued car stopped and the driver jumped out and began to run. Roper left his car and shouted for the man to halt. The running man didn't stop; instead he made a threatening gesture toward his hip, which caused Roper to fire one shot.

The fleeing man suffered a superficial wound in the right side, the attending physician said. The doctor stated that the wounded man probably would be released from Coon Memorial hospital in the next 24 hours.

A United States Marshall will take the two men to Amarillo as soon as the wounded man is able to travel, the deputy said.

Officials have been unable to definitely establish the names of the men or their ages. The man who received the gunshot wound has been tentatively identified as James Vincent Mackovitch. His companion has given the name Robert Cope.

Both are believed to have lived in New York. They reportedly es-

## Bands Busy With Music

George Dick, Stratford school music director, has listed activities of the senior, junior and pee wee bands.

The senior band gave a concert for the student body the day before Christmas vacation.

The band is preparing for a concert in conjunction with a Band Boosters club meeting in about two weeks. A date has not been set. The concert will be free, but a free-will offering will be taken.

The senior band will appear between games of the Stratford Invitational Basketball tournament Friday.

The group is preparing for four contests in the spring as well as for additional public concerts in Stratford.

The junior band, sixth and seventh graders, gave a concert Wednesday morning for the first, second, third and fourth grades. Included in the program were several numbers by the entire band plus a solo, duet and an instrument demonstration by Mr. Dick.

The junior band is preparing for a contest in Sunray in May. It is also planning some public concerts.

The pee wee band, fifth graders, are working hard in preparation for admission in the junior band next year. They will be part of a concert later in the school year.

Twenty-five new metal music stands arrived at school Wednesday. The heavy stands were purchased by the Band Boosters club.

The stands serve about 50 musicians.

They have a heavy metal base, friction adjustment and solid metal tops.

"The music department is very proud of them and wishes to thank everybody who took part in providing the money for them," Dick said.

## 23 Vote In Ground Water Election Tuesday

Only 23 votes were cast in Sherman county in Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, north of the Canadian river election, Tuesday.

Luther Browder was elected director and Melvin Phillips and Vernon Carter were named committee men.

Browder had 18 votes. R. K. Everett polled five votes.

In balloting for committee men Phillips had 23; Vernon Carter, 10; Horace Sneed, seven; and Roy Browder, five.

Luther Browder and Phillips had been appointed when the district was formed.

Joe Billington was election judge. Gene Hudson was assistant judge and Mrs. Bernard Dovel and Mrs. Mary Lou Cotney were clerks.

## Christian Church CWF To Have General Meeting

The Christian Women's Fellowship will hold a luncheon at noon Wednesday, Jan. 18, Cryder Brashaw, First Christian church minister, announces.

The Executive committee will hold a meeting immediately following the luncheon. The general meeting will be at 1:15.

Sunday activities at the church will be Bible school, 9:45 a.m., lesson, "Jesus Calls for Repentance"; morning worship, 10:45 a.m., sermon, "Refreshing Springs"; evening service, 7:00, sermon, "Don't Fence Me In."

The junior and cherub choirs will practice at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. Bible study and prayer will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Study chapter will be Acts 24.

## 3 Gas Wells Completed In Sherman County

Three gas wells have been completed in Sherman county and one has been plugged.

The J. M. Oil Corp. completed two of the three wells. The Ross No. 1 has a potential of 345,000 cubic feet from pay at 2,732 to 2,745 feet. It is in Sec. 66, Blk. 1-T, T&NO survey. R. P. is 298. The Eden No. 1 has a potential of 480,000 cubic feet. It is in Sec. 101, Blk. 1-T, T&NO survey.

The Kerr-McGee Oil Inc. Dooley No. 1 has a potential of 257,000 cubic feet from a pay at 3,115 to 3,148 feet. R. P. is 409. The well is in Sec. 70, Plk. 3-T, T&NO survey.

The Shamrock O&G Corp. Jennie Ross Brown No. in Sec. 40, Blk. 1-T, T&NO survey was plugged Dec. 13, 1955 as a dry hole.

## Kerrick Club To Meet Friday

KERRICK — The Kerrick community club will meet Friday for election of officers and for discussion of repair of the club's building.

The Kerrick Home Demonstration club will hold its meeting immediately preceding the community session.

caped from a Marselle, Ill. reformatory and left a trail of stolen cars through Kansas.

## Water District Study Announced

A cooperative agreement and contract to conduct a program of ground water investigations in the North Plains Water District has been made between the district, the Texas Board of Water Engineers and the U. S. Geological Survey, J. W. Buchanan, Dumas, water district manager, announces.

Preliminary work was done by J. G. Cronin, area engineer, USGS, when he was stationed in Dumas. A similar study is in progress in the South Plains.

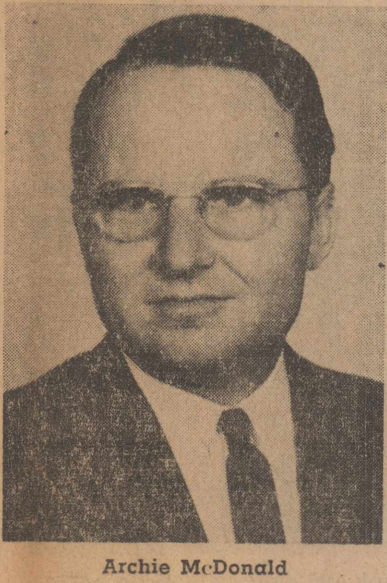
The North Plains investigations will include the study of the ability of the reservoir to yield water to wells throughout the area, the extent of the present development, the study of recharging and the determination of the amount of water that remains in storage in the area.

Other studies will be made of the Ogallala formation, the principal ground water reservoir of the North Plains, to determine as far as possible the approximate thickness of the water sands and the strata below the formation and stream deposits.

An observation well program will be set up and measurements of water level in strategically located wells will be made at regular intervals. A more accurate measurement of withdrawal will be obtained.

Field work was begun Jan. 3. (See WATER—Page 8)

## Archie McDonald Is Candidate For District Attorney



Archie McDonald

In announcing my candidacy for District Attorney of the 69th Judicial District I do so with a sense of humility and with full knowledge of the heavy duties and responsibilities that go with that position. However, I feel that I am qualified by education, training and experience to properly fulfill the duties of the office.

For the information of those within the District who do not know me, I am a native Texan, reared on a West Texas farm. It was necessary for me to work my way through Texas Tech and the University of Texas law school. I hold a B. A. degree in Government and an LL.B. degree from those respective schools. I am a Veteran of World War II, being trained as an Infantryman and later being assigned in a Judge Advocate's office. I am 42 years of age and have been licensed to practice law since 1945. I am married, we have two children and we are property owners in Dumas.

Since January 1, 1949, I have served the people of Moore County as their County Attorney and have been re-elected each time without opposition. This has given me experience in all of our courts, from the Justice of Peace courts through the District Court. At all times I have fully cooperated with all law enforcement agencies, which has included the administration of two sheriffs and their respective deputies, the police, the Highway Patrol, the District Attorney and occasionally the F.B.I. For about seven years I have assisted the District Attorney in the prosecution of contested cases in District Court and at his request have handled a considerable number of uncontested cases alone in District Court. No criminal case that has been appealed from the County Court has been reversed by the Court of Criminal Appeals during my tenure of office. I have served as ex-officio member of the Moore County Welfare Board and have worked with the County Judge and all those interested in Juvenile matters.

The people of the District are entitled to know that I am not, and will not be, obligated to any individual, group, partnership, corporation or special interest of any kind. I shall be obligated to all the people of the District to render sincere, honest service. I shall not neglect the duties of the office for personal business. I have not, and shall not, use the prosecution of any criminal case to assist anyone whom I might represent in a civil case. I sincerely believe in our system of government and in our pet and grand jury system. It shall be my purpose to vigorously enforce the law, which to me means not only that the guilty should be punished, but that we must with equal vigor respect and preserve the human rights and liberties so vital and sacred to us all. It shall never be said of me that I have persecuted or taken advantage of the poor and defenseless in order to compile a record of convictions that might look impressive and stand the test of politics, but not stand the test of conscience.

I earnestly solicit your vote and support to promote me to the office of District Attorney, and if elected, I pledge you fair, honest and conscientious service based on the above principles.

Archie McDonald.

## Superintendent Attends Meeting

R. W. Standerfer, Jr., superintendent of Stratford schools, attended the Texas Education Agency's Administrators' Conference last week.

About 1,000 administrators discussed 12 major problems, including desegregation, federal aid to schools, school restructuring and inadequacy of teacher supply.

The sale of the land by the couple to the school district will become final when all legal matters are cleared up, the superintendent said.

## PTA Meet Is Next Thursday

The Stratford PTA will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, in the school auditorium. The third grades will present the program.

## Commissioners Set Special Meet To Discuss Sheriff - Tax Separation

The commissioners court of Sherman county held its regular meeting Monday.

County officials were re-employed. They will continue on a salary basis rather than on a fee basis County Judge Clyde Hudson reports.

The separation of the tax assessor and collector's office from the sheriff's office was discussed. Special elections were authorized during the last session of the Texas legislature to determine whether the voters in each county favored the separation.

A special meeting of the commissioners was set for 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, to consider the possibility of a special election to separate the offices in Sherman county.

"All interested persons are urged to be present at the meeting to offer suggestions concerning the separation of the two offices," Judge Hudson said.

## School Census Nearly Complete

Four hundred and sixty-four students had been enumerated by the Stratford Independent School District up to Wednesday, R. W. Standerfer, Jr., superintendent, announces.

All children covered by the enumeration must be six years old or before Sept. 1, 1956 and not 18 before that date.

"We are especially interested in scholastics who will begin school for the first time next fall," Mr. Standerfer said.

An additional 15 to 20 students may be added to Tuesday's total before the census is over, the official said.

The census in Jan., 1955 had a total of 451 students. A total of 480 is expected this year, Standerfer said.

## School Board Negotiates Land Problem

The Stratford Independent School District board of trustees met with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carlander of Amarillo Tuesday to negotiate the sale of one and a quarter acres of land on the east end of the football field, Supt. R. W. Standerfer, Jr. reports.

The land lies on the east end of the gridiron and north of the swimming pool. The Carlanders and the school board reached a tentative agreement.

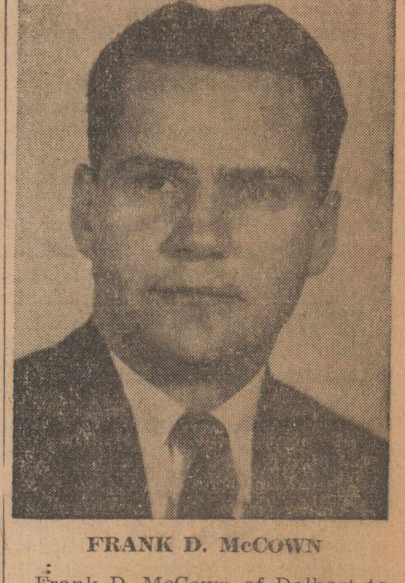
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## Chamber Of Commerce To Install Officers Jan. 18

New officers of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce will be installed at a dinner meeting at 7 p.m. at the Palace cafe Wednesday, Jan. 18, C. C. (Pink) Plunk, retiring president, reports.

At the group's meeting last week, Jack Goladay was elected named vice-president; and president; Dr. John R. Purgason

## Frank D. McCown Is Candidate For District Attorney



FRANK D. McCOWN

Frank D. McCown of Dalhart today announced for district attorney of this six-county judicial district, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries, and in connection with his announcement released the following open letter to citizens of the district:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Citizen:

"It is time to consider who you will elect district attorney. This is my application to you for that office. I am announcing now so you will have the maximum time to consider my qualifications.

"This is a large district and contains about 7,800 square miles and 11,000 voters. While I may not be able to visit with everyone, such is my goal, and I will make every effort to accomplish it.

"One skill that a district attorney must possess is public speaking. I will be available to all groups for any programs so you may decide if I am the kind of public speaker that you will demand as district attorney.

"If I have the honor of being elected, all cases will be investigated and if indictments are returned they will be prosecuted with speed and efficiency.

"No person or group will receive any special considerations, but all will receive impartial treatment. The cases of each county will be investigated and prosecuted with the same speed and efficiency as those of my home county.

"Your careful consideration will be appreciated."

Mr. McCown is a native Texan. He was born at Whitney, near Waco. After taking pre-law instruction at North Texas State college, Denton, McCown entered military service and served in the Far East with the 24th Infantry Division.

He graduated, with honors, as third highest in his class from the Law School of Baylor University Waco.

Serving his second full term as Dallam county attorney, McCown is a partner in the law firm of Davis & McCown in Dalhart.

The candidate is a member of the 69th Judicial District Bar Association, which he has served as secretary and treasurer; the State Bar of Texas and the American Bar Association.

Active in all phases of community life, he has been a member of the Lions club board of directors, and is at present the club's second vice-president. He is second vice-president of the Dallam-Hartley Counties United Fund, which he helped organize and which was successful in its initial drive for funds late last year.

McCown has served two successive terms as president of the Dalhart Junior Chamber of Commerce. During his first term, the Jaycees organized and developed a softball league embracing six teams of boys in the first through sixth grades. He has participated as coach and assistant coach three years.

The Dalhartian married the former Joyce Gray, who lived in Stratford in the early 1930's. Her father, Jack Gray was associated with the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.

The McCowns have one son, Scott, eight months old. They belong to the Central Methodist church. He is a member of the Official Board and is a past president of the Methodist Men's club.

## 38 Attend Lions Ladies Night

Thirty-eight attended the Stratford Lions club Ladies Night program Monday.

Bob Law, Hiram Sloan and Frank McCown all of Dalhart, gave a demonstration of memory.

## CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to each of you who were so kind and thoughtful of us after our recent accident.

We are grateful for the prayers, flowers, cards and visits and may God bless you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dean Ellard





### LOOKING AHEAD

by Dr. George S. Beards  
DIRECTOR - NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM  
Searcy, Arkansas

#### EDUCATION IN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

Great principles do not survive merely because they are right, or because they have been painstakingly legislated. Unless an understanding of the great principles of the American way of life, their rightness and their priceless advantages, is implanted in the minds and hearts of each new generation, our nation one day will falter and start down the road to human slavery and ultimate destruction. This is the conclusion I reached almost 20 years ago when I returned to my native United States after 11 years abroad witnessing the alarming growth of Socialist and Communist movements throughout Asia and Europe.

For 17 of those 20 years the National Education Program has been producing educational materials and developing educational techniques designed to bring about a better understanding of our American system, its comparative advantages, how these advantages are created, and how each individual must assume certain obligations of citizenship - a program of positive education for our adult population as well as the school and college

youth of America. The whole effort has been a non-profit public service enterprise.

#### NEW FILM SERIES

There has just been completed in our National Program workshops a series of 13 educational motion pictures under the title, "The American Adventure." They are unique; there is nothing quite like them. The series was produced for use in schools and colleges, on television, in industrial training programs, in the armed services; and for discussion groups in various other areas. From start to finish the films teach in a dramatic, fascinating way, the basic facts which every American, young or old, should know to uphold the urgent citizenship responsibilities of people living in freedom. For use with each film a teacher's or discussion leader's guide has been prepared.

The response of people who have seen these films is one of the most encouraging experiences I've had in many years of educational work for government leaders in Washington, for educators, business and industry executives, for agricultural and industrial employee groups, and for educational specialists in the armed services. Almost with one voice the previewers have said, "Every American must see these films and absorb their great lessons!"

#### FROM THE BEGINNING

"The American Adventure" series begins with a film dramatizing the founding of the American private

ownership economic system at Plymouth Colony after a period of failure with a communal or collectivist system. The second lesson visualizes the creation of the two

greatest governmental documents, the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. No. 3 in the series spikes the fallacy, mouthed by the Socialists and

Communists, that "the American way of life" is an abstract term, and cannot be defined. This film shows the building of the structure of the American way of life, the foundations, and the political and economic rights.

Film No. 4 takes the viewer back into ancient history, tracing the rise and fall of the great civilizations of the past, and showing that certain factors were common in their failures - especially political, economic and moral decay. With film No. 5 the series begins a presentation on the philosophy and practical workings of first, Socialism, then Communism and Capitalism. There is a film on each. The interrelationship of Communism and Socialism is spotlighted.

#### FACTS NOT WIDELY KNOWN

America's distribution of wealth, which is subject of much false left wing propaganda, is studied in Film No. 8. A woman with considerable experience in the New York school system saw this film and exclaimed, "I've learned things that change some longheld notions of mine!" Film No. 9 dramatizes the true life story of a young couple who overcame circumstances and hardships to win success in a highly competitive business field.

"The Secret of American Production" is set forth in No. 10. The widespread benefits of the profit system are graphically examined in Film No. 11.

The vitally important subject of economic security is carefully studied in Film No. 12. The relation of security to personal freedom prompts a lively discussion among the college-age students participating in this film. The final film of the series is devoted to the outlining and discussion of "The Responsibilities of American Citizenship." A challenging eight-point list of specifics is offered.

Illustrated brochures on the series have been prepared. These may be obtained by writing me.

### Gas Pipeline Is Broken By Guided Missile Booster

ALMOGORDO, N.M. —UP— A heavy object described as a booster unit for a guided missile shot out of the sky and dropped on a major natural gas pipeline Wednesday night, cutting off the fuel supply for this southern New Mexico community.

Officials of Southern Union Gas Co. believed they could restore service to most of the homes and businesses here by noon Thursday.

The booster unit, which is used to propel guided missiles when they are first launched, ruptured a 10-foot section of the pipeline, which is buried about three feet under ground.

The pipeline itself is owned and operated by El Paso Natural Gas.

Next week: Details on "The American Adventure" series.

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which feeds Southern Union here. A spokesman at White Sands said it had not been verified that the object which fell was from a White Sands missile. There were 3,100 meters which had to be shut off here while the rupture was repaired and each had to be turned on individually by one of about 25 men called in from El Paso to light all the stoves in Alamogordo.

### L. B. Haile Is Released From Hospital

L. B. Haile, 75, has been released from a Dumas hospital it was learned Tuesday from a son, Arlyn Haile.

Mr. and Mrs. Haile have taken an apartment in Dumas to be close to medical attention.

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But their discouragement will be short-lived if, on the first warm day of spring, they don working clothes, take up a rake, hoe or spade, and go out to become acquainted with their land, and make it beautiful and productive.

They will realize that what they feared would be a troublesome problem could become a rewarding adventure, and lead to a way of life more deeply satisfying than they had known before.

A love for the soil, and enjoyment of gardening, is born in man. The first do-it-yourself hobby of which there is a record was gardening. The Persian emperor Cyrus laid out a park in front of his palace at Sardis and proudly told Lysander, the Spartan, that his own hands had planted many of the trees. He was one of many do-it-yourself gardeners of high rank mentioned in history.

There is a vast difference between growing a garden, and admiring those grown by others. Many garden clubs require that their members be "dirt gardeners," who plant seeds with their own hands, and bring them to maturity by their own skill. Experienced gardeners will

agree that the keenest thrill from this hobby is felt when flowers bloom, or vegetables mature, on plants which grew from seeds sown by your own hands.

Whether this is a man's hobby or a woman's may sometimes be debated. The truth is that the pleasures, and work, of the garden can be shared by every member of the family.

Gardening has its artistic side, in the design of the garden, and the arrangement of flowers in its beds and borders, and in bouquets. It provides healthful, not too strenuous exercise in the sunshine and fresh air, not at a distant beach, but right in your own home grounds.

On a small plot most of the vegetables needed by the average family can be grown in less hours of work than it would take to shop for them in the market. These vegetables can be of a tenderness and flavor impossible to buy, because they can be served within minutes after they have been harvested.

Children need no coaxing to eat such vegetables, which when fresh are rich in the vitamins that are often lost on the way to market.

Decorative gardening not only rewards the gardener but adds substantially to the value of the home, and to the standing of the whole community. The social contacts which develop from activity in gardening are not the least of its rewards. The rapid expansion of the garden club movement among both men and women is based upon the spreading interest in this hobby.

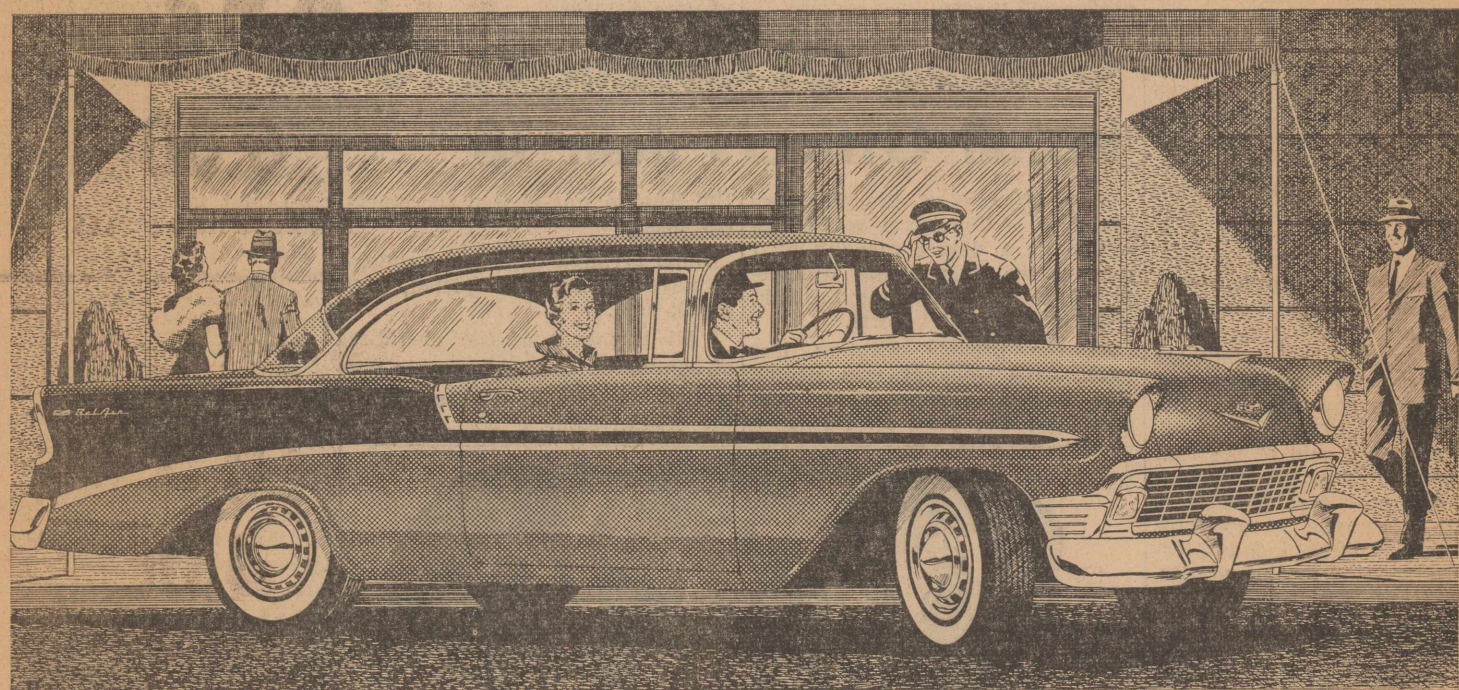
Of the many advantages of the new life now enjoyed by so many American families, the opportunity to practice gardening qualifies as one of the greatest.



IT DOESN'T TICKLE—Try as he may, this Italian youngster can't get a giggle out of his tickled victim. That's because the feet belong to one of the statuesque group of St. Francis and his Friars, which rises in front of the Basilica of St. John in Rome.

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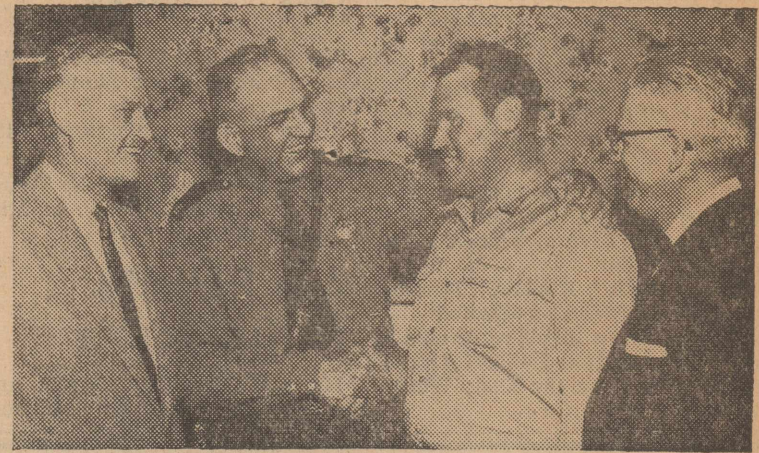
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remain anonymous, has been selected as "Most Representative" of 99 Hobbs Knights of the Road named in 1955.



M. W. DENNEY

M. W. Denney will be honored Feb. 7 at the highway courtesy award program's second annual banquet in Austin where he will receive the program's "1955 Shield" and an appropriate gift.

Pictured above, is Denney being notified of his selection at his Dallas home by (left to right) Howard Case, Hobbs' Dallas branch manager; Kent Odum, license and weight chief of the Texas Department of Public Safety; and J. O. Musick, general manager of the Texas Safety Assn. These three organizations sponsor the highway courtesy award program.

At the Austin banquet, Col. Homer Garrison, director of the Texas Safety Dept., will be main speaker. Gov. Shivers is expected to attend, along with other "knights" named during the year.

August 18, Denney rescued six-year-old Johnny Murray from a vicious dog. Denney was making delivery rounds in the 3200 block of Wylie Drive on a quiet afternoon when he saw a 40-pound red Chow lunge at the Murray boy, knock him down and begin biting him on his arms and back.

Denney leaped from his cab and kicked and choked the dog away from the child. He was forced to continue kicking the dog away as he carried the badly-injured youngster to his home across the street.

The boy was rushed to a hospital, and it wasn't until later that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murray of 3251 Wylie Drive, realized they didn't know the name of the truck driver who had saved their son from greater injury and possible death.

A story in a Dallas newspaper requested the name of the courageous man. Denney didn't see the

story, but his concern for Johnny Murray took him back next day to inquire about him. And only then was his identity learned.

Sgt. E. C. Law of the license and weight division saw the story of the unidentified trucker, and tracked Denney down through the Murrys. After overcoming Denney's reluctance to talk about the deed, Law recommended Denney for a Hobbs Knight of the Road Award, which was subsequently presented Oct. 12.

It was pointed out that Denney's quick-thinking and rescue "exemplified the best traditions of heroism, courtesy and consideration, thus qualifying him as 'most representative.'"

"It would be impossible to say which of 1955's Hobbs Knight of the Road was best," according to program sponsors, "for each knight did what the situation demanded of him in proving his desire to make our highways safer and our country a better place in which to live."

There have been a total of 165 knights named since the statewide program was started in June of 1954.

Denney will be accompanied by his wife to Austin for the two-day celebration in his honor. He has been employed by Merchant's Fast Motor Lines for two years.

**"Show Me" State Poll On Farming**

By LYLE SCHWILLING  
COLUMBIA, Mo. —UP— If you were young, in good health, and had \$25,000, how should you go about the business of farming?

The Missouri Farmers Association asked that question of about 100 farmers and bankers across the "show me" state.

The association got 54 answers. And exactly half—27—urged that the young man not go into farming at all.

Many of the answers were critical of Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson, and of less than 100 per cent parity payments.

P. W. Peterson, a farmer at Trenton, Mo., suggested the young man invest in a "game of chance" at a Las Vegas casino. This way, he explained, he should have "some slight chance of hitting the jackpot."

**Slower, Certain Loss**  
"His farming venture would result in a somewhat slower, but much more certain loss, with no chance at a quick kill," he added. Bob Hill of Columbia, a farmer who is executive manager of the Missouri Bankers Association, said "I would urge him not to start farming. He cannot get a fair return on his investment."

Of those who answered the question, without recommending the young man bank his money or invest in savings bonds, dairy farming, egg production, sheep and diversified farming were among some of the favored types of farm living.

Dean L. Smith of Pollock, Mo.,

said "I would advise livestock farming in general. Sheep are among the top money makers, year after year."

**Good Dairy Setup**  
Whitney Rockenbach of Cuba advised, "if the young man is going to start farming in spite of the present price/squeeze, his best type would be a grade A dairy setup near a good grade A market."

Frank Kolks of Glasgow said "I would advise this young man to grain farm. He will have some idea of what he will receive for his grain. There is a support price

on grain but none on livestock. At present prices there is no profit in livestock."

Jim Briscoe of Tipton said, "cannot possibly make money farming under 75 per cent of fair price next year unless he has abnormally high yields of everything. I've farmed since 1932 and I've never seen that kind of a year yet. If people in business and people with salaries don't believe this let them take 25 per cent off their sales or salaries then they can really get the feel of 75 per cent of a fair price."

And Jack Kroeck, farm director

of radio station KLIK in Jefferson City, suggested, "my best advice would be to tell him to get back into whatever he was in when he made the \$25,000."

Robert L. Pendleton of Pueblo, Colo. was in Stratford Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Pendleton.

A crumb pie crust will hold-together better if it is chilled in the pan for 24 hours before the filling is added.



FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
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Although the "cage system" for poultry laying houses is the most profitable method, it has created one winter-time problem which, fortunately, can be easily solved through the use of electric heating cable.

It is a proven fact that water for poultry must be kept warm enough for adequate drinking; otherwise, egg production suffers sometimes to the extent that the flock never recovers its former high production. The long watering troughs used in cage laying houses actually act as radiators, giving up their heat content into the surrounding cold air and cooling or freezing the water. Electric heating cable installed the full length of the trough warms the water uniformly the entire length

of the trough. If cable with sufficient heating capacity is employed, you will be assured of palatable water at all times in your poultry house.

Here's why electric heating cable is the only proven satisfactory answer to warm drinking water for poultry:

1. It is easy to install; however, it must be properly installed. Your local electrical contractor and your dealer can assist you in proper installation.
2. It is thermostatically controlled. Once plugged in, the equipment operates without attention until you unplug it in the Spring. The water is warmed to the desired temperature; the electricity shuts

off automatically. You are never using electricity when it is not needed.

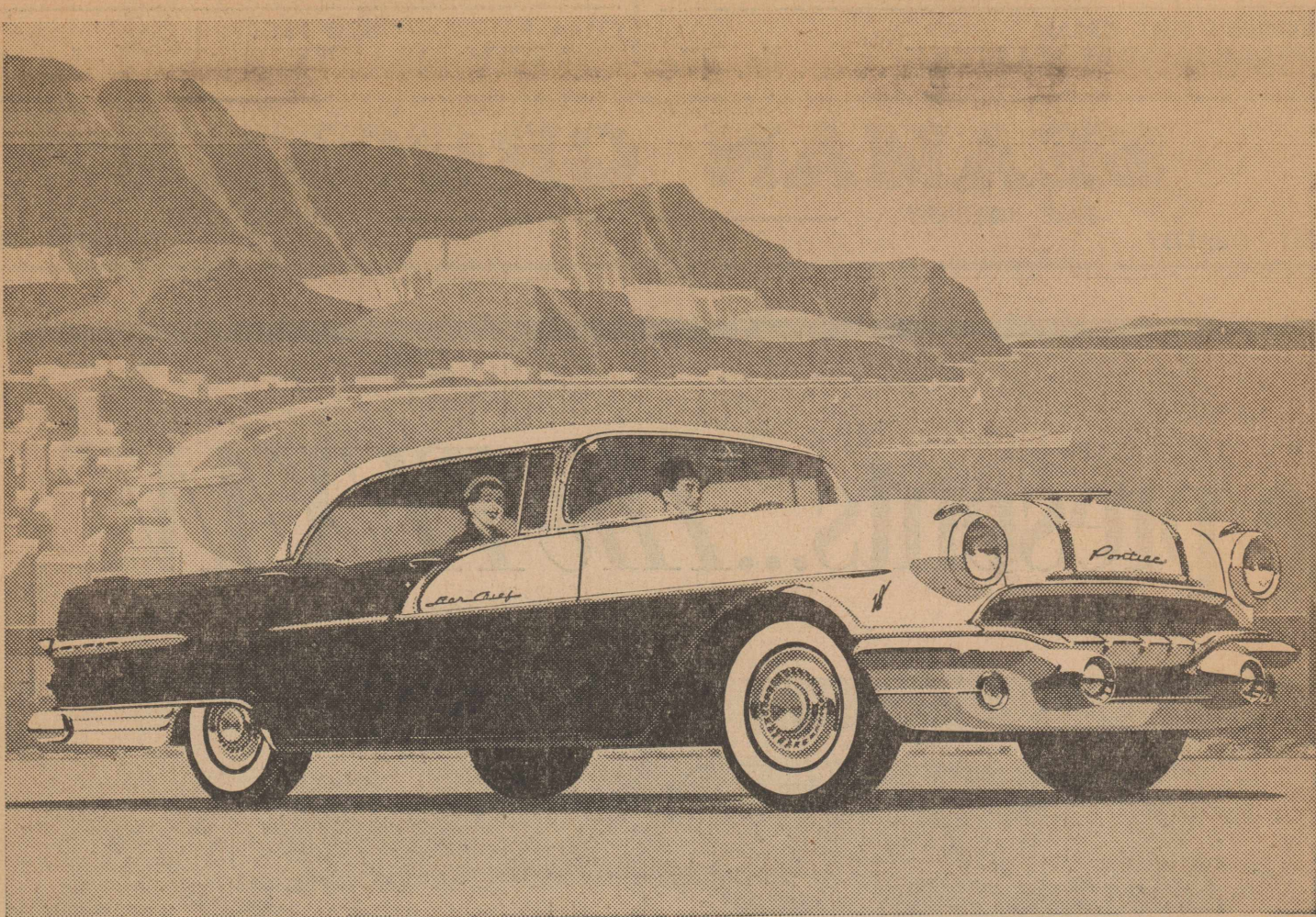
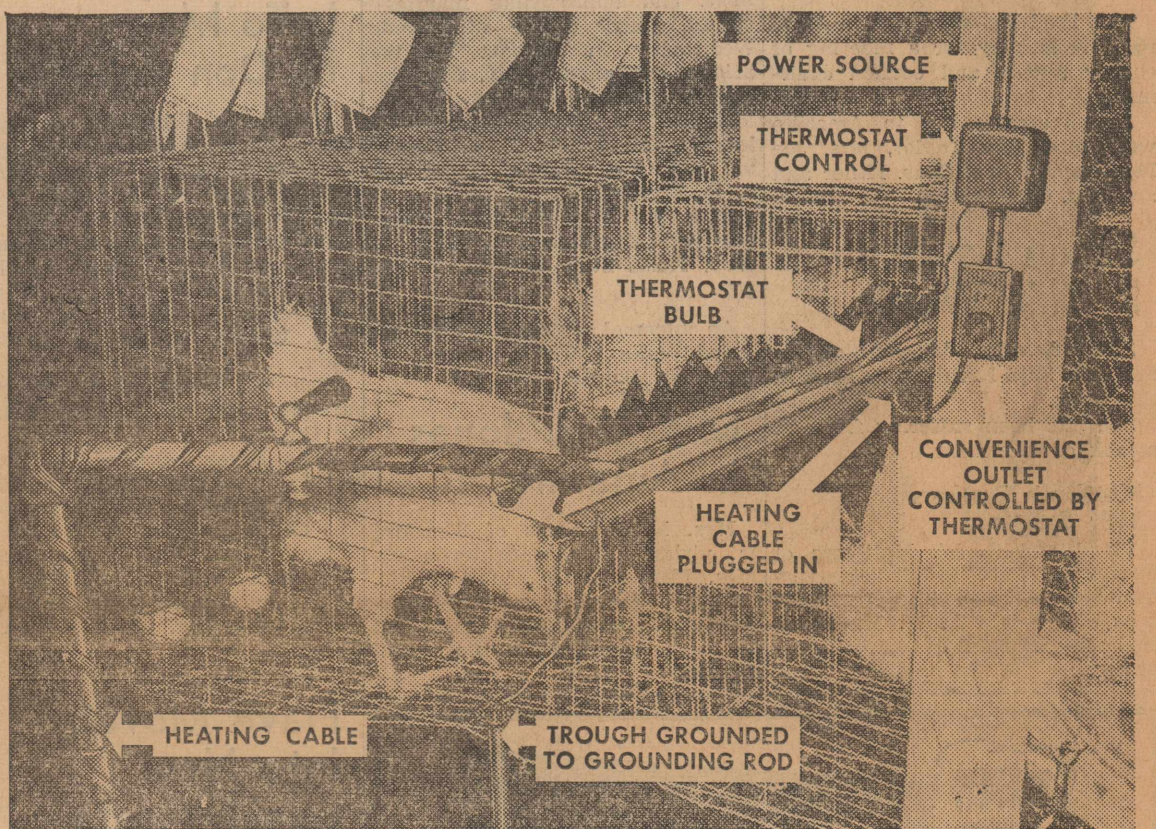
3. It is an economical system. The average cost for power throughout the State of Texas has been less than one egg per hen per season. Original equipment cost averaged over a period of years is low.
4. It pays. Holding high egg production through just one severe cold spell could pay for your entire installation.
5. It is safe. With proper installation of equipment and grounding of the troughs, there is no safety problem.

You can get additional information from your County Agricultural Agent.

Experience among egg producers proves that drinking water must be maintained somewhere between 50 and 70 degrees. The problem is more than keeping frost out of the water. The water must be kept warm if you are to maintain high production of large grade "A" eggs. A loss in production or small, under-grade eggs means a loss of money out of your pocket.

Heating cable can be the profit factor in your wintertime egg production.

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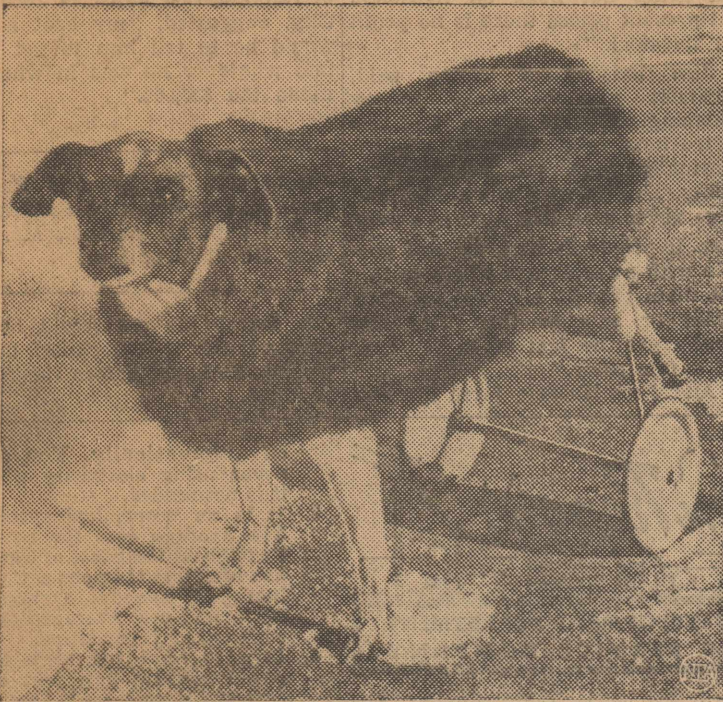
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### Member Of Pioneer Stratford Family To Be January Bride

#### Mrs. McDaniel In Amarillo For Training Meet

Mrs. Fred McDaniel was in Amarillo Wednesday for a meeting of county agents and council chairman. Accompanying her to Amarillo were Mrs. Ray Taylor, Mrs. Joe Pete Taylor, Mrs. Chas. Miller and Mrs. Otis Fenton.

#### Susan Lavake Ill This Week

Susan Lavake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saki Lavake, has been ill this week. She has been suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

#### Matthews Brothers Visit Stratford

Virgil and O. W. Matthews of Spearman were in Stratford on business Monday. They are the sons of the late L. W. Matthews, early-day Sherman county landowner.

Miss Nancy Storey, member of a pioneer Stratford family, is to be married Sunday, Jan. 22, to Teddy Eugene Reddick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Reddick of Phillips.

Announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of the young couple was made Wednesday in Dalhart by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Storey.

Nancy is a granddaughter of the late Judge and Mrs. E. G. Pendleton and is a niece of Royal and J. R. Pendleton.

Both the bride-to-be and prospective bridegroom are students at West Texas State College at Canyon.

An informal wedding is planned. It will take place in Dalhart at the First Baptist Church.

#### Mrs. E. P. Jones In Amarillo

Mrs. E. P. Jones of Stratford is visiting her daughter-in-law Mrs. Horace Jones, in Amarillo. Horace Jones is on a construction job in Corpus Christi. He had to leave Amarillo for reasons of health.

## Society News ...

Marie H. Gibney, Society Editor

#### Mrs. Judd Is Hostess To Church Circle

Circle 3 of the First Christian Church met in the home of Mrs. Arthur Judd Jan. 5, reports Mrs. Donald Both. Nine members were present.

Mrs. Arthur Folsom called the meeting to order and Mrs. Otis Bryant offered prayer. Minutes were read and business taken care of.

Five daily devotionals were reported and four books were read. Various members took names of the new residents in Stratford so that they could call on them and extend their invitation to attend church.

The group studied "The Last Three Months of Jesus' Ministry." The devotionals were given by Mrs. Ida Billington.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. J. W. Willey will have the next meeting on Feb. 2 in her home Mrs. Norval Davis will be the leader for the lesson, Chapter 12 "Passion Week."

#### Joyce Bryan Is To Marry H. Don Adams

Friends in Stratford and this area have learned that Miss Joyce LaVonne Bryan of Liberal, Kans., is to be married this month to H. Don Adams of Guyton, Okla.

Announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage has just recently been made by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryan of Tyrone, Okla.

The bridegroom-elect's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams of Guyton.

Miss Bryan attended Oklahoma A&M College at Stillwater and Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College, Goodwell, Okla.

Mr. Adams is also a former student of Oklahoma A&M College. He is presently a senior at Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College.

#### Have Moved Into New Ranch Home

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Summerour and baby daughter, Debra, have moved into their home that has just been completed at the Summerour ranch.

Jimmy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Summerour, Sr., and brother, Johnny Summerour, and family live nearby.

During the past weekend, Mrs. Jimmy Summerour's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Derrel Click of Enid, Okla., visited them.

#### Is Ill With Pneumonia At Smith Home

Mrs. Stacy Billington, Texhoma, is ill with an attack of pneumonia at the home of Mrs. Frank Smith. According to last reports eaching The Star she is improving.

#### Mrs. C. T. Pounds Is In Hospital

Mrs. C. T. Pounds, longtime resident of the Conlen community, has been ill since Sunday with a virus infection.

Tuesday evening she was taken to the Coon Memorial Hospital at Dalhart for treatment.

According to late word she is improving.

#### Stratfordites To Texhoma

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bryant, Mrs. Ben Biddy and Mrs. Sallie McAdams attended the installation of officers of the Texhoma Eastern Star last Thursday night.

#### F. L. Yates To Star School

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates of Stratford attended the District No. 2, Section No. 1, Eastern Star officers school in Spearman last Thursday.

#### Mrs. Golladay Visits Parents

Mrs. Jack Golladay spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nobles. Mrs. Nobles has been in poor health.

#### Mrs. Brayshaw Is Hostess To Study Club

The Stratford Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Cryder Brayshaw last Friday. Judge Clyde Hudson was guest speaker. His topic was "Jury Procedure."

Those present were Mrs. Dave Cain, Mrs. L. J. Davis, Mrs. Vern Foreman, Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick, Mrs. William Martin, Mrs. Joe McAdams, Mrs. Lorraine Mehner, Mrs. Elmer O'Quinn, Mrs. C. C. Plunk, Mrs. A. E. Pronger, Jr., Mrs. Art Ross, Mrs. Jim Taylor, Mrs. Carrol Wisdom, Mrs. Peach Smith, Ms. W. S. Frizzell, Mrs. W. S. Frazier, Jr., and Mrs. Brayshaw.

The next meeting will be held on Feb. 3 at the home of Mrs. Bill Martin.

#### Martha Ross Enrolls At Business School

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross took Martha to Amarillo Sunday. Martha has enrolled at Draughton's Business College.

#### Mary Ethel Circle Meeting Is Announced

Announcement is made that the Mary Ethel Circle of the Methodist Church will meet Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. W. N. Price.

#### Mrs. Keener Conducts P-TA Course

A study course in parliamentary procedure as outlined by the Congress of Parent-Teachers Association was conducted recently by Mrs. Raymond Keener.

Officers taking the course were Mrs. Sam Lasley, Mrs. Pruitt Atkins, Mrs. Ernest Cummings, Mrs. Leon Guthrie and Mrs. Frank Ross.

Mrs. D. E. Kendall of Dalhart was a Stratford visitor Monday.

#### Two From Here Attend Gamma Xi Meeting

Mrs. Hazel Cameron and Miss Betty Jeanne McBrayer were in Dalhart on Saturday to attend the meeting of Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society which was held at the home of Mrs. Forrest Roberson. The society is made up of members of the teaching profession.

Miss McBrayer was initiated into the organization Saturday. Mrs. Cameron has been a member for a number of years.

Miss Lucile Hughes, Dumas, chapter president, conducted the business session following the initiation. Mrs. Alleene Ledbetter gave a talk "We Need the Best; Where Do We Begin?"

Thirty-five members from Sherman, Moore, Hartley and Dallam county area attended.

#### Friendship Club With Mrs. Zimmer

The Friendship Club met in the home of Mrs. Albert Zimmer last Thursday.

All members were present with the exception of two.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 19 in the home of Mrs. James Bradley.

#### Are Enroute To California

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Riffe and son,

Bryant, are enroute to California. They are making the trip to visit Mr. Bryant's father who is ill.

#### Accompany Whittenburgs To Honolulu

Miss Leilah Price and William Price enjoyed a trip to Hawaii after Christmas.

They made the trip with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whittenburg, III, of Amarillo.

In Harlan, Ky., children in the second grade of a local school are enjoying an unexpected vacation because a mother dog decided to raise her pups beneath the floor of the school.

The pups whined the mother barked, and the county dog war-

den chopped holes in the floor to remove the family.

The school principal said the holes caused a draft so he dismissed the class until further notice.

#### Law Association Elects Officers

The 69th Judicial District Bar Association elected Ed Coons, Sherman county attorney, president and Clyde Hudson, Sherman county judge, secretary at a meeting Saturday at Boys Ranch.

Other officers elected were John Scott, Vega, vice-president; and Archie McDonald, Dumas, treasurer.

The next meeting of the group will be Feb. 11 at Boys Ranch. Maurice Bullock, Ft. Stockton, president of the State Bar of Texas, will conduct an institute on probate.

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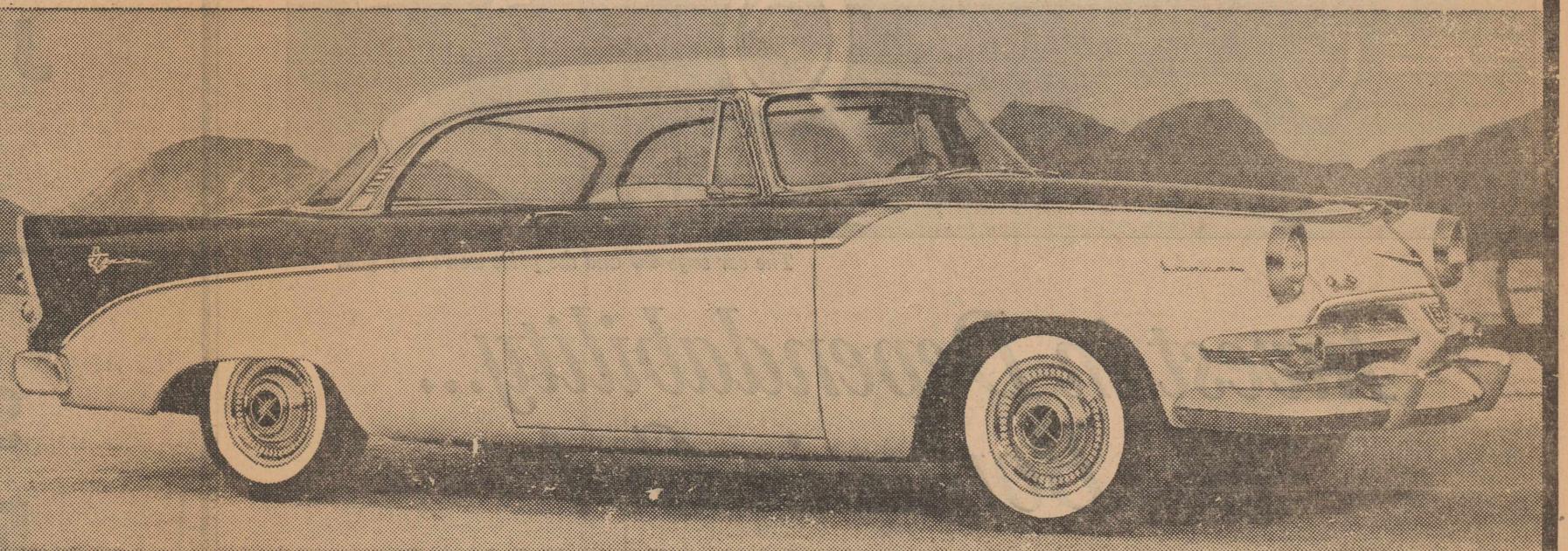
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**Here and There**

Mrs. Laura Ellard, James and Laura Ann, Texhoma, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellard Monday. Mrs. Frank Smith was an Amarillo visitor Tuesday.

**Dumas visitors Tuesday.**

Mrs. Hattie Morgan, Amarillo, has been a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Massie, Jr.

Mrs. Laura Reynolds, Texhoma, visited Mr. and Mrs. Doc Naugie and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellard last week.

Mrs. Ernest Palmer and Mrs. Earl Albert were Dalhart visitors Tuesday.

Miss Martha Plunk, Amarillo, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Plunk, over the weekend.

Mrs. F. M. Love and Mrs. Thornton, Dumas, visited in the Fred Pronger home and in Mrs. D. L. Buckie's home one day last week.

Mrs. C. R. Bonar, Galveston, was a visitor here last week. She visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Skillin, and others.

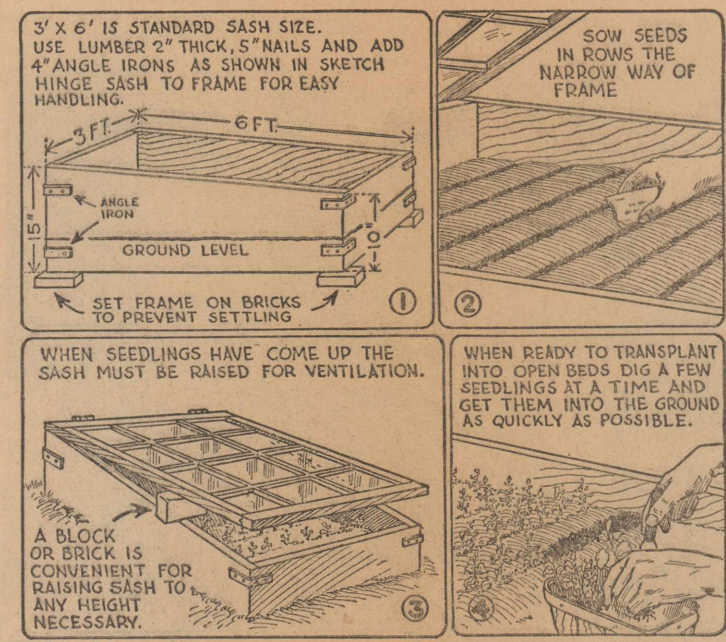
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reynolds and boys spent the weekend visiting relatives in Tucumcari, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pickens and Ann were Dalhart visitors last week.

Mrs. A. W. Klawetter, Galvert, Tex., is visiting in the homes of her daughters, Mrs. Bill Price and Mrs. Frances Watson.

Mrs. Bobby Reynolds and Mrs. Jim Shaver were Dumas visitors Monday evening.

**Best Garden Tool Is Cold-frame You Can Build**



**The Cold Frame Story—How to Build and Use It.**

Thousands of years ago some observant cave-man noticed that plants growing in a pit thrived better in the early spring than those growing on the surface. Pits are still used for winter protection of plants, in moderate climates.

Pits were transformed into cold frames when glass became available, and gardeners, who are always observant and ingenious, found they could increase the value of their pits by covering them. Glass lets the sun's heat through and keeps cold air out. On a sunny spring day the temperature in a cold frame may run to 100 degrees though the air outside is chilly.

For eight weeks before frost has ended in your garden each spring, you can grow plants with safety in a cold frame. All through the year there are some uses to which a cold frame can be put. It would be impossible to find a better use for 18 square feet in any garden area than to cover it with a cold frame.

Any one who can wield a saw and hammer can do it. It is usually made 3 by 6 feet, or some multiple of this, for the reason that standard hot-bed sash are of these dimensions.

But a cold frame (or a hot-bed either) may be any size you wish, to fit old windows, or frames covered with one of the modern glass substitutes.

These glass substitutes are worth considering. They do not break, and the breakage of glass in windy localities is sometimes

considerable. They are much lighter than glass, a merit which women appreciate. They do not let in as much light as glass, but for growing seedlings they let in enough.

Two thicknesses of sheet polyethylene will serve for one year. The substitutes most commonly used consist either of wire screens covered with material resembling celluloid, or fabrics treated with wax to make them waterproof, and let more light through.

In making a cold-frame, the frame should be constructed of 1-inch boards, of cypress, white pine or some wood which resists rot. First, dig a hole in the ground slightly larger than the size of the frame. It should be at least a foot deep. Into this hole put the frame you have built so that 6 inches of it is beneath the surface and the remainder above. This will insure that no drafts enter from beneath. Construct the frame so that the front is 4 inches above the surface, and the rear, 9 inches. It must slant toward the south, where the winter sun shines. It is well to hinge the sash at the top of the frame, so it can be easily opened for transplanting purposes and airing.

A sunny spot in the garden, protected as much as possible from the full force of winds and driving rain, is the best situation for the cold frame. It may be too cold now to dig in the garden, but the sash may be procured and the lumber frame made, so that when the first warm days arrive you are ready for serious gardening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Click, Enid, Okla., visited in the Fred Pronger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reeder, Bushland, were visitors in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lester Plunk, and family over the weekend.

Miss Eula Faye Lowe and Miss Helen Lowe were home for the weekend to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lowe.

Helen Pemberton, Mrs. A. J. Carter, Bell Davis and Jerry Pemberton visited in Plains and Liberal, Kans. Sunday.

Miss Feliz Ramon, Amarillo, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Z. Ramon, over the weekend.

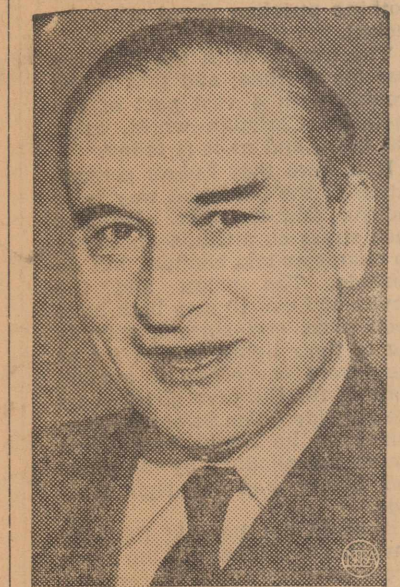
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**Empire Lines In Latest Fashion**

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY  
NEW YORK—Long-torso dresses and tunic-length suits have lost out in favor of empire lines and hipbone-hugging jackets in spring collections of top American designers.

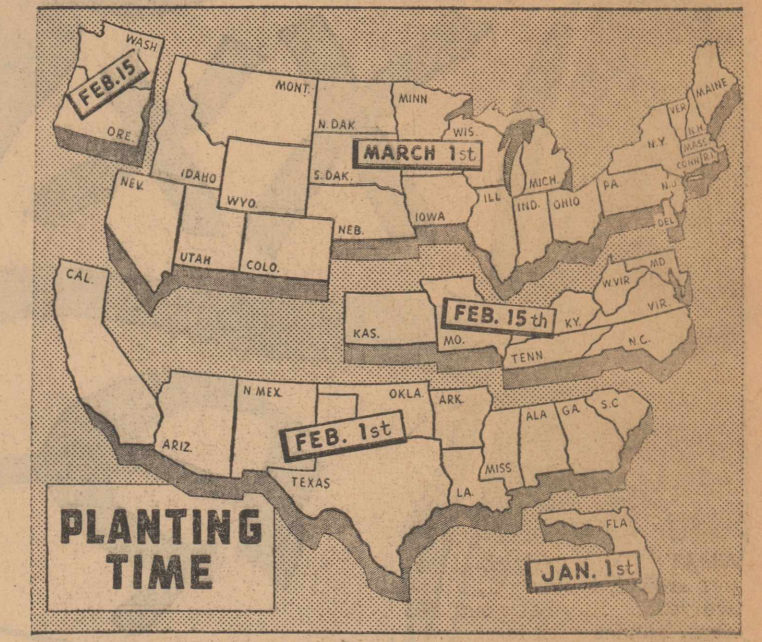
The midriff still has an elongated look, but designers seem to have turned their dress pattern upside down. Instead of an unbuttoned top and gathers beginning at the hipline, they now prefer untrimmed skirts with tucked and fullness starting at the bustline.

Herbert Sondheim showed his version of the slender empire dress Tuesday to fashion writers attending the New York Dress Institute's national press week. It was a sophisticated black chiffon dress



**SEES "PROOF"**—Juraj Slavik, former Czech ambassador to the U.S., says Russia's "spirit of Geneva" peace campaign is a "fake." Slavik, who quit his post when the Communists took over his homeland, points to the sale of Czech arms to Egypt as proof. In Washington, D. C., working for a "free Czechoslovakia," he believes the Reds are trying to stir anti-Jewish trouble in the Middle East.

**Planting Time In U. S. A. Has Four Climatic Zones**



Garden Organizations will initiate Planting Time activities on the date shown for each zone.

Starting Dec. 21, spring spreads slowly over the North American continent. In Florida planting time is three months earlier than in Minnesota.

This makes it impossible for gardeners throughout the country to celebrate a national garden week, which would fit the season in all states.

To obtain action in unison by all who are interested in practicing and promoting home gardening, the American Council of Horticulture has devised a moving spring festival, known as Planting Time, which follows the sun as it travels north from January until March.

Based on records of the U. S. department of agriculture the country is divided into four zones. In each the average date of the last killing frost is approximately the same. One month before this date is selected as Planting Time in that zone. Seeds of hardy varieties may be sown; hardy plants may be transplanted; tender varieties may be started under protection, and merchants of garden goods should make these available to their customers.

Since it is considered impractical to divide a state into several zones, each state has been considered as a unit, and assigned a date for the beginning of "Planting Time" which represents the average climate of the whole state, although it may not be exactly right for either the earliest or latest sections of the state area. The dates assigned to the various states on this basis are as follows:

- January 1—Florida.
- February 1—Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas.
- February 15—Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia.
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AT STRATFORD, TEXAS

at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1955, pursuant to call made by the Banking Commissioner of Texas in accordance with the Banking Laws of this State.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including overdrafts	2,665,613.61
1.a After deduction of \$367.91 valuation allowance on bad debt Reserve.	
Cash, balance due from other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection (including exchanges for clearing house)	2,213,267.63
Banking house, or leasehold improvements	10,125.00
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	6,128.70
Other assets	21,459.72
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>4,916,594.66</b>
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Common Capital Stock	200,000.00
Surplus: Certified \$50,000.00, Not Certified \$	50,000.00
Undivided profits	280,113.99
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	3,927,145.94
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	24,050.00
Public funds (Incl. U.S. Govt., states and political subdivisions)	435,294.73
<b>Total all deposits</b>	<b>4,386,480.67</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts</b>	<b>4,916,594.66</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF SHERMAN  
I, H. M. Flores, being Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. M. FLORES  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1956.  
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★ EDSON IN WASHINGTON ★

Farmers' Loud Complaints May Prove Unwarranted

BY PETER EDSON  
NEA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON—(NEA)—When it comes to a showdown, some of the farmers who scream the loudest about their present plight may not be hurt as badly as they let on.

An example has just been furnished by Farmer Jay Boston, who operates 610 irrigated acres near Hereford, northern Texas. When the Senate Agriculture Committee held hearings in Fort Worth, Farmer Boston grabbed the headlines with a proposition: If Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson would come to Texas, take over the Boston place, run it under existing sliding scale price supports and show a profit, Boston would give his farm to Benson as a gift.

**A CHECKUP** by the Amarillo, Tex. Globe-News showed that Boston was no shiftless operator. He is recognized as the best farmer in his conservation district. Several years ago he won a prize for raising 70 bushels of wheat to the acre in an area where 10 bushels is the average.

His gripe now is that under existing supports on grain sorghums and a depressed hog market—on which two crops he has been specializing—he can't make money.

"I'm not denying that I made money on my place in years past," he says. "But I haven't made any this year."

The news traveled far and wide. Paul Horn, a Texas-born farmer who now operates a number of properties in the Moorhead, Minn., area—specializing in vegetables—read about it. He immediately wrote to Boston, offering to substitute for Secretary Benson, taking over Jan. 1, 1957.

"I WILL TAKE OVER your farm for a period of four years," Horn offered. "If at the end of that time I cannot show a fair average return on the appraised investment, I will not only return the property in as good a condition as it was received, but I will also pay you a fair cash rental."

Horn attached only one string to his offer. He made it conditional on the present administration being continued in office after the 1956 elections. He said he wasn't interested if the federal government was going to dictate methods of farming and marketing.

"The disturbing thing about your statement is that it creates the impression that the farmers of this country are unable to make a living without financial help from the government," Horn wrote to Boston.

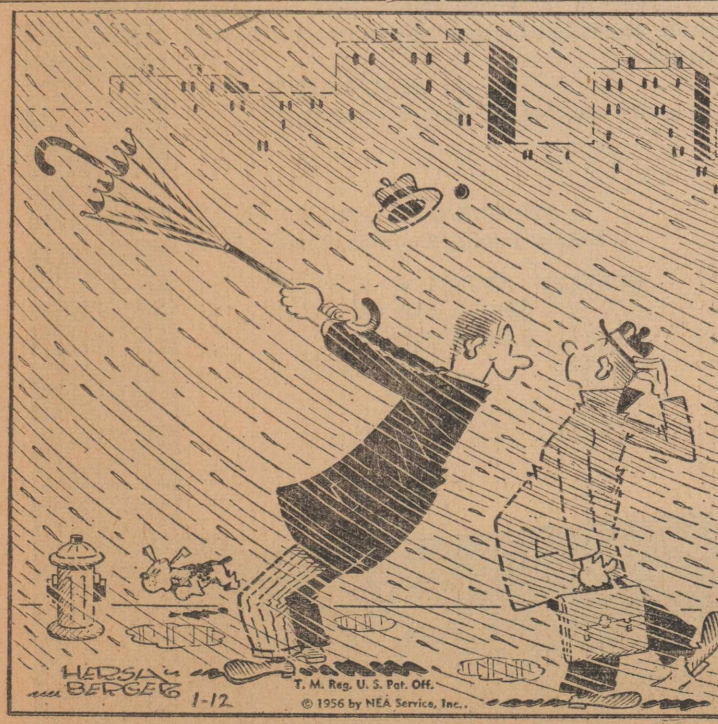
"The fact is that the vast majority of farmers in the United States are neither looking for handouts, nor do they expect the government to guarantee them a profit," he said.

**AN INQUIRY** direct to Farmer Horn as to whether the Texan had replied to his offer brought back the reply: "I have not heard from Mr. Boston to date, and until I do, I can pursue the matter no further."

From Farmer Boston the word is that: "I didn't make a wide open proposition for anyone who wanted to take me up on it. . . . 'Nobody's called my bluff, because the only one who can call my bluff is Mr. Benson.'"

From Benson's office the word is that no communication has ever been received from Mr. Boston, and that the secretary had never even heard of the Texan's offer.

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Lean Porkers Being Produced For Diet-Conscious American Eaters



SOME OF THE new lean hogs look over the market — you.

By GAYLOR MADDOX  
NEA Food and Markets Editor  
CHICAGO — (NEA) — American concern over calories and weight-reducing diets is helping to create problem.

A result is a new kind of animal—the lean hog.

Pork—once a top table item in this country—is glutting the market as people are turning their appetites from this fatty meat to lean beef. Last year, for example, the average eater consumed only 60 pounds of pork and almost 80 of beef.

And so today, with pork prices lower than they have been in five years, pork producers and agriculture experts are worrying themselves thin.

On top of everything else, they find, the nation this year had a bumper crop of corn—much of it uneaten at dieting tables. Unconsumed corn means softer corn prices.

And softer corn prices mean more feed and thus more pigs.

Joining forces, U.S. agriculture experts and pork producers are campaigning to restore pork to its place in the national diet.

The Department of Agriculture has been experimenting with methods to produce leaner bacon and pork. So far they have developed the "meat-type hog."

At the same time the American Meat Institute is urging producers to send leaner pig-products to market. The AMI is also trying to teach the housewife the high nutritional value of pork. They have lined up some medical backing to teach expectant and nursing mothers that pork is not taboo.

The Department of Agriculture is urging the armed forces to use more pork and to increase pork exports. The Department has a limited purchasing program for using extra pork products in its non-profit school lunch program.

Some reports on the new pork promotion are coming in. J. Morrell Foster, chairman of the board of AMI, explains that many members marketing closely-trimmed pork are finding increased sales. The nation, he says, can expect to see more and more of it in meat stores.

Swift & Co., the nation's largest packers, are already trimming fresh pork loins and shoulder butts to 1/4 inch of fat—the minimum to prevent too-dry cooking. But the Department of Agriculture reports that its pork-promoting program has not strengthened the market. A Department spokesman says that only with enormous price discounts does the supply move.

Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson, however, says he is determined to improve the position of the hog and pork industry. His advice: coordinate a national promotion campaign and improve merchandising methods from farm to retail store.

He does not favor a direct price support program.

Meanwhile, a new headache in the pork picture is developing. Since 1947 the entire meat budget among consumers has declined. It is expected to take another drop before this year is out.

This could mean that automobiles, houses, appliances, travel, entertainment—and the national waistline—are outcompeting the livestock producer.

Ninth Air Force Seeks Volunteers

Ninth Air Force headquarters at Shaw Air Force base, S. C., is publicizing opportunities for enlisted members of the Air Force Reserve.

The immediate aim is to get volunteers for extended active duty in Ninth Air Force units, according to S/Sgt. Raul V. Flores, Liaison NCO, 9833rd Air Reserve Sqdn. at Amarillo.

The sergeant's announcement in Dalhart said also that the Tactical Air Command has grade determination authority to permit enlistment in the Air Force Reserve of former servicemen from all branches of service.

Former service personnel who want to volunteer for extended active duty are particularly being sought by the Ninth Air Force for enlistment in the Air Force Reserve.

In the Amarillo area, the announcement said, the individual may be virtually assured an assignment at Foster Air Force base, Tex.

Personnel who enlist in the Air Force Reserve with the object of being recalled to extended active duty must enlist for a five-year period and volunteer for a four-year of active duty.

After an individual has served two years of active duty on his reserve enlistment, he may resign from the reserves for the purpose of enlisting in the regular establishment.

Applications are processed by First Lt. Jacques M. P. Wilson, director of personnel plans, Ninth Air Force, at Shaw Air base and all inquiries should be addressed directly to him.

However, to assist personnel in

The Christian Way of Life

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D.D.

RECENTLY I wrote of the great clarity and simplicity with which the Gospel by Luke sets forth the New Testament message of the Gospel of God's Grace, especially in the parables recorded in Luke 15.

It is with equal simplicity and clarity that Luke's Gospel presents the Christian way of life, not only in man's response to God, but in all relationships with his fellow men.

The greatest of all these presentations, that unfortunately many people and many professing Christians have shamefully neglected, is the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10).

But that is only one of various equally clear presentations of the teaching of Jesus concerning attitude and conduct. I think that perhaps the most distinctive of these is in the story in Luke 7 of the supper in the home of a Pharisee. It was there that a woman "which was a sinner" came and washed the feet of Jesus with her tears, and anointed them with an alabaster box of ointment.

The woman, whatever her actual character, had an ill reputation. It would be interesting to know how many people whom the neighbors and the community conveniently dub "sinners" are actually either much better than their reputation, or, like that woman, capable of real grace and goodness.

Be that as it may, I am concerned chiefly with the Pharisee. There is something puzzling about him; and something that is not puzzling at all. Why did

the Pharisee ask Jesus to his home, yet omit the ordinary courtesy of water for His feet and other incidents of welcome? Was it to satisfy his curiosity, to see what Jesus would do?

I hardly think so. I believe that the Pharisee was sincere enough in his hospitality. I give him credit for good character and good intentions, but there's nothing puzzling about what he lacked.

The trouble with the Pharisee was his attitude; and that is the trouble with a vast part of the so-called Christian world, as it has been, and as it is today.

It is here that Luke's presentation of the Christian way is so incisive and insistent. He lays such stress on attitude—not only on character and conduct, but on attitude. The priest and the Levite of Luke 10 may both have been pious and sincere, according to their lights, but so far as they were concerned it availed nothing for the man stricken by the wayside. The Samaritan, despised as he might have been for his unorthodoxy by the priest and Levite, had the right attitude.

It could not be said that the Christian world has put too much stress on character and conduct. But it can be said, and it ought to be said, that it has put altogether too little stress on Christian attitude.

Character is not enough, unless it is established in a right attitude of love and understanding. It was Luke's great contribution to make that plain.

But plain as he made it, many are too blind, or too much bound by their own beliefs and prejudices, to understand.

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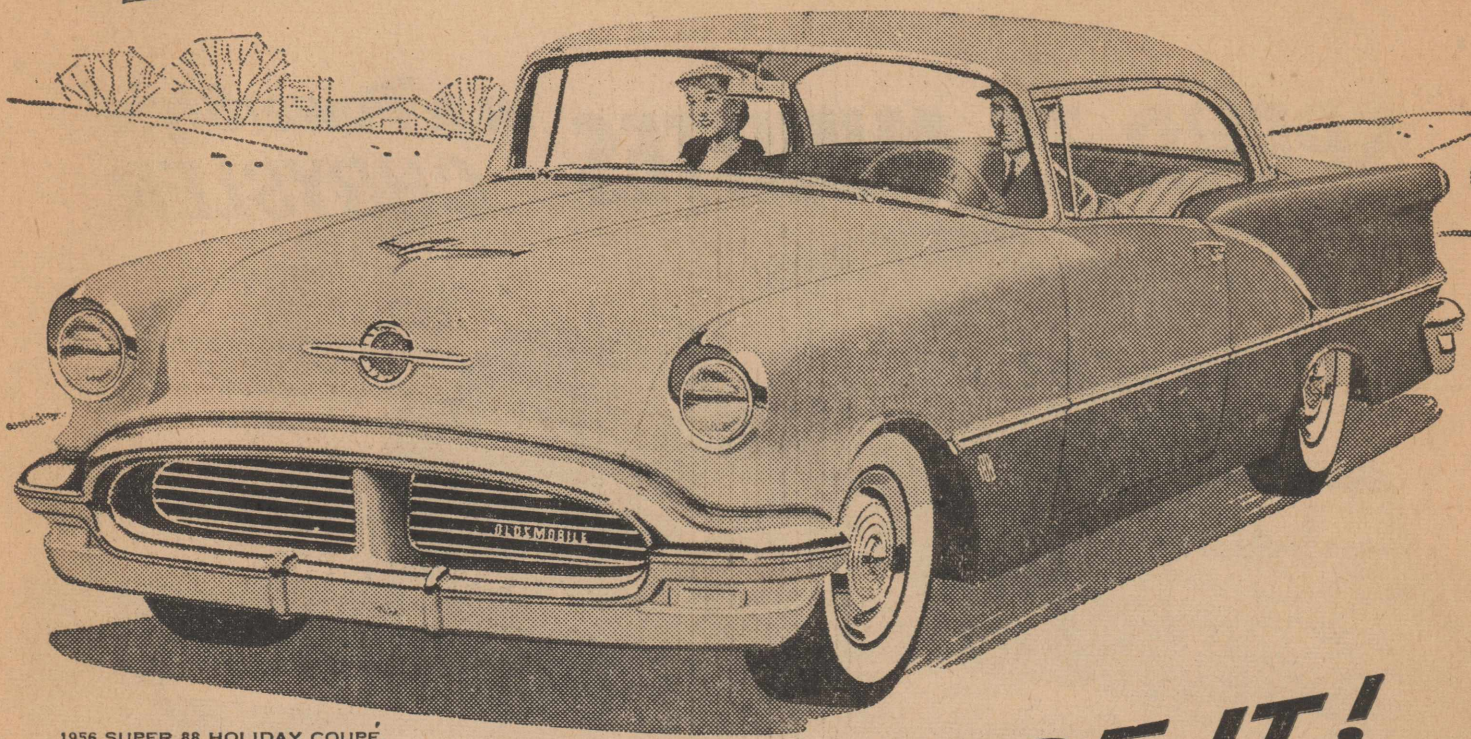
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## Ellender Criticizes USDA For Attitude Toward Farm Measure

WASHINGTON —UP—Chairman Allen J. Ellender of the Senate Agriculture committee said Thursday the Agriculture Department is threatening hopes for a bi-artisan farm bill.

Ellender said the threat comes from the department's apparent insistence on drafting an "Eisenhower farm bill" for submission to Congress. The Louisiana Democrat said his committee is "competent" to draft its own bill.

The committee summoned Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson to appear before it Thursday. Late, it was scheduled to hear from leaders of major farm organizations at a closed session.

Ellender asked Benson to submit recommendations on farm legislation to the committee. The chairman said the recommendations would be considered along with the committee's findings during its "grass roots" national tour last fall.

Other action in Congress:

**SCHOOLS**  
President Eisenhower sent his school aid message to Congress at noon. It called for providing \$1,250,000,000 in federal grants to states during the next five years for school construction. The money would go only to school districts already trying to solve their classroom shortages.

**AL SARENA**  
A congressional investigation into the Al Sarena Oregon mining claims has recessed until Tuesday amid a political free-for-all. The Interior Department granted Al Sarena Mines, Inc., of Mobile, Ala., rights to 15 mining claims that are beneath national forest land. The grant reversed a department decision during the Democratic Truman administration. Democrats charge the grants are being used for "mining" timber.

**PRINTING**  
Rep. Paul C. Jones (D-Mo.) said he is fighting an uphill battle this year to get Congress to cut its annual \$9 million printing bill. He proposed as a start congressmen should refrain from "promiscuous insertion of extraneous material" into the Congressional Record—like speeches of hometown lodge officials.

**PENSION**  
The American Legion has asked Congress to give pensions to all needy veterans beginning at age 65. National Legion Commander J. Addington Wagner submitted the request to the House Veterans committee.

**Hard Hit**  
Mr. Eisenhower noted that the Great Plains region, "a vast agricultural empire peopled by 17 million of our citizens," has been hard hit by drought and wind erosion that threaten to produce a new dust bowl.

He said the Agriculture Department is already taking steps to aid farmers in the region, and will do more. He said he will soon ask congress for new appropriations to permit stepped-up activities.

In addition to providing these funds, Mr. Eisenhower asked Congress to enact two bills:

1. Authority for the government to enter into "long term contracts" with farmers for diversion of croplands into trees, grass or other plantings for "soil and water conservation." At present, such conservation agreements are limited to a year at a time.

**Sends Letter**  
2. Authority to relax the requirement that farmers must actually plant their so-called "historic base acreage" for future allotments.

Mr. Eisenhower also transmitted to Senate and House leaders a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson and an 11-page agriculture department report outlining the department's program for the Great Plains.

Benson said the following actions are already being taken, or are planned, by his department.

1. Federal crop insurance is being "further developed and strengthened to eventually serve as a major protective measure in areas suitable for arable farming." But such insurance "will not be available on land unsuited for the long-time production of the insured crop."

**Research Expanded**  
2. Research is being expanded to find new ways to control wind and water erosion, improve the soil, and enlarge crop yields and livestock production. Weather reports and research also are being expanded.

3. An extensive education program is being undertaken, including the showing of seven special "land use films," to teach farmers "practical" methods of meeting their problems. On-the-farm technical assistance is being provided.

4. The Soil Conservation Service is "intensifying" its surveys to classify lands in the Great Plains to show farmers how they can best be used.

5. The Farmers Home Administration, with extra field personnel in the region, is offering a "special loan program" to drought area farmers.

## National Farm Group Demands Prompt Action

WASHINGTON —UP—The National Farmers Organization called on Congress Thursday for emergency action to prevent farmers from going broke.

Oren L. Staley, Rea, Mo., cattle breeder and president of the newly-formed NFO with headquarters at Corning, Iowa, said declining farm income and high production costs have forced a depression on agriculture.

Staley, a 6-foot, 200-pounder with black wavy hair, was flanked by three officers of the farm group while talking of farm problems in a hotel room Wednesday. He was aided by NFO director Edward A. Glenn, crinkly-faced farmer of Louisiana, Mo.

NFO Vice President Harry Grundman, Prescott, Iowa, and director John D. Warin, Maloy, Ia., were silent except when answering questions directed to them.

"A banker friend in southwest Iowa told me 25 per cent of the farmers in his area face liquidation in the next 60 to 90 days," Staley said, "unless something is done. Small town business men are hurting, too."

The farm organization, which claims its membership snowballed from fewer than a score of farmers in September to more than 71,000 now, is seeking 100 per cent parity for all farm products, an immediate floor of about \$20 per hundredweight on butcher hogs and about \$30 on good to choice cattle, adequate emergency credit, and assurance that the farmer will get "fair" market treatment.

Staley said NFO wants the "same protection for agriculture that was enjoyed by other segments of the economy." He

referred to renegotiation of the Korean truce. He said there ture, defense production contracts afterwas no renegotiation for agricul-

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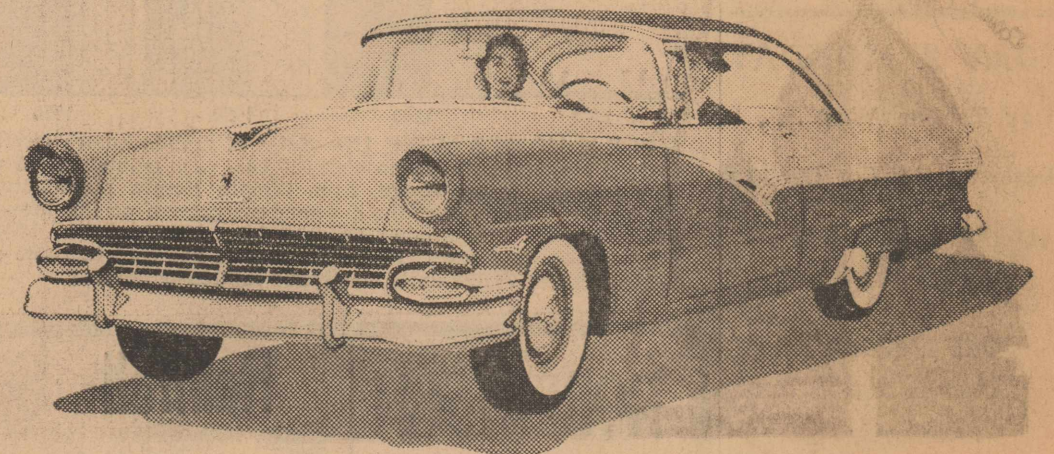
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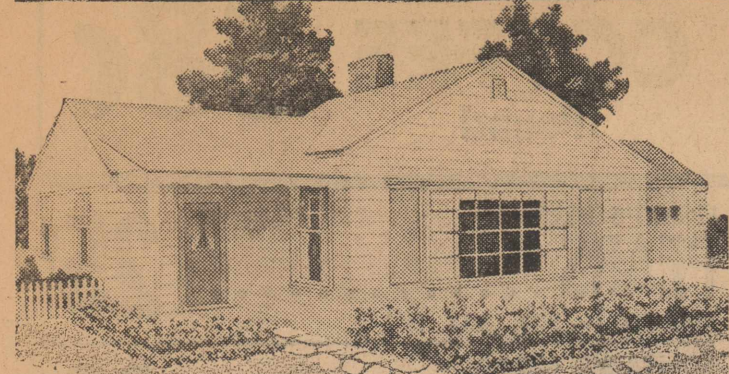
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## Eisenhower Requests Special Farm Plan For Great Plains

WASHINGTON —UP— President Eisenhower Wednesday submitted to Congress a long - range federal program to help solve the "critical problems" of farmers in the drought - plagued Great Plains.

In letters to Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Speaker Sam Rayburn, he said the 10-state Great Plains region has "special problems requiring special attention." He "strongly" urged Congressional

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Modern house design has greatly influenced landscape planting. The fashion of evergreen foundation plantings is now conceded to be out-moded, since few new homes have visible foundations which need to be concealed.

Only low growing plants should be planted in front of low, spreading homes, and the brightly colored annual flowers of dwarf habit are widely accepted as the most suitable plants for this purpose.

Flowers provide a needed decoration to houses of functional design which are devoid of architectural ornamentation. They leave the view from low windows unobstructed. Planting can be arranged so the house does not seem lower, but broader, an effect which is achieved by emphasizing the horizontal line.

Almost every modern home has one or more picture windows. This name is based upon the assumption that they look out upon pleasing landscapes. Your picture window can be given a delightful view by planting a flower garden in front of it.

There are hundreds of annual flowers from which to choose varieties of the desired height and color. Their colors should harmonize with the house and its trim, to produce a pleasing effect.

In the sketch above the house is assumed to be tan color, and

the flowers suggested are light blue, lemon yellow and pink. A infinite number of pleasing combinations, to match any house, can be found in any seed catalogue.

Beginners need not hesitate to grow their flowers from seed. These can be sown directly in the garden, or started indoors and moved outdoors when freezing weather ends.

There are many advantages in growing your own plants, perhaps the greatest being that you can select exactly the colors that you need, instead of being limited to the relatively few varieties in the plant market.

Low growing annuals which are suited for use in front yard flower beds and borders include:

Blue-Chinese delphinium, violas, petunias, ageratum, anchusa, pompon asters, alyssum violet queen, cynoglossum, annual larkspur, lobelia, dwarf morning glory, nierembergia, phlox, salvia farinacea, verbena, and forget-me-not.

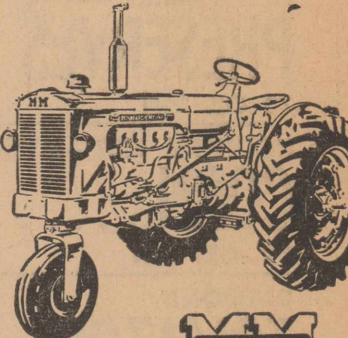
Red and pink-pompon asters, begonias, carnations, pinks, candytuft, celosia, clarkia, nasturtiums, petunias, phlox, portulaca, salvia, verbena, lilliput and cupid zinnias, impatiens.

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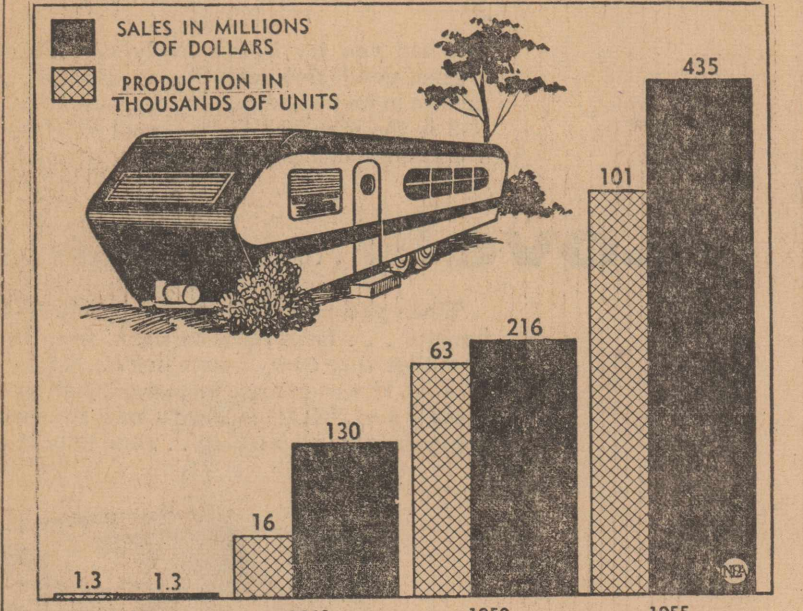
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# Dalhart Takes 2 Tourney Tests

The Stratford Invitational Basketball Tournament is in full swing with eight games played yesterday and eight scheduled for today. The finals will be played tomorrow night at 7:45 and 9:00. In Thursday's first four games,



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Dalhart boys beat Boys Ranch 53 to 42; Dalhart girls beat Spearman 47 to 38; Sunray boys beat Hartley 52 to 33; and Sunray girls beat Texline 41 to 39. White Deer girls were leading Hartley 58 to 15 at the end of the third quarter Thursday.

Tournament awards and their donors: Boys, First State bank, first; Williams Phillips 66, second; Southwestern Public Service Co., third; Stratford Motor Co., consolation; Consumers Co., sportsmanship; and Stratford Department Store, all-tournament team.

Girls, Stratford Grain Co., first; Stratford Insurance Agency, second; Woolsey's Appliances, third; Yates Drug store, consolation; Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co., sportsmanship; and McMahan Furniture store, all-tournament team.

The C&E Paint & Body shop furnished the winning coaches awards.

Tournament officials said, "This fine cooperation on the part of local merchants helps in making this tournament a success."

Profits made from this tournament are used each year to purchase jackets and awards for boys and girls. The cost of these awards is approximately \$600.

**Bucketeers Take 2 Doubleheaders**

The Stratford boys and girls swept a pair of doubleheaders last Friday and Tuesday. The boys whipped Gruver 60 to 36 and Texline 57 to 54. The girls topped Gruver 38 to 31 and Texline 66 to 58.

Mike Neal poured in 19 points for high scoring honors in the Gruver contest. Carroll Wisdom scored 20 in the Texline game to capture high point laurels.

Ealon Davis mad 13 points and Linda Riffe 11 in the Gruver game and Davis poured in a scorching 32 points with an assist from Earnestine Palmer with 19 points in the Texline contest.

The Stratford boys and girls travel to Hartley for a pair of games Tuesday, Jan. 17. The girls play in Boise City Friday, Jan. 20.

**Furnished Apartments Are Needed**

A representative of the United Geophysical Survey Co. was in Stratford late last week in search of 10 or 12 furnished apartments. The crew, now stationed in Littlefield, where it has been two and a half years, will move to Stratford, if enough housing is found.

**Purgasons Attend Society Meeting**

Dr. and Mrs. John R. Purgason attended a dinner meeting of the Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore Counties Medical Society in Dumas last Thursday.

Dr. Edward Thomas of Amarillo gave a talk on "Low Back Pain" after the dinner. The wives of the physicians had a social hour in the home of Mrs. William Coventry.

## Happy Hour Club Appoints Group Chairman

The Happy Hour Home Demonstration club met last Wednesday in the home of Mrs. J. B. Springfield, with Mrs. Pruett Adkins as hostess.

The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Pup Wells, president. Demonstrators and committee chairmen were appointed. They are Mrs. Wells, clothing demonstrator, a carry over from last year; and Mrs. Jerry Underwood, food and supper demonstrator.

Mrs. Joe Billington, finance; Mrs. Cryder Brayshaw, yearbook; Mrs. W. J. Lowe, EEE; Mrs. Bernard Dovel, health and safety; Mrs. Bill Lasley, recreation; Mrs. Grover Keown, citizenship; Mrs. Oma Ellison, 4-H; Mrs. Kenneth Pickens, civil defense.

Mrs. Ellison gave a program on "Mental Health."

Refreshments were served 11 members.

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## Quirks

In Gravesend, England, a driver was acquitted of reckless driving after a police officer found 14 riding in his car. But the judge fined him five pounds (\$14) for letting a dog ride on the hood.

In Detroit, Mich., two dogs were sent to the dog pound following the death of their owner. They were bailed out when it was found that they had inherited \$500 under the terms of her will.

## WATER—

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1956 and progress reports will be prepared from time to time. Such reports will incorporate the results of the studies and will have records of wells, drillers logs, electrical logs, water level measurements, maps, charts and diagrams.

R. W. Sundstrom, district engineer for the Ground Water branch of the USGS, Austin, is in charge of the study. It is under supervision of Mr. Cronin, whose headquarters are in Plainview.

W. H. Alexander, Jr., USGS engineer, has been transferred to Dumas and makes his office with the water district. Alexander has had several years experience as a geologist with the USGS on the South Plains and Upper Gulf Coast of Texas.

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**WHITE SWAN — NO. 300 TIN TAMALES** ..... can **25¢**  
WRAPPED IN CORN SHUCKS

**HEART'S DELIGHT PEARS** ..... **25¢**  
HALVES — NO. 303 TIN

**SOLITAIRE MELBA PEACHES** ..... 3 for **89¢**  
HALVES NO. 2½ TIN — 30c

**Wilson's OLEO** **18c**  
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3 Lb. Tin

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