

# The Baird Star

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Git-up-and-Git That Makes Men Great."

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MARVIN HUNTER, Jr., Editor

## Water District Board Sworn In

The temporary board of directors for the Baird water control and improvement district took the oath of office Wednesday, June 30th. A. R. Kelton was the only man on the five-man board that was appointed by the commissioners court who did not accept the appointment. N. A. Waldrop, local feed dealer, was appointed to complete the board. Other members of the water board are B. L. Russell, Jr., Roy Gilbreath, Lloyd Hughes and W. F. Payne. The temporary board of directors will serve until the permanent board is elected by the citizens on the first Tuesday in January.

## TECUMSEH LODGE OFFICERS

The following officers will serve Tecumseh Lodge No. 552 A.F. and A.M., for the ensuing Masonic year: Clarence Breeding, Worshipful Master; Earl Durham, Senior Warden; Herbert Mason, Junior Warden; Dee Peevy, Treasurer; Jack Hancock, Secretary; John Roberson, Chaplain; Calvin Poindexter, Senior Deacon; Lucian Pierce, Junior Deacon; Will Johnson, Senior Steward; Rufus Looney, Junior Steward; Albert Betcher, Tyler.

## GOSPEL SINGING

The regular first Sunday Gospel Singing conducted by the churches of Christ of this area, is to be held in Baird next Sunday afternoon, July 4, at 3:00 p. m., at the church of Christ. People from a number of neighboring towns are expected to be in attendance. Especially do we urge and invite the people of Baird and surrounding territory to attend. If you enjoy good gospel singing, then you will certainly enjoy this service.

## CLASS REUNION

The annual reunion of the class of 1932 of Clyde High School was held Sunday, June 27, at Kirby Park in Abilene. A picnic lunch and talkin of "old times" was enjoyed by the classmates. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Webb, Mrs. Johnnie Milam, Mrs. Nell Connally and daughter, Judy, Miss Essie Lee Johnson, Mrs. Al Young and daughter, Joyce, and grandson Bobby Young, Abilene; J. R. Johnson, Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Ault, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Konczak and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ault, Baird.

## GRAIN REPORT

B. L. Boydston shipped 10 carloads of grain from Baird and 1 car out of Putnam, besides several truck loads that went to market. Mr. Boydston estimated that much grain was held by the farmers for seed purposes and for feed. This was considered a much better crop than was expected. The grain averaged \$2.00 per bushel, and was of good quality.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coley announce the birth of their six-pound baby daughter, Martha Glenn. She was born June 23rd. The baby was named for her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Conlee of Winters, and the baby's uncle, Glenn Eager, also of Winters.

Mrs. Coley's other two small children, Dale and Gail, left Friday to visit their grandmother, Mrs. Conlee and their aunt, Mrs. Glenn Eager, at Winters.

Rob Cochran is expected to fly from Atlanta, Ga., to spend the Fourth of July with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Roach and son, Dennis, of Jal, N. M., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Peek.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Klepper of Miami, Ariz., visited Mrs. Myrtle Berry last week.

The Gunn sisters spent Tuesday with their sister, Mrs. Homer Boatwright and family.

## FUNERAL FOR MRS. SOWELL HELD FRIDAY

Funeral for Mrs. Gladys Sowell, 46, former Clyde and Van Horn school teacher, who died in the Callahan County Hospital Thursday night, was held at the Clyde Church of Christ Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A. A. Berryman, minister, officiated. Burial was in the Clyde cemetery beside the grave of her parents.

The former Gladys Slater, she was born in Woods County, Texas, Dec. 23, 1901. She moved with her parents to Clyde at the age of five. Following her graduation from Clyde High School, she attended North Texas State Teachers College, Denton. She taught in Clyde High School for several years and later in Van Horn schools.

She was married to Frank Sowell a number of years ago. Since January, 1939, she had been making her home with a sister in Clyde, Mrs. Ira Williams.

Other survivors include one brother, Earl Slater of Clyde.

Pallbearers were M. Hays, Mervin Eager, Oscar Pyeatt, H. C. Cotton, R. M. Pyeatt, and H. B. Broadfoot.

## BABY'S RITES AT BAIRD SATURDAY

Funeral for Herbert Archer Warren, III, 18-month-old child who died in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was held at 4:30 p. m. Saturday in the Wylie Funeral Chapel. Rev. John English, Methodist pastor, officiated. Burial was in Ross Cemetery.

The child was the son of AV-1 and Mrs. H. A. Warren, Jr., formerly of Baird, and the grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Warren, Sr., of Baird.

## L. C. PORTER PROMOTED

Dallas, Texas — L. C. Porter is to be Texas & Pacific Railway's new Operating Vice-President. His appointment was announced Saturday by the railroad's President, W. G. Vollmer, and is to become effective Aug. 1 with the retirement of A. J. Chester.

Porter, who has been Assistant to the President since Vollmer came to the T&P three years ago and for seven years before that under the presidency of J. L. Lancaster, has been a railroad man 38 years. He began in the communications department of the tiny, and now extinct, Gulf, Texas & Western Railway. Before he left GT&W in 1917 to come into Texas & Pacific's claim department, Porter had risen to the job of Superintendent of Transportation.

Through the years, Porter's versatility has put him in working touch with every phase of railroading. And when T&P's giant merchandise warehouse in Ft. Worth became a reality in 1931, he was selected as its general manager, the post he remained in until his appointment as Assistant to the President in 1938.

In his new capacity as operating head of the railroad, Porter will have direct supervision over nearly 85 per cent of the T&P's 10,000 employees. This included the people who maintain the trains as well as those who run them, and it touches not only the big mechanical installations at Marshall and Ft. Worth but the Engineering and Maintenance of Way Departments as well as every station, large and small, throughout the entire 1,800-mile railroad.

Mrs. A. R. Furlow of Lamesa, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Miller the past week, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlow Griffin of Kansas City, Mo., spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McClary here.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Thaxton McGowan and little son, David, of Quanah, visited Mrs. John McGowan during the weekend.

Mrs. Ella Farrar left Wednesday for Big Spring where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Dave Anderson, and a brother, Henry Thomas, for several days.

## CHANGE OF VENUE DENIED KING

After a plea for change of venue for C. C. King, Putnam barber charged with assault with intent to rape upon a 14-year-old Putnam girl, was denied in 42nd district court by Judge J. R. Black Wednesday, attorney for King entered a plea of insanity. Judge Black set a lunacy trial in the case at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. As we go to press the lunacy trial is still in progress.

## BILL & DON STATION SOLD TO BEARDEN

Frank Bearden purchased the Texaco Service Station from Bill Ray and Don Parker this week and M. D. McElroy will operate the business. Bill and Don have operated the station for several months and upon selling out they are running a quarter-page advertisement this week to express their appreciation for the business Baird people have given them. Both of these young men plan to enter the Navy soon.

## DEEP CREEK CAMP MEETING

The 19th Annual Deep Creek Camp Meeting will be held July 3, 8 p. m. through Friday noon July 9, directed by W. E. Hawkins, director of Radio Revival KRLD, Dallas. Among the speakers this year will be Martin O. Massinger, president of The Dallas Bible Institute and the Gopher Trio of this Institute, Marlin Rajnoor of Bombay, India, Miss Janet Edmonson of Abilene, Radio Evangelist Joe Temple. Bro. Hawkins will preach in the Tabernacle Sunday July 4th at 8 p. m., and will conduct the camp and Bible School until the close. The camp cafe will be under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hearn of Fort Worth. The first meal will be served for the public Sunday at 6:30 p. m. Bro. Hearne will preach the opening service Saturday at 8 p. m. and will conduct the Sunday morning services. Cafe rates are reasonable; no charge for camping.

Campers bring their bedding and Bibles and a willing heart and find a warm welcome.

## BAPTIST REVIVAL CLOSED SUNDAY

A. A. Davis  
The revival meeting which has been in progress for three weeks, came to a close Sunday night. Large crowds were in attendance from the beginning and high interest was manifest as the meeting progressed.

Evangelist Ray Walker of Belton did the preaching in a great way, and Singer E. Otis Allen of Norton directed the music. The church feels that great and lasting good was accomplished. In all, there were some 30 or 31 professions of faith and additions to the church, with 13 being baptized Sunday night.

We are deeply grateful for the fine spirit of cooperation, not only on the part of the membership of the church, but the great number of other Christian people who cooperated and encouraged the meeting.

We invite the general public to attend the regular services of the church next Sunday. The pastor will preach at both services.

## MRS. TERRY HONORED AT PARTY THURSDAY

Mrs. H. B. Terry, Jr., was honored with a shower at the home of Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Sr., Thursday, June 24.

Arrangement of sweetpeas and crepe myrtle decorated the living room. Other hostesses were Mrs. C. M. Peek, Mrs. Tom Barton, and Mrs. Tee Baulch. Mrs. Peek directed several games and an array of gifts were presented Mrs. Terry.

Refreshment plates of angel food squares, fruit punch and mints were served to Mrs. H. B. Terry, Sr., Rilla Terry, Lillian Fewell, Mrs. Ted Calloway, Mrs. S. V. Tarrant, Mrs. S. A. Smith, all of Clyde; Meses. Howard Farmer, Harold Ray, W. O. Wylie, Jr., R. L. Alexander, Dale Glasen, J. H. McGowan, M. C. McGowan, Russell Warren and the hostesses.



Pictured above is Cullin Robinson, Weatherford rodeo contractor, who is to provide pitching stock for the third annual Cross Plains Rodeo scheduled July 8, 9, and 10. Robinson has advised local stockmen and ranchers, who comprise the non-profit Cross

## DR. GREGOIRE SPEAKS AT T. B. ASSOCIATION

The Callahan County T. B. Association met in a regular meeting Wednesday, June 16, in the library of the courthouse. Eight board members were present. The budget for 1948 and 1949 was presented by Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, treasurer, and was approved by the board.

Dr. Gregoire of Cross Plains, one of the medical directors of the association, was present. He stressed the fact that the association must never lose sight of its ultimate goal, to constantly enlighten people that tuberculosis is caused by a germ, that it is a communicable disease, that people catch tuberculosis from other people. Therefore if this association, by looking for the disease, and can find it, through the help of the medical directors of our county, can keep people from spreading their germs to others, we can prevent people from catching tuberculosis. This is the aim of the local association in Callahan county.

In last weeks report, the donation of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones should have read \$2 instead of \$1.00.

## MRS. MORGAN HONORED

Mrs. James Morgan was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. George Morgan Tuesday evening. An arrangement of daisies centered the lace covered table and a color scheme of green and white was carried out in decorations and refreshments.

Rickiesha punch and Mrs. Jessie Parkes assisted in the dining room. Mrs. Buck Odum presided at the bride's book. Hostesses were Mrs. Tad Gobles, Mrs. N. L. Dickey, Mrs. Carl Daniell, Mrs. W. B. Jones, Mrs. Archie Nichols and Mrs. Sonny Wristen.

Guests were Meses. Ernest Hill, Roy Gilbreath, Marvin Hunter, A. H. Pritchard, J. F. Browning, Claude Johnson, Lee Brown, L. C. Duncan, M. L. Stubblefield, Misses Nell Gilbreath, Bessie Mae Borden, Floyd Jones. Out of town guests were Mrs. Robert Lee Tonne, Mrs. Louis Morgan, Mrs. Maurice Morgan, Scranton; Winnie Bainbridge, Rowden and Mrs. Hershall Johnson, Caps community.

## Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Square Dance Team is to perform at the Cross Plains Rodeo July 8, 9, and 10, and at the Olney Rodeo July 15, 16 and 17.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Boydston left Monday of last week on a thirty day vacation trip. They will visit Mr. Boydston's brother, Eldon, in California and a cousin, D. Vault in Washington. En route they visited the Yellowstone National Park.

Kitty Doris and Beartley Eager of Amarillo, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Eager at Clyde.

Mrs. Blanton Freeland underwent surgery at Callahan County Hospital Tuesday morning, and is reported recovering nicely.

Dr. Ben L. Russell, III, of Clovis, N. M., visited his parents during the weekend.

Plain Rodeo Association, that this string of stock this year will be the wildest ever seen at the Cross Plains show. Taking him at his word, corrals and arena fencing is now being reinforced and raised.

## BILLIE JOYCE BROWNING BRIDE OF JAMES MORGAN

Billie Joyce Browning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Browning, became the bride of James Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Morgan of Scranton, Friday evening, June 18, at the home of Rev. Joe R. Mayes, Baptist pastor, in Abilene.

The bride wore a blue suit with white blouse and black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. She carried a pink handkerchief belonging to Mrs. Tyson, which was her wedding handkerchief. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wristen.

The bride, a 1948 graduate of the local high school, was Carnival Queen and editor of the high school annual her senior year. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Browning of Baird, and of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson of California, former residents of the Caps community.

Mr. Morgan was in the Army 3 1/2 years and was stationed in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands most of that time. He was associated with his brother, Geo. Morgan in the grocery business here for two years. He now owns Morgan's Feed Store in Baird.

## WARNER CONDUCTS SEARCH FOR 8 WILD IRISH ROSES

A nation-wide talent hunt of four months and 600 applicants shows that Hollywood is not only the proving ground but the home of American beauty.

It can't be said the girls are American Beauties in the horticultural sense, however, since the luscious eight were tagged by dance director LeRoy Prinz as "The Wild Irish Roses."

Glamor lovelies from the Warner Bros. Technicolor musical life of Chauncey Olcott, starring Dennis Morgan and Andrea King with new cinema Cinderella, Arlene Dahl, these pulchritudinous pretties appear in "My Wild Irish Rose, due Sunday and Monday at the Plaza Theatre.

Five of the eight beauties are Hollywoodians. The majority are fresh talent, stepping before the camera for the first time in this picture.

The Hollywood girls include Laura Lee Donnell, Phyllis Rowan, Eileen Howe, Pat Walker, and Tyra Vaughn. Lucille Barnes from Flint, Mich., Martha Pomander from Dunkirk, N. Y., and Shirley Geer from Uniontown, Pa., are the out-of-towners.

Mary Lou Settle returned recently from Eagle Pass, where she visited Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fulcher and children.

Mrs. Henry Settle and daughter visited Mrs. S. E. Settle and family several days last week.

Helen Settle is home from St. Martinville, La., and will enter Texas University this fall to work on her master's degree.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Duncan and son, Duane, and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Browning went to Odessa Friday night to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Duncan.

B. C. Chrisman, county superintendent, and A. H. Pritchard, local school superintendent, were in Austin Tuesday attending to school business at the capitol.

## Water Supply Holding Good

The City wells are holding up fairly good considering the demand for the month of June. There were 2,760,000 gallons of water metered in Baird in June, which is more than 400,000 gallons over the amount used in Baird in June a year ago. In fact, the amount of water now being used here is greater than at any time previous. The demand is not being met, by any means, for residents are conserving water wherever possible to help the supply last through the summer. With the help of water users in conserving water, the wells are expected to supply enough to keep from having to ship water here from Abilene or Cisco for at least another month. If water users continue to save water, it might be possible to make the wells supply the city the entire summer. If the wells supply the necessary demand and it is not necessary to ship water this summer, it will be due to the cooperation on the part of the water users and also to the efforts of city employees to get the maximum production from the wells.

A great amount of work has been done at the water field since the water shortage last summer. A number of new wells have been drilled, resulting in a few good producers. It is very evident that the demand will never be supplied until the present water field is supplemented by another source of supply.

## STEVENSON RUNS MINUS HULLABALOO

Ex-Gov. Coke Stevenson, candidate for the United States Senate, is conducting the sort of campaign that most political experts consider out-of-date.

Stevenson's light campaign car bears no painted signs nor placards — not even a windshield sticker. It is not equipped with a loud speaker, and it is not part of a motor caravan. His only traveling companions are Bob Murphy of Naogdoches, a young veteran who does the driving, and Byron Utecht, longtime Texas political writer.

When Stevenson hits a town — and he has campaigned in more than 200 Texas counties since he started last January — he sets off on a walking tour of the main street. He goes into business buildings, professional offices, county courthouses, and talks to the people.

"I figure it would be out of character for me to try to conduct a high-pressure, loud-talking campaign," the former Governor says. "I never have done that. I'm just running for the Senate on my past public record and on the principles I've always held."

His methods seem destined to confound the experts. In three successive Statewide polls on the Senate race, Stevenson has been comfortably on top.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Womack and little daughter, Pat, of Ozona, spent the latter part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wylie.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Thompson and son, Gene, of Baird, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tucker and son, Teddy, of Longview, left Monday on a two week vacation trip.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Walls were Mr. and Mrs. George Fred Walls, Ed Wise of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Andrews and daughter, Gloria, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morris of Abilene.

Mrs. Robert Estes and Cheryl Sue Sims visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carrico in Leuders the first of last week.

Editor Jack Scott of Cross Plains was attending court here Wednesday.

Mrs. Fannie Richardson of Dallas visited her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Cotton and Mr. Cotton in Clyde Sunday and Monday.

CALLAHAN COUNTY, In Central West Texas, organized 1877; area 882 square miles, pop. 11,600. Rolling prairies, and wooded areas of mesquite post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

## Just 'Round About

As we walked up and down the street \* \* \* Folks stopped us to inquire about the residence we are building over on Delightful Hill. We told them that we were ready to move in, but the contractor wasn't ready \* \* \*

After all this time we learn that the Delightful Hill addition is highly restricted and now we wonder if we can qualify \* \* \* Judge Corn, upon hearing that we were moving over there, sold all of his chickens, and the neighbors have forbidden anyone to raise chickens \* \* \* Roy Gilbreath sent us word that before crossing the bridge between town and Delightful Hill, the editor and his household would have to be dipped \* \* \* Olin Jones said he and the "missus" would take Sunday dinner with us at least twice a month \* \* \* Ev Hughes says, "You won't bother me for I am gone from home most of the time anyway" \* \* \* Dr. Carroll McGowan passed the word to us that the strictest ordinance on the hill is the one that prohibits a man working on the lawn, cutting weeds, mowing grass, or otherwise doing a woman's work. That's going to be tough, but maybe we will be able to install a hammock in a convenient place from which to oversee the job \* \* \* Lee Ivey, on hearing of our contemplated move, left the community. He is building a home a mile farther east and around the point of the hill to get out of sight \* \* \* Dr. Stubblefield lives a couple of blocks from the new location, and he came by to say that just because he must pass that way going and coming from his office for us not to expect professional calls at a reduced price \* \* \* If there have been any more rules, regulations, comments or whatnot, we haven't heard them. We will probably learn much more after we move in \* \* \* The sad part of moving to our new home is in leaving the community where we have lived since coming to Baird. We will not lose touch with our close friends and neighbors. They have been so very fine toward us. We shall miss going to Mrs. Cora Work's storm cellar when dark clouds threaten. The friendly chats across the fence and the neighborly deeds of all the folks in the community have meant much to us. Recently, when our mother passed away at Corpus Christi, the neighbors sent flowers. This has been the practice of that community for more than thirty years, and we dare say there has been none in the community who has not received this gesture of love at some time during those years. We love our neighbors and ties of friendship cannot be broken in so short a distance \* \* \* With the Democratic primary election just around the corner, July 24th, we hear so very little comment on candidates. There is only one contest for county office, that being the Sheriff's race between S. S. Nichols and Joe Pierce. There is some interest in this race, but it is doubtful that many voters will go to the polls. These candidates deserve the support of the voters, just as though there were a contest in every office. You will be doing your duty to go to the polls and vote July 24th. Interest in the state representative's race between Billie Mac Jobe of Callahan County and L. R. Pearson of Eastland County, is growing. Voters in both counties will vote on these men, and Callahan county should vote its full strength. Only three weeks from now! \* \* \* A. T. Scroggins commented on the fine rains that have fallen here this week, expressing the hope that the gardens, not being used to water, will survive.

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## GARDEN CLUB TO MEET AT BOYDSTUN HOME


The Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. D. Boydston Tuesday, July 6th at 4 p. m. All members are cordially invited to attend.



**Cottonwood Chips**  
Community Clatter Carefully Collected for Your Consideration.  
Hazel I. Respass

Those who visited in Mrs. Mollie Murray's home over the weekend were: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff A. Jones of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Coy E. Vines, Mrs. Leo Baratte of Weatherford.  
Mr. and Mrs. Olin Hastings and family of Roscoe visited Mr. and Mrs. John T. Purvis Saturday.  
Mrs. Emma A. Pruitt and daughter of Cisco visited Mrs. V. C. Lassiter last week.

**ALLEN D. DABNEY**  
OF EASTLAND  
FOR  
Court of  
Civil Appeals



**RIO THEATRE**  
Clyde, Texas

Friday - Saturday  
**SMOKY RIVER SERENADE**

The Hoosier Hotshots  
**PAUL CAMPBELL  
RUTH TERRY  
BILLY WILLIAMS**

Sunday - Monday  
Tuesday  
**CLAUDETTE COLBERT  
FRED MacMURRAY  
THE EGG AND I  
MARJORIE MAIN**

Wednesday - Thursday  
**MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET**  
**MAUREEN O'HARA  
JOHN PAYNE**

DARTO each Wednesday and Thursday nights. Attend and participate in \$ \$ \$ Prizes to be awarded.

The singing school taught by Rev. C. R. Myrick is progressing nicely, with good attendance. Mrs. Jane Anderson of Weslaco is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. T. Coffey.  
Floyd Weaver of Brownwood was at home over the weekend and visited his mother in Callahan County Hospital.  
Nelson Brown of California, and his two sisters of Cross Plains, attended church at the Baptist Church Sunday.  
Miss Rosa Lee Brock of Eula and Miss Patsy Respass of Swenson visited in the Respass home Monday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis of Putnam Sunday.

The Coats family, formerly of Cottonwood community, held a family reunion Sunday. After services at the Methodist church they went to City Park at Cross Plains to spread their lunch. About 72 were in attendance, including Mr. and Mrs. Ashton and family of California, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitehead and baby of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Costello, Mrs. Iris Jennings, Mrs. Clyde Box of San Benito, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Coats and family of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Coats, Jr., of Knox City, Otis Coats of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brock of Marshall. Many relatives here and their friends attended the reunion in the afternoon.  
Mrs. Marion Rutledge and children of Waco visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Champion recently.  
Rev. S. R. Respass of Swenson visited here Monday and Mrs. Respass returned home with him Tuesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lilly and children of Greenville, L. W. Banta, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Sage of Crosbyton all visited in the L. W. Banta home over the weekend.

**Tecumseh Topics**  
Tersely Told, Typographically Tened, and Tolerably True.  
By Mrs. Dolph Hodges  
Office ruled forms. The Star.  
King Betcher, Hubert Betcher, Claud Wilkerson left a few days ago to go to Dumas to help in the grain harvest. They report the crops are not as good as they were last year and that there has been too much rain for combining.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Armor have just returned from the plains where they visited their son.

**Rowden Round-Up**  
Community Activities Reliably Recorded by The Star Reporter.  
By Dorris McClain  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray McClain and daughter, Patricia, visited Mr. and Mrs. R.L. McClain last Friday and Saturday as they were on their way to Brownsville.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Sanders have had as their guests, the children of Ruben Sanders.  
Mrs. Roy Thornton is not well yet.

More than an inch of rain fell in the Rowden community Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Arden Jones recently had as their guest, a nephew from Colorado whom they had not seen in forty years.  
Mary Faye Sanders visited Belinda Kline Thursday night.  
Denton and Bayou played baseball Sunday evening at the Bayou school.  
R. L. McClain and Carrol were business visitors in Baird Monday.

Renew your subscription today.



Billy Woods, dispatcher in the Abilene electric distribution office, operates WTUCo's new central 250 watt, FM radio station, KHIQ. Above Woods is pictured taking an incoming call from a line service truck over the two-way radio system. The WTUCo. now has seven vehicles operating out of Abilene and Cisco which are equipped with mobile 60-watt two-way radios.

The Tecumseh and Dudley people were very glad to see the rain which fell Friday night. It was needed badly.  
Mr. and Mrs. Haggard of Oplin were church visitors Sunday.  
Bill Head and son, James Carl, left Dudley Sunday for Monahans where Mr. Head will do carpenter work.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Hodges were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Howton and Mr. and Mrs. Van Harris.  
Mrs. Crawford, who has been ill for some time, was able to go for a ride Sunday evening.

**Oplin Observations**  
Odds and Ends Opportunely Offered in Opea Order.  
By Joreta Gwin  
Tom Windham, Sr., had the misfortune of falling in his home Saturday afternoon and breaking his hip. He is in an Abilene hospital.  
Mrs. Chester McCarter of San Antonio visited her mother, Mrs. Dee Peavy over the weekend.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gwin and family attended a reunion in Pioneer Sunday.  
Mrs. Tom Windham, Jr., and Paula, have returned to their home in Oplin after spending several weeks with Mr. Windham on the ranch at Paducah.  
Mrs. Sebe Monroe and Junior of Lawn, and Mrs. Raymond Shores, the former Myrtle Satterwhite, and son of Houston, visited friends in Oplin Saturday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steakley and baby of Seminole visited relatives last week.  
Joreta and Sylvia Gwin visited in The Star office Monday afternoon.  
Virgil Hughes left Saturday for Oklahoma City to join Mrs. Hughes for a week's visit in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Buckner. The Buckners are parents of an 8 lb. son, Duane Herbert, born June 15 in St. Anthony's hospital there.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis and sons and Gail Walls were Sweetwater visitors Sunday.

**Midway Musings**  
Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women.  
By Mrs. W. B. Tarver  
Wanda and Tommy Black and daughter visited in the home of Wanda's parents, the Otto Rogers Sunday.  
Bro. Jackson preached Sunday at the Midway church.  
Bob Griffin is working at Kermit.  
Mrs. W. B. Tarver is still in Oklahoma with her son, Maurice.  
The W. B. Tarvers have a new granddaughter, Billye Gayle. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tarver.  
Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Jackson visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell on the Brightwell ranch during the weekend, en route to their home in Dallas after vacationing at Colorado Springs, Colo.

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**Hospital Notes**

Mrs. D. E. Parks, Putnam, a medical patient, is reported improving. Mrs. Lynn Ault and Miss Ruth Mobley are the special nurses with her.  
Mrs. Geo. Lambert is receiving treatment for an infected eye.  
Mrs. C. M. Cody, Clyde, underwent major surgery the 28th.  
Mrs. W. J. Ray returned to her home the 30th after a couple of days hospitalization.  
Mrs. Blanton Freeland, who underwent major surgery Tuesday morning, is getting along nicely.  
Mrs. C. L. Brandon is a medical patient.  
Mrs. E. E. Weaver, Cottonwood, is feeling a little better.  
Mrs. Lucy Manning has been receiving medical treatment for several days.  
Mrs. Belle Sykes is feeling a little better.  
Mrs. S. S. Nichols entered the hospital Wednesday morning.  
B. W. Lofton's condition is slightly better.  
J. P. Killian is getting along fairly well.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Dugan, McCamey, a girl, wt. 7 lbs. 6 ozs.  
Mrs. E. J. Barton is a medical patient.  
Mrs. J. A. Heysler returned to her home in Putnam the 27th, after several days medical treatment.

Miss Jane Weathers, who was admitted the 25th for medical treatment, is improving.  
Among patients dismissed: Mrs. J. D. Waters, Mrs. J. W. Dillard and infant, Winifred Burks, Bobby Ray Key, Mrs. P. Lopez and infant, Mrs. J. P. Latsha, Tommy Gorman.  
Shirley and Carolyn James underwent tonsillectomy the 25.  
Born to Sheriff and Mrs. S. S. Nichols, July 1st, a girl, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Mother and baby are doing nicely.  
The Star editor's father, J. Marvin Hunter, Sr., and nephew, Marvin Hay, of Bandera, were here Friday and Saturday for a visit. Miss Dolores Hunter returned to Bandera with them for two or three weeks vacation trip. Jack Hunter will take time out of the print shop next week to meet his grandfather on the banks of the Llano River in Mason county for a fishing trip.  
Joe Allphin and J. A. Allphin took a trip to Klamath Falls, Oregon, three weeks ago to visit their sister, Mrs. Mattie Moore and her son, W. R. Cully. Mr. Joe remained for a longer visit, but Mr. J. A. returned Sunday and told us about his trip. He went by train and reported that he went through twenty tunnels and crossed the same river 21 times. He took pictures in the snow which had banked nine feet deep in places.

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### ARM LIVING STANDARDS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE

American farmers are living like "city folks" than at any time since pioneer days, says J. Oppenheim, president of the Farm Equipment Institute. And during war or economic catastrophe, he predicts that the living standard of rural families -- measured in goods, services and opportunities -- will continue to advance toward a new high level the next decade.

"Not long ago the cover of a popular weekly magazine carried a picture, painted from life, of a farmer seated in their living room," Mr. Oppenheim says. "The only thing added to the actual thing was a picture of a prize ribbon and two blue ribbons hanging on a wall. This addition was necessary, the artist explained, to identify the group as a farm family. This seems to me an excellent commentary on the high standard of rural living today."

Mr. Oppenheim, who is also president and general manager of the New Idea Farm Equipment Division of Avco Manufacturing Corporation, cites figures to show that the average farmer's wartime prosperity is based on a solid foundation.

"Farm income has almost tripled since the beginning of the war," he says. "Part of these earnings have been translated to more comfort and less work. That extra money has meant better houses, modern kitchens, elec-

tricity for more homes. It has meant more machinery to plow and prepare the land, to plant, cultivate, harvest and store crops. It has helped 2,500,000 fewer farmers to harvest 20,000,000 more acres today than before the war.

"But perhaps it is more important that, while farm income has trebled, farm savings are more than four times what they were in 1940, and that the national farm mortgage debt has been reduced by 20 per cent in the same period. Farmers today aren't mortgaging themselves beyond their depth to buy land, as they did after the first World War. They have learned and profited by the painful lesson which boom times and depression taught."

The city dweller may possess certain advantages over those who live on farms, Mr. Oppenheim concedes, but the farm dwellers likewise have some advantages not enjoyed by his brethren in town. For those who prefer the environment and special satisfaction that go with agricultural life, he foresees a future in which the farmer and his family may hope to eat, dress and live increasingly well.

### BELLE PLAIN H. D. CLUB

Mrs. John Cogburn was hostess to the Belle Plain Home Demonstration Club, Friday, June 25th.

All but three members were present for the program, given by Miss Evelyn Wieland, which was arranging beautiful bouquets from wild flowers, grass, etc.

Council delegates reported that there would be no pineapples available through the club, also that the Club Encampment will be sometimes between the first and sixteenth of August.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Basil Monsey.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin, Ernest Gwin and daughters, Joretta and Sylvia Gail, of Oplin, were Baird visitors Monday.



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### Eula Episodes

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jordon and children of Odessa were weekend guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jordon.

Floyd Clifton has been visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Witte spent the weekend at La Grange in the home of Mr. Witte's mother. They also visited in the home of Mrs. Witte's brother.

Bob Green is now working at Plainview where he is going to a training school, sponsored by the Bell Telephone Company.

A very nice rain fell in the Eula community Friday night. It was needed very badly and if more falls to go with this, crop prospects will be on the up and up. Grain harvest is almost finished, and the cotton is very pretty. Maize had begun to burn in most places.

Perhaps some of you have noticed the absence of the Eula Episodes in the Baird Star lately. I have collected some news, almost every week, but I would let Monday morning slip up on me and I wouldn't have it ready. Mail time would be past and gone before I could think. The canning, hoeing, and the chickens and turkeys are out of the way now, maybe the news will be regular again. Would appreciate all the help you can give me, so if you have news and want it published, let me know. A lively community is a well-informed one.

Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Paden moved from this community this week to Plainview, where he has accepted a position in the Plainview school system. We regret to lose them. We had a mighty good set of teachers last year and we had hoped to have them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Faust are spending the summer in the home of his parents near Temple, where Carlton is helping out in his dad's store. They will be back about July 1st though.

The Odell's have been on a vacation up in Las Vegas, N. M. They also visited Mrs. Odell's sister.

The Sunshine Circle met in the home of Mrs. Dean Howe last week. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Cecil Harris, July 14, at 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Farmer

have purchased them a new automobile. I saw Fifty the other day and he really had a gleam in his eye. Bet he is really easy to get along with these days, hoping he will persuade papa to let him use it.

J. Clark, the farmer's son, who is in the Navy, should be back in the states most any day now. He and the Navy have been over on the other side making an Atom bomb test.

Construction will resume in a very few days on the Baptist church. Cement has been located, and other shortages have been supplied.

Bro. and Mrs. Letchworth, the new Methodist minister, spent the day Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Smith.

### FAMILY REUNION HELD AT CLYDE SUNDAY

A family get-together was held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pyeatt of Clyde. Those present were: Mrs. Wesley Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nunn, Mrs. R. C. Clemmer, John Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Penny, Mrs. C. D. Taylor, Mrs. Dolly McCollum and daughter Velma, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Klepper, all of Clyde; Jay and Zay La Fevre, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Merrick and children, Clarence, James and Marlene, Mrs. Josie Baldwin, Mrs. Roselynn Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Randolph and daughter Mildred Liles, Mrs. W. G. Black and son W. G., Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Roberts and daughter Johnny, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Pyeatt of Cleburne; Mrs. Mamie Bell Hess and sons, Edward and Donald, of Pittsburgh, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pyeatt and son Sammy of Midland.

Friends who came in were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Slater, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Colby and daughter Marilyn of Abilene.

Plans were made for a family reunion in 1949.

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### 18 PER CENT INCREASE IN CANCER DEATHS

Austin — An increase of more than 18 per cent in Texas cancer deaths during the five years between 1943 and 1947 has been announced by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Texas mortality tables compiled by the Texas State Department of Health show 1943 cancer deaths at 5,557, as compared to 6,770 for 1947.

"The greater part of this tremendous increase in cancer deaths is attributable to needless delay in seeking treatment, once a person has reason to suspect he has a cancerous growth," Dr. Cox said. He added his belief that advertising of patent medicines and so-called cancer quacks puts dangerous and misleading information before the public, thereby adding to the cancer mortality rate. This is because people are lulled by such propaganda and do not receive proper diagnosis and treatment until too late.

Dr. Cox said that almost two-thirds of all cancer cases rely on surgery to remove the cancerous tissue, while the other third may respond to X-ray or radium treatment.

"These three methods are the only means by which the disease can be treated," he said. "Self-medication, serums, colored lights, pastes, and diets are absolutely useless."

The Health Officer pointed out that the greatest defense against cancer is an early diagnosis and competent treatment by a reputable physician. He urged especial attention to any unnatural bleeding from any body opening, lumps in the breast, and skin sores which fail to heal normally.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tucker and son, Teddy, are visiting Mrs. Tucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Thompson Friday and Saturday. The Tuckers were fishing at Lake Brownwood and reported catching a 3 1/2 lb. catfish early Saturday morning.

### LEONARD HAS 30 YEARS OF STAGE EXPERIENCE

With more than 30 years experience on the legitimate stage to his credit, an outstanding dramatic performance is given by David Leonard in the role of the Padre in the new Screen Guild Productions release titled "Bells of San Fernando," showing at the Plaza Theatre Saturday, July 3rd.

A native of New York City where he graduated from New York College with honors, Leonard is a veteran writer, producer and actor.

Comparatively a newcomer to the world of motion pictures and Hollywood, Leonard has been kept busy in dramatic character roles. Among his most recent

appearances are "Arch of Triumph," "Woman of my Town" with Greer Garson and "Philo Vance."

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**STEVENSON-PYEATT WEDDING HELD**

Grace Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stevenson, and Robert Hudson Pyeatt, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pyeatt, both of Clyde, were married in a candlelight service in the First Methodist Church at Clyde Saturday evening.

A. A. Berryman, minister of the Clyde Church of Christ, read the ring ceremony.

An arch of white asters and fern, baskets of white asters and stock, and cathedral candles formed decorations. Pews were marked with white asters tied with satin ribbons.

Mrs. Darris Egger sang "Because," and "Yours." Rosalie Forester, who played her accompaniment, also gave "Claire De Lune," as the ceremony was read and gave the wedding music.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a silk organdy gown styled with deep yoke, round neckline and shoulder ruffle. The fitted sleeves were finished at the wristline with ruffles. The full flowing skirt of lace edged ruffles was attached to a basque. Her veil of illusion was held to her head with a ruffled crown. She carried a shower bouquet of gardenias and stephanotis. Her only ornament was a sapphire lavalier.

maid of honor, and Juanita Fewell and Joyce Weathers were bridesmaids. Miss Lackey wore a pastel blue pique dress, fashioned with drop shoulder and full skirt, and a blue carnation halo. The bridesmaids wore yellow pique dresses and halos of yellow carnations. They carried colonial bouquets of carnations.

Jean Hopper and Linda Roes, nieces of the bride, were flower girls, and Kay Stevenson, another niece, was candlelighter. Their dresses were styled like those worn by the bridesmaids.

J. M. Pyeatt was his brother's best man, and Gale Norwood of Ranger, Bernard House of Jal, N. M., Scott Hays of Abilene, and Bill Kennard were ushers.

The bride's mother wore a gray and yellow crepe dress and yellow glad corsage. Mrs. Pyeatt wore a dusty rose crepe and white carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson were hosts for a reception at their home, receiving guests on the lawn. The blue and yellow colors were repeated in appointments for the bride's table, which was overlaid with lace. Yellow glads were used on the table, and blue satin outlined a mirror which was centered with a three-tiered cake. Mrs. Ralph Jones and Mrs. Alice Montgomery, both of Abilene, presided at the table.

The couple is to live in Jal,



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N. M., where Mr. Pyeatt is an employe of the El Paso Natural Gas Co. He was educated in Clyde High School and Abilene Christian College. Mrs. Pyeatt, graduate of the Clyde High School, has been employed by the West Texas Utilities Co. in Abilene for more than two years.

**"DUEL IN THE SUN" DUE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

The ex-saint is a half-breed siren and the ex-missionary is an outlaw!

That's the way it is these days with Jennifer Jones and Gregory Peck, the girl and the boy, who came to fame in great religious pictures and now—to their astonishment—find themselves up to their make-up in Technicolor violence.

Miss Jones won the Academy Award as Bernadette, the Saint of Lourdes, in "The Song of the Bernadette." Peck won glory as Father Chisholm in "The Keys of the Kingdom."

And now David O. Selznick has brought them together in "Duel in the Sun," the tremendous Technicolor saga of the old west due on Thursday and Friday at the Plaza.

Miss Jones plays a half-Indian girl on a Texas ranch of feudal acreage. Peck, son of the owner (Lionel Barrymore) is the one she loves.

It seems that this astute producer, who offered to bet any amount that Jennifer would get the Bernadette role when she was unknown and unpublicized had in mind that his stars should show their versatility through an enormous variety of roles.

When it looked as if Jennifer was irrevocably typed as Bernadette, he cast her as the simple American girl, Jane, in "Since You Went Away." Then he cast her in "Love Letters," in which she played a more sophisticated romantic role with Joseph Cotten. After that he chose her for the dynamic role of Pearl Chavez in "Duel."

It was the same with Peck, from the Selznick point of view.

Jennifer sings and dances for the first time on any screen and Gregory is a love-makig, fire-brand cowpoke, which is about as far away as possible from Bernadette and Father Chisholm.

**SUPREME COURT RULES ON OLD FOLKS VOTING**

Austin — Old folks in the city will have the same voting privileges in the July 24 Democratic primary as the old folks in small towns and rural areas of Texas.

This in effect was the ruling of the Texas Supreme Court in an opinion handed down last week (week ending June 26.) By a vote of 6-3, the State's highest tribunal held that all persons over 60 years of age who failed to obtain poll tax exemption certificates before Feb. 1, may vote in the elections this year.

**Political Announcements**

The following candidates have authorized The Baird Star to announce their candidacy for the respective offices subject to the action of the Democratic Primary July 24th.

For Associate Justice, Court of Civil Appeals:

11th Judicial District: ALLEN D. DABNEY, Eastland County; COURTNEY GRAY, Brown County; CECIL C. COLLINGS, Big Spring.

For State Senator 24th Senatorial District: HARLEY SADLER, Of Sweetwater; PAT BULLOCK, of Colorado City.

For State Representative 107th District: L. R. PEARSON (Re-election); BILLIE MAC JOBE.

County Judge: J. L. FARMER (Re-election).

Sheriff: S. S. NICHOLS (Re-election); JOE PIERCE.

Tax Assessor-Collector: W. H. (Bob) JOY (Re-election).

County Clerk: BRUCE BELL (Re-election).

Co. Treasurer: PRESLEY REYNOLDS (Re-election).

District Clerk: CORRIE NEITHERCUTT (Re-election).

Commissioner, Precinct 1: H. A. (Hub) WARREN (Re-election).

Commissioner Precinct 2: CLYDE T. FLOYD (Re-election).

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1: G. H. CORN (Re-election).

Voting on the side of the old folks were Chief Justice J. E. Hickman, Associate Justices Graham B. Smedley, James P. Hart, W. St. John Garwood, John H. Sharp and W. M. Taylor.

The case originated in Howard County, and involved the legality of an amendment to the exemption certificate law, passed at the last session of the Legislature.

The lawmakers had passed a bill that required all persons over 60 must renew their permanent exemption certificates annually, if they lived in cities of 10,000 population or more. The amendment did not change the exemption procedure of old folks living in small towns and rural areas, who are not required to make renewals.

The Supreme Court in ruling in favor of the old folks said that the Legislature did not intend to deprive any qualified voter of his right to vote, and reversed lower court opinions by holding that the amendment failed to set out a penalty.

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**County H. D. Agent's Column**

Evelyn Wieland

**AGENT'S ITINERARY**

**Monday** — Holiday.  
**Tuesday** — Putnam 4-H; Visit Janette Roggenstein; Visit Mrs. J. B. Ramsey; Visit Mrs. Henry Bailey.  
**Wednesday** — Clyde 4-H Club; Visit Mrs. J. N. Broadfoot; Visit Billie Ann Taylor.  
**Thursday** — Hart H. D. Club.  
**Friday** — Visit Maxine Tarrant; Clyde H. D. Club.  
**Saturday** — Visit Dorris McClain.

**ENEMY OF CREPE MYRTLES**

The No. 1 enemy of crepe myrtles is powdery mildew. It forms a white, powdery covering on the leaves, stems and flowers and stunts the leaves, causing them to curl up. The entire twig may die; in fact, powdery mildew can kill even a large plant to the ground.

Sadie Hatfield, extension specialist in landscape gardening of Texas A. & M. College, says that mildew forms more often on plants in damp climates than in dry areas, and plants in shady spots are liable to the disease. It disappears in hot, dry summer weather, but may return in the fall.

The best cure for the disease, she says, is dusting sulfur -- the kind that is used to dust cotton. It's also known as 325-mesh sulfur. Dust after every rain or once a week. Be careful, in watering after dusting, not to wet the leaves.

Mildew-resistant crepe myrtles can be bought, but most of the older planting are the kind which are susceptible to the disease, Miss Hatfield points out.

Remember that only the cotton dusting sulfur or 325-mesh sulfur will do the job, Miss Hatfield warns, as the more coarsely ground kind does not have any effect at all on the disease.

**YELLOW LEAVES TO GREEN**

Shrubs, shade trees or fruit trees in the yard that have yellow leaves on them can be given a little medicine to turn the leaves green again, says Sadie Hatfield, extension landscape gardening specialist of Texas A. & M. College.

To correct the yellow color that comes into leaves about this time of year, add about a pound of copperas and sulphur for every large shrub or small tree. Fertilizers mixed with the soil at the same time will also help prevent yellow formation in the leaves.

Spread a vegetable mulch four or five inches deep around the shrubs to keep their roots from drying out when the temperature soars this summer. The mulch holds the moisture in the soil where the plants can get it. The mulch, spread over an area of several square feet and several inches thick, will gradually work itself into the ground.

Several different things can be used for mulching plants. Compost, grass cuttings, straw or any other kind of decaying plant material are all good. The grass cuttings are good plant materials furnishing nitrogen and other plant foods. Another advantage of grass clippings is that they make the soil acid, making iron available to the plants.

Most of the Texas soils have enough iron in them, but sometimes it is combined with other minerals and cannot be used by the plants. However, when the soil is made slightly acid, the iron is released and taken up by the plant.

Miss Earlene West of Dallas is spending the summer here with relatives.

Jim Allphin has returned from a two weeks trip to Washington.



**HEADS TEXAS JAYCEES**—Melvin B. Evans, young Wichita Falls businessman, this week assumed the presidency of the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, largest in the nation. President Evans pledged that during the coming year the more than 15,000 Texas Jaycees would greatly expand their programs of service to the community. To carry out this project he urged all young men in Texas to join their local Junior Chambers or, where none have been organized, to call on him for assistance in organizing new Jaycee chapters.

**DRAFTING OF YOUTHS TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER**

Draft boards will begin sending young men into the armed forces by late September. Machinery for operation of the re-stored selective service system already is being set up in Washington.

Military authorities say that about one in every five men in the 19 through 25 age bracket who are single and non-veterans will have to serve in the army, navy, air force, or marines. There are roughly 1,552,000 single non-veterans in that age group.

Maj.-Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the war-time draft, probably will be chosen to direct the new system. He will be aided by state selective service bodies and local draft boards.

From the office of Gen. Omar N. Bradley, army chief of staff, comes the estimate that at least 200,000 or 250,000 young men will be drafted into the armed forces during the first 12 months of the program. Much of the draft induction figure, however, depends on the rate of which young men join the armed forces voluntarily.

Primary purpose of the peace-time draft is to give the army, navy, and air force the men they need but have been unable to get under their recruiting programs.

The draft bill was written in its final form by the armed services committees of the senate and house headed by Senator

Chan Gurney (R.-S.D.) and Representative Walter G. Andrews (R.-N.Y.)

The following are the main provisions of the new draft law.

1. Men from 19 through 25 years can be drafted for 21 months service with the army, navy, marines, or air force.

2. Up to 161,000 18-year-olds may volunteer for one year of service with the regular forces, in lieu of compulsory military training.

3. The draft law becomes effective immediately when signed by the President, but no man can be inducted for 90 days.

4. Doctors and dentists younger than 26 the subject to induction, the same as other young men, but there will be no special drafting of doctors and other members of the medical profession.

5. Overall manpower strength of the armed forces is raised to 2,837,000, divided as follows: Army, 837,000; navy and marines 666,882; and air force, 502,000. The approximate strength of the armed forces as of June 1 was: Army, 548,000; air force, 382,000; navy, 389,000, and marines, 80,000.

6. Registration for the draft is limited to men 18 through 25 years.

7. Most veterans of the Second World War are exempt.

8. The bill provides for expansion of civilian components, including reserves and the national guard, with draft deferments for those who are members of reserve units.

9. A special exemption is allowed for the only surviving son of families who lost sons in the war.

10. Conscientious objectors could be placed on non-combat duty, or, if they objected to this, be deferred if the objection is valid.

11. All draftees, 18-year-old volunteers, and other volunteers must go into reserve pools after completing active duty. The time for reserve liability can be reduced by serving in active reserve units such as the national guard.

12. The President may defer "necessary" men in industry, agriculture, science, and other fields. Married men and those with dependents also would be deferred.

13. High school students would be deferred from draft until they are graduated or reached the age of 20 so long as they do satisfactory class work. College students could complete the school year before answering a draft call.

14. The President could seize

plants or factories that failed to fill armed services orders at a fair price. This is similar to a war-time provision except purchasing officials are directed to give "small business" a share of contracts.

15. The army and air force court-martial system would be revised as a result of numerous complaints about military justice during the last war.

16. Drafted men would have the same right to reclaim civilian jobs that existed under the war-time act. War-time absentee voting rights also would be extended to those in the armed forces.

17. Men in the draft age group of 19 through 25 years also could enlist in the regular army for a period of 21 months.

18. A passage grade of 70 in general classification tests used to test volunteers must be accepted. This action resulted from complaints that the armed services had raised this passing grade to 80 points to reject many volunteers.

19. The national selective service organization is revived with a national director to be paid \$12,500 a year. It will operate much as it did during the war, chiefly through volunteer local boards.

Officials estimate that it will cost about \$40,000,000 to administer the draft during the first year.

Norma Farmer is in San Antonio visiting Mr. and Mrs. Benja Pillans and son. Mr. and Mrs. Pillans are expected to spend the 4th of July Holidays visiting their parents here and at Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hull and children, Barbara and Wayne of Jacksboro, were weekend guests of the A. H. Pritchard family. Mrs. Hull is Mrs. Pritchard's sister. Wilma Jennings returned to Jacksboro with them to spend the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crow and daughter, Miss Mildred Ann, of San Antonio, visited Mrs. Crow's sister, Mrs. Carroll McGowan and Dr. McGowan Friday and Saturday. While they were here Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clark of Clyde, and Miss Shari Swofford of Kerrville came for a visit, and the family enjoyed a splendid time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Smith of Dallas flew in to the Baird airport by 7:30 a. m. Wednesday and spent a couple of hours with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Lenora Boatwright, and aunts, Misses Lorena and Myrtle Gunn. They left at 9:30 and planned to be at home by noon. While here they enjoyed seeing Miss Pauline Terrell of Houston.

Oplin people are happy over the 2 1/2 inch rain they had Sunday night.

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**MAYONNAISE YOU'LL PRAISE**  
 For a patriotic picnic salad, combine fresh strawberries, pineapple and blueberries. And for a bang-up dressing to go with it, add 1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped, to 1/2 cup A&P's creamy-smooth ANN PAGE MAYONNAISE. This salad is delicious as a dessert, too, served with the brownies or spice drops I'm going to give you the recipes for now.

**WHITE HOUSE BROWNIES**  
 Melt 2 sqs. unsweetened chocolate over hot water, remove from heat and add 1 cup sugar, 2 unbeaten eggs, 1/2 cup A&P's double-rich WHITE HOUSE EVAPORATED MILK (undiluted), 1/2 cup sifted flour, 1/2 cup chopped nut meats, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Stir well, pour into greased 8-in. sq. pan, and bake in moderate oven, 350° F., 35 mins. Makes sixteen 2-in. squares.

**TOPS IN SPICE DROPS**  
 Melt 1/2 cup shortening, add 1 cup molasses and 2 beaten eggs. Stir well. Sift 2 1/2 cups of A&P's fine SUNNYFIELD FAMILY FLOUR with 4 tps. baking powder, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. soda, 1/4 tsp. cloves, 1 tsp. cinnamon and 3/4 tsp. ginger. Add half these dry ingredients and beat well. Add other half and 1/2 cup milk alternately, beating well after each addition. Add 1/2 tsp. lemon extract. Drop by teaspoonfuls on ungreased cookie sheet and bake in moderate oven, 375° F., 8 to 10 minutes. Makes about 5 dozen.

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Guardianship of Lula Welch, a person of unsound mind, No. 1637

In the County Court of Callahan County, Texas.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE PERSON OR ESTATE OF THE SAID LULA WELCH, a person of unsound mind:

You are notified that I have on the 1st day of July, 1948, filed with the County Clerk of Callahan County, Texas, an application under oath for authority to make an oil and gas lease on that certain real estate belonging to said ward, Lula Welch, described as follows:

All of her interest, the same being an undivided interest, in and to that certain tract of land situated in the county of Callahan and Taylor, State of Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being the Southeast Quarters (S. E. 1/4) of Lunatic Asylum Survey No. 50; BEGINNING at the Southeast (S. E.) corner of said Survey No. 50; THENCE North 1/2 deg. E. 959 vrs. to stone in ground; THENCE South 89 1/2 deg. w. 958 vrs. to stk. & md; THENCE, South 959 vrs. to stk. in SB line of said Sec.; THENCE, North 89 1/2 deg. E. 956 vrs. to place of beginning, and said entire tract containing 162 1/2 acres, more or less.

That J. L. Farmer, Judge of the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, on the 1st day of July, 1948, duly entered his order designating the 12th day of July, 1948, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the County Court Room in the Courthouse of such county as the time and place when and where such application would be heard and that such application will be heard at such time and place.

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Lenders who extend credit to eligible farmers for the purchase, enlargement or development of farms under the insured farm mortgage program may assign the mortgage to the Government and receive payment in full at the end of a specified period established by the Government. The loans will carry an interest rate of 3 per cent and a 1 per cent insured mortgage charge.

The credit is extended only to farmers who cannot obtain adequate financing from private or cooperative sources. Repayment of the loans is fully guaranteed by the Government. The loans are limited to 90 per cent of the borrowers total investment in the farm and are repayable over a 40 year period.

Since the first insured loan was made last October, 333 loans averaging approximately \$7,000 have been closed or approved. In addition, 9,200 applicants for insured loans have been approved and their applications are being held pending the location of suitable farms or lenders willing to finance the loans with government insurance. Up to \$100,000,000 worth of loans may be insured in any one year.

Principal activity has been in eight states. Minnesota has closed or approved 31 loans, Kansas 30, Wisconsin and Michigan 27 loans each, Missouri 24, Alabama 23, Georgia 22, and Texas 11. Of the lenders, 84 per cent have been banks serving rural areas. Other loans have been made by life insurance companies, individuals, state retirement funds, and subsidiaries of farm organizations.

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