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## Through the Editor's Specs

BY BAB

The Record of this week—the first issue of the New Year—appears a day late. The reason: The force took a half-holiday on New Year's day, Tuesday.

A series of stories on the Duval County dictatorship begins in this issue of the Record. The stories written by two trained newspapermen for the Texas Press Association give a very graphic account of the Parr dynasty and its long rule in South Texas made possible by ignorance and bribery and brute force.

These stories are made more interesting to Eastland County readers because three of the cases growing out of the Duval County mess are set down for trial in 91st District Court at Eastland on a change of venue. The cases are tentatively docketed for January 21 but a definite setting is due to be made later.

It is quite possible that the Duke of Duval, George Parr himself, will be subpoenaed as a witness in these cases.

The Duke has found his empire crumbling these days under the persistent assaults of the forces of freedom and good government. He and his system were so strongly entrenched that it has taken almost superhuman effort to overthrow him, but it is accomplished. His latest loss was loss of the office of sheriff to which he had been elected. The courts ruled he could not serve because he owed county money.

There is no place for medieval government in this country.

His my friends and the citizens of the precinct of which he was elected commissioner send him sympathy and best wishes. County Comm'r-Elect Bob Carter, who suffered an attack of illness shortly before he was sworn in. He will be confined to his bed for several days, but his office is being tentatively attended to by his successor, Henry Carter, who will not offer for re-election.

The Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Tuesday at the Burkhead Cafe, passed a resolution assuring Bob of the sympathy and support of the organization and of the business men. Briefly it said, "Don't worry, just get well."

## Dean Womack to Be Sent to Germany

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Womack, with relatives here and in Plains during the holidays, have returned to San Francisco where Mr. Womack is stationed with the 8th Air Force, Mrs. Womack, who is Barbara Smith, went to spend a few weeks. Mr. Womack was on a 30-day leave which he and Mrs. Womack spent here. He received notice, however, that he would be transferred to Germany for an 18-month tour of duty and returned home earlier than they expected to prepare for the transfer. They were due to sail Jan. 13.

## to Meet on Friday, January 8

The Rising Star Parent-Teachers Association will meet at 7 o'clock, Friday, January 8, in a special meeting at the High School. It was announced by the president, Mrs. Pete Starks. There will be entertainment and refreshments. A number of important matters will be taken up at a brief business session. Mrs. Starks said.

Dr. Gibson spent Monday in Eastland the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Maud

and Mrs. Andrew Reynolds. Mrs. Reynolds visited Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. G. W. Payne, and the children on the holidays.

## Orchard Field Day Planned Here In Feb.

An orchard field day will be held in Rising Star either on Thursday, February 14, or the following Thursday, it was announced by County Agent J. M. Cooper. The program is in line with the series of farm meetings which the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring in an effort to stimulate interest in a sounder and more diversified agriculture in this area and follows a meeting on sheep and culture and lamb feeding to be held at the American Legion Hall on Thursday, January 10, when Texas A&M experts on the subject will be here at the invitation of Mr. Cooper.

The Orchard Field day will consist of a forenoon of talks and discussions of peach, grape and other fruit growing led by A&M Extension department experts and experiment station workers, and an afternoon of on-the-ground demonstrations of orchard practices in a local orchard.

Invited to appear on the program are U. Randolph of the Grape Experiment Station at Montague, known as the leading grape research specialist in the country; B. G. Hancock, Extension horticulturist of A&M at College Station, and Tom Denman, horticulturist with the Peach Research Station at Stephenville. Either these men or comparable experts in this field will be here for the program, Mr. Cooper said.

Mr. Randolph is known for his work in developing strains of white seedless grapes suitable to this section and other grapes which can be profitably grown here. This area is rated as one of the best sections for growing grapes to be found anywhere.

During the afternoon demonstrations in pruning, cultivation and probably spraying will be held.

The program is open to fruit growers and all other interested citizens in Eastland and adjoining counties.

Secretary A. D. Jenkins of the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce is sending letters of invitation to the County Agents in Comanche, Brown, Erath and Callahan counties and inviting them to bring growers of their areas who may wish to attend.

## Farmers Can Save On Taxes, County Agent Explains

Many local farmers and ranchmen can save tax dollars this year by taking advantage of all allowable deductions and other credits, says J. M. Cooper, County Agricultural Agent.

A new law is of particular importance this year, according to Cooper, concerning the sale of breeding, dairy or draft animals because of drought. Under certain conditions, the profit from such sales will not be taxed.

New fast depreciation methods can reduce current taxes. And, when you fail to take depreciation, that deduction is gone forever; it can not be made up in future years. Reporting the sale of all qualifying livestock as the sale of ordinary income, will sharply lower tax liability.

These subjects and many others are treated in the new "1956 Farmer's Tax Guide," now available at the county agent's office. Arranged for easy finding, it explains how to handle most tax problems that farmers and ranchmen face, the Agent says. Mail requests for copies of the guide will be promptly filled.

Some farmers have lost money this year and will not owe any taxes. When there is no tax liability some farmers in the past have tended to neglect taking all allowable deductions. This is usually a mistake, Cooper points out, because losses can now be carried backward for two years and carried forward for as many as 5 years. Sooner or later, these current losses should permit the taxpayer to either get a refund or give him a deduction.

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## March of Dimes Proclamation



Governor Allan Shivers is shown center, above, signing the official proclamation designating January as March of Dimes Month in Texas. Looking on is Major General K. L. Berry, adjutant general of Texas and 1956-57 State March of Dimes Campaign Chairman, and Kaye LaGrone, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory LaGrone, 1507 Preston Avenue, Austin. Kaye has been a polio victim since September, 1955.

## Schools Resume Work Wed.; January Is Month For Census

Rising Star public school students and teachers went back to their classrooms Wednesday morning ending a 12-day Christmas and New Year's holiday season. There was no program, classes resuming their regular schedules just as before the holidays.

The holidays occurred almost at mid-term. The first semester ends on January 18 and the second begins the following Monday.

Meanwhile, the business of taking the annual census will be carried out during the month of January. Registration blanks will be furnished all students for registering scholastics at their homes. But there are other families who do not now have children in school but with youngsters who will become of school age before next year, Supt. Sam Jones said, and these parents were asked to contact either Mr. Jones or Principal Ivan Sherrill of the Elementary School in order that their children may be properly registered in the census.

Children born before September 1, 1951, and who will therefore become six years of age before next September 1, will be of school age next year and eligible to be counted in the census. Parents of such children were urged to contact either Mr. Jones or Mr. Sherrill at once to insure the registration of these youngsters.

## Cage Teams Open Conference Play Here January 11

The 9-A basketball conference season will begin for Rising Star boys and girls teams when they meet the Mason boys and girls teams in a double-header program at the Rising Star High School gym Friday night, January 11. The first game—between the girls' teams—will begin at 7 o'clock.

Friday, January 18, the Rising Star teams go to Goldthwaite for another double-header, and Friday, January, they meet the Llano teams here. All will be conference games.

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## Accident Victim



## Former WTU Manager Here Buried Wed.

Funeral services were held at First Methodist Church Monday at 2 p.m. Wednesday for Arthur H. Mitchell, 54, manager of the West Texas Utilities Company office at Munday and a former manager of the WTU at Rising Star. Mr. Mitchell died at 5:10 p.m. Monday at Dallas.

Burial was at Munday with Masonic rites at graveside. Mr. Mitchell and his wife and another couple had gone to Dallas to attend the Cotton Bowl football game. He suffered a heart attack while shopping in downtown Dallas Monday afternoon and died en route to Baylor hospital.

Born June 2, 1902, he was married to Muriel Dickey at Baird on December 2, 1923. He was a graduate of Baird High School. He went to work for the West Texas Utilities in 1921, served as manager at Moran and in 1930 came to Rising Star in that capacity. Eight months later he was transferred to Cross Plains, serving there seven months. In 1939 he was made manager at Munday.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Michael E. Sloan, of Midland; two grandchildren; two sisters and his mother.

## Bob Carter Suffers Attack Christmas

R. L. (Bob) Carter, county commissioner-elect for the Rising Star precinct, was resting well at a Gorman hospital this week when he suffered a coronary thrombosis.

## Former Rising Star Youth Buried At May Dec. 24th

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Cisco on Monday, December 24, for Reuben Phillip Hurley, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hurley of Cisco, who died in an automobile accident on Highway 183 about a mile south of Cisco on December 23.

Burial was in May cemetery, 8 miles south of Rising Star, beside the grave of a brother, Benny Hurley, who was killed March 31, 1954, in an automobile accident on the Albany-Breckenridge highway. Wylie Funeral Home of Cisco was in charge.

Reuben moved with his family to Cisco from Moran in August, 1956, and was a sophomore at Cisco High School. He was a member of the football and basketball teams of the school.

At Moran, Reuben was president of the freshman class, played football, and won many ribbons in track events. He played baseball in the Little League and Pony League in Moran. He was a member of the 4-H Club and the Future Farmers of America.

The popularity of young Hurley as a student was attested by the floral offerings from the various groups in the schools he had attended.

Reuben Hurley was born March 28, 1940, at May, and lived near Rising Star several years before moving to Moran and then to Cisco. He united with the First Baptist Church, Moran, and had recently transferred his membership to the First Baptist Church, Cisco.

Survivors are his parents of Cisco; three brothers, James Roy, Joe and George, all of Cisco; two sisters, Nora Jean (Susie) of Cisco, and Mrs. Donald Blakley of Albany; and his grandmother, Mrs. George Harris of Gorman.

## Legion Auxiliary To Meet January 9

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet regularly at the American Legion dining room at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, it was announced by Mrs. Clara Burkhead, president.

All members were urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Brown of Brownwood spent the holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

## Little Change In County Officials

January 1 saw little if any change in the official family of Eastland County. The split election which results from the new constitutional provision extending county terms from two to four years, with a portion of the officials running for election each two years, resulted in elections last year for only a handful of places on the County political roster.

Changes involved the County Tax Assessor-Collector and the Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, in which Rising Star is located. In the case of the assessor-collector, however, there was actually no change because Stanley Webb, the previous collector, had resigned earlier in the year to accept a position with the Cisco Public Schools and J. C. Allison, his chief deputy, had been appointed to serve out Webb's unexpired term. Allison, running for the post in his won right, was elected.

In Precinct No. 4, Henry Carter, who had served as commissioner for some 10 years, did not offer for election, and R. L. (Bob) Carter was elected to the position.

Bob Carter was unable to take the oath on Wednesday, January 2—the date when the newly elected officials were formally installed because Tuesday, January 1, was observed as a holiday—but Henry Carter, the incumbent commissioner, is continuing to serve until the new commissioner is able to assume his duties. The two men are not related although their names are similar.

Other re-elected officials are 91st District Judge T. M. Collie, County Attorney Joe Nuessle, Sheriff J. B. Williams.

R. B. Forehand was re-elected constable of the Rising Star precinct and J. R. Bucy public weigher.

## Farm Bureau Will Urge Amendments To Soil Bank Law

WACO.—(Spl.)—Texas Farm Bureau members will join with members from all over the nation during the next session of Congress in attempting to amend soil bank legislation to carry out Farm Bureau policies.

Many specific Farm Bureau recommendations are included in the Agricultural Act of 1956. However, at Miami Beach, Fla., Dec. 13, delegates to the American Farm Bureau convention approved the following recommendations "in order that the soil bank may make a maximum contribution to the solution of our surplus problem."

(1) Maximum possible use should be made of Commodity Credit Corp. stocks for payments in kind under the acreage reserve program. Certificates entitling producers to payments in grains other than rice should be interchangeable.

(2) No acreage placed in the soil bank under either the acreage reserve or the conservation reserve should be harvested or grazed under any circumstances.

(3) Farmers placing land in either the acreage reserve or conservation reserve should be required to maintain the acreage of other land on the farm that normally is idle or devoted to uses that exclude it from the soil bank base.

(4) Producers desiring price supports should be required to place cropland in the soil bank in amounts determined by applying a percentage factor to their acreage of price supported crops. This recommendation is not intended to require a reduction of acreage devoted to allotted crops. Producers would be free to meet this requirement either by placing such amounts of their allotted acreage as they desire, in the acreage reserve program, or by placing "non-allotted" acreage in the conservation reserve program. In either case soil bank payments would be earned.

## BUYS RESIDENCE

J. W. Bishop of the Scurlock Oil Company has purchased the Mrs. Ada Williams residence on North Main Street and has moved his family there to make their home.

## County Budget For New Year Set at \$355,504

EASTLAND.—The County of Eastland will operate under a \$355,504.10 budget the coming year.

The budget, approved recently by County Commissioners, puts the county in the "big business" bracket, making it perhaps the largest business in the entire county.

Estimated expenditures are more than estimated revenue by some \$34,452.08, but the county will go into the year with a balance of \$332,270.08, and County Auditor C. H. O'Brien has conservatively estimated revenue. Probably the budget will round itself out perfectly, as it has in past years.

O'Brien estimates revenue at \$321,052.02. He estimates only 80 percent tax collection, however, and collections have been better than 90 percent for the past five years. The budget shows an ending balance for the year of \$297,818.

The tax rate will remain unchanged for the year at .80. The rate was increased from .75 to .80 last year. The rate was the same through 1952, but was only .60 in 1951.

This year's breakdown of money by funds shows that the jury fund will receive .05; the road and bridge fund, .15; the general fund, .35; the courthouse interest and sinking fund, .15; and the road and bridge sinking fund, .10.

O'Brien said that all of the county's funds, with the exception of the general fund, are in excellent shape. The general fund has barely been holding its own in the past few years, but should get relief in 1958 when commissioners can re-allocate funds.

The following chart shows assessed valuations and total taxes levied for the past five years:

Year	Assessed Valuation	Total Taxes Levied
1955	\$20,948,280	\$167,586.27
1954	21,761,060	159,549.21
1953	21,140,050	163,066.58
1952	21,987,160	164,927.69
1951	22,197,800	133,186.80

Delinquent taxes as of June 30, 1956 in the county were listed at \$14,443.56 in the budget. Tax collections in 1955 totaled 91.3 percent, 91.5 percent in 1954, 91.1 percent in 1953, 93.05 percent in 1952, and 92.8 percent in 1951.

## Earl Conner, Sr. Buried in Rites At Eastland Tues.

EASTLAND.—Funeral services for Earl Conner, Sr., Eastland attorney and civic leader, who died at the age of 84, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Methodist Church in Eastland. Burial was in Eastland cemetery.

Mr. Conner was born near Waxahachie Dec. 2, 1872, and came to Eastland County with his parents in 1876. He was educated in the Eastland schools and was graduated from Marvin College at Waxahachie. He also attended the University of Texas.

He served as principal of Eastland High School in 1895-96. When he was 24, he started his law practice and continued his legal practice up to the time of his death.

Among his outstanding accomplishments, was his service as special district judge and chief justice and associate justice of the court of Civil Appeals for the 11th Supreme Judicial District (Eastland). He also served as a member of the Eastland City Commission and school board, was instrumental in the construction of Lake Eastland and played a major role in the starting of the Eastland Telegram.

He was active during the formative period in the establishment of oil and gas laws in Texas and served as life president of the Eastland County and American Bar Associations.



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The Hungry Pledge

The American Friends of the Captive Nations is made up of people in the realms of government, business, religion and the arts and political philosophies on many issues as diverse as those of the year. But all of them have one thing in common—a hatred of communist tyranny, and a desire to translate that hatred into action.

This organization has now produced what it terms "The Hungry Pledge" and it is seeking the signatures of all who believe in it. The pledge stands for: "The Soviet regime having by the Hungarian massacre demonstrated once again its isolation from the moral community, I pledge that, until all Soviet troops and police are withdrawn from Hungary, I will not enter into no economic, social, political or cultural relations with the regime, or any of its domestic adherents or institutions, or any Soviet citizens abroad (since these must act whether individually or not as representatives of the regime), or with any organizations or institutions freely condoning the Hungarian massacre, or for the sole purpose of persuading such individuals to do so."

This amounts to a total boycott of the Soviet Union and anything Soviet by those who subscribe to it. It means that they not, for instance, witness any entertainment in which a Soviet artist appears, or join in any contest against Soviet competition, or to have relations of any kind with Soviet delegations to this country, or to have relations of any kind with Soviet delegations to this country, or sell anything to or buy anything from a Soviet agency, citizen, or sympathizer.

There are times when the voluntary mass action of individuals is more effective than that of governments. This may be true. Those agreeing with this pledge should send a signed copy to: American Friends of the Captive Nations, 62 W. 45th St., New York 36, N. Y.

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TAX INFORMATION  
Under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Act, all persons who have a gross income over \$600 must file income returns, except if the tax-

payer is 65 or older he need not file a return unless he has gross income over \$1,200. This is because persons who are 65 or older have two exemptions which automatically eliminate any tax liability for income under \$1,200. All federal tax returns for individuals must be filed on or before April 15. Although many persons believe that a tax return need only be postmarked by the due date, such is not the in-

tent of the statute. Tax returns are supposed to be in the office of the Internal Revenue Service by the due date specified. Tax forms and instructions will be received by most persons during January. The instructions being distributed this year contain the following statement: "The Internal Revenue Service will mail Form 1040 ES, as far as is practical, to each person who may need it. Anyone else required to file should obtain the form from an Internal Revenue Service office in time to file by April 15, 1957."

Declarations of estimated tax are required from all persons who expect gross income of more than \$400, plus \$600 times the number of exemptions which may be claimed, if more than \$100 of the income will not be subject to withholding.

Single persons with more than \$5,000 and married persons with more than \$10,000 expected gross income must file declarations of estimated tax even though all of the income is subject to withholding.

Declarations of estimated tax, except those for farmers, must be filed by April 15. Like the income tax return, this date is one month later than the deadline for years before the new Revenue Act went into effect. However, the final dates for quarterly installment payments remain the same—April 15, June 15, September 15, and the last one on January 15 of the following year.

If a person, other than a farmer, desires to file his income tax return and pay his tax in full, he may do this on or before January 15 instead of paying his last quarterly installment. It does not relieve anyone from filing the original declaration of estimated tax and making three payments on it. However, in most cases this provision does remove the possibility of a penalty for an under estimate of tax liability.

Farmers have special provisions concerning declarations of estimated tax, and may postpone the filing of any estimate until February 15 of the following year.

The penalty for underpayment of tax liability on the declaration of estimated tax was reduced by the 1954 act. There is not an underpayment if the taxpayer remits at least 70% of his tax as shown on his final tax return. If there is an underpayment, the penalty is 6% per annum interest on the additional amount which should have been

"Take It Easy" Advises Health Man in Xmas Rush

AUSTIN.—Most Texans are susceptible to holiday fever, declares Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of health. Each year they are caught in a last minute rush of buying gifts, wrapping packages and sending cards; in short they have caught the annual fever. This "fever," just as any fever, should be handled carefully, or serious complications may arise.

In order for the fever not to get you down you had better incorporate a few sane ideas into what might become the mad rush of these days.

Organize as well as you can so as to save steps. Always stop before reaching the point where sheer fatigue affects your judgment, tempers and bodily control. When fatigue gets the better of one, he is much more vulnerable to accidents—both at home and on the road.

Duties should be scheduled to allow some time for relaxation. It is surprising how much more enjoyment one gets when he is well rested. Some time should be devoted to sitting and thinking—thinking of what Christmas really means.

If there are children you will want to have a part in the family preparation for Christmas and a share of the fun. Parents need to remember that the younger children's routines should be upset as little as possible. To deprive a child of his nap, to drag him through crowded stores, to expose him to confusion and to offer him too many sweets is not the right kind of sharing.

The child under five can be easily overstimulated about the holidays. Too much advance excitement may make the day itself a let down. Setting limits for older children is also wise, remitted. It is expected that there will be more strict enforcement of this provision in the future by the Internal Revenue Service.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

so that Christmas won't be spoiled because they are half dead with fatigue or are battling against a cold. The older folks would also be wise to get plenty of rest, watch their diet and do everything possible to avoid accidents in the home and on the highways.

C. Burns and son, Joel, of Levelland, were here last week visiting friends and relatives in Rising Star and Okra.

Mrs. Margie Rixford of Post, Texas, visited with her mother, Mrs. Lizzie K. Foster, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Holoman were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Holoman and Kelly at Winters.

TAX-MAN SAM SEZ:

Most folks don't like to think about their income tax during Christmas week or any other time for that matter. It does pay, however, to be educated in tax matters. The Internal Revenue folks like for everybody to start work on their tax returns after Christmas. What sort of Christmas gift do you get for that? None! It is interesting to note though that come January 1st, Uncle Sam owes 55% to 60% of the taxpayers money. So it would appear that most of us get some of our money back from the Government instead of the Government getting more from us at income tax filing time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sheffield of Mansfield, Texas, have returned to their home after spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays at their farm near Okra. Mr. Sheffield is principal of the Elementary School at Mansfield near Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Clark and sons of Hobbs, N. M., were the holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burkhead.

STRIKING IT RICH...



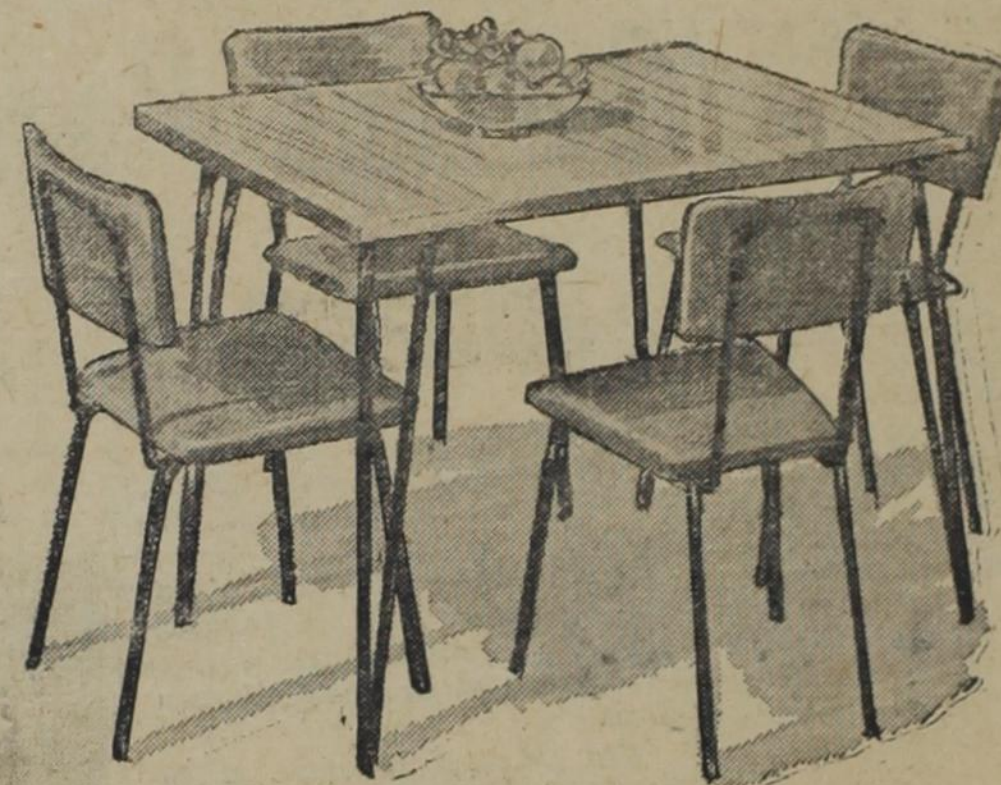
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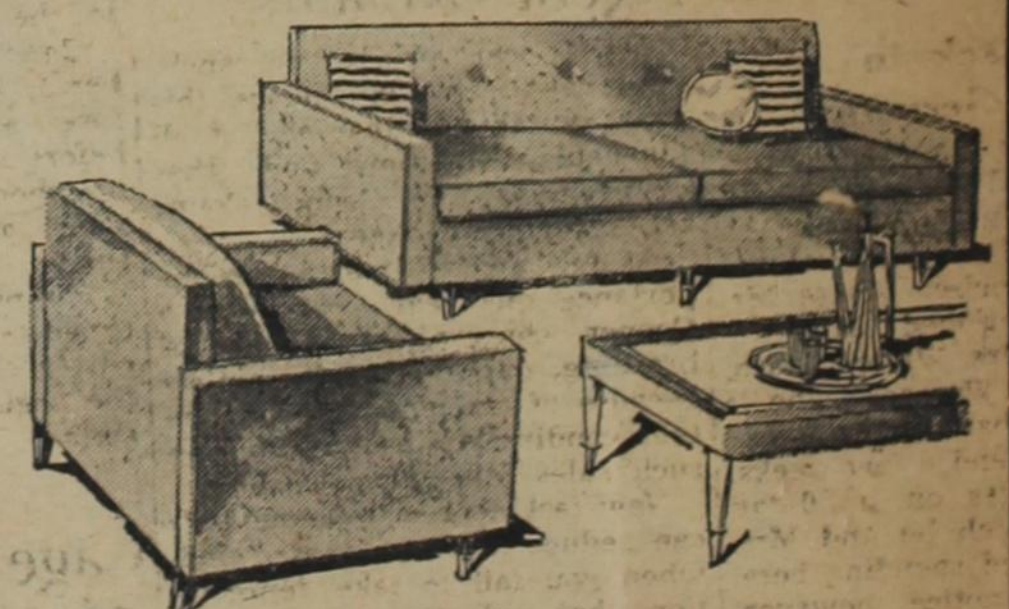
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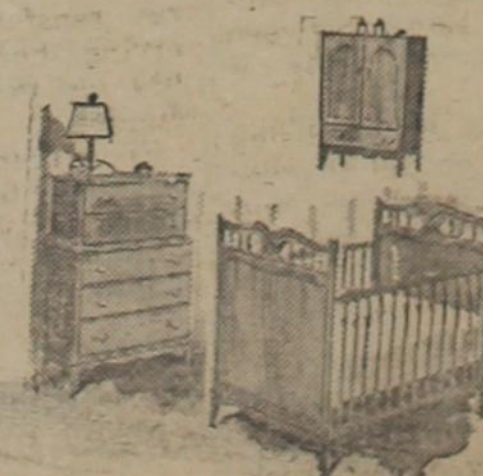
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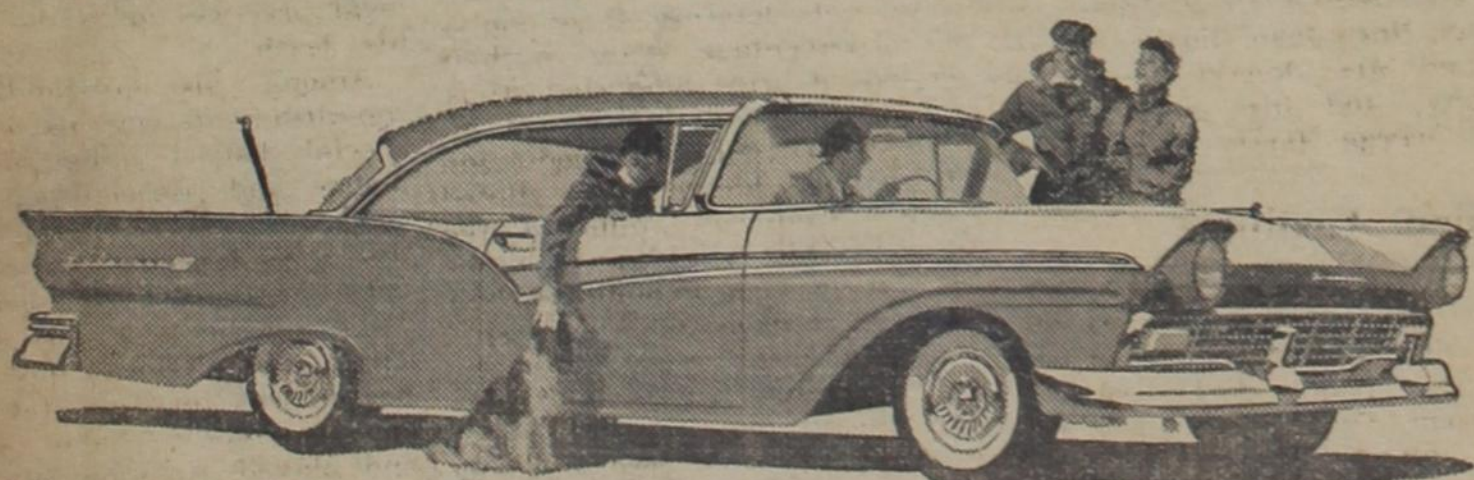
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- Children's \$2.50 Sweaters ..... 1.50
- Ladies \$1 Sweaters ..... .75
- Ladies \$1.98 Sweaters ..... 1.30
- Ladies \$2.95 Sweaters ..... 2.00
- Ladies \$3.50 Sweaters ..... 2.50
- Ladies \$4.95 Sweaters ..... 3.49
- Mens \$1.98 Sweaters ..... 1.30
- Mens \$2.50 Sweaters ..... 1.95
- Mens \$3.95 Sweaters ..... 2.50

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- Mens Caps, \$1.25 Values, Sale Price .... 79c
- Mens Caps, \$1.95 Values, Sale Price .... 1.25
- 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
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# The Rising Star Record

## Amity News

Mrs. O. J. Reynolds

Rev. Shannon filled his regular appointment here Sunday. His father, C. A. Shannon from Louisiana, was with him and they visited in the I. A. White home. We were glad to have Gene Pierson as a visitor Sunday night.

Mrs. I. A. White reports her brother, Dillard Kelsey, as still in a critical condition.

Visitors in the John Alford home during the holidays were their children, James, Charles and Betty and families of Fort

Worth, Mrs. Lee Burnett and children and grandson of Austin.

Visitors in the I. A. White home were Hayden and Cole White and families, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffin McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar White, Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bullion, Raymondville, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graham, Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ward spent Sunday with the Henry Lindleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pierson and children and Elmer McCarey of May spent last week end at Junction visiting relatives and the men folks got in some deer hunting.

Our son, Robert and family, spent last Thursday night with us and left Friday for California

to make their home. He will work on the Edwards Air Base for the Martyn Construction Co.

Norman Ray met Mr. and Mrs. Travis Martin of Plainview at Cisco in the home of Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Lela Ingram, for Christmas dinner.

Visitors in the I. W. Robertson home last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Hyde and E. L. Rea, Garland; Mrs. Ione Hewett and Gayland, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rea, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson and family, Comanche; Mrs. Roy Rascoe, Sweetwater; Mrs. Beyrl Heath, Rising Star; Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Robertson, Talpa. Visitors for Friday were Mrs. Carrie (Harris) Seymour, Sam (Harris) Strickard.

Visitors for Christmas dinner in the Reynolds home were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Watkins, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Haile and Gary, Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watkins and children; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds and children, Abilene. Others who came later were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cosper, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tumlinson and son, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moore, Fort Worth; Miss Ladell Moore, Shiloh; and Miss Dual Gooding, San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bond, Abilene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cutler, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Stodghill were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Henry Watkins of Lubbock visited the Guy Taylor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Henderson and sons of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Elsie Anderson of Marshall visited relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thompson and children of Cisco visited her sister, Mrs. Harold Pierson and family Sunday.

Mrs. Buster Brown and Kent visited her sister, Mrs. Bill Sheets and other relatives in Wichita Falls last week.

Dwayne Griffin of Odessa spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Griffin of Marvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Philen of Dallas visited her sister, Mrs. Homer Pierson and family Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Willie Milner and Mrs. Gary, Smok

mings Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Stodghill Sunday before last.

Rev. and Mrs. Leon Woods of El Paso and Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Sartain and Bobby of Sunday visited in the Bob Landreth home during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Taylor were dinner guests of Mrs. Beas Bowers at Rising Star Sunday.

Bonnie Reynolds spent last week visiting relatives in McKel and Baird.

Dinner guests of the Virgil Bramletts Dec. 23 were Mrs. M. E. Cornelius, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cornelius, Brownwood, Coolidge, Cornelius, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin, Leuders; Mrs. G. D. Cornelius, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Wilson, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cornelius and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dell Cornelius, Zephyr. Other visitors in the Bramlett home last week were Mr. and Mrs. James Seale and children, Sidney; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stanbaugh, Blake; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mosley and children; and Mr. and Mrs. Orion Bramlett and children, Blanket.

Our watch party at the club house was enjoyed by a large crowd, however several folks left before the party was over.

After a bountiful supper was served, visiting and games of progressive "42" was enjoyed until a late hour when about half the crowd went home.

Then after several pictures were shown by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jenkins, Mrs. Walter Henderson played the piano and they sang the old year out and the new one in.

Out-of-town visitors were Miss Verabell Watkins, Abilene; Mrs. M. E. Cornelius, Brownwood; Mrs. J. S. Martin, Leuders; Mrs. G. D. Cornelius, Abilene; Mrs. Zelma Morgan, Sipe Springs; and Mrs. S. V. ... as ours.

Mrs. G. ... and Mrs. M. ... Hardin went to Midland during the holidays, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Collins, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hardin to guests of their son, M. Hardin, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. ... Lubbock and ...

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# Miss Murdock to Be Bride of Bill McKinnerney 26th

## Betrothal Announced



DOROTHY MURDOCK

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Murdock of Rising Star have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dorothy, to Bill McKinnerney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. McKinnerney of this city.

The wedding will be solemnized at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, January 26, at the First Baptist Church in Rising Star with the Rev. Jimmy Turner officiating.

The couple will make their home in Cisco where the groom is attending Cisco Junior College and working with the Cisco Daily Press. He is a journalism major.

The bride is a graduate of Draughon's Business College, Lubbock, and is presently employed with an insurance company in Abilene.

Both bride and groom are graduates of Rising Star High School. Mr. McKinnerney will continue his studies at Cisco Junior College. He plans to continue his journalism studies in a senior college after graduation there.

### LOCAL ITEMS

Guests in the John Hancock home for the holidays were Mrs. N. A. Billingsley, Snyder; Mrs. S. H. Wyatt, Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hancock, Johnny and Mack, Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Wyatt, Martha and Joie, Pittsburgh, Penn.; Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Wyatt, Texline; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Watkins, Kay and Steve, Alamogordo, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Joel B. Hancock, Joe, Pete, Tommy Lynn and Judy of Lovington, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Nimms, Virginia and Nelda Sue, Hobbs, N.

M.; Mike Billingsley of Lake Charles, La.; O. J. Hull, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Towers, Amarillo; Miss Cynthia Hull, Albuquerque, N. M.; W. E. Anderson, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watkins, Terry, Don, and Keith, Cross Plains.

Dr. Hob Gray of Austin visited his sister, Mrs. Blanche McGaughey and brother-in-law, M.

D. Gibson, in Rising Star over the week-end. A sister of Dr. Gray and Mrs. McGaughey, Mrs. Maud Braly, of Eastland, also visited them.

Mrs. Tom Pinkston and daughter of Corpus Christi have returned to their home after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sprayberry.

Mrs. Peggy Foya Mason of Los Angeles, Calif., was in Rising Star last week the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harris.

Mrs. Robert Harrell and sons of Brownwood and Mrs. Virginia Evans of Brownwood were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Owens, here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Morrison and Kenneth spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ruble Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gowington at Wichita Falls.

Dr. Kenneth Morrison has returned to Fort Worth after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Morrison.

Wayne Weise of Breckenridge spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Varner, in Rising Star. Mr. and Mrs. Loren McDonald and children of Lubbock also visited in the Varner home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Varner of Rising Star were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burns at Okra.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lucas and daughter, Becky, of Goldsmith, visited over the week-end with Mr. Lucas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Burns.

Otha Venable and sister, Miss Eva Venable, of Dallas, were guests during the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Childress. They are brother and sister of Mrs. Childress. Other Sunday guests of the Childresses were Mrs. Mathis and daughter, Dorothy, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dill spent the week-end visiting relatives at Houston and Alvin.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ballew and three children of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Childers and son, Mike, of Levelland, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ballew, parents of Dr. Ballew and Mrs. Childers.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kent and two daughters, Kathi and Kary, have returned to their home in Kermit after spending the New Year week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lyon, and Jerry, and Mrs. Emma Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Carrell had three of their sons as guests during the holidays—Lloyd of Blackwell, Brice of Midkiff and Oscar of Seminole.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wofford and son, John, of Mexia, were weekend guests of Mr. Wofford's mother, Mrs. H. S. Wofford, and sister, Mrs. B. A. Butler.

Mrs. Tommie Gene Corbel and three children of Katy have returned to their home after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sprayberry.

### GUESTS OF WARES

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ware during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ware of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ware, Jr., and children, Wilburn, Michael and Patti, of Hurst; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Porter and Connie, Edith, Jane and Rhanda of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Gage and Tony and Danna of Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ware, Soundra and Deborah of Corsicana; G. E. Ware of Fort Luften, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Ware, Jay Lee and Gary, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Willett of Rising Star; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ware and children, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ware and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smoot and two daughters of Borger; and Mrs. George Harris and children, Buddie and Lenda, of Las Vegas, Nev.

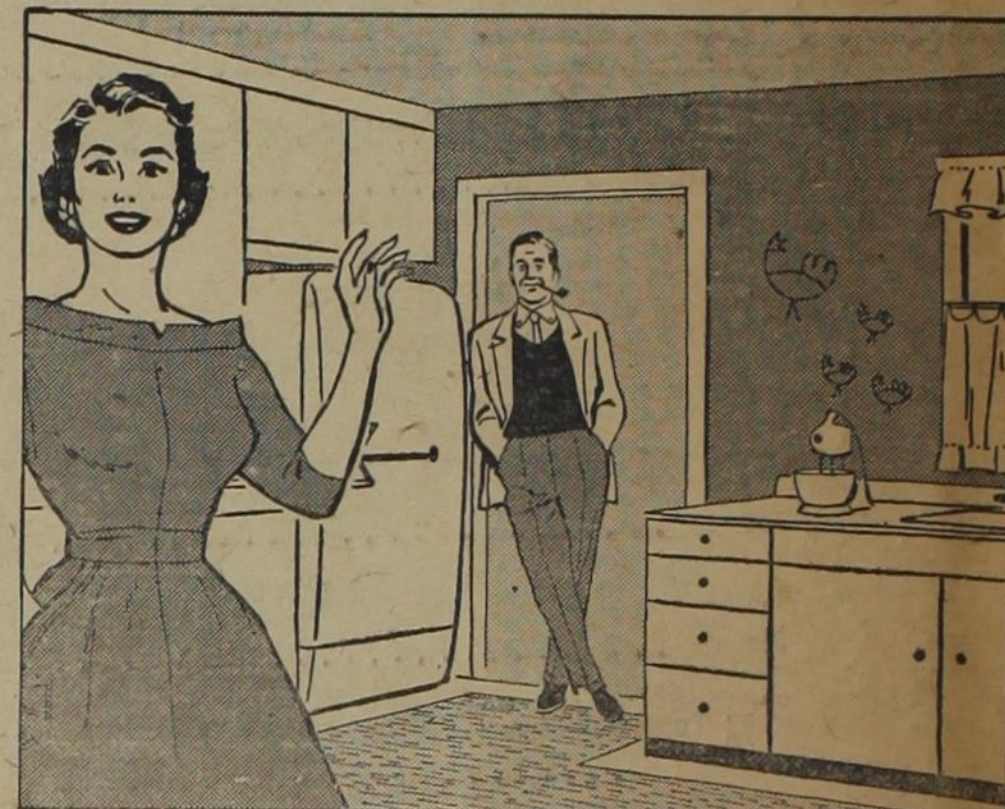
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among the Christmas holiday  
s of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie  
on was M. Michael Warin of  
Paris, France, a cousin of  
Charles D. Watson, daugh-  
-law of the Watsons. M.

Warin is a student at Chatta-  
nooga U., Chattanooga, Tenn.,  
under the international student  
exchange plan. He has been over  
here for about three months.  
Mrs. Charles D. Watson was the  
former Simone Nichols of Van-  
couver, B. C. She was an em-  
ployee of the Hudson Bay Co. at

the time of her marriage. She  
is now employed in the person-  
nel department of Foley's de-  
partment store, Houston, where  
her husband is employed by the  
Halliburton Oil Well Cementing  
Co.  
Scotch tape at the Record.

### Baird Woman Is 5,000th Social Security Claimant

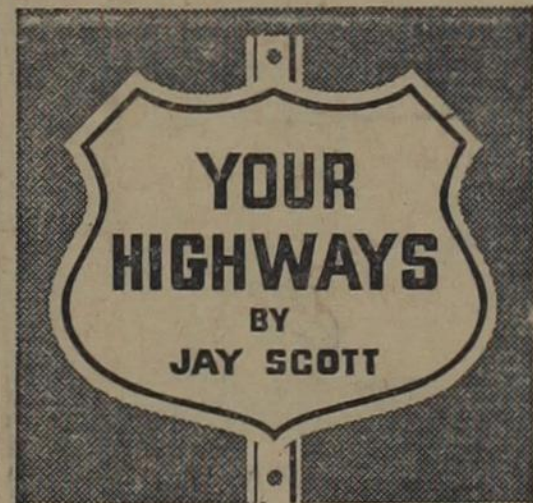
Mrs. Selma Irene Bonner of  
Baird, wife of William Pierce  
Bonner, on December 19th be-  
came the five thousandth person  
in 1956 to file a claim for social  
security benefits in the Abilene  
office of the Social Security Ad-  
ministration, according to R. R.  
Tuley, Jr., District Manager. Mrs.  
Bonner gave her written per-  
mission to publicize her claim,  
as social security records are  
normally confidential and can-  
not be disclosed unless such per-  
mission is granted.

Mrs. Bonner's claim illustrates  
one of the new provisions in  
the law, that of the reduction  
in age for women to age 62 for  
social security benefits as wife,  
widow, or retired wage-earner.  
She became 62 years of age this  
month.

Her benefit will be based on  
the wage record of her husband,  
who has been receiving payment  
since early 1955. He operates a  
small trucking business in Baird  
and secured his social security  
coverage as a self-employed per-  
son. Mrs. Bonner was born in  
Trent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Charley Hutcheson, pioneer set-  
tlers in that area. In fact, the  
town of Trent was named for  
her maternal grandfather, Riley  
Trent, an early cattleman in  
Taylor county. She and Mr.  
Bonner were married in Trent  
in 1911, and have one daughter,  
Mrs. Irene Neithercut, who is  
temporarily living with them in  
Baird while her husband is away  
on work for the Santa Fe Rail-  
road.

As she is not yet 65 years of  
age, the amount to be paid Mrs.  
Bonner will not be the full one-  
half of her husband's rate, but  
will be actuarially reduced. This  
reduction will work out so that  
until she passes the age of 77,  
her total benefit amount will  
be larger than if she had waited  
until age 65 to file her claim.  
She agreed to permit use of her  
story as a means of acquainting  
others who may be in similar  
positions of the 1956 Amend-  
ments to the Social Security Act  
so that they may consider filing  
their own claims before reach-  
ing the former retirement age  
of 65.

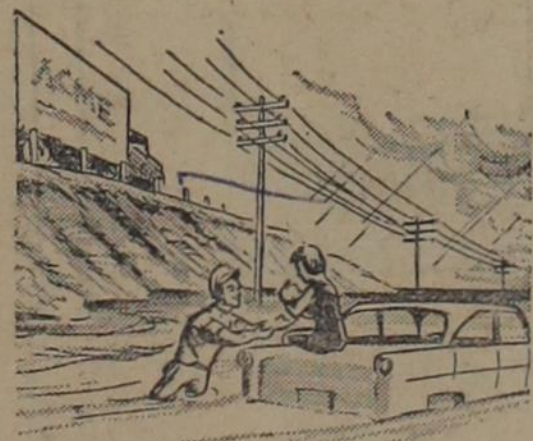
Typewriter Ribbons at the Rec-  
ord Office.



The truck driver has a real  
friend in Dr. Herbert J. Stack, Di-  
rector of the Center for Safety Edu-  
cation, New York University.

Dr. Stack, who has made an in-  
tensive study of highway happen-  
ings, says the man behind the wheel  
of a truck and truck-trailer is the  
safest driver on the road.

Dr. Stack says all motorists need  
the kind of sound training which  
many truck, truck-trailer and bus  
drivers are getting.



All of this is most interesting in  
light of the fact that over 200 Texas  
truck and truck-trailer drivers have  
been honored in the past two years  
by a state-wide program designed  
to recognize doers of good deeds  
on Texas highways, whether it be  
heroic action during a crisis or  
simple acts of consideration and  
courtesy.

Typical examples of these acts  
(shown above) are giving first aid  
at highway accidents, clearing  
wreckage from the highway and  
directing congested traffic; helpful  
assistance to stranded motorists;  
heroic acts ranging from saving  
motorists caught in flash floods to  
rescuing a small child who wanders  
out into heavy traffic; highway  
courtesy such as pulling off the  
highway to let faster vehicles pass  
on a hill or in heavy traffic.

The Hobbs Knights of the Road  
program honoring these drivers is  
co-sponsored by Hobbs Trailers  
(Fruehauf Trailer Co.), The Texas  
Safety Assn. and the Texas Dept.  
of Public Safety, license and  
division.  
I'm glad to add that  
following suit

### High Acre Yield Needed to Meet Drouth Shortage

COLLEGE STATION. — High  
acre yields are more important  
than ever. Grain and forage  
supplies on most Texas farms  
and ranches are at a very low  
level because of the prolonged  
drouth. Top yields are needed  
from next year's crops and pas-  
supplies but also to help whip  
utres not only to replenish these  
the cost-price squeeze, says M.  
K. Thornton, extension agricul-  
tural chemist.

To get the best possible pro-  
duction from crops and pastures,  
Thornton points out that a lot  
of cooperation will be needed  
from "mother nature" in the  
form of favorable weather con-  
ditions which includes a lot of  
rain. But, he also says, produc-  
ers can aid the cause by sup-  
plying fertilizer to make the  
land produce as it should.

Soil testing is the one sure  
way to find the answer to the  
question, how much and what  
kind of fertilizer is needed to  
get top production? Thornton  
suggests that soil samples be  
taken and submitted now to the  
Soils Testing Laboratory. He  
can promise much faster service  
now and the soil analysis and  
recommendations which he will  
send back to the farmer will  
enable him to make his fertiliz-  
er purchases early. When the  
spring rush hits, returns will be  
slower and little time may be  
left for getting the recommen-  
dations into use.

Pastures, to be as good as they  
should, will also need plant food.  
Soil samples taken from run-  
down pastures, when analyzed,  
will show how much fertilizer  
will be required to get the graz-  
ing areas back into top produc-  
tion.  
Thornton says local county  
agents can supply detailed in-  
formation on how soil samples  
should be taken and mailed.

#### GUESTS OF FOSTERS

Guests in the J. W. Foster  
home during the holidays were  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Day and chil-  
dren of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs.  
L. C. Cash of Baird; Mr. and  
Mrs. W. D. David and daughter,  
Vickie Lee, Fort Worth; Mrs.  
Lorena Lilley of Cross Plains;  
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams, Mr.  
and Mrs. Monroe Palmer and  
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jones, all  
of Blake; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert  
Yates of Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs.  
Roy Williams and children of  
New Orleans; Mr. and Mrs. Buck  
Williams of Nugent; Mr. and  
Mrs. John Henry and children  
of Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. I.  
V. Drinker of Lovington, N.  
M.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Palmer of  
Dublin; Mrs. Pritchard Palmore  
of Blake; Mrs. Cash of Brown-  
wood and her daughter and son-  
in-law, Mr. and Mrs. McGahee of  
Big Spring.

### Crawford Trial Redocketed for February 18th

The trial of George Crawford,  
which was set for January 21,  
has been re-docketed for Feb-  
ruary 18, upon request of the  
defense, according to a report  
by District Attorney Joe Nues-  
sle. Crawford, who is charged  
with murder with malice in the  
slaying of his wife, is in the East-  
land County jail. Justice of the  
Peace Jim Boggus has refused  
bond.

The Crawford trial was due to  
be held in December, but was  
postponed due to the Christmas  
holidays. The defense asked  
more time to prepare its case  
in gaining the delay. Crawford  
will be represented by Earl Con-  
ner, Jr., and District Attorney  
Joe Nuessele will prosecute, as-  
sisted by Frank Sparks, special  
prosecutor.

The district attorney will call

a special 150-man venire for the  
case. The state will attempt to  
prove that Crawford emptied a  
.32 calibre automatic into his  
wife as she sat with her back  
to him in the home of a friend.  
The three Duval County fund  
cases are still docketed for Janu-  
ary 21 in the 91st District Court,  
Nuessele reported. The cases were  
moved to Eastland County on a  
change of venue.

#### Sabanno Game Ass'n To Meet January 8

The Sabanno Valley Game Pre-  
serve Association will meet Tues-  
day evening, January 8, at 7  
o'clock at the Center Point Com-  
munity House, it was announced.  
Refreshments will be served  
at the close of the business meet-  
ing. The public was invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson  
of Odessa and their son, M/Sgt.  
Alton Richardson, of Fort Ord,  
Calif., spent the holidays with  
Carl Richardson's sisters, Miss  
Eva Richardson and Mrs. W. W.  
Richardson.

# DUVAL COUNTY, USA

This is the first in a series of ten articles by New York newspaper re-  
porters Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald, who recently spent  
several weeks in Duval Co. and South Texas, gathering facts for this series.

## Ballots, Bullets, Beatings, Booty: That's The Story of Duval County

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

NUEVO LAREDO, MEX.—We,  
Franz Rosenwald and I, have just  
been looking over the parking lot  
where a dark, baby-faced pisto-  
lero, Alfredo Cervantes, aban-  
doned his big green automobile,  
Texas license EL2340, a few  
hours after he'd killed young  
Jacob Floyd in Alice, Texas, 86  
miles away.

Cervantes must have had a wild  
ride that night almost four years  
ago, and his knuckles must have  
been white on the wheel as he  
drove onto the Rio Grande bridge  
from Laredo.

What if the Rangers were  
ahead of him?

What if they'd caught his fel-  
low killer, Mario "The Turk"  
Sapet, and El Turco had talked?

Cervantes breathed easier per-  
haps as he recalled that El Turco  
wouldn't dare talk. The life of El  
Turco, the braggart, the hired  
assassin, wouldn't be worth a  
plugged centavo if he uttered a  
word that would lead to the men  
"higher up," or to Cervantes. It  
was a comforting thought.

The center of the span was  
nearer now. The two officers  
there, one American and one  
Mexican, were talking, paying lit-  
tle attention to the approaching  
automobile. In a second he was  
past them. He was in Mexico. He  
was safe.

Here in Nuevo Laredo Cervan-  
tes had a couple of quick tequilas  
at the International Gardens,  
Elky Callione's place, to steady  
his nerves. Then he paid his three  
pesos—twenty five cents—and  
vanished.

And to this day El Turco, now  
serving 99 years in Huntsville  
Prison, hasn't talked. He wouldn't  
live long, even in Huntsville, if  
he did. And The Turk knows it.

What's all this got to do with  
Boss George Berham Parr, the  
tottering Duke of Duval?

The answer, mister, is plenty,  
but plenty!

Dictatorships, whether they're  
red as in Russia, black as in  
Mussolini's Italy, brown as in  
Hitler's Germany, or red, white  
and blue as in Parr's Duval, fol-  
low the same pattern—ballots,  
beatings, bullets and booty. The  
ballots are phony but the others  
are real. All four figure in the  
story of Duval County, Texas.

To non-Texans looking in, to  
observers such as Franz Rosen-  
wald and myself, the political  
situation in Duval County is ut-  
terly fantastic—and frightening.  
That it can happen here, in  
America, the home of the free,  
brings one's thinking up with a  
jolt.

Dictatorship developed in Duval  
because the right set of political  
circumstances existed. And, with  
Attorney General John Ben Shep-  
perd operating the battering ram,  
it's now being broken up—because  
the right set of circumstances  
exists.

Being outsiders, we are not  
presuming to point out that cir-  
cumstances favorable to a clean-  
up of Duval County could have  
been brought about any time dur-  
ing the last 50 years, but weren't.  
Let's just say that the fact that  
Attorney General Shepperd dared  
to take on George Parr after 50  
years made this series of articles  
possible.

What if the right set of politi-  
cal circumstances for dictatorship  
were to come about in other coun-  
ties, in Texas or anywhere else?  
Or in whole states? Or even in  
the entire United States?

That idea isn't intended to be  
funny. Hitler rose to power be-  
cause of "the right set of political  
circumstances." So did old Archie  
Parr, founder of the dynasty in  
the Duchy of Duval.

Franz Rosenwald was born and  
raised in Berlin, and he watched  
the ridiculous little man with the  
Charlie Chaplin moustache de-  
stroy the Weimar Republic and  
set up the Third Reich. His per-  
sonal tragedy under the Hitler  
terror was great.

Like myself, Rosenwald didn't  
believe that such a place as Duval  
County could possibly exist in the  
Western world, until he came to  
Texas and saw for himself. Until  
he talked to little people who had  
been beaten and ruined, the little  
people whose names do not ap-  
pear in the papers. Until he  
talked to the families of men who  
had been killed.

Until he talked face to face  
with one of the killers, a profes-  
sional murderer, a hired pisto-  
lero.

Rosenwald, who has lived under  
the red shirts and under the  
brown shirts, and who doesn't like  
either of them, has written sev-

eral pieces in this series. And he  
shows the startling similarity be-  
tween the methods of Boss Parr  
and the methods of Hitler's bully  
boys.

Back in April of this year Ros-  
enwald and I called John Ben  
Shepperd long distance from New  
York and talked about a book,  
and possibly a motion picture,  
about the Duval story. Then he  
sent us a long telegram, reading  
in part "The Duval story is a  
sordid one that America should  
know, not because of what's hap-  
pened there but to prevent a re-  
currence anywhere in the coun-  
try. Our office will cooperate in  
every way."

Later we met Mr. Shepperd in  
Atlantic City, New Jersey, and  
heard him address a session of  
the National Association of At-  
torneys General, of which he is  
president. We were talking in his  
hotel room when he received word  
that Boss Parr had "given back"  
the 55,000-acre Dobie Ranch, a  
piece of real estate that Parr had  
bought for himself with Duval  
County funds.

The Duval story looked pretty  
grim even from that distance, just  
how grim we didn't realize until  
we hopped an airplane to Austin.  
There we hired an automobile  
from Avis and covered more than  
4,000 miles of South Texas and  
Mexico and had a good look at  
the Duval story for ourselves. We  
weren't prepared for what we saw  
and heard.

Texans have lived so close to  
the Duval story for the past half  
century that it's old hat by now.  
Sometimes in the papers there is  
a story about a killing, the story  
told out of focus, without relation  
to the background. Or a spot news  
story about an indictment, a trial,  
or a sentence—again, told out of  
focus, because that's the way  
newspapers have to work. Some-  
times Boss Parr hits the front  
pages with a political pronoun-  
cement when he endorses a candi-  
date, or damns a candidate, for  
reasons of his own.

But, by and large, the full  
story of Duval hasn't been really  
and fully told, has never been  
pulled together all in one place  
and in complete focus so that the  
whole picture, clear and sharp,  
can be seen at one time.

That's what Franz Rosenwald  
and this writer propose to do.

And we'll tell the story in terms  
of real, live people, the people  
who, like the men of the Alamo,  
of San Jacinto, of Goliad, are  
fighting—and dying—for the  
right to be free.

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# 170 Communities Are Entered in Rural Programs

COLLEGE STATION. — Most rural families are interested in helping make their communities more desirable places in which to live and according to Reagan Brown, extension rural sociologist, an active community organization can do much toward achieving this goal.

Brown points out that during the past several years, hundreds of Texas communities have found that cooperation and planned improvements can remake a community. The first step, he says, is a community organization. Leadership is available in most communities to insure the success of the organization and assistance is available through the local county extension agents to help make the leadership job easier.

Organized communities also have an opportunity to participate in the Rural Neighborhood Progress Program and those in certain districts in the Pasture Improvement Program. Cash awards are offered in both to the communities which make outstanding progress during the program year.

Up to the present, Brown says, 170 communities have submitted entries in the Neighborhood Progress Program and 33 have entered the pasture program. December 31 is the last day on which entries in both programs for this year may be made, advises the specialist.

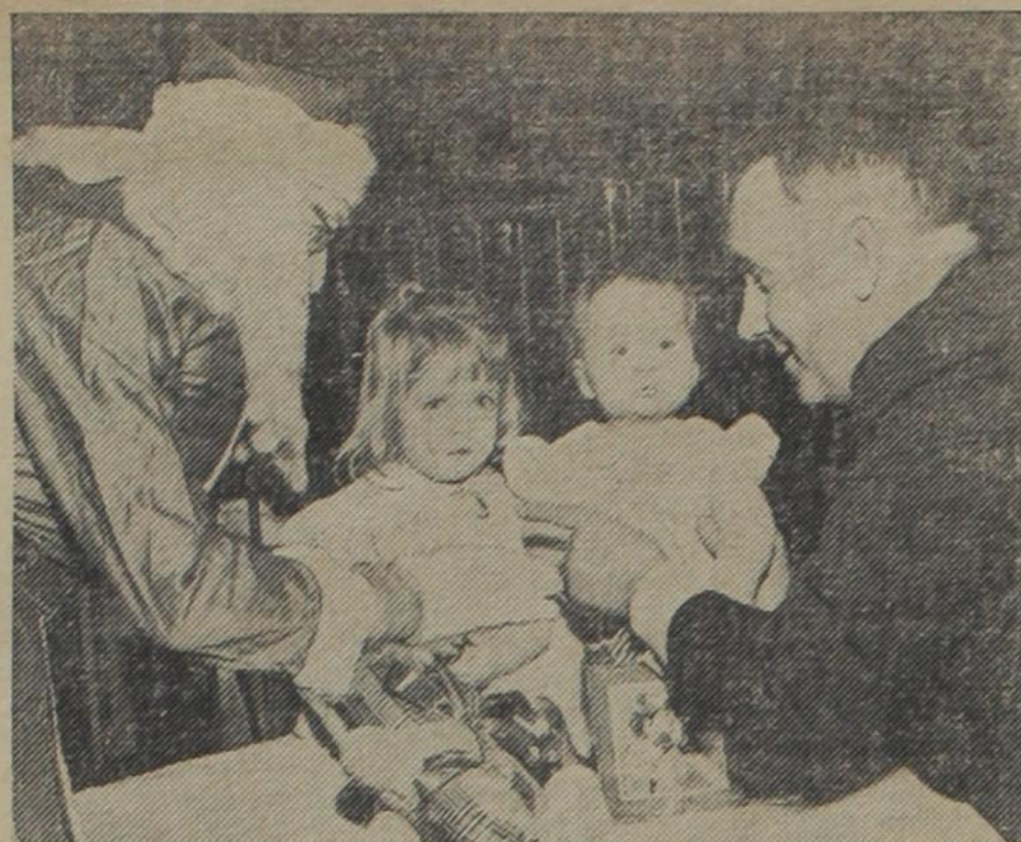
Brown emphasizes that an entry card in either or both of the two improvement programs could become a strong force for good in the community. To the leaders in unorganized communities, he urges that they resolve to start the new year by contacting the local Extension Service agents and asking them for assistance in setting up a community organization.

### HOLIDAY GUESTS

Mrs. Earl Pringle visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steel, of Stamford, Texas, through the holidays. Others who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steel were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wiggins, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Braswell, Brownwood; Rev. and Mrs. J. Roy Haynes and family of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Simpson and baby, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Steel, Cisco, and Bennie Steel of Southwestern University, Georgetown.

H. P. Watkins of Lubbock visited his mother, Mrs. Guy Taylor, and Mr. Taylor over the Christmas week-end. He also attended the Ben Marshall wedding anniversary in Pioneer. Mrs. Marshall is his aunt.

### SANTA GETS ORDERS FIRST HAND AT HOSPITAL



When the little patients at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital at Dallas sent word for Santa they got their greatest wish this week. Hospital President John McKee (above right) surprised them with Old Saint Nicholas in person who carefully took their individual orders and promised to be back with a full sack on Christmas Eve.

### Bang's Disease Program Effective On January 1st

COLLEGE STATION.—Interstate movement of all cattle except steers, spayed heifers and calves under 8 months old comes under Federal control, starting January 1, 1957, to curb the

spread of brucellosis (Bang's disease).

Dr. C. M. Patterson, extension veterinarian, said the new rules as announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture are aimed primarily at strengthening and unifying control of interstate movement of cattle relative to brucellosis under the eradication program.

The regulations include: slaughter cattle not known to have brucellosis can be shipped inter-

state to slaughter plants or to a public stockyard or one approved by the USDA. They must be accompanied by a waybill or similar document signed by the owner or shipper.

Cattle from brucellosis-free herds and areas require only an official certificate. Officially vaccinated animals under 30 months can be shipped with an official certificate except those being shipped into a modified-certified brucellosis-free area. They must have, in addition, a permit from the livestock sanitary official of the State of destination.

Any vehicle, which includes trucks, used to transport reactors must be cleaned under the supervision of a federal or state inspector immediately after the animals have been unloaded. As in the past, ear-tagged and branded reactors can move to slaughter plants under Federal inspection or federally approved plants and stockyards if they have an official certificate for slaughter.

Beef bulls and females shipped for feeding or grazing can move under official certificate and permit from the State of destination, if that State legally requires segregating and quarantining such cattle.

Interested persons are advised by Dr. Patterson to secure further details or a copy of the regulations from State or Federal livestock sanitary officials.

Don't let your subscription to the Record expire.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gibson had three sons and a daughter and their families at home for the Christmas holidays. They were Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson and children of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gibson and son, Bruce, of Weslaco; Mr. and Mrs.

Ross Sterling Gibson and children of Sundown, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene O'Donnell of Waxahachie. Buck Gibson returned to Sundown with his brother for a visit. Other guests in the Gibson home Christmas Day were Mrs. Charlie Lee of Rising Star

and son, Lionel, of Okla. City, Okla.

Mrs. L. G. Swift and daughters, Nancy and Galena, of drews were holiday guests Mrs. Swift's mother, Mrs. M. Clark, and other relatives.

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE First State Bank of Rising Star

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1956

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 415,522.80	Capital Stock	40,000.00
Overdrafts	447.35	Surplus (Certified)	40,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	10,074.30	Reserve	137,755.07
Other Real Estate	1,652.00	Deposits	\$2,065,367.69
Other Assets	5.00		
<b>QUICK ASSETS:</b>			
Cash in vaults and other banks	324,704.21		
U. S. Govt., State, Municipal Bonds and Securities	1,024,522.04		
Bank Participation Loans	506,195.06		
<b>Total Quick Assets</b>	<b>\$1,855,421.31</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,283,122.76</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,283,122.76</b>

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There will be meetings dealing with other phases of of the Livestock Industry, Orchards, Vegetable Production, Feed Production, and so forth.

If you are interested in better farming for the Rising Star area and more income for the farmer and livestock man, come and take part in these discussions.

Farmers, Stockmen, Landowners, Business And Professional Men and Others Interested Are Cordially Invited and Urged to Take Part in These Meetings.

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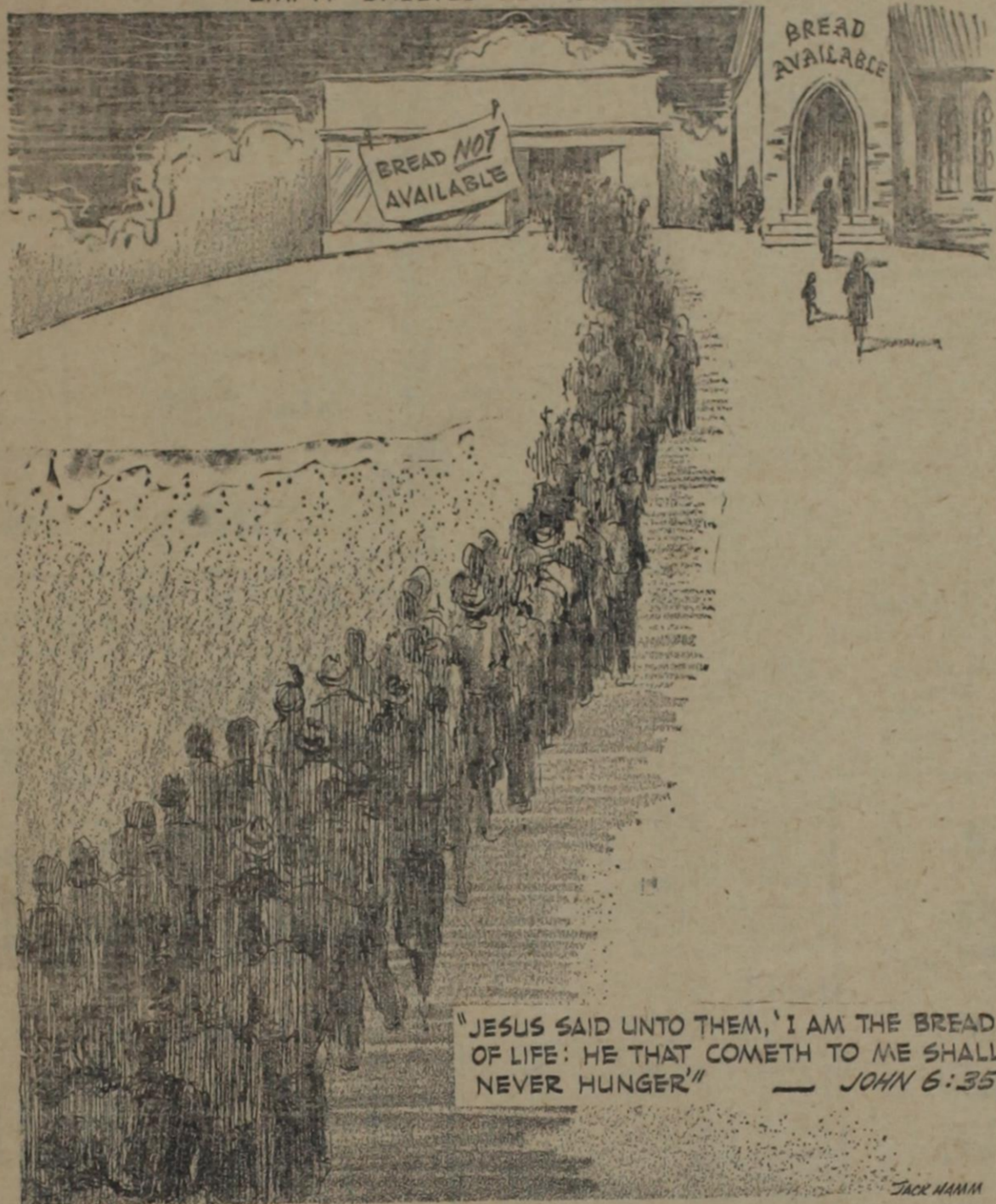
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# Protect This Priceless Heritage

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The right to worship was one of the fundamental rights which led to the founding of this nation.

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Today when that right is guaranteed to every citizen, when churches are open in every community inviting us to share in that Peace Which Passeth All Understanding, we too often take for granted and neglect the precious heritage which has been vouchsafed to us.

Neglect is the beginning of loss. Guard well your rights. Insure to yourself and your children the continuing solace of religion, and to your community the secure foundation of religious faith and moral strength that regular worship provides.

Only those rights that are well used endure.

## Go to Church Sunday and Every Sunday

**First Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Willie C. Hazel, Pastor  
 Teaching hour 10:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each Sunday.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Service ..... 6:45 p.m.  
 Evening Service ..... 7:45 p.m.  
 Week Service ..... 2:30 p.m.  
 Week Service ..... 7 p.m. Wed.  
 A Friendly Welcome Awaits Everyone.

**UNION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor, Rev. Bud May  
 Sunday School ..... 10:15  
 Preaching Every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**PLEASANT VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor, John A. Lightfoot  
 Sunday School ..... 10 A. M.  
 Preaching Service ..... 11 A. M.  
 Bible Study & MYF ..... 7:45 P. M.  
 W. S. C. S. Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

**Union Grove Baptist Church**  
 Henry Fuller, Pastor  
 School ..... 10:00 A.M.  
 Services ..... 11:00 A.M.  
 Services ..... 8:00 P. M.

**g Branch Baptist Church**  
 v. Lee Bailey, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Services ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Services ..... 8:00 p.m.

**PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor, C. F. Cloud  
 Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
 Morning Services ..... 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service ..... 7 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7

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 Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
 Teaching at 11 a.m.  
 Preaching at 7 p.m.

**Okra Baptist Church**  
 Pastor, Rev. Dale Martin  
 Fort Worth  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Services ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Services ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 (Service Every Sunday)

**First Baptist Church**  
 May, Texas  
 Rev. H. G. Wardlow, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
 Teaching Service ..... 11 a.m.  
 Morning Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 W.M.U. Tuesday 2 p.m. at church  
 Evening service Wednesday 7 p.m.  
 Mrs. Paul Hurst, Pres.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 E. D. Hays, Minister  
 PIONEER, TEXAS  
 Study ..... 10:00 A.M.  
 Chapel Hour ..... 11:00 A.M.  
 School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Services ..... 11:15 a.m.  
 Union ..... 7 p.m.  
 Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Wills Baptist Church**  
 Joseph Henchey, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Night Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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 Rev. R. A. Brooks, Jr.  
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 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 M. M. Sheffield, Superintendent.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:55 a.m.  
 Mrs. Tom Lewis, Music Director.  
 M. Y. F. ..... 6:15 p.m.  
 Evalene Hutton President  
 Mrs. Jay Koonce, Choir Director.  
 Evening Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Monday, W. S. C. S. .... 3 p.m.  
 Mrs. M. S. Sellers, President.  
 Prayer Meeting  
 Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Choir Rehearsal ..... 8:45 p.m.  
 Mrs. Jay Koonce, Director.  
 Board Meeting, Harry Sone, Pres.  
 Second Monday ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Assembly of God Church**  
 Pastor, Rev. V. E. McGinn  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 C. A.'s and Children Church ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Evening Services ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday night Prayer and Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday ..... 7:30 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 H. A. Tansil, Minister  
 Sunday Bible Study ..... 10 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship Service 10:55 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 8 p.m.  
 Ladies' Bible Class, Tuesday afternoon ..... 3 p.m.  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class ..... 8 p.m.

**METHODIST CHURCH**  
 May, Texas  
 Rev. Weldon Stephenson  
 Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
 Preaching Services ..... 11 a.m.  
 MYF ..... 7 p.m.  
 W. S. C. S. Monday 2 p.m.  
 (Mrs. Elvie Shults, Pres.)  
 Prayer Services Wednesday evening following second Sunday.  
 Family night, Wednesday following fourth Sunday.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
 May, Texas  
 R. B. Baker, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
 Preaching Service ..... 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service ..... 7 p.m.  
 W.M.U. Tuesday at 2 p.m. at church.  
 Mrs. Floyd Killion, Pres.

**Church of Christ**  
 May, Texas  
 Evangelistic Service  
 Preaching Services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

**BLAKE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 REV. A. J. QUINN, JR., Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 A.M.  
 B.T.U. .... 7:00 P.M.  
 Preaching .. 11:00 A.M.-8:00P.M.

**The Bible Baptist Church**  
 Rising Star  
 Rev. W. B. Wallace, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 (Bible alone is taught)  
 Preaching Services .... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening services ..... 7 p.m.  
 Bible Study .... Tuesday 7 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting .... Wed. 7 p.m.  
 A hearty welcome to all.

**Mountain Top Pentecostal Church**  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 A.M.  
 Sunday Services ..... 11:00 A.M.  
 Evening Services ..... 7:45 P.M.  
 Prayer Night ..... 7:45 P.M.  
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### \$400 Millions in Building in 87 West Texas Cities

ABILENE.—(SpI.) — Eighty-seven West Texas cities experienced a construction boom in 1956 that totaled almost 400 million dollars, according to a survey conducted by West Texas Today, the monthly publication of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Estimates for 1957 indicate that

the boom will continue, and probably surpass that recorded in the 12 months preceding. Results of the survey are published in the December issue of the magazine.

Construction dollars spent in the 87 cities from November 1, 1955, to November 1, 1956, totaled \$385,996,316. More than half of the money was spent for construction of residential dwellings. Residential construction totaled \$202,464,510.

Commercial construction, which totaled almost 80 million dollars, accounted for the second largest portion of each construction dol-

lar. New schools, which cost more than 30 million dollars, ranked third in money spent on construction.

Other major projects which claimed a large percentage of each construction dollar were: sewer and water facilities, 27 million dollars; street construction and paving, 14 million; state and federal buildings, nearly seven million; and city and county buildings, more than five million.

In addition, approximately two million dollars was spent on church construction. Miscellaneous types of construction accounted for more than 17 million dollars.

facilities. City, county and state building projects are also expected to be increased in 1957. More than seven million dollars have been set aside for city, county and state buildings in West Texas.

### 90 Per Cent of Texas Babies Are Born in Hospitals

AUSTIN, January 3.—In 1956, the ratio of hospital births to home births has more than doubled over the past 15 years, according to Texas State Department of Health Statistics.

Live birth hospital deliveries increased from 42.4 to 90.1 percent during the period of Texas' greatest growth.

Also, the ratio of 1956 live births to deaths in Texas was well over three to one, while statistics 15 years ago indicate the ratio was only slightly in excess of two births per death.

Baby's chance of surviving the first year of life has more than doubled since 1940.

Mother, too, has reaped even greater medical benefits. Fifteen years ago, the risk of death at childbirth was nine times greater than it is today.

Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of health, announced that the reporting of births and deaths and the percentage completeness of registration to the Vital Statistics Division of the health department, was greater than ever before in Texas history.

In addition, Dr. Holle pointed out that the actual records received were more complete and correct than ever before.

By contrast, in years gone by, birth records received in the department would often omit the name of the infant. Death records were often incomplete, especially in the early days of the state record keeping.

Mr. Don Carroll, director of the Division of Vital Statistics, gave much credit for the increased accuracy to local registration officials.

"Without a doubt, 1956 records show that births are on the increase, death rates on the decrease, and Texans healthier than ever," Carroll said.

But just in case the trend should ever reverse itself, the Vital Statistics Division's improved techniques and vigilance will serve early warning.



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