

## Through the Editor's Specs

BY BAB

Victor Childers of Levelland, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ballew and head of the Soil Conservation Unit of Hockley County, told me Monday that, as surprising as it may seem to us in this heavy rainfall area, the drouth in some portions of West Texas, and in his own for one, has not been broken. Comparatively little rain had been received in Hockley County and westward, he said, despite the fact that much of the heavy downpours we have received have come from that direction.

Victor and his wife and son were here for the first part of the week to visit the Ballews and his own parents who live at Cisco. He has done well in the SCS, receiving rapid promotions although he is still quite a young man.

He pointed out that the real benefits of the conservation practices that are being carried out by progressive landowners and farmers with the help of soil technicians like John Lee, head of the local SCS unit, Aubrey Goss and others, are being proved in the experiences we have had with drouths and are now having with heavy rains.

Soil conservation programs made it possible during the drouth to conserve the sparse moisture that fell and to keep our farmers and ranchers in business during the seven lean years that we have just passed through. They have made it possible, also, for our small towns which depend upon agriculture, to save as much of their populations and businesses as they have saved. We can be grateful for the foresight which made these conservation programs possible.

And now that we are having constant and heavy rains these same programs are making it possible to realize the greatest benefits from the moisture that falls. You can shudder to think what would have happened to this area if extensive programs of terracing, sodding, contouring and other soil conservation practices had not been carried out. Water falling upon denuded acres would run off immediately, creating floods and destroying soil and property wholesale.

With this experience in mind and realizing that, despite all other resources or developments we might hope for, the soil is still our greatest and fundamental asset, it certainly seems the part of wisdom for all of us in this section to get behind such organizations as the Rush Creek Watershed Association and work for the approval of watershed development programs such as the Rush Creek organization is sponsoring.

The newspapers and other media are full of the urgings of organizations sponsoring large dams that millions of dollars be spent on such structures. I believe that a few millions spent on soil conservation structures and practices on the land where the water falls will do vastly more good in flood prevention and in economic benefits to the country at large than the same or larger amounts spent on big storage reservoirs. Not that the bigger structures are unnecessary—they are certainly needed. They are only half the answer. The real solution begins at the local farm terrace.

## Carbon to Host Singers Sunday

Carbon will be host to singers of this area Sunday, June 9, it was announced this week. Singing will begin at 11:15 and a basket lunch will be served at 12:30. The sessions will be held at the Carbon Methodist Church.

A large number of singers from other communities are expected. The public is invited. W. A. Tyrone is president of the association sponsoring the program and Mrs. Truman Been is secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ingram and baby returned to their home in Kermitt Saturday after spending the week with her parents. Mr. Ingram is a son.

# Bill Tyler Seriously Hurt In Bank Blast

## Stray Pocket Of Gas Is Blamed

An explosion, presumably of gas collected from an undiscovered leak, shattered the offices of President Wm. E. (Bill) Tyler, in the rear of the First State Bank building here at 3:05 Tuesday afternoon, seriously injuring Mr. Tyler and causing injuries of lesser degree to R. D. Hitt, local plumber who was working on the bank's cooling system at the time.

Mr. Tyler suffered a broken left thigh and his left hip was fractured. He was given treatment at Rising Star Hospital where Dr. Ben Bradley ordered him transferred to Hendricks Memorial Hospital, Abilene, for treatment by a specialist and a Higginbotham ambulance took him there immediately. He underwent surgery Wednesday morning.

Mr. Hitt was taken to Rising Star Hospital by Dr. W. S. Carter, Rising Star dentist. His condition was not found to be serious although attendants said he would remain under observation.

**Blown to Floor.** Other members of the banking force who were in the main banking room at the time were not injured, although Lane Wells, assistant cashier, who had just left Mr. Tyler and was entering the teller cages at the rear, was blown to the floor by the concussion. Charlie Tyler, cashier, A. T. Shults, Mrs. Helen Jackson, a sister of Mr. Tyler, Mrs. O. R. Shults, Art Fisher and Miss Patra Goss were in the banking room closing the day's business. They felt the force of the concussion which swept out of Mr. Tyler's office and shattered a heavy plate glass window on the north side of the building at the front. Vice President Fred Roberts had just left the bank. Among customers still in the bank was Timmy Johnson who had just left Mr. Tyler's office and was walking toward the front.

O. R. (Dutch) Shults, local oil dealer whose wife is an assistant cashier of the bank, was talking with Mr. Hitt in the rear room of the bank, where the air conditioning machinery is located when the blast occurred. He was spattered with grime but uninjured.

**Terrific "Boom".** Members of the bank staff said they heard a "swoosh" as the concussion raced up the banking floor to the front, followed immediately by a terrific, dull "boom". To some it appeared as if two blasts occurred, one immediately after the other.

Mr. Tyler, conscious despite the terrific force of the blast which he received directly, said he seemed to be lifted and banged against the ceiling and Mr. Hitt, although in the room to the rear of Mr. Tyler's office, reported a similar sensation. Mr. Tyler was working at his desk at the time.

The blast, which appeared to center under a small stationery room just off Mr. Tyler's office, wrecked the furniture, shattered walls and mushroomed the floor. It shattered a heavy plate glass window in the office and another plate glass window on the north of the building at the front.

Source of the gas which presumably caused the blast was still a mystery Wednesday. It was definitely established that it did not come from the bank's gas system because the city had sealed off the gas two weeks before and for the preceding six days had kept a check meter on the line to detect any leakage. None was found. Similarly, checks had been made of the city's mains in the area with negative results. The precautions were taken, Mayor Walter Smith said, because there were complaints from Mr. Tyler and others that some gas could be smelled in the area. There was a possibility that gas leakage from some distant source had migrated through abandoned lines or had followed sewer lines or other underground paths, to accumulate in a pocket under the building, it was said, but it was not possible to establish with certainty any such source.

**Cause Undetermined.** Whatever set off the blast was likewise a mystery. Mr. Hitt, (Continued on Page 6.)

Mrs. W. L. Sneed of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. B. M. Carrell of Rising Star left last Saturday for a vacation in the Azores.

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## Rodeo Draws Record Crowd For Opening

The biggest opening day crowd in the history of the Rising Star rodeo series jammed the arena east of town for the opening performance of the 1957 summer program Friday night, May 31. Attendance, which proved the increasing popularity of the event and the inadequacy of present arena and pens, was estimated at between 1,500 and 2,000 people—many of them coming from long distances to attend the opening event.

They were rewarded with some of the best contests in the history of the rodeo despite the damp ground which handicapped the performers and contestants somewhat.

More than 120 horses and riders participated in the grand entry which opened the Friday evening performance, the largest number ever to take part in the event.

The parade through the business district which took place at 5 o'clock drew more than 300 horses and riders, including members of the Eastland County and Callahan county sheriff posses, the Eastland County Posse Anns, the Rising Star Roping Club and riders from many other organizations and communities.

Despite the fact that the closing of all schools in this area deprived the parade of the benefit of school bands it was a colorful march and the longest parade in the history of the rodeo series. Thanks of the Rising Star Roping Club, sponsor of the rodeo, for the participation of the riders was expressed by Jack Jackson, president of the club.

The second performance of the series—which will continue through the summer—will take place at the arena on Highway 36 east of town at 8 o'clock Friday night.

## Funeral for Mrs. Pauline Stephan Is Held Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Pauline Stephan, 90-year-old longtime resident of Eastland County, who died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, June 1, at her home two miles south of Romney, were held at Christ Lutheran Church, near Cisco, at 3 p.m. Monday with burial in the Lutheran cemetery. The Rev. M. J. Schaer, pastor of the church, officiated and Hamner Funeral Home of Cisco was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Stephan was born in Germany on July 19, 1867, and came to the United States as a girl. In 1887 she was married to Herman Stephan at Warda, Texas. Mr. Stephan died in 1947. She had been a resident of this county for 50 years.

She is survived by four sons, A. G. of Abilene, Carl of Plainview, Herman of Rising Star, and Robert of Cisco; three daughters, Mrs. Anna Reich of Cisco, Mrs. H. Brontke of Plainview, and Mrs. A. E. Hohbert of Abilene, and by 24 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were her grandsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dill and grandson, "Rusty" Love, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Love of Alvin, went to Denton Sunday where their son, Russell Eugene Dill, received his Master's degree from North Texas State College.

## Banded Bird, Found Here, Gives Insight Into Interesting Program of US Service

A white-crowned sparrow killed near Rising Star last February by Earl Patterson was the means of an interesting local insight into an extensive program of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service which operates under the Department of the Interior and in cooperation with similar services in Canada and with licensed private individuals and organizations.

Purpose of the program is to charge migrations of wild fowls and to study feeding habits, propagation and so forth.

The bird killed by Mr. Patterson was found to have been banded with a band numbered 22-110475. Mr. Patterson took the band to A. P. Smith who sent it to the Bird Banding Office of the Wildlife Service at Laurel, Maryland. This week Mr. Smith received a communication from the service giving the following facts about the particular bird and a resume of the work and some of the results of the work of the bird banding service.

The particular sparrow was banded at Huntsville, Ontario, Canada on October 3, 1955, by a Mr. R. J. Rutter. The range of the bird, which is so similar to the common English sparrow that it is often confused with this pest, was several thousand miles.

But even so, according to the Wildlife Service bulletin, this range was small compared with some of the distances recorded between places of banding and the ultimate discovery of fowls so banded.

Birds banded in Canada and the United States have been found as far away as Siberia (where they were probably interned by the Soviets), New Zealand, Columbia, South America, Africa, France and the mid-Pacific.

A Caspian tern, so said the record for

time elapsed between banding and capture, having flown for 26 years with the band before being brought down. A ring-billed gull and an osprey each flew for 21 years with a band and a mallard duck and a pintail each for 20 years.

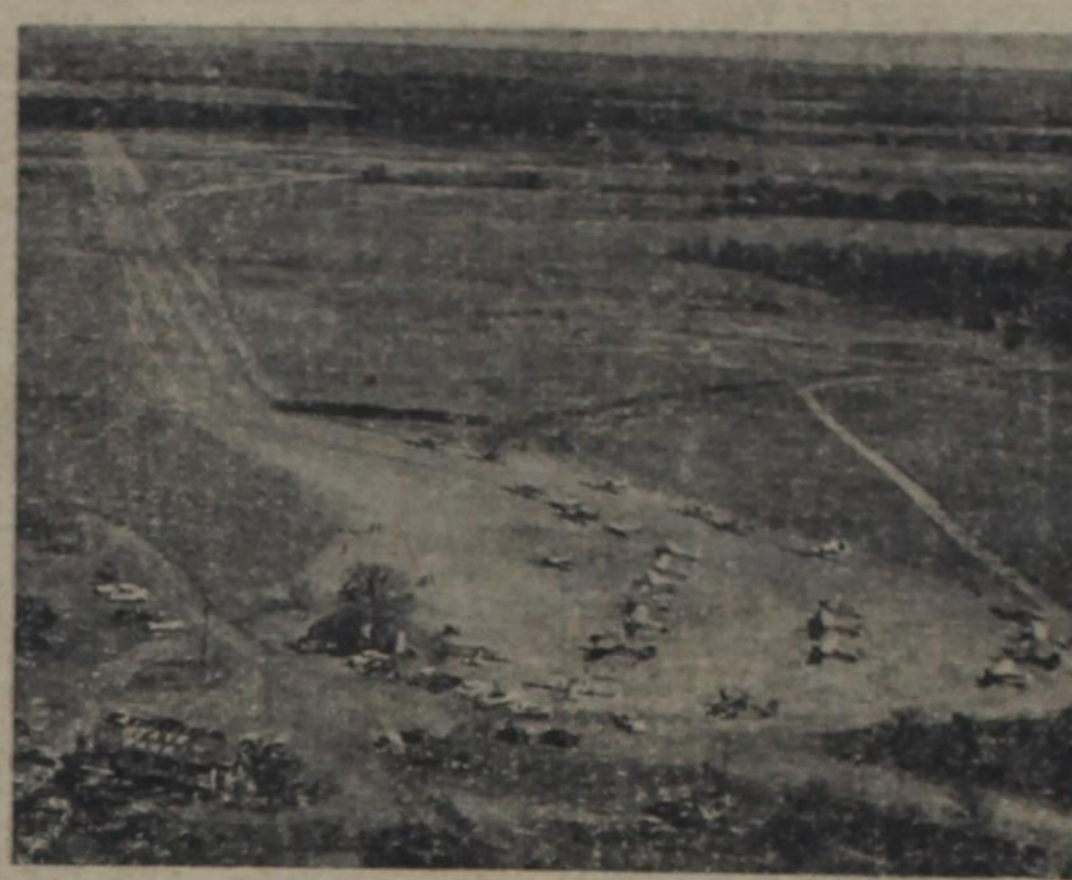
A bird banded in Labrador, Canada, was recovered in southern England, etc.

According to the bulletin some 7 million birds have been banded during the program.

The cooperation of people finding banded birds is essential to the success of the program, said the bulletin. Those who find, kill or capture birds were asked to take careful note of time and place, to write down all numbers found on the band just as they appear and send the information to the Wildlife Service, Bird Banding Office, Laurel, Mr. If the bird is alive they are requested to release it after taking down the information, leaving the band still attached. If the bird is dead or badly injured, they should remove the band, flatten it and send it for examination, taped to the giving the essential facts. The band will be returned if requested. All data should be recorded by the finder in case the letter or band is lost.

## Homemaking Dept. Offers Adult Class

A class for adults will be offered by the Home Economics Department of the Rising Star High School as part of its summer program. Those interested should meet at the Homemaking cottage at 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 7, for a planning meeting. Crafts, both copper and leather, will be offered, if there is a demand for one. Meeting days will be Tuesdays and Fridays during the month of June. Any adult who wishes to come is cordially invited.



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## Farmers Are Hopeful of Fair Weather

Farmers, hopeful of fair weather after one of the longest and heaviest spring rainy seasons in history so that they might get on with delayed peanut planting, this week still counted the benefits of the moisture they have received as much greater than damage done by flooded fields and streams.

Heaviest damage was done to the grain crop which looked so promising after the first series of showers in April. Recurrent rains, some of them torrential in character, have made it impossible in most cases to get into the fields for the harvest, and a considerable portion of the oat and wheat crop has been written off. The plantings this year were the heaviest in many years, and fully 50 per cent of the crop will be left in the field, it was estimated.

However, such grain as has been harvested in the section has proved disappointing in quality, growers reported, and the loss to the farmers as a result of the rain is said not to be as great as first appeared.

Pastures on the other hand are in the best condition in many years while the fruit crop and gardens are in excellent shape.

**Peanut Planting Delayed.** Anxiety was felt over the prospects for peanut planting, but a hopeful note was given in forecasts which promised a decline in the rains and a gradual return of dry weather. Given five weeks of fair weather, farmers said, the peanut crop should be in the ground with the outlook for a bumper yield brightened by the great amount of moisture that has fallen. Very little rain would be needed to make the crop, growers said. Peanut planting normally begins about June 1.

The soil in the vicinity of Rising Star has been soaked as rarely before. Moisture has penetrated so deeply from the long and heavy rains that the sub-soil has been wet many feet down and a great reservoir of water has been stored there as a bottom season for crops and pastures.

**22 Inches in 2 Months.** Total rainfall for the year, according to the records at the City Hall, was 26.22 inches on June 4. Of this amount an amazing 22.02 inches fell in April and May alone. Rainfall during the first four days of June totaled 1.02 inches, the City Hall records show.

Fortunately for the city and area only once during the prolonged rains was any material damage done to the community property. That occurred Thursday, June 20, when a three-inch rain set already swollen Copperas creek rolling out of bounds and surging through some of the stores and the residential areas of Rising Star. Several thousands of dollars damage was done by this flood, but otherwise this community and its area have been free of damaging hail and wind and floods such as have scourged other sections of the state.

At that, however, there was considerable damage to city streets and to county and state highways in the area. Such structures, however, are not and cannot be built to withstand flood waters without damage, although they are well able to endure normal rainfall without such damage. The floods which have been experienced here this season are the first of the character in 30 years, it was pointed out.

## Rev. Brooks Attends Conference at Waco

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Brooks, Jr., of the First Methodist Church are in Waco this week attending the annual meeting of the Central Texas Conference of the Methodist Church. Rev. Brooks is a member of the First Methodist Church.

## New Baptist Pastor Is at Home Here

Rev. Ed M. Jackson, wife and son of Fort Worth, moved into the Baptist Pastor's Home, Friday, and are now at home here to serve the people of the First Baptist Church.

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## J.D. 'Skeet' Clark Heads Fair Group

Plans for the annual Rising Star Free Fall Fair were set under way at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at noon Tuesday at the Elite Cafe when J. D. (Skeet) Clark, prominent local rancher and civic leader, was elected general superintendent.

Mr. Clark accepted the leadership of the fair organization at a meeting of a planning committee at the Majestic Hotel Tuesday evening, with the stipulation that he be given a good working organization and the complete cooperation of the community and business men.

Announcement of an organization to plan and carry out the fair will be made within a few days, Mr. Clark said.

Date for the fair was tentatively set for the last week in September. A parade, commercial, club and educational exhibits, agricultural displays, a livestock show and a full program of entertainment will be developed for the three-day event, which has become one of the distinguishing community events in Rising Star.

The recent good rains were counted upon to insure one of the best fair exhibits in many years.

## Rev. L. S. Richardson Dies at Houston

Miss Eva Richardson of Rising Star and relatives from other communities in this area, went to Houston Tuesday to attend funeral services for her brother, Rev. L. S. Richardson, 63, retired Baptist minister, and a native of Rising Star, who died of a heart attack suffered at 9:30 Monday evening at his home in Houston.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Houston and burial was in a Houston cemetery. Rev. Richardson is survived by his wife, four daughters and two sons.

Rev. Mr. Richardson was born in Rising Star January 7, 1894, and grew to young manhood here. He entered the ministry at Rising Star and pastored many churches in Texas. He was pastor of one church at Houston for 19 years and retired from that pulpit several years ago due to illness.

Five brothers and four sisters also survive. They are Miss Eva Richardson and Mrs. Walter Hill of Rising Star; Mrs. A. M. McBeth, Cisco; J. M. and L. D. Richardson of Loco Hills, N. M.; Carl Richardson of Houston; Lewis Richardson of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. L. D. Stanford of Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Koonce went to Pampa last week-end for a visit with a brother of Mrs. Koonce. They drove through some of the worst flood stricken portions of the Texas Panhandle during the trip and saw much of the damage done to that country by the high w

## 100 Members of Nunnally Family In Reunion Here

About 100 members of the Nunnally family met at the American Legion Hall for the annual reunion of the family on Saturday evening and Sunday, June 1 and 2.

John Nunnally was elected president of the reunion and Mrs. Clark Crownover was named secretary.

Those signing the register were:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nunnally and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nunnally and family of O'Donnell; Roy Nunnally of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Montgomery and children and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Roach and Junior of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roach and children of Fort Worth; Eldon Roach of Hobbs, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Bowers and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Siekman and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Delton Havins and Larry and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nunnally and children of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Marsh and Janice and Mrs. Wilda Givens and Vicki of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hughes of Panhandle; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wallace of Ranger; Brenda and David Bailey of Jal, N. M.; and Mr. and Mrs. John Nunnally, Mr. and Mrs. John Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Crownover, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Roach and children, Mrs. Billie Nowlin and Becky Sue, Floyd Nunnally, Mrs. Ethel Parker, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Collins, Mrs. T. J. Nunnally, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nunnally and children, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bailey of Rising Star.

## Attend Funeral for Brother-in-Law

Mrs. Matte Croft and family attended funeral services for Ray Croft, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Croft, at Coleman May 28. Mrs. Croft was drowned in Hord's Creek when he slipped and fell into the water while fishing.

Mr. Croft was born April 14, 1918, in Coleman. He had lived there all his life except for the time spent in service during World War II. Funeral was held at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday, May 28, at Coleman First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife; one son, David 10, and a daughter, Kay 8; his mother, Mrs. Ella Croft of Coleman.

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### Weldon Hill on Fort Sam Houston Team

Pvt. Weldon C. Hill, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Hill, an ex-student and graduate of Rising Star High School and also of Howard Payne College, is scheduled to represent Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in the Fourth Army Track and Field Meet, June 6-8 at Fort Hood, Texas. Hill, regularly assigned as a member of Company C, at the Army Medical Service School at Fort Sam Houston, will participate in the pole vault. A 1956 graduate of Howard Payne College, he entered the Army in October and completed basic training at Fort Bliss. Weldon Hill is a nephew of C. A. and J. C. Claborn, and of Mrs. Aubrey Goss. He was assistant coach at Rising Star High School when called into

service.  
Anna Little is in Tyler visiting her aunt, Miss Jessie Ruth McAdams.

### Sabanno Ass'n to Meet June 11th

Tuesday, June 11, will be the regular meeting date of the Sabanno Valley Game Preserve Ass'n. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Center Point Community House south of Carbon. The meeting is important for the reason that it will be the time for the election of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Darnell and family of Borger, Texas, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Crisp and other relatives here over the week end.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Mary Beth Busbee, daughter of Mrs. Sofia Busbee, who teaches in the public schools of Casper, Wyoming, is here for a visit. She plans to tour Europe during her summer vacations.

Carl Alford, who commutes between Rising Star and Austin, and who owns a home here, is here now with his wife and his daughter, Mrs. Edward Watkins, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gattis and two daughters from Kermit, Texas, visited her sisters, Miss Mannon Cox and Mrs. Retta Richardson, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Cox of Jal, N. M., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Carver, Saturday and Sunday, and his relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Berle Harrigal from Tatum, N. M., spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fox.

Mrs. O. T. Marsh and her daughter, Mrs. Wilda Givens, and granddaughter, were here for the Roach-Nunnally family reunion and to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clark Crownover.

Phyllis Phillips of Eastland, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Morris, was presented by her teacher, Mrs. A. F. Taylor, in a piano recital. Phyllis also played the processional, and recessional marches for, the commencement exercises of the Eastland High School. Her grandparents and Bennie Sue Morris attended the recital and exercises.

Miss Blanche Woods, a sister of Mrs. Raymond Turner, is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dukes and son from Burnet, Texas, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Carroll, this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robertson of Dallas were here to visit her mother, Mrs. B. G. Elliott.

Relatives and friends who attended the funeral for W. G. Abernathy at Palo Pinto were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shultz, Mrs. Mrs. Sarah Bradley and Mrs. O. A. T. Shultz, Mrs. Ruby Ballew,

E. Wilkerson.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Caudle and Delwin the past week were their daughter, Mrs. Gene Olsen, and children, Ronnie, Jeannine and Debbie, of Arlington, for the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Caudle and Richie, Hereford, Texas, and Clay of Jacksboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clyde Allen and children, Don, Joe and Suzy, of New London, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Allen, the past week. Don is home from Texas University for the summer. They saw Lake Whitney at its highest as they crossed the Whitney bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Feltz Little of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Brasell Little of Snyder have visited their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Holden, Jr. are spending a vacation here with his mother, Mrs. T. S. Holden. Mr. Holden is with the Creole Corporation in Venezuela, South America.

Rev. and Mrs. H. J. West of Fort Worth spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Everette Harris and attended the singing at Amity.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Morgan of Wiggins, Miss., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Everette Harris Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy West and son, Donald, of Greenville, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Berley Harrigal of Tatum, N. M., visited Mr. and Mrs. Claud Fox, her parents, last week-end.

Mrs. Noble Hall and children of Sunray, Texas, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Crisp and other relatives here.

Children of Mrs. and Mrs. H. E. Sprayberry who were here recently were Mrs. Alberta Holton of San Diego, California, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sprayberry and family of Grand Prairie, Mrs. Arlene Presley of Irving, and Mrs. Lucille Pinkston of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. W. L. Sneed of Little Rock, Ark., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Carrell, several days last week.

### Singing to Be Held Here Sunday Afternoon

The regular Sunday afternoon singing will be held at the American Legion hall Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock, it was announced. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregg were called to Dayton, Texas, Monday evening by the serious illness of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Faye Gregg. Mr. Gregg returned to Rising Star Tuesday morning.

### Exams for Sub Carrier Announced

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for substitute clerk-carrier at \$1.82 per hour for employment in the Rising Star Post Office. Further information and application forms may be obtained the post office or from the Regional Director, Eighth U. S. Civil Service Region, Room 103, 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. L. E. Wilson and daughter, Joan, have moved here from Knox City to join their husband and father who was transferred here by the General American Oil Company. Joan is a 1957 graduate of Knox City high school.

Typewriter Ribbons for all makes of machines and Portables at the Record.

### Date for Reception And Pounding Changed

The church supper and pounding planned as a welcome to the Rev. Ed Jackson, new pastor of the First Baptist Church, and his family, have been postponed until Wednesday evening, June 12, it was announced this week. Attention of all members of the church to the change in date was called.

Mrs. Benny McClendon plans to visit her daughter and family in Houston in the near future.

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## LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Childers and son, Mike, of Levelland, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Ballew, parents of Mrs. Childers this week. Mr. Childers with the Soil Conservation Service at Levelland.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ballew and children of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Childers, Levelland, Mrs. Charles D. Ballew and Miss Billie Shults were on a fishing trip to State Park, Brownwood Lake over the week end.

Miss Nell Barnes of Dallas is spending a few days here with her mother, Mrs. Ethel Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruble Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Howington and son, Jimmy, all of Wichita Falls, visited Mr. and Mrs. Horton Morrison Sunday.

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Burl Bailey, a student in Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bailey of Eastland, visited friends here Sunday.

Clifford Erwin, a student in Hardin-Simmons University, has enrolled at Howard Payne College for the summer semester. He will live with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Erwin, and drive back and forth each day.

Roy Don Hickman, a student in A&M College, accompanied by his wife, Lois, is here for a short visit. He will re-enter A&M for the summer session where he is doing post graduate work. He has accepted a place in Brenham as vocational agriculture teacher.

Phil Horton, son of Lowry Horton, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. R. A. Horton, his aunt, Mrs. O. R. Shults, and other friends and relatives, before he goes into military training.

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### Attend Commencement At Howard Payne

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberds, and daughter, Pauline Roberds, attended Howard Payne College Commencement in Mims Auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday, May 31. The processional and recessional were ably played by A. T. Talbert, organist. The College A. Cappella choir, which was directed by Carroll D. Carruth, sang two beautiful anthems.

The address was given by Dr. W. R. White, President of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Dr. Guy Newman, president of Howard Payne College, presided during the commencement exercises.

Among the speakers on the stage who were recognized were: T. L. Holcomb of Dallas, Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, President Emeritus, Dean Z. T. Huff, and Joe B. Rushing. Rev. Luther Holcomb, pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church, Dallas, was an honoree, and received the D. D. Degree. A total of 106 Howard Payne seniors received Bachelor's degrees. Two candidates received Master's degrees. A reception for graduates and their guests was held in the formal parlor of the girl's dormitory. Those from Rising Star who received degrees were: Perry Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes; Mary Neal Grimland, wife of Coach Charles Grimland and Margarette Stanfield.

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Mrs. Buck Collins goes to Marlin Wednesday for tests and treatment for arthritis. Her condition is improving.

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J. E. Thigpen, Director Oils and Peanut Division  
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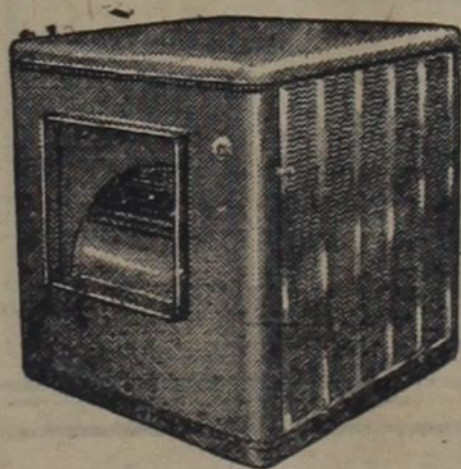
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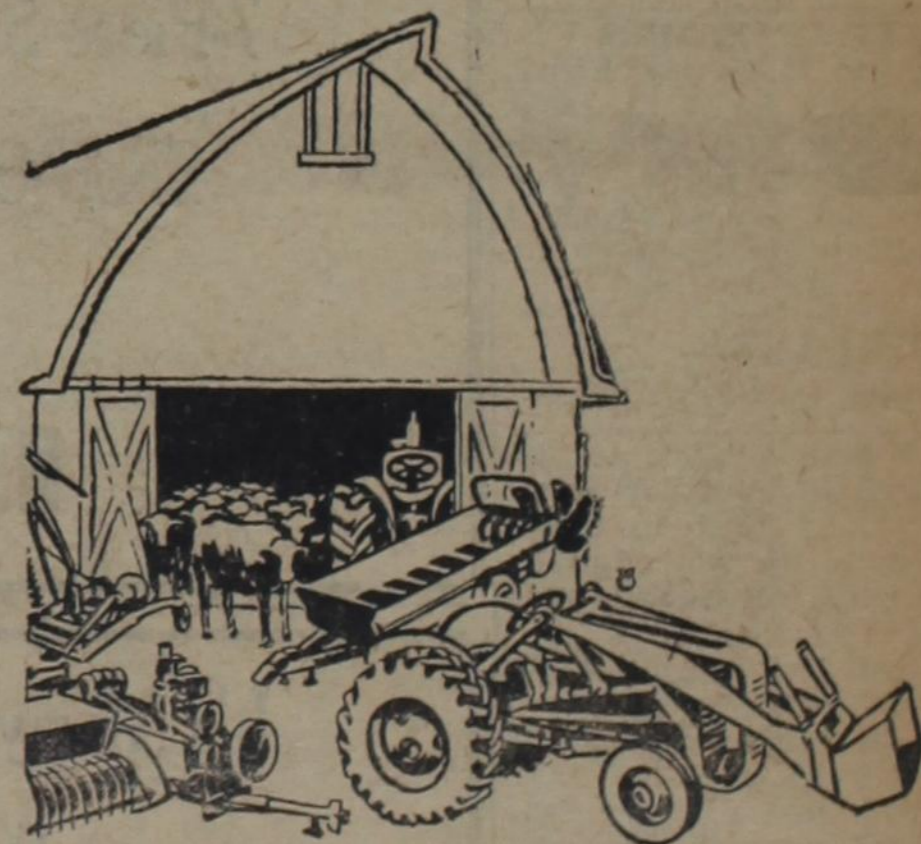
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## Skeet Clark's Development of Brush Land Into Productive Acres Is Cited

Under the title, "Skeet Clark, Rising Star Area's Comeback Farmer," the Comanche Chief printed the following story of Mr. Clark's notable conservation program on land which he purchased east of town:

When John D. "Skeet" Clark had an opportunity to buy the old O'Rea Estate five miles east of Rising Star for 10 dollars per acre, he became suspicious and decided to stick his neck out only half way. The ten dollars per acre was not much money for any kind of land in nearly anybody's country.

"I decided the place would stand a good looking at before I decided to buy. Land that cheap in a country where land ordinarily sells for 30 to 100 dollars per acre was most unusual and was bound to be in pitiful shape," Clark remarked.

Skeet looked the place over— all 1,000 acres of it and found that about 100 acres, more or less, was being cultivated or had been cultivated, and the remaining 900 acres was in dense post oak-black jack jungle. The cultivated land had been fenced at one time, but the sand had blown onto it and covered it. In places the sand had covered the fence over seven feet. Bermuda clumps in the field had caught the blowing sand. The hummocks were four and five feet high.

**Puts Brush to Use.**  
Skeet's investigation of the place showed that the only possible way to make the place pay would be to put the 900 acres of brush land to use. This meant a heavy initial development cost. For gating, net wire fences would be needed, and a minimum of three water wells and watering devices would be needed for proper distribution of the livestock. This development cost coupled with the uncertainty of making a livestock enterprise pay on deep Cross Timber sands caused Skeet to stick his neck only half way out and buy only half of the estate.

Clark bought 490 acres of the estate in 1952. The tract included the 200 acres of old cultivated land and is located five miles

east of Rising Star in the extreme west portion of Comanche County.

"Some of the 'Old Timers' told me that I had bit off more than I could chew," said Clark. "Others told me that I had bought me a good place, but the most practical and profitable methods of developing and using it were unknown or questionable," he remarked.

Clark's tract of land is typical West Cross Timbers "blow" sand farm. The sand is deep and extremely hazardous under cultivation. One good blow period can move tons of top soil into the dense rows when not protected with vegetative cover. It becomes sterile in a very few years under row crop conditions. Production drops readily to the point of "no return". It becomes so sterile that response is obtained from most any kind of fertilization and legume treatment.

**More Problems.**  
From the standpoint of grassland development, this kind of land offers additional problems. In fact, some of the best authorities have raised doubts as to whether such land could ever be maintained as grassland under proper grassland management. Even the earliest accounts of this land describe it as an impenetrable jungle of "cast-iron stuff" or "scrubby oak, when branches are proverbially tough" or "because of the great quantity of oaks, walnuts, and other large trees, it is a place most difficult to cross". Thus attesting to the supposition that this land, under proper grazing use, would always revert back to the "cast-iron stuff" type of vegetation.

All the problems encountered when man uses the land for economic return could be expected on this farm. These, here, were magnified because of the reclamation job needed to restore the land to its production potential.

Clark has restored this farm to its present production in the following manner. It might be well to mention here that he has reclaimed this land and devel-

oped it into productive pastureland at a total investment, including the purchase cost, for \$25.00 per acre.

The first thing Clark had to do was fence the land. He put in 3 1/2 miles of boundary fence and 2 1/2 miles of cross fences all of which was net wire and goat proof.

Two water wells with watering devices were developed. These with the cross fencing permitted rotational deferment and "flush goating" for brush control on his pastureland.

The next step on the brushland was to get the brush down where the goats could get at it. He did this with a bulldozer by running over it and blading it down. He had it cut with a 28,000 pound brush cutter. This treatment left the brushland in fine shape to run a grain drill over.

"Because of the drought with its unfavorable conditions for summer and fall pasture, I figured my best bet for good pasture development on this type land would be winter and spring grasses or grain. Ordinarily, I would plant rye on sandy land, but because the land was new with a high humus and fertility level, I selected oats because they are more nutritious," Clark stated.

"In a few years, after the brush is under control, I plan to sow all the brushland to native grasses. I don't think it is practical to do so now since it takes large numbers of goats to keep the brush down. They will destroy small grass seedlings before they can get established. After about five years of intensive control of the brush, I believe I can sow this land to native grasses and come out with very good grassland," Clark remarked.

**No Row Crops.**  
Skeet has gone out of the row crop business on the 100 acres of cropland. Vetch and small grain, alfalfa, and clover are planted for hay and pasture with a greater net return than could be obtained from cotton or peanuts.

According to Clark, five acres per animal unit has been obtained from his present operation. Cattle, sheep, goats and horses were run on the place in 1956.

"When it's dry, I get more

than three times as much grazing on this sandy land place as I could on a hardland place," said Clark.

"The cost of putting a net wire fence around 490 acres runs pretty high. The cost of livestock water development, bulldozing and cutting is high too, but when you can make better than 20% on your investment per year, I believe it is worth it," he added.

Clark figures that he has increased the per acre income tenfold by putting the unused brushland into production.

Clark's conservation accomplishments on this place are as follows: 100 acres cover cropping, 100 acres rotation hay and utilization, 300 acres proper use, 390 acres deferred grazing, 30 acres range seeding, 390 brush control.

## Melon Growers Are Advised to Watch For Anthracnose

College Station—Watermelon growers were warned today by Extension Plant Pathologist Harlan Smith to be on the watch for anthracnose. So far, said Smith, only one serious outbreak has been discovered and that in the area around Bellville in Austin county.

Weather conditions are right, said the specialist, for development of the disease. It thrives under damp conditions and unless control measures are taken as soon as the disease is discovered losses can be very severe. The disease first appears on the old leaves near the crown of the plant as small, dark brown or black spots at about the time the plant begins to form runners. During damp weather the larger spots on the leaves show small, orange-pink, oily, heaped-up masses of spores. In dry weather the spore masses are grayish and less noticeable.

In a severe outbreak, Smith said all leaves except a few at the tip end of the runners may be killed. The disease appears on melons and causes sunken spots on the rind. Symptoms time but may appear in transit or at the market. The slightest evidence of the disease on melons

causes buyers and inspectors to discriminate against them for they decay rapidly.

At the first sign of the disease, Smith advised growers to begin control measures. Sprays or dusts should be applied at 7-day intervals so long as the weather remains humid or rainy. Check the fungicides used and make sure dusts contain 6 to 8 percent zineb or 7 percent copper. From 15 to 30 pounds per acre are needed depending on the strength of the material, size of vines and weather conditions, said Smith. Power spray applications are more effective than dusts against anthracnose, but Smith warned that the disease is difficult to control once it becomes established. For a tank mixed spray, two quarts of Nabam plus one pound of zinc sulphate (25% zinc) in 100 gallons of water is recommended.

Avoid moving through fields or touching plants when they are wet and contact the local county agent for assistance if disease symptoms appear, advised Smith.

## Amity Club Talks Plans for 3-County H. D. Encampment

By Mrs. J. B. Caudle

Amity H. D. Club met in regular session May 21 at the clubhouse. Mrs. Beulah Stodghill, club president, presided over the meeting. Six members answered roll call.

Our H. D. agent, Mrs. Mary Jo Blackwell, was unable to meet with us.

The Tri-County H. D. encampment to be held at Brownwood was the main topic of discussion. Plans were made for our part on the program. Due to bad roads our delegate failed to get to last council meeting.

A committee has been appointed to arrange a party for club members and their families in the near future.

Mrs. Cora White announced that Mrs. Wayne Teague had volunteered the use of a show-case in her store to display han-

diwork, crocheted things salable the would care to donate will be applied on names. Our thanks, Teague.

Miss Cora White drew gift. After adjournment Guy Taylor served a attractive salad plate.

The next meeting will be 4. Mrs. E. R. West will

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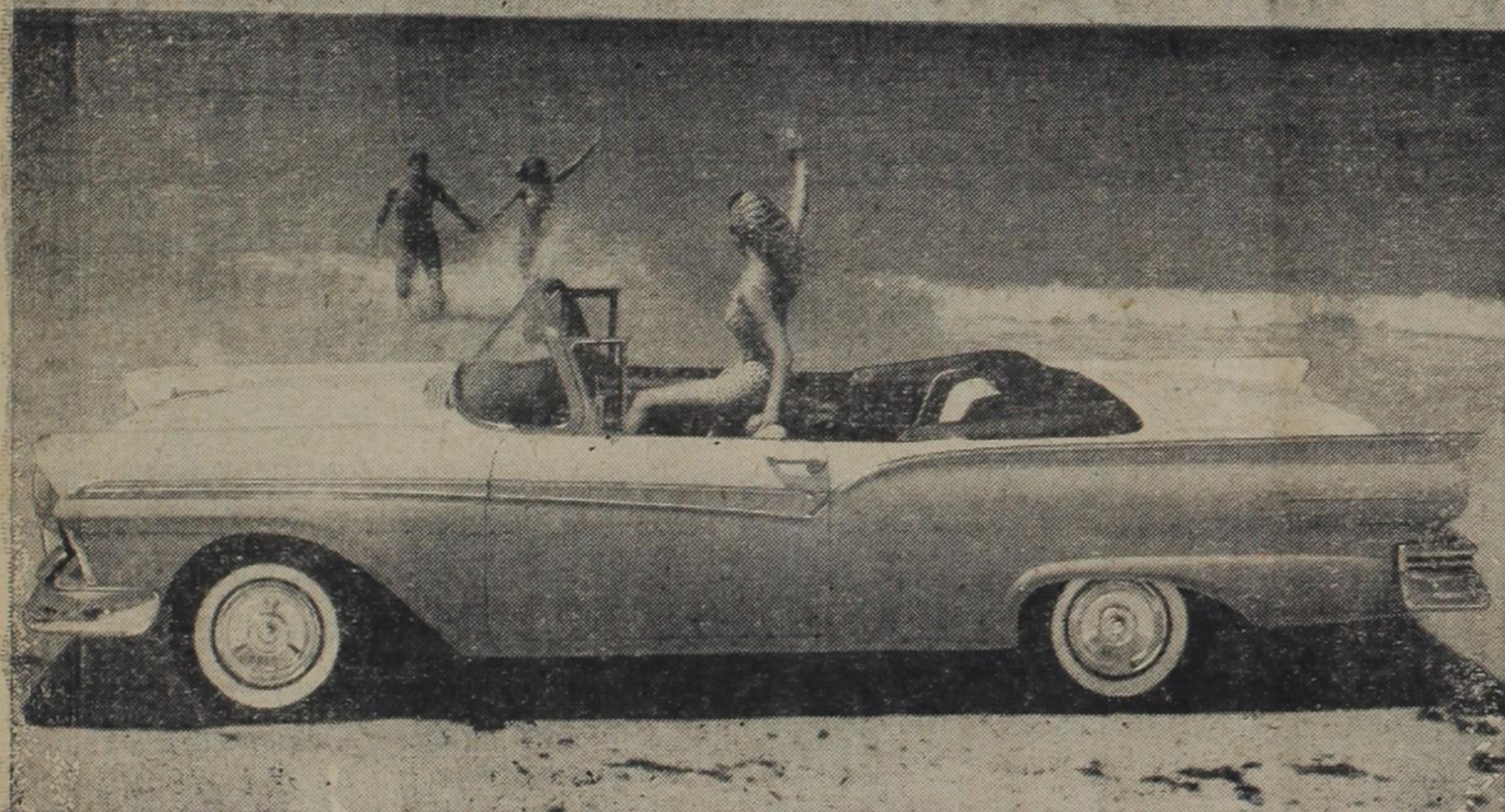
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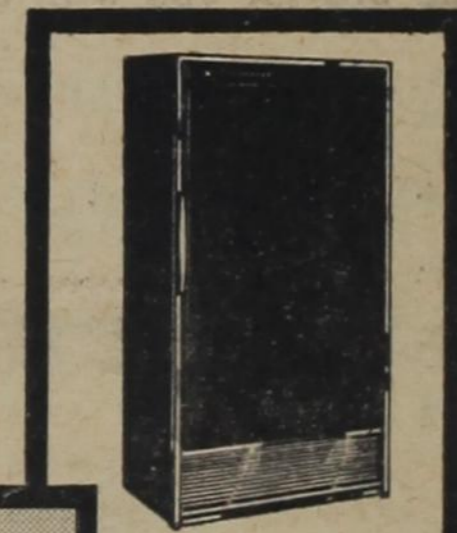
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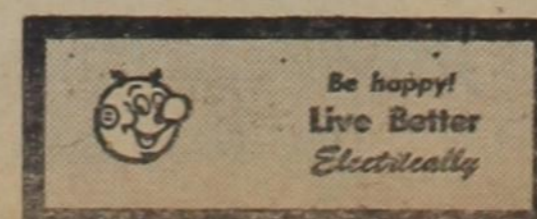
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Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Majors, son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. J. W. Murphy, have gone to California to visit his brother and to spend their vacation there. Mrs. Majors is remembered here as Bobby Jo Murphy.

Mrs. Hazel Butler leaves Wednesday on the WFAA tour which is sponsored by Murray Cox. She will be gone about two weeks. Mrs. Butler makes the tour annually.

Burl Bailey, a student in Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bailey of Eastland, visited friends here Sunday.

Clifford Erwin, a student in Hardin-Simmons University, has enrolled at Howard Payne College for the summer semester. He will live with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Erwin, and drive back and forth each day.

Roy Don Hickman, a student in A&M College, accompanied by his wife, Lois, is here for a short visit. He will re-enter A&M for the summer session where he is doing post graduate work. He has accepted a place in Brenham as vocational agriculture teacher.

Phil Horton, son of Lowry Horton, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. R. A. Horton, his aunt, Mrs. O. R. Shults, and other friends and relatives, before he goes into military training.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Siekman and daughter, Karen, of Abilene, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Joyce, and her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Crownover, and attended the Nunnally reunion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vermillion are at home here for the summer. Mrs. Vermillion teaches in the O'Donnell public schools. She will attend Howard Payne College this summer where she

### Attend Commencement At Howard Payne

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberds, and daughter, Pauline Roberds, attended Howard Payne College Commencement in Mims Auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday, May 31. The professional and recessional were ably played by A. T. Talbert, organist. The College A. Cappella choir, which was directed by Carroll D. Carruth, sang two beautiful anthems.

The address was given by Dr. W. R. White, President of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Dr. Guy Newman, president of Howard Payne College, presided during the commencement exercises.

Among the speakers on the stage who were recognized were: T. L. Holcomb of Dallas, Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, President Emeritus, Dean Z. T. Huff, and Joe B. Rushing. Rev. Luther Holcomb, pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church, Dallas, was an honoree, and received the D. D. Degree. A total of 106 Howard Payne seniors received Bachelor's degrees. Two candidates received Master's degrees. A reception for graduates and their guests was held in the formal parlor of the girl's dormitory. Those from Rising Star who received degrees were: Perry Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes; Mary Neal Grimland, wife of Coach Charles Grimland and Margarette Stanfield.

is working towards a Master's degree.

Mrs. Buck Collins goes to Marlin Wednesday for tests and treatment for arthritis. Her condition is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrl Caudle and baby of Jacksboro spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Caudle.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Petzell and Sammy and Mrs. S. W. Fountain visited relatives in Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Thomas of Odessa are guests this week of Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gray. Mr. Thomas is manager of a large sporting goods store.

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Washington, D. C., 4:25 P.M., May 1, 1957

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Gorman, Texas

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J. E. Thigpen, Director Oils and Peanut Division  
Commodity Stabilization Service.

### GORMAN PEANUT COMPANY

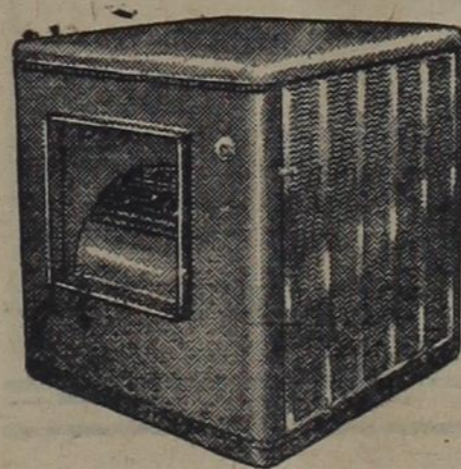
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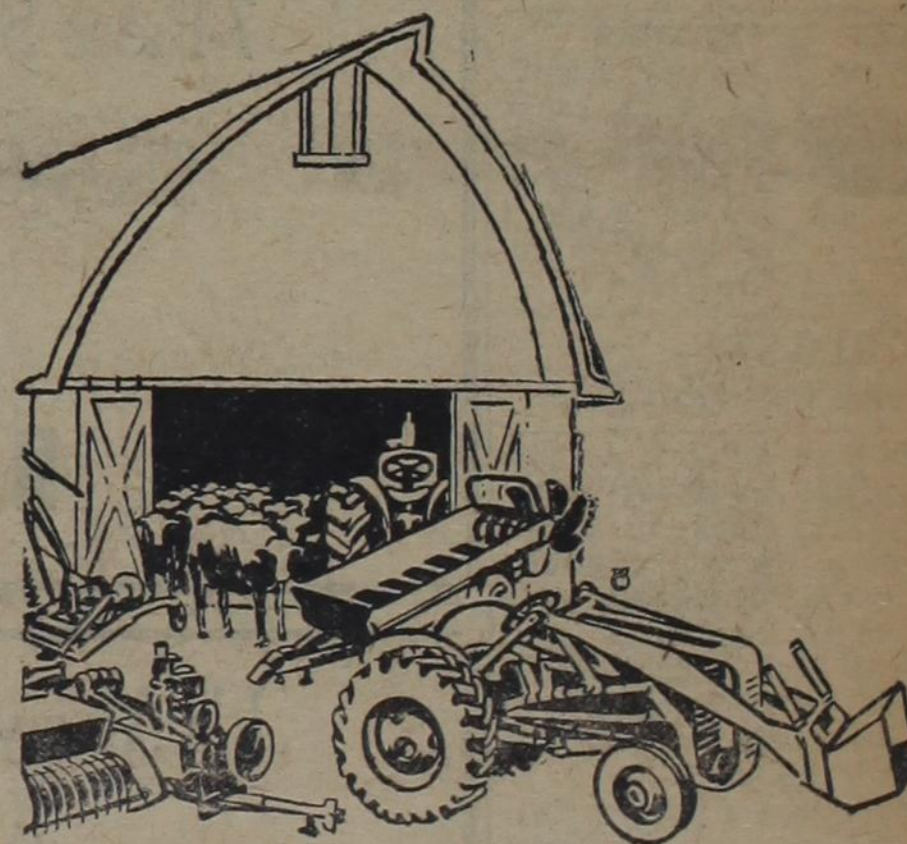
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I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for their cards, letters and words of encouragement during my illness. They comforted me very much and I am grateful. God bless you all.  
Clara Burkhead

**BANK BLAST**—  
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who had been working on the cooling system for a day or so, had frequently used an acetylene torch in his work, but he had shut off the torch some time before the explosion.

It was at first thought that a spark from the torch might have set off the blast but this was found not to be so.

Possibility that a lighted cigarette might have caused it was also considered. It was common custom to smoke in the building and in Mr. Tyler's office. Several members of the bank staff smoke and Mr. Tyler himself and many of his friends and customers likewise smoke and have always felt free to do so in his office. It had been done for years and nothing was thought of the custom. Such smell of gas as had been detected had been merely a taint in the atmosphere, which, it was thought, might have drifted into the building from some undisclosed outside leakage.

There was also possibility that the blast was set off by a stray spark. Mayor Smith pointed out that the rainy damp weather may have contributed to the formation of a gas pocket, the humidity serving to prevent dissipation of gas from a stray leak.

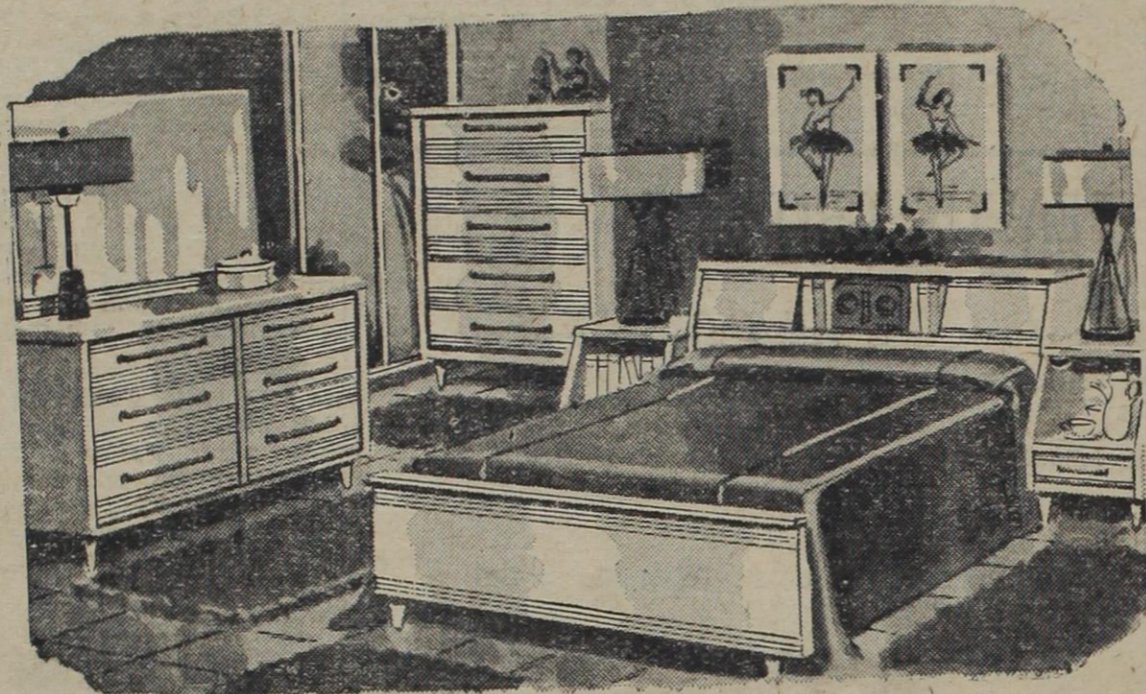
The city has made a careful check of its service lines in the area, finding no leak. This week a city crew was digging up all lines, old and new in the vicinity in its search for gas.

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