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Reader Ads . . .

1952 model Ford tractor complete with 6 foot mower and Bush and Bog harrow. Practically new, only 390 hours service. Priced to sell. Famous Department Store, phone 3721, Iowa Park, Texas. 1c

Wanted — Boy at nursery after school and Saturdays. Sunken Gardens. 1c

Fresh Eggs at all times. W. A. Stowe, N. E. of Cemetery, Ph. 6582.

Very soon WRIGHT'S JEWELRY will have a very nice line of all-occasion greeting cards. Come by and look them over. c

Pecans \$1.90, Hedge 2c, Roses, Rhubarb, Trees—shade, fruit, ornamental, Butterbush, Plants, Sunken Gardens. te

Ask us about Title One Repair Loans — nothing down and 36 months to pay. McIntyre Building and Supply. Phone 4871, Iowa Park. te

Sherwood's Beauty Shop 506 Cash, Iowa 5261 te

Call Mrs. I. L. Alvey for Avon products. Phone 2961. tf

You'll like our new Costume Jewelry. Come in and look. Wright's Jewelry. c

Washed sand, brick sand, concrete remix. Delivered or at the plant Northwest Material Co. 2 mi. south of Iowa Park on Burrows farm. Phone 4902 or 4903, Iowa Park.

For your Beauty Counselor and Fuller Brush needs see Mrs. John Wesley, Unit 56, Valley Farms. te

Iowa Park Lodge No. 713 AF&AM, Bank Bldg. Visitors welcome: Albert May Jr., W.M.; R. R. Brubaker, Sec. Stated communication first Friday in each month.

TED'S Your Complete Home Appliance Center Phone 6431 Iowa Park

FEED NUTRENA Complete line of Superior and Red Chain feeds have been added to our stock of farm merchandise. PARK FEED STORE

Sharpening service for tools, saws, knives, etc. W. S. Willard, 514 Alameda, phone 4311.

3-room upstairs furnished apartment for rent. Inquire at Apt. 4, Sisk Apartments, 601 N. Park. te

FOR SALE Real cute 2-bedroom house, practically new, small equity, assume loan.

Good 6-room house, corner, 2 lots, small equity, assume loan. Made into 2 apartments.

Lovely 3 bedroom house, excellent condition. Priced to sell.

6-bedroom brick, 2 story, best location in town, beautiful yard, near school. Best buy in town.

FOR RENT I have 3 nice 2 bedroom homes, reasonable rent. Several apartments. For anything in real estate, see or call

MRS. HUDSON Phone 4861 430 West Washington Iowa Park

Unfurnished apartment for rent, 4 rooms and bath, bill paid, Modern 3 room house, unfurnished, bills paid.

Phone 6361, George Lewis. te

Get own dresses free and make extra money part time, showing friends and neighbors nationally known dresses. Orders easy to get. Write Maisonette Frocks, 3083 Sycamore, Anderson, Indiana. 3c

Spare Time Job—Men and Women can make good money booking orders for Scotchlike name plates for top rural mail boxes that shine at night; also house numbers and door plates — Pleasant interesting job that pays big profits. Unlimited field. Free sample outfit. Permanent Sign Co., 3004 1st Ave., S. Minneapolis, Minn. 3c

Full size Hollywood bed, practically new, \$35. Mrs. T. E. Cox, Box 791, Iowa Park. 1p

Lost — Boy's tweed overcoat, size 2 or 3, close to the Christian church several weeks ago. Call Ted St. Clair. c

Lorraine piano for sale. Phone 3751, R. A. Williams. 1c

Baby sitting at my home by day or hour. Phone 5441.

Dramatic Skit to Be Feature of World Day of Prayer

"These Others," a World Day of Prayer dramatization, will be the feature of the prayer observance Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Christian church sanctuary.

As world missions chairman, Mrs. C. E. Birk will be leader. The meeting will be opened with prayer by Mrs. Gordon G. Clark.

Mrs. Birk will give a brief history of the World Day of Prayer and mention the projects which are carried on through the offerings received on the special day of prayer, which falls annually on the first Friday in Lent.

Mrs. O. E. Lochridge will furnish prelude organ music and remain at the console to provide background music for the dramatization. Mrs. Homer Blalock has directed the skit, which emphasizes the home and foreign missions supported by the World Day of Prayer offerings.

The cast includes: Rev. Chester E. Gleason, narrator

The family: Mrs. Rollins Woodall, the mother; Curtis Sewell, the father; Beverly Birk, the daughter; David Seale, the son

Refugees: Mrs. Gilbert Steele and Mrs. C. H. Bowman

Migrants: Fred Hays, Mrs. Archie Bryant, Sheri Compton

Negro farmer: Rollins Woodall

Negro minister: Bobby Birk

American Indian: Mrs. D. O. James

Japanese girl: Mrs. Gene Owens

Students: Mrs. Ray Stubbs and Mrs. Ted St. Clair

Teacher and pupils: Mrs. Albert May Jr. and Mrs. Tom Compton

Mrs. Chester Gleason will work the spotlight during the performance. At the close of the play Mrs. John Mixon will sing the Lord's Prayer for the benediction.

Ushers will be Locke Lowrance and Sam Hill.

Page Morgan Elected To A&M Club Office

Page Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Morgan of Iowa Park, a junior in range and forestry at Texas A & M, has been elected vice-president of the Range and Forestry club. He was recently promoted to the rank of first sergeant of a transportation company in the ROTC. He had been operations sergeant of a battalion staff. Page is a member of the debate team, Alpha Zeta, honor agricultural fraternity, the Ross Volunteers, program chairman of the collegiate 4-H club, a distinguished student for four semesters, and a member of the Texas Academy of Science.

Election Judges Listed For Precinct Three

Appointment of 215 election judges to serve at 54 boxes in general and special elections in Wichita county during 1954 were mailed this week.

Judges were named by the Commissioners Court in 53 precincts and the absentee ballot box.

In Commissioners Precinct 3, the following workers were named:

Box 31: Lutheran Schoolhouse, Clara — O. W. Prechel, presiding judge, Charles Van Loh, Ed Foster and Walter Kasper.

Box 32: City Hall, Iowa Park — Fred Parkey, Mrs. T. E. Gilbreath, Mrs. R. R. Brubaker and Archie Bryant.

Box 33: Helton Hotel, Iowa Park — Virgil Woodfin, Mrs. L. A. Crawford, Mrs. John Tidwell and R. N. Watson.

Box 34: Valley View School — O. D. Childers, Swan Reeves, Mrs. Wylie Bishop, Mrs. Roy Lakey.

Rev. Finis Morgan, Retired Missionary, Dies at Eastland

Word has been received here of the death Tuesday of Rev. Finis Morgan, about 70, of Eastland. His illness was of short duration.

Funeral services were set for Thursday afternoon at the First Baptist church there. Burial was to be at Eastland too.

Mr. Morgan was a son of a Wichita county pioneer Baptist minister and wife, the late Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Morgan of Iowa Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Morgan and their family went from the local church to Brazil as missionaries.

They spent about 30 years in South America before retiring. They returned a few years ago and bought a home in Eastland.

The Morgans have made frequent visits to the local church and this area to speak on Brazil and its need of Christianity.

Mr. Morgan is survived by his widow Gertrude, two daughters, a son, a sister Mrs. George T. McCarty of Electra, the former Fannie Morgan; and a sister-in-law Mrs. Lula Morgan of Dallas, formerly of Iowa Park.

Only Cash Missing After Burglary of C of C Building

On reporting for work Friday morning last week, Mrs. Ruth Hill Yeargan, manager of the Chamber of Commerce and deputy tax collector for the Iowa Park substation, found robbers had entered the building through the east window, broken open the locker and taken highway funds. Cash stolen amounted to approximately \$332.

Other items were checks in the amount of \$45.05, a 44 cent check of property funds, valuable papers, county and chamber stamps totaling about \$6.

Immediate telephone calls were made to Henry Jones, local town marshal; the county tax office, a representative of the State National Bank; and he president of the C of C.

Deputy Sheriffs C. D. Johnson and Leon Jennings arrived shortly to help with the investigation of the burglary.

During the morning Sheriff Weldon Bailey came into the office bearing an accumulation of torn and crumpled papers discovered on a country road in Clay county.

These checks were re-assembled, taped and redeemed at the bank. All checks were recovered. Some valuable papers were also recovered.

The sheriff's department continues to hunt leads.

Barbour's Drivers Cited for Safety Records

Friday evening, Feb. 26, at 7:30, the John B. Barbour Trucking company held a Safety Awards chili supper in the school cafeteria, given by John B. Barbour and J. B. Barbour Jr.

Rev. Chester Gleason, pastor of the Christian church, offered the invocation.

John Mixon, safety and personnel director, was in charge of the informal meeting. He emphasized the outstanding safety record the truck drivers of the company compiled during the past year. With 35 to 40 trucks in 11 states, and driving

in all kinds of weather, the loss was less than \$1000. Because of this record, half the drivers received safety awards. Except for three, the other half had not been with the company a full year.

Awards presented by John B. Barbour went to the following:

1 year, Ray Hazelwood, W. B. Bass.

2 years, J. E. Simmons, Everett Stephenson, Choyce Brown.

3 years, Bennie Steed, 5 years, Hoy Butcher.

8 yers, Earnest Steward. 9 years, C. A. Pearce.

Drivers absent were: 1 year, P. A. Blaylock, C. J. Bryant, E. N. Frasier, C. P. Simmons.

2 years, Tom Brunson. 3 years, T. L. Wyatt.

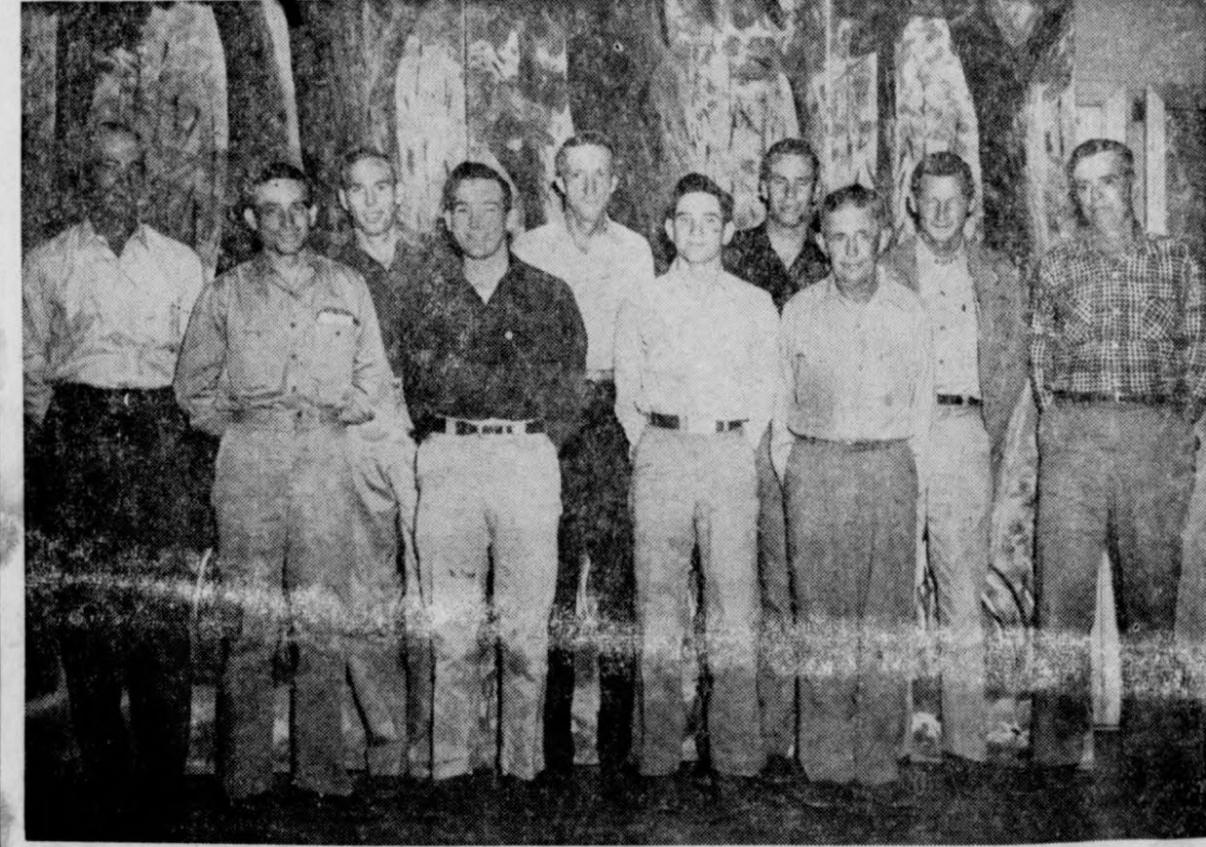
The driver having an outstanding safety record and receiving a diamond awards pin was Lloyd Lowe. He has been a driver for the company 18 years and has a clean safety record.

Two special guests for the event were Bert Stockton, safety engineer of Houston Fire & Casualty Insurance company of Fort Worth; and Kenneth Callaway of the Edwards, Tarry & Callaway Insurance agency of Wichita Falls.

Former drivers now holding other positions with the company, who attended the supper, were Rollins Woodall, Albert May Jr., Boyt Smith, Paul Craft, Bill Skaggs, E. L. Kirkland, Bill Harris.



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F. E. Hill Names Leaders for Red Cross Fund Campaign

The annual Red Cross membership drive, with a quota of \$1800 got underway here this week when Chairman F. E. Hill was host to section leaders and board members at a 6:30 breakfast on Tuesday.

During his outline of instructions Hill brought out that the American Red Cross has spent more in the Iowa Park area than has ever been contributed by its citizens. He also said some 8000 cases from Sheppard AFB have been transferred to the Wichita county chapter for attention and service.

Mr. Hill has been an active worker in Red Cross for many years. He is a former disaster committee chairman.

Section leaders named by Mr. Hill are Bill Sawyer, northeast; T. C. Berry, southwest; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Crawford southeast; Mrs. Alan Berry, northwest; Ted St. Clair, utility companies and bottling plants; Dr. Gordon G. Clark, business district.

Board members attending the breakfast were Rollins Woodall, Mrs. S. T. Buzzard and Mrs. Clark.

Hill asked the section workers to name their assistants and hold organizational meeting immediately and to get the actual canvass in operation as soon as possible.

He is to name chairmen for Valley Farms and Clara soon.

SCHOOL NEWS

John E. Sibley has been elected and assumed the duties of the vocational agriculture teacher in the Iowa Park school. He replaces Percy Phillips, who resigned to take a similar job in Callisburg.

Mr. Sibley comes from the Sour Lake school, 21 miles west of Beaumont, where he had been teaching since last September. He is a 1942 graduate of Lott high school.

Mr. Sibley received a B.S. degree from Texas A & M in 1949. He is a World War II veteran, serving three years and seeing service in the European theater.

He was called back into active duty in the recent conflict and served 17 months. He was released Dec. 2, 1952 from active duty as a first lieutenant.

Mr. Sibley taught two years in Lamar, Colo., and did graduate work at Colorado A & M.

Mrs. Sibley is formerly of Marlin. They have a son Stephen Earl 30 months, and a daughter Sylvia Lou 7 months. The Sibleys are members of the Methodist church.

The Iowa Park school board re-elected all elementary teachers for next year, as recommended by the principal Ethyle Kidwell and the superintendent: Keith Swim. They are Mmes. Alva Wormington, A. R. Baldwin, Henry Jones, Thomas Pace Jr., Mae Roby, Sarah Lizenby, Louis Quick, Lester Hawkins, Bill Curry, Bratton Reeves; and Misses Pearl Buckley, Dillie Lomax and Helen Reed.

Principal James Elms and Supt. Swim recommended the following roster of junior high and senior high school teachers: Messrs. Tim Hughes, Roy Smith, C. L. Vaughn; Mmes. Leta Gage, Page Morgan, M. J. McDonald, O. R. Owens, Dorothy Thompson, Chauncey Weller, Keith Swim; and Miss Oleta Curlee.

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Dr. Crawford Files As Council Candidate

Dr. L. A. Crawford announced Wednesday his candidacy for a position on the city council, subject to the election April 6.

Three councilmen are to be selected. incumbents W. G. Steele, Alan W. Berry and Lavere Thompson, have filed for re-election. Another candidate is Jack Calton, owner and operator of Jack's Super Service.

Mayor Bert Van Horn and Secretary Desha Smith have already filed for re-election.

Deadline for filings is Saturday, March 6, at noon.

FORMER KAMAY MAN DIES IN OKLAHOMA

Anel Knight, about 55, former Kamay resident, died Tuesday in his home in Tulsa, Okla., following a heart attack.

Mr. Knight left Kamay eight years ago, having worked for the Blackwell Oil company there about seven years.

District Leaders to Be Guest Speakers at Party for Senior Class

An informal Western party will be given in honor of our 1954 high school seniors on Thursday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist church parlors. This is an annual party given by the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the members of the senior class, their teachers, rooms sponsors, with their husbands or wives as guests.

Dr. W. Harrison Baker, district superintendent of the Methodist church of the Dallas district, will be the inspirational speaker. Rev. J. D. Barron, Wichita Falls district superintendent, will review the possibilities of the Methodist institutions of higher learning.

Of course there will be plenty of Western lore for the guys and gals to enjoy throughout the evening.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

An election has been called to be held Saturday, April 3, 1954, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the high school building for the purpose of electing two trustees to serve three years on the Iowa Park Independent District School Board.

The following have been appointed to serve for the election: Judge, Fred Parkey, Clerks, Mrs. R. R. Brubaker, Mrs. John Tidwell, Mrs. John Wesley.

Alternates: Judge, M. E. Banks; Clerk, Mrs. Geo. Lewis.

Any candidate who wishes to have his name printed on the ballot will need to file petition of intention by midnight Saturday, March 27, with Albert May Jr., secretary of the board of education. Candidates must have signed loyalty oath and must be taxpayers and hold a poll tax receipt.

Mrs. Ann Hayden has been elected to serve as school secretary to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Percy Phillips.

Park Clinic News

Jerry McCord had surgery Sunday, Feb. 21, at Wichita General.

Mrs. W. A. Davis was admitted to Wichita General, Sunday, February 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harbuck announce the birth of a son on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cline of Wichita Falls are parents of a son born Tuesday, March 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spruiell announce the birth of a son Wednesday, March 3.

Mrs. C. N. Caple was admitted to Wichita General hospital, Tuesday, March 2.

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Billy Gene House Tells Of Visit in England With School Pen-Pal

Fontainebleau, France Feb. 16, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. House Dear Mother and Dad:

Just a line to tell you I am back in France again. I spent 5 delightful days in England. Got back to Fontainebleau, Monday.

I liked England better than I thought I would, and the Revell family was so very very nice to me. They are wonderful people and tried to show me such a good time and did.

They have a nice home, and I stayed with them all the time. They wouldn't have it any other way.

At first all of us were a little lost for words, but that soon wore off as we got to know one another better.

The way I pronounce words always got a laugh, and I would have to ask them to slow down in talking so I could understand them.

Here's one thing. If we all speak English there's a wide span missing somewhere. Guess it's the good old southern style I like best.

They really showed me around. I met all the grandpas, grandmas, uncles, aunts and all sorts of relatives. They were all real nice. They took me to different towns and places. Some were Stalybridge, Manchester, and to Blackpool. Blackpool is a big holiday resort and is a beautiful place.

I could hardly believe it all, to think when Miss Kidwell was having all us kids to write other boys and girls in different countries, that I would ever go visit the one I had corresponded with all these years.

Doreen said she had written you about her forthcoming marriage. She is getting married the 6th of March. I met the boy she is marrying and he seems like a fine guy.

I would like to have been at the wedding but couldn't get my leave then. So had to go when I could. However, I carried their wedding gift as I went.

I might have stayed a few days longer, but didn't want to wear my welcome out. And too was afraid I might interfere with their wedding plans, as they are giving her a nice wedding. As you know, she's their only daughter.

They had me promise though that I would come back in the summer before I come home. And I'm going to do my best to go.

Well, so much for that. I had a wonderful time with a wonderful family while I was over there and got to see a lot of things I thought I would never get to see.

I stopped in London for awhile

on my way to Doreen's. Also on the way back. A beautiful place and I had a good time there also. Did you like the pictures of Stalybridge and London I sent?

After all I've seen and places I've been there's none like the good "Old Lone Star State" and especially the good "town of friendly living." August can't come too quickly for me to get back to home, family and friends.

Give my love to all the family and write me often.

Love
Gene

SENIOR NEWS

Rosetta Faye Reneau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Reneau of Hunting on Lane, was born on December 3 1935 in Hollis, Okla. Rosetta started school in Iowa Park in 1942. Her hobby is cooking and sewing. Her ambition is to be a housewife. Rosetta has been a majorette in the Hawk band three years and is now singing with the jazz band. She was in the choral club one year, and has been one of the Melody Maids one year. Rosetta was also in the senior class play. We all like Rosetta because of her sweet personality and friendliness to everyone.

Lewis Earl Gilbert, son of Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Gilbert, was born in Big Spring on February 7, 1935. Earl started school in Big Spring in the 7th and 8th grades. He came to Iowa Park in the ninth. While Earl was in Weatherford he was elected most popular boy in the 8th grade. Earl's hobby is sports. He is popular because of his ready wit and friendliness.

The high school had a party at the Community House February 20. Everyone had loads of fun, thanks to our chaperones: Mrs. James, Agnes and Jeff Lindley, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Thornberry, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams.

If you weren't at the party you certainly missed a good time.

If Mrs. Lindley didn't visit school this week it's probably because Claburne didn't tell her about public school week. He told us to be sure and not tell her.

Shirley Lee hasn't been doing much lately. She's still going with Bobby. (Really I don't think I have to tell you that!)

When Rita Grussendorf sits day dreaming, I wonder what she's thinking about. Couldn't be a Lewis twin could it?

I had a thought about Larry Lee but I'm not going to use it.

Come around sometime and maybe I'll tell you!

George Emory C., what have you been doing? Did you ask Larry's girl for a date?

Marie was downhearted Wednesday morning. She wouldn't tell me much. I think Marie has a secret flame.

Keith has been seen quite often lately with a Jr girl.

Beverly Barker never seems to have a worry. She's going steady with Bobby Goforth from Wilis. Shirley Barron has been going with Joe Garrison. Hey, Rube, don't forget the swabbie!

Why goes Shirley Johnson always want to go to the HiBo? I bet I could guess. Could she be looking for a Mercury?

Mickey is just like all the other house apes—he's been being a good boy! (Haven't we all?)

Don't forget to save your money so you can buy tickets to the Sr class play from Beverly Talley, Cecil Marquart or me.

Gotta go, see ya next week.

—Tena Adams

Pvt. Pete Runco, husband of the former Miss Naomi Ruth Baxter, was sent Wednesday to Amarillo AFB. He will be stationed there the next few months.

BAPTISTS

Gleaners circle met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. T. Thigpen for mission study. Seven other members were present: Mmes. Elmer Simmons, C. P. Simmons, Joe Price, J. T. Paris, C. P. Pace, O. S. McLemore.

Wichita-Archer Workers Conference is called for Electra's Baptist church on Tuesday, March 9. The meeting will begin with board meetings for WMU and Men at 5:00. This will be followed by an evening session developing the theme on "Proaching." Speakers will be L. H. Hood, William R. Stone, A. J. Kennemer Jr. and W. D. Jones, all area laymen and pastors.

The Women's Missionary Union is engaged this week in a series of enlightening programs given by the various circles and followed by special prayers for the work of Southern Baptist home missions. This week of prayer is accompanied by offerings for this phase of mission work. Mrs. J. A. Berg is program chairman. Each auxiliary is participating in this effort also. Wednesday evening's program will be given at the regular prayer meeting hour, 7:45; and Thursday evening's program will be at the Chapel at 7:30.



By Marye Eckelkamp

Pick up any newspaper and you will read something like this: "The flexible support program would definitely slide the farmers of the nation into bankruptcy, and the economic repercussions would be terrific."

Yet nowhere have I seen any facts given to prove that the farm-facts is going to take a terrific beating should a flexible program be put into effect.

It has been tried and sentenced to die by political judges before the jury of American farmers have been given the facts to enable them to reach their own decision. There is nothing like serving as a judge and jury, especially if it sounds good to the voters back home.

How do they know that such a program won't work? In fact, how many of our congressmen can tell us the mechanics of the plan? Yet, they consider the program fatal to the farm population.

The American Farm Bureau has been a strong advocate of flexible price supports NOT SLIDING SCALE since 1948 because the majority of the voting delegates voted for such a program. The AFBF plan returns to the farmer independence of decision as to the crops and production that he wants on his acres.

Under the Farm Bureau program the price remains at 90 per cent of parity as long as supply and demand remain at normal. When supply begins to rise above normal, the price support begins to fluctuate at a ratio of 2-1. For every 2 per cent rise of supply above normal, there is a 1 per cent drop in support price. Thus when supply goes up to 102, price would be 88 per cent of parity; 110, 85 per cent, etc.

But what happens when supply falls below normal? The price rises. That means that when supply is 96, the support price would be 92 per cent of parity. Sure, it can go up or down.

Should supply reach the surplus danger point, as it is today, it would be mandatory for the Secretary of Agriculture to call a referendum of the producers of the commodity affected. At the referendum the farmer could vote to continue under flexible supports and plant from fence to fence, or vote for acreage controls and marketing quotas with the support set at 90 per cent of parity. The farmer by simple majority could choose his own program at the referendum.

Please notice the word mandatory. At the present time, a referendum on wheat is to be called when supply gets to 120 per cent of normal. In 1952, an election year, the wheat supply was bordering that 120 per cent. For obvious reasons a referendum was not called. In 1953 the farmers had no choice but to face drastic cuts in acreage. To eliminate politics at the expense of the farm population, a referendum should be mandatory at a specific level.

Somewhere in the back of your mind is a mental picture of wheat, butter, etc. piled high as surplus stocks and with a little mental arithmetic you see 75 per cent of parity staring you in the face. The Farm Bureau recommendations state that any surplus in existence at the time a flexible support program goes into effect should be written off and that a state of normal supply be declared. No program could be effective with the present surplus hanging on its neck.

To further protect the farming interests, the support price for any commodity will be announced before planting season. This is another opportunity for the farmer to make his own decisions. What would you do if cotton was 92 per cent, wheat 88, peanuts 90, etc. If I were a wheat farmer I would stick with wheat, and so would you.

This is a simplified version of the proposed flexible price support program as supported by the Farm Bureau. It was written after listening to its 1,600,000 members by majority rule. Think about the plan. And remember that every suggested farm program should be given the right of trial by the jury of the American people. The economy of agriculture and a nation will continue to be used as a political football. We must decide for our-

solves our own future farm program. Then we will tell the congressmen and senators, and not them telling us, what program we want to live under.

Deadline Drawing Near for Obtaining Car Inspection Tags

If motorists continue getting their autos inspected at the same rate they are currently, there will be no chance of a log jam at the inspection stations prior to the April 15 deadline.

That was the opinion this week of Homer Garrison Jr., director of the department of public safety, who complimented the 65 per cent of Texas car owners who have already had their vehicles checked for mechanical defects.

He passed on a warning to nearly a million other motorists who have neglected to meet the requirements of the state's inspection law, by reminding that approved stickers must be on cars after April 15 or owners will face court action.

Inspections are now being conducted at the rate of 150,000 weekly and no stations are experiencing a capacity backup.

In the six weeks remaining, the licensed stations will be capable of taking care of every vehicle in the state unless too many put off having their autos inspected until the last minute.

Approved inspection stations in Iowa Park are Elmer Singleton on East Railroad and Hill Motor on North Yosemite.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris and Mrs. Emmitt Harris attended the funeral service for Paul Baker, 52, of Cement, Okla., this Thursday afternoon. Mr. Baker was a nephew of Mr. Emmitt Harris.

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So join your Red Cross. Join generously. Be sure you are there, when blood saves a life!

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Farmers Union speaks

By L. B. Lovell
The regular monthly meeting of the Wichita Valley Farmers Union was held at the Community House at 8:30 p.m. Monday.

Guest speaker was Harold Shahan, representative of the Empire Paper company. Mr. Shahan spoke on various chemicals in relation to noxious weed control and the local voted to use a test plot along some farm road to see the results on weeds and grasses along bar ditches, classed as traffic hazards.

J. D. Chastain, legislative director, gave a most interesting talk on the dairy situation and the effect of the recent drop in parity to 75 per cent which Secretary of Agriculture Benson imposed on the

milk producer last month. This reduced support level will cost the dairy farmer another \$750 million this year, and the value of milk cows has dropped 26 per cent since Jan. 1, 1953, which cost dairymen another \$1,250,000,000.

Evidently the dairyman is well on his way to a complete financial collapse unless something is done to stop the present decline in dairy products and cattle prices from the financial standpoint of the producer.

Paul Peterson reported on the crippling effect this year on REA through lack of funds and cuts in allocations to continue the operations of REA and establishing new Co-op projects. REA has been a lifeline for millions of farm people for years and with no funds REA is surely being squeezed out of existence.

It is more evident every day that the consumer, or our town and city friends are being pitted against the farmer. Parity seems to be the bone of contention. Non-farmers are made to believe the government is supporting all the farm people and we keep asking for more.

Parity is simply a just return a farmer gets for his produce in relation to what he pays for the more than 300 items he buys to operate his farm and to produce.

This includes interest, taxes, family living, feeds, seeds, hired help and equipment. As these items come down, the parity index drops. That flexible economic attribute of parity is what makes it fair and reasonable to both consumer and producer all the time. Ninety per cent of parity is only nine-tenths of economic justice. Seventy-five per cent of parity gives the producer only three-fourths of what is due him.

March 16 is Local recreation night. Dinner furnished by the Local is to begin at 7:00 at the Community House. You are invited. Come bring your family and enjoy an evening with your friends and neighbors. Approximately 55 members and guests enjoyed the evening of discussions and entertainment Monday.

Refreshments were served to the group by Meses. E. H. White, C. E. Russell and J. D. Chastain.

ESA Meets in Home Of Mrs. Otis Gay

Epsilon Eta of Epsilon Sigma Alpha met Tuesday, March 2, at the home of Mrs. Otis Gay with Mrs. Wayne House and Mrs. Joe Chandler as hostesses.

A short business meeting was held in which all business was discussed. We wish to thank everyone who bought tickets to our Style Show and helped make it a big success.

Eight of our members will be in the Lions club minstrel this Thursday and Friday nights. I'm sure there is lots of fun in store, so let's all attend the show.

Noma Clapp and Raydean Brown presented the program for the evening. It was moving pictures of the sorority's activities during the past year.

Refreshments of Swedish coffee rolls and hot grape juice were served to 27 members. Those present were: Miss Brown and Meses. Orville Bell, Alan Berry, Joe Chandler, Leslie Clapp, John Clapp, Jack Coleman, Johnny Crawford, I. W. Corder, Carl Davies, Bryan Farris, W. A. George, Donald Hill, Wayne House, Jesse McCullough, Jimmy Medlinger, Malcolm Mills, Bud Mitchell, John Mixon, Ted Overbey, Rollin Robert's, Glenn Scott, Ray Watson, Johnny Cole, Burk Scott, Louie McCarthy, Ray Rutherford.

Wanda Ann Scott was a weekend visitor in Denton.

Safe Garbage Disposal Needs Equipment, Say State Health Officials

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The sanitary land-fill method of refuse disposal is practical and within financial reach of most communities, even those in rural areas. A regular collecting system, designated dumping areas with small land-fill equipment can solve this serious health problem.

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DISCIPLES

Christian Women's Fellowship met in the home of Mrs. John E. Barbour, Monday, March 1. Program leader, Mrs. Gilbert Steele, presented the third in a series from "Oh Living Church, Thine Errand Speed." Twelve members participated in the program with due presentations of readings.

The program ended with the group divided into two parts for a responsive reading pertaining to the task of the church—to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." Mrs. Chester Gleason led the devotional "In the Lord your work is not in vain."

Mrs. Forest Bates, president, conducted the business session, at which time the minutes were read by Mrs. C. H. Bowman and Mrs. Ichmael Corder gave the treasurer's report. It was recorded that 14 books were read, 14 calls made and there were 11 daily devotional readers present.

The motion was made by Mrs. Barbour and seconded by Mrs. Buzzard to send a \$5 contribution to the Juliet Fowler Orphans Home in Dallas as a memorial to Judy Wilson. Mrs. Barbour designated each one present to make a home call on one church member during the week to present the "March to church in March" theme. Mrs. Buzzard presented plans of Mrs. Gilbert Steele, service chairman, for the spring clothing drive for Juliet Fowler homes.

Missionary offering was taken and the meeting was ended with the missionary benediction.

Refreshments of strawberry shortcake, coffee or tea were served from a lace covered table. Present were Meses. Pete Hall, Burk Scott, A. L. Reed, S. T. Buzzard, Ichmael Corder, Curtis Sewell, Johnny Cole, Rollin Roberts, Chester Gleason, Gilbert Steele, C. H. Bowman, E. L. Hartfield, Ralph Sisk, J. Rollins Woodall, Forest Bates, John E. Barbour and guest Mrs. Johnny Joe Bates of Dallas.

Soil Conservation

L. J. Cook, who farms 6 miles southeast of Wichita Falls, has recently started a conservation plan with the district. First practices will be terracing of cropland and construction of a farm pond.

Loyd Osborne, who farms one of the Birk estate farms southwest of Burkburnett, is seeding 40 acres to Maddid clover as a part of a conservation rotation. Osborne is using 200 pounds of 20 per cent superphosphate per acre. Use of fertilizer was based on a soil analysis made by the soils laboratory of Midwestern university.

Henry Wolf of Iowa Park has seeded a waterway constructed in 1953 on which a partial stand was obtained from a seeding in 1953.

John B. Barbour of Iowa Park has completed construction of a farm pond and diversion terrace to protect cropland and furnish water.

A. J. Voyles and J. D. Chastain of Valley View have constructed contour borders for better use of irrigation water.

Checks and turnouts have been installed on leveled land on the Gordon T. West farm. The land was leveled in 1953 and this completes the system for that acreage.

The district board of supervisors have requested and received a descriptive folder on how and when to plant guar in a rotation. The folder was prepared by General Mills Guar Plant of Kenedy.

About 400 acres of guar were seeded in the Iowa Park area and larger amounts at Vernon. Ray Hirschi, farming east of Punkin Center, seeded 200 acres in 1953 which was followed by wheat.

If you would like one of these folders contact your local district supervisor or one of the Soil Conservation Service offices.

The sub-district meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Wichita Falls district met in the local church Monday at 7:30 p.m. Devotional was given by Sonny Rhodes vice-president of the sub-district.

Singing was led by Rev. Huffstutter of Scotland. The Grace Methodist church presented a one-act play.

The young people of the Iowa Park church assisted by Meses. Joe Bell, R. E. Waters and Esther Thornberry served refreshments to 102 young people representing the churches at Electra, Burkburnett, Scotland, Floral Heights, Grace, Friberg-Cooper and Iowa Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Joe Bates and daughter Beverly Sue of Dallas visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Forest Bates last Sunday. Johnnie Joe returned to Dallas, but Mrs. Bates and Beverly Sue remained to spend the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Barron spent last Sunday in Jean visiting in the O. D. Barron home and attending a family reunion.

Ruth Mary Dale of TCU was home for the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Dale.

Rose Mary Grundy, student nurse at Dallas, spent the weekend here with her mother Mrs. Ernest Grundy.

Bob Pace, law student of SMU, spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pace.

Bill Weiler of Texas Tech spent last week here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Weiler.

Mrs. R. A. Williams was in Arlington last week visiting with her sister Mrs. W. R. Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Guthrie announce the birth of a daughter Saturday, Feb. 27, at Bethania hospital, Wichita Falls.

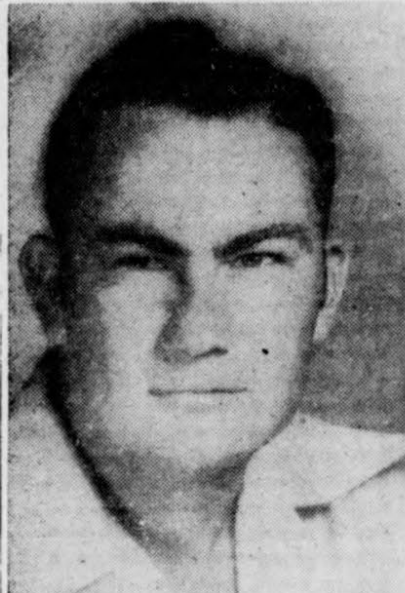
Mrs. W. G. Partney is undergoing treatment at Bethania hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cheves and son David of Cisco were weekend visitors here with their parents Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Cheves.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Clingman and children of Dallas visited with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Clingman over the weekend.

Perry Blaylock is receiving treatment in Wichita General hospital. He will be a patient for about 10 days.

E. W. (Pop) Combs underwent surgery at Wichita General hospital this Thursday morning.



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Presbyterians

Presbyterian Women met at the church at 10:30 Monday morning for an all-day session in observance of the world missions season.

Mrs. K. P. Abernathy, world missions chairman, opened the meeting by reading Psalm 27, followed with prayer.

Miss Clara Lowrance presented the first program on the Far East, emphasizing mission work in China, Formosa and Japan.

Mrs. L. Shelton was leader of the second program on Africa.

Mrs. C. E. Birk told of new mission work in Portugal. Mrs. Locke Lowrance reviewed the Latin American work in Brazil, Mexico and Ecuador.

Mrs. Abernathy told of mission work in our homeland, and the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. J. B. Ridenour.

Other members taking parts on the program were Meses. C. Birk, T. A. Uhrich, F. L. Emanuel, R. P. Caruso, L. F. Miller, L. Lovelace, A. C. Weiss and Miss Mina Trouman.

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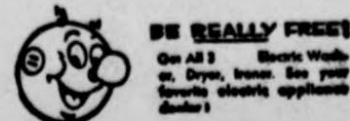
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Mrs. Dewitt Morris of Rhome visited her sisters Mrs. Geo. Hoge and Mrs. Katy Jones here Wednesday of this week.

PARK AREA CLUB

Members of the Park Area club met Wednesday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m. with Mrs. George McMullin as hostess. Mrs. Virgil Woodfin led the group in singing "Home on the Range," and Mrs. Della Price brought the devotional thought from II Timothy and also gave the opening prayer.

Roll call was answered by "Flowers I Plan to Plant."

After reports from the treasurer and the chairman of exhibits committee, the club voted to renew subscription to the Wichita Falls Record News for the TB ward of the county farm.

Mrs. Bowman led the lesson on "Planting and Care of Annual Plants."

Mrs. Estes had charge of the recreation period and several contests were enjoyed. Prizes were awarded to Mmes. C. H. Bowman, H. E. Jones and Mae Gunn.

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Musician Presents Her Pupils in Recital for Ninetieth Birthday

The Mineral Wells Index recently carried a feature article concerning Mrs. W. I. Smith, who is well known here as she visits frequently with her friends and her cousin Mrs. S. L. Denny.

An excerpt follows: "Mrs. W. I. Smith, pioneer Mineral Wells citizen, and whose husband was an early day banker here, will be 90 years old on March 8 and has planned to celebrate the birthday in a unique way. She will present two piano students, Ellen Sue and Marilyn Mann, in a recital on Sunday afternoon before her birthday on Monday.

Such resourcefulness at 90 years of age certainly deserves a big hand and a full attendance at the recital to which the public is invited.

We're afraid we'll never make it to 90 but if we live to be that age, it would certainly be wonderful to realize that we were still of service to mankind.

Mrs. O. E. Lochridge, organist of the Baptist church and president of the Modern Music club, will be guest organist at the First Baptist church of Burk Burnett next Sunday morning.

PTA News

The PTA will sponsor a Bake Sale at Parker's Food Store Saturday morning from 9:00 to 12:00. The 7th and 8th grades are in charge this week and all types of homemade pastries will be sold.

The home of Mrs. China B. Smith will be the meeting place for the PTA executive board next Monday at 7:00. Several study group topics will be discussed after the business session. Mrs. Miles Thompson and Mrs. W. E. Stockton will share hostess duties with Mrs. Smith.

The regular PTA meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 in the high school auditorium. The following program will be presented:

Musical prelude, Teddy Lynn Overby

Leader, Mrs. W. T. Archer Devotion, Rev. C. M. Dale Entertainment, Sixth Grade

"What Our School Taxes Provide," C. E. Eirik, president of Iowa Park school district board of education.

New officers for 1954-55 will be elected during the business session.

A report from the Wichita-Archer Bi-County Council, which meets Wednesday in Electra, will be given at this meeting.

Airman and Mrs. Aubrey Bohannon of Carswell AFB at Fort Worth are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bohannon and other relatives. They will also visit with relatives in Duncan, Okla., while on a 15 day leave.



Don James Heads Electra Guard Unit

The Texas National Guard, Battery C, 64th AFA Bn of Electra, launched a recruiting campaign beginning March 1, to bring the unit up to its full authorized strength. It was announced this week by Lt. Don James of Iowa Park, commanding officer.

According to Don the local appeal will be co-ordinated with similar drives being conducted by the Texas and other local Guard units throughout the U.S.

Prospective guardsmen can enlist at the National Guard Armory, 215 N. Main, Electra. An officer will be on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. there every day except Saturday and Sunday, to enlist or advise young men. Also, those interested in Iowa Park can contact Lt. James at his home, Kamay road, telephone 6251 any time.

Age limits are 17 to 35. Written consent of parents is necessary for enlistment of men who have not yet reached their 18th birthdays.

"The National Guard is asking all men in the above age bracket, especially those subject to military service by law, to consider the many advantages of membership in the Guard," Lt. James emphasized. "Aside from the primary consideration of fulfilling a patriotic obligation to one's country," he added, "never before has the Guard offered so many training, promotion and pay opportunities.

"We will be glad to furnish full information to interested young men and their parents."

Annual Reports Made At Special Meeting Of 23 Study Club

A called meeting of the 23 Study club was held at the home of the president, Mrs. James A. Sewell, last Thursday to complete annual reports. At the request of district chairman all reports had to be in the mail by March 1. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at noon.

Members attending were Mmes. China B. Smith, Dave O. Harbour, Sam Hill, John B. Barbour, Taylor George, R. R. Brubaker, Earle Denny, Charles Metz, L. E. Brooks, Richey Abernathy, Homer Blalock and Sewell.

Mrs. Jim Galey of Wichita Falls is a patient in Behan hospital for treatment. She is the mother of Mrs. Lucy and sister of Mrs. W. H. Bradford. Mrs. Galey is a former resident of Iowa Park.

WSCS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met in circles March 2.

Mrs. Arch Hughes was hostess to Circle I at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Penton Dale was program leader and presented the program on Southeast Asia assisted by Mmes. Herfan Mahler, Walter Willard and C. C. Robinson. Mrs. Will Spruiell gave the devotion and Mrs. Guy Perdue the dismissal prayer.

Key verse to the lesson was "Because our missionaries went to Burma years ago — Christ walks along the Burma road."

Others present included Mmes. A. D. Butcher, C. J. Thurber, Richey Abernathy, Fred Widmoyer, Jim Hatten, M. E. Hopson.

Mrs. W. M. Owens was hostess to Circle II at 2:30 p.m. "Methodist Work with the Rural Negro" was the subject of the program directed by Mrs. W. C. Albright. She was assisted by Mmes. Elgin Denny, S. L. Denny, Dave Harbour, Scott Morris, Guy Perdue, C. J. Simpson and W. E. Stockton. Mrs. John Nixon played a medley of Negro spirituals and sang "Deep River."

Others present were Mmes. J. N. George, W. A. Litchfield, D. O. Smith, Carl Sullivan, E. B. Taylor, F. S. Smith, Ida Chatelain, Jane Schroeder, and Cindy Schroeder, Donna Stockton, Jerry and Judy Nixon.

Circle III met in the church at 9:45 a.m. with Mrs. Ed Clark and Mrs. Andy Capehart as hostesses. Mrs. Gene Owens was leader for the program "Southeast Asia" assisted by Mmes. Capehart, Bud May and Miles Thompson.

Others attending were Mmes. T. C. Berry, John Houser, John Mixon and James Todd.

Members of the Happy Blue Birds met Wednesday after school and attended a theater party, where they saw the movie "Peter Pan."

Plans are complete for the Father-Daughter box supper for all Blue Birds and Camp Fide girls.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: John Middleton, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 78th District Court of Wichita County at the Court House thereof, in Wichita Falls, Texas at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of his citation, same being the 12th day of April A.D. 1954, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 18th day of February A.D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 53,398-B on the docket of said court and styled Leola Middleton, Plaintiff, vs. John Middleton, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: After alleging jurisdiction plaintiff further alleges that she and defendant were married in or about the year 1930, and continued to live together as husband and wife for about 1 year, and he was sent to the State penitentiary for a felony, and they separated and never lived together any more, and have been living apart for some twenty years.

As the fruits of such marriage, they had one daughter, now 18 years of age and married. Wherefore, plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition and upon final hearing that plaintiff have divorce from the bonds of matrimony from defendant.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The Officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law and make due re-

turn as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Wichita Falls, Texas this the 27th day of February A.D. 1954. Attest:

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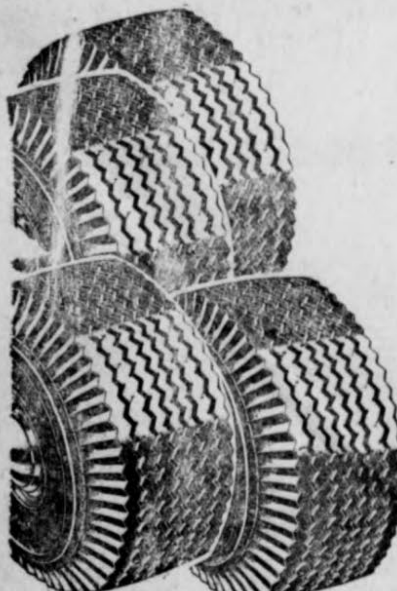
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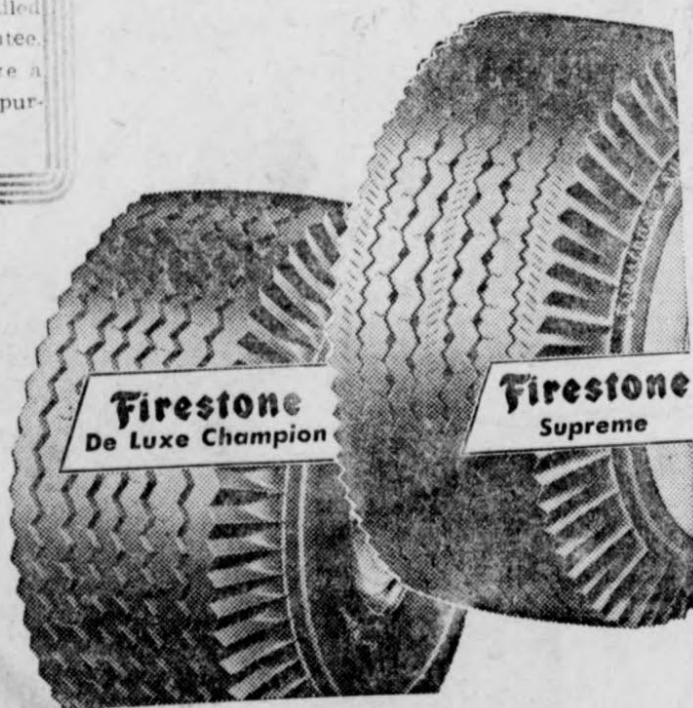
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A correspondent complains: "A few people I know are careless about hanging up the receiver after finishing a telephone conversation. Don't they realize that slamming the receiver down makes an unpleasant noise in the other telephone?"

Slamming the receiver is as discourteous as slamming the door. Always hang up gently as a parting, thoughtful gesture. And when you hang up be careful to replace the receiver securely in its proper place. A receiver off the hook means that no calls can get through to your telephone.

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