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## Former resident first American to be deported from Formosa

Word was received here Wednesday morning that Milo L. Thornberry Jr., professor in History of Christianity and Ecumenics at Taiwan Theological College at Taipei, and his family have been ordered to leave the island by today.

They have been under house arrest since Tuesday.

The first Americans to ever be deported from Formosa, the order to deport them was linked to "concern over potentially dissident elements." During their six years residence on the island they are

reputed to have made friends with people who are out of function with the government, and to have violated the residence regulations of the Republic of China.

Mike is the nephew of H. M. Mahler, but the Mahlers have not heard any thing from him since last July when the family was here on vacation. During that time Mike filled the pulpit at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday morning.

Mike is the son of Mrs. E. L. Gallop of Wellesley, Mass., a former resident of Iowa Park.

He is a graduate of Iowa Park

High School, Texas Wesleyan College at Fort Worth, Perkins School of Theology at Dallas, and he completed residence for the Th D in Missions and Ecumenics at the Boston University School of Theology.

He was commissioned missionary in 1965 and spent two years studying the Chinese Mandarin language before beginning his duties in the seminary.

Mrs. Thornberry is the former Judith Thomas of Denison. They have two children, Elizabeth Wayne and Richard Lancaster.



REV. MILO THORNBERRY AND FAMILY

## 13 file for Apr. 3 elections

Hats were almost spilling out of the political ring three hours before the deadline to file in the school and city elections yesterday afternoon.

Thirteen candidates had filed for the five positions.

In the city race, where the terms are expiring for Arch Hughes and Frank Harlin, at least seven names will be on the April 3 ballot. Incumbents Hughes and Harlin had filed, as had early filers Carl Davis and John Huff. Also getting in on the action are Robert Harper, Robert Johnson and Billy Gilmore.

For the three posts opening on the school board, six also had filed. Incumbents Stanley Williamson and Robert Wilcox had signed up, as had C. E. Meyers who served by appointment the balance of the year after Fred Parkey's resignation which was caused by ill health. Also filed were Luther Skinner, Chester Morrison, and Jim Frazier, a strong but unsuccessful candidate in last year's race.

In the school election, two positions are for three-year terms, while the third is for two years. An attorney general's ruling requires candidates to specifically run for the two-year term, while the regular three-year terms will be decided by the two highest vote-getters who did not file for the two-year term.

All six candidates had filed their names in sealed envelopes which were not to be opened until tomorrow. Therefore, no one will know until the opening how many candidates seek the two-year and three-year offices.

Absentee voting in both April 3 elections will begin Mar. 15, and end the 30th. Also on the city ballot will be a city-wide referendum on Urban Renewal.

## Snows give area welcomed moisture

Tuesday's heavy clouds and mild winds deposited some three inches of heavy, wet snow on the Iowa Park area, leaving between .14 and .16 of an inch of moisture on the thirsty fields and yards.

During the height of the storm there were a few accidents reported on the highways between here and Wichita Falls, but none inside the city. There were no injuries in any of the incidents.

The precipitation was added to .02 of an inch rainfall received Sunday morning, bringing the town's total for the year to 1.37, according to official weather observer Virgil Woodfin.

No school classes were effected Wednesday, as the warm sun's rays quickly

melted the icy cover on the roads, but several meetings and events Tuesday night were cancelled.

High school principal Bob Dawson said the planned open house at his building was cancelled, and would be rescheduled sometime in the future. It would not be slated for any night this week, Public Schools Week, however because of a heavy schedule. The new date will be announced later, he said.

The annual agriculture symposium that was slated Tuesday night at the Valley Farms Community House has been can-

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## Urban Renewal consultants asked to meeting Monday

Representatives of at least three consulting firms experienced in working with Urban Renewal programs in Texas are expected to appear before the city council Monday night when it meets in regular session.

The consultants will be asked questions on the program, how it can help the community should the issue be approved in a referendum April 3 by local voters, and what their part would be should they be retained for the project if it is approved.

Permission to get the consultants here for the meeting was sought and received from the council by Bob Hamilton, chairman of the Citizen's Committee on Urban Renewal.

Hamilton made a report to the Committee Monday night on information he obtained Friday when he and Ed Daniel, executive secretary of Nortex Regional Planning Commission, visited the offices of the regional Housing and Urban Development department in Dallas.

"I can assure you," Hamilton told the

Committee, "the government will have no control over the project once the program is accepted and funded. There will be no agencies in here telling us what to do other than meeting the guidelines which will be set down and accepted by both city and government before any work is started."

"HUD will not spend a nickel on our proposed project until after it has made an exhaustive study of our proposals to see if what we propose is really needed. That way we have the assurance that what we might think is necessary meets in agreement with specialists in the field," Hamilton reported.

The project investigation costs HUD between \$300 and \$400 per acre, Hamilton was told. The city pays none of this.

"In all our projects, the city will pay only one-fourth the cost. And if we have enough credits from what we are spending on our sewer and water projects, plus whatever else is built by the city and schools, will partially go toward that one-fourth expense. Whatever the total cost

is, one-fourth is a tremendous savings to the community," he said.

In his talk to the Committee, Hamilton said he felt the major efforts of the program should be in helping persons living in sub-standard housing get their places improved to at least meet the minimum standards of the city's building codes. HUD will give grants to these people up to \$3,500, and they don't have to be repaid.

There was some discussion on the relocation of some downtown businesses, which was a major topic in the Sept., 1969 referendum that was defeated. Though this is still being considered, the project has changed somewhat from the earlier election, and has not definitely been proposed. Considerably more study will be made before any recommendation is made.

"In asking the people to approve the program when they vote April 3," Hamilton said, "We are not saying this project and that project will specifically be done. All we are asking is for their approval to make an indepth study with HUD on proposed areas. Once this is done, then we can formulate a specific area of work."

"This is a voluntary program. One which no one is forced to move or give up his home or business unless he wants to. We feel this is a program which can help some of our people. Certainly, if they do not wish to be helped, we are not going to force anything on them," Hamilton concluded.

## Little League signup slated this weekend

Signing up of Little League baseball players will be held Friday and Saturday evenings, between 7 and 9, at the county agriculture building, John Huff, president, announced this week.

Registration certificates have been passed out to the youngsters through the schools, and are to be returned one of the two evenings. Players must bring with them their birth certificates, and parents are requested to accompany their sons at registration.

Registration is for all players in the Minor, Major and Senior leagues.

After registration, boys will be notified if they are to report to the Minors, and these youngsters will begin working out Mar. 22. There will not be tryouts for the Majors this year because the coaches will be visiting the practice sessions the following two weeks.

Drafting for the Major League will be held April 3, and practice will start the 5th. Senior League draft will be held April 2.

The season will begin May 8, with the annual Little League parade signaling the opening day.

Adults wishing to help in the Little League program this year are asked to contact league president Huff.

A meeting of the league's board will be held at 7:30 this evening in the Texas Electric Service building.



COLD FUN - Junior high students take advantage of a thick layer of ice Wednesday morning before entering school for class. They thought the skating was so much fun, they even forgot about the three-inch layer of potential snowball material all around them.

## Center Theatre to open Friday

For the first time in 17 years, Iowa Park will have its own commercial movie theatre.

Center Theatre will open its doors for business tomorrow evening. It is located in Park West Shopping Center.

Keying its features for family attendance, the theatre will open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday with evening performances on each day and matinee scheduled Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Owned by Ray Townsend and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitehill, all of Burkburnett, the theatre is featuring Jerry Lewis in "Which Way To The Front?" for its opener.

Not since 1954, when the old theatre closed in the building now occupied by Park Pharmacy, has a commercial movie house operated in Iowa Park. Since that time the city has more than doubled in its population.

## MAKE AAA DEBUT

## Hawk thinclads open new season Saturday

Iowa Park's varsity track team will make its 1971 debut Saturday at the Vernon Invitational Meet.

Not only will it be the Hawks' first meet of the season, but it will be their first ever as a AAA team after being redesignated by the University Interscholastic League effective the spring semester.

Among their leading contenders in the meet are expected to be Lubbock Estacado and Wichita Falls Hirschi. Divisions will also be held in AA and A-B.

Preliminaries will be held at 10 a.m., and the finals starting at 1:30. No prelims will be required in the two relays, as only eight AAA teams are entered.

## Mobile homes, rezoning get Commission action

Locating of mobile homes and rezoning of two areas consumed most of Monday night's regular meeting of the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

Of three requests to situate mobile homes in the city, two were denied and the other approved.

The two denials were based on the code's restriction that a mobile home must occupy an entire lot. On that basis, the request by A. L. Halbert to split a lot and a half, being Lot 1 and east half of Lot 2, Block 116, Original Townsite, for the purpose of selling a portion with an existing residence on it and locating a mobile home on the remaining portion, was denied. Also a request from Bill and Richard Kidd to split Lot 17, Block 7, McClesky Addition for the purpose of locating two mobile homes, was denied

because of insufficient size of lots per home.

A permit was approved for A. L. Bohanan to put a mobile home on Lot 18, Block 4, Texas Addition, with the restriction that "the existing old block residence never be occupied as a residence but shall remain temporarily in use as a storage house."

The Commission voted to recommend to the City Council the rezoning of "Johnny Crawford Block A", which generally is the land southeast of the Johnson Road and West Highway intersection, to "R-C", General Family Use (Multi-family use), that the land could be used for development of an apartment complex.

A hearing on the re-zoning was set for April 4, the next regular meeting of the Commission.

Luther Shaw applied for rezoning of a track of land east of the Farm Bureau office to be changed from light industrial to "C-A/R", which is Commercial, Automotive and Recreational. The site is where Shaw proposes to build his new automobile agency structure and lot.

The Commission recommended to the City Council that the rezoning be approved following a hearing at the regular council meeting Mar. 22.

In other action, the Commission voted to table for further study the request for annexation of the Bogan Acres project for further study.



DOING HIS PART -- Assistant postmaster Wayne Williams smiles as a Red Cross nurse begins extracting blood Tuesday afternoon. Williams' contribution was one of 34 pints donated during the Bloodmobile's visit here. The pint brought his total to six gallons he has donated to the Red Cross.

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## Mrs. Harris hosts meeting

Mrs. Omega Harris was hostess to the First Baptist Women (Night) Monday.

Mrs. V. I. Woodfin opened the meeting with a devotional period dedicated to 14 missionaries who observed their birthdays March 1.

Mrs. J. Louis Quick directed the business. She appointed Mesdames Bill Curry, Roy B. Smith and Harris on the committee to submit nominations for the outstanding teenage boy and girl of the year.

A letter was read from the Patient Government at Sheppard AFB thanking the group for the cakes that they send to the hospital each month.

Mrs. D. O. James was leader for the program from the Royal Service magazine on "My Opportunity - Hope for a Nonreader".



A daughter, Kelly Michelle, weighing seven pounds, eight and one fourth ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Eugene Reimers, 204 Washington, February 11.

The couple also has a son, Michael, two and a half years old.

The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gandee of Mineral Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Reimers of Killeen.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reimers of Marble Falls, Mrs. J. E. Wheeler of McLeansboro, Ill. and Hobart Elder of Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. David Edward Whittington, 201 Douglas, announce the birth of an eight pound six and one half ounce son, Nathan Christian, February 16.

He has two brothers, Timothy and Matthew.

Grandparents of the new baby are Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Pugh of Carrollton and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Whittington of Dallas.

The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Pugh of Van.

## Local residents possess varied, rare collections

By OLIVE BLALOCK

One could sit at his escritoire and write continuously for hours following an interview and visit with S/Sgt. and Mrs. David Thomas and family, residents of Iowa Park for the past year and a half, and still feel that he has failed miserably to tell the full story of their lives which have been replete with glamour, excitement, travel and educational experiences for the past nine and one half years.

But before hearing about their lives together, let's look at Thomas before his marriage because he apparently has had a multiplicity of interests since he was very young. A native of Minneapolis, Minn., he was graduated from a high school in that city and joined the U.S. Army.

He was assigned to duty in Korea. Before long he became interested in and fascinated by the Korean scroll painting and turned to collecting the scrolls for a hobby. Some of the ones in his collection are very, very old.

A scroll, reputed to be at least 300 years old, depicts a standard Chinese scene painted on a silk background on rice paper. The scene, which was inspired by a waterfall, pictures the jagged arm of a tree from which leaves are falling into the waterfall.

Another scroll, 200 years old, which is done in water colors on rice paper, tells the story of a "gentleman" fisherman and philosopher who did not believe in hurting any living thing. He enjoyed fishing for the sport, but he fished without a barb on his hook so that the fish could be released.

Thomas served in the army three years and was discharged. Back in Minneapolis, he met Margaret Krebs, who later became his wife. She was graduated from high school in that city and attended Winona State College and business college. She later worked at a bank.

Following their marriage, Thomas attended the University of Minnesota before deciding to enlist in the Air Force he has served nine and a half years.

One of his earliest interests was paleontology, and during the time he was studying and collecting fossils he found a rare fossil shell which he gave to the University of Minn. The couple shared a mutual interest in speleology, and Mrs. Thomas will always remember the time she got caught in a cave on an exploration trip and had to be pulled out by companions. Even though they have been stationed in only two countries, Germany and Spain, outside the U.S., the couple's elan for learning all that they could learn about the history, culture and customs of every place they visited has resulted in an "observation and experience" education equivalent to some sort of a degree.

They joined the ranks of the collectors soon after they reached Germany. When they saw something of intrinsic value or especial appeal they would

covenant together to "eat beans" for a while in order to purchase the article.

Among the things they acquired in Germany are: a hand-painted grandfather's clock; 22 paintings, some old, some contemporary; an antique bronze toy cannon; a dress sword with an engraved handle from the Franco-Prussian War; Weisbaden cavalry sword from World War I; flint lock musket dated 1812; a pin fire shotgun of the 1850's; German steins and wall hangings.

While in Germany the Thomases lived on the Rhine River, and they enjoyed trips to the antique castles on the Rhine; Hitler's Tea House in the Alps; and a boat trip up Lake Konigssee where they visited a 15th century monastery. They have a large oil painting of the lake and monastery.

Some of the German foods they enjoyed the most were Backwurst, sort of like the American hot dog, rump steak, and Erdberren Torte.

They have attended the German, Spanish and American versions of the Mardi Gras.

They lived in Seville, Spain for a year and one of the places they frequented the most was the Ruins of a Roman city 15 miles out from Seville. The shop at the site with its antiquities, Roman coins and Mosaics seemed to have a special kind of magnetism that kept drawing them back.

They also spent considerable time in a wood carving shop and they have several heavy pieces of expertly-carved furniture and bric-a-brac from the shop in their living-room.

Some of these are: a wall mirror, tall coin cabinet, long buffet, chest, Don Quixote and Sancho Panza bookends, coffee table with black and white marble top, and monk statuettes.

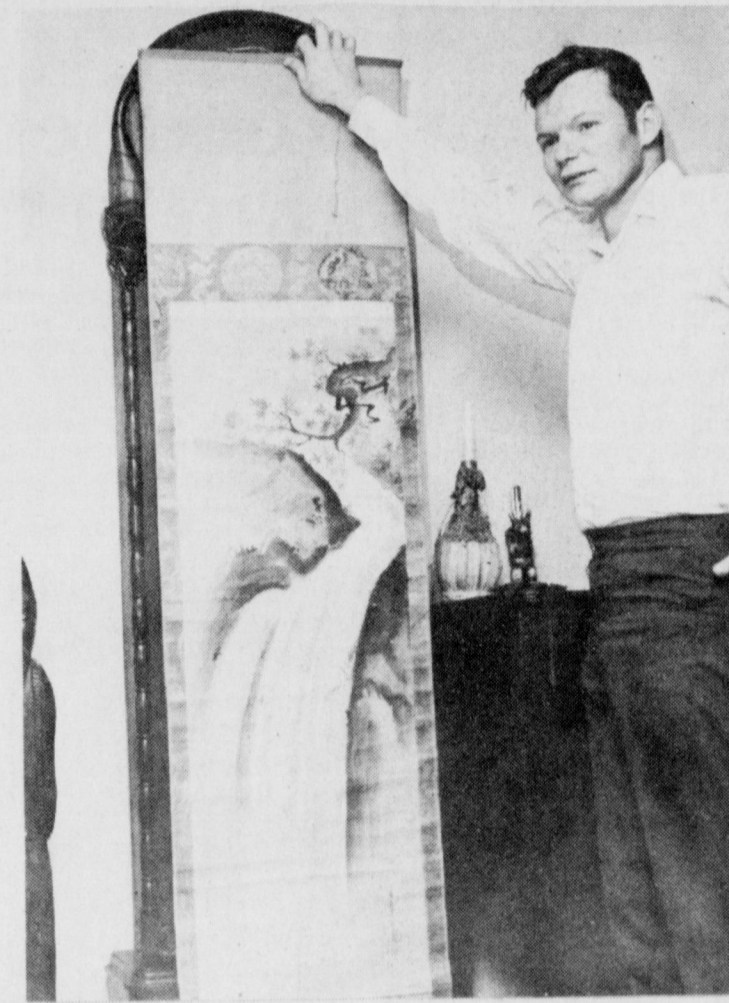
At a tile factory in Spain, the Thomases bought some hand painted tiles which they plan to work into the decor of their kitchen and bathroom when they build their own home. They also have tiles which depict the whole picture of the Crucifixion of Christ, Spanish jugs, linens, and Mrs. Thomas is exceedingly proud of her Spanish dancers.

Perhaps their most valuable treasure is their coin collection which is kept in their safety deposit box. Thomas has a book of Roman coins, some of which are very rare dating before Christ, that depict the history of the Roman Empire. He also has books of German and American coins, Confederate money, broken bank notes from the 1850 finance crash, crown-size and half crown-size coins.

Enough of the Thomases' "This Is Your Life" has been told to show that aimlessness and idleness are extraneous to their makeups. With their four children, Cynthia, Michael, Richard and Susan, who are equally as full of life as their parents, there is never a dull moment around their house. And

to heighten the liveliness they have two Yorkshire terriers which Mrs. Thomas plans to breed.

Sgt. Thomas is a control approach radar technician at Sheppard AFB. They attend the Methodist Church.



KOREAN SCROLL - David Thomas shows one of his antique Korean scrolls. This one is reputed to be 200 years old.

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## Howell speaks to Garden Club

Topical discussions were given by Mesdames Lee Smith, Bill Curry, J. C. Roby, Roy B. Smith and C. L. McKinnon. Others present were Mesdames Carroll Duke, J. A. Berg, Nelson Johnson and Homer Blalock.

## Howell speaks to Garden Club

Jimmy Howell, Vo-Ag teacher in charge of Ornamental Horticulture in the Iowa Park High School, was the speaker for a workshop meeting of the Iowa Park Garden Club Friday morning held in the home of Mrs. W. A. Black. Mrs. Delbert Todd was co-hostess. He stated that the Ornamental Horticulture class has for an objective to pay its way and to aid in the accomplishment of the goal a variety of plants including peppers, marigolds, petunias, tomatoes, periwinkles, rose moss and salvia would be on sale in the hot house beginning April 15.

Howell recommended the use of phosphorous, which he described as underrated, to make tomatoes and other plants produce more blooms. He stated that when older leaves on plants turned yellow it indicated a deficiency of nitrogen. He further recommended zinc for pecan trees and fertilizing of fruit trees before blooming.

The teacher stated that the tremendous amount of soil acidity in this area posed problems to plants and suggested the use of Chelate Iron or Iron Sulphate to aid the soil, and Super Phosphate for trees. He said the "Basic Garden Illustrated" was one of the best sources of help for the gardener.

Mrs. Dick Reilly was in charge of the business. It was announced that a committee composed of Mesdames Pete Koonce, W. A. George, Frank Harlin, E. F. Soell, Luther Shaw and Reilly had completed judging Soil Conservation essays for Bradford and Valley View schools.

Also present were Mesdames John Meux, Bobby Sinclair, L. C. Hill, James A. Sewell and Miss Ethyle Kidwell.

## YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

John L. Maples, minister, church of Christ, Iowa Park. QUESTION: Mrs. P. W. of Iowa Park asks: "How can you preach the gospel and not baptize?"

ANSWER: In I Corinthians 1:17 Paul writes "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel. . . ." From this some conclude that baptism is not important. But to do so is to take this verse out of its text and it becomes a pretext. In verses 10 - 13 Paul condemns Corinth for being divided over men. Some of the members were following after preachers they preferred and that had baptized them. Paul condemns this by asking: "Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" verse 13. His emphasis is that we should not follow men but Christ. Then he states: "I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;" Why? "Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name," vs. 15. Again, the emphasis is on the fact that Paul didn't want the ones he had baptized to say that they were following him. Then in verse 17 he writes, "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel. . . ." Barclay paraphrases the verse as follows which, I believe, gives Paul's true idea. "I am glad that I was so busy preaching, because if I had baptized it would have given some of you the excuse to say that you were baptized into my possession instead of into Christ's."

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