

# THE STRATFORD STAR

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## Youth Livestock Show Saturday

### Stratford, Claude Win Cage Tournament

Claude won the girls division of the Stratford invitation basketball tournament Saturday night by defeating Sunray 43 to 35. Claude had defeated the Stratford girls in a previous game by 2 points in the second extra period of play. Stratford Elks won the boys tournament title by defeating Adrian in a game of fast breaks, in which both teams displayed exceptional feats of team work in both defensive and offensive plays. The final score favored the Elks 47 to 45.

Claude girls maintained a 4 and 5 point lead over Sunray during the first three quarters of the game and increased their lead in the last quarter. The Elks held a 1 point lead over Adrian most of the first half of the game. In the third quarter they built up an 11 point lead. Adrian rallied in the last quarter, and the game closed in a close margin in the score.

Dalhart girls and Boys Ranch boys won the consolation trophies. Textline girls and Sunray boys won the third place trophies. Sunray girls and Adrian boys received the second place trophies. Claude girls and Stratford boys were presented the first place trophies. F. G. Crawford, Claude girls coach, and Haskell Bilbrey, Stratford boys coach, were presented plaques given to coaches of the winning teams. Sportsmanship awards were presented to the Channing girls and Claude boys teams.

Chosen on the boys all tournament team and receiving individual trophies were S. Blankenship of Morse, Jimmy Woods of Claude, Fred Schmidt of Boys Ranch, Lloyd Homfeld of Adrian, Kenneth Riddle of Sunray, Don Carr of Channing, Mike Neal of Stratford, Edward Pinnell of Adrian, Carroll Wisdom of Stratford and Jim Pool of Textline.

Girls selected for all tournament team who were presented individual trophies were Norma Bachman of Stratford, Barbara McAdams of Sunray, Ruthie Donovan of Sunray, Joan Byrd of Claude, Nelda Hundley of Claude, Zo Nell Moore of Claude, Linda Riffe of Stratford, Barbara Moreman and Ruthie Hutton of Dalhart, Nada Lock of Textline, Loubelle McMurtry of Textline, and Lela Skelton of Channing.

Tournament trophies were donated by The First State Bank, Stratford Grain Co., Consumers Co., Stratford Insurance Agency, Southwestern Public Service Co., Garrison Motor Co., Stratford Motor Co., King Implement Co., Yates Drug, Stratford Butane Co., Lola's Cafe, Roscoe Dyess, Word Hardware, Stratford Department Store, and C & E Paint & Body Shop.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends for the cards, visits and many kind deeds while I was in the hospital.

Wayne Lavake

### Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turner To Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday

The children of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turner request the honor of your presence at open house celebrating their parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Ralph Keener home Sunday, January 13, 1957 from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m.

### REFUGEE PROGRAM HITS SNAG

Taking part in the Hungarian Resettlement program is becoming complicated for thinly settled agricultural sections, according to information received Monday by C. C. Plunk, who will present the problem to members of the Methodist Mens Club and other interested parties at their next meeting.

The resettlement program is being developed as one of sympathy, and sponsors who file applications for refugees must accept them without specifications as to age, sex, vocation or religion. Refugees will be assigned to sponsors, as they arrive, in accordance with the applications. It will be the responsibility of the sponsors to place them in suitable vocations, otherwise the refugee will become the ward of the sponsoring organization.

At present there are more applications of sponsors than there are refugees. Other Hungarians are expected to arrive in this country at intervals.

### Death Claims Mrs. Foreman's Father

HEREFORD — Curtis B. Thomas, 72, a farmer here since 1933, died at 11:20 a. m. Thursday in Deaf Smith County Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p. m. Saturday in the Avenue Baptist Church. The Rev. Grady Allison officiated and burial was made in West Park Cemetery.

Mr. Thomas was born June 7, 1884, in Tennessee and came to Texas in 1912. He moved to Deaf Smith County from Plainview in 1933.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; three daughters, Mrs. Ross Royce of Borger, Mrs. V. W. Foreman of Stratford and Mrs. M. G. Upton of Sunray; one son, Lt. Col. E. B. Thomas of Loring AFB, Limestone, Me.; one brother, Roy Thomas of Corinth, Miss.; a sister, Mrs. Mollie Bradley of Clovis; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### March Of Dimes Ham Shoot January 19

A March of Dimes Ham Shoot will be held at the Stratford Gun Club grounds in the western end of Stratford at 1:00 p. m. Saturday, January 19, weather conditions permitting.

### Roughage Program For Texas Extended

The Roughage Program for Texas has been extended in all 238 counties previously designated, Walter T. McKay announced today. County Committees in all designated counties are being advised that they may now accept applications for a supply of roughage feed to carry basic livestock through March 15, 1957.

McKay was also advised that it is the policy of the Department of Agriculture to continue the emergency feed grain and roughage program in the drought area as long as there is a need for these programs.

#### STORY NO. 5

### Duval Methods Closely Parallel Repression in Hitler's Germany

By—FRANZ ROSENWALD

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—The Parr family, ruling dynasty in the malodorous Duchy of Duval, was in the boss business long before Adolf Hitler was ever heard of in his native Germany.

Hitler was painting bad picture postcards and living in a Vienna flophouse while Tsar Parr was running things high, wide and handsome in this sun-seared section of Texas.

As a German, and reputedly a bit of an expert on dictatorships (I've seen the Red kind and the Brown, or Hitler, kind), I've been asked to look at Duval from that point of view. I came, I saw and I shuddered. Duval was too much like home.

Let anyone consider a Hitler Germany-Parr Duval comparison as an invidious one, remember that I'm making no such comparison. I don't have to. History beat me to it.

Let's look at a curious, and disquieting, situation in Germany at this moment. Then we'll look at an interesting incident just a few months ago in the Grand Jury room in the Duval County Courthouse here in San Diego.

In West Germany "ex"-Nazis are being brought to trial on all sorts of charges harking back to the days of Hitler, war crimes, theft of public funds, graft, political murder.

A few years ago these same men were mousy, quiet, biding their time. Today they're arrogant, truculent, threatening.

In court they thunder at the judge and thunder at the jury, daring them to convict. The day is coming, and soon, they shout, when the "right" will triumph, when the hated foreigner will be thrust from the sacred soil of the Fatherland. On that day true Germans will know what to do. They'll punish the enemies within and the enemies without.

This courtroom strategy is working like a charm. The frightened jurors are acquitting the Nazi bully-boys one after the other.

Now let's get back to the Grand Jury room in the Duval County Courthouse here in San Diego.

Red-headed George Berham Parr, of Duval, has been hailed before the jurors and questioning him is Sidney Chandler, assistant to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd. Chandler doesn't get very far with the Duke. Parr stands on his constitutional rights, invoking the "Fifth Amendment"—that a man may remain silent if his testimony might incriminate him or even tend to incriminate him. Then the jury adjourns and Chandler mops his brow in frustration.

"Sidney," Parr said, "I've got something to say to the jury."

Chandler, curious, told him "Go right ahead."

Parr turned quietly to the jury and eyed each man in turn. He knew each man by his first name,

4-H and FFA livestock will be presented in the 12th annual Sherman County 4-H and FFA livestock show Saturday. Weighing of livestock will be completed between 8:00 and 9:00 a. m. at the county machinery barn located in the south side of Stratford. Calves will be prepared for inspection from 9:30 to 10:00 a. m. Sheep will be judged from 10:00 to 10:45 a. m. Swine will be judged from 11:00 a. m. until 12:00 noon. Judging of breeding classes will start at 1:00 p. m. Judging of heavy weight calves will start at 1:20 p. m. Judging of middle weight calves will start at 1:40 p. m. Judging of light weight calves will start at 2:00 p. m.

An auction sale will follow immediately after the junior class is judged.

Calves may be removed from the barn at 4:00 p. m.

In addition to the regular ribbons and cash prizes for premium winners, the Sherman County Farm Bureau will present 10 cash prizes in the record contest. Records will be judged for their completeness, accuracy, arrangement, neatness and most economical gain.

A beef cattle showmanship award will be presented by Pro-

### Kendrick Testifies In Kansas City Hearing

ger Bros. A swine showmanship award will be presented by Arthur Judd.

Exhibitors who plan to enter calves in the show include Houston Cates, Steven Cleavinger, Gerald Preston, Paul Aduddell, Robert Ritchey, Sonny Judd, Edward Summeroy, Scotty Wharton, Cleo Aduddell, Larry Goule, Ann Pronger, Gary Judd, Delores Roach, Gary Dettle, and Douglas McBryde.

Exhibitors planning to enter sheep include Jim Cameron, Karl Kirkwood, Edward O'Quin, J. D. Plunk, Jimmy Smith, Kenny Brady, Robert Ragsdale, James Spurlock, Lance Harrington, Raymond Kirkwood, Teddy Oakley, Chuck Oakley, Larry Goule, Bernard Spruell, Raymond Albert and Bobby Burkham.

Exhibitors planning to enter

swine include Robert Ragsdale, Wayne Cummings, Hal Bennett, Bill Kirkwood, Mike Johnson, James Spurlock, Ernest Dyess, Sonny Judd, Dan Newman, Chuck Oakley, Joedale Reising, Bill Dyess, Gay Judd, Dean Roper and Teddy Oakley.

### Beall-Luette Nuptial Vows Read Saturday

Miss Ida Irene Beall, of Dumas, and Herman J. Luette, Jr., of Amarillo, were married in an informal ceremony at 3:00 p. m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beall, and the bridegroom is the son of Herman J. Luette, Sr., and the late Mrs. Luette, of the Shamrock-McKee Plant, near Dumas.

Rev. O. B. Herring, formerly of Dumas, now pastor of the Methodist Church of Tulla, Texas, officiated at the double-ring ceremony, which was performed before an altar flanked by greenery.

Mrs. H. M. Flores, organist, played "Indian Love Call" as a nuptial prelude, and accompanied Walter McKee, Jr., of Dalhart, as he sang, "O Promise Me," and "I'll Walk Beside You." During the ceremony, Mrs. Flores played "Clair de Lune" for background music, and the traditional wedding marches were used.

The maid-of-honor was Miss Margie Campbell of Dumas, who was attired in a blue wool suit. She wore a corsage of red elf roses.

Herman J. Luette, Sr., served his son as best man.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father and given in marriage by her parents, wore a gray wool suit accented by white accessories. She carried a white Bible topped with a bouquet of red elf roses tied with white satin streamers. The Bible was a high school graduation gift to the bride from a friend, Mrs. A. W. Klawetter, of Calvert, Texas.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Beall chose a black and white pin-checked frock with black accessories. Her corsage was of red elf roses.

Following the ceremony, a reception was given at the church in Fellowship Hall. An ecru cutwork cloth over pastel blue, belonging to Mrs. W. C. Martin, covered the serving table which was centered with silver candelabra bearing five white tapers. A beautiful round four tier wedding cake, baked and decorated by Gorden Beall of Dalhart, uncle of the bride, graced one end of the table, and the lovely punch service the other end. The cake was decorated with white icing, with a single pink rose with green leaves covered with a white curved lattice work "awning" at intervals around the first tier, five petal shaped loops formed a fan, held together with a pink rose alternating with bluebirds, decorated the second tier. Eight pink wedding bells and eight ornaments, made of three loops of

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Kenneth Kendrick testified at U. S. Department of Agriculture hearings held in Continental Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri Wednesday as a representative of the National Association of Wheat Growers. Kendrick was accompanied to Kansas City by Jim Taylor, Cone Donelson and Earl Riffe.

Hearings were conducted in Chicago Tuesday and in Kansas City Wednesday on the advisability of changing the grading standards of wheat.

During the past year Burt Whitlock has toured the U. S. making investigations and talking with grain men and all farm organizations since September a year ago, and has made recommendations for tightening grain standards. He has also checked ports and made certain recommendations for consideration.

Recommendations include the lowering of the tolerance allowance of 3% of foreign material and cutting down moisture content from 14% to 5%.

### Mrs. Crabtree On Lions Club Program

Mrs. J. E. Crabtree entertained members of the Stratford Lions Club at their meeting at the Palace Cafe Monday night with pictures taken when she and her husband recently visited Hawaii.

### United County Survey January 20

A religious survey will be made of Stratford and Sherman County on Sunday, January 20. Teams from the First Baptist, First Christian and First Methodist Churches will call at the homes.

This survey is being carried out for the purpose of locating as many people within the community and county as possible. The purpose of this survey is to get the family name, the number of people within the family, and names as well as local church preference.

Every person conducting this friendly survey is carrying out the work for the purpose of getting better acquainted. An expression of thanks is given in advance for the information that will be given on every card that will be turned in to the church that is given as the family preference.

Sunday, January 13, team captains from the local churches will meet at the Methodist Church at 3:00 in the afternoon to make plans for the survey that will follow on Sunday, January 20.

### Moisture Friday

Rain followed by snow fell Friday morning. Moisture content has been estimated at one-half inch. Soil moisture penetration has been about four inches.



# Town Talk

Mrs. C. E. Willmon and A. C. Willmon spent New Year's Day in Gruver visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Taylor. Mrs. Taylor brought her brother home the next day. Other guests in the Willmon home that day were Joan, Margaret and Carol Smith. Thursday A. C. Willmon left for Castle Air Force Base near Merced, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Baskin Brown and sons were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cummings in Borger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mullins and children of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Parrish, Fort Worth, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Parrish and Mrs. Bill Carr during the holidays.

John Marvin Wilson returned to Abilene, Texas Thursday of last week to reenter college after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Marguerite Wilson.

Mrs. Glenn Webb and Mrs. E. E. Riggs were visitors in Texhoma Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Ruth Green and Fred spent last week end visiting friends in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Heath, Texhoma, were visitors Sunday in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutton and Lynda.

Miss Lavearn Mayhall and

Mrs. Willie Belle Griffith of Amarillo visited in Stratford last week end. Miss Mayhall was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meritt Green, and Mrs. Griffith visited with her son, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Brannan and children.

Mrs. Charlie (Janet) Beaston and little son, Chuckie, of Canyon, who have been visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garoutte the past three weeks, plan to return home Saturday.

Mrs. H. B. Naugle and Basil had as a guest Sunday night and Monday, Mrs. Naugle's nephew, Glenn Fleenor of Amby, Indiana. Other guests in the Naugle home Monday were Mrs. Naugle's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lavake of Goodwell. Mrs. Naugle and Basil and their visitors were supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Naugle Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gibbons and his sister, Amarillys Gibbons, all of Amarillo visited their father and other relatives in the Dick Diehl home Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Salesman and children left Tuesday for their home in Flat Rock, Illinois after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ruby Palmer, in Stratford, and in the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Hooley

and Mr. Hooley in Amarillo.

Bruce Biddy returned to West Texas State College at Canyon Sunday after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Biddy.

Lynn Hudson returned to Texas Tech at Lubbock Wednesday after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hudson.

Stanley Folsom has returned to Texas Tech at Lubbock after spending the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Folsom.

Mrs. Hattie Morgan, Amarillo, returned home Saturday after a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Massie.

A. L. Cooper, Big Spring, Texas, was here Sunday for a visit with Mrs. H. J. Cooper, Miss Evelyn Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates.

Dick Diehl attended the livestock sale in Texhoma Monday and in Amarillo Tuesday.

Sam Lasley, Texhoma, who recently returned home from Temple, Texas, was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Plunk were dental patients in Dalhart Saturday.

Eugene Wilson was a business visitor in Boise City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, San Diego, California, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Baskin Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Webb and daughter, Kay, spent the holidays in Floydada, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Willmon and son, A. C., visited friends in Borger, the W. J. Willmon family in Borger, and friends in Amarillo Sunday, December 30.

Mrs. Don McCamond and baby, of Spearman were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Dumas, were guests in the T. D. Chisum home Sunday.

Donald Stone left Saturday for Fort Hood, Texas after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bess Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Judd and Cheryl and Mrs. Veda Bagwell have returned home from spending the holidays with relatives in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Wharton, Tucumcari, New Mexico visited in the Dick Diehl home Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw and Mrs. Baskin Brown and sons were recent visitors in Enid, Oklahoma.

## Kerrick News

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Boren had as guests during the Christmas holidays, their sons, Charles, who left Saturday for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Homer, who also left Saturday. He went to the Naval Air Base in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elms were business visitors in Amarillo Monday.

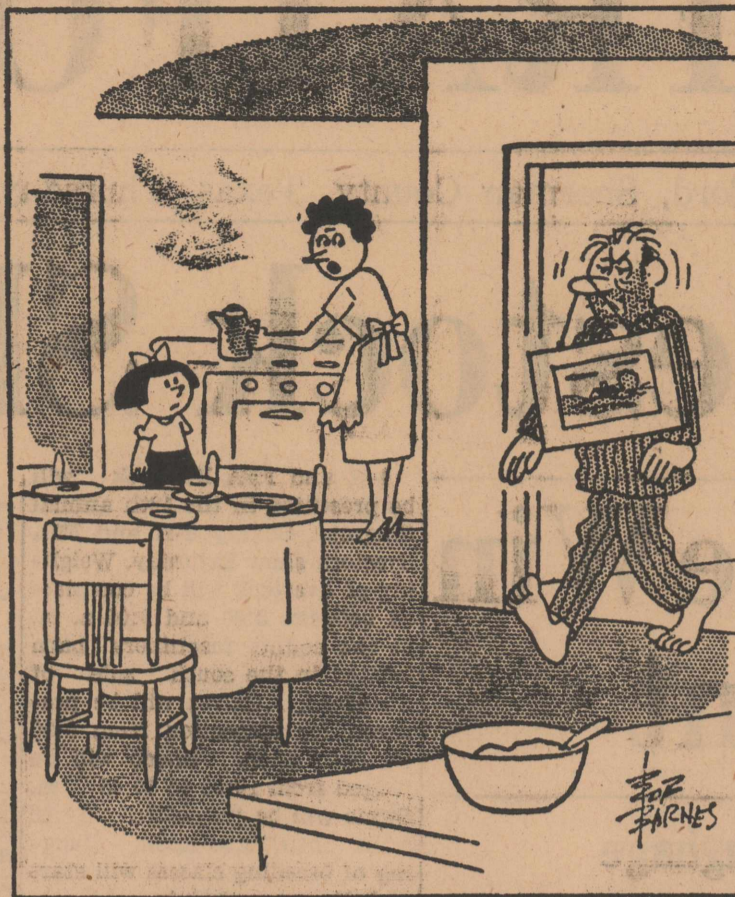
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murdock and family are back from Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where they spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Murdock's parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boren, Amarillo, attended the finals of the basketball tournament in Stratford Saturday night, and spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Boren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eden and children of Denver, Colorado, spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor and Doug will leave Thursday for Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona, to attend the horse races in both places.

## LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Looks like your father got up on the wrong side of the bed again this morning!"

On the sick list are Linda Rhea Taylor and Mike McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harbour were Dalhart visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniel and children, Mike and Patti, spent Christmas with Mrs. McDaniel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Leedy, of Junction City, Kansas. Mr. McDaniel returned home, leaving Mrs. McDaniel and the children for a longer visit. Mr. and Mrs. Leedy brought them home Friday, and remained for a visit in the McDaniel home until Monday.

The Kerrick Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. Clyde Harbour Friday, January 11.

## Group Two Meets With Mrs. John Knight

Group Two of the Christian Womens Fellowship of the First Christian Church met in the home of Mrs. John Knight January 2 with seven members present.

Mrs. W. J. Lowe presented the lesson which was on Paul and his letters.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Herbert Folsom.

The February meeting will be with Mrs. Arthur Judd with Mrs. J. W. Hodges as leader.

The meeting was dismissed with the missionary benediction. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Knight, to Mrs. W. J. Lowe, Mrs. Arthur Judd, Mrs. Herbert Folsom, Mrs. R. C. Buckles, Mrs. J. R. Pendleton and Mrs. Ruby Palmer.

## Mrs. Stublefield

### Hostess To Group Three

Group Three of the Christian Womens Fellowship met in the home of Mrs. J. B. Stublefield January 2. The meeting was opened with Mrs. T. L. Wakefield leading in prayer. Mrs. Arthur Folsom gave the devotional, using the scripture, I Timothy 1 to 5 and 10, "Stir up the gift of God which is in you."

The study of Paul, his life and teaching, was given by Mrs. Clyde Hill. Five members were present, reporting \$4.55 in collections, 4 daily devotionals and 8 books read.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. T. L. Wakefield who will also be the leader. Mrs. J. B. Stublefield will conduct the devotional.

The meeting was dismissed by the missionary benediction.

## Star H. D. Club Meets With Mrs. Pronger

The Star Home Demonstration Club met Monday in the home of Mrs. Alfred Pronger with Mrs. Tommie L. Wakefield, president,

in charge.

Plans were made to sell super-dogs, cup cakes and coffee at the Fat Stock Show to be held in Stratford on January 12.

Mrs. Wakefield appointed the following committee chairmen: Mrs. Earl Kirkwood, Finance; Mrs. Archie Arnold, Yearbook; Mrs. Arlyn Halle, E.E.E.; Mrs. Hardy Gaylord, Recreation; Mrs. Raymond Keener, Citizenship; Mrs. Shuler Donelson, 4-H; and Mrs. Pruet Adkins, Civil Defense.

Eight club goals were adopted: 1. Have a guest day in club. 2. Honor 4-H club boys and girls with a tea or banquet. 3. Each club member subscribe to the Amarillo Daily paper through the home demonstration club. 4. Club contribute one article to Messenger. 5. Have three community recreation events during year. 6. Encourage members to participate in chest x-ray. 7. Entertain another club. 8. Adopted Junior Cooks 4-H Club for 1957.

Miss Leona Miller, Home Demonstration agent, gave an interesting program on "Spring Wardrobe Planning."

Those present were Mesdames Raymond Keener, Kenneth Borth, Archie Arnold, Tommie L. Wakefield, W. R. Scarth, Roscoe Dyess, P. J. Pronger, Jr., Al Hacker, Alfred Pronger and Miss Miller.

The next meeting will be January 15, at noon in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Borth.

## Stratford P-TA Executive Board Meets January 17

The Stratford P-TA Executive Board will meet in the school administrative office at 9:00 a. m. on January 17.

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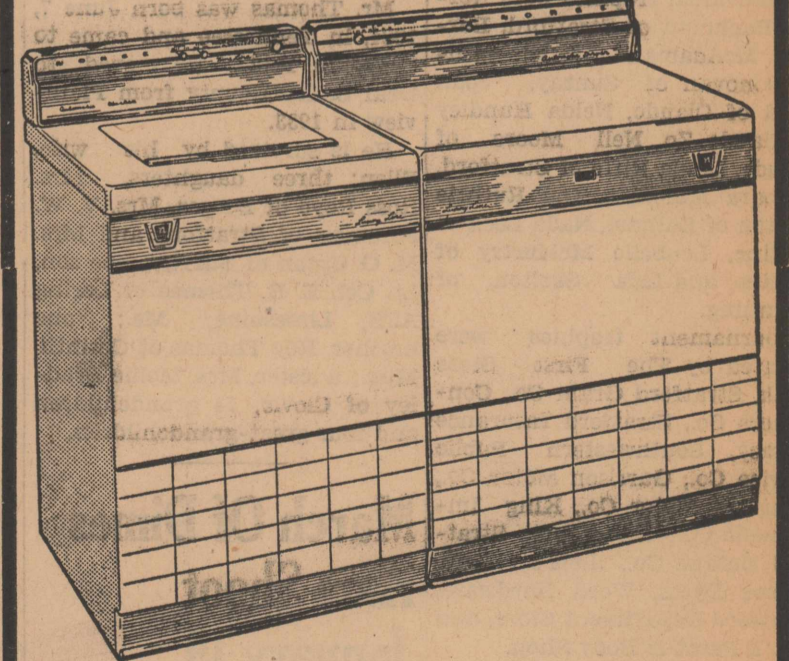
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# The Elk

## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS NEWS

(By Wilma Jean Sneed)

The Future Homemakers of Stratford High School met at their usual meeting time, December 20, in the Homemaking apartment.

Wilma Jean Sneed, Club President, opened the meeting. The trend and purposes of the Club were given by officers. The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations and program. Christmas arrangements were made by the Freshmen girls. Gay Plunk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Plunk, made a very attractive arrangement, Jessie Riggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Riggs, made an arrangement suitable for a table centerpiece, and Gay Judd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Judd, made a beautiful centerpiece, using fernery, cotton burrs, yucca, and corn, sprayed with gold paint.

Ann Caraway introduced our special guest, Mrs. Dick Woolsey, who demonstrated Christmas gift wrapping. She offered the girls many helpful suggestions. Mrs. Woolsey showed the girls how to make many beautiful bows and flowers.

Mrs. Roy Strother, Club Sponsor, reports the girls enjoyed the ideas and help that Mrs. Woolsey presented.

Our next meeting will be the third Thursday in January.

## NEW STUDENTS

(By Wilma Jean Sneed)

Stratford High School is very fortunate to have four new students. Larry Maddux came to us from Keyes, Oklahoma. He is very good student, and the phomores welcome him to their class. We have two new freshmen students, Barbara Mallery and Curtis Teel. Curtis came to us from Odessa, and Barbara came from Colorado.

The Junior class had a new student, Deloris Moore, for eleven days, but she moved on to Dumas. We regret to lose her, but hope that she enjoys her stay in Dumas.

## BOOKKEEPING NEWS

(By Carolyn Folsom)

The Business Quorum Club held its Christmas meeting at Mrs. Musick's apartment. Geraldine Clements presided at the short business session. Jessie Davis gave a report on the meeting of December 10, with the Dumas B.B.L.A. We discussed whether to start a B.B.L.A. Chapter. It was decided that the decision be deferred until the first meeting of the second semester, so that we could look into the requirements of the club a little more. George Harding, program chairman, introduced our speakers, Ernestine Palmer and Mr. O. L. McMinn. Ernestine told us about the school that she had been attending in Omaha. She showed us some teletype tape, and also a picture of her class. She urged us to take advantage of our typing courses. Mr. McMinn spoke to us on "Seizing your every opportunity while in High School." In his usual manner he urged us to make the most of our high school days so that in the future we would be equipped with the tools for taking care of ourselves not only economically, but otherwise. The summation of his thoughts were, "Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you." The club members really appreciated the two speakers contribution to our meeting. The refreshment table was colorful with a large green bowl of fruit and purple grapes. White candles in cut-glass holders stood at each side of the fruit. A small snowy Christmas tree adorned a side table. Green

popcorn balls, candy, nuts, red and green "pop" was served by the committee, Virginia Plunk, Gradene Parvin, and Larry Herald. Elliott Crabtree was "Santa Claus." Special guests besides our Civic Sponsor, Mrs. Biddy, were Mrs. H. T. Galloway and Mrs. Wendell Flores. (This news was misplaced. My apologies to all for it being late.)

## SEMESTER EXAMS

(By Carolyn Folsom)

The 14th and 15th of January semester exams will be taken by our Stratford students. However the exemptions have not been forgotten. The students have not yet been notified whether or not they are exempt and from which classes, but if a student is exempt from all subjects, he or she will not have to attend school on semester exam days. For the classes you are not exempt from, you must take the tests, but only have to be in school during that respective class. All students are very appreciative of this effort, of the faculty and for the most part have been trying very hard to be exempt. If a person is to be exempt from semester exams, he or she must have at least a 90 average in the class thus far in the school year, not more than 3 excused absences, and not any unexcused absences.

## THE NEW YEAR

(By Carolyn Folsom)

Again another year has passed, and I am sure we have heard someone say "My how time flies." Indeed, time does fly and it is a very precious thing to most all of us. As we now enter into the new year of 1957, we will never again see the year 1956 in real life, or have a chance to relive that year. I am sure each of us has done things that we would like to

change, but we will never have the chance to change them in the year 1956 again. That time is gone forever. However, we do have, now, before each of us, an opportunity we have never had before and will never have again. A chance to start living like we would really like to live. Start building our lives so as to be prepared to meet anything that might come our way. Not one of us has the promise of one minute from now, one day from now, or the promise that we will be able to go to that party we promised a friend we would attend with him. We make statements everyday, such as: "I will be seeing you tomorrow," but when we stop to think, we may not see that friend tomorrow, he may be among the people of another world, or we might be the same. We must not worry about this however, because it is inevitable that each one must leave his present form, so it would only be to shorten our life, or make it more uncomfortable to worry about things you can do nothing about. However, everyday we are preparing ourselves for something, but let each step to examine just exactly what we are preparing for, we might like to change our path somewhat. This is a new year, let's make it the most wonderful!

## MYSTERY GIRL

(By Alma Casey)

The Mystery Girl last week was Sue Flores. This week our mystery girl is a member of the junior class. His favorites are: favorite food, fried chicken; favorite drink, coke; favorite actor, James Dean; favorite actress, Debbie Reynolds; favorite subject, history; favorite teacher, Mr. Bateman. She has hazel eyes and blond hair. She is five feet three and one-half inches tall, and weighs one hundred and eighteen pounds. Her favorite sport is football. Her pet peeve is "Stuck up people," and her ambition is to be a nurse. Her hobby is reading books.

## MYSTERY BOY

(By Alma Casey)

Last week our mystery boy

was Butch Cates. This week our mystery boy is a junior. His favorites are: favorite sport, football; favorite food, chicken; favorite drink, coke; favorite actor, Burt Lancaster; favorite actress, Kim Novak; favorite teacher, Bilbrey; favorite subject, shop. His hobby is loafing. He is five feet five and one-half inches tall and weighs one hundred and thirteen pounds. He has no ambition, his pet peeve is "Stuck up people." His eyes are hazel and his hair is black.

## THIRD GRADE NEWS

(By Darla Galloway)

Mrs. Lasley brought the tree for our room on Monday afternoon and put it up for us. Each one brought a decoration and put it on the tree. Vickie Ellison made the silver star for the top of the tree.

Several mothers helped with the party on Friday. Mrs. Hester read stories and played Christmas music on the record player. Mrs. Hester brought the ice cream, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Plunk and Mrs. Stephenson made cookies for the party. For favors each one received a Santa Claus candle. The room mothers at the party were Mrs. Lasley, Mrs. McRae, and Mrs. Halle. Mrs. Hester, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Upchurch, were the other mothers at the party. Some little brothers and sisters were also present. All were present except Dick Diehl. He was sick and had to miss the party. All had a good time and wish to thank the mothers who made the party such a success. This news comes from Miss Balingier's third grade room.

## GIRLS SPORTS

(By Darla Galloway)

January 2 the Texhoma team visited us. It was a pretty good game although we have played better ball. The first quarter was close and we ended up on the top by a score of 13-12. During the second and third quarters we gradually began pulling ahead. At the end of the third quarter the score stood at 43-36. However, in the

fourth quarter Texhoma began to score again, but we managed to stay ahead. The final score was 54-47. Carolyn Folsom was high point with 24 points, and Linda Riffe followed with 17 points. For Texhoma, Martha Hook scored 24 points and Knight followed with 17 points.

As you know, we had a tournament this past week end. Although we didn't win the first place trophy we feel that we have gained from this tournament. I will give you the scores of the games during the

tournament and the high point ones. Our first game on January 3 was with Morse. We outscored them by a score of 50-38. Mary Janice Boren was high point with fourteen points. Folsom and Riffe tied with 11 points.

January 4, we played Claude. This game was tied at the end with 50-50. We had to play two overtimes, and Claude finally won by a score of 54-52. Mary Janice Boren was high point with 27 points.

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## JITTER

By Arthur Pointer



## WYLDE AND WOOLY

By Bert Thomas



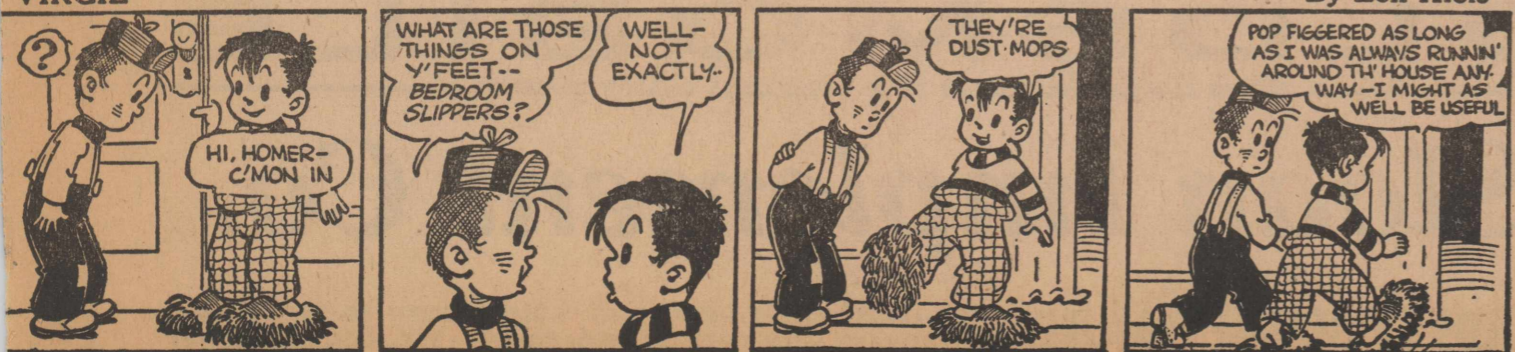
## GRANDMA

By Charles Kuhn



## VIRGIL

By Len Kleis



BANK'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

# The First State Bank of Stratford

at Stratford, Texas at the close of business on the 31 day of December, 1956, 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	1,692,960.74
(After deduction of \$52,859.58 valuation allowance or bad debt reserve)	
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	920,000.00
Cash, balance due from other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection (including exchanges for clearing house)	1,867,929.20
Banking house, or leasehold improvements	10,125.00
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	13,866.70
Other assets	12,589.57
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>4,517,471.21</b>

## Liabilities And Capital Accounts

Common Capital Stock	200,000.00
Surplus: Certified \$50,000.00, Not Certified \$	50,000.00
Undivided profits	174,909.33
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	3,534,602.56
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	40,304.80
Public funds (Incl. U. S. Govt., states and political subdivisions)	517,654.52
Total all deposits \$4,092,561.88	
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	4,517,471.21

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF SHERMAN

I, O. H. OQUIN, 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.

O. H. OQUIN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of January 1957.  
(Seal)

ZOLA BRANNAN

Notary Public, Sherman County, Texas

Correct--Attest -- EARL RIFFE, H. M. FLORES, W. N. PRICE, Directors.



STORY NO. 6

# Duval Plunderbund Plucked \$7,187 From Benavides Schools in One Day

By—FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—One of the Federal Government's experts working on the sticky financial mess that is Duval County figures the cost of operating a political machine such as this at about \$1,000,000 a year.

This doesn't include what goes into the pockets of leaders through big "deals" which otherwise wouldn't have been possible. John Ben Shepperd has estimated the total of "money diverted from intended, lawful purposes" in Duval County has been four or five million dollars a year for the past ten years.

That's a lot of money even for Texas where millionaires are supposed to hide behind every hush-bush.

Political machines fall apart when something interferes with the free flow of cash. Attorney General John Ben Shepperd and District Attorney Sam Burris have turned off the faucet in Duval.

Donato Serna, a determined little Latin-American who can spot a crooked ledger a mile away, now sits in the Courthouse at San Diego as County Auditor. Serna doesn't like George B. Parr one little bit. And for good reason. Parr once gave him a thorough going over with a five-cell flashlight, a beating so severe that one of Parr's then deputy sheriffs, Manuel Amaya, was forced to intervene and disarm the Boss.

"Our County is not in a very good financial condition," says Serna.

Only one county in Texas has a higher tax rate than Duval. The County, with a population in the neighborhood of 12,000, has a bonded indebtedness of \$3,113,000 and a \$2.55 tax rate.

The adjoining county, Webb, another political hot spot, has a \$2.65 rate.

In contrast, Val Verde County has a 58 cent rate. Perhaps the avenging shade of Judge Roy Bean, "the law West of the Pecos," who held court in a Val Verde saloon, keeps sticky fingers out of the public till. There's nothing like a little fancy embezzlement to shoot a tax rate sky high.

Beside my typewriter are two documents, Donato Serna's current annual report on Duval County finances and an affidavit signed by Diego Heras, former acting secretary to the board of trustees of the Benavides Independent School District.

The two documents complement each other perfectly, the latter providing a good picture of the financial shenanigans responsible for the "not very good financial condition" of the County of Duval.

In just one day, October 19, 1950, nimble fingers lifted \$7,187.90 from the school district treasury.

The chubby Mr. Heras lists 101 checks made out to fictitious names, the whole batch amounting to \$67,414.17. His affidavit makes interesting reading.

"I know George B. Parr of San Diego, Duval County," Mr. Heras swore. "Although he has dominated the Board of Trustees for many years, and has taken it upon himself to countersign all vouchers issued by the District, Mr. Parr has never within my knowledge been an employee of Benavides Independent School District W. M. Benson of San Diego, who keeps Mr. Parr's books, and who offices in Mr. Parr's office across from the Courthouse in San Diego, has served as auditor for said Benavides School District for many years."

"B. W. Milligan is Superintendent of Schools in the Benavides Independent School District, and W. F. Reed is Principal of the Freer Schools in said Benavides District. During the years I worked for the Benavides District the method of handling Teacher Retirement moneys was to make up the teacher contribution lists from the payrolls, and then to issue vouchers against the School District to Mr. Milligan or Mr. Reed for the amount of the Teachers' contributions. These men in turn were to purchase cashier's checks to be remitted to Teachers Retirement System."

"I have carefully examined annual report of School Funds to Texas Education Agency submitted by Benavides Independent School District for the year ending August 31, 1950, and have also examined a like report submitted for the year ending August 31, 1951. These reports were prepared and submitted by the Texas State Bank of Alice, the depository for Benavides Independent School District. In these reports I have found many irregularities. On Exhibit A to this affidavit, I have listed a number of vouchers issued by Benavides Independent School District to fictitious persons. The persons so listed as fictitious are actually fictitious, never existed, and of course never performed the services for which the vouchers purportedly were drawn. Many of these vouchers were issued at the express direction of W. M. Benson. At times I would deliver the vouchers to Mr. Parr or Mr. Benson. At other times, I would present them at the depository bank, where I would be handed an envelope containing money. This envelope would then be delivered to Mr. Parr or Mr. Benson.

"On Exhibit B to this affidavit, I have listed another group of vouchers which were issued in the same manner and under the

same direction, to actual persons. However, none of these listed persons who are payees in the listed vouchers ever performed the services for which the vouchers were purportedly issued, and these persons did not receive such vouchers. Such vouchers were handled in the same manner as those issued to fictitious persons.

"On Exhibit C to this affidavit, I have listed another group of vouchers which were issued in the same manner and under the same direction, to actual persons. However, none of these listed persons who are payees in the listed vouchers ever worked for said Benavides District."

There you have it. And this sort of thing has been going on in Duval County for half a century.

The Diego Heras affidavit tells but a small part of the story of how the plunderbund operated in one school district during one short period of time. More of the Benavides story can be found in the transcript of the trial of D. C. Chapa, tax assessor and collector for the district. Chapa is now free on bail pending a hearing on his appeal from a five year prison sentence.

Equally enlightening facts can be seen in the official transcript of the trial of B. F. Donald, former cashier of one of Parr's banks put out of business by Shepperd in 1935. Donald, too, recently was given a five year prison sentence for conspiracy to steal Benavides school funds.

It is no wonder that evidence-destroying bonfires blazed like a Fourth of July celebration all over Duval County when Attorney General Shepperd arrived on the scene with a small army of assistants, including State Auditor C. H. Cavness. County records vanished in all directions.

A political boss on plunder bent must have a machine so well armored that no dent can be made in it. But machines grow old and rusty and the engineers sometimes get careless. This happened in Duval. Some of the thick rust crusted flaked off, revealing the bright metal of loot beneath. It is no wonder that the Parr machine fought with every legal, and semi-legal, weapon at its command to keep an honest auditor out of the Courthouse in San Diego. It took the full power of the State of Texas, thirteen months to put Donato Serna into office in Duval.

The result, according to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, is the first honest audit of Duval books in more than half a century. And, to quote Shepperd, "Nobody can steal anything else in the county without getting caught."

George B. Parr's two banks, one in San Diego and the other, the Texas State Bank in Alice, Jim Wells County—the bank mentioned by Diego Heras as the depository for funds of the Benavides School District—are both out of business, "In Liquidation" signs posted on the windows.

## THE ELK

(Continued from Page 3)

January 5, we met Texline. The score at the end of the game was 44-52. Linda Riffe was high point with 24 points.

### WHAT IS IT?

The word this week is YAK. A poll of the high school students was taken and here are some of their answers. Glenda,

a man from Mars; Dorene, something to eat; Jessie D, an animal; Ann B, a foreign bird; Sharon H, what is learned in English; Joyce, someone who talks; Patty Emerson, boys; Betty N, a bug; Carol B, color of Elaine Crabtree's eyes; Gracie, a cool cat; Nancy, Mary Gay Judd; Mr. Mercer, a slang expression of someone talking; Jessie R, a goat; Patsy, What Mr. Wade did when he got mad; Joyce Horn, a ring; Lance, a new species of girls.

The answer is: it is a wild ox of Asia.

### HOMEMAKING NEWS

(By Betty Bradley)

The F.H.A. girls were very busy besides having fun at the Stratford tournament. All of them except the girls on the team worked at least 4 hours in the school cafeteria. Many worked longer. The Homemaking II girls baked most of the cakes sold.

We would like to thank the mothers for donating food and helping to make it a success. We certainly appreciate the help of Mr. Peach Smith, Mrs. Charles Cameron, Mrs. Ernestine Hayworth, Mrs. Lee R. Musick, Mrs. Goldie Corley, Mrs. Pauline Teague, and Mrs. Ottinger at the cash register. Most of all, we want to thank the people for making this tournament a success.

At the present time, we do not know the exact amount of

profit we made. This money will be used to buy a new sewing machine.

### CAFETERIA MENU

(By Betty Bradley)

Monday — Tuna fish casserole, English peas, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, rolls, butter, cherry cobbler, milk.

Tuesday — Lima beans, tomatoes, ham casserole, mixed greens, strawberry jello, fruit cocktail, rolls, butter, chocolate pudding, milk.

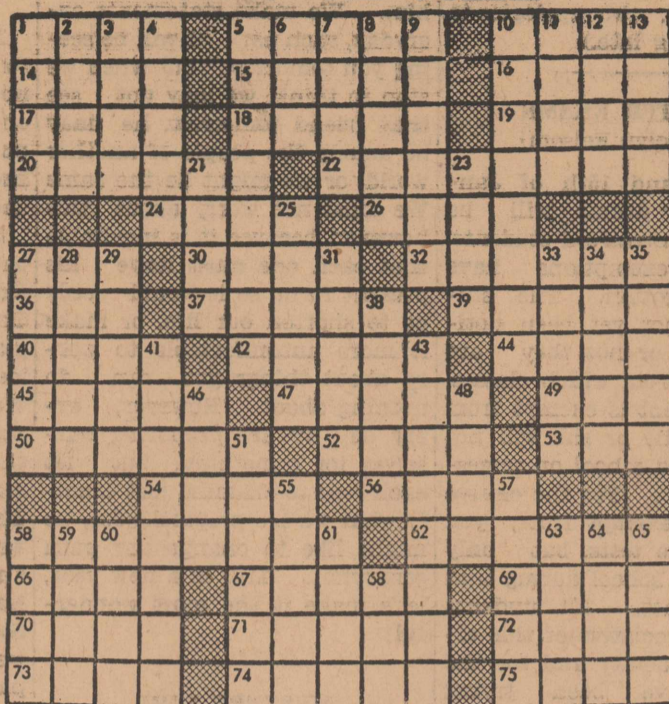
Wednesday — Pinto beans, pork, spinach, beets, cabbage, apple, marshmallow salad, corn bread, butter, chocolate cake, milk.

Thursday — Turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, cranberry salad, rolls, butter, peanut cookies, milk.

Friday — Meat balls, spaghetti, mashed potatoes, beans, carrot raisin salad, rolls, butter, apple cobbler, milk.

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



PUZZLE No. 428

- ACROSS**
- 1 Young horse
  - 5 Ocean shoreline
  - 10 Angers
  - 14 Tune
  - 15 Command
  - 16 Kind of tide
  - 17 To lease
  - 18 Din
  - 19 Container for flowers
  - 20 Polds
  - 22 Potted
  - 23 Fruitletly
  - 24 Regretted
  - 26 Summer drinks
  - 27 Fabulous bird
  - 30 Kind of chess
  - 32 Bird dog
  - 38 Entire
  - 39 Levels
  - 40 Depart
  - 42 Public storehouse
  - 44 Colorless
  - 45 Overhanging roof edges
  - 47 Mine excavation
  - 49 Kind of fish
  - 50 Moves dutifully
  - 52 Period of time (pl.)
  - 53 Seize
- DOWN**
- 1 Fish
  - 2 Russian city
  - 3 Cord
  - 4 Mongol
  - 5 Husband
  - 6 Gold in South American countries
  - 7 Mine entrance
  - 8 Genus of clearing moths
  - 9 Inclinations
  - 10 Laid out money to secure an income
  - 11 Raise
  - 12 Headland
  - 13 Went fast
  - 21 Tunnel for underground railroad
- ACROSS**
- 54 Indian tent
  - 56 Melody
  - 58 Avoiding
  - 62 Dormice
  - 66 Wan
  - 67 Lift
  - 69 Unruly outbreak
  - 70 God of war
  - 71 Bar of cast metal
  - 72 Italian commune
  - 73 Headland
  - 74 Tries out
  - 75 Profound
- DOWN**
- 23 Part of ship
  - 25 Follows eating regimen
  - 27 Rants
  - 28 City in New York
  - 29 British general and statesman
  - 31 Growing out
  - 33 European siskin
  - 34 Slide
  - 35 Wager again
  - 36 Profile
  - 41 Tidiness
  - 43 Shoulder ornaments
  - 46 Epidermis
  - 48 Anglo-Saxon slave
  - 51 Ardor
  - 55 Fabulous
  - 57 Made mistake
  - 58 Reseach across
  - 59 Rabbit
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  - 65 Walk
  - 68 Dunkard

Answer to Puzzle No. 427

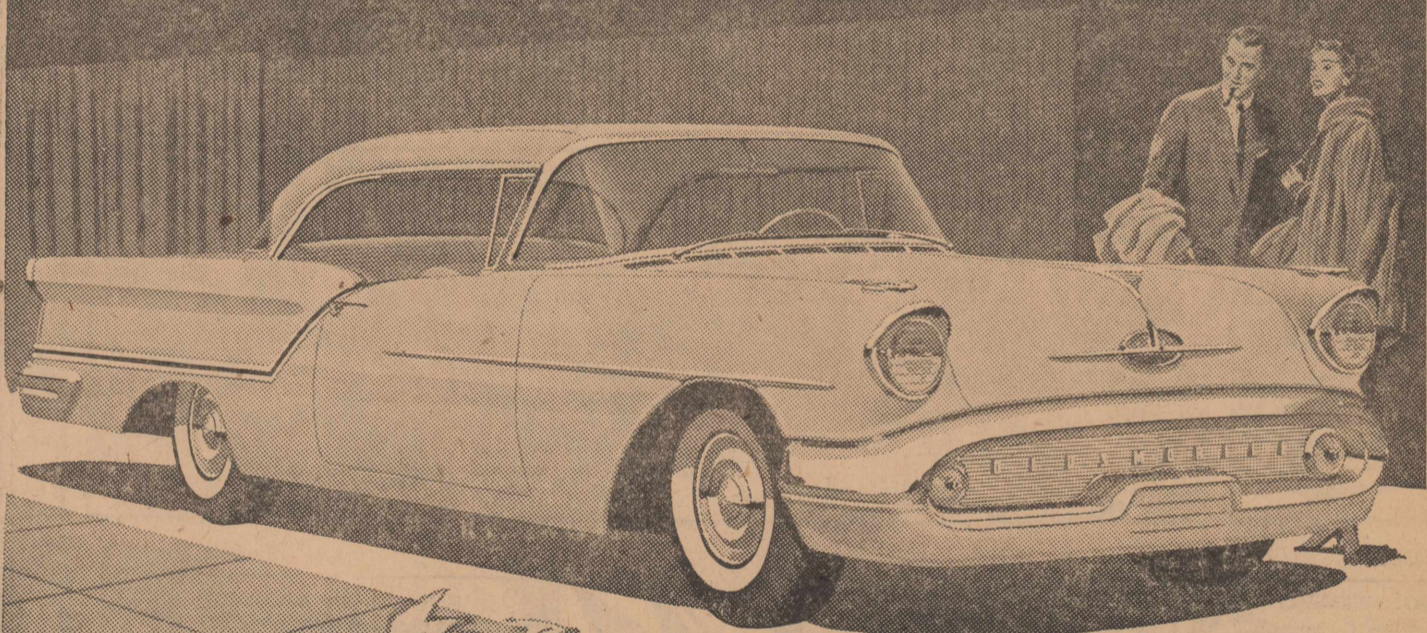
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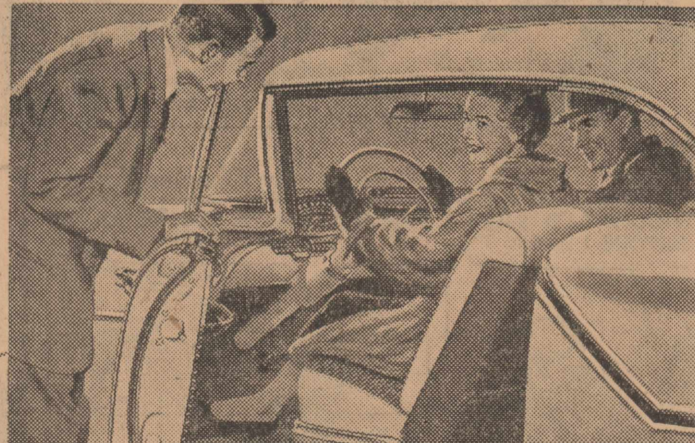
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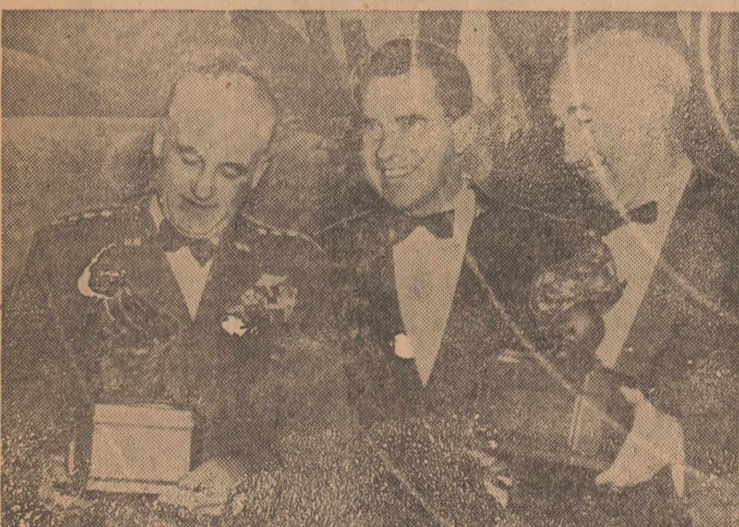
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SOME MAW!... Pete, Bronx zoo hippo, shows displeasure as photographer invades his quarters to snap his picture.

## 4-H Members Back the Attack on Highway Deaths



TOP WINNERS IN THE 4-H FARM AND HOME SAFETY PROGRAM use a battering ram to dramatize the decision of the two million 4-H members to smash the barricade of 42,000 fatal accidents which annually blocks safe motoring on America's highways. Urging them to "Back the Attack" is A. G. De Lorenzo (right), Public Relations Director of General Motors, awards donor for the nation-wide safety program. Each of these national winners received \$300 college scholarships from GM. In addition, they and the other 42 state winners received all-expense trips to the 35th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago from General Motors. Left to right are: LoRetta Hales, Spanish Fork, Utah; Richard Parsons, Parsonsburg, Md.; Anita Mae Wenger, Powhattan, Kansas; Marjorie Rauwerdink, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.; Ella Lou Hembree, Braman, Okla.; Richard Mitchell, Denver, Colo., and Clyde Templeton, Olin, N. C.



### Council Meeting Held Today

The Home Demonstration Council met Friday in the Home Demonstration Club room. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. C. W. Wells. The Home Demonstration Agent gave some information as to the purpose of council, the Home Demonstration Agent and the duties of the officers and standing committees, also the duties of the club presidents to counsel and the duties of a delegate with the club. The chairman announced the appointment of the chairman of the standing committees. They are as follows: Finance, Mrs. Kenneth Pickens; Secretary, Mrs. Everett Riggs; Citizenship, Mrs. Gladys Kirkwood; Education, Mrs. Harold Bennett; Entertainment, Mrs. Martha Ellison. The Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Leona Miller.

### TAX-MAN SAM SEZ:

The tax folks spend a lot of time sending back income tax returns that Papa signs and forgets to have Mama sign. If the return is a joint return, Papa and Mama are both responsible and both have to sign. Compare your tax return and both sign it, if it is a joint return, now. It may be to your advantage to file early.

### TEXAS AGRICULTURE IN REVIEW

A backward glance at the 1956 crop year reveals no startling new facts to Texas farmers but should give high-level farm policy planners some cause for sober reflection. Something went haywire somewhere.

Drouth, lack of irrigation water, decline in farm prices, higher production costs, these and other factors contributed to the decline in farm income. Yet, we had bumper crops in several commodities that counterbalanced severe crop failures in others.

Total value of principal crops in Texas was placed at 1.1 billion dollars in 1956. This is 9 percent below both last year and the 10-year average. Cotton was the most important crop and contributed more cash value than all other crops combined.

The corn crop was the shortest since 1873 with 27,465,000 bushels. Responsible factors were the smallest harvested acreage in 81 years and a low yield of 15 bushels per acre compared with the 10-year average of 17.6 bushels.

Wheat production totaled 26.4 million bushels, nearly double the 1955 short crop but only about half the 10-year average. Although most of the acres were lost to drouth, the average yield on land that escaped its full effects was 12.5 bushels or nearly 2 bushels above average.

The fourth largest sorghum grain record was established at 124.2 million bushels. Yield per acre at 26 bushels exceeded the previous record by two bushels. Irrigation made the difference here.

About 3,610,000 bales of cotton were estimated for the state but the final figure is not yet completed. A yield of 278 pounds

per acre was extremely good but the record high yields per acre in irrigated districts were contrasted with very low yields on most dryland acreage. Along the coast, crops were harvested ahead of the drouth, although excellent early season prospects were not realized in that area.

Farmer production costs rose 3 percent in 1956 and are heading still higher in 1957, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Everything the farmer buys and pays in the way of farm expenses is up above the 1947-49 average, except those things he buys from other farmers, seed, feed and feeder livestock. Interest and taxes are up more than any other farm production costs.

The bright hope for Texas farmers is that 1957 will bring an end to the 7-year drouth. This one factor, more than any other, would help put Texas agriculture closer in balance with the national economy.

### New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Chisum, Amarillo, are parents of a seven pound son, Michael Richard, who was born at 2:00 a. m. Monday in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Mr. and Mrs. Chisum also have a daughter, Anita Louise, who is 16 months old. The paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum went to Amarillo Monday to be with the family a few days. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dietz of Happy, Texas. Mrs. T. J. Chisum, San Jon, New Mexico, is the paternal great grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Reed of Lubbock, became parents of a son, Lawrence Glenn, Thursday of last week. Lawrence Glenn, who was born in a Lubbock Hospital, weighed four pounds three ounces. His grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reed. Mrs. Gamble has been in Lubbock with her daughter and family this week.

Connie Sue Malone arrived in Dumas Memorial Hospital Friday at 4:55 a. m. to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Malone. The little lady weighed six pounds 12 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Malone and Mrs. Elizabeth Moore. Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Peden of Dalhart. Mr. Malone brought his wife and baby home Monday afternoon.

### Bill McMinn Is Stationed In Germany

Bill McMinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McMinn, has reached his station in Germany. Friends may contact him by mail by writing Pvt. William T. McMinn, US 54181416, "C" Btry, 85th F.A. BN., APO 36 New York, New York.

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### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DEVELOPS

While the tax collection activities of the Federal Government, joined under the title of "internal revenue" operations, date back officially and formally nearly a century, it is only in the last four or five decades that they have followed a reasonably smooth and coherent pattern.

The collection of numerous and varied taxes on a major national scale really began with the Civil War, but it was not until shortly before World War I that extensive legislation brought about the creation of what is known today as the Internal Revenue Service, back in 1913. For most of its more modern life, the department was called the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Actually each of the major wars in which the United States has been engaged has brought about a system of taxation made necessary by the heavy demands of national defense and the successful prosecution of military, naval, and— in this 20th century — aeronautical activities.

Few taxes were collected in Colonial days, but it was found necessary to impose income levies as far back as March, 1791. Taxes in the initial pattern continued for a decade. They were imposed primarily on distilled spirits, on refined sugar, on snuff, on carriages; and eventually on property sold at auction, bonds, and various legal instruments. Real property was a late addition to the first tax lists.

The heavy costs of the War of 1812 brought a new list of items subject to levy and coincidentally what is believed to have been America's first sales taxes. Gold and silverware, jewelry and watches were among new additions to the tax roster.

The nation recovered rapidly from the difficulties of the War of 1812 and, despite recommendations by the Secretary of the Treasury in 1815 that a permanent internal revenue system be set up, Congress in 1817 abolished all internal revenue taxes. It was prompted to this action by the high customs receipts realized from imported goods.

The Mexican War did not require tax financing, nor did the Indian campaigns carried on sporadically during the first half of the nineteenth century. With the Civil War however, tremendous demands were made on the national treasury.

In 1861 a series of sweeping revenue laws was adopted by Congress. Included was the nation's first income tax. Further systemization came with the creation of the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, July 1, 1862. The commissioner was given the power to assess, levy and collect taxes. He was given the right to enforce the law through seizure and prosecution.

In December, 1872, his duties and responsibilities were outlined in greater detail and have since existed largely as set forth at that time.

When Congress first decided during the early days of the Civil War to establish a tax structure, it had in mind a specific working figure which was believed to be required. This sum, \$20,000,000 was apportioned among the then states of the union. An income tax, and increased custom duties on certain imports supplemented to basic states' allocation.

Collection of the various taxes, particularly those from the states, was carried on until 1868. Three years later Congress decided the money was no longer required and returned the funds on hand to the states. Throughout the country's history, spiritous beverages and tobacco have been a major source of tax revenue and from 1868 to 1913 nearly 90 percent of all Internal Revenue collections came from taxes on these products.

During Civil War days and a few years thereafter there were, however license taxes on trades, vocations and occupations; and cotton, cattle, hogs and sheep, and other commodities were subject to various types of taxes. Numerous transactions had their special levies — bank surpluses, railroad bond interest, advertisements, medicines, perfumes, (Continued on Page 6)

### Mrs. Loraine Foster Opens Tax Office

Mrs. Loraine Foster, income tax accountant, will maintain offices in the east front of the American Legion building during the months of January and February. Office hours will be from 9:00 a. m. until 4:00 p. m. with the exception of Wednesday and Saturday afternoons when she will close at 2:00 p. m. Mrs. Foster will appreciate customers contacting her at the office as she will not maintain an office at home.

### Happy Hour Club Meets With Mrs. Lowe

The Happy Hour Club met Thursday, January 3, in the home of Mrs. Bill Lowe.

Miss Leona Miller gave a very interesting lesson on spring wardrobe planning. She also helped us select our best basic color.

Delicious refreshments were served to: Mrs. Kenneth Pickens, Mrs. W. O. Bryant, Mrs. Oma Ellison, Mrs. Everett Riggs, Mrs. Jerry Underwood, Mrs. C. W. Wells, Mrs. Edward Brannan and Nita, Mrs. Harold Baker, Mrs. Hugh Stewart and Miss Leona Miller.

The next meeting will be January 17, at 1:30.

### Go To Positions In Washington, D.C.

Misses Juanita Beall and Ernestine Palmer and Mrs. Charles Riggs left Wednesday for Washington, where they have positions with the U. S. Navy Department.

### Methodist Church

(Charles R. Gates, Pastor)  
Sunday School 9:45 — 10:45 a. m.

Preaching Service 10:55 — 12:00 a. m.

Sunday night preaching service 6:00 p. m.

Junior Additional Session 6:30 p. m.

Intermediate Fellowship 6:30 p. m.

M. Y. F. Fellowship 6:30 p. m.

Guild: First Monday night, each month.

Methodist Men, 4th Wednesday night, each month.

Circles: Mary Ethel, Florence Mullins, Flora Foreman, each Wednesday.

Official Board Meeting, 4th Tuesday night of each month.

Choir practice: Junior choir 3:45 p. m. Wednesday.

Adult choir 7:00 p. m. Wednesday.

Cherub choir 2:30 p. m. Thursday.

Women who retain their maiden names after marriage are called Lucy Stoners.

Men, more than women, are afflicted with color blindness.

### Strike Gas Showing In No. 1 Lisa

San Juan Drilling Co. No. 1 Lisa in section 143 of Block 1-T, took a drill stem test from 3,290 to 3,390 feet to find 98,000 feet of gas, and recovered 750 feet of muddy gas cut salt water. The well is being drilled at below 3,616 feet.

### Among the Sick

Mrs. Harold Quinn, who has been ill for several weeks, is now able to be up part of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Davis and Jeff returned Tuesday night from Rochester, Minnesota, where L. J. received a medical check-up from his doctors.

Mike Engle, 16 month old son of Mrs. Delton Engle has been quite ill, but is improving now.

Mrs. Mike Fawbush, of Salem, Indiana, sister of Mrs. H. B. Naugle, is seriously ill. Mrs. Fawbush and her husband have visited in Stratford a number of times and will be remembered by many residents.

Richard Albert was on the sick list the first of the week.

## Loraine Foster

### Income Tax Service

East Front of the American Legion Building

Hours from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.  
Except Wednesday and Saturday Afternoons, Close at 2 PM

Bookkeeping — Typing

15 Years Experience in Federal Income Tax, Legal Secretary Experience and Notary Public

# January 31

IS THE LAST DAY TO

# Pay '56

# Taxes

WITHOUT PENALTY OR INTEREST

# January 31

IS ALSO THE LAST DAY TO

# Pay Poll Taxes

To Qualify Voters For Participating In

## Elections To Be Held During

1957

# John Kidwell

Tax Assessor — Sherman County

## Want Ads

### Announcement

STRATFORD LODGE 874  
V. W. Foreman, W.M.  
O. H. Ingham, Secy.  
STATED COMMUNICATION  
Third Thursday Every Month  
7:00 P. M.

### For Sale

FOR SALE: HOUSE, 3,000 square feet; two bedrooms and bath on second floor, living and dining area, kitchen, utility room, den and half bath on ground floor. Full size basement, garage attached. See R. G. Gillis, or phone 4536. 10-tfc

NEW MODEL MAYTAG Automatic Washer \$219.00 and your old washer. — Woolsey Appliances. 2-tfc

ENSILAGE for sale, See Arthur or Frank Judd. 1-tfc

FOR SALE: Modern Furnished House and Modern unfurnished House. Call Marguerite Wilson, Phone 2491. 44-tfc

FOR SALE: 1948 Massey-Harris model 44 Row Crop Tractor, LP gas equipped, 4 row lister and planter; 1949 John Deere Model G Tractor, LP gas equipped, 4 row lister and planter, good; 1948 John Deere Model G Tractor with 4 row lister and planter, completely overhauled; John Deere 114A Roughage Mill, practically new. — Sherman Implement Co. 47-tfc

FOR SALE: Used Westinghouse Washer and Living Room Suite. See the new Speed King Automatic Washer. — McMahan Furniture Co. 47-tfc

FOR SALE: Used baby bed, bassinet and mattress, baby car chair, Teeterbaby jumper chair, baby play pen. See Mrs. Norvell Blake. 51-4tp

USED Automatic Washing Machines, most models. — Van B. Boston. 50-tfc

Ronald Amundsen discovered the South Pole.

Orchids grow from the smallest seed in the world.

Texas County Hereford Breeders  
13th Annual Spring

### SHOW & SALE

February 8 — Guymon, Okla.  
Free Barbecue 11:30 A. M.  
AUCTION 12:30 P. M.  
For catalogue write R. G. Sheets, Secretary, Box 320, Guymon Oklahoma

### Radio and TV Repair

Call 4671  
Hoffman and Emerson TV and RADIOS  
ETERSON'S SHOP  
5TH and CHESTNUT

### Wanted

WANTED: Lady to work in laundry. Contact John Haney, phone 4271. 1-tfc

### For Rent

FOR RENT: Two bedroom unfurnished house. — Mrs. Pruett Adkins, Phone 4391. 48-tfc

FOR RENT: Three bedroom home, 403 North Pearl, contact John Haney, Phone 4271. 1-tfc

FOR RENT: Furnished modern apartment, Phone 2941 or see Mrs. E. Hill, 7th and Maple. 44-tfc

FOR RENT: 3-room modern house, enclosed back porch, bills paid. See Marguerite Wilson, phone 2491. 44-tfc

FOR RENT: Three room furnished apartment. — Paul Juddell, Phone 2846. 25-tfc

### Special Services

NEED HAY? See J. I. Mooney. 31-tfc

WILL DO IRONING in my home. — Mrs. C. E. Willmon. 2-tfc

DISC ROLLING: all kinds of new sharpening and welding. — Hamilton Machine Shop. 2-tfc

I will continue writing State Farm Insurance although I am working at the Sherman County Abstract Co. — Mrs. Marguerite Wilson. 30-tfc

FINISH High School or grade school at home. Spare time. Books furnished. Diploma awarded. Start where you left school. Write Columbia School, Box 1514, Amarillo. 35-26c



### Proclaims March Of Dimes Month



Governor Allan Shivers became the first Texas purchaser of a March of Dimes Blue Crutch in Austin this week. Making the sale was Major General K. L. Berry, Adjutant General of the State of Texas and 1956-57 March of Dimes Campaign Chairman, above left fastening the Blue Crutch to Governor Shiver's tie clasp. Blue Crutches went on sale all over Texas on Saturday, January 5, January has been officially proclaimed March of Dimes Month in Texas by Governor Shivers.

The signing ceremony was held in the Capitol in Austin with Governor Shivers and Adjutant General K. L. Berry, 1956-57 March of Dimes Campaign Chairman, participating.

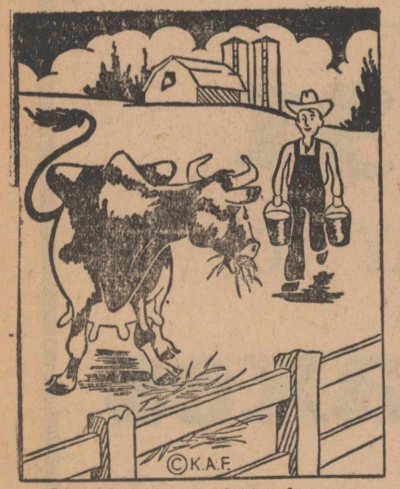
Governor Shiver's proclamation was "The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has made tremendous strides in the past few years in development of equipment, medicines and technicians which can care for those who unfortunately have been stricken with this dread disease. Yet, our people still need more services. We must educate everyone to assure that all those susceptible to this disease takes advantage of the Salk Vaccine. We must assure the continued treatment for those already stricken.

"Let's finish the job," is the slogan for the 1957 March of Dimes Campaign and no other slogan could be more appropriate for Texans.

"Now, Therefore, I as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the month of January, 1957, as March of Dimes Month in Texas, and urge every Texan to contribute generously to the March of Dimes."

Toboggan sleds were invented by American Indians.

**COME IN PLEASE DRIVE OUT PLEASED.**



Oh, Oh - Here's ole' icy fingers.

We have the "touch" for dependable service. We're friendly folks who want to keep your good will and do everything we can to make it possible.

**GULF**

**Super Service**  
Phone — 5071

### Beall-Luette —

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white icing, standing perpendicular to the cake, were alternated around the third tier. On top of the third tier sat four white swans from which rose four columns bearing the fourth tier, which had icing fringe around the lower edge, and four pairs of white wedding bells near the top. On the pedestal resting on the top tier, stood a miniature bride and groom under a white wedding bell, centering an arch decorated with pink roses and lilies-of-the valley.

Miss Sammie Lee Beall, sister of the bride, presided at the bride's book. About seventy guests attended the reception.

Miss Juanita Faye Beall and Mrs. Charles Riggs, sisters of the bride, served the cake, and another sister of the bride, Mrs. Donald F. Vincent of Dalhart, served punch.

Mrs. Luette is a graduate of the Stratford High School, has a B. S. Degree from the Baylor University School of Nursing, of Waco and Dallas, and has been a staff nurse in Dumas Memorial Hospital in Dumas, the past two years.

Mr. Luette is a graduate of the Dumas High School, and served two years in the U. S. Army. He is now employed with Wilson Battery and Electric Company in Amarillo.

The young couple will be at home at 316-B Kentucky, Amarillo, Texas, after returning from a honeymoon trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico.

### Internal Revenue—

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cosmetics, and playing cards all were taxed — and during that period the inheritance tax made its debut.

The \$600 basic exemption figure now so familiar to the American taxpayer apparently got its start during this same civil war tax period when it was the income above which tax had to be paid by individuals subject to it.

In the last year of the Civil War, fiscal 1866, internal revenue collections reached their peak with a total of more than 300 million dollars. In July 1866 and March 1867 Congress progressively reduced or eliminated many taxes.

Taxation concentration on distilled beverages and tobacco began again in mid-1868 and from that time date the stamp taxes on liquor — and tobacco so familiar today. Once again the bulk of internal revenue came from these two sources.

The income tax had a short-lived revival from 1894 to 1895. In the latter year the United States Supreme Court first declared the law imposing taxes on incomes derived from real estate and from state and municipal bonds invalid, and on a rehearing decided that the whole income tax law was unconstitutional on the ground that it was a direct tax and not apportioned among the states in conformity

with the Constitution.

After an 18-year lapse the 16th amendment to the Constitution became effective on February 25, 1913. It gave to Congress the power to levy and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several states, and without regard to any census or enumeration. On October 3, 1913, Congress enacted the income tax law which imposed a tax on net income of both indi-

Four years after the modern income tax was established, in 1917, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was reorganized to meet the new demands of a systematic program, and both audit and accounting procedures were overhauled.

The income tax rate reached its highest level in history during the closing years of World War II, 1944 and 1945, with a normal tax rate of three percent on income over \$500 plus a surtax rate of from 20 to 90 percent on income over the exemption of \$500 each for taxpayer, wife, and dependents.

With the reorganization decreed by Congress in 1952 and actively undertaken in 1953 full modernization of the department, in keeping with the business standards, was sought. With this reorganization came the change of title to the "Internal Revenue Service" and shortly after came the drafting of the comprehensive revisions of tax laws incorporated in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. In passing, it may be noted that this basic volume contains 1,000 pages and upon it will be based thousands of rulings and interpretations.

In recent years, whether computed on fiscal or calendar basis, the total revenue collection has been approximately 70 billion dollars per year. The annual total of all returns is about 65 million.

The tax dollar becomes the budget dollar and as such is apportioned to planned expenditures of government as determined by Congressional study. The largest portion of government income represented in the budget dollar derives from individual income taxes, with 43 cents realized in this manner. Corporation income taxes account for 31 cents, excise taxes for 16 cents. Six cents of that dollar comes from customs and other incidental taxes, and four cents from loans.

About two-thirds of the outgoing budget dollar — 68 cents at latest figures — goes to the national defense program with its manifold vital requirements. Certain charges fixed by law account for about 22 cents of the budget dollar. These include the interest the government must pay on its bonds and other obligations; the expenses incident to its many programs in behalf of veterans; its grants to states, and numerous smaller but very necessary expenditures.

Less than half a cent goes to collection of the tax dollar and less than 10 cents to the cost of government operations and administration in general.

The standing of the United States among nations inevitably springs from the sound and careful use to which the tax or budget dollar is put. Citizens of the United States should know what happens to the tax dollars they pay, that their money is spent for wise and worthwhile projects. With this knowledge they will bear their tax burden more easily and more confidently.

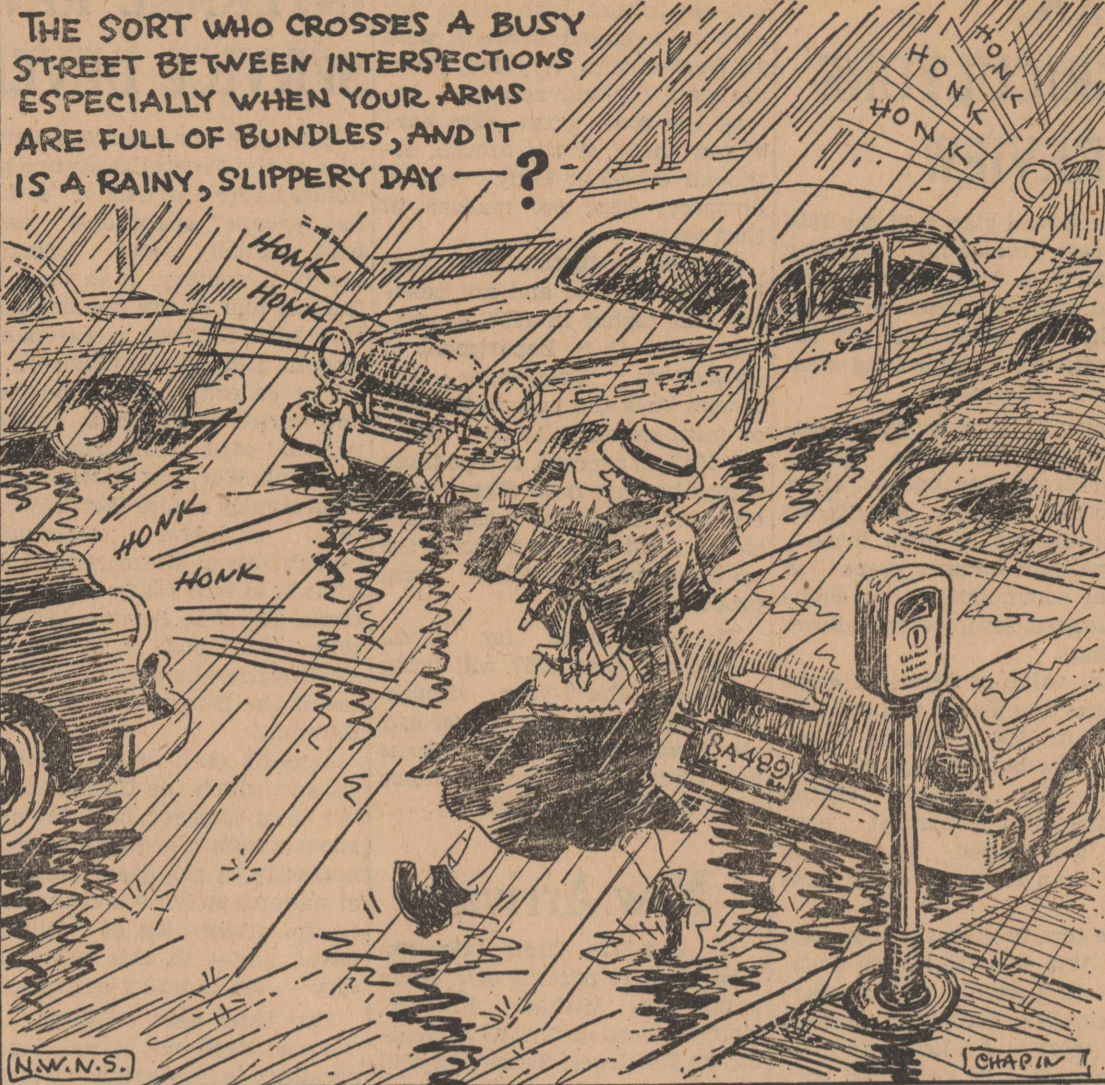
A letter recently received by one of the Internal Revenue Service's district offices constitutes a statement of truly American thinking. A small city, small-businessman writes:

"I am happy to pay this tax. I'll tell you why. I am happy that I am an American, that I was born in this country, that I spent the remainder of my money as I saw fit, without government intervention or supervision. I am happy that I have a son serving in the U. S. Navy, where he is acquiring an education in electronics — an education that would cost me at least \$10,000.

"I am happy in the knowledge that when Sunday comes I can go to the church of my choice and worship the way I believe to be right.

"I am happy, further, that I can agree or disagree with government policies, openly, without fear of being sent to a slave-

### ARE YOU A 'WACKY WALKER'?



labor camp.

"I am happy that I can go to the polls and have a voice in electing my public officials.

"I could go on and on, as could any red-blooded American, extolling the virtues of this country in which I live, my own United States."

#### SINCERE THANKS

Thank you sincerely for sharing our recent sorrow. Your kindness is more deeply appreciated than we find words to express.

Shirley Foreman and Family  
Ocean waves have been known to go as high as 80 feet.

For a short period from 1835 to 1837 the United States government was out of debt.

Benjamin Franklin invented bifocal glasses.

#### STILL TIME FOR SAFETY RESOLUTIONS

The Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council says it is not too late to get a few resolutions made covering safety during the coming year. "Don't," they say, "let a crippling or fatal accident spoil 1957 on your farm." Most accidents can be prevented and

the best preventive is the use of common sense in all farm operations.

#### EAT WELL FOR LESS IN '57

Income of some farm families may be less in '57 than last year, according to outlook information supplied by USDA. Extension foods and nutrition specialists say that careful meal planning, food shopping and preparation will help families eat well for less.

Suggestions on how to do this are given in the extension bulletin entitled, Eat Well for Less. Included are menus for thrifty meals, recipes for penny-saving

main dishes, and tips on buying and storing food.

Copies of the bulletin are available from your local county home demonstration agent, or from the Agricultural Information Office.

### THE ELK

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MEDITATION OF A PRINCIPAL  
(By H. T. Galloway)

Time is almost here when our new plan of mid-term test exemption will start working. As a reminder here is how the plan works. 1. A student may be exempt from a mid-term test if the student has a semester average of 90 in one or more subjects.

2. If the student does not have more than 3 excused absences.

3. If the student does not have an un-excused absence or un-excused tardy slip.

4. If the students conduct is better than average.

5. If the students record is clear for the semester of any monies.

Apparently students like the idea and as a result there has been fewer absentees, grades in general are higher which means a good percentage of students will be exempted from one or more test and a good number will not take any of the tests. It is my hope that all students will give this plan a lot of consideration simply because of its value to the individual and school. Personally I would be happy if every student was exempted. It can be done if a student wants to bad enough. We should be thankful that none of our number was killed or injured during the long holidays. It makes one feel bad to show a poor transcript record to an inquiring prospective employer. How thrilling it is on the other hand to pull from the file a good record for the prospective employer.

I get letters frequently about this or that on ones record. Remember student, you are making it and I am the one that will have to recommend.

## Buy The Best For Less

<b>BEEF ROAST</b>	GRAIN FED CHUCK POUND	<b>29c</b>	<b>SPUDS</b>	Colorado Reds 25 Lb. Bag	<b>79c</b>
<b>STEAK</b>	GRAIN FED CLUB POUND	<b>39c</b>	<b>CARROTS</b>	cello. pkg.	<b>9c</b>
<b>BEEF ROAST</b>	GRAIN FED ARM POUND	<b>39c</b>	<b>ORANGES</b>	California Sunkist Navels Pound	<b>12 1/2c</b>
<b>SAUSAGE</b>	HOME-MADE POUND	<b>39c</b>	<b>GRAPEFRUIT</b>	Marsh Seedless	<b>4 for 25c</b>
<b>EGGS</b>	FRESH COUNTRY DOZEN	<b>45</b>	<b>Tissue</b>	CHARMIN — 200 COUNT 2 Boxes for	<b>25</b>
<b>SALMON</b>	HONEY BOY Tall Tin	<b>59c</b>	<b>Peaches or Apricots</b>	4 cans	<b>\$1</b>
<b>TUNA</b>	Hi-Note	<b>17c</b>	<b>BAKE RITE</b>	NO. 2 TIN — 26c	
<b>APPLE JELLY</b>	3 glasses	<b>87</b>	<b>CHERRIES</b>	Golden Valley No. 303 Tin	<b>19c</b>
<b>GRAPE JELLY</b>	3 glasses	<b>\$1</b>	<b>GREEN BEANS</b>	8 cans	<b>\$1</b>
<b>DOG FOOD</b>	12 cans	<b>\$1</b>	<b>GREENS</b>	Turnip or Mustard White Swan No. 303 Tin	<b>2 for 25c</b>
			<b>BEETS</b>	Kimbell's Whole No. 303 Tin	<b>19c</b>

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