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Through The Editor's Specs

By B&B

We hear a lot of talk now-a-days about national unity. According to many of our writers and spokesmen we seem to need a lot of it. There's so much talk about division, hatred and all that sort of thing, that people abroad must think we are teetering on the brink of another civil war.

Now everybody agrees that unity is a good thing. The trouble is nobody talking seems to know what it is. At least everyone seems to have a different definition.

For instance, some folks think you are against unity if you don't agree with them or vote for their candidate. Some of them are even convinced you are a hate-monger. Or perhaps one of the lunatic fringe.

About the best believers in unity that I know of are the communists. They certainly don't have any doubt of what it means. And they have about the best means of bringing it about, too. You simply agree with them, or else.

According to the communist ideal, there wouldn't be any football games. Everybody in the stands would be for the same team. It would certainly mess up unity a lot if the poor, despised, anti-unitarian team won on the scoreboard.

Neither would there be any law suits or any criminal trials. As a matter of fact there isn't any such in communist countries. It's already decided before hand what the unity is. The trial itself is just a case of window dressing, so to speak, a forum to announce the result and exhibit the wonderful unanimity that prevails.

Maybe what we need most right now is a re-definition of democracy. It would be about the best antidote for the communist kind of unity just to make it plain to the peoples of the world that citizens in this country have the right to express their opinions whether or not they are in agreement with the majority, or with the administration in power.

I think that what we need most right now—and Christmas is a good time to mention it—is a good dose of tolerance. It certainly appears that a lot of this element is lacking on both sides of whatever fence they are talking about.

It has been my observation, and yours too, I am sure, that although a lot of fighting usually goes on over political issues in this country, our people have always tended to accept the final decision gracefully enough.

And that is as it should be. What we are seeking is unity of ends, not means.

A very practical philosophy, it seems to me, is to stand for what we believe to be right, to struggle for that right as we see it with all our might and mind, no matter if what we do appears to have little effect, and then to live with the result as gracefully as we can. If we really believe in a democratic form of government, we will do that. That is real unity.

Junior Cagers To Meet May Thursday

The Rising Star Junior High girls and boys basketball teams will play May Juniors at the Rising Star gym Thursday night. The girls will start at 6:30 o'clock.

It will be the second meeting between the teams, the Rising Star boys and girls won both first engagements.

Couch Trial Re-set For January 16

Dist. Judge Turner Collie denied a motion for a change of venue in the assault to murder trial of Chester Earl Couch in 91st District Court at Eastland Wednesday and reset the case for hearing January 16.

Couch is charged with shooting Cisco Police Chief S. E. Parkinson in November at Cisco.

A. L. (Dusty) Rhodes of Lubbock, Couch's attorney, filed motions for a change of venue Wednesday morning. When the motions were denied after a hearing, he asked for a continuance which was granted and the case reset.

Couch, who also is under a charge of murder in connection with a fatal fight at Abilene after his release on bond in the Cisco charge, was brought to Eastland by Highway Patrolman Roger Sosebee on a bench warrant issued by Judge Collie.

Millie Jones, 37 year old grandmother, was assessed a 5-year prison term and her boy friend, William Splawn, 40, got a 10-year term after they pleaded guilty to robbing the Ranger Worth Food Mart before a jury Monday.

Prosecuting Attorney Earl Conner, Jr., told the jury of 11 men and one woman that the state was waiving maximum punishment in the case, which is the death penalty under an armed robbery conviction.

The jury turned down an application by Mrs. Jones for a suspended sentence. Pleas for both defendants were heard by the same jury, and a decision in the Splawn case was reached in about 15 minutes. The jury took two hours and 15 minutes to reach a decision in the case of Mrs. Jones.

Splawn did not take the stand in his defense, but Mr. Conner stated for the record that Mrs. Jones was the driver of the get-away car after Splawn robbed the Food Mart of \$839 last March.

Mrs. Jones testified on the stand that their only reason for pulling the hold-up was that "We were drunk." She also said that after she and Splawn complete their sentences she "would like to have a home" with him.

Authorities said that Mrs. Jones and Splawn had lived in California until shortly before the robbery, although Mrs. Jones had resided in Eastland at one time several years prior to that time.

Several months after the robbery, the two were arrested in Idaho but escaped from jail there before being turned over to Eastland authorities. Mrs. Jones, who was nude at the time of the jailbreak, developed a severe case of poison ivy, she said. After being recaptured they were transferred to the Eastland County jail on July 28.

Called as character witnesses for the two during the trial were Eastland County Sheriff Lee Horn and Jailer George Carter, who both testified that Mrs. Jones and Splawn had changed their ways since coming to the Eastland jail. Also, Sheriff Horn said, they were both baptized by a Methodist minister at the jail.

Ranger Store Manager Hal Boggus, recalling the details of

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Band Applauded By Large Crowd In First Concert

A large crowd heard the Rising Star Wildcat Band, directed by Alton Roan, present its first—and Christmas—concert of the year at the High School gym Thursday evening.

The band drew enthusiastic applause for its performance in the program of marches, classical numbers and the traditional Christmas music.

Portions of the program were given by the concert band and the stage band.

COUNTY PECAN QUEEN CROWNED



C. E. Smith, Rising Star pecan grower and president of the Eastland County Pecan Growers Ass'n. is shown crowning Miss Tonia Arnold, Eastland County Pecan Queen, during the County Pecan Show at Ranger last weekend. Miss Arnold of Strawn is a student at Ranger Junior College. Others in the picture, left to right, are Jana Nicksick, crownbearer, and Sue Graham, contestant from Ranger.

Rising Star Growers Win at County Show

The annual Eastland County Pecan Growers Association show, which got off to a wet and wintry start Friday, was being called a success Saturday despite the fewer entries than in former years. The event was held in the Joseph Building in downtown Ranger.

Three Rising Star growers were among the winners in the show. They are C. E. Smith, Doss Alexander and W. V. Fenter.

Mr. Smith, who has a large pecan and peach orchard in southwest Rising Star, is the president of the County growers association.

Attendance was off due to bad weather during much of the past week. A factor in the number of entries was a comparatively short crop due to unfavorable weather conditions of the past summer plus unusually heavy infestation of insects.

The annual show was kicked off Thursday night at Ranger High School Auditorium with the Pecan Queen contest when seven attractive girls of the county competed for the honor. Winner was Miss Tonia Arnold of Strawn, student at Ranger Junior College. Runners-up were Ann Rutherford, Cisco, and Verne Napier, Olden.

Judging of the pecan entries began early Friday afternoon with B. G. Hancock and Dr. Benton Story, horticulturists at Texas A&M University and experts in pecan growing, as the judges. A pecan bake products show also was held.

The winning entries will be entered in the State Pecan Show at A&M University this weekend.

HS Teams Play Strawn In First Round at Carbon

Rising Star High School girls basketball team will play Strawn girls at 3 p.m. Thursday in the opening round of the Carbon invitation tournament at Carbon.

Rising Star boys will meet the Strawn boys team at 6:45 Friday night in the first round for the boys bracket.

More girls teams than boys have entered the Carbon tournament and all of the first day will be taken up by the girls bracket.

This will be the final sports event for the local school until after the Christmas holidays.

At the May tournament last week, Anna Ezzell, Rising Star girls team member, was chosen a guard on the all-tournament team and Judy Lewis was awarded the sportsmanship trophy.

Columnar Ads and Ledgers at The Record

Santa Claus To Distribute Gifts at Party Here Saturday

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce will be host to the children of the Rising Star area at its annual Christmas Party Saturday evening, Dec. 21.

The party will be held at the Horton lot between Higginbotham's and the Place Drug Store and Old Santa will be present to distribute gifts of fruits and candy to all children who come.

The party will begin at 6:30 p.m.

All of the children in the area are invited.

The gifts for the children are being prepared by a committee

Large Crowd At Methodist Church Hears Missionary

A large congregation heard Dr. Sidney Anderson, retiring missionary to Hong Kong, preach at the First Methodist Church last Sunday morning.

Among the congregation were worshippers from Dallas, Cisco, Cross Plains and other places as well as Rising Star.

In the evening an interested audience heard the missionary tell of his experiences in China and Hong Kong and viewed slides taken during Dr. Anderson's service in those fields.

The missionary is a native of Rising Star, a graduate of Rising Star High School. He and his wife are now touring the United States in the interest of foreign missions after almost half a century of service abroad.

They will formally retire next year.

A&M Economist Sees 1964 As Good Year for Farmers

College Station— Texas farmers and ranchmen with the necessary resources—land, capital, labor and the managerial ability to combine them into an efficiently operating unit— should have a good year in 1964, believes John G. McHaney, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Here are his reasons. Economic activity for the nation is expected to continue at a high level during 1964. Consumer incomes after taxes are running about 5 percent above 1962 now and further gains are expected in 1964. Too, automobile sales, home building, appliance sales are expected to register further gains as are expenditures for new plants and equipment. Expenditures for goods and services by federal, state and local governments will increase in '64 and they now account for about a fifth of the gross national product, McHaney explains.

He points out, however, that the general economic activity will depend to a great extent upon the timing and extent of the proposed tax cut.

The domestic market for agricultural products looks good, says the economist. The immediate outlook for agricultural exports is about the best ever, he adds. Total exports of farm products for 1963-64 is likely to be near \$6 billion if the proposed grain sales to Soviet bloc countries materialize.

Farm output continues to rise and 1963 is expected to set a record high for the sixth consecutive year. With average growing conditions, farm output in '64 will remain high and could set a new record, says McHaney.

The cost-price squeeze will still be an important factor in farm income, but with so many farmers also doing off-farm work, per capita personal income of all people living on farms from all sources is expected to be near the 1963 record level.

The outlook calls for further increases in farm assets, chiefly due to the continued rise in farm land values. Though farm debts also continue to increase, the equities of farmers and other farm property owners are increasing at a faster rate, says McHaney.

STAR OF CHRISTMAS RAISED AT METHODIST HOME



Boys of the Methodist Home in Waco, Texas, place a huge 70 pound Star of Christmas on the steeple of the Harrell Memorial Chapel. The Star was made by the children in their vocational training shop. The light of the star will summon the children to special worship services on Christmas Eve. Four hundred fifty children live in cottages providing a home-like atmosphere. Christian teachings are emphasized at the Home in its program of providing hope for the future for boys and girls separated from their families by death, poverty, or other misfortunes. Since the Methodist Home was founded over 73 years ago over 8,600 children have come under its care. The Home is supported by Methodists in Texas and New Mexico.

CofC Asks Conference On Safety Program Here

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce has invited District Highway Engineer E. M. Pritchard of Brownwood to attend a meeting here in the "near future" to discuss a highway safety program which would be aimed at preventing accidents such as seriously injured Georgeann Johnson in front of the High School a short while ago.

The invitation followed an exchange of letters between President James Rutherford and

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., of the State Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Rutherford requested information about such a program, pointing out that Rising Star has made many efforts to bring about safe speed limits and other safety programs, particularly on North Main Street which passes in front of the High School. The street is the route of Highway 136 through the City over which the state highway department has jurisdiction.

May FFA Team Places Third In State Contest

The May High School FFA Chapter Saturday placed third in the state FFA Leadership Contest held in Huntsville. It was the fourth year in succession that the May Chapter has won district and Area IV contests to qualify for the state and the fourth year in which they have placed high in the state contest. In 1961 the May team took first place in the state.

Members of this year's FFA Quiz team which took third at Huntsville are Paul Henderson, Curtis Chambers, Donald Isbell and Charles Hardy. Bo Allen is High School agriculture teacher and chapter advisor.

Four years ago the May team placed seventh at the state and last year it placed fourth. A Chapter conducting team from the May chapter last year also placed in the State Senior contest, ranking ninth.

Graton Adams, who has been a patient in Eastland Hospital for some time, was moved into Twilite Acre Nursing Home here last Monday.

Col. Garrison expressed the department's appreciation of the Chamber's interest in such a program, but pointed out that the Legislature had vested authority for zoning of highways within the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department and suggested that the CofC contact Mr. Pritchard.

Col. Garrison offered the services of his department in working with the CofC in some type of safety program.

The invitation to Mr. Pritchard was extended in a letter from A. D. Jenkins, manager of the CofC.

"We certainly hope," said Mr. Rutherford, "that we can work out some character of safety program that will be effective in preventing further accidents and at the same time not interfere too much with the movement of highway traffic through the city."

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admitted — John Freeman, Sterling White, Mrs. Nora Armstrong, Mrs. E. S. Liverett, Mrs. Mary Burns, Claude Parker, Floyd Hollingshead and Lovie Bishop, Rising Star; Mrs. Joe Catching, Lorenzo.
Dismissed: Mrs. Joe Catching,

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Civil Rights in the Living Room . . .

The American homeowner feels secure in his living room. His home is his castle. And the U.S. Constitution protects him from unreasonable search and seizure. But if the pending civil rights legislation is passed, the homeowner will no longer be free to use and dispose of his property as in the past whenever his home has been financed in the usual manner. There will be a federal agent at the door to tell him what to do.

Many homeowners assume that the civil rights bill has nothing to do with them. They assume the proposed legislation has something to do with voting rights, or education. They think that because they do not operate a large corporation in interstate commerce they will escape federal regulation.

That isn't so. The civil rights bill grants power under which may be required federal approval of the deal, when the homeowner goes to sell. Or to rent even so much as one room. At the same time, the prospective homebuyer or renter must pass federal inspection before he can accept the owner's offer.

If, in the opinion of a Federal inspector, the home owner's acceptance or rejection has the effect of discriminating on

grounds of race or national origin — intentionally or unintentionally — then the deal can be stopped. If a white man and a Negro man with the same qualifications applied for the same vacancy then race could be the deciding test.

This situation is contrary to the impression most people have of the civil rights bill. But "civil rights" is only the cover-up for a giant instrument of federal control; the word "discrimination" is nowhere defined in the text. The fact is, this bill sets up broad powers of federal police action to manipulate the social structure in an effort to use federal force to cure "racial imbalance."

Homeowners are caught in the middle by the section which puts a vise on federally assisted programs. When federal personnel come into the living room, a financial squeeze is put on the hapless owner. Federal contract and federal "assistance" touch nearly every home built in the United States.

Already about 30 per cent of all homebuilding must meet federal formulas with regard to race. This is true despite the fact Congress, six times, refused to grant this power to the Executive department. Arbitrarily,

last year, an Executive Order, ignoring Congress, swept G. I. and F. H. A. financing under these controls.

The civil rights bill reaches out to every bank and lending institution that participates in the Federal Reserve System, it reaches the Federal Home Loan System, and even the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Any institution receiving federal government financial "benefits" must make its borrowers fulfill federal rules on discrimination. The banks must enforce these rules by foreclosure, refusal, blacklisting, and eviction.

Until the civil rights bill was proposed, it was an accepted rule that federal regulations in assistance programs had to have something to do with the financial purpose. But no longer. The civil rights bill sets up sociological requirements that have nothing to do with financial stability.

In fact, the new federal controls may even be opposed to financial good sense. Homeowners, investors, realtors, developers, and attorneys may be required to follow federal decisions which past experience shows to be ruinous. The only alternative to such a policy would be to stop investments and growth.

Now that the reports of the House Judiciary Committee have been published, discussion in Washington has been stirred afresh. Congressmen regard their mail as a barometer of public sentiment. They are watching closely to see whether homeowners react strongly to the new federal controls or not.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kent of Big Spring were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayles over the weekend.

March of Dimes contributions from Eastland County have helped establish clinical study centers in many parts of the nation for research, teaching and treatment to aid victims of birth defects, arthritis and polio.

THAT'S A FACT

ON A STRING...
SIR FRANCIS DRAKE—THE GREAT EXPLORER AND ADVENTURER—CARRIED A COMPLETE STRING ORCHESTRA WITH HIM WHEN HE CIRCLED THE WORLD IN THE 16th CENTURY. THE MUSIC WAS SUPPOSED TO ASTONISH THE NATIVES.

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It's the Law in Texas

OUR "BILL OF RIGHTS"

December 15 is observed each year as "Bill of Rights Day" throughout the United States. What does this important "document" mean to us?

The American "Bill of Rights," consisting of the first ten amendments to our Federal Constitution, all adopted at one time in 1791, specifies in some detail a number of basic civil rights of the individual citizen. Unaltered by subsequent amendments and jealously guarded by our courts, these privileges must still be respected by our

governing bodies today.

Among the most familiar of our constitutional guarantees are those relating to freedom of religion, speech, and of the press. The same article protects the right of peaceable assembly and the privilege of petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, and specifies that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, and unless supported by oath or

affirmation.

The due process of law amendment encompasses not one but several guarantees. Every American is secured against being placed twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense; against being compelled to be a witness against himself in a criminal case; and against having his private property taken for public use without just compensation.

He is also secured against being held for trial for a capital (death penalty) or other infamous crime, unless upon a presentment or indictment of a grand jury. And, of course, no person may be deprived of life, liberty or property without orderly court procedures, or due process of law.

The right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, in the locality where the crime was committed, the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and the rights to compel attendance of defense witnesses and to have the assistance of defense counsel in all criminal prosecutions are secured by another section of the "Bill of Rights."

Excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, are prohibited in Amendment VIII. Other articles insure the right to bear arms and ban quartering of soldiers in private homes during peace time.

Then, to make quite clear to our governing bodies the underlying intent of the preceding provisions, the Ninth Amendment states: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

The Tenth Amendment further emphasizes this basic theory by providing: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Thus, that fundamental philosophy expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that men are endowed with certain inalienable rights, and that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," has been carried forward into the highest law of our land.

Trial . . .

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the robbery, testified that Splawn entered the store about 6 p.m. on March 6 and held a .22 caliber revolver on him as he said, "This is a stickup. Be careful what you do. I have an accomplice outside with a shotgun on you." Boggus added that he did as he was told, and produced \$839 from a safe and the cash registers.

During the morning, Judge Turner Collie asked Splawn if he had been made any promises for a guilty plea.

When Splawn said "I refuse to answer," Judge Collie ordered that the man's plea be entered as "not guilty." Later the plea was changed to "guilty" when Frank Sparks, the defendant's attorney, said Splawn had not understood the question. Dewey Cox of Ranger assisted Sparks in the defense.

Conner explained to the jury that Mrs. Jones was needed to help in later prosecution in connection with the robbery, and that he would go along with the recommendation, by defense attorneys for a suspended sentence. The jury, however, turned it down.

The National Foundation — March of Dimes in 1963 marks the fifth anniversary of its fight against birth defects and arthritis following the conquest of polio.

A weekly public service feature from the Texas State Department of Health

Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

AUSTIN — "Have a heart" is a familiar slang expression. But scores of people would like to do just that — have a whole unimpaired heart.

The one you were born with is the only heart you'll ever have at least until medical science crosses further frontiers and can transplant a human heart, much as is done with an eye.

True, certain types of repair work is possible today, but it is a costly, tedious process.

Rightly termed a "vital organ," your heart is a muscle-operated blood pump. It starts beating before you are born and continues an estimated 70 years — at an average of 70 to 80 beats a minute — without so much as a coffee break.

Heart diseases rank first ahead of cancer as cause of death. Cancer and cardiovascular diseases together account for over 60 percent of the deaths in Texas. About 30 percent are attributed to heart diseases.

The term "heart disease" actually covers a broad range of heart and blood vessel diseases. They are linked together because sooner or later they impair heart functioning ability.

Most common among cardiovascular ailments is coronary heart disease, a condition precipitating heart attacks. It is a condition of the arteries, affecting mainly middle-aged men.

Another well known cardiovascular condition is high blood pressure, i.e. hypertension. Over a long period of time, increased blood pressure can cause the heart; to overwork and to lose efficiency.

Rheumatic heart disease strikes another note of familiarity in the line-up of cardiovascular ailments. The chain of events leading to rheumatic heart disease has been discovered within the last few years, and with the advent of penicillin it can be proved an important disease preventive.

Research efforts for heart restoration and rehabilitation methods continue, but definite preventive measures are already known.

Eat a moderate, balanced diet; take adequate regular exercise; try to cope realistically with daily living under as little stress as possible.

Follow these admonitions, and who knows—maybe your heart will tick for 70 years or more.

Spice CABINET

Baking Bread

If you want to serve frozen bread hot, leave the loaf in the moisture-vapor proof wrap to thaw. Set oven at 450 degrees.

If the loaf is wrapped in freezer foil, leave it on and place in oven for 15 minutes. Tightly wrapped foil makes a soft crust, while open ends make crisp crust.

If the loaf was left in a wrap and placed in a plastic bag, remove both before heating. Leave in oven 8 minutes.

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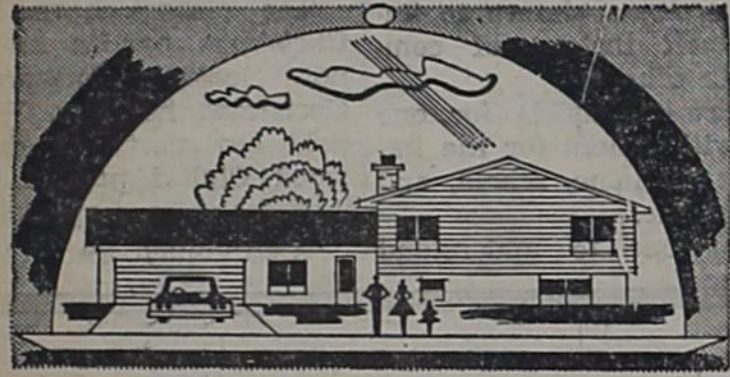
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One of the Home Demonstration Club ladies, Mrs. D. J. West of Morton Valley, called me last week and gave me this recipe for Persimmon Cake. Even if you don't like persimmons real well, I think you will like this cake—try it!

PERSIMMON CAKE

- 1 Cup mashed ripe persimmons
- 1 Cup sugar
- 1 Cup chopped pecans
- 1 Cup raisins
- 1 Cup flour
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla
- 1 Teaspoon Allspice
- 1 Teaspoon Soda
- 1 Tablespoon butter or margarine
- ½ Cup milk

Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Bake in a greased loaf pan in a slow oven, 300°F for 1 hour or until done.

Here is a recipe for a real good Christmas punch, taken from the "Christmas Time at Home" bulletin. If you would like your free copy of the bulletin, write for it from Mrs. Beverley Nicholson, County Home Demonstration Agent; Box 495; Eastland, Texas 76448, or call the office at MA9-1729.

SPICED TEA

- 5 tablespoons tea
- 16 cups (1 gallon) water
- 1 tablespoon whole allspice
- 1 tablespoon whole cloves
- 4 small pieces stick cinnamon
- 4 orange rinds
- 3 lemon rinds
- 2 cups orange juice
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 to 1½ cups sugar

**May Nursing Home
To Have Tree Dec. 21**

The May Nursing Home will have a Christmas tree for the patients in the home at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

All are looking forward to a friendly visit from Old Santa, and they would like very much to share the tree with any friends who would care to go to the home at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Swift are planning to spend Christmas with their daughter, Earledean, and other members of the family in Abilene.

Simmer spices, orange and lemon rind with water for 20 minutes. Remove from heat. Add tea; cover and let steep 1 to 3 minutes. Strain out tea leaves, rind and spices. Add fruit juice and sugar. Serve hot or cold. Serves 50.

Time To Apply For SS Benefits Depends On Facts

"When should I apply for old-age insurance benefits under social security?" is a question frequently asked. I cannot answer without knowing all the facts in each individual case.

I do know, however, that many people do not apply for their social security benefits at the most advantageous time because they fail to obtain the proper information. Some lose hundreds of dollars by failure to get the facts at the proper time.

For some people, age 65 is a good time to think about applying for benefits. People no longer able to work, or who do not wish to continue working full time, or whose full time work is low paid, may apply as early as age 62. Retirement benefits at age 62 are lower than they would be at age 65; but in most cases approximately 12 years would elapse before any actual financial loss would occur.

Age 65 can be the proper time for many people to apply for old-age insurance benefits. A substantial majority are no longer working full time after age 65 and, since their incomes are sharply reduced, they find that the social security checks help in paying their basic living expenses.

I want to urge everyone who is 65 years old to inquire at the social security office about filing a claim, even though he is still working full time. If the claim is filed then and the applicant later retires, it is a simple matter to start the benefits because all the paperwork will have been previously completed.

Everyone 72 years old who has worked under social security and has never applied for benefits should do so at once. Social security checks may be paid to anyone 72 years of age or older who has enough work covered by the law, regardless of his current earnings. However, payments do not begin unless an application has been filed.

Information on social security obtained from relatives or friends is not always reliable, no matter how well-intentioned. Changes in the social security law in 1960 and again in 1961 may make eligible for benefits some people whose claims were previously disallowed. Inquire in person or by writing your social security office and get the facts, or meet a representative of the Abilene Social Security Office when he is next in your vicinity. Your local post office has a complete schedule of such visits.

Uniform Marking Of Historical Sites Is Planned

AUSTIN — The Texas Highway Commission has moved to establish a uniform system of marking historical sites under a program approved by the 58th State Legislature.

The Commission agreed that requests for placing markers should fulfill specific stipulations to coordinate work of the Texas Highway Department with planning of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee. Stipulations approved by the Commission:

1. Sponsors are to submit a complete description of the proposed marker and the exact inscription.
2. After a marker request is received 90 days will be allowed for study before acceptance or rejection; another 90 days may elapse before selection and preparation of a site, if accepted.
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News From May

Mrs. J. J. Prentice

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Spence and two small sons of Odessa were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Spence and Mrs. George Plummer.

Mrs. Mike Spence and Mrs. Jack Stout went to Austin Tuesday of last week to deliver Christmas boxes to the Travis and the State Schools.

Mrs. Eba Smith had as her week-end guest her nephew, Bob Lockett of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Holt had as their guests last week-end their son, David Holt of Fort Sill, and two friends, Elvis Stone and Elvis Stone, Jr., both of Brownwood and also stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. David will graduate from Non-Commissioned Officers Training School at Fort Sill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jacobs of Artesia, N.M., were guests Friday of Mrs. J. J. Prentice.

Thought for the Day — "My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there."

To Hold Open House For Family Christmas

M. G. Joyce will hold open house at Christmas for his children and grandchildren and other near relatives.

Among them are Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Joyce and son, Joe, of Albany; Mrs. Alyene Siekman and son, Bob, of Pyote; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Siekman and two daughters of Slaton; Mrs. Madeline Jackson of New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holamon and three children of Goldsmith; Mr. and Mrs. Art Fisher and four children, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberds and Pauline of Rising Star.

MOVES TO NEW HOME

Mrs. Maria Abernathy has sold her home in Palo Pinto and has moved into a new residence she built recently near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shults in the Criswell community. Mrs. Shults is a daughter of Mrs. Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morris Observe 60th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 6

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morris celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 6. Two of their four children, one of their granddaughters and

two of their great-granddaughters were their guests for the Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris are longtime residents of Eastland County—52 years to be exact. They spent 47 years of that time in the Rising Star area.

Mr. Morris is a retired carpenter and farmer whose farm is in the Hodnett Grove community where they raised their family. They moved to Rising Star about ten years ago.

Their children include Mrs. Julia Ross of Rising Star; Breck Morris of Merkel; Mrs. Maxine McKinnerney of Tucson, Ariz., and Russell Morris of El Paso.

Attend Funeral For Mrs. W. S. Henry

Relatives and friends from out-of-town who attended funeral services here Dec. 11 for Mrs. W. S. Henry were:

Mr. and Mrs. Noel R. Chapin of Dallas (Mrs. Chapin is a daughter); Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Henry and son of Sacramento, Calif. (Mr. Henry is a son); Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Jacobs of Artesia, N.M. (Mrs. Jacobs is a sister); Mrs. Bennie Balke of Oklahoma; Mrs. M. T. Minter, Mrs. E. R. Moore and Mrs. Chas. Lay of Dallas; Mrs. James Willett of Fort Worth; Mrs. Lovie Burnett of McCamey; Mrs. Jake Dupree and Mrs. Frank Jacobs of Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Henry, Big Spring; Mrs. Ruth Mims and Frances, Lubbock; Wyatt Jacobs, Breckenridge; Glyda Anderson, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Newton, Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Ben McAndrew, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Erwin, Mrs. Don Livingston and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sisson, Dallas.

Grandson Narrates For HPC Program

Forbes Woods, soloist, and a student in the music department at Howard Payne College, was narrator for a Christmas program sponsored by the College and entitled "The Childhood of Christ." The program, presented by music students, the a cappella choir and the mixed chorus, drew a large audience at Mims auditorium on Dec. 12.

Forbes is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Forbes of Rising Star.

Mrs. S. C. Tucker is receiving treatment in Hendricks Memorial Hospital at Abilene.

May Boys and Girls Teams Win Cage Tournament

Both boys and girls basketball teams from May High School won the invitation tournament at May last week-end.

The Rising Star girls team advanced to the second round of the meet in a close game with Bangs, winning 32-30 after two over-time periods. Judy Lewis made two points in a "sudden death" second overtime after the first overtime ended in a 30-all score. Judy was high point for the game with 22 points. Linda Duggan scored 6 points.

In the second round game Comanche defeated the Rising Star girls 42-30. Judy again was high for the Rising Star team with 17 points and Linda Duggan scored 12.

Lovey Bishop renewed a head injury which she received in a game with Olden earlier in the season.

Rising Star boys lost their first round game to Bangs by a score of 48 to 31. Terry Geyer scored 16 of the Rising Star points and was high point for the game.

In the second round the boys were due to play Blanket but through an error did not appear and forfeited.

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Everyone seemed to have a good time. During the Christmas holidays, I am sure many of the band students will be visiting out of town. If you do plan to go on a trip, I encourage you to drive with care because the roads are likely to be crowded and perhaps icy; let's have a good time, but play it safe. "Merry Christmas" to all and looking forward to a good year in 1964.

—Mike

"FROM THE MEGAPHONE"

Back again to tell about our Football Banquet that was held Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Lunch-room Cafeteria.

It is a privilege of the Cheerleaders and their sponsor to give this banquet to the football players annually. It gives us the opportunity to express our true feeling as to being a cheerleader and what cheerleaders mean to a football team.

Speaking on behalf of the other three cheerleaders and myself, we want to thank the student body and especially the members of the School Board and Faculty for seeing our problems and being so co-operative. We could not have had such a successful banquet without the wonderful support we received from each one of you.

The program was as follows: Harriet Schmitt, Opening; Julie Watkins "Hi-Lili, Hi-Lo" accompanied by Becky Nowlin; Sharon Donham, Senior Football Prophecy; the R. S. H. S.

Combo; Loretta Pittman, Senior Will; Linda Duggan, "Memories of Wildcats," which consisted of speeches from senior football players and the coaches; Closing, School Song and Fight Song.

Another note; we will have try-outs for the '64-'65 cheerleaders this coming spring; they will probably be announced at the Junior-Senior Banquet. Hold on, girls, time will soon be here. Wildcat Reporter of '63-'64, —Linda Duggan

Christmas Program Enjoyed By YWA

The YWA of the First Baptist Church met with their sponsor, Mrs. Ira Hudler on December 14. Louise Fraley opened the meeting with the reading of the Prayer Calendar and Carol Harrell read the Scripture.

Each girl took part in the program which was centered about the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. A short Christmas program was enjoyed.

Lee Anna Chalk enrolled as a new member. The sponsor led the closing prayer and served refreshments.

Mrs. Mary Haynes Wilson and three children of Midland are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Haynes. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayles were in Coleman Sunday to attend the funeral of D. C. Levrett.

Mimeograph Supplies At The Record

Final Meeting Of Year Held by WMS On Dec. 16

The WMS of the First Baptist Church held its last meeting of the year on Monday, Dec. 16, when a business session took place. Mrs. Jimmie Fridge presided. The theme song, "Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past," was sung by the group with Mrs. A. D. Kyle at the piano.

The call to prayer was read by Mrs. E. N. Marsh and there were prayers by the members for foreign missionaries.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and the treasurer reported a balance of \$17.89 and gave a partial report on the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

The WMS and the Brotherhood of the church are sponsoring a covered dish Christmas supper at the church on Monday evening, Dec. 23. All members of the church are invited.

The sign, "Peace on Earth" now on the church lawn was designed by Mrs. Jimmie Friedge and sponsored by the church.

The WMS observed a week of Prayer for Foreign Missions Dec. 9-14. The theme was "Crown Him Lord of All."

There was an average attendance of 15.6. All members of the WMS gave parts on the pro-

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WSCS Hears Fourth Mission Study Lesson

The WSCS of the First Methodist Church met at the church Monday afternoon for the fourth lesson in the mission study based on the text, "These Cities Glorious."

After an opening song and the reading of Scripture, "The Sermon on the Mount," a prayer was offered by Miss Loretta Pearce.

Rev. Milton Slayden discussed "Task of the Church in the Changing City"; Mrs. Guy Taylor, "I Believe in the Church"; Mrs. F. B. Joyce, "The Changing City Challenges the Church"; Mrs. Cecil Joyce, "The Thrill in Going to Church"; Mrs. Jay Koonce, "Why I Go to Church"; and Mrs. Slayden dismissed the group with a prayer reading.

A Christmas program was presented by Mrs. F. B. Joyce, Mrs. Cecil Joyce and Mrs. Jay Koonce. Special Christmas songs were sung by Miss Frances Eberhart and Miss Julie Watkins. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of hot chocolate and

slides on mission work were shown.

cake were served. Eighteen members and two visitors were present. —May Pearl Hull, reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Barnes of Novice were guests of Mrs. Beyrl Heath Sunday. Other guests of Mrs. Heath were Mrs. Weathers and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Edna Lucas, of Brownwood.

SUNBEAMS MEET

The Sunbeams of the First Baptist Church met with their sponsors, Mrs. W. A. Richburg, Mrs. Lawrence Merworth and Mrs. A. D. Kyle, Monday. Nineteen children enjoyed a program of Christmas songs and stories about the Christ Child.

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9.5 MILLION TEXANS

COLLEGE STATION — Texans on April 1, 1960 numbered just over 9.5 million. By 1970, the total is expected to reach 11.7 million, according to Dr. R. L. Skrabanek, Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, Texas A&M University.

Dr. Skrabanek has recently made available an analysis of significant changes in Texas' population during the past decade, and he points out that in one way or another, these changes are important to every Texan.



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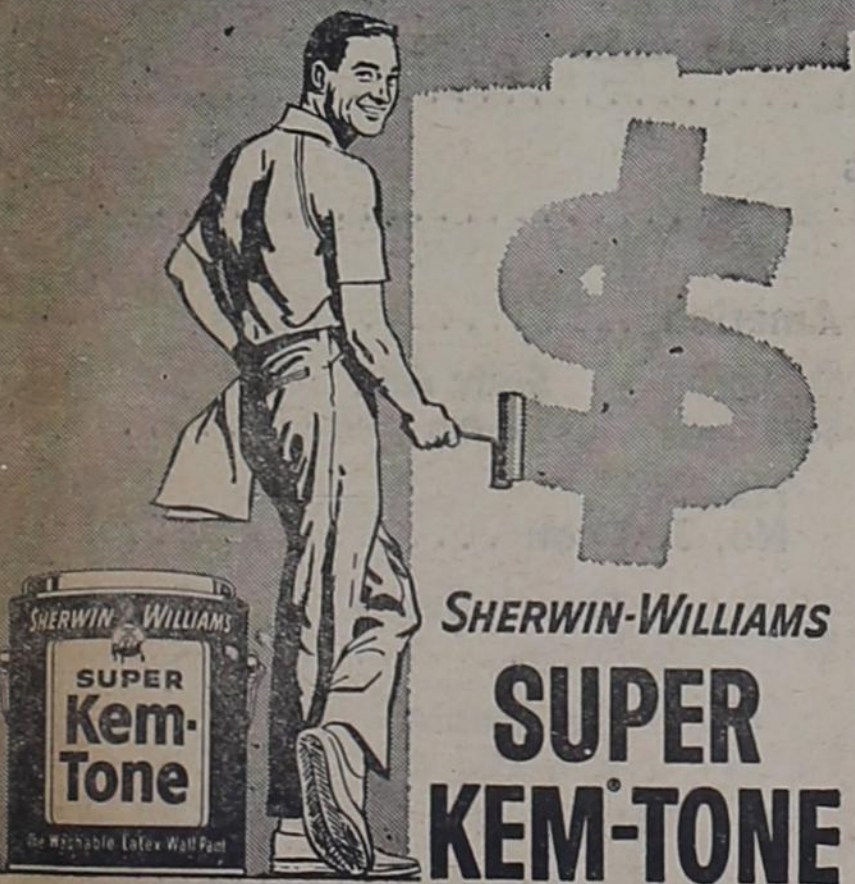
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COLLEGE STATION — Considerable income tax savings may be gained by spending a little time reviewing your farm records now, says C. H. Bates, farm management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A farmer's or ranchman's net income may vary considerably from year to year due to fluctuation in yields, changes in price and production costs, he explains. However, some planning by the taxpayer who pays by cash, as the farmer does, can help level out year to year income and save tax dollars, according to the specialist.

The producer must study business records before the end of December and make an estimate of the taxable income. If the prospects for taxable income appear to be high, the taxpayer may reduce it by paying for needed business items before the end of December, says Bates. Repair parts for machinery, paints, seed, tires, and reasonable amounts of fertilizer are some items which may be paid for in advance.

If the taxable income prospects point to a rather low figure for the year, the process should be reversed and steps taken to increase income as much as possible. This can be done by obtaining payment for all products sold through December and carrying some repair and other maintenance costs over to January, with the hopes that next year's income may be more favorable.

Some farmers pay more taxes than they should because they fail to take advantage of depreciation on purchased livestock, Bates continues. Depreciation also provides an important tax management opportunity since new purchases of equipment items, irrigation facilities and similar items may be subjected to the 20 percent first year de-

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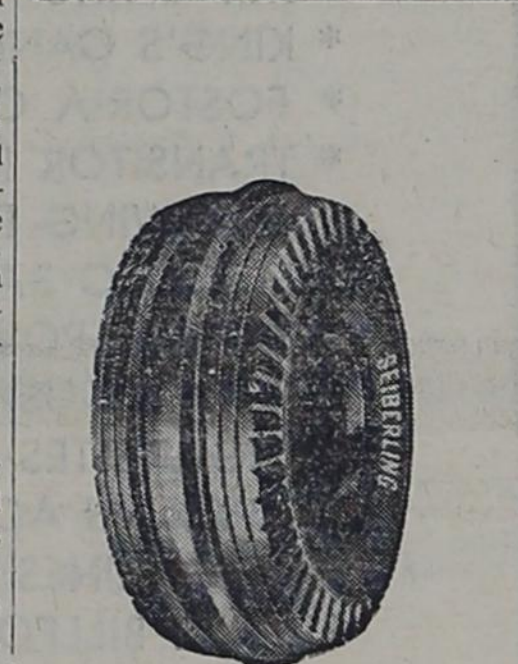
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RJC Speakers Fill 18 Engagements Since August 29

RANGER — Ranger Junior College Speakers Bureau has filled 18 engagements so far this season, beginning August 29, through December 19, with ten more scheduled after Jan. 1. This is not a total for the year, as many programs are provided on a "short-notice" basis to clubs and organizations throughout this area. The college will provide several more programs than those listed, before the season is over with the ending of school in 1964.

Towns where programs have been arranged are: Three in Breckenridge, two in Cisco, two in Olden, two in Gorman, seven in Ranger, one in Rising Star, four in Eastland, and other surrounding areas.

Dr. Theodore Nicksick, Jr., addressed the opening meeting of the Charles Crawford Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Cisco September 16. The chapter was celebrating "Constitution Week" and Dr. Nicksick chose the "Constitution of the United States" as his topic.

Mr. Kenneth Alford, chairman of the fine arts department has been much in demand, along with his newly organized choir. He has given lecture-recitals in Eastland and Ranger, is scheduled to play two recitals, one each in these two towns and will appear as guest soloist for the Cisco City Federation in March, 1964. Under his direction, the choir, accompanied by a stringed-instrument group, presented the Christmas program for the Woman's Forum in Breckenridge on December 8.

Mrs. R. L. Hamrick and Jack Allen, of the RJC faculty have given lectures to Gorman clubs, and among the several programs given by Mrs. James Morris of the RJC faculty will be the Christmas program for the Eastland Thursday Afternoon Club at Lone Cedar Country Club on December 19, at a 7 p.m. dinner meeting.

Mrs. Charles Milliken's speech class has filled speaking engagements for the 1920 Club and Lions Club in Ranger, holding a symposium on "Civil Defense." David Flinn, chairman of the chemistry department has revised the book "Silent Spring for Lions Club."

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