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## Through the Editor's Specs

BY BAB

C. B. Harris, 88, returned from California and his first airplane trip thoroughly sold on airline travel. As a Christmas present his daughter, Mrs. Dallas Dill, and Mr. Dill of Midland, took him to California via American Airlines in December for a holiday visit with his two sons, F. Harris of Long Beach and R. Harris of Bellflower, California. The group left Midland on December 19 and four and one-half hours later set down at Long Beach, California, flying over a route that the Forty-Niners required weeks and months of tortuous travel to traverse.

It was a perfect trip, said Mr. Harris. "It was just like sitting on this floor. You had to look out the window to see whether or not you were moving." It was fascinating, he said, to look down and see the clouds from the top instead of the underside. When the stewardess learned that it was his first trip by plane she took particular pains to see that he had every convenience and attention. He came back convinced that plane travel is the ideal way to make long trips.

While he was visiting in California, Mrs. Harris was in Beaumont visiting a sister, Mrs. Minnie Lev Hancock, and two brothers, J. D. Ellis and George Ellis. She arrived home a few days before New Year's when Mr. Harris returned.

Poll taxes are now on sale at the Chamber of Commerce in the Jenkins Insurance Agency office. While 1957 will not be a regular "election year", who can tell when a special election involving schools, city or other political subdivision will be necessary in an off year? A citizen without a poll tax cannot vote. So the wise course is to equip yourself with a poll tax receipt, if you are between 21 and 60 years of age. Then you are prepared for any election emergency.

The March of Dimes campaign is on. Coin collectors labelled "Fight Polio", have been placed in all places of business in the city to collect the contributions of those who wish to aid in this worthy cause. No high pressure sales campaign will be made. The matter of making a contribution is up to you. In times past Rising Star has responded nobly to this appeal and there is no reason to say that you won't respond as well this year.

## Youth Rally to Be Held at Ranger

The monthly Associational Youth Rally of the Cisco Baptist Association will be held Saturday, January 12, 1957, at the First Baptist Church in Ranger. The services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Mario Benitez, a former Roman Catholic priest from Spain and a former professor in that country, a man whose life is described as one of tragedy and triumph. Mario is now pastor of the Spanish Baptist church in Ranger.

The Rising Star contingent will meet at the First Baptist Church here at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. There will be plenty of transportation for all who wish to attend, it was announced.

## Grimlands Move Residence Here

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grimland and infant son, David, have moved their residence from Brownwood to Rising Star and are now located in the residence owned by Mrs. Mary Smith on Joyce Street.

Mr. Grimland is coach of the Rising Star High School boys basketball team and assistant football coach. He teaches typing in the commercial department of the school.

M. S. (Doc) Sellers was a business visitor in Brownwood Tuesday.

## Dixon Boggs Named To Co. School Board

Dixon Boggs, a Rising Star business man since 1925 and a former member of the Rising Star School Board, is the newest member of the Eastland County Board of Education.

Mr. Boggs was appointed to serve the unexpired portion of the term of William P. Roach, long time county board member and president of that body, whose death occurred November 29 of last year. The term will expire in April.

Mr. Boggs, a native of this area, served for more than 12 years on the Rising Star board, retiring in 1954. He is in the service station and tire business, having entered that business in 1925 in the Magnolia station adjoining the Agnew and Sons Grocery and Market—in the building new occupied by the Scurlock Oil Company as a field office. In 1945 he moved across the street where he has been a Gulf dealer continuously since.

He and Mrs. Boggs have two children, Mrs. Don Parrish of Corpus Christi, and Miss La Veda Boggs, a student in Rising Star High School. Mr. Boggs' long association with school affairs in the capacity of a board member is echoed in the fact that his daughter, Mrs. Parrish, is a professional teacher. Until the birth of a son recently, Mrs. Parrish was a member of the Corpus Christi Public School faculty. Her husband is a member of that faculty.

Mr. Boggs is a past master of the Rising Star Masonic Lodge and is present in the office of the lodge. He is a former chairman of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church and served for a long while as a member of that board and in various official capacities.

He is one of the organizers and an officer of the Rising Star Roping Club which sponsors the annual summer rodeo series in Rising Star, a weekly event which attracts top-flight rodeo competition and widespread interest.

The first meeting of the County Board this year will be held in February, County School Supt. H. R. (Pop) Garrett, of Eastland, said.

## L. C. Hounsel Takes Place With Convair

L. C. Hounsel, teacher of mathematics in Rising Star High School for the past two and a half years, has resigned his position effective at mid-term to accept employment in the engineering department of the Consolidated Aircraft Corp., Fort Worth.

In addition to his teaching duties Mr. Hounsel has served as coach of the High School B teams. He is also sponsor of the High School Junior Class.

He and Mrs. Hounsel—the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Carter—and their two children, Carter and Cynthia, will move their home to Fort Worth immediately.

Supt. Sam Jones said that no teacher has yet been secured to replace Mr. Hounsel.

## Sam Jones Attends Superintendents Meet

Sam Jones, superintendent of Rising Star Schools, was in Austin this week attending the mid-winter meeting of Texas School Administrators, an organization of public school superintendents.

The sessions will last through Friday afternoon. Mr. Jones will return Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Joyce were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Millington in San Marcos this week. In their absence Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce of Fort Worth are here in charge of the Joyce Insurance Agency. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Joyce went to Fort Worth to visit a grandson, Mark, two and a half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McLeon, who became ill while visiting Mr. McLeon's parents near Atlanta, Texas, during the holidays. The boy, treated at a Strevens County hospital, died.

## Half a Century Together



Mr. and Mrs. F. R. West, who recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding at their Amity home.

## Salary Increases To Be Considered For Co. Officials

EASTLAND.—Salary increases for elective and other employees of Eastland County will be considered at a meeting of the Commissioners' Court at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the courthouse, according to action taken Thursday at a special meeting of the court.

According to a legal notice published in the January 3 edition of the Cisco Press, the court proposes raises of 18 per cent for all employees of the county, including the following elective officials: county judge, county commissioners, county attorney, county clerk, district clerk, tax assessor and collector, county treasurer and sheriff.

The notice said "also a similar salary increase of an amount equivalent to 18 per cent of the present annual salary for all other appointed employees of Eastland County; and be it further resolved that the salaries of jurors and grand jurors, in both the county and district courts and in both civil and criminal cases, be increased 25 per cent so as to make such pay the maximum allowed by law of \$5.00 per day."

Elective officials, except the county attorney and the county commissioners, have been paid \$4250.00 per year since 1920.

Commissioners draw \$3570.00 and the county attorney, who is paid in part by the state for looking after district court affairs, draws \$4672.50. Deputies and other employees earn from \$160 to about \$200 per month at the present.

Under state law, the maximum salary allowed for county officials is \$9500 per year. After the increases, Eastland officials will be making 60 per cent of the maximum allowed them by law. Elective officials will be raised to about \$5,000.00.

## Bob Carter Home From Hospital

R. L. (Bob) Carter, county commissioner for the Rising Star precinct who was stricken with a mild heart attack before he could take up his duties January 1, has been brought to his home from the hospital and is getting along very well.

He was sworn in as commissioner while in the hospital at Gorman. Until he is allowed to assume his duties, his work with the county is being taken care of by Henry Carter, commissioner.

## Recent Bride



Mrs. Billy Don Linney, the former Jo Ann Heairren, whose marriage was solemnized December 28.

## Jo Ann Heairren Bride of Billy Don Linney Here

In a ceremony performed at 3 p.m. Friday, December 28, at the First Methodist Church, Miss Jo Ann Heairren, became the bride of Billy Don Linney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Linney, both of Rising Star.

The Rev. R. A. Brooks, Jr., pastor of the church, received the matrimonial vows of the couple in the presence of a few near relatives.

The bride is an honor graduate of the Rising Star High School, class of 1956.

The couple are making their home in Rising Star.

## County Singers To Meet Sunday At Sabanno Church

The Eastland County Singing Convention will have its quarterly meeting at Sabanno Presbyterian Church Sunday, January 13, beginning at 10:30 in the morning and continuing until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Henry Carter of Long Branch is president of the convention and will preside.

A number of outstanding singers from other sections have indicated they will attend. A basket lunch will be spread at noon.

The convention is open to all who wish to attend. Mr. Carter will be in charge of the singing machines and

## 'Cats Open With Mason Here Friday

Both Rising Star girls and boys teams will open the District 9-A conference basketball season here Friday night when they entertain the Mason High School teams at the local gym. The game between the girls' teams will start at 7 o'clock and the boys game will be played immediately following.

Both the girls and boys teams lost practice games to Eastland teams at Eastland Tuesday night. The girls' dropped a squeaker by the narrow margin of one point in a see-saw affair that saw the Rising Star girls ahead at various times throughout the game by fairly good margins. A free throw seconds before the whistle put the Eastland team ahead.

Bobbie Erwin was high for the Rising Star team with 12 points.

The boys game ended 50 to 40 in favor of the Maverick five. J. C. Butler was high for the Wildcats with 17 points and Dale Slattton took scoring honors for Eastland with 18 points.

Both the Rising Star and Eastland teams were in poor form after the holiday lay-off.

Against Mason Friday night Coach Charles Grimland will probably start Jerry Davis and Robert Needham at forwards; Billy Rucker at center, and J. C. Butler and Howard Walker at guards. Gary Scott and Jack Kaltenbaugh will probably see plenty of action.

In the girls game, Coach Sam Jones will start Jaynell Edmiston, Martha Duggan and Mary Haynes at forwards; and Bobbie Erwin, Jane Ann Key and Pat Howard at guards, with Rita Hogan, Martha Walker, Betty Jenkins and Oleta Maddux due to play a good portion of the game.

## Ranger Invites Turkey Growers To Meet Jan. 17

RANGER.—An invitation is extended to all turkey growers, county agents, vocational agriculture teachers, processors and feed men within traveling distance of Ranger to attend one of the most important turkey meetings of the year to be held in that city on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Central Texas Turkey Growers Association, the Texas Turkey Federation, and the Eastland County Extension service, and will be held at Ranger Junior College.

Dr. D. E. Davis, head of the virus department of the research laboratory at A&M College, will be chief speaker and will deliver an illustrated address on the diseases of turkeys and how to control them.

The sponsoring organizations feel that the greatest problem facing the turkey grower today is flock diseases which can mean the difference in success or failure in turkey farming, and Dr. Davis has been secured for this special meeting to give all the growers of this section his experience and research on how to combat flock diseases.

The meeting will get under way at 6 o'clock with a free turkey barbecue sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and served by the business men of Ranger, and all turkey growers are invited to bring their families along and enjoy the event together.

The barbecue will be served in the new Ranger Junior College cafeteria building.

## Mr. and Mrs. Swift Buy Agnew Residence

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Swift have purchased the former Ray Agnew home on South Anderson, two blocks south of the First Methodist Church, and will move into it this week-end. The house is being redecorated and improved inside and out, with new roof being laid.

Mr. and Mrs. Swift now live on a ranch near Sipe Springs, and will continue to oper-

## Experts To Talk At Farm Meets

### Legislator



PAUL BRASHEAR

## New Legislature Faced With Many Major Questions

Paul Brashear, Cisco, representative from the 76th District of Texas, began his second term in the Texas House of Representatives with the opening of the Legislature in Austin Tuesday. He was re-elected in the 1956 election after serving one term. The 76th District is made up of Eastland, Callahan and Shackelford counties.

Mr. Brashear was born in Callahan County and has resided in this area most of his life. He attended school in San Angelo and was graduated from Cross Plains High School. He attended Nixon-Clay Commercial College in Austin and Cisco Junior College.

Prior to his duties as state representative, Brashear served eight years with the Department of Agriculture and worked in the House of Representatives and the Senate from 1951 to 1954. He is now manager of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce.

Brashear took office in the House of Representatives in January, 1955, and served on the committees on agriculture, military and veterans affairs, penitentiaries, examinations of comptrollers and treasurers accounts, and legislative districts during the past session of the legislature.

Mr. Brashear stated that the first two weeks of the legislative session will be devoted principally to organization and appointment of committees. In discussing some of the major issues due to be presented in the session, he made the following statement:

"The Legislature will be faced with many problems. It is impossible to forecast the exact events of a legislative session, but the water situation will likely be the major problem this session. Appropriations, insurance laws, workmen's compensation, safety laws, and other factors will be brought before the body. It is obvious that an increase in appropriations and salaries will bring an increase in taxes.

"During the last session approximately 2,000 bills were introduced, and this session is due to follow much the same pattern. It is almost physically impossible for members of the House and Senate to be thoroughly familiar with every bill they are to vote on; therefore, we must rely on those who are informed about certain issues in an effort to vote properly. This means that all citizens can take an active part in the next session of the legislature. The benefit of your thinking on issues that you are interested in, either as a business or as an individual, will be a tremendous help and most welcome."

## Juniors to Present Play Next Tuesday

The Junior Class play, "A Bargain Is a Bargain", a comedy in three acts, will be presented at the High School gym-auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 15, it was announced.

The play, directed by L. C. Hounsel, has a cast of 12. Tickets will be on sale by members of the Junior class.

## Infant Granddaughter Buried at Clarksville

Graveside services were held at Clarksville, Texas, on January 2, for Amy Jo Bue, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bean of 2126 S. Street, Paris, Texas.

Mrs. Bue, Jean May, and Mrs. Bue, city

Those who attend the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored program on sheep and goat culture at the American Legion hall Thursday evening will hear two of the best qualified men in the State in a discussion of the prospects for profitable sheep and goat raising in this section, County Agent J. M. Cooper, who is arranging the program, said.

The speakers will be James A. Gray, animal husbandman of the A&M College Extension Service, stationed at San Angelo, who specializes in sheep and goats, and John G. McHaney, agricultural economist of the A&M Extension Service at College Station.

Both men are tops in their field, Mr. Cooper said. Mr. Gray will devote most of his time to a discussion of management and Mr. McHaney will discuss present and future market potentials. He will deal with both the short term and long term aspects of the market.

The meeting is the first of a series of discussions to be sponsored by the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and dealing with the agricultural problems and opportunities in this section. Women as well as men are invited. A. D. Jenkins, manager of the Chamber of Commerce said.

The second of the series will be an all-day meeting on Thursday, February 14, when the Rising Star CoFC will sponsor the annual Eastland County Orchard Field Day here. That program will be in two parts, a morning session to be held in the American Legion hall and an afternoon demonstration program to be held in the C. E. Smith orchard in southwest Rising Star.

**Impressive Panel.**  
An impressive panel of experts has been invited for the February program, Mr. Cooper, who is cooperating with the local CoFC in these meetings and arranging the programs, said.

Among those invited to appear on the panel and in the orchard demonstrations are:

U. A. Randolph of the Experiment Station at Montague, where most of the research is done in grape culture;

B. G. Hancock, horticulturist with the A&M Extension Service;

T. E. Denison, horticulturist with the Experiment Station at Stephenville, where emphasis is mainly on peach culture;

Dr. Freeman F. Fuller, entomologist with Texas A&M College;

J. W. Foster, Jr., entomologist at Weatherford; and

Simon Berg, manager of a peach co-op at Stonewall, Texas, Gillespie County, and a marketing expert.

Mr. Randolph is noted particularly for the development of a number of strains of white, seedless grapes which are well adapted to this section.

The morning session will be devoted to discussions of various aspects of orchard and vineyard culture and the afternoon session will include field demonstrations in pruning both young and old trees, orchard cultivation and possible spraying.

Both the meeting Thursday evening on sheep and goat culture and the orchard program on February 14 are open to the public, both men and women, Mr. Jenkins emphasized.

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Eighteen members responded to roll call. They were Jo Ann Stockman, Jean Dunsworth, Kay Howard, Ina Mae Willett, Bonnie Reynolds, Georgia Ann Hitchcock, Nora Jean Lanford, Elsie Snodgrass, Claudette McInnis, Jean Ann Ford, Glynda Bennett, Kay Dewbre, Janice Hodnett, July Hitchcock, Sharon Howard, Dorothy Lindley, Pat Madison, and Nelda Murphy, and Mrs. Frank Madison, adult leader.

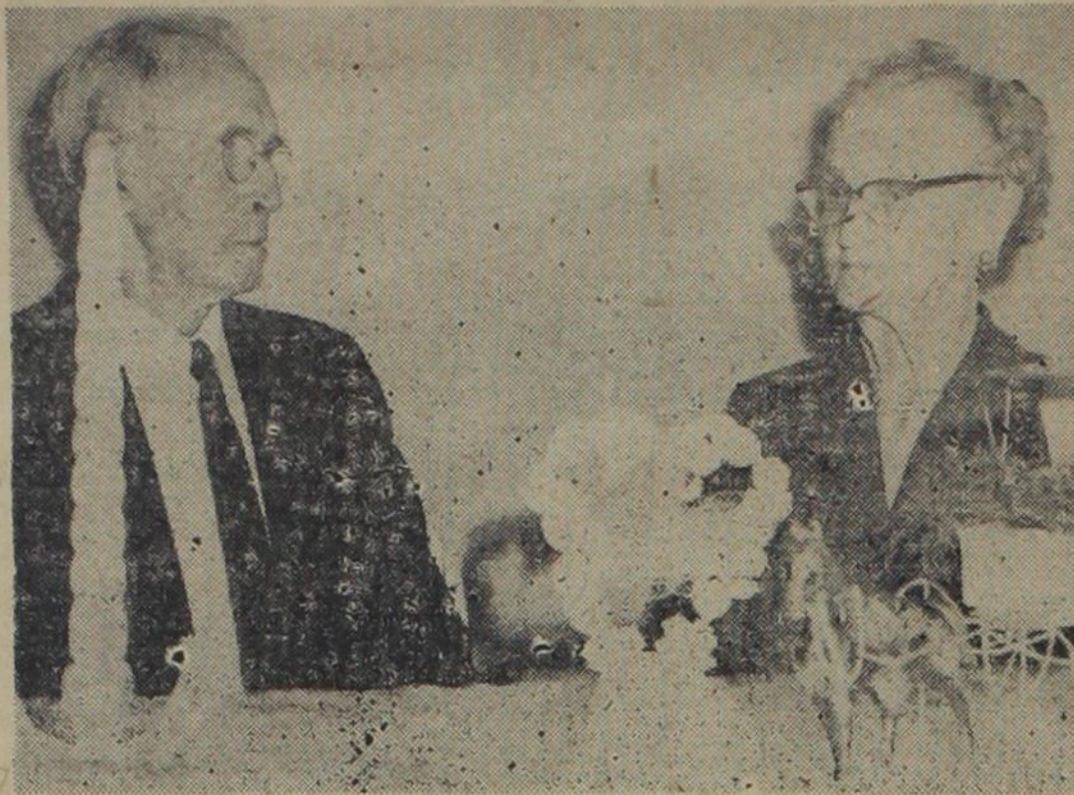
### May 4-H Club Hears Council Report at Meeting Dec. 31

The May 4-H Club met on Monday afternoon, December 31. The meeting was opened with the 4-H Club Prayer led by Pat Madison. The 4-H Pledge was given by Georgia Ann Hitchcock and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bonnie Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. West have returned from Dallas and Fort Worth where they spent the holidays with their children, all five of whom live in or near those cities. Mr. West also has a brother at Fort Worth, E. C. West, whom they visited.

Advertising pays

### Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. B. I. MARSHALL

### B. I. Marshalls Are Honored on 60th Anniversary

More than 100 relatives and friends, including their five children, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Marshall at Pioneer on Sunday, December 23, to congratulate the couple on the 60th anniversary of their wedding. The Marshalls were hosts at an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. during which gifts were brought, felicitations extended and sixty years of happily married life were reviewed.

The Marshalls were married on December 27, 1896 at the home of the bride's parents three miles east of Rising Star. Mr. Marshall was born in Parker county and came with his parents to this area when a child. Mrs. Marshall was born in Arkansas and came to this country with her parents in 1892.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are W. R. Marshall of Clarendon; R. H. Marshall of Abilene; Mrs. Marvin Cade, Burkett; Mrs. Mable Shipp, Rotan; and Mrs. Lessie Stout, May.

Those who registered during the open house included:

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Marshall and Buford; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cade; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stout and Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Blackburn and Denna and Johnny; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Huntington and Jeanne and Mike; Mrs. Lula Smith; Mr. and Mrs.

Dude Cash, Butchie and Frog; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cade and Jackie Sue; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lusk; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Daniel; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Shipp, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Marshall and June Gayle; Mrs. A. C. Fore; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tennyson; Linda Cade; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Richardson; Mrs. Joe Tillery; Mr. and Mrs. Coe Cross; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cross, Michael and Cathy; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Connelly; Mrs. Mattie Webb; Mrs. Eula Fore; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donati and Joe; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gober; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gray; Mr. and Mrs. George Webb; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Edington; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meadow; Mr. and Mrs. Graves Har- Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Webb; Mr. and Mrs. Herman (Boss) B. Y. Webb; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King; Mrs. C. B. Hester; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Erwin; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fore; H. P. Watkins; Mrs. Nora Shirley; Mrs. Vandelle Key, Brent and Dianne; Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Cloud; Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Harris; Mr. and Mrs. John Watson; Miss Celia McClellan and Mrs. W. L. McGrew.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Strackbein of Odessa were here last week visiting relatives, including Mr. Strackbein's mother, Mrs. A. Strackbein of Cross Plains, and Mrs. Strackbein's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson of Denver City, Texas, were here Saturday visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Patterson is the son of the late E. R. Patterson.

### Mrs. Ware Hostess To Circle Meeting

The Maybelle Taylor circle, which is named for a missionary, met at the home of Mrs. Will Ware, with 15 members present. The devotional was given by Mrs. Willie C. Hazel. A mission story of Cuba was brought by Mrs. Fred Roberts.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read by Mrs. Floy Maynard.

Mrs. Chas. Watson, leader of the circle, presided. The next circle meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Guy McDonald. Spiced tea and cake were served to Mesdames C. A. Watson, B. B. Morris, W. C. Hazel, L. H. Morrison, T. C. Crisp, Emma L. Jones, Maudie Woods, B. E. Kimbrell, G. E. McDonald, F. J. Maynard, H. C. Fridge, Walker Respass, Clark Crownover, Fred Roberts and the hostess, Mrs. Will Ware.

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Jerry von, Secretary

A. Petzell honored their mother with a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everette Jarris Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. D. V. Rogers of Gorman sent Mrs. Fountain a big bouquet

which centered the dining table. She received a number of beautiful and useful gifts and cards.

Albert Starkey of Dallas spent last week with his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. John Starkey.

Mrs. H. H. Brown of May spent Tuesday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Brown, uncle and aunt of her husband.

Charter No. 472

Bank's Official Statement of Financial Condition of the

# First State Bank

at Rising Star, Texas, at the close of business on the 31 day of December, 1956, pursuant to call made by the Banking Commissioner of Texas in accordance with the Banking Laws of this State.

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Cash, balance due from other banks, including reserve balances, and items in process of collection (including exchanges for clearing house) .....	324,704.21
Banking house, or leasehold improvements .....	1,000.00
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment .....	9,074.30
Other real estate owned .....	1,652.00
Other assets .....	5.00
Total Resources .....	\$2,283,122.76

## LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Common Capital Stock .....	40,000.00
Surplus: Certified .....	40,000.00
Undivided profits .....	137,755.07
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations .....	1,818,884.44
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations .....	138,324.29
Public funds (Incl. U. S. Govt., states and political subdivisions) .....	101,713.02
Other deposits (certified & cashier's checks, etc.) .....	6,445.94
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts .....	\$2,283,122.76

### CORRECT—ATTEST

W. E. Tyler, President  
C. R. Tyler, Cashier

### DIRECTORS

W. E. Tyler  
F. W. Roberds  
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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF EASTLAND

I, C. R. Tyler, being Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. R. Tyler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1957.

Patra Goss,  
Notary Public, Eastland County, Texas

## Chairmen Named For New Year By Amity H. D. Club

By Mrs. J. B. Caudle, Reporter  
The first meeting of the Amity H. D. Club for the New Year was held Tuesday, January 1, with nine members and two visitors present. Miss Sandra Teague and Mrs. Don Blasingame, Colorado City, Tex., were the visitors.

Our new President, Mrs. Ed Stodghill, presided. Standing committees were appointed. Chairman of the committees are: Yearbook, Mrs. J. B. Caudle; Finance, Mrs. Oscar White; Exhibits, Mrs. Wayne Teague; Education and Expansion, Mrs. Ernest West; Consumer Education, Mrs. Guy Taylor; 4-H Club leader, Mrs. Wayne Teague.

After the year book was filled out and programs for the year arranged, a short parliamentary drill was given by Mrs. Homer Smith.

Miss Fairel Jones was elected song leader and Mrs. Homer Smith, pianist. Our visitor, Mrs.

Don Blasingame, drew the club gift.

Mrs. J. B. Caudle was hostess. After adjournment, refreshments were served. Mrs. Caudle was assisted in serving by Mrs. Oscar White and Mrs. Guy Taylor.

The next meeting will be Jan. 15. Mrs. Herman Anderson will be hostess.

### CARD OF THANKS

My thanks to my friends and neighbors for their many cards and letters. May God's richest blessings be with you.

Mrs. Pearl Henderson  
Lawton, Okla.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbors for their kind thoughtfulness while I was in the hospital. Your cards and letters cheered me very much. God bless you all.

Mrs. A. D. Hutton

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alford returned to Austin Monday after spending the holidays here with their daughter, Mrs. Edward Watkins, and family and other relatives.

## Engagement Announced



LUA ALLEN

## Miss Allen to Be Wed January 31 At Sweetwater

SWEETWATER—Mr. and Mrs. Tyrus C. Allen of 1101 East 12th Street, Sweetwater, formerly of Rising Star, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Lua Allen, to Garold N. Henning, son of Dr. and Mrs. Garold G. Henning of 403 Arcadia, San Antonio.

The wedding is set for Thursday, January 31, at First Presbyterian Church in Sweetwater. The couple will live in Lubbock, where Mr. Henning is to receive his degree in July and where Miss Allen is a junior.

Miss Allen finished high school in Rising Star. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Will L. Allen, former Rising Star resident, now of Sweetwater, and the late Dr.

## Mmes. Faulkenberry, Carroll Host Circle

The Dale Moore Circle of the First Baptist Church WMU held its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Walter Faulkenberry with Mrs. Charlie Carroll as co-hostess.

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Faulkenberry. Mrs. Raymond Turner presided over the business session.

Mrs. Lee Clark brought the devotional taken from the 23rd Psalm. Those taking part in the program were Mrs. Charlie Carroll and Mrs. Joe White.

Refreshments were served to 14 members.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Martin Jijne. Mrs. J. R. Bucy led the closing prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Duggan of Cook visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harris, Friday.

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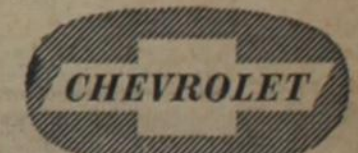
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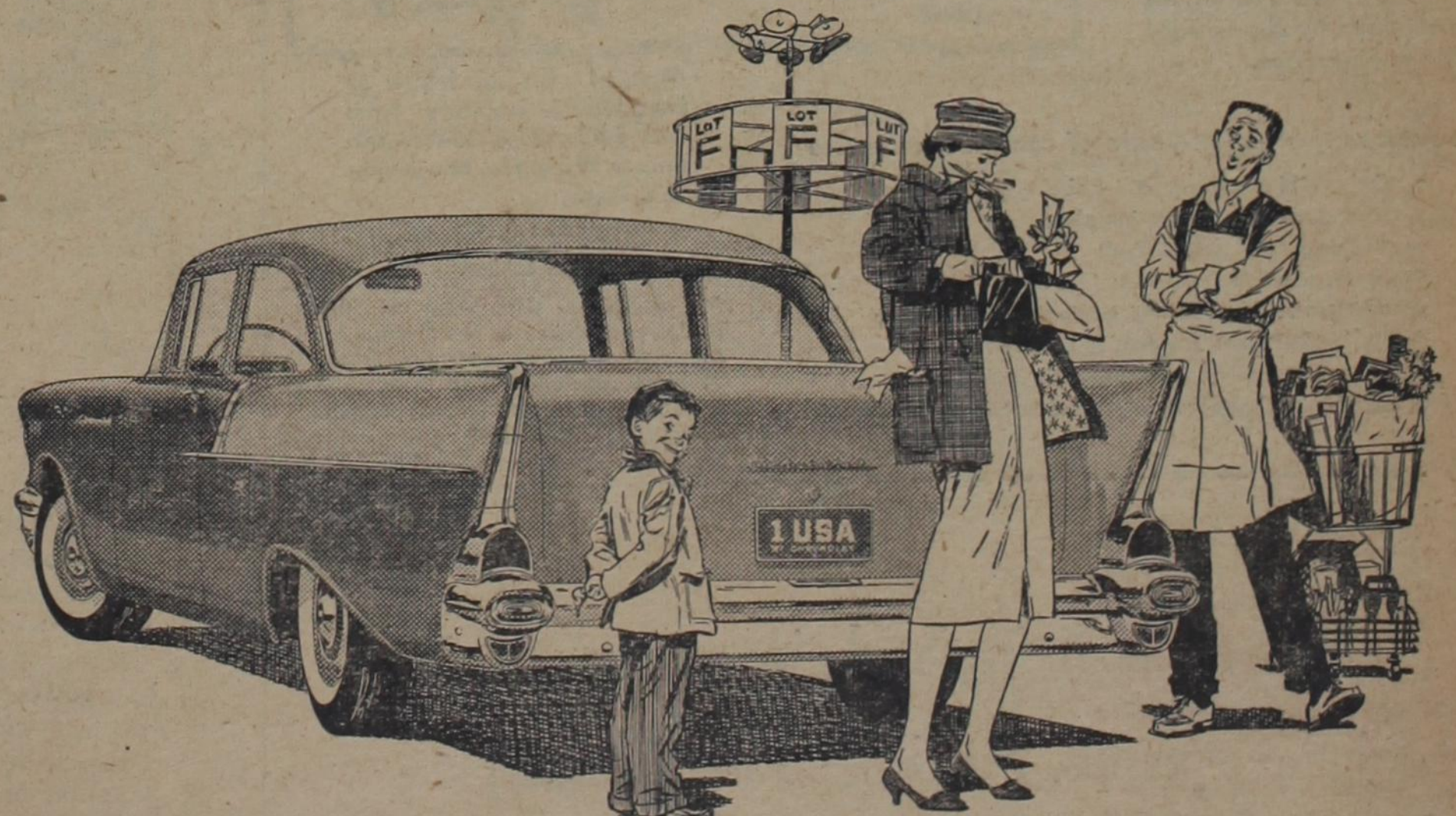
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Wildcat Tales staff to you!  
 "Happy New Year" from the

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—**  
 The routes through life which we select, they may not always prove correct, but best of thoughts will give us aid, when making right mistakes we've made. It isn't hard to understand, why best of thoughts are in demand, I would be a world of great dismay without good thoughts to guide our way.

**A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE**  
 Another year has just past, the New Year is only a few days old.

- "Resolutions at New Year's", as someone has said, "are only made to be broken"; but we here at RSHS disagree.
  - Here's a few that never grow old and ones that should never be forgotten because they are just as imminent and just as needful to be kept as they were two thousand years ago.
  - N—Not forget the Golden Rule.
  - E—Eliminate hard feelings toward others.
  - W—Work for "Peace on earth, good will to men."
  - Y—Yield only to right.
  - E—Earnestly seek to be merciful.
  - A—Anxiously realize the needs and necessities of others.
  - R—Recognize God as our leader in the future year and begin anew our faithfulness to Him.
- Pat Howard

**USE AND NOW**  
 1900: I'm sorry I can't go with you tonight. I have a previous engagement.

1957: Go away, Square, you cramp my style.  
 1900: Good evening, Mrs. Phillips. Is Lou Ann ready?  
 1957: Honk Honk  
 1900: You dance like an angel.  
 1957: You've really got it, Chick.  
 1900: Won't you let me see you home in my horse and buggy?  
 1957: Hop in the rod and we'll cut out.  
 1900: May I have the presence of your divine self at dinner?  
 1957: Hot dog or hamburger.  
 1900: Thank you so much for the lovely evening.  
 1957: Boy, you really send me.

### SENIORS OF '57

We Seniors are about to get back into the habit of getting the holidays but were ready to go early again. We all enjoyed come back.  
 In English we are finishing our memory work, book reports, and getting our notebooks ready to be checked. It seems that work really piles up at mid-term!  
 We have been taking special pictures. The photographer came Monday morning and we got to miss a few classes to take pictures. Of course, I didn't hear anyone complain about missing class.  
 The news is rather short this week, but we'll be here with more next week.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO 1957

Looking forward to 1957. Doesn't that sound wonderful? Looking forward to the New Year and all the wonderful things it will bring. It will mean different things to different people. For me, it will mean graduating from high school, but school

won't stop there for me. I'll be entering college in September. On entering college, the art of teaching other people will be shown to me. Of course, everything in the New Year won't be like that; people will be making new friends; business acquaintances, school acquaintances, and new neighbors. There are new tasks to conquer, new jobs to apply for. There is always the task of preparing yourself to meet other people and the demands of those people. Some of us have to slow down and take it easy and others have to speed up a little bit. Some have to improve their personality; such as courtesy—which covers tactfulness, manners and thoughtfulness of others in general. Some will have to set examples for others because even if they don't know it, someone has looked to them for guidance and patterned their actions after them. The coming New Year should be looked to with eagerness by everyone.

Wanda Smith  
 English IV

### LOOKING FORWARD TO 1957

1957! That is the year I have waited for since the beginning of my seventh year in school. In 1957, I will graduate from high school as an A student.  
 When I was a Freshman, I tried to make the best grades possible; I worked hard. I was so proud to be in Rising Star High School! But, then I realized that if I did make it through that year, there would still be three more years to go until 1957.  
 The day finally rolled around when I was a Soph. I bought a bracelet and a pin that had 1957 on them. I worked hard for there would be the rest of this year and two more until that day in 1957 when I would graduate and start my future in college, or get a job, or be a housewife.  
 And then I was a Junior with this year and only one more to go. I didn't have much time to think about when I would graduate; I was too busy enjoying this wonderful year in a happy school. My friends began to fall in love and get married. It seemed important to me then, more than ever, to wait until I graduated before I got married or quit for any reason. Now, I am a Senior! A big Senior! This is still 1956 but, in only a few days it will be 1957; and when 1957 begins, the school year will soon be out; I shall soon be able to plan for my future.  
 I have other reasons for looking forward to 1957. In 1957, I will be 18.  
 I haven't made any resolutions

but here is one that I certainly want to follow in 1957. I want to make everything I do the best I can do; to make every person I meet the happiest person, and to make every day the busiest, best day of my life—to live and be thoroughly alive in this great democracy of America.  
 Glenda Gibbard  
 English IV

### THE JUNIOR ROUND-UP

It is round-up time around ole RSHS for the Junior class. We think it is about time, too, after twelve long holidays for Christmas. It seems that everyone enjoyed Christmas immensely, especially the ones that are sporting around in new cars, new clothes, and the most conspicuous of all—new black and PINK boots—how about that, Jerry Don? We also think that the teachers enjoyed their holidays, at least they are responding with excellent after effects.

Say, Juniors, can you realize that it is almost mid-term? You'd better get with it and see if you can't pass at least the first semester. Just think after these tests we can say, maybe, that we just lack four and a half months until we are Seniors, our greatest aims in life.

The Juniors have gotten their play practice well underway since the holidays. We have been having play practice every night. It is different from anything we have ever done and we all certainly enjoy it. The cast is a very capable one and we are hoping it will be a successful play. It is a comedy, three-act play, with the husband and his wife always bickering over financial affairs. It is scheduled for January 15, with a very small proceed, "so come one, come all!"  
 We are all looking forward to this week-end. It will be our first conference game of the season. We play at seven o'clock, Friday night, with Mason. We feel like it is going to be a rough game.  
 I'll sign off by saying—we hope to see you at the Junior play next week.  
 —Reporter

### BAND NOTES

Hurrah! Hurrah! Our jackets finally came in! They are blue trimmed with gold and are reversible. We're all very proud of them especially since this was

the first year the whole band received one.  
 Our stage band, the "Sophisticats", played on the PTA program last Tuesday night immediately following the business meeting. We are very proud of our "Cats" and hope to be able to present them to the public often. We feel that they have progressed rapidly since their first appearance.  
 The Band is now preparing to go to the All-District Band Meet to be held on January 19, in Breckenridge. We are all working hard and we hope to have several first-chair players this year.  
 It won't be long before we have to start marching practice again in preparation for the marching festivals in the spring. So, Tressie, you and Miss Tate get ready to scream, holler, and blow your whistles loud and long, because we haven't marched in three months and we surely won't be in perfect form; but, have patience—we always come through somehow.  
 Well, I've blabbed enough for this week but tune in next week for more happenings in the life of the Wildcat Band!  
 —Reporter

### FRESHMEN IN THE NEWS

School again! I wonder if it's as hard for everyone to get up on time as it is for LaVeda and me.  
 We Freshmen had a girl in the "Guess Who" slot before the holidays. It was one of the Owens twins, Jackie.  
 This little scoop may come as a surprise to you, Mary Lois, but we would all like to know what you keep in your drawer at home that's so secret.  
 Hello, Clara Lou, it was nice seeing you at the Cross Plains tournament. Keep us in the know down here so I can relay to everyone how you are progressing in your basketball. Good luck, Click!  
 Poor Pat, he nearly spoiled his holidays by breaking his left foot. It is a shame you can't wear but one of your new black and red (catty) boots.  
 We wish mid-term would never come! Because we will lose one of our nicest Freshmen boys when it rolls around. Really, Ronnie Joe, we don't see how we can do without you; but as you have said, we'll all be here

when you come back.  
 ASFSA Reporter  
 As you read this we will be reviewing for our mid-term tests; my, how fast this school term is flying by—Soon I won't be ASFSA.

### SOPH SAYINGS

I hope everyone has settled down to work again and, incidentally, is keeping his resolutions, too.  
 All enjoyed the play given by the speech class; it surely took a lot of work, especially for those who were making their debut on the stage.  
 Cheerio! Do you realize that the school year is half over? Just think, only four and a half more months to go. Don't forget, this is the last chance to drop a subject, Jodie.  
 Not too much is happening around "ole RSHS" right now, but in a few weeks things ought to pep up a little.  
 We have completed our memory work in English. Soon we'll

be able to start out on new zones and discover new work. conquer! Joy!  
 This just about does it this week. See you next Bill  
 P. S. Don't forget the ASFSA! I'll tell you what this means my last issue of the soph report.

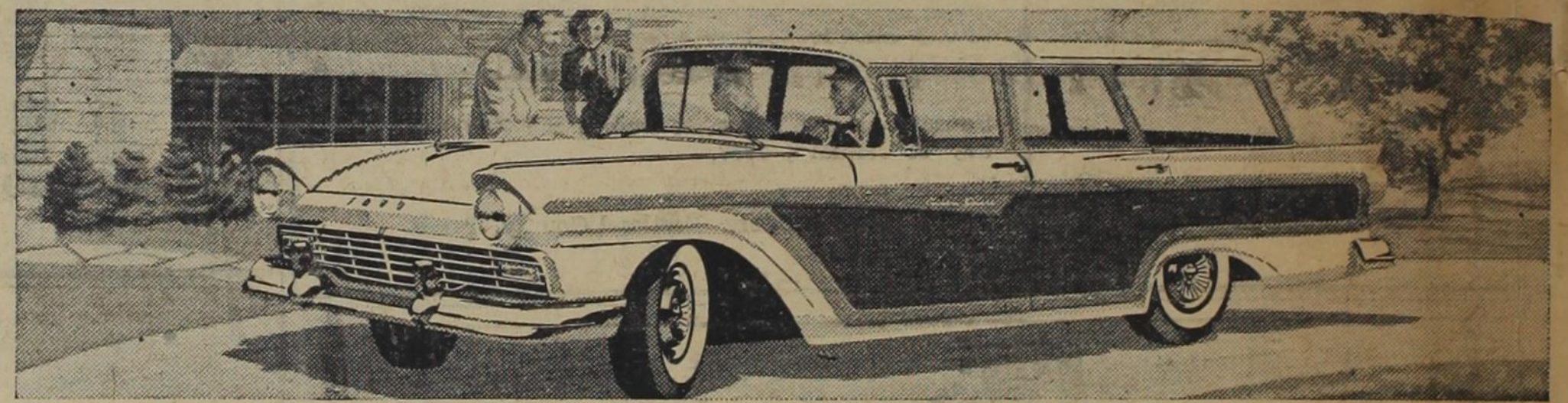
### WILDCATS VS. MASO

The R. S. H. S. Wildcats Mason here Friday, Jan. Mason beat us in football, but perhaps we can get revenge. This is going to be the first of these boys play by ball in 1957 so we hope you be there. I don't know an about Mason but if they good in basketball as they in football, our boys had be ready. Yea, Cats, get See you Friday night.  
 Jim Ratliff  
 The friends of Mr. A. J. Davidson surprised Mr. Davidson Saturday night with birthday party.

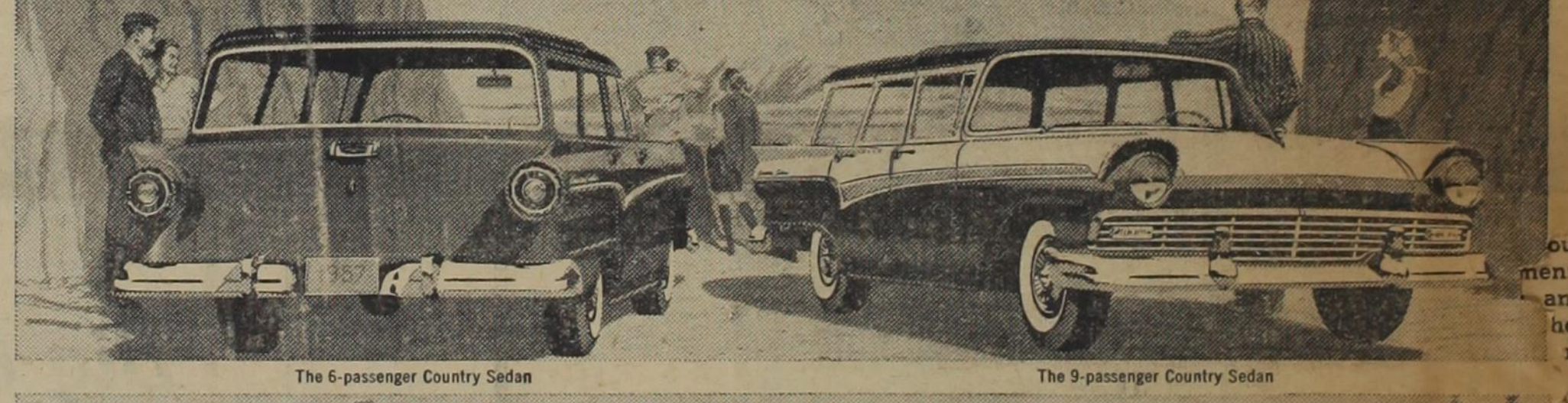


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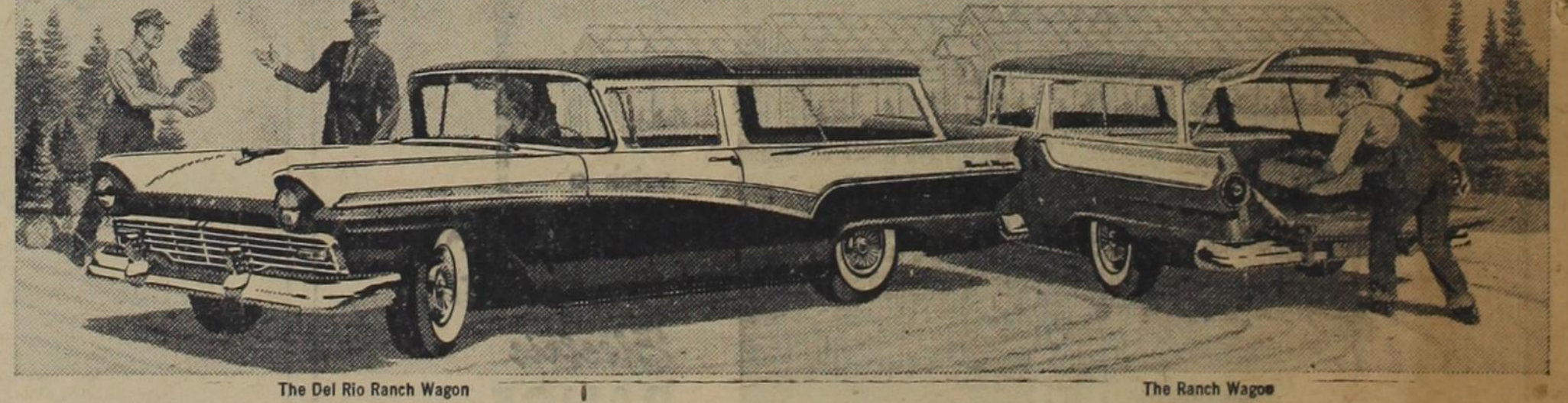


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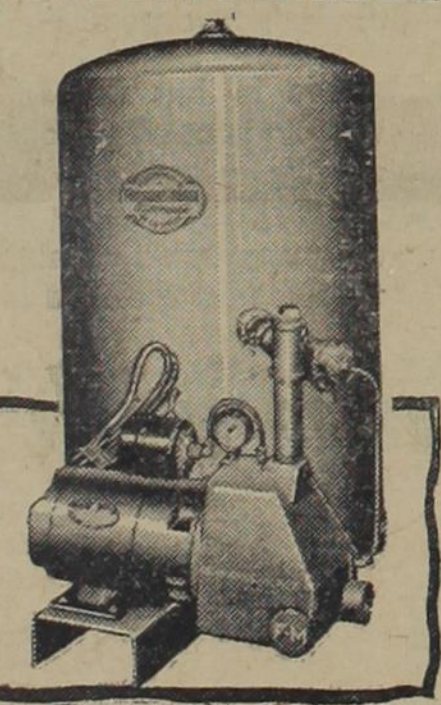
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  - Ladies Shoes, Flats, \$2.95 Values, On Sale ..... 2.00
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- Mens \$1.98 Sweaters ..... 1.30
- Mens \$2.50 Sweaters ..... 1.95
- Mens \$3.95 Sweaters ..... 2.50

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- Mens Caps, \$1.25 Values, Sale Price .... 79c
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- Boy's \$1 Caps ..... .75
- Boys \$1.50 Caps ..... 1.00
- Girls Caps, \$1.95 Values, Sale Price .... 1.30
- Girls Toboggans, 98c Value, Sale Price ... .79
- Boys Knit Caps, \$1.49 Value, Sale Price .. 1.00
- Toboggans, 59c Values, Sale ..... .35
- Boys Shirts, \$1.98 Value, Sale ..... 1.39

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## Sipe Springs News

Mrs. T. A. Weaver

R. S. Washburn, who had been in failing health for some time, passed away at the age of 87 and was buried in the Sipe Springs cemetery January 30.

Mrs. Willie Brewer is visiting her brother, Charlie Leonard and nephew, Cecil Leonard, and family at Odessa.

Newman Jones, June and Danny visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim McIntyre of Fort Worth recently. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thorp and Peggy and Patsy spent New Year's day with G. G. Thorp at Bend.

Guests of Mrs. J. O. Jones during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Myers and children and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hogan and family, all of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Maynard and son of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. M. Z. (Morris) Morlan of Texon; Mr. and Mrs. Onus Jones and boys of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holder of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barton and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thorp, Peggy and Patsy.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Leonard and son of Van Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Leonard and children of Odessa, Gayle Leonard of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill and Dinky of Rising Star; and Mr. and Mrs. George Leonard of Cross Plains were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Leonard.

Jiggs Rhymes of Odessa visited his mother during the holidays.

J. E. Barton and Louis of Fort Worth and Buddy Barton of A&M visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barton, recently.

Jack Millwee of Snyder visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Millwee recently.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Joyce and Cailen and Telesha; Mr. and Mrs. John J. Joyce of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Cagle of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Weaver during the holidays.

Lawrence Merworth of Snyder spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bill Merworth.

Perry Jeans spent Sunday in Big Spring.

Mrs. Mary Jane Elliott had as her guests during the holidays Jack Elliott of the Air Force Base at Fort Worth; Jerry Doyle of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle and daughter of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs.

## Duval's Background For Dictatorship Is One of Violence and Sudden Death

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—To know the history of Duval County is to understand the power of George B. Parr. To know the county's people is to know Parr himself.

Parr's power, and that of his father before him, is based on the Latin-American, by tradition an easily led "follower." Almost 90 per cent of the people in Duval are "Mexicans," so called even though their families may have lived on this land since the days of the Conquistadores. Most of them are desperately poor. Many are illiterate. Many speak no English at all.

Perhaps half the population of this little county town, 4,397 at the last official census, live in miserable "jacaes," unpainted huts built with scrap lumber.

The town, officially a city, is typically Mexican, with a mission-style church and a central plaza with a band stand. The line separating Duval from Jim Wells County runs through the town, and through the center of the San Diego Cafe, meeting place of the anti-Parr forces. Across the street, Highway 44, and catty-corner to the West is the Courthouse and the Windmill Cafe, headquarters of the Parr brigade.

The "Mexican" in Duval is small, dark-skinned, Catholic by religion. George Parr is an "Anglo" and by all rules of deep South Central Texas he and his followers should be as different as day is from night.

The average "Anglo" in Duval is a big man, taller by inches than the general run of Americans. By religion he is Protestant. He speaks little or no Spanish. He is apt to wear fancy, high-heeled Western boots and a Western hat.

Even though his skin may be burned by the sun to the shade of old copper he thinks of himself as "white"—in contrast to the Mexican-American who is patronized as a peon, as part Indian. The "Anglo" speaks of "good Mexicans" and "bad Mexicans," but always of "Mexicans." He doesn't think of the Latins as Americans at all.

More than a trace of the frontiersman still remains in the Duval "Anglo." There are men still living who can tell truthfully of pulling trigger on yelling Apaches.

It is more than a bit startling to the outsider to get the "feel" of the small towns in Duval, Jim Wells, Brooks, Webb and other counties of the area. A man from north of the Nueces River is a

"Yankee" and an alien. The feeling, the psychology, the atmosphere, is that of the frontier, of violence and of sudden death.

It would give a man from Austin, from Dallas or from Chicago quite a jolt to sit in a man's office as I did and ask a casual question about another man and have your host slam a loaded .45 on the polished desk so hard that it left a dent.

"One of these days the blankety blank so and so is going to walk in here and I'm going to kill him." Or to hear a peace officer say very seriously that if he were such and such a man—naming him—that he wouldn't fool around waiting for the law, he'd just up and kill the fellow who had gunned a relative.

Or to hear another man tell of visiting a friend in jail for murder, a friend who was acquitted quickly when the case went to a jury. I asked for the circumstances.

"Oh, he was throwing ..... out of a bar when ..... said 'Go ahead, why don't you kill me?' My friend said 'Alright, if that's what you want.' Bang!"

It's not so many years ago that these same men were killing Mexican raiders from across the Rio Grande on sight—and asking questions afterward.

George B. Parr's father, old Senator Archie Parr, and the son after him, put the anti-Mexican, patronizing psychology of the "Anglo" into reverse. They then parlayed the gratitude and adoration of the Latins into one of the most cynical, most ruthless dictatorships in American political history.

Old Archie, then a red-necked, cocky little \$25 a month cow puncher, arrived in San Diego at the turn of the century and took the side of the "Mexicans" against the "Anglos."

The "Anglos" in Duval were then split into two factions, led by the Robinsons and the Hoffmans. Archie shrewdly moved in between the two groups, voted his Mexicans as a solid unit and before a dozen years had passed he owned the county as a private barony. He knew every political trick in the book and added some of his own. The title "Duke of Duval" was no empty honor.

Old Archie was a small man, pot-bellied in his later years, who spoke Spanish like a native and thought like a Mexican. He apparently sincerely loved his followers, loved them as a man might love a faithful dog. He punished them when they were

naughty, fed them when they were hungry, led them like a flock of sheep, robbed them blind, tended their hurts—and used them so adroitly that no man dared oppose him. He made alliances with political leaders in adjoining counties. His power was vast.

Old Archie sat in the State Senate for twenty years, ran a rip-roaring wide open county back home in Duval where not a dog barked without his permission. He controlled the courts, the police, the schools, the rackets, everything in the county. He manipulated elections with the dexterity of a gambler with a deck of cards.

There were sporadic revolts against his rule, of course, but these were put down ruthlessly. On primary day in 1912, for example, three men were shot to death in the street in front of the Courthouse. Two years later a determined attempt was made by Parr foes to clean up Duval by the simple expedient of abolishing the county altogether. It didn't work. In 1915 the Texas Supreme Court ordered an audit of the county's books and the Courthouse burned down after the auditors had worked only one day, destroying the records.

In building his power, and in consolidating it, Old Archie had one powerful force operating in his favor—the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Ironically, that much-amended Constitution of 1878 was framed deliberately to give counties the greatest possible measure of home rule. Behind the solid rampart of that document the Duke of Duval ruled with the absolute authority of a Medici.

Thus it was the Constitution, as much as Parr himself, that posed the serious obstacle to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd in his march on the Duchy of Duval. He had to be carefully within its obsolete framework while fighting against forces that cared not one snap of the fingers for all the law in Texas.

Old Archie's was the present Duke of Duval, set up in this atmosphere of corrupt politics. He knew of the laden pack trains that came into the county during the lush days of prohibition. He knew of the other things that went on, and he learned well. His playmates were the Latin children of San Diego. Spanish, not English, was his mother tongue.

Among his playmates was Manuel "Meme" Marroquin, now Parr's most bitter enemy, editor of a militant little bi-lingual newspaper "New Duval." Other articles in this series will tell more of Marroquin, a man who has suffered much, including physical beatings, at the hands of the Boss and his henchmen.

Cook and children of Rising Star. to their home Sunday after Saturday night and  
spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. B. G. Elliott. Mr. to their home  
of Dallas, returned. Vise came Saturday to spend Advertis

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Michael, Ark., and extended their trip to Memphis, Tenn.

Gary and Lou Jean, have returned from a holiday trip during which they toured Oklahoma, visited a sister of Mrs. Michael, Mrs. Kenneth Davis, and family at Searcy, Ark., visited other relatives in Jonesboro, and returned to Memphis, Tenn.

Bernard Watkins returned Sunday morning from a holiday visit to Fort Worth, El Paso and other points.

### Amity News

Mrs. O. J. Reynolds

Rev. Shannon filled his regular appointment here Sunday and he and his family visited in the Robertson home.

There will be Sunday School and preaching next Sunday morning at the regular hour, then at 3 o'clock in the afternoon there will be ordination service for Rev. Shannon. Rev. E. V. Becker, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stephenville and Rev. Guy Self of Comanche will conduct the service. Everyone is invited. There will be no preaching service Sunday night.

I. W. Robertson is reported as improving rapidly and will be discharged by his doctor soon as cured.

Mrs. I. A. White says her brother, Dillard Kelsey, is still in bad shape and will probably undergo major surgery soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mullis of Brooksville visited in the home of Mrs. Dillard Kelsey and I. W. Robertson homes Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in the Bob Landreth home Sunday before last were Mr. and Mrs. Amos Whitlock of Comanche and Mrs. Jack Stout of Shilo.

Mrs. Eads of Bronie has returned home after a two weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. Tige Richards and Mr. Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Moore of Petersburg, Tex., visited in the Herbert Henry and Edd Stodghill homes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watkins and children of Abilene visited

in the Reynolds home New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Griffin and sons of Waco visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Griffin and brothers for a few days before Christmas and they all went to Hamilton on Sunday before Christmas for a turkey dinner with a brother of Mrs. Griffin, Ernest Blount and family.

I'm sorry that I failed to get Mr. and Mrs. E. R. West's Christmas visiting in for last week. On Monday after their anniversary celebration they went home with their daughter and family, the Harley Pughs, who live at Seagoville, from there they went to Fort Worth where they visited in the homes of their sons, Roy and Homer, and daughters, Aveyce and Lillian. They returned home on Friday and reported a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Lillie Neely of San Antonio, a sister of Mrs. West, who had been here for a few days, made the trip with them, then returned to her home a few days later.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden White and children visited her mother, Mrs. Mae Dillard and her grandmother, Mrs. Graham at Cross Plains Sunday.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown me during my illness in the hospital. I wish especially to thank Dr. Bradley, the nurses, Elgie Crisp, who gave blood and all my friends and neighbors for their flowers, gifts, cards and other expressions of their kind thoughts and good cheer.

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