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Soil And Irrigation Specialists Will Speak

The first of a series of adult education meetings, to be sponsored by the Agriculture Department of Stratford High School and the Texas Extension Service, will be held in the high school auditorium Monday night, February 25, at 7:45 p. m.

Dr. Alex Pope, soil specialist, and Marvin Jensen, irrigation specialist, both from the Amarillo Experiment Station, will be the guest speakers for the meeting. Dr. Pope and Mr. Jensen have been conducting research experiments in their respective fields at the Amarillo Experiment Station and on test plots located over the Panhandle. The information they have is very timely, and questions on fertilizers, their use and application, as well as irrigation water management, will be answered at this meeting.

With acreage restriction, lower prices for principal cash crops, and continued high operating costs, more attention must be given to practices which conserve the soil, improve its fertility, and the insurance of a higher return from each acre. The proper use of fertilizers and irrigation water makes it possible to increase crop yield, thus lowering costs and providing more net income. Irrigation is an expensive, scientific method of farming. Successful producers must at all times, take advantage of every opportunity to learn more about it.

Under dryland conditions, moisture had been a limiting factor in production. With the introduction of irrigation, moisture has been eliminated as a limiting factor, only to be faced with another, soil fertility. There is considerable controversy as to the advisability of applying fertilizer on irrigated land the first or second year, but there are but few people who do not believe in its value during the succeeding years.

Sherman County producers are faced with the challenge of learning all they can about commercial fertilizers. They are urged to attend this meeting, as well as others, that will be made available later this spring.

A 50 pound sack of certified hybrid sorghum seed, produced by Sneed & Eller, producers of Texas certified 601 sorghum seed, will be given away as a door prize.

Will Serve Smorgasbord Supper March 5

A smorgasbord supper will be served in the school cafeteria Tuesday, March 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. by the Band Booster's Club. Proceeds will be used for sweaters and awards to be presented to band members.

Band members are selling tickets to adults for \$1.25 and to children for 65 cents.

The supper will include servings of baked ham, roast beef, fried chicken, candied potatoes, blackeyed peas, brown beans, whole kernel corn, deviled eggs, potato salad, congealed salads, relishes, assorted pies and cakes and coffee.

Levelis Move To Fort Worth

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Levelis and three children moved from Amarillo to Fort Worth, Texas Friday where he has a position as a flying instructor. Mrs. Levelis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrit Sweny.

Jimmy Angel Taken By Death In December

Jimmy Angel, 53-year old adventurer and explorer, died at Balboa, Panama Canal Zone on December 8, according to word received by his long time friend, Harold Bennett of Stratford.

Angel was a native of Enid, Oklahoma. He took his first flying instructions in World War I and continued his life as an explorer and pilot after the war in various parts of South America.

Angel is credited with discovering the eighth wonder of the world, Angel Falls in the lost world of Venezuela in 1935. It was years later that a geographic expedition determined the height of the falls at 3,212 feet.

While in Central America, Angel listened to the story of an old prospector, who told of a lake of gold on a high mesa somewhere in the Orinoco's jungle. The old prospector wanted him to fly him to the lost treasure. Jimmy agreed. They took off in his plane filled with enough fuel to fly for a thousand miles with no chart but the pointing gnarled finger of the old prospector. Deep in the jungle the old prospector ordered him to land on a mesa with an 8,500 foot elevation. The old prospector scuttled away from the plane and returned a short time later with a sack full of gold nuggets worth better than \$10,000.00. Angel managed to get his plane off the mesa and back to their starting point but the old prospector by the name of Williams died a few days later without revealing how he knew of the rich location of gold.

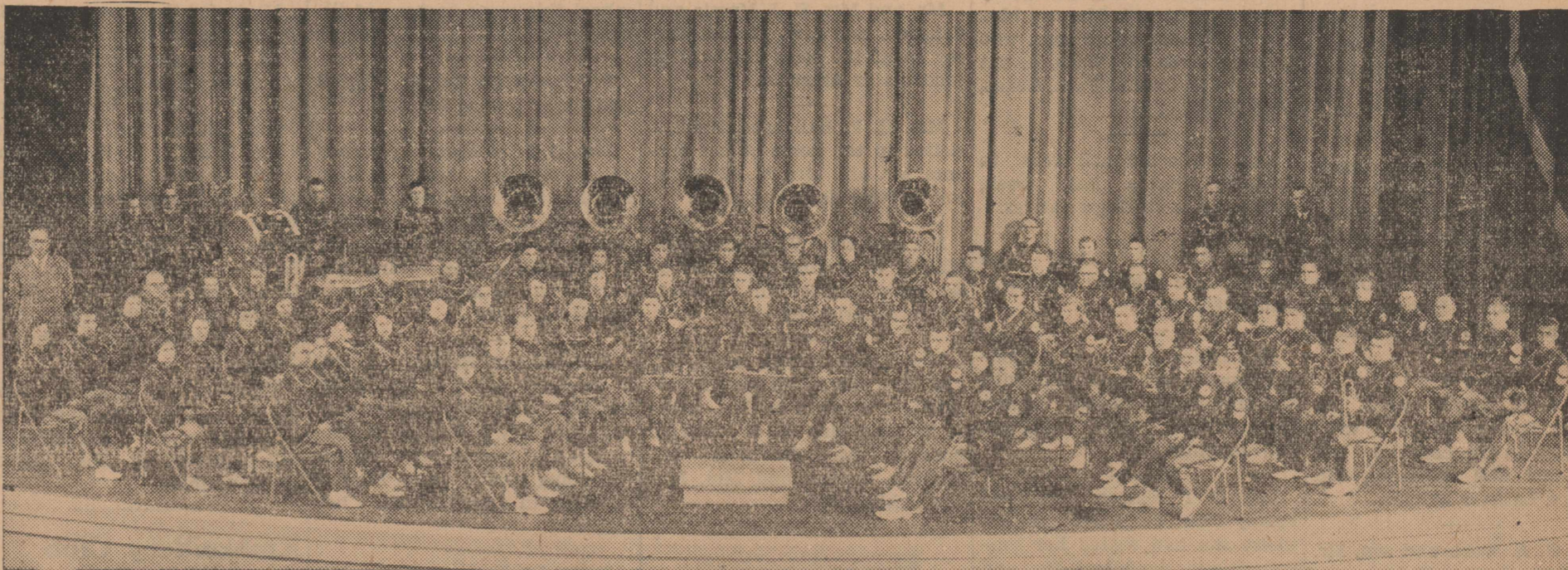
In later years Angel developed his own diamond and gold mines in South America. Failing health forced him to return to the states. In 1955 he visited Stratford and offered Harold Bennett half of his holdings if he would return to South America with him and manage his business. Bennett started disposing of his property but was not foot loose until 1956, after Angel had secured another partner.

Funeral services were conducted February 13 at the First Christian Church in Conway Springs. Burial was made in the Stafford cemetery.

Death Claims R. L. Milton

Robert Lee Milton, father of Mrs. R. C. Buckles and Wm. Arthur Milton, passed away February 11 at Conway Springs, Kansas. He was born in Anderson County, Kentucky September 13, 1865, and moved to Stafford County, Kansas in 1886, where he spent most of his life. He is survived by his widow, Martha, four daughters, Mrs. R. C. Buckles, Stratford, Mrs. E. E. Boyd, Mrs. Harry Blevins, of Stafford, Kansas, Mrs. Rex Lear of Salina, Kansas; two sons, Wm. Arthur Milton of Stratford and Minor Milton of Stafford, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Buckles, R. M. Buckles, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Arthur Milton and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Davis and sons attended the funeral.



Observer's Film To Be Shown To Lions Club

Ground Observer Corps films will be shown at the meeting of the Stratford Lions Club in the Palace Cafe Monday, February 25, according to Tom Word, County Supervisor. Anyone desiring to see these films, is invited to see them at the meeting of the Lions Club next Monday night.

Methodist Revival Will Close Sunday

Revival services at the First Methodist Church will close Sunday. Dr. H. Clyde Smith, pastor of the San Jacinto Methodist Church of Amarillo, speaks daily at 7:30 p. m.

CUB SCOUTS WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The Cub Scouts will have a pack meeting at the American Legion Hall Monday night at 7:30.

All parents will be welcome, and are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Miss Morris Competes In Chicago



Miss Frances Morris, 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morris, is representing Texas at the National Cherry Pie Baking contest held in Chicago today. Miss Maeona Cox, Texas A. & M. food and nutrition specialist, accompanied Miss Morris to Chicago.

Redecorating Lola's Cafe

Lola's Cafe has been closed this week for repainting and redecorating of the interior. The firm will open for business Monday of next week.

WTSC Concert Band To Appear Here Feb. 28th

ASC Office Has Vacancy For Office Manager

Applications will be accepted until February 23 for the position of office manager of the ASC office. Application forms are available at the office. Mrs. R. G. Gillis, who has served the county in this capacity for several years, plans to leave in the near future with her husband for California. He accepted a position as a special sales agent with an oil company.

Hardings Move To Amarillo

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harding have moved to Amarillo. Mr. Harding has accepted a position as district supervisor for a specialty advertising company, and Mrs. Harding has also accepted a position with the same company.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for every act of kindness to me and my family, while Steve and I were in the hospital and since our return home.

Mrs. Alex Coats

County Heart Fund Canvass February 24

A canvass of the homes in Stratford will be made Sunday, February 24, to secure contributions for the Texas Heart Association. The National campaign goal has been set at \$20,000,000, of which Texas will attempt to raise \$800,000, to support the nationwide fight against diseases of the heart and circulation through scientific research, education and community heart programs in Texas and throughout the nation.

J. W. Flores is county chairman, and W. O. Bryant is president of the County Heart Association. Volunteer workers are requested to meet at The First State Bank promptly at 1:00 p. m. Sunday, February 24, to make the canvass of the homes in Stratford.

More than 60 Heart Sunday campaigns will be held on February 24 in Texas this year, an increase of some 15 over 1956. Some cities planning to repeat their successful Heart Sunday programs this year are: El Paso, Amarillo, Lubbock, Lufkin, Midland, Freeport, Tyler, Corsicana, Denison, Brownwood, Bay City, Edna and many others. Texarkana, Paris, Omaha, Odessa, Madisonville, Archer City, and Plainview are some of the newcomers to the 1957 Heart Sunday ranks.

In 1956, it was estimated that 750,000 volunteers visited 15,000,000 homes in the United States during a single afternoon, with about \$7,000,000 of the total Heart Fund received in this way. Every sign points to an even more successful Heart Sunday this year.

Marshals Honored With Surprise Party On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Sr., were honored with a surprise wedding anniversary celebration at a party in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Plunk and sons from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. February 7. About 20 relatives and close friends who attended the party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Marshall on their 43rd anniversary, left after being served coffee and cake, wishing the honored couple many more happy anniversaries.

The record mako shark is a 1,000-pounder taken off New Zealand in 1943 by B. D. H. Ross.

West Texas State College's 75-piece concert band, conducted by M. J. Newman, will appear in a concert Thursday, February 28, at 9:45 a. m. in the Stratford High School auditorium.

The program is one of the 18 concert programs the West Texas band will make within a week in Panhandle cities. Following two concerts on the college campus, the group will also appear in Palo Duro and Amarillo High Schools in Amarillo, and in Tulla, Clarendon, Memphis, Childress, Wellington, McLean, Canadian, Spearman, Perryton, Dumas, Borger, Hereford and Friona.

Soloists for the group are Gene Merritt of Amarillo, flute; Alice Gordon of Amarillo, oboe; Juanelva Rose of Tulla, clarinet; Jo Ann Herring of Borger, French horn; Joe Don Leach of Tulla, trumpet; Charlotte Lowe of Pampa, piccolo; and Fawcayne Murphy of Dimmitt, tenor vocalist.

Among the selections of the band's repertoire for the tour is an original composition for band by Dr. Houston Bright, associate professor of music at West Texas and director of the A Capella Choir. It is entitled "Marche du Concert."

Other selections from which the band will draw include southwest composer Don Gillis' "Uncle Walt's Waltz," Richard Rodgers' "The March of the Siamese Children," from the movie, "The King and I," Clifford Williams' "Fanfare and Allegro," and Shostakovich's "Scherzo" from his "Symphony No. 5."

Among the marches are "High School Cadets" by John Philip Sousa, "Washington Grays" by Grafulla, and "The Vedette" by Kenneth Alford.

.11 Inch Moisture In Rain Falling Tuesday

Sherman County received only .11 of an inch of moisture in the rain that fell during Tuesday, according to Horace D. Sneed, official observer. Combined with the .43 of an inch of moisture in the January snow, Sherman County can now boast .54 of an inch of moisture for 1957.

Although much of the state speaks of the best moisture prospects in many years, the northern strip of the Texas Panhandle still remains the driest it has been during the 56 years weather charts have been kept of this section.

The spread of the largest moose antlers on record is 77 5-8 inches.

BREAKING THROUGH THE FOG



Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Judd left today, (Thursday) for a vacation in south Texas.

Mrs. John Kidwell and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wisdom were visitors in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien left Tuesday to go to Inglewood, California for a visit with their daughter, Miss Betty Lou O'Brien.

Oma Ellison and young grandson, John Charles Stewart, went to Ojo Caliente, New Mexico, and returned Saturday, bringing back with them Mrs. Ellison and a friend, Mrs. C. L. Deniston, of Mineola, Kansas, who had been on Ojo Caliente about ten days.

Mrs. L. M. Price went to Houston Tuesday of last week for a visit in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Latimer Murfee.

Mrs. G. A. Webb and son, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Webb and daughters, of Fowler, Colorado, visited relatives in Stratford over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sutton went to Plains, Kansas Friday, where they were joined by Mrs. Sutton's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hale and continued on to Preston, Kansas, for a visit with another brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Portal. The Suttons returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Summers of Pampa were guests over last week end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Ellis and baby, Beth, of Tullia, Texas visited his mother, Mrs. W. D. Ellis Saturday night, and went to Texhoma Sunday to attend a family reunion in the home of her mother, Mrs. Shaw Dotson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutton had as guests Monday afternoon, Mrs. Sutton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Heath of Texhoma. Mr. and Mrs. Heath were enroute home from points in South Texas. While there, they spent a night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. McAdams and sons, who formerly lived in Stratford, but now live in Galena Park, Texas, near Houston.

Mrs. Bessie Mitchell went to Sarasota, Florida last week, where she is visiting relatives.

Mrs. Richard Albert and Sandra were business visitors in Dumas Saturday.

Mrs. Lenna Vickers of Amarillo spent last week end with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mullican and daughters.

Mrs. C. T. Watson returned Friday from El Paso, Texas, where she had visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Powell and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Jackson and little daughter, Patty, were week end guests in the home of Mrs. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Keeney in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cummings and Cynthia, of Borger, were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. Cumming's mother, Mrs. W. P. Cummings, and in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baskin Brown and sons.

C. T. Watson was a business visitor in Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Strother and Mrs. V. M. King spent the week end in Plainview and Lubbock visiting with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chesmer visited Mrs. Glenn Webb in Guymon Municipal Hospital Monday.

H. L. Vincent and Dick Faris are attending Lectureship Week being held at Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas.

Mrs. Emory D. Roper and Mrs. Marvin Burkham attended the basketball game in Stinnett Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Massie and children, and Mrs. Mertie Massey spent the week end visiting relatives in Amarillo.

Mrs. H. P. Ballengee, Phillips, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrison, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Garoutte, Mrs. J. W. Garoutte and Grady Mullican attended an AG meeting in Amarillo Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Parvin and Mr. Alfred McRee of Perryton were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Parvin Sunday. Mrs. Parvin is Mr. Parvin's mother and Mrs. McRee is his sister.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. James Warkenken of Dumas are the parents of a five pound fifteen ounce son, John Henry, born in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo on February 7. Mrs. Warkenken was the former Mary Louise Hardin of Conlen.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Webb are the parents of a six pound two and one-fourth ounce daughter, Pamela Jo, born February 16 in Guymon Municipal Hospital.

Among the Sick

Lance Harrington underwent an appendicitis operation in Dumas Memorial Hospital Sunday. Lance was on his way to Amarillo Saturday morning with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Harrington and Holly, to keep a dental appointment for Holly, when he became ill.

Eugene Wilson was brought home Monday evening from St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo where he was admitted Thursday night of last week as a medical patient. Wilson was suffering from a ruptured blood vessel in the nose which was aggravated by high blood pressure. He has been advised to take things easy for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie returned home Sunday night from Fort Worth, Texas where they had been called to the bedside of his father, W. T. Guthrie, whose condition remains serious. Leon Guthrie, who accompanied them to Ft. Worth, returned home Thursday.

W. P. Sandlin, was brought home from Dumas Memorial Hospital Friday, after being there several days for examination and treatment, following a coronary heart attack. Doctors report that his heart muscles were not damaged.

Mrs. J. W. Elliott has been in Neblett Hospital in Canyon for treatment the past week.

E. F. Spurlock, who underwent major surgery Tuesday of last week in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, was getting along fine at last report.

Mrs. W. E. Woodard is in a slightly improved condition in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. M. F. Reeder, who has been with her sister, returned home Sunday. Another sister, Mrs. Charles A. Martin of Rogers, Arkansas is in Fort Worth with Mrs. Woodard. Physicians have advised that continued hospitalization and treatment will probably be necessary for the recovery of Mrs. Woodard.

Mrs. T. D. Chisum who has been ill at her home, is somewhat improved.

Mrs. W. P. Sandlin and children, Patty and Bubba, have been ill in their home this week.

William Denver Martin, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin, Jr., was taken Monday to Dumas Memorial Hospital where he is being treated for asthma and pneumonia.

Mrs. Emory Blake was quite ill last week end, but is feeling much better now.

Carl Foster was among the children who have been out of school this week because of illness.

Frank Sutton was a dental patient in Dumas Monday.

Mrs. O. L. McMinn returned home Sunday night from Martha, Oklahoma where she has been nursing her mother, Mrs. T. Y. Cotney, who has been ill with pneumonia. Mrs. McMinn went to Martha Wednesday of last week.

J. H. Hall of Hedley, Texas, 87 year old father of Mrs. F. B. Mullins, underwent major surgery Saturday in Northwest Texas Hospital and at last report was doing nicely. Mrs. Mullins has been in Amarillo with her father.

Bobby Burkham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Burkham, returned to school Monday after having been out all last week, following a tonsilectomy February 8, in Dumas Memorial Hospital.

Stratford P-TA Invites Public To Feb. 28 Meeting

What kind of a person is youth? What will he be in tomorrow's world? What must he be to serve people and to keep his country free?

The Stratford P-TA cordially invites everyone who is interested in the welfare of the youth of the community to attend its next meeting, which is to be held in the Stratford School auditorium on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p. m.

A program of special interest to our community has been planned by Mrs. Herbert Folsom, who is a District Vice-President. A pageant about Founder's Day is to be presented by the following: Narrator, Mrs. Baskin Brown; mother, Mrs. L. J. Davis; father, Harold Oquin; church, Bruce Clark; teacher, H. T. Galloway; and community, George Jeffcoat. The above will be the characters who have speaking parts. Representing the founders of the National

Congress of Parents and Teachers Association will be Mrs. Cone Donelson as Mrs. Birney and Mrs. Earl Riffe as Mrs. Hearst. Mrs. Bessie Stone and Mrs. Mary Sears will represent National and State Congress. Mrs. Bill Allen and Mrs. Dwight Hester will represent Districts and Councils. All members of the Executive Board of the Stratford P-TA will appear on the program.

Music for the program will be under the direction of George Dick. The mixed chorus will be composed of Miss Nellie Johnson, Miss Wilma Sneed, Mrs. Bruce Clark, solist; Mesdames Virgil Plunk, J. R. Knight, James Cameron, Lorraine Mehner, F. L. Yates; Messrs. C. W. Moon, J. D. Plunk, Roscoe Dyess, F. L. Yates and Virgil Plunk. A baritone solo, "The Lord's Prayer," will be played by Darrell Stubeifield. Miss Darla Galloway will be the accompanist.

Following the program, there will be a social gathering in the cafeteria, where refreshments will be served by the fourth grade mothers.

Embroidery Club Has Luncheon

Members of the Embroidery Club met in the lovely home of Mrs. E. W. Butler February 14 for a covered dish luncheon with a goodly number of members and one special guest, Mrs. W. T. Martin, present.

The ladies report having had a wonderful time and plenty to eat.

CWF Ladies Have Luncheon

The Christian Women's Fellowship enjoyed a luncheon in Fellowship hall of the church at noon Wednesday.

The executive meeting was held at 12:45 with the regular meeting following at 1:30 p. m. in the chapel.

The opening song, "I Would Be True," was followed by a prayer by Mrs. Odis Bryant.

The minutes were read and approved, and a business meeting was held.

The theme of the program was "Our Stake in Southeast Asia." The program was presented in the form of a T-V program, Station CWF, with Mrs. T. L. Wakefield as the announcer.

"This is your Life, Mrs. Clark," was presented with Mrs. Arthur Folsom representing Mrs. Clark. Others taking part were Mrs. Leslie Parker, Mrs. Bob Stubeifield, Mrs. Clyde Hill and Mrs.

Elmer Hudson.

The devotion theme was "The Light We Walk In."

The group sang "Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past," which was followed by a moment of silent prayer, concluded by a prayer by Mrs. Ruby Palmer, who also read scripture from II Timothy 2, verses one through ten.

The offering was taken, and the group was dismissed with the Missionary benediction.

Mary Ethel Circle Meets With Mrs. Garoutte

The Mary Ethel Circle met Wednesday, February 13, with Mrs. Ed Garoutte.

Mrs. R. W. Standefer, Jr. called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Alfred Pronger gave the opening prayer, with Mrs. Darrell Cotney giving the devotional.

Mrs. Standefer and Mrs. Ernest Cummings gave talks on "The Power To Heal."

Mrs. M. Dortch reviewed the "Goals of the W.S.C.S." and led a discussion on them. Mrs. Ernest Cummings talked on "Evangelism."

The next meeting will be the monthly meeting, Wednesday,

February 27, in the church, with Mrs. Standefer as leader.

Mrs. Garoutte, hostess, served refreshments of burnt sugar cake and coffee to Mrs. Ernest Cummings, Mrs. H. M. Williams, Mrs. Alfred Pronger, Mrs. M. Dortch, Mrs. R. W. Standefer, Mrs. H. L. McDonald, and a visitor, Mrs. Darrell Cotney.



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Homemaking News

(By Carolyn Folsom)

Monday, February 11, 1957.

Glenda Green, and Alma Casey
Dorene Davis, Ann Bradley,
served coffee and doughnuts at
the Consumers meeting.

Cafeteria Menu

(By Betty Bradley)

Monday — Spiced ham grill-
ed, mashed potatoes, green
beans, combination salad, rolls,
butter, grapefruit sections, milk.
Tuesday — Meat loaf, potato
casserole, English peas, jello
salad, strawberry cocktail,
rolls, butter, peanut butter
cookies, milk.
Wednesday — Pinto beans,
pork, spinach, onions, breaded
tomatoes, corn bread, butter,
banana pudding, milk.
Thursday — Hamburgers,
onions, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles,
cheese, hot potato salad, choco-
late cake, milk.
Friday — Meat balls, lima
beans, tomato casserole, carrot
sticks, corn bread, butter, spiced
cookies, milk.

Slow Motion Picture Of High Speed Death

(By Betty Bradley)

For many years readers have
studied highway accidents. The
primary reason for the research
has been to reduce fatalities by
making a car safer, more crash
proof. Out of it have come
recommendations for safety
belts, a different type of steer-

ing wheel, safety door catches,
dashboard padding. But out of
the research has also come some
thing else: The terrifying picture
of what happens to steel and
glass, to glass and blood, in
those last split seconds when a
human being is hurled into
eternity.

This is the slow-motion split
second reconstruction of what
happens when a car, traveling
55 miles an hour, crashes into a
solid, immovable tree; 1-10 of
a second, the front bumper and
chrome frosting of the grillwork
collapse. Slivers of steel pene-
trate the tree to depths of 1½
inches or more. 2-10 second
and the hood crumples as it
rises, smashing into the wind-
shield. Spinning rear wheels
leave the ground. The grillwork
disintegrates. The fenders
come into contact with the tree,
forcing the rear parts to spray
the front door. The heavy
structural members of the car
begin to act as a brake on the
terrific forward momentum of
the 2½ ton body. But the driver's
body continues to move
forward at the vehicle's original
speed. This means a force of
20 times gravity, his body weight
is 3,200 pounds. His legs, ram-
rod straight, snap at the knee
joints. 3-10 of a second, the
driver's body is now off the seat,
torso, upright, broken knees
pressing against the dashboard.
The plastic and steel frame of
the steering wheel begins to bend
under his terrible death grip.
His head is now near the sun
visor, his chest above the steering
column. 4-10 of a second,
the car's front 24 inches have
been completely demolished, but
the rear end is still traveling at
an estimated speed of 35 miles
an hour. The driver's body is
still traveling at 55. The half
ton motorblock crunches into
the tree. The rear of the car,
like a bucking horse, rises high
enough to scrape bark off low
branches. 5-10 of a second, the
drivers fear-frozen hands bend
the steering column into an al-
most vertical position. The
force of gravity impales him on
the steering wheel shaft. Jagged
steel punctures lung and in-
tercostal arteries. Blood spurts
into his lungs. 6-10 of a second,
so great is the force of the im-
pact that the driver's feet are
ripped from his tightly laced
shoes. The brake pedal shears
off at the floorboard. The chas-
sis bends in the middle, shear-
ing body bolts. The driver's
head smashes into the wind-
shield. The rear of the car be-
gins its downward fall, spinning
wheels digging into the ground.
7-10 of a second, the entire,
writhing body of the car is forced
out of shape. Hinges tear,
doors spring open. In one last
convulsion the seat rams for-
ward, pinning the driver against
the cruel steel of the steering
shaft. Blood leaps from his
mouth. Shock has frozen his
heart. He is now dead. Time
elapsed 7-10 of one second.

playground. A large red heart
was the background for the
playground. Steps led down
from the playground to a Val-
entine party where all the
school children were going. On
both sides of the miniature steps
were red and white rose buds.
The beautiful decorations were
made by Mrs. Bachman and Mrs.
C. L. Gaylord. Dorothy presid-
ed at the refreshment table.

Following this the guest
speaker, Mrs. Tommy Wakefield,
spoke on the origin of St. Valen-
tine's Day. Mrs. Biddy's sub-
ject was "Sell Yourself to the
Business World." Following
this all ladies present, including
Mrs. Galloway and Mrs. Musick
contributed their part to the
program in a round table discus-
sion about the opportunities that
present day students have in
comparison to conditions under
which they were students.
The president, Geraldine Cle-
ments, adjourned the meeting
with thanks to all who partici-
pated.

Senior Class News

(By Carolyn Folsom)

The senior class is very anx-
ious about their coming play
March 22. The play which has
been selected is "Foot-loose." We
feel this will be very entertain-
ing to watch. Work will be
started on it two weeks before it
will be put on. This has been
the tradition of our directors,
Mr. Lamb and Mr. Bateman. We
hope everyone will be thinking
about it and when ticket selling
time comes around, that you
will all want a ticket to the play.

Band News

(By Carolyn Folsom)

Many of the band students
are working on solos, quartets,
and ensembles for contests. Ev-
eryone is working hard, includ-
ing Mr. Dick, of course, to get
our contest numbers up to par,
so that we will receive a good
rating. Several people are also
planning on singing solos.

Mystery Girl

(By Alma Casey)

Last week our mystery girl was
Mary Janice Boren. This week
our mystery girl is a senior. Her
likes are: favorite drink, coke;
favorite food, chicken fried
steak; favorite teacher, all; fa-
vorite sport, football; favorite
actor, Guy Madison; favorite
actress, Jane Wyman; favorite
hobby, boys. Ambition, to get
out of school. She has brown
eyes and brown hair. She
weighs 120 pounds and is 5 feet
5 inches tall. Guess who?

Mystery Boy

(By Alma Casey)

Last week our mystery boy
was Melvin Mitts. This week
our mystery boy's favorites are:
favorite food, strawberry short
cake; favorite drink, Dr. Pepper;
favorite sport, football; fa-
vorite teacher, Mr. Bateman;
favorite actor, Frank Sinatra;
favorite actress, Kim Novak.
His eyes are blue and his hair
brown. His hobby is loafing.
He weighs 170 pounds and is 5
and 11½ inches tall. He also is
a senior. Who is he?

Eighth Grade News

(By Darla Galloway)

Monday, February 11, the Jun-
ior High basketball teams had a
game here with Gruver. The
girls played a real exciting game
and won 28-27. Madeline Rees-
ing was high point scorer with
21 points. Natacha Morris made
5 points, and Patsy Heckman
made 2 points. The boys lost
their game by a large margin.
They didn't have a good start
and were beaten 32-6.

Boys Sports

(By Darla Galloway)

February 12, we were host to
the Channing Eagles. The first
half of the game was pretty
exciting. The score at the end
of the first quarter was 12-4. At
the end of the second quarter
it was 22-17. The final score
was 61-45 in our favor. The
high point man was Mike Neal
with 24 points.

February 15 we journeyed to
Texline. This game was a very
good one. It was close all the
way through. The scores by

quarters were: first 14-16, sec-
ond 23-28; third 33-32; and the
final score was 48-47 in our fa-
vor. The high point man was
Mike Neal with 17 points. Wayne
Cummings followed with 14
points.

Girls Sports

(By Darla Galloway)

February 12 we were hostess
to the Channing team. The
game wasn't too close. However
it was a good game. The scores
by quarters were: 15-11; second
35-20; third 51-30; and the final
score was 72-41. The high
score was 72-41. The high
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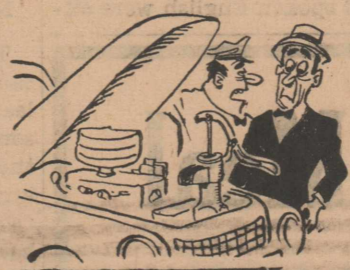
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People Take Over in Duval County; County Government Has New Look

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, Tex.—Things are
different in Duval County.
No matter how brightly the lust
for liberty burns, it takes a little
know-how to jump in and operate
a government according to the
Constitution. Before the "clean-
up," Duval County leaders had
had their government run for
them since before World War
One, and unashamedly admitted
they were rusty as the nails in
the Ark. They obtained and cir-
culated elementary textbooks on
county government and read them
like dime novels.

As a result, Duval County be-
came a textbook on democracy.
It would have made any county
in the United States ashamed of
itself to see Duval citizens relig-
iously attending every meeting of
the school boards and the com-
missioners court in such numbers
that crowds had to stand out on
the courthouse lawn.
This is the courthouse, here in
San Diego, Texas, where Parr's
non-supporters say they were never
allowed to enter unless they were
summoned. They never saw the
inside of the district court-
room, they say, "unless we were
being tried for something we did
not do." The meetings of the
commissioners court and school
boards were always held in secret,
if at all.

After "Operation Cleanup" an
invisible line developed down the
middle of the courtroom, dividing
the Parr people from the non-
Parrists. Many of the Parr people
had relatives under indictment.
Every day was a big day in court,
with overflow crowds. One day
the Duke himself appeared to
answer an indictment. Another
day a handful of school trustees
arrived, with a motion to quash
an indictment. The next day half
a dozen lawyers tangled with Dis-
trict Attorney Sam Burris and the
"State men." Now and then a
Ranger stood up or shuffled his
feet to remind the participants
that "It's peaceful here, and we
aim to keep it peaceful."

The courthouse is the Sanctum
Sanctorum from which all but
Parr's "Old Party" members were
excluded. There are other places
besides the courthouse that used
to be rigidly off limits to Parr's
opposition, but not any more. The
San Diego Community Center, a
public building, now is accessible
to any group of citizens, no mat-
ter how they vote. And that's
new in Duval County.
No sir, you wouldn't know the
old Duchy with its new look.
People stand around in the drug
stores and talk about whatever
they please without whispering,
without looking over their shoulders
to see who is near. This is
maybe the biggest, the most strik-
ing change.

Business has picked up in the
Duke's domain. Manuel Marro-
quin, whose tortilla bakery was
put out of business by Parr,
started over again before he be-
gan publishing his newspaper, the
New Duval. He had to set up his
cafe across the line in Jim Wells
County, just outside San Diego.
But all the old customers who had
quit trading with him on the
Duke's orders came back. They
bought his tortillas and his milk,
and now they read his newspaper.

A lot of Duval residents are
coming back home to work from
the surrounding counties where
they say Parr drove them by fo-
bidding their employment in Du-
val. Some have been traveling 20

to 60 miles to their jobs in Oilton
and Falfurrias and Alice because
nobody would hire them in George
Parr's county. There are many in
this category—exiles from sunup
to sundown, six days a week. Now
they're coming home.

Life, business, government,
even love—they've all been hay-
wire in this haywire county, and
are getting back to normal. Boys
and girls who couldn't date each
other and fall in love because one
family had Parr's blessing and an-
other his curse, now can give
Cupid a free rein. The invisible
barriers of hatred are falling
down. Romeo and Juliet have
come into their own.

In the schoolrooms the distinc-
tion—the discrimination—be-
tween the kids of "Parr people"
and others has pretty well van-
ished. You don't have to be the
child of an "Old Party" family
to go to the fair now and sell
your 4-H Club calves and lambs.
If you're poor, you don't have to
be a Parr follower in order for
your kids to get free milk at the
school cafeteria. Giving milk to
one child and withholding it from
another for reasons of politics is
just one of the many quaint prac-
tices condemned by Duval County
grand juries that have been look-
ing into things since the State of
Texas moved in on the stronghold
of the Duke.

The changes in Duval County
don't mean that Parr isn't still
fighting. Those who know him
best say he'll be fighting when
the iron doors clang behind him.
The men who hang around the
courthouse, the ones who couldn't
hang around there before, will tell
you that George Parr's ghost will
walk those dim halls fifty years
after he has fought his last fight.

You don't get rid of 40 years
of Parrism quickly. A whole gen-
eration of men and women in one
Texas county have been born and
brought up in a climate of fear,
hatred and distrust. There are
those who have always eaten at
the public trough, always had the
protection of a Big Boss, and al-
ways helped him elect his candi-
dates, spy on his enemies, destroy
his opposition. In Duval County
there are still many of these, and
they have children. Their Golden
Age has passed away, and they
will mourn for it because they,
like the Duke of Duval, have been
born in the wrong century. They
are a part of feudalism, part of a
day when little kings dominated
a few hundred square miles of
earth, overtaxed their impover-
ished serfs, and amused them-
selves with senseless wars.

But the rest of the people in
Duval County have just come into
their Golden Age. They have a
new dignity. They have a new
hope. They have a County Audi-
tor, an impartial grand jury, su-
pervised elections, and police pro-
tection. As one Duval rancher
put it, the clouds have parted
and the sun has broken through.
To be sure, the sharp crack of
legal conflict is still heard. There
is still tumult and shouting in
Judge Woodrow Laughlin's dis-
trict courtroom. But the roar of
the big legal artillery that has
rattled the whole State of Texas
for three years, while George
Parr and his friends fought ditch
by ditch to hold their fortress
intact, has died out. The final
score has yet to be tallied, but
the trend is clear. The watchers
in the grandstand are picking up
their pennants and going home,
and the boys in the press box

already have written their copy
for the morning edition.

What does the Duval story
mean to the State of Texas?

My colleague, Franz Rosenwald,
has seen more than one dicta-
torship rise, flourish, fizzle and die.
He says there are two things to
remember about dictatorships.
First, they don't just fizzle by
themselves. They have to be
helped along by people who are
fed up with them. Second, there's
not much hope for people who get
rid of one dictator and fail to
lock the door against the next one.
And there is always a next one.
Under the Texas Constitution
there's not likely to be a dictatorial
governor, nor even a Legisla-
ture that gets too far out of line.
The old state charter was written
in 1875, when carpet-baggers
were crawling all over the cap-
ital, and the men who wrote it
made provisions against abuses of
power on the state level. They
made Texas counties relatively
autonomous, letting them retain
much authority which ordinarily
belongs to a state. This is espe-
cially true of the criminal law.

This local autonomy is a good
thing, provided you have safe-
guards against its misuse. But
once a county boss learns enough
law to take advantage of the
loopholes, you've got a dictator
on your hands. This is the way
former Attorney General John
Ben Shepperd explains it:

"By controlling elections
through threats, bribery or the
miscounting of the ballots, you
control the sheriff, the county and
district judges, and the county
and district attorneys. Your pup-
pet district judge appoints the
grand jury commissions, and they
appoint the grand and petit juries.
Since you control the officers, you
can lock up or destroy the re-
cords, thus removing the evidence.
You cannot be arrested, indicted,
tried, convicted or sentenced. You
are the law in your county."

If you steal or misapply the
county funds, nobody will know
it because you can just refuse to
let them see the records. There
are few penalties for such se-
cretiveness. Besides, whether you
are accused of hiding records or
stealing money, or both, you have
to be indicted in the county of
the offense. And, remember, the
grand jury is in your own pocket
along with the judge and the
prosecuting attorney.

In most cases you can't even
be sued for the money you have
scooped out of the till, because
recovery suits can only be started
with the permission of the gov-
erning body of the agency you
have stolen from. When Shep-
perd's office and District Attorney
Sam Burris filed a suit to recover
money misapplied by the Duval
County Commissioners Court, the
Commissioners effectively stalled
it by refusing to go along with it.

It took a couple of dozen court
hassles in three different coun-
ties and several changes in coun-
ty commissioners to straighten
the mess out.
Back to those secret records.
There is no adequate law under
which you can be removed from
office for refusing to show them.
And you can always do as the
county auditor of Duval County
did. He stood on the Fifth Amend-
ment and refused to say where
his records were kept on the
grounds that it might tend to in-
criminate him. There's no law
against that, either.

Texas needs many new laws to
protect its citizens against an-
other "Duval County." Fifteen
corrective measures have been in-
troduced in the Legislature, by
the Texas Press Association. Each
of these "Better Government
Bills" merits public support.

THE ELK

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point scorer was Mary Janice Boren with 28 points. Linda Riffe followed with 20 points and Carolyn Folsom had 16 points.

Friday night, February 15, we went to Texline. This was a

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good game all the way through but somehow we just didn't quite out score them. The scores by quarters were: first 8-13; second 26-26; third 39-40; and the final score was 49-56. The high point scorer was Mary Janice Boren with 20 points. Carolyn Folsom followed with 17 points and Linda Riffe followed with 12 points. The player of the week is Carolyn Folsom.

Basic Needs

(Taken from the Amarillo Daily News)

Young men and young women who are hurrying through high school and college with the big aim of acquiring technical skills which will qualify them for high salaries might well pause a little to think about the desirability, and profit, of learning to read, write and speak the English language. General Electric Company not long ago asked more than 13,000 of its college graduate employees a series of questions about what courses in their stay at college had contributed most to their work and play after graduation.

The group is made up about equally of engineering and non-engineering graduates, and there was agreement of the two groups upon the necessity for learning English. Both written and spoken English were cit-

ed as extreme value in business, and while the engineering graduated placed Mathematics first, they listed English as second in importance. When asked to list the three most important courses for youths entering college, the average pattern of response was: English communication and expression, economics and mathematics, and engineering or business. All along the line, the writing and speaking of English was emphasized, and when the graduates were asked what courses had enabled them to relax and develop non-business thinking, most of the technical and non-technical graduates alike named English literature.

There was more or less agreement among the graduates that economics is far more valuable than history or government. If they were talking about their ability to advance in their jobs, probably they are right, but history and government are keystones in the liberal education, for good citizenship and for leadership in a democracy.

But the fact remains that all of us need to learn to read, write and speak the English language.

Wise Obedience

(Taken from the Amarillo Daily News by Bob Wear, Canyon)

There is nothing more important to our well-being than learning to obey. It seems that some folks like to pretend that they don't obey anything or anybody, and they boast of their rebellion. In their state of rebellion they are usually submitting to laws and forces which invariably destroy their hope of a satisfactory life. Everything we do is done in obedience to some law or force at work within or without our being. We may be foolishly disobeying the very laws that would bring to us the greatest good, but in our disobedience, we are obeying harmful laws. There is no absolute freedom, but we can decide our degree of freedom by the laws, rules, and regulations to which we submit. This lesson, to be learned well, must be taught early in one's life. Mr. Fuller has said, "Let the child's first lesson be obedience, and the second may be what thou wilt."

We have no choice between obedience and complete absence of obedience; however, we do have a comparatively wide range of laws from which to choose those we obey. Wise obedience is that which consists of a knowledge of rightful authority, intelligent understanding of basic laws and principles, and a comprehensive of ultimate results.

There is no such thing as freedom from obedience, but our greatest freedom is in wise obedience.

Sharon Gillis Honored With Coke Party

Sharon Gillis was honored with a coke party given Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Mary Sears by Katy Sears and Louise Stone. Guests included members of the sixth grade basketball team. They were taken to Cactus where they received the sportsmanship award they

won in the tournament. Refreshments were served at the Sears home after their return to Stratford.

Those enjoying the evening were Sharon Gillis, Mary Kay Keener, Yvonne Gamble, Connie Garrison, Sue Plunk, Charlotte Eller, Janet Foreman, Lynda Plunk, Charlene Wisdom, Angela Teague, Katy Sears and Louise Stone. They were accompanied to Cactus by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Teague, Mrs. Charles Wisdom, Mrs. R. G. Gillis, Mrs. G. R. Garrison and Mrs. Mary Sears.

Official Memorandum

BY PRICE DANIEL
Governor of Texas

Our system of public education requires the active interest of all our people, and it is the privilege and likewise the duty of every citizen in the State to cooperate with our respective School Boards, Superintendents, Principals and Teachers in an effort to make Texas public schools the finest in the nation.

Every Texan has the opportunity and the right to attend our public schools and to acquire the necessary learning for making an honorable living, as well as an appreciation and understanding of the correspondent duties, obligations and rights of American Citizenship.

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of March 4-8 1957, as PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK in Texas, and urge each and every citizen to visit a public school during this period so that all may become personally acquainted with the accomplishments and the improvements of our educational system.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Texas to be affixed this 15th day of January, 1957.

PRICE DANIEL
Governor of Texas.

Conducts Glove Making School

Friday, February 15, at 2:00 p. m. in the Home Demonstration Club room in the courthouse, Miss Leona Miller, County Home Demonstration Agent, conducted the first meeting for organizing the glove making class. The twenty-five women taking the course were divided into six groups. Leaders chosen were: Mrs. John Lavake, Mrs. T. F. Baskin, Mrs. W. O. Bryant, Mrs. Meritt Sweny, Mrs. Earl Kirkwood, Mrs. Tommy Wakefield and Mrs. Shuler Donelson.

The next meeting for glove making will be Tuesday, March 5, at 9:30 a. m. in the Home Demonstration Club room. The leaders are responsible for getting the women in her group together and giving them instructions.

Women participating in this school are: Southside Club, Mrs. John Lavake and Mrs. T. F. Baskin, leaders, and Mrs. Bob Everett and Mrs. George Bradley, members; Happy Hour Club, Mrs. W. O. Bryant, leader and Mrs. Charles Gates, Mrs. Bill Lowe, and Mrs. Kenneth Pickens, members; Mrs. Shuler Donelson, leader, Mrs. Archie Arnold, Mrs. Arthur Judd, Mrs. Pruett Adkins and Mrs. Everett Riggs, members; Southside Club, Mrs. Meritt Sweny, leader, Mrs. Vernon Carter, Mrs. Arthur Cartrite, and Mrs. Wayne Cartrite, members; Star Club, Mrs. Earl Kirkwood and Mrs. Tommy Wakefield, leaders, Mrs. Vern Reynolds, Mrs. Roscoe Dyess, Mrs. Kenneth Borth, members; Mrs. Tom Wakefield, leader, Mrs. Harold Oquin, Mrs. Hardy Gaylord and Mrs. Leroy Judd, members.

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The public is invited to all services.

Developments In Texas Oil

(By Walter Rogers)

Our office was honored last week by a distinguished visitor who hails from the Panhandle and who operates in Austin. General Ernest O. Thompson, member of the State Railroad Commission, came at the special invitation of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, of which I am a Member, to discuss the much publicized, but questionable, European oil crisis. The General disappointed no one in displaying his wide and varied knowledge of the oil business and his capabilities as an excellent witness. His world wide reputation as an authority on oil matters, together with the outstanding cooperation that the Texas Railroad Commission has always given the United States Government in matters concerning defense, caused some of us to wonder why the officials of this Administration had failed to consult him or confer with him, if such a crisis indeed existed.

The Honorable Felix Wormser, Assistant Secretary of Interior, testified on Thursday of last week that the creation of the Middle East Emergency Committee, made up of representatives of 15 major oil companies engaged in international operations, was the decision of the Administration through and by the advice of the Office of Defense Mobilization, which is headed by Dr. Arthur Flemming. He also testified that the ODM is an arm of the White House. These statements were made in answer to questions propounded by me. He then admitted that the statement by this Administration to the effect that a crisis did exist was made without consultation or conference with the Texas Railroad Commission on the existing facts.

General Thompson did an excellent job of acquainting many Members of the Committee from non-oil producing areas with facts that will be most helpful to them in their future service on the Committee. He confirmed testimony of Assistant Secretary Wormser that he had not been consulted about the matter, but that he had received a call that very morning from Dr. Arthur Flemming requesting him to come to the White House for conference.

It was indeed heartening to me to know that the Adminis-

tration officials had finally decided to discuss the oil problem with an expert on the subject. I feel that if they had done this before crying "wolf," great benefit would have been advanced.

General Thompson's testimony ended on a splendid note. He was asked by Chairman Oren Harris what action would be taken if the security of this nation demanded action by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the President of the United States requested that such action be taken. The General's very terse but all inclusive answer was that the President of the United States could have whatever he desired for the security and protection of this na-

tion. This final statement by the General exemplified the attitude that has always been displayed by Texas on the subject of patriotism.

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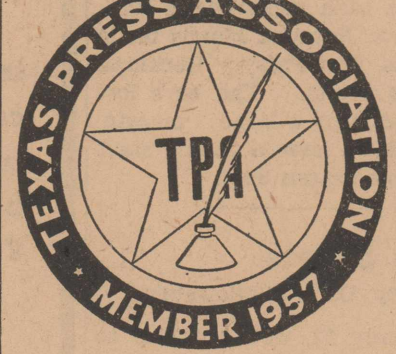
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Mrs. Strother At Homemaking Conference

Mrs. Roy A. Strother attended the Area I In-Service Education Conference for Homemaking Teachers at the New Monterey High School in Lubbock Saturday. 127 teachers registered. Miss Esther Sorenson area supervisor, had charge of the meeting. Miss Gertrude Watson, coordinator of home and family life education in the Lubbock public schools, Floyd Honey, principal of the Monterey High School, E. H. Boulter, a member of the state board of education, Dilley M. Kelley, superintendent of the Friona schools, and Miss Esther Sorenson, area supervisor at Plainview, brought a very interesting program on "Your Public Relations and You," at the morning session. The teachers toured the Monterey Homemaking department and were served doughnuts and coffee by the

Homemaking girls. A skit on Texas Homemaking week was presented by Miss Marie Lewis, Lubbock High School, Mrs. Marie Purvis, Ralls High School and Mrs. Francis Lyle, area advisory chairman. Ralls future homemaking teachers and seniors from Texas Tech were special guests at the afternoon session.

Phillip Bain, K. Davis In Car Wreck

Phillip Bain has a few minor bruises and Kenneth Davis has undergone a second operation on his right leg as the result of a car accident Tuesday night of last week. The accident occurred on U. S. Highway 54 at Chamberlain. Bain, owner of the car, was dialing the radio and talking to Davis. "He had his eyes open," and "I thought he was awake," Bain said. Just

then he looked ahead and saw a post on the curve loom dead ahead. Davis saw the post at the same time and jerked the steering wheel. The car veered to the left as it struck the post, turning over several times. Bain said he closed his eyes and braced himself. The car turned over several times, but he did not know whether it turned over sideways or end over end. The car is a total wreck.

Baptist WMU Ladies Have Dinner

The Baptist W.M.U. had a Progressive Dinner Wednesday, February 20, from 10:00 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. The group met first at Mrs. H. T. Galloway's, for coffee and Mrs. James Craig taught the first of the book, "Home Missions: U.S.A." by Courts Redford. Next they had salad at Mrs. Joe Brown's and Mrs. Lee Grimes taught part of the book, then the group proceeded to Mrs. Cone Donelson's for lunch and Mrs. Charles Durr taught another part of the book. The last stop was at the home of Mrs. James Webb, where pie and coffee were served and Mrs. Durr and Mrs. Craig finished the book.

Twenty-seven women attended. Besides the four hostesses and three teachers, the following guests attended: Mrs. Coy Stevens, Mrs. Otis Fenton, Mrs. Clyde Harbour, Mrs. Newt James, Mrs. R. A. Brewster, Mrs. Pruet Adkins, Mrs. H. B. Norris, Mrs. W. P. Brooks, Mrs. Elma McDaniel, Mrs. W. D. Ellis, Mrs. Molly Ellison, Mrs. W. L. Hankey, Mrs. W. W. Steel, Mrs. John Steel, Mrs. John Lavake, Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. Leon Guthrie, Mrs. Walter Green, Mrs. M. E. Upchurch and Mrs. Bill Allen.

Junior Cooks Start Work On Skirts

The Junior Cooks 4-H Club meeting was called to order by President Kathy Sneed, in the cafeteria at the Stratford School at 2:45 Tuesday afternoon.

The song leader, Connie Garrison, led the opening exercises. The secretary, Judy Standerfer, called the roll and read the minutes. 34 girls answered the roll call. Work was started on the girls' skirts. Some are making elastic band skirts and others, a band skirt.

Mrs. Horace Sneed, 4-H leader, Miss Leona Miller, home demonstration agent, and three ladies from the Star Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. J. D. Hester, Mrs. Harold Bennett, and Mrs. Leroy Judd, were present to help the girls with the skirts. 18 girls started on their skirts. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

The next meeting will be March 5th at 4:00 p. m. in the Home Demonstration room in the courthouse. Mothers are invited to attend the meetings.

P-TA Executive Board Meeting

The Stratford P-TA Executive Board met in the school administration offices on Thursday, February 14 at 9.30.

The group voted to renew the franchise on the birthday calendars for 1958, as a project of the finance committee.

The special committee working on the library project, which is the P-TA's project for this year, reported that the entire list of 107 grade school books, which was recommended by the teachers, will be ordered soon. The cost of these books will be \$199.00. The organization will be given a 25% discount on the cost of the books.

A nominating committee was elected to work on nominations of P-TA officers for next year. R. W. Standerfer was the member elected from the Executive Board. Other members are Mrs. Robert Elms and Mrs. Earl Riffe. Mrs. W. H. Gaylord is an alternate.

The next Executive Board meeting will be at 9:30 a. m. on March 21.

The next P-TA meeting will be on February 28 at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. The program will be centered around Founders' Day of the National

Congress of Parents and Teachers Association.

Methodist Church Host To District Wesleyan Guild

The First Methodist Church was host to the Amarillo District Wesleyan Service Guild Sunday, February 10, at 2:30 in the afternoon, for the annual district meeting.

Arrangements for the impressive program and business session were under the direction of Mrs. Bob Baker, District Secretary, of Dalhart. The program was presented by members from Central Methodist Church in Dalhart.

The opening prayer and devotional were given by Mrs. H. L. Gallegly.

Mrs. Bob Baker led the Guild Pledge and the Guild Hymn was led by Mrs. B. H. Murphy.

Marilyn Murphy sang a solo, accompanied by Charlea Gumper.

The Guild benediction was given by Mrs. Gallegly.

Announcements and business were presented by Mrs. Bob Baker and Miss Dorothy Perry, who is Conference Secretary, from Polk Street Church in Amarillo. Mrs. E. J. Larson of Canyon, Texas was elected as the new District Secretary of the Amarillo District. She will succeed Mrs. Bob Baker, Dalhart. She will take over the duties of secretary June 1.

Following the meeting, open house was held at the parsonage, where the local Guild members served refreshments of coffee, strawberry cake and punch to the group.

Decorative appointments throughout the house featured a Valentine motif, and the serving table was laid with red net over a red satin cloth.

The centerpiece for the table was an outline of a heart, made of white styrafoam, and outlined with a red net ruffle. In the center of the heart outline, stood cupid, also made of white styrafoam. On one end of the table was the unusual and interesting ice punch bowl. The red ice punch bowl, made by Mrs. Charles R. Gates, and filled with strawberry punch was surrounded by crushed ice and red carnations.

The entertaining rooms were decorated by Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Dick Woolsey.

Churches represented at the meeting in addition to the local church were Central and Pine Street Methodist Churches of Dalhart, San Jacinto, Polk Street and Buchanan of Amarillo, Canyon Methodist Church and Dumas Methodist Church.

The Guild expresses its appreciation to the ladies of the W.S.-C.S. who assisted with the preparations and serving.

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Circle of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. H. B. Norris Wednesday, February 13.

The meeting in charge of Mrs. Norris, was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Howard Haffey, after which the minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Elma McDaniel read Psalms 1 in giving the devotional.

The lesson subject was "The Purpose in Gethsemane," by Mrs. Howard C. Bennett.

Those taking part in the lesson discussion were Mesdames E. B. McQueen, Elma McDaniel, W. P. Brooks, Howard Haffey, Mollie Ellison, E. W. Butler, W. L. Hankey, Lee Grimes, W. D. Ellis, H. B. Norris, and Joe Brown.

The closing prayer was given by Mrs. W. P. Brooks.

During the business meeting and social hour which followed, refreshments of cake, ice cream and coffee were served by the hostess, Mrs. Norris.

Table Mats From Remnants

Keep your eye on the remnant table of your local store, suggests Charlotte Tompkins, home furnishings specialist. You may find just the piece you need for new table mats or new breakfast cloths. For cotton table linens, look for small overall designs, butcher linen in gay colors, or for monks cloth.

Easiest finishing trick for mats is fringing. Simply cut the cloth to the size you want, mark the depth to be frayed for the fringe. Draw out a yarn at this depth. Then machine stitch along the open line. Pull out crosswise yarns from cut edge to stitching. The line of machine stitching will keep the mat from "fringing" to pieces in the laundry, and will also give a more finished appearance to your table.

Keep a supply on hand for bridal showers and gifts throughout the year.

Pretreat Soiled Areas Before Laundering

Every family wash has some articles that have ground-in soil that should be given a little

extra cleaning before going into the washer, according to extension management specialists.

Shirt collar bands and cuffs and necklines of blouses usually need special treatment. Often the front of aprons or parts of children's garments won't wash clean even with the best laundry methods in any machine, unless pretreated.

Here are some suggestions given by the specialists for pretreating soiled fabrics before laundering.

For sturdy cottons, use a soft

brush and the same type of detergent to be used in the washer. Either dip the wet brush into the dry powder or make a strong solution of the soap or detergent and scrub the soiled streaks on a flat surface.

Man-made fibers call for more gentle treatment. Use a sponge instead of a brush. Dip wet sponge in the dry powder or solution, as suggested above. Gently sponge soiled streaks before placing garment in the washer.

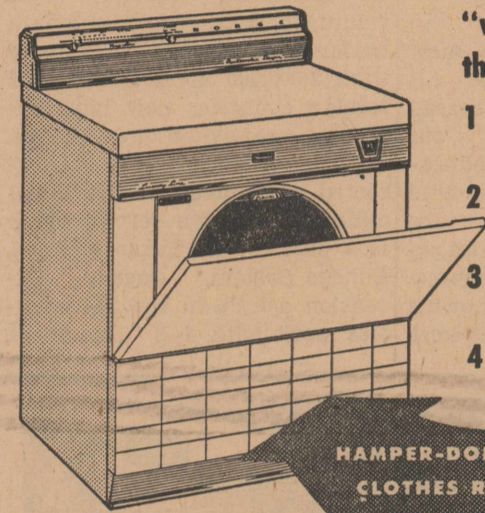
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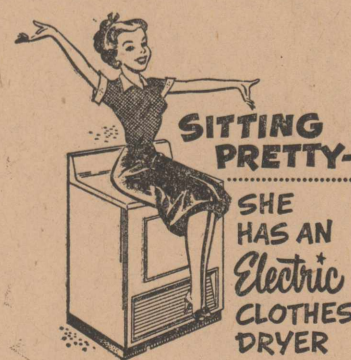
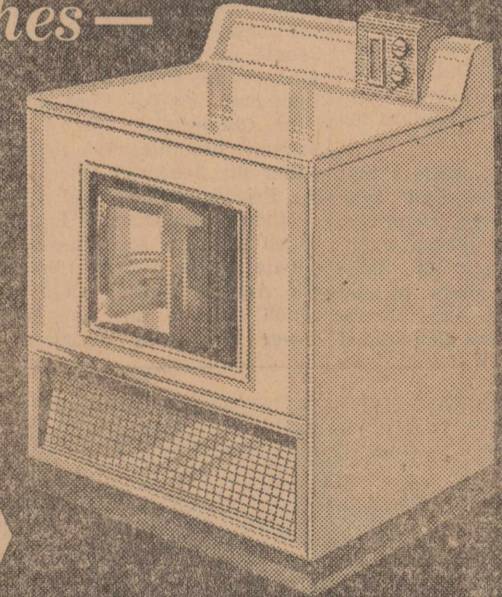


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Proclaims March 4 To 8 As Public School Week

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We in Texas are proud of the school system that has been developed in our State. We like to believe that the opportunities afforded our children for sound basic education are not excelled anywhere. If we are justified in this conclusion it is only because the people of our State have shown a personal interest in education and because public spirited men and women have been willing to devote their lives to the teaching of youth.

Our school system can meet the objectives expected of it only when there is a widespread public understanding of our schools and the type of education they provide. This kind of understanding can best be developed by the intimate knowledge that comes from inspecting the school buses, knowing the teachers and seeing the work

of the pupils. With these thoughts in mind, I, Eugene Hudson, Mayor of the City of Stratford, do hereby designate the week of March 4 to 8, 1957, as Public Schools Week, and I urge every citizen to visit the school during this period and to become personally acquainted with the programs and accomplishments of the educational system.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stratford to be affixed this 18th day of February 1957.
EUGENE HUDSON
Mayor, City of Stratford

Proclaims County 4-H Club Week

Activity, achievement and adventure await the Sherman County 4-H Club members who participate in the 4-H Club program in Sherman County, Texas.

4-H Club work is the youth phase of the Federal Agricultural Extension Service. This voluntary youth program has a nation-wide enrollment of more than 2,000,000 members, and 49 foreign countries now have organizations similar to 4-H Clubs.

4-H Club work in Texas is directed by members of the Agricultural Extension Service which is a part of the Texas A. & M. College System. County Extension agents in the 254 counties work with 4-H members,

their parents, adult leaders and Friends of 4-H to develop the future leaders of our state mentally, spiritually, socially, and physically.

Continuous opportunities and challenges are offered to 4-H Club members in agriculture and home economics, as well as in preparation for better citizenship. 4-H work aids young people in useful, happy living through "helping them to help themselves."

NOW, Therefore, I, as County Judge of Sherman County do hereby designate the week of March 2-9, 1957, as Sherman County 4-H Club Week.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 18 day of February, 1957.
CLYDE M. HUDSON
County Judge
Sherman County, Texas

White Maize Has \$1.90 Contract Price

"Texioca 54," better known as "White Maize" has a value greater than that of other varieties of grain sorghum coming under the \$1.55 support price, according to the Hereford Brand. This variety jumped into the limelight a few days back when word spread that Corn Products would contract 5,000 acres in the Hereford area and guaranteed \$1.90 per hundred. What's more, if the 1957 tests pan out with any degree of success, the firm has announced that they will provide a hybrid seed and contract on 16,000 acres in the plains area in 1958.

The chief commercial difference between "Texioca 54" and present maize varieties is the fact that it can be ground into a fine white starch, whereas present varieties produce pink starch. The white starch has a heavy export demand, especially to France, Germany, and England. It is also an excellent base for commercial glue.

New Legislation Would Benefit Careful Drivers

Mrs. Marguerite Wilson, local agent for the State Farm Insurance Co., said today she had been advised that legislation had been introduced in Austin that would permit insurance companies to offer safe drivers a lower automobile insurance rate.

The bills that would permit this are Senate Bill 26, and House Bill 27, by Sen. Jarrard Secrest of Bell County, and Rep. Reuben Talasek of Temple, she said. Mrs. Wilson said that all insurance companies under the present system must charge the same rate whether the driver is careful or careless. This is known as the single rating system.

This system, which in effect makes the safe driver subsidize the careless driver, would be discarded and in its place substituted a flexible rating system that would allow companies to charge rates to fit their operations and remove the present

penalty against careful drivers. "Many economically operated companies in Texas are in a position to charge lower rates, not only for automobile but other types of casualty insurance and surety bonds, but the present law stipulates that fixed rates, with prices set by the State, must be charged," Mrs. Wilson said. She urged that anyone in this area who is interested in having this legislation passed should contact his Senator and Representative.

Win Attendance Banner At Berger

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Foster, Mrs. Sherry Bosick, Marline Self, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Adams and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Newburn attended the Assembly of God Church Youth Rally in Berger Monday night and were awarded the attendance banner for the north plains section. The banner is presented to the delegation with the most people traveling the farthest distance to the rally.

Spanish moss which drapes trees, fences and wires from Virginia southward is not a parasite but an epiphyte or air plant related to the pineapple. It gets no nourishment from its host.



HAIR BRAINS . . . London teen-agers sport unusual haircuts names "flying saucer" (left) and "needlepoint."

YOUR brain budget

- To amend is (a) to atone for; (b) to forget; (c) to edit.
- Elicit means (a) illegal; (b) to draw out; (c) highly suggestive.
- Eleemosynary refers to (a) kindergarten; (b) physics; (c) charity.

ANSWERS

1. To edit.
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TWO of the most important issues in the 85th Congress are interdependent, one upon the other. Likely the most important from both a social and political standpoint, is the passage of a more or less liberal civil rights law, particularly as it affects the right to vote.

Certainly the southern representatives in the Senate will filibuster this civil rights bill. But both Democrats and Republicans are looking at the record of the last election and can plainly see what happened to the negro vote, in both the North and South . . . it went to the Republican party, or rather to President Eisenhower, for the first time in more than 25 years. As a result, there is in both parties a slight majority which really wants to vote for some form of a civil rights measure. Dependent upon passage of this civil rights legislation is the vital and important school construction bill.

If civil rights passes, then there is an excellent chance that the school construction bill along lines proposed by the President will get through, that is, if civil rights passes first. If it doesn't then the filibusterers will seek to attach some sort of a civil right amendment onto the school bill, as was done in the last Congress and which likely will again defeat the school measure.

At this writing, it appears that the President's Middle East "Doctrine" will pass the Congress, despite the "bull-in-a-China shop" tactics of Secretary of State Dulles. Many members of the Congress, including both Democrats and Republicans find it hard

to reconcile Dulles' statements today that the President's blank check Middle East legislation is today vital to the nation's safety, or the safety of the Middle Eastern nations, when in November both Dulles and the President were saying to the people that things were never better in that section of the world, and that no American soldier would ever be committed to settle the Egyptian or any other question in the Middle East. What is paradoxical about the Congressional attitude, is that there has been little fuss raised about the President's urgent plea that he be given a blank check to use United States manpower in that area. What has raised all the fuss is over the question of money, a mere \$200 million, whereas the Congress has heretofore voted much, much more in foreign aid without batting an eye.

With some few exceptions, on the Democratic side, the Senators take the view expressed by Former President Truman — give the President the power and authority he asks, and then ask some very pointed questions. One outstanding exception is Senator J. W. Fulbright, of Arkansas, one of the best informed men in the Senate on foreign affairs, a long time member and third ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee. The Arkansas Senator has directly challenged either the necessity or wisdom of the President's so-called doctrine.

Other important legislation which will see some acrimonious debate will be over the policies of the Atomic Energy Commission which seek to turn over atomic power to private industry.



UN FREES EGYPTIANS . . . 489 Egyptians captured during Israeli invasion board UN emergency force trucks at Rafah for journey to El Arish under guard of Canadian and Yugoslav soldiers.

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