

EDITORIAL

The Eisenhower administration is committed to go all out in eliminating and punishing official corruption, in reducing the cost of government and eventually cutting taxes and in heavily slashing the tremendous public payroll.

It looks as if this last matter offers a fertile field for achievement. As everyone knows, the number of government employes grew almost incredibly during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, entirely aside from those in the armed forces. And there is plenty of evidence that many of them are not needed, are overpaid by any reasonable standard in the light of the jobs they hold and the work they do, and have very dubious qualifications and abilities.

Early in January Senator Johnson of South Carolina who is a Democrat, returned from a seven week foreign tour. He had gone abroad as head of a special congressional committee created to study American government personnel stationed in Europe and North Africa. And some of the statements he made to newspaper interviewers should be of considerable interest to the taxpayers.

According to an AP account, Senator Johnson said that committee workers were shocked by the high salaries and luxurious living of federal employes in foreign lands. Some workers live in extremely expensive home and apartments, with three or four servants. Stenographers earn as much as \$6,000 a year, with the foreign service allowances which are tacked on to their salaries, and have personal maids. Some officials, the committee found, put their European girl friends on the U.S. payroll, and took them along when they were moved from country to country.

Also, the interview went on, some of the highest paid and responsible overseas jobs had been dealt out on a political basis, to people who were woefully lacking in ability and experience. In many cases employes were kept on the payroll months after their work had been completed and there was no longer any need for their services.

If Senator Johnson and his committee are right, here is one place where waste is flagrant. There is still another unhappy phase to the problem too—one which more and more European and American writers and editors have been commenting on. It is found in the fact that Europeans get an extremely distorted view of American life and the American people when they see our representatives abroad going in for flush high-life.

At any rate, the Eisenhower administration undoubtedly will soon get down to work on the problem of payrolls and overstaffed government bureaus at home and abroad. One problem lies in the fact that, during the 20 years of New Deal-Fair Deal flowering, a great many people got a grip on life-time federal jobs through civil service. It will be a gradual process to make significant changes here. However, there are large numbers of bureaucrats of high and low degree, without civil service status, who can be dispensed with if it is decided they aren't an asset which is worth the cost to the taxpayer. And, judging by the backgrounds and attitudes of Eisenhower's cabinet members and other top-level appointees, no effort will be spared in eliminating the expensive dead wood.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their many kind deeds they did when we lost our beloved husband, father and brother. We want to thank each for the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Mrs. Luke O'Shields, Ed. Herman, Bill, Lois, Nelma, Neoma and Vaughn, Mrs. Etta Poindexter.

Mr. Weldon Bryant of Dallas, spent last weekend with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Bryant.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who helped to extinguish the grass fire on our place in the Belle Plain community on Sunday afternoon.

Your act of kindness will never be forgotten.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Young.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jackson of Midland, spent last weekend with Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. George Crutchfield. They were en route to Cisco, to attend the funeral of Mr. Jackson's brother, Mr. Terrell Jackson.

AND THEY'RE STILL HANGING AROUND



Notes... from the PUBLISHER

There will be only two days left in which to pay your poll tax when this is published. Reports from the tax collector's office show only 700 poll taxes have been paid. Last year the total was 2700. Although not a regular election year there is always a possibility of special elections. You are urged to pay poll tax today or tomorrow. The way to keep ours a free society is for all of us to participate. It is our privilege. It is your duty.

It is to be hoped the moisture situation will be improved by the time this is printed. Callahan county has been dry so long we are inclined to get optimistic when we have even a little moisture. The surface moisture plays out rapidly when there is no deep season in the ground. The type of rain needed is the one I heard a fellow wish for recently. He said he would like to have about ten inches the first day, five inches the next and then an inch each day until it got dry enough to plow.

Through the medium of television my wife and I, along with millions of other Americans, were present for our first presidential inauguration. It is

to be regretted that every school child in America did not have the same opportunity. Four years from now all schools should have television and every school child will have the opportunity to witness this inspirational ceremony. It was inspiring that the first words spoken by Mr. Eisenhower as President of the United States were in a prayer for guidance. There can be no doubt about the need for more Christianity in government, not only in ours but in all governments. In the perils we face mere human skills are not enough.

I would like to explain my position about the closing thought which has appeared in this column each week and will continue to appear. I am grateful for the kind things which have been said about it. It is not my intention to preach. The thoughts will apply to me as readily as to most of my readers. It is my firm belief there has never been a time in history when there was a greater need for all those who profess Christianity to speak out for Christ and His Church. Today it is acknowledged we live in a sick world. We have the threat of atomic and bacteriological warfare and now there is the hydrogen bomb, the most terrible instrument of destruction the world has ever known. We can contemplate actual suicide of the human race on a global basis. One thing only can save the world from the doom decreed by man's ambition coupled with man's ingenuity in the techniques of destruction. That one thing is God's Church and the manner in which you and I support and maintain it and its teachings. It is much. It is enough if all men turn to it. If any man has a speech to make for Christ and Christ's Church, today is the day to make it. With the hydrogen bomb in existence there might not be a world, as we know it, tomorrow in which to make it.

Mrs. B. L. Russell, Jr., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. R. Kelly and Mr. Kelly in Dallas.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court will meet January 31, 1953 to make changes in salaries of County Officials, Deputies, Assistants and Clerks of Callahan County.

J. L. Farmer
County Judge
3-3-c

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norrell were guests in the home of Mrs. Norrell's niece, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Freeman, in Cross Plains, Sunday, Jan. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harper of Abilene, spent Sunday, January 25, with Mrs. Harper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston.

Mrs. I. W. Pittman of Timmonsville, South Carolina is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lea Macdonald and Mr. Macdonald.

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S. E. Webb Writes From Marfa

Friday, January 23, 1953

Dear Friends in Baird,

Greetings:

While a great part of Texas is wrestling with old man winter, we here at Marfa are running about in shirt sleeves, no fire in shop or office. I walked down Main Street with a man wearing a straw sailor type hat just like I get in Baird every summer. Last sleet Baird had we had big feathertype snow in morning here, but sun came out and kids flew kites right after noon, all clear and pretty.

Ross Douglass, contractor here, went up on the Plains one day this week to see a man about some building job, said he finally found him and talked with him, shook hands with him but never could see him. Dust too thick up there.

Our new grandchild, number 25, is doing fine. Best I ever saw. All reasonably well here, some flu. Talked with a Davis Mountain rancher who shot and killed a Mexican Lion. Two men couldn't get it loaded, pretty big but finally tied rope around it and hauled it up to tree limb drove under it to bring it in and show it. Bob cas at windmill, another on 8000 foot Mt. Livermore. Saw three bear walking down fence line.

—S. E. Webb.

T-S Eddie Lusk, wife and daughter of Hampton Rds., Virginia, cousins of Mrs. Homer Driskill and Mrs. B. L. Boydston, spent several days here last week. They were en route to Junction City, Kansas, where Mrs. Lusk and daughter will live while Sgt. Lusk is doing overseas duty in the far east.

NOTICE

The Cross Plains Independent School District will receive sealed bids on an 8-acre tract of land formerly occupied by the Bayou school building, located on the west side of Coleman-Baird highway, approximately 1/4-mile south of Highway 36. Bids will be received until Feb. 5. Bids will be opened Feb. 7, and board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. One-half of royalty retained. Mail bids to Paul L. Whitton, School Superintendent, Cross Plains, Texas. Hadden Payne, Board President, Cross Plains Independent School District.
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Clyde Thursday Club Elects Officers for 1953-54 at Community Center On January 22

The Clyde Thursday Club is honored to announce the reelection of Mrs. P. H. Patton as president for 1953-54 term.

The' born and reared near Clyde Mrs. Patton lived in Abilene several years after she married, where she was employed by the Bell Telephone System. During this time she served as president for the Abilene Chapter of the Business and Professional Women for several terms.

Since returning to Clyde, Mrs. Patton has been of outstanding value to her town and community — serving the P.-T. A. as president and as treasurer in the past and is very active on committee work this year. In her community she enjoys working with the "Enterprise Homemakers" Club. Having been its president about two years ago.

The Thursday Club is fortunate to be headed by such a capable and gracious person again. She was re-elected at the Semi-Annual business meeting held Jan. 22 at the Clyde Community Center with Miss Aida Nordyke as hostess. As the members arrived they were served a refreshment plate of Texas pecan pie and coffee. The club room was made 'spring-like' with potted plants and other green arrangements. Despite the extremely bad weather and the flu fourteen members answered roll call.

Probably due to the President's Inauguration much of the afternoon work brought in patriotic thoughts frequently. Mrs. Patton called the club to order for mid-year business. Mrs. J. C. Snow read the minutes and accepted for filing all reports as they were given by officers and chairmen of standing committees. Reports were finished with that of the nominating committee submitted by Mrs. Ben Wilson, chairman.

Those elected in addition to Mrs. Patton as president were: First vice president, Mrs. Blanton Scott; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Snow; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Preston Poole; Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Parks; Reporter, Mrs. John Berry. Elected on the Advisory Board: Mrs. Weldon Edwards, chairman; Mrs. Grady Barr and Mrs. W. A. Cook.

Club Constitution and By-Laws was sketched by Mrs. Blanton Scott, parliamentarian. Thursday Club members were urged to attend the program Jan. 26th being given for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

Belle Plains Club News

Mrs. V. A. Williams was hostess to the Belle Plains Community Club at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday.

"Fashions through the Years" was the program for the meeting. Mrs. Williams gave a short history of fashions through the years, followed by members showing old fashioned frocks and pictures which they had brought.

After the study of styles Mrs. S. W. Lilly presented a demonstration on reed weaving. A lovely refreshment plate was served to fifteen members and one visitor.

The meeting adjourned to meet next in the home of Mrs. J. U. Hughes on February 10th.—Mrs. Earl Hughes.

Baptist Church Notes

TRAINING UNION

Remember to be in Training Union at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. We must reach our Goal of 250. We must train for the Lord. Come help us reach our Goal of 350 in Sunday School.

Girl Scout Troop 5 met Tues., 20, and decided to work on their leather badge. Belts and billfolds were selected as the first projects. Work on them will start Wednesday. Our instructor will be Mrs. C. R. Price. Artie Mae Stokes, Reporter.

W. B. Swim, Jr., has just returned to Japan as a foreign exchange student. He is the only American to ever be admitted to the University of Tokyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Baulch and Mrs. Todd Newton spent from Thursday until Sunday, visiting Mrs. Newton's husband who is stationed at the Naval Air Force Base in Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Giles have recently moved to Baird from Tucson, Arizona and are making their home at the R. L. Alexander Apts. Mr. Giles is employed in the transportation department of the T&P Railway here.



FACES SECURITY CHARGE . . . Michael Rothkrug, 44, of Westport, Conn., former army intelligence officer, appears in a Berlin, Germany, court for "unauthorized possession of documents dangerous to security of allied forces."

Delphian Club Meets At Cash Home

Members of the Delphian Club met in the home of Mrs. L. C. Cash, Tuesday, Jan. 27, with Mrs. Frank Windham as co-hostess.

The meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Fulton. Fifteen members answered the roll call.

The subject for the day being "Citizenship's Challenge to Women," interesting topics were given by Mrs. M. C. McGowan, Mrs. R. L. Alexander, Mrs. H. W. Martin and Mrs. M. L. Stubbs. Mrs. M. D. Bell presented a lovely piano solo.

During the refreshment hour, a donation was taken for the March of Dimes.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mmes. H. W. Martin, C. B. Snyder, Jr., Tee Baulch, Glen Green, Brice Jones, C. H. Siadous, M. D. Bell, R. L. Alexander, M. C. McGowan, M. L. Stubblefield, E. C. Fulton, Frank Gardiner, W. P. Brightwell, S. L. McElroy, and a guest, Mrs. J. H. Day of Abilene, and the hostess.

The meeting adjourned to meet Feb. 24, in the home of Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Williams, O'Brien, Texas, Sunday, Jan. 25, were: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. (Rob) Roberson and daughter, Vi Doris of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Selman Correll and children, Melba and Charley of Oplin; Mrs. C. P. Correll, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pierce and children, Patsy, Happy, and Judy of Melrose, New Mexico; and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo, Jr. (Butch) of O'Brien.

Mrs. G. F. Williams is the former Alice Correll.

Mrs. M. D. McElroy and daughter, Mrs. Johnny Sparks and her son, Jimmy Dean, of Midland were in Baird this week on business. They are former residents of Baird.

Mrs. R. E. Bounds visited her son, Mr. J. P. Bounds and Mrs. Bounds in Abilene last week end.

Mrs. Lutrick Hostess At W.S.C.S. Coffee

Mrs. Charles Lutrick was hostess to forty women of the Methodist Church at a coffee on Wednesday morning, January 28th at the parsonage on Arch Street.

The refreshment table, laid with a green linen cloth, was centered with an arrangement of spring flowers arranged by Mrs. A. N. Johnson. Mrs. W. A. Fetterly, president of the Women's Society for Christian Service, presided at the silver coffee service.

Plans for organizing a new circle, thereby creating more interest in the women's work of the Church, was discussed. Mrs. Fetterly outlined the details of organization.

The women will meet at the First Methodist Church Wednesday, February 4th at 7:30 p.m. for the election of officers.

Junior G. A.'s

The Junior G. A.'s of the First Baptist Church met Monday at 4:15. We sang three songs and then we had our program. The program was on "Bound Feet." It was about the women of China binding their feet. Parts were brought by Helen Walker, Sherry Fugitt, Ann Dennis, and Marjorie Curtis. All members except six were present.—Ann Dennis, Secretary.

Texas Women Take To Politics

WORTHAM—Texas women are interested in several bills which will come before the new legislature, according to Mrs. Van Hook Stubbs, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

The constitutional amendment to allow jury service for women, legislation affecting women's separate property rights, and a proposal to exempt single persons are three legislative questions given top priority by her organization, Mrs. Stubbs states.

The proposal to permit women to sell separate property without their husband's consent if the property belonged to or was acquired by her through inheritance is a long-standing legislative ambition of women's groups.

Mrs. Kirk Hall of Dallas, legislative chairman of the Texas Federation's 1,200 clubs, points out in endorsing extension of the homestead tax exemption that many single women and men support parents or other relatives, and deserve the tax exemption as much as do married couples.

Provision for family courts, or at least appointment of a research committee to investigate systems in other states, is another legislative need given the full backing of Texas clubwomen.

The Texas Federation is also endorsing additional help to the package loan library bureau, a bill to enable local government units to engage in community recreational programs, and strict enforcement of legislation affecting sale of narcotics.

Presbyterian Women Have Missions Meet

The Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church held their regular meeting at the church, Monday, January 26, at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Virgil Jones presided in the absence of the President, Mrs. Harry Ebert.

The meeting was opened with a hymn, "Help Somebody Today." After roll call, and reading of the minutes of the last meeting, a brief business discussion was held.

The following program was presented: Hymn, "God Will Take Care of You"; Reading of the 23rd Psalm, Mrs. Virgil Jones; "If You Had Just One Year To Live," Mrs. R. L. Alexander.

Mrs. James Asbury, hostess, served a delicious refreshment plate. The meeting was dismissed with a prayer by Mrs. Virgil Hughes.

Midway Musings

Mrs. Joel Griffin Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Griffin and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones in Abilene Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morton left Thursday for a visit with Mrs. Morton's parents in California. The daughter, Mrs. Allen and her daughter, Pam, will keep the home fires burning while the Mortons are away.

Otto Best has had a severe case of flu for the past two weeks. Visiting the Bests one day last week was Mrs. Best's sister, Mrs. Stevens, from Abilene.

Visiting the Joel Griffins Saturday night and Sunday were Mrs. Foy and children of Brownwood, Joel W. Griffin of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones and boys, of Abilene.

Mrs. Barbian visited Mrs. Dick Griffin Tuesday morning.

The Merry Quilters met Monday and made a quilt for Mrs. Griffin.

We have had several cases of flu the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Barbian's children have been sick for several days. Most every family has had one of more cases.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to those who sent flowers, cards and food at the death of our wife and mother, Mrs. E. Thomas. May God's richest blessings be with each of you.

ERVIN THOMAS AND FAMILY.

G. A. Notes

The Estelle Freeland Girls' Auxiliary met at the First Baptist Church Monday, January 26. The group opened the meeting with the call to order by the President, Jenice Brown. A program was then presented on "Baptist Women Around the World".

The following were present: Jane Davis, Janis Abernathy, Jenice Brown, Norma Barton, Martha Payne, Mrs. Cheff, and one visitor, Rogene Sims. Norma Barton dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

The next program is from the "World Comrades" — Martha Payne, Reporter.

Arynn Purvis of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was the week end guest of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith.

Mrs. Lewis Hostess To Study Club

The Junior Wednesday Club met Monday night, January 26, with their Contact Chairman, Mrs. L. B. Lewis, serving as hostess.

Jackie Pruet and Margaret Green were welcomed as new members.

Our 'Globe-Trotting' was continued, with a talk on Russia by Martha Betcher and Helen Miller discussed India.

Those present for the meeting were: Pat Sims, Margaret Green, Jackie Pruet, Helen Miller, Lucy Curtis, Sarah Parks, Floy McCaw, Gwen Brown, Mary Black, Dora Eubanks, JoAnn Newton, Mary Stroope, Martha Betcher, Loreta Alexander and Mrs. L. B. Lewis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Boyd newcomers in this community have been shut ins the past three weeks with the flu.

The old flu bug seems to be on the wane in the community. However there are several families who have been pretty hard hit.

There has been quite a bit of activity in the community the past few days concerning R. E. A. telephones. Easements and applications are being taken by Reese Miller at the store. It will be a dial system with Abilene Central. Construction is due to begin in the next few weeks.

Robert Edwards of San Angelo who was reported ill last week is reported to be on the mend.

Mrs. J. L. Anthony of 1625 N. 21st, Abilene will be guest speaker at the Baptist Church Sunday Morning Feb. 15. Mrs. Anthony made a Good-will tour of the Hawaiian Islands last summer at the age of 73. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Shivers Declares Teachers Need Pay Increase

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Governor of Texas

The public school system is a subject close to the hearts of all of us.

We want to see our schools rank among the best in the nation. To have good schools, we must have good teachers.

And to keep good teachers we must pay them decent salaries.

The lot of Texas teachers has improved considerably since 1949, when the Legislature installed a new system popularly known as the "Gilmer-Aikin program." But inflation has wiped out some of their financial gains.

Texas teachers must have cost-of-living salary raises. There is hardly anyone who disagrees. I have listed this as one of the necessities faced by the 53rd Legislature now in session at Austin.

As Governor, I have to ask a couple of questions — and you, as citizens and taxpayers, need to do the same:

How much?
Who pays it?
There isn't enough state money in sight for next year to cover salary increases for our 55,000 teachers. Thus we will either have to raise more money, or redistribute what we have or both.

The plan I suggested for the Legislature's consideration had something of both factors in it. It would mean, in effect, that (1) some state funds now going to make rich school districts richer would be spread among the less fortunate schools of the state, and (2) the local districts would be asked to pay the same proportion of the total Gilmer-Aikin program expense as they did when the program was started in 1949.

Before I explain this plan in more detail, a couple of terms need to be defined.

The "available school fund" consists of money dedicated to the constitution and statutes to the public schools and distributed by the State on the basis of scholastic-age population. This is the familiar "per capita apportionment." At present this payment is \$68 a year per student.

The "minimum foundation fund" was set up by the Gilmer-Aikin program in 1949 to equalize educational opportunities throughout the State. This Gilmer-Aikin plan, a great milestone of progress, provides money for school districts on a basis of need. The more prosperous districts get no Gilmer-Aikin assistance at all. Poor districts receive sufficient amounts from this fund to maintain a "minimum standard" program.

These two funds represent entirely different kinds of aid. The State's school finance pants have two pockets.

What can we do now to raise the teachers and yet avoid an increase in State taxes?

Obviously, it would help if some of the excess payments now going to certain districts by "per capita" allocation could be given instead to districts that really need the money. Then we would not be continuing to enrich a few districts out of one State pocket while we spend millions of dollars from another pocket to keep needy schools up to decent standards. Some of the money from the luxury pocket belongs in the necessity pocket.

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strict interpretation of the State Constitution. Actually, about \$15 million is going into the "available school fund" now from taxes not so earmarked by the Constitution. That is a generous situation except, as I indicated before, the extra money goes into the wrong pocket. I think this \$15 million ought to be reallocated to the Gilmer-Aikin pocket.

What else can we do? We can restore the former one-to-three balance between local and state support of the Gilmer-Aikin program. That one-to-three ratio was considered fair in 1949 when the program went into operation. At that time \$45 million represented a fourth of the Gilmer-Aikin cost. But the school districts are still paying the same \$45 million annually — while the cost of the program has risen steadily. The State has been making up the difference. I think the old ratio of one local dollar to every three State dollars ought to be reinstated.

In this connection, let me quote from the annual report of the State Board of Education:

"It is highly important that an appropriate balance be maintained between local and State support of the public school system. The maintenance of a proper balance between state and local financing of the public school program will help insure the continuation of local control of public schools."

The Board evidently believes that local control cannot be maintained unless proper local support is maintained. We face the same problem at the State level when we accept too much "easy" money from Washington. We find that Washington wants to tell us how to spend the money.

I don't want to see any weakening of local control of our public schools. The school is too close to the home to be controlled by anyone besides the homefolks.

Mrs. M. J. Adams of Winters spent last week here in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. N. Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Easter of Midland, visited Mrs. Easter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stiffler were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Clark in Abilene, Sunday, January 23.

Condition of W. B. Jones, prominent Baird resident, who is seriously ill in Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene, was reported unchanged Thursday.

Year Ahead Looks Good For Egg Producers

College Station — Texas market egg producers should find the year ahead to their liking. This forecast comes from Professor E. D. Parnell, poultry husbandry department of Texas A & M College.

He backs up the forecast with a lot of reasons. First there are fewer layers on the farms to produce the eggs needed to supply the demand from the nation's increasing population. There also exists a shortage of frozen eggs as compared to past years and too, the demand for stored shell eggs has recently been heavy.

Another very important factor, says Parnell, has been the recent decline — it's been slight — in the price of some feed ingredients and a rise in egg prices resulting from heavy demands and a decline in supply.

High egg prices in the spring, says the professor, no doubt will cause more orders to be placed for pullets and this will increase the number of layers for next fall and winter but that is six months away, he adds. In the meantime producers who do a good job of managing their laying flocks, can be cashing in on a favorable market situation.

Parnell offers a last suggestion and that is giving the laying flock the attention it deserves; check the feeding program; use proved sanitation and disease control practices; use artificial lights if needed; be sure the laying house is properly ventilated and that the flock gets plenty of clean drinking water — warm it during cold snaps. These and other management practices when followed will put extra eggs in the basket now when prices are good.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Baulch left Wednesday, January 28, to visit in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Conner at Rule, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Mc-Bath at Crowell, Texas.

Mrs. Arvin Melton of Odessa visited the Gunn Sisters last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald V. Meigs returned to Houston on Thursday, January 29. They have been in Baird since January 1 when they attended the funeral of Mrs. Meigs' mother, Mrs. J. H. Hammons.

Mr. Harry Gardiner of Weatherford, Oklahoma, is visiting in the home of his brother, Mr. Frank Gardiner and Mrs. Gardiner.

New Plan Accepts Pilots For AF

Major Robert C. Fry, Commanding Officer of the 9815th Volunteer Air Reserve Squadron, McMurry College, Abilene, announces a new plan to accept pilots for the Air Force.

Area embraced by the 9815th VAR Sq. includes the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, and Taylor.

Nationwide, a total of 4,838 volunteer reserve officers will be needed to fill Air Force requirements for pilots, aircraft observers, and non-flying officers.

Qualified pilots below the age of 36, who are captains or above, or lieutenants under 30, who submitted their applications for active military service during the past year and who meet all other specific requirements, will be given first consideration.

Air Force Reserve officers who wish to volunteer for active military service under this program, should submit AF Form 125 direct to Commanding General, Fourteenth Air Force, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Forms are available at the 9815th Volunteer Air Reserve Training Sq., at McMurry College or by phoning 2-5872, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Adams and daughter, Seldra, of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Shelton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Black of Fort Worth are visiting in the home of Mrs. O. B. Jarrett and Bob Swinson.

Eagle Scout Father And Son To Dine

Bob Wylie, Chairman of the Chisholm Trail Council Advancement Committee announces Eagle Scout Father and Son banquet to be held February 9, 7:00 p. m. at the Boy Scout headquarters in Abilene.

This is the first affair of this kind ever held in the Council and it is planned to make it an annual project during each Boy Scout Week.

All active Eagle Scouts and their Dads are invited as well as former Eagle Scouts now residing in the Council. It is hoped that any men who are Eagle Scouts and have moved into the Chisholm Trail Council will attend. Charles Passell, who was a member of the 2nd Byrd Expedition will be the principal speaker. Passell will tell of the experience the Eagle Scouts had who were taken on the Byrd Expedition.

Alex Bickley, long time Scoutmaster, Eagle Scout and attorney in Abilene will be the master of ceremonies.

Tickets for the banquet may be secured by writing the Boy Scout office, Box 858, Abilene.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Grantz and children, Susie and Bill, of Mertzton were visitors in Baird and Cisco this week. Rev. Grantz is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church at Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stanley of Carlsbad, New Mexico paid the Baird Star a visit Tuesday while here on business and visiting their sons, Tommy and Bobby, and their families.

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Baird Churches

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Each second and fourth Sunday of each month.

The First Methodist Church
Rev. Charles E. Lutrick, Minister
SUNDAY:
Sunday School-9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship-10:55 a. m.
M. Y. F.-6:15 p. m.
Evening Worship-7:00 p. m.
M. Y. F. Fellowship-8:00 p. m.
THURSDAY:
Choir Practice-7:15 p. m.

Church of Christ
Merle King, Minister
Phone 370
SUNDAY:
Bible School-10 a. m.
Worship-10:45 a. m.
Young People's Bible Class - 6 p. m.
Worship-7 p. m.
TUESDAY:
Ladies' Bible Class-3 P. M.
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study-7 p. m.

First Baptist Church
Rev. Riley Fugitt, Pastor
Rev. David Whitaker
Associate Pastor
Bonnie Thompson, S.S. Supt.
SUNDAY:
Sunday School-10 a. m.
Morning Service-11 a. m.
B. T. U.-6:30 p. m.
(Depts. for all ages)
H. B. Terry, Director
Evening Service-7:30 p. m.
MONDAY:
W. M. S.-3:15 p. m.
Mrs. J. T. Warren, Pres.
Sunbeams-3:15 p. m.
Mary Walker, Leader
Junior G. A.'s-4:15 p. m.
Mrs. Riley Fugitt, Counselor.
Int. G. A.'s-4:15 p. m.
Mrs. Reese, Counselor
R. A.'s-4:15 p. m.
Rev. Riley Fugitt, Counselor
WEDNESDAY:
Sunday School officers and teacher's meeting-6:45 p. m.
Rev. Fugitt, teacher.
Prayer Meeting-7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice-8:30 p. m.

Down Memory Lane

NOTES OF INTEREST OF YESTERDAY
JANUARY 28, 1910

Mr. Pete King and Miss Carrie McCool were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony Sunday evening, Jan. 23, 1910 at the home of the bride's parents in Putnam. Rev. George Smallwood officiating.

W. T. Pittmann, of Fort Worth, has bought the Light Plant from McGowen Bros. and we learn will be here in a few days. Mr. Pittmann is an experienced light plant man. Baird needs a good light plant we believe it can be made a paying proposition if good service is given.

Summer Harris of Oplin sold a hog here a few days ago that weighed 330 pounds. Bought by the Wilson Meat Market at 8c per pound makes \$42.40 for one hog. Moral: raise hogs.

Tom Johnson, of Oplin, was in town one day this week.

Edison Talking Machine and records for sale at Holmes Drug Store.

S. W. Sikes from out Rowden way was in town Saturday.

Miss Mary Shackelford, of Putnam, was a guest of Miss Mattie Scott Wednesday of last week.

W. D. Clinton and D. H. Lee of Scranton Community, were in town Monday looking after taxes.

Mrs. Hamrick and daughter of Kansas City, are the guests of Mrs. Arthur Johnson for a few weeks.

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There are others we would
love to name,
But time and space forbids,
We hope to see this city rise
to fame
To bless her many kids.

Belle Plains Community News
Mrs. Earl Hughes

Forty six people of the Belle Plains and neighboring communities attended the March of Dimes party at the Community Center Friday night, January twenty-third.

Twenty-one dollars and forty-four cents (\$21.44) was donated for the March of Dimes fund.

Entertainment for the evening consisted of eighty-four, Canasta, forty-two and music which was furnished by Mr. Gene Gene Mauldin, Hansel Sanders, Don Mauldin and Sammy Sikes.

Others on the entertainment program were, Ann Crites, Lee and Joquin Abernathy and Coy Williams.

Refreshments of coffee, cake and ice drinks were served.

NOTICE TO BANKS

The Commissioners Court of Callahan County at the regular term February 9, 1953 at 10 P. M. will open and consider applications for a depository for all Callahan County and School funds, for the years 1953-54. This being in accordance with Article 2544 Vernon's Civil Statutes of Texas.

J. L. Farmer, County Judge 3-3-c

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Park visited Mrs. Park's father, Mr. Fred Hoggatt in Azle, Texas last weekend.

JANUARY 27, 1933

Lee D. Kingston, of Balmorhea stopped for a short visit with Mrs. W. E. Gilliland and family Sunday on his way home from Austin, where he attended the inauguration of Mrs. Ferguson as governor.

Miss Billie Seale returned a few days ago from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Miss Billie in company with her sister, Miss Ella Moore Seale had gone to Cedarcrest, New Mexico, to spend Christmas with their sister, Mrs. J. H. Buchanan when Miss Billie be-

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Washington Newsletter

By Omar Burleson

The excitement of the President's Inauguration has subsided, and it is hoped that the Congress can now get down to business. Committees are organized and all Committee assignments of Members of Congress have been completed.

Fortunately for me, I have retained membership on two Committees on which I've been serving. It would have been entirely reasonable that I would have been dropped from one or the other of the Committees when the Republicans took over.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, of which I am a member, is composed of 29 Members—16 Republicans and 13 Democrats. The Committee on House Administration, on which I've served since 1947, is composed of 25 Members, and it is my fortune to stand at the top in seniority on the Democratic side. This is made possible by the resignation from Congress of Thomas B. Stanley, of Virginia, who is a candidate for Governor of that State. Virginia elects their Governor in an "off" political year.

The new Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, has just testified before my Committee, outlining the policies of the new Administration and giving his view on the world situation. Mr. Dulles leaves for Europe the latter part of this month where he will study the entire foreign aid and military program. He will return and give his views and impressions. What he says will doubtless be the basis of future cooperation with Western Europe in defending itself and this country against Russian Communism.

Mr. Dulles believes, as does President Eisenhower, that the time is long overdue for the United States to reduce its foreign policy to positive and understanding terms. He warns

that there is a rough road ahead but that it cannot be made smoother by any type of appeasement of Russia. He also restates General Eisenhower's previous declaration that our assistance to foreign nations should be based largely on each nation's willingness to help themselves and that dollars alone are not going to do the job. I share these views and certainly intend to lend support to their accomplishment.

Hand in hand with this policy is an indication of growing weakness in Russia. There is no doubt that Russia is having some internal difficulties. The present purges are proof that all is not well. If Stalin's position becomes insecure, it will probably mean he will be more reasonable in his dealings with the United States. The purges reveal the basic weakness of a nation held together by fear. Equally important in the world picture is the question of Moscow's authority outside Russia. All this is encouraging from our standpoint.

On the home scene, Mr. Truman's attempt to dedicate Tidelands oil to the Navy by Executive Order has drawn the most interest. It was one of his last official acts.

There are mixed opinions as to the effect of Mr. Truman's action. It was an attempt to bolster the Federal Govern-

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ment's position and my belief is that it was intended to prejudice the issue by calling it an act in behalf of National Defense. Personally, I think his Order will have little effect, and in fact it could conceivably be an advantage in one respect. It could hasten Congressional action on Tidelands legislation, which several of us have introduced in Congress. We hope of course this will be the case. We feel we have an excellent opportunity to pass the same measure passed in the last Congress and that it will not be vetoed by President Eisenhower.

Visitors from back home this week have been Mr. and Mrs. S. Addington, from Abilene; Mrs. Bernard Hanks, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Woodlock, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. James N. Howell, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bryant, of Stamford; and Mr. O. D. Harrison of Shreveport, owner of the Windsor Hotel, in Abilene.

Mrs. R. L. Clinton of Putnam, was a business visitor in Baird on Monday. She dropped by The Baird Star office to renew her subscription. She also renewed Mrs. D. C. Lambly's subscription. Mrs. Lambly of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was a former resident of Callahan County.

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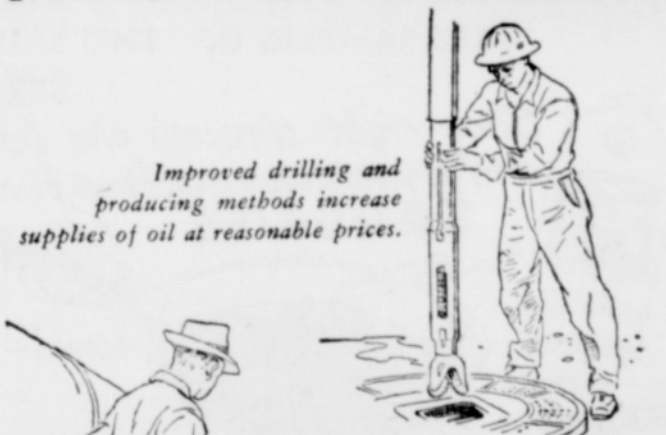
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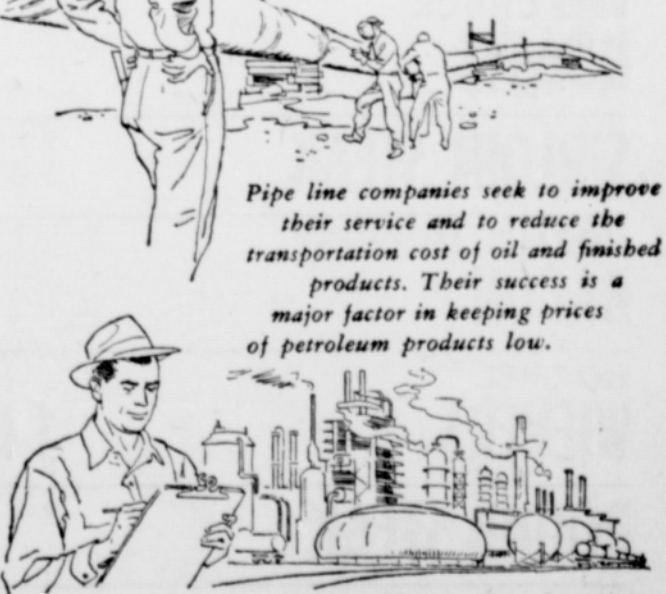
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