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Thought for the Week:

"To be truly happy is a question of how we begin and not of how we end, of what we want and not of what we have."

EDITORIAL

Looking Ahead

People of this modern age in which we live, to be a success, must constantly be looking ahead. Young people today must have preparation. They should realize that looking ahead to college and a life's work must begin while in school. The student who sets a high goal in life and is ahead to achieve his goal will succeed.

In our grandfather's day it was not important to search the future for what it held in store. A higher education was not compulsory to obtain a good job. One could become a school teacher with less college training than is required today. There is a much greater need for specialists in the field of engineering, science, medicine, and other occupations which call for planning and preparing.

There will be those who will not be able to attend college; these, too, will need to look ahead in life, learn to make decisions, and learn to live with others.

Success is not measure in dol-

lars and cents. In my opinion the wealthiest man in the world is a failure if he has no friends. We must look ahead as a social being; we are set in a world with two and one-half billion people. With very little effort we can acquire the friendship of many people by thinking of others and putting away our selfish thoughts. Look ahead to develop character and personality. Set a goal right now to make a success in your vocation and to be a success with mankind.

Jack Smith

SENIOR NEWS

We are right in the middle of mid-term tests and up to our ears in studying.

When we stop to think back over our first semester as Seniors, we realize it has been lots of fun, even the studying.

With our class trip, Jr.-Sr Banquet, Football Banquet, and our Senior Play, and all the wonderful things that help make the Senior year so much fun, ahead of us, we can hardly believe it is half over; however, the best things lie ahead!!

One of our old students, Glenda Witt, who moved to California, is moving back to Rising Star in order to graduate with her class.

We were glad to see another classmate, Rhea Maynard, who is the proud mother of a four-week old girl, Cassie LaRue. The Seniors certainly enjoyed

the speech class play last week. Say, Mrs. Shook, let's have another one! (By the way, Bill, it is about 7:30.)

Mary Haynes

JUNIOR NEWS

Mid-term tests time is almost here again. Everyone is wondering if he will be exempt or not.

Some of us are taking six-weeks tests this week and just getting ready in general for mid-term.

I guess the Juniors dread mid-term more than anyone as Mr. Hounsel is scheduled to leave the 18th. I know for a fact the Juniors will really miss him, particularly the ones of us whom he helped to pull through Algebra I. He has really been great to us. Mr. Hounsel, we hope you're very happy in your new home and don't forget we'll always remember you.

The Junior class sponsored another program Tuesday. It was Mr. Don Comfort on the accordion. We all thoroughly enjoyed it.

The Junior play was Tuesday night. We all enjoyed it and now we are thinking of banquets—football and Jr.-Sr.

We hear Mrs. Claborn's American poets' etc. calling us back to study, so, until next week.

Another Junior reporting for Martha Duggan—Anna Little.

SOPH SAYINGS

I goofed! I forgot to thank the room mothers for the party they had in giving our class party. But better late than never. Our thanks, room mothers!

While we are on the subject of Christmas, I might tell what a few of us Sophs needed for Christmas, and didn't receive.

Kenneth: An English book with the answers.

Gary: A big pot of coffee to help him stay awake in English.

Tressie: A "him" book—for keeping her dates straight.

Annie Lou: A box of vitamins.

Jewell: A course in hair designing.

Alice: A pair of blinders—to keep her mind on her work!

Frances: A public address system.

Wayne: His own fountain pen.

Nelda: A Cadillac—pink and black.

Carolyn: A course in self-defense.

Betty: A mink coat.

Me, well, I'll be happy with a small donation to the A.S.P.C.A.

See you in the funnies—Bill.

FRESHMEN IN THE NEWS

Mid-term. What a thought. It's that time already, this year. The tests aren't so bad, it's the people we're losing: Mr. Hounsel, Ronnie Coleman, and George Cook.

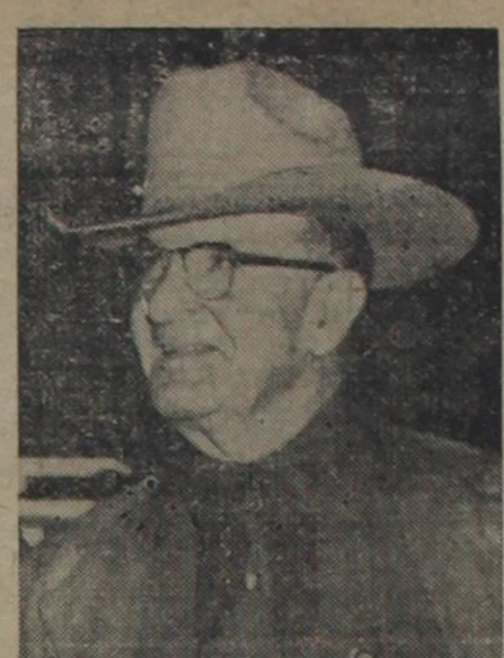
Speaking of losing people, we had a dandy party Monday night for Ronnie Joe and George. We think, and hope, that they realize how much we have enjoyed them in the past nine years, and appreciate their friendship. Certainly we hate to see them leave.

The "B" team girls all wish to express their regret as to the loss of our wonderful coach, Mr. L. C. Hounsel. Although we have had him only half a year, we have grown to know and love him. We hope he will be happy wherever he goes. Besides being a basketball coach, he is the best math teacher ever. (Funniest, too.)

The English I class is memorizing plays; Mrs. Shook has assigned parts to different people and we are enjoying our first taste of acting.

If we have recuperated from mid-term test, we'll be back in the news next week.

A.S.F.S.A.
 —Reporter



"MR. RODEO"—Verne Elliott of Platteville, Colo., who presented the first rodeos New York and London ever saw, will be the producer of the world's greatest indoor rodeo at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth Jan. 25 through Feb. 3.

is Perry Como.

Under the skin Bobby Hubbard is Rock Hudson.

Under the skin Sandra Bradley is Long Tall Sally.

Under the skin Fred Pringle is Hound Dog.

Under the skin Glenda Gibbard is Minnie Pearl.

Under the skin Charles Steel is Tony Curtis.

Under the skin Coach Grimland is Clark Gable.

Under the skin June Jones is Jane Powell.

Under the skin Kenneth Ridens is Mickey Rooney.

Under the skin Janis Jones is Margaret O'Brien.

Under the skin Nelda Lee is Judy Canova.—She acts like it, doesn't she?

Under the skin Douglas Walker is Fats Domino.

Under the skin J. C. Butler is Jerry Lewis. What an ending!

—The Chatterbox

ble expenses were less than the standard 10 per cent calculated as part of the tax table for incomes up to that figure.

For those taxpayers with less than \$5,000 income but with allowable deductions exceeding 10 per cent, the regular Form 1040 should be used to obtain a refund or reduce the balance of tax due.

You may not use Form 1040A if you:

- Have income other than that described above;
- Claim status as Head of Household;
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- Claim credit for Retirement Income;
- Claim credit for dividends;
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- Claim exclusion for sick pay;
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- Use fiscal years;
- File a separate return from your spouse in Texas, a community property state;
- Paid estimated tax during the year;
- Are subject to Self-Employment Tax;
- Itemize deductions;
- Claim credit for overpayment of Social Security Tax;
- Claim travel, transportation or other expenses;
- Are a nonresident alien.

Your income was more than \$5,000.

A new feature of the card form this year is the addition of lines making it possible for the taxpayer to compute his own tax from the table provided on the instruction sheet. District Director Ellis Campbell, Jr., urged North Texas taxpayers to make this calculation, rather than have the revenue service do it, so that they may know at once whether they owe additional tax, are due a refund, or have exactly fulfilled their tax obligation by withholding tax payments. Where additional tax is shown due, the taxpayer should send remittance with the card form.

Taxpayers required to file on Form 1040 and who did not receive a form in the mail may obtain a Form 1040 from their bank, post office or the nearest Internal Revenue Service office.



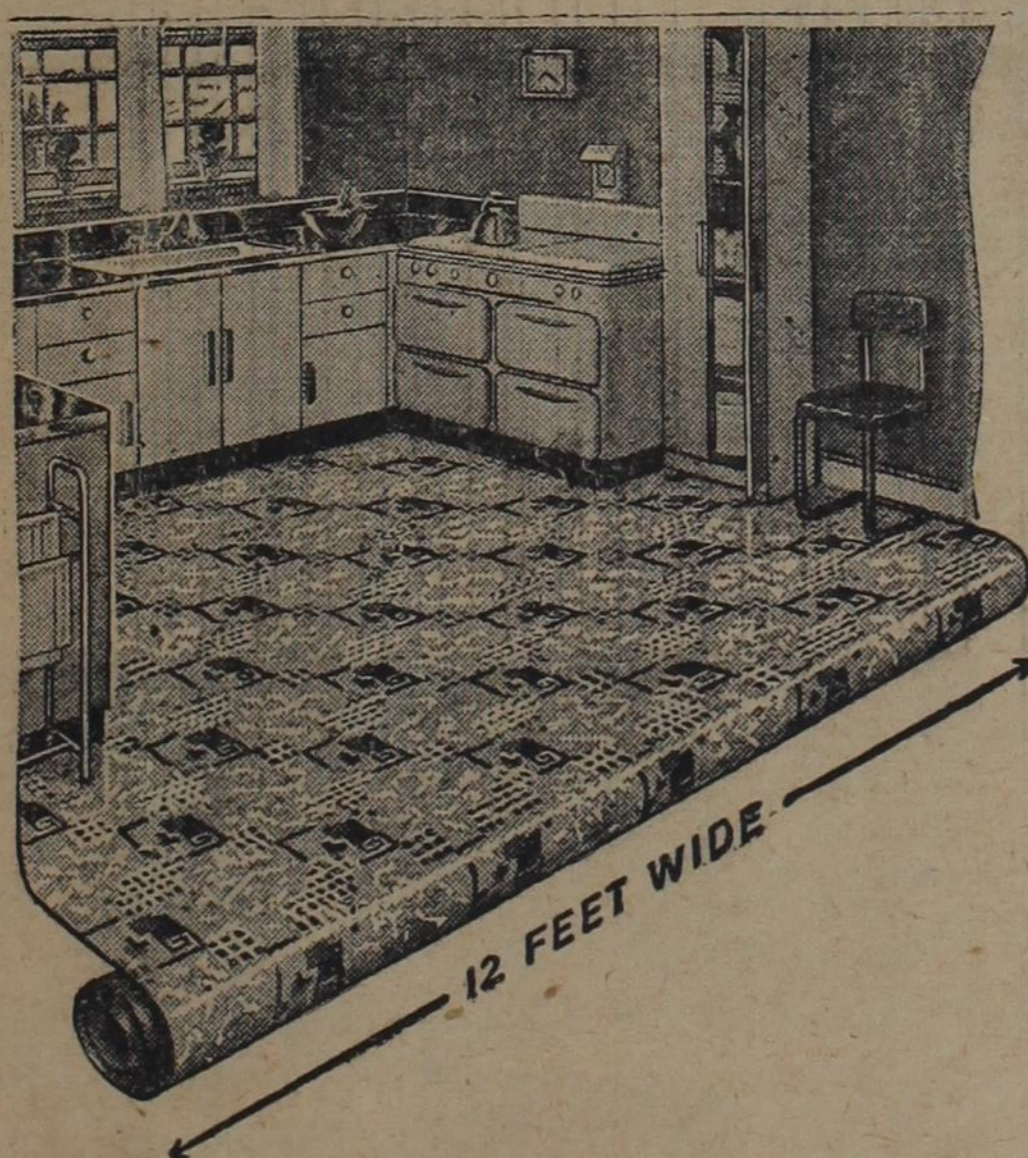
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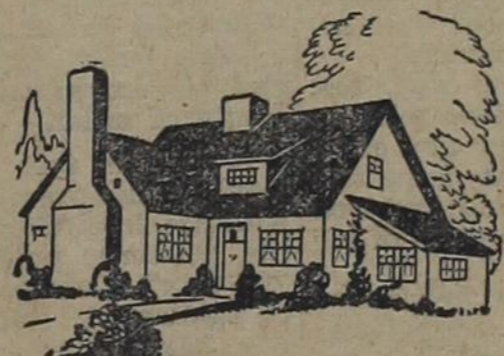
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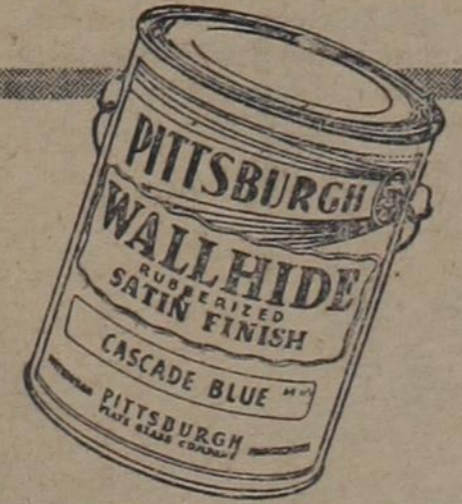
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The card form enables the taxpayer to provide all pertinent information on his income and exemption status, if his income was less than \$5,000 during 1956, consisting of salary or wages from which tax was withheld, and he had no more than \$100 total of other wages, dividends and interest, and if his deducti-

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the thoughtfulness of my friends and neighbors during my illness. I wish especially to thank the Chamber of Commerce for its encouraging letter and all who signed the same, those who sent cards, flowers, or gave words of good cheer. I am grateful to Henry Carter for taking care of my work as county commissioner while I am convalescing.

Sincerely,
 R. L. (Bob) Carter

Mrs. Bruce Sprayberry of Grand Prairie visited her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sprayberry last week.

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Ranch Girls Race To Be Feature of Fort Worth Show

FORT WORTH. — Thirty-six Ranch Girls will compete in the barrel race contest at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. The event, which has proved highly popular the past two years, will be a feature at each of the 19 performances of the rodeo and horse show. Stock Show dates are Jan. 25 through Feb. 3.

The contest is an invitational affair, the participants being selected by the Ranch Girls' Barrel Race Committee. The girls will be sponsored by a ranch or their home city.

This is a time event. However, appearance in the arena of both rider and horse will be considered. Each girl must wear colorful Western attire.

The course will be a clover-leaf pattern. Eight girls will ride in each performance and there will be four go-rounds. The eight girls with the best total time will go into the finals and the championship will go to the girl scoring the best accumulative time.

The Ranch Girls will compete for a total purse of \$2,780. Douglas B. Mitchell, horse show superintendent, will be in charge of the contest. Mitchell is also assistant manager of the Stock

Clean Fence Rows Conserve Moisture, Add to Income

COLLEGE STATION. — Have you ever stopped to think how much undesirable trees and brush in the farm fence rows cost? A. F. Walker, extension range specialist, says a recent study showed that a single large mesquite tree was using all of the water from one-sixth acre of cropland.

The farmer on whose farm the study was made reported that the tree cost him \$9.10 last year. He averaged a half bale of cotton to the acre on his other cropland but got nothing from the area around the tree. He stopped and did a little figuring and for less than five cents killed the tree.

On another farm, Walker said, no crops were growing for a distance of 90 feet from a brushy fence row. In one mile of fence row the farmers was losing 10 acres of cropland. Countywide surveys have shown that in many counties upwards of 5,000 acres of cropland are not producing crops because of fence row thieves. Walker says if fence rows, trees and brush are not controlled, the farmer would at least save his planting seed, time and labor by not trying to produce crops close to brushy fence rows. This he adds would be a waste of good cropland and not very good management.

Now is the time of the year to apply chemicals to these moisture and soil nutrient robbers. Walker says research and many farm demonstrations have shown that best control is obtained by spraying the cut-off stump, the trunk base or by applying a solution in frills to the standing trees. The accepted chemical is 2, 4, 5-T which should be mixed with diesel oil or kerosene and applied with a hand or back-type sprayer. For the hard to kill trees, Walker recommends a pound of the chemical in six gallons of oil. For easier to kill trees a pound to 12 gallons of oil is suggested.

December, January and February are good months for carrying out the control program. Labor is usually available and working conditions more desirable. Too, few broad-leaf crops are growing which might be damaged from drift from the chemical. The chemical is non-poisonous to man or livestock in the recommended formula.

North Star Club Meets January 1

North Star Home Demonstration Club met in the clubhouse, on the afternoon of January 1. Mrs. Lela Ham, vice president, conducted the meeting, in the absence of the club's president, Mrs. Will Ware. Following the opening exercise, Mrs. York Eberhart lead the devotional, reading 1st Corinthians 15-57.

Due to the lack of a quorum, no official business was transacted. Roll call was answered by Mmes. J. T. Alford, Lee Burkhead, York Eberhart, Henry C. Ham, and J. C. Hudson. Although the attendance at the meeting was small, all agreed that "a good time was had by all."

Mexican Border Troubles of 1915-17 Hatched in Parr Capital, San Diego

By-FRÉDÉRIC HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—Like his father, George Berham Parr is a small man as Texans go. In him there is a curious touch of Pancho Villa, or Robin Hood.

A psychologist could explain Parr much better than I can explain his sometimes baffling behavior.

Unlike his father, George Parr is trigger-tempered, often to the point of rashness. For example, there is the incident of a few weeks ago when a Duval County commissioner, Tomas H. Molina, angered him. Parr grabbed a rifle and raged out of his office and into the Courthouse across the street, shouting for Molina. He was cornered in the basement by Ranger Walter Russel and disarmed.

Parr's white hair is dyed red, a mahogany red. In contrast to both the "Anglos" and the Latins, he always dresses neatly in a business suit. He is deep-tanned, soft spoken and there is much about him that is charming—and disarming. He lives high and, among other things, loves fast horses and bull fights.

"And he won't listen to anybody," one of his top lawyers told me. "If he'd listen to his attorneys when they flash a red light on him he wouldn't get into half as much trouble."

George Parr, age 55, is a lawyer himself although his only client is George B. Parr.

I watched Parr on the night of the July 28 primaries. The polls were just about to close when I talked to him. He was a very busy man, issuing orders right and left in rapid Spanish, giving followers crisp green bills and sending them on errands. He seemed harassed, even wistful. The scene was the Mexican-style plaza in front of the church of San Paulo.

Parr's people, hundreds of them, milled around in the dusk under the trees. Across the street from the Parr forces was anti-Parr headquarters—and between the two groups armed Texas Rangers under Captain Alfred Allee moved quietly. The atmosphere was tense and electric. San Diego police, often called Parr's pistoleros, under Chief Manuel Amaya, circulated through the two groups, guns slapping against their thighs. The street in front of the City Hall, across the plaza from the church, had been roped off by the Rangers.

I was watching Parr when the soft bell of the angelus rang from the Church of San Paulo. He stopped talking and stood quite still. Around him his people became silent. Hats came off. Here and there a woman lifted her mantilla, nun-like, over her dark hair.

The last echo of the Angelus had long gone when the spell was broken by juke box music from a candy store.

It was difficult just then to imagine San Diego, Texas, as the hottest spot in Texas politics, as

the scene of plundering, of murder—sixty three murders in just over a dozen years according to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd.

Yet the story of San Diego, of the Parrs and of Duval is on the record. Beside my typewriter as this is written is a long list, three foolscap pages, of men and women who met sudden death in Duval in recent years. Duval from the first has been a county of violence. The man whose name the county bears, Capt. Burr H. Duval, was massacred with Fannin's men at Goliad.

That frightening list of homicides, most of them unsolved and unpunished, might be doubled if the truth were known about many cases listed officially as suicide or accident.

For example, the death of Border Patrolman Ed Wheeler was first listed as accidental. Wheeler was, to use his own words, "about to blow the lid off Duval" in a narcotics report when his car went off the road and his body was found in the flaming wreck. Then the undertaker found a small bullet hole at the base of his skull.

Just for the record here are a few of the cases officially on the books as homicide:

Horacio Garza, knifed to death in San Diego; Jacinto Gutierrez, shot, San Diego; Ricardo Escobar, shot, Freer; Juan Elizondo, shot, Benavides; Rolando Ruiz, shot, San Diego; John F. Gilbert, shotgun, Freer; Thomas Banks, shotgun, Freer; Rodolfo Munoz, shot, San Diego; Guy Hastings, shot, Freer; Frank Lotto, shot, San Diego... but why go on!

There is nothing on the record to show that these murders were political. Certainly the wanton slaying on September 9, 1932, of Jacob Floyd, Jr., was political. So were the killings of radio newsman Bill Mason and of Edwin Wheeler.

Assistant Attorney General Sidney Chandler puts it this way: "Before Shepperd came here, if a man committed a crime in Duval, including murder, it depended on which side of the fence he was on whether he got punished or not. The evidence didn't matter. If the machine wanted you acquitted, you were acquitted. "It worked another way, too. If a man killed another man, in a fit of temper or for any other reason, and he was acquitted, then the machine could count on his loyalty and the loyalty of his family from then on."

No matter how the figures for violent death in Duval are interpreted, one fact is grimly clear: they are far higher than the national average. The suicide rate, for example, is more than four times that for the United States as a whole—and Latins, being Catholic, do not commit suicide. The Mexican-American is intensely religious and to him suicide is a mortal sin, punishable by an eternity of damnation. It was just forty-one years ago,

January 20, 1915, when George Berham Parr was in his 'teens, that a man named Basilio Ramos, age 24, was arrested in McAllen, Texas, with a copy of the utterly fantastic "El Plano de San Diego" on his person. Ramos, alias Garza, promptly became a celebrity and the Federal Government moved fast to take over jurisdiction.

The plan was for revolution against the United States.

In San Diego today they'll show you the sun-blistered building where the plan was hatched in August, 1914, and they'll tell you of the furtive comings and goings of mysterious Germans, supposedly agents of the Imperial General Staff in Berlin.

The San Diego plot wasn't taken too seriously at the time, but in 1917 when the famous Zimmermann note, a document that helped put the United States into World War I, was intercepted astonished officials in Washington suddenly realized that the plan was real and not the product of raving crackpots. The mysterious strangers who conferred in San Diego with Mexican-Americans and with Huerta agents from Mexico were what they seemed to be.

Huerta, it will be remembered, was violently anti-American because President Wilson had refused to recognize his "government by assassination." Americans had captured Vera Cruz and Marine snipers had killed many Mexicans. Feelings ran high on both banks of the Rio Grande.

Under the plan Mexicans in five states—Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and California—were to revolt on February 20, 1915, and declare an independent Mexican republic. A "liberating" Army would then "free" six states to the north and set up a Negro republic as a buffer state. All "Anglo" men—except Germans—were to be killed.

The whole insane idea from Germany's point of view was to keep the United States so busy on the Mexican border that she'd be unable to join the Allies in fighting the Central Powers in Europe.

Certainly the plan was mad and just as certainly it did have part of the effect the plotters wanted. The border area, including Duval, seethed with excitement and killings, with raids from both sides of the Rio Grande, with train robberies and the flames of burning ranch houses. More than 500 Americans lost their lives in the fighting before General Pershing and his troops restored a semblance of order.

A curious fact in the border troubles just preceding America's entrance into World War I was the deference paid to the word "Aleman"—German—by parties of raiding Mexicans. More than one "Anglo" saved his life by proclaiming himself "Aleman" when guns were leveled at his head.

It is against this background that the Parr political empire was erected and it is against this background that it still lives, tottering on its last leg under the continual legal slugging of Attorney General Shepperd, but still alive.

PARENTS OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Westerman have announced the birth of a son, John William, on January

3. The baby is their first child. their home at 2905 Joy Ave. Ceres, Calif. Mr. Westerman now an operator at the Modesto Record and the family now make Bee.

TO CISCO STORE

Miss Eva Richardson has accepted a position with the Ben Franklin store in Cisco. She began her duties there Monday

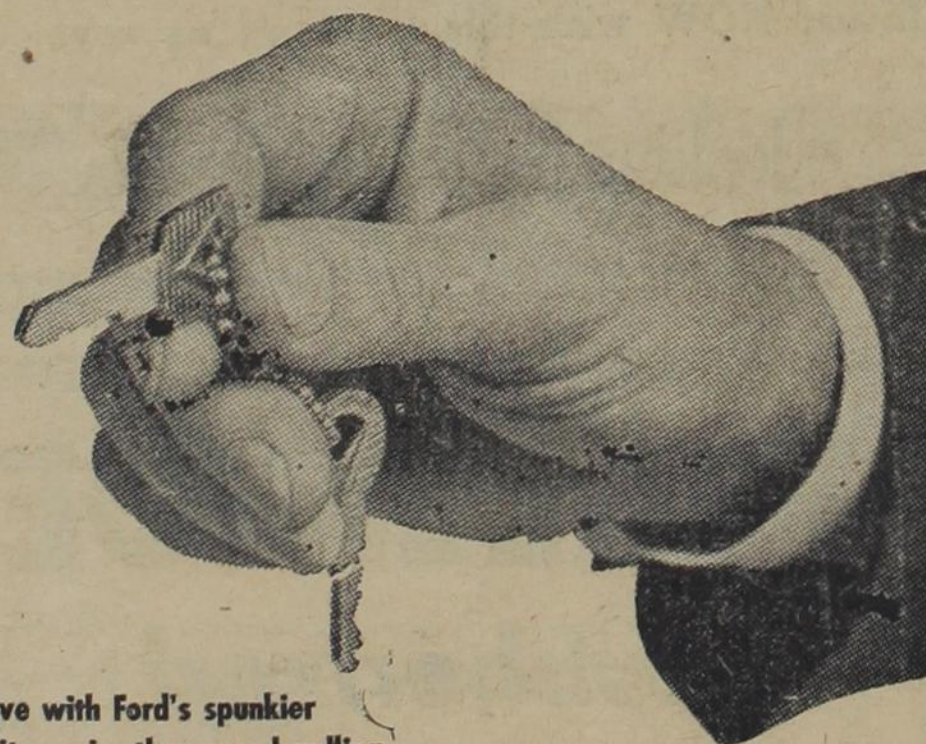
morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Westerman of Odessa visited in the home of Mrs. Flara Westerman

Wednesday of last week.

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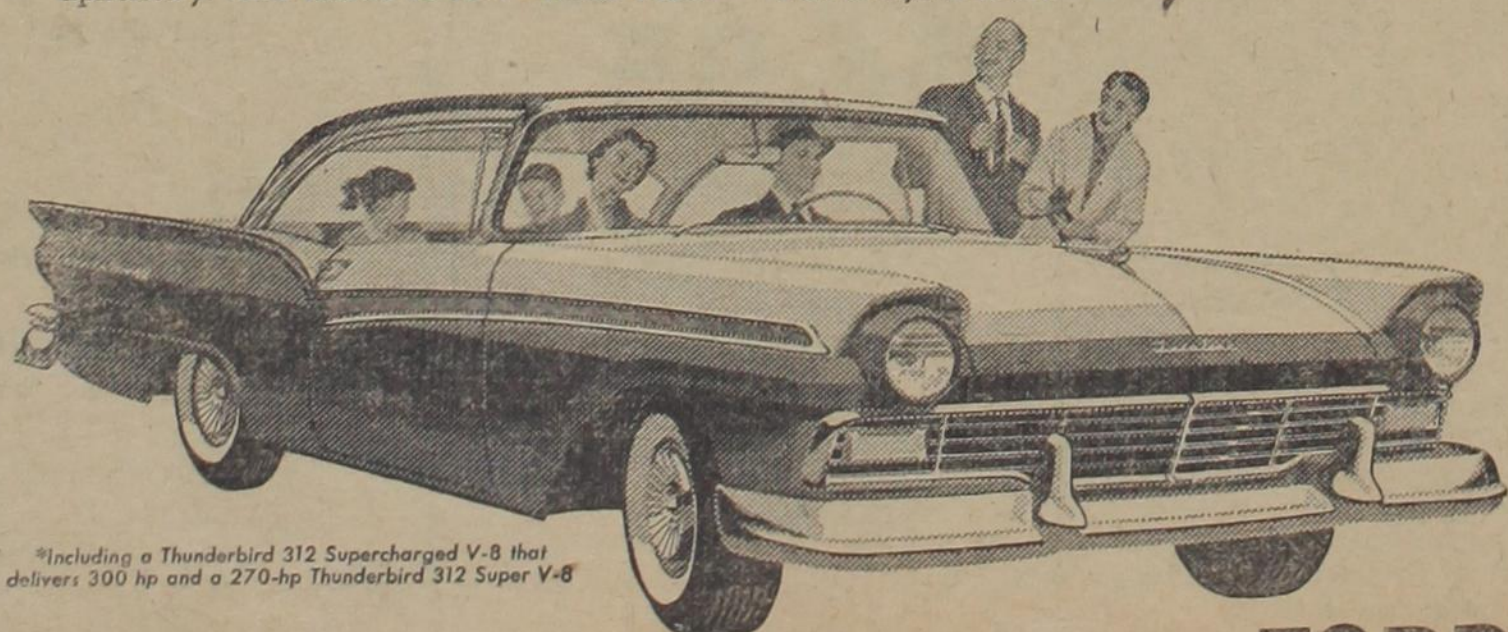
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MEETINGS—

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... and wool. There is more ... in the "lamb route" ... in the ewe route, he said. ... third, or registered sheep ... for those who have had ... experience and are ... take the gamble on the ... of animals which will ... foundation stock.

... husbandman advised ... using salt as a "feed gov- ... in winter feeding. If salt ... the sheep require water. ... the water is cold the sheep ... must raise its water intake to ... normal body temperature, ... which is 103 degrees. In so do- ... much of the value of the ... is lost.

Gray advised farmers that the ... safest and most economical plan ... combat over-eating on the ... part of the lambs is to vaccinate ... the animals.

In order to demand the best

market price for the clips, Gray said, it's important to properly tie the fleeces and not to pack them too firmly into the bags.

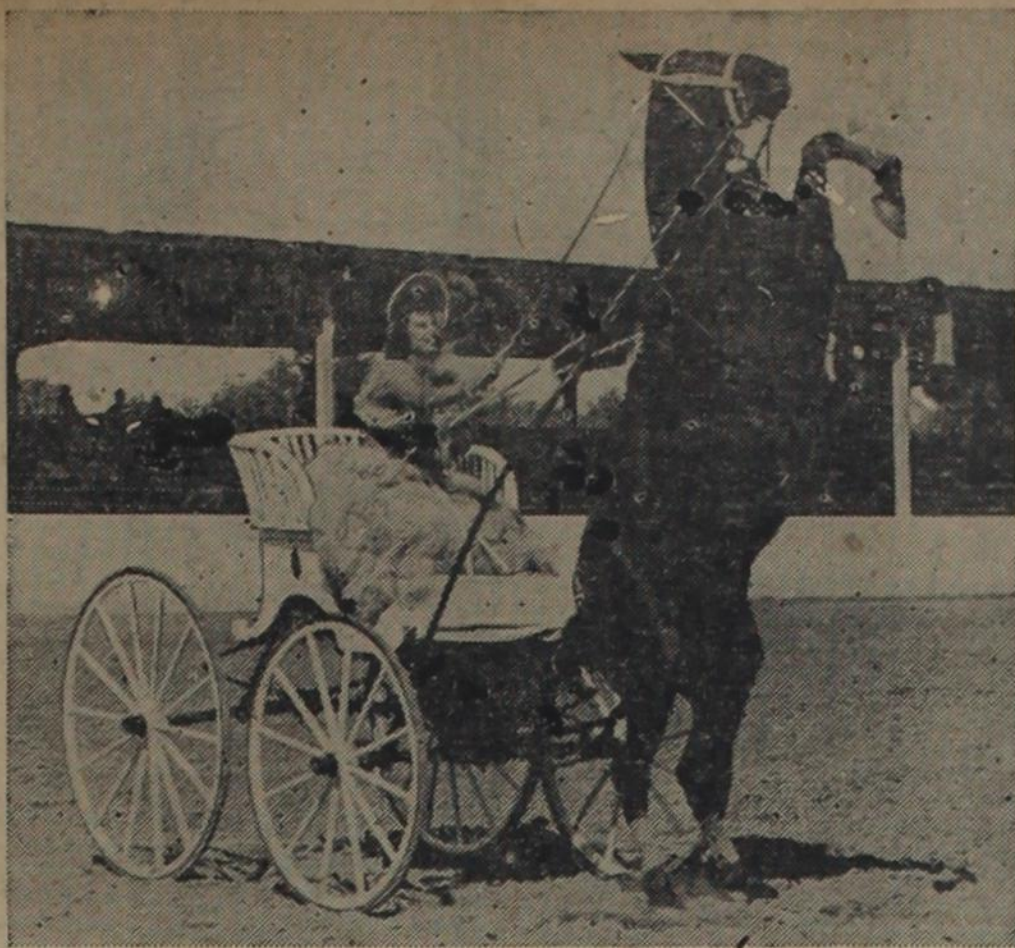
Buyers don't want too much string around the fleeces and they like for the bags to average around 180 pounds.

In addition to Gray and Cooper, other Extension Service personnel present included John McHoney, economist; R. G. Burwell, Stephenville, District 8 agent; and Roy Hastings, Comanche County farm agent.

SPECS—

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She had just returned from a class social when she discovered her boy's body in the garage. Best wishes to your paper and our many friends there for a Happy New Year. Hope to visit all you nice people some time in the summer of '57."



RHYTHM ON WHEELS — Top Hat will dance, kneel and bow as he takes his glamorous owner, Lynn Randall, of North Hollywood, Calif., for a buggy ride at the world's greatest indoor rodeo during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Jan. 25 through Feb. 3. The climax of the superbly-educated horse's performance is a colorful scene, "Fantasy in Feathers." Dates are Jan. 25 through Feb. 3.

Proposed School Legislation Talked

Proposed new school legislation providing for new standards in districting and organization of schools and the accreditation provisions of the Gilmer-Aiken bill occupied school superintendents who attended the mid-winter meeting of the Texas School Administrators Association at Austin this week, Supt. Sam Jones said. Considerable opposition to some of the provisions respect-

ing the minimum attendance requirements in the proposed legislation was evident in the group, he said.

On the whole the discussions were interesting and the attendance was good, he said.

Leonard Boyd and family of Abilene visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Boyd, Sunday afternoon.

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SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



Can a drought in 1957 be avoided? Supervisors of the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District urge farmers to study their farming operations to see what be done to save more rainfall for crop production. Many crops failed and pastures burned up because rains that came in May and June ran off down the creek.

Fred Clark of Blanket says "I subsoiled every foot of my crop land this fall, and my grain looks better than it has in years." He says, "I can't understand how it is holding out as dry as it is getting."

A review of rainfall for the last few years shows that we have been getting little or no fall and winter moisture. With this situation it is very necessary that as much of the spring rain as possible be held for crop production.

What can a farmer do to save more moisture? Practices recommended by the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District are divided into two classes — emergency and permanent.

Emergency measures for crop land: chiseling, contour listing or both. These two operations, if the soil has pretty good humus in it, will cause the soil to take up large quantities of water. It will be found that soils low in organic matter will soon run together and will take up little moisture.

Permanent measures for crop-land: keep the soil high in humus and organic matter. Leave plenty of residue on the surface of the ground to protect it from high temperatures and protect the soil surface from crusting. Use a deep rooted legume to open up the soil.

Emergency measures for pastures: Pitting or chiseling to break the surface crust in bare areas, so moisture will have a chance to get into the soil.

Permanent measures for pasture: Leave at least 2,000 pounds of cover per acre on the ground. Any less cover on the ground will allow valuable moisture to get away.

Any farmer or rancher who would like some assistance with his water conservation problems can get it by calling at the office of the Soil Conservation Service in the basement of the Court-house.

The average rainfall at Brownwood for the last five years is 19.5 inches. This is the lowest five year average for any time that rainfall records have been kept. 1954 and 1956 are the only times that the five year average has gone below 20 inches. In fact during this drought is the only time that the five year average has fallen below 22 inches.

The importance of conserving all of the rainfall that we get becomes more and more apparent with each year of the drought. Farmers and ranchers who have left some cover on their pastures and fields have been able to catch more of the rainfall from fast falling rains and as a result have been able to grow some grass and some crops.

Soil Conservation District Supervisors, reviewing the work of District cooperators the past year have been very encouraged to see that more and more farmers and ranchers are applying good conservation measures to their land. Probably the most widely applied conservation practice was deferred grazing. Many farmers and ranchers have found that letting the grass grow during the spring and early summer will produce much more forage than continuous grazing. Early grazing will slow down grass growth just as it will corn or any other crop.

Texas Farms Have 1.1 Billions of Income in 1956

A backward glance at the 1955 crop year reveals no startling new facts to Texas farmers but should give high-level farm policy planners some cause for sober reflection, says John C. White, State Commissioner of Agriculture.

Drouth, lack of irrigation water, decline in farm prices, higher production costs—these and other factors contributed to the decline in farm income. Yet, we had bumper crops in several commodities that counterbalanced severe crop failures, in others.

Total value of principal crops in Texas was placed at 1.1 billion dollars in 1956. This is 9 percent below both last year and the 10-year average. Cotton was the most important crop and contributed more cash value than all other crops combined.

The corn crop was the shortest since 1873 with 27,465,600 bushels. Responsible factors were the smallest harvested acreage in 81 years and a low yield of 15 bushels per acre compared with the 10-year average of 17.6 bushels.

Wheat production totaled 26.4 million bushels, nearly double the 1955 short crop but only about half the 10-year average. Although most of the acres were lost to drouth, the average yield on land that escaped it, full effects was 12.5 bushels or nearly 2 bushels above average.

The fourth largest sorghum grain record was established at 124.2 million bushels. Yield per acre at 26 bushels exceeded the previous record by two bushels. Irrigation made the difference here.

About 3,610,000 bales of cotton were estimated for the state but the final figure is not yet completed. A yield of 278 pounds per acre was extremely good but the record high yields per acre in irrigated districts were contrasted with very low yields on most dryland acreage. Along the coast, crops were harvested ahead of the drought, although excellent early season prospects were not realized in that area.

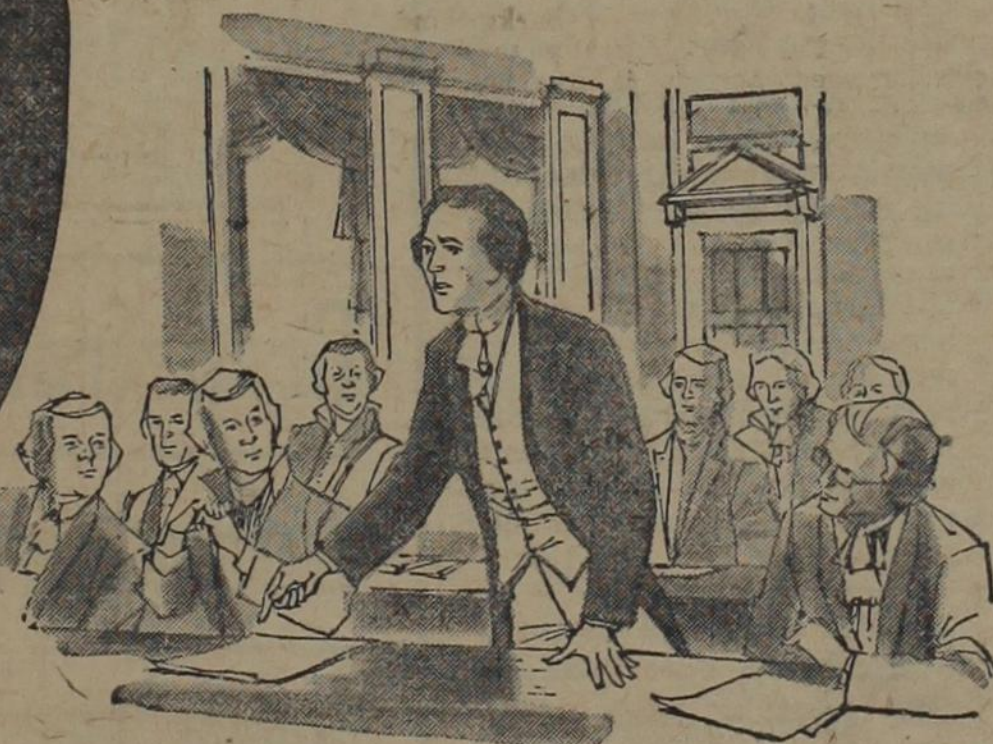
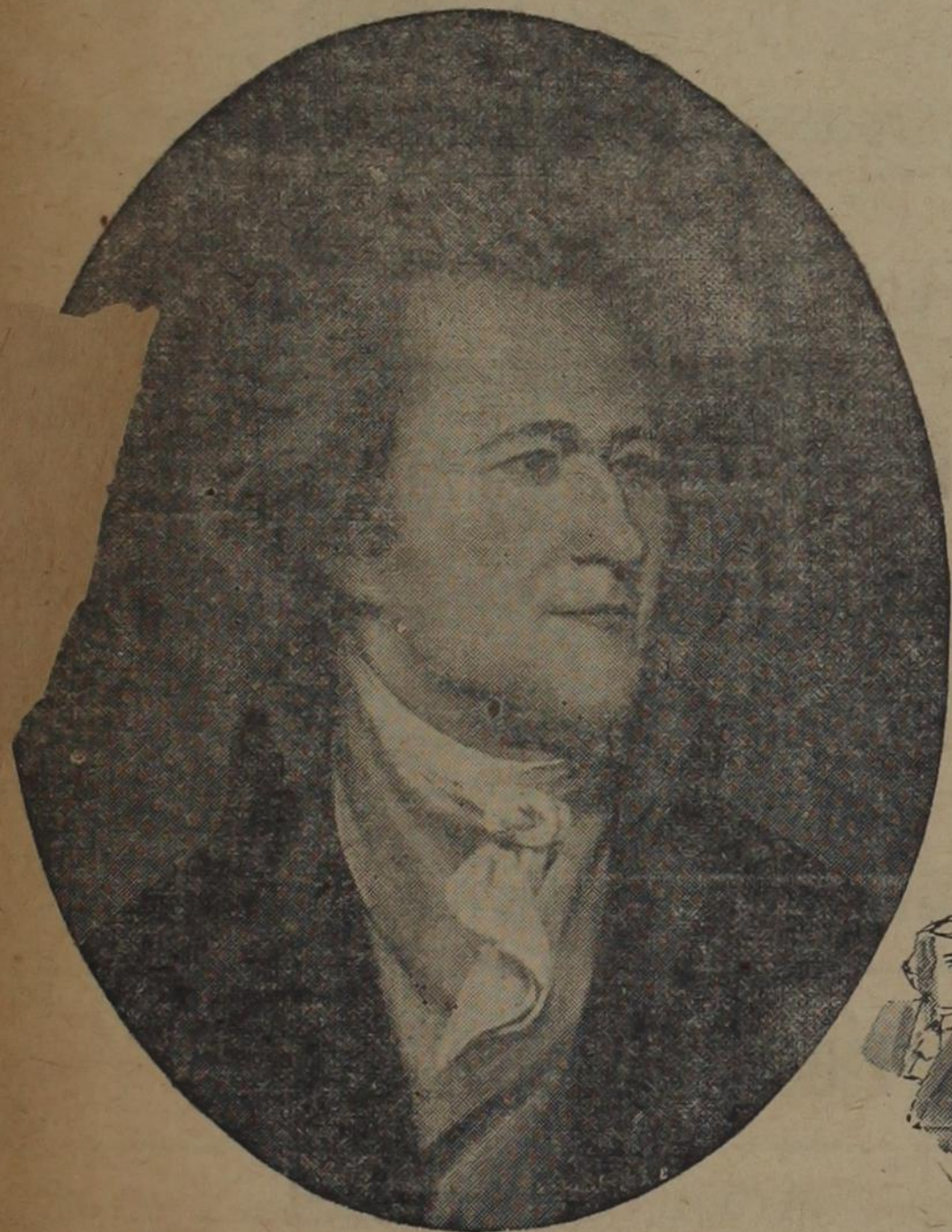
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The task seemed unsurmountable. The country's currency was so poor that it earned the phrase "not worth a continental." Debts owed by the Federal Government and by the 13 colonies totaled almost 80 million dollars—a towering sum in those days. The Government had practically no revenue, and its bonds sold at ten cents on the dollar.

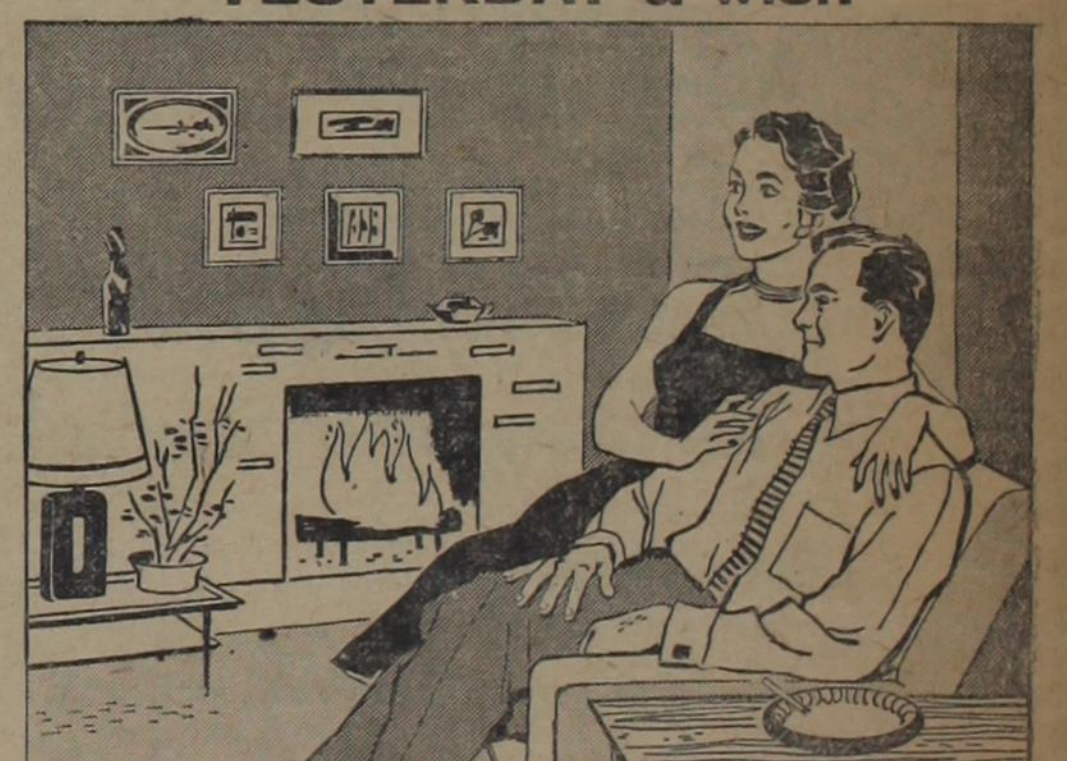
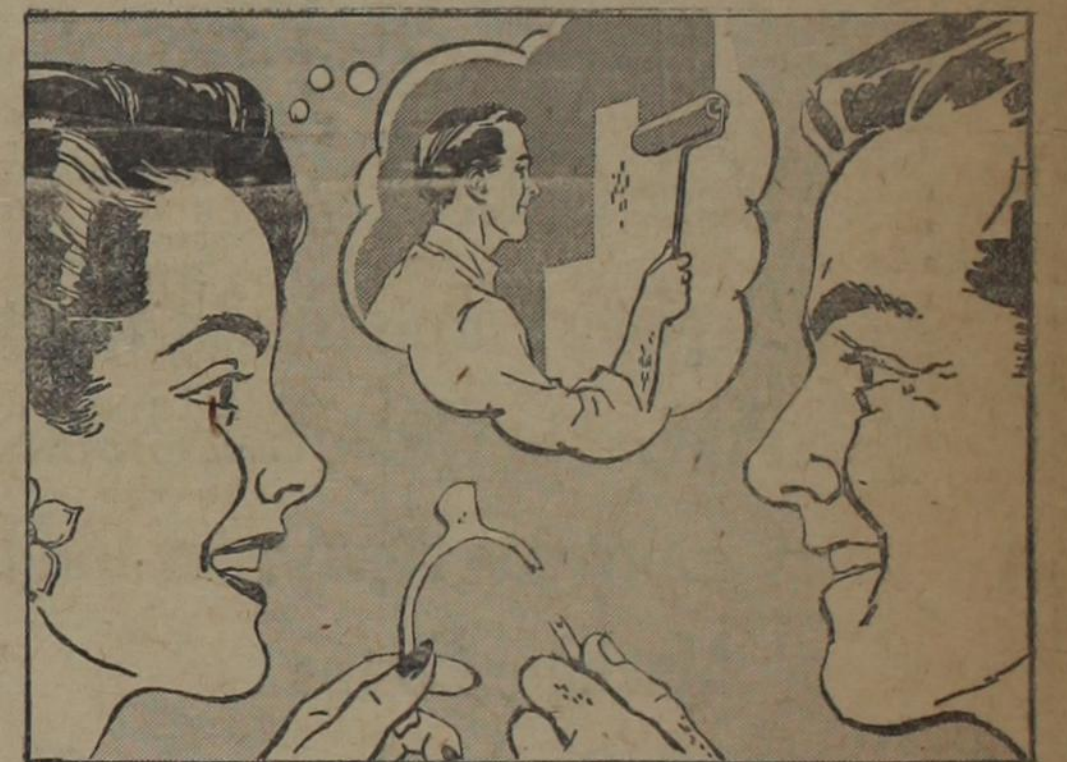
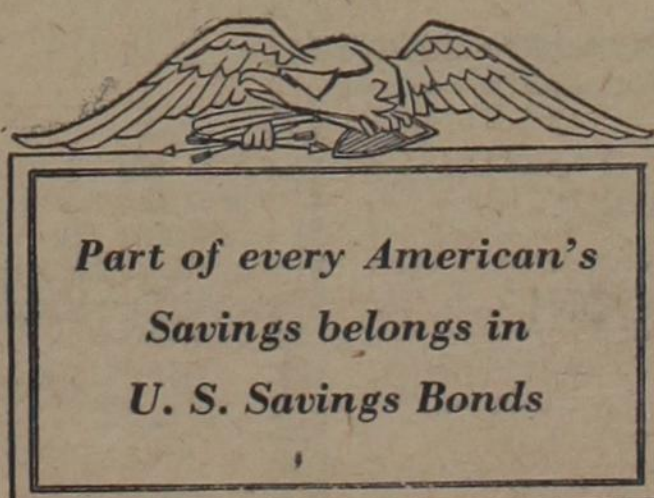
But Hamilton was a man of vision and a man of action. His bold, new program to the Congress for re-establishing the nation's credit and giving America a sound dollar was based on three simple but vital principles:

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Mrs. O. J. Reynolds

Rev. Shannon preached here Sunday morning and he and his family visited in the Reynolds home.

The ordination service Sunday afternoon was attended by a large crowd. There were twenty-four preachers and deacons present besides all of the other folks from different communities. There were so many that I couldn't get the names of all, even the different communities represented. The ordination sermon that was enjoyed by all was preached by Rev. E. V. Becker of Stephenville, a former pastor of Rev. Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce of Fort Worth visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. Homer Smith, last week.

Mrs. Hayden White and children visited the Cole Whites near Rising Star Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reno McGregor of Shilo visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Landreth Sunday before last.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Huddleston of Fort Worth visited the Harold Piersons Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Haynes visited relatives at De Leon Sunday afternoon.

We are very glad to report that I. W. Robertson's doctor has dismissed him as cured of his throat ailment.

Bobby Gene Brown visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Brown last week end. He is working in Oklahoma now.

Mr. Walter Henderson is on the sick list this week. We hope she is soon able to be out again.

as she is missed very much.

Henry Morgan of Abilene visited the Hendersons last week end.

Bonnie Reynolds spent last Friday night with Mrs. Tye Willett and Ina Mae at May.

4-H Club Officers

Urged to Attend Training Meeting

4-H Club officers from all over Eastland County were urged to be present for an important officer training school to be held in the courthouse in Eastland on Saturday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. Club presidents, vice-presidents, secretary-treasurers and reporters of both girls and boys 4-H clubs will have the opportunity for this training. The officers will meet in the commissioners courtroom and then divide into the four groups for the study of the duties of their particular office. The different groups will be taught by Mrs. Minnie Mae Hart, County Home Demonstration Agent; Miss Charlene Eckert, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent; J. M. Cooper, County Agricultural Agent and Curtis Boase, Assistant County Agricultural Agent.

The agents feel that it is a duty and a privilege of each officer to attend this meeting if they possibly can. Parents of these officers are also invited to come.

Mrs. Larry Loetz and children of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Boyd, Sunday.

New Officers Take Over Direction of County HD Council

New officers elected to head the Eastland County Home Demonstration Council took charge at the first meeting of the new year was held at the Texas Electric Conference Room at Eastland Wednesday, January 9. The new officers are Mrs. York Eberhart of Rising Star, chairman; Miss Willie Word of Cisco, vice-chairman; Mrs. L. B. Jones, secretary; and Mrs. Herman Schaefer of Nimrod, treasurer.

Clubs answering roll call were Flatwood, Lake Cisco, Pleasant Hill, Word, Morton Valley, Howard and North Star.

Mrs. Schaefer gave a report on the Council finances for 1952, and a committee read the standing rules for the council in 1953 which were adopted. The recommendations will be carried to the various clubs to be voted on.

Chairman, reported on the program, "Know Your County Government Better" which is being compiled for the Home Demonstration Clubs. The District THDA meeting is to be held January 28 at Clifton and Mrs. Ernest Schaefer and Mrs. Eberhart will attend from the Eastland County Council.

Chairman of committees were named as follows:

Finance, Mrs. Herman Schaefer; Triple E, Mrs. Leonard Hale; Year Book, Mrs. Ernest Schaefer; Reporter, Mrs. M. W. Grieger; Civil Defense, Mrs. Beulah Turner; Health and Safety, Mrs. Edgar McCollum; Recreation,

Mrs. O. L. Taylor.

Mrs. Minnie Mae Hart, County H. D. Agent, discussed how Home Demonstration Clubs, County Councils end the Texas Home Demonstration Ass'n work together. She said that County H. D. Councils have three main functions, namely, 1. To serve as advisory committees to county HD agents; 2. To serve as demonstrators in organization, and, 3. To serve as a means of communication between the community and the agent, between the local HD clubs, between the clubs and the THDA, and between the clubs and the various organizations with which they operate.

The Texas Home Demonstration Ass'n is a federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and serves as a state coordinating agent for the activities of such clubs, it was explained, and the Home Demonstration Club representatives to the County Council, the presidents and Council delegates serve as a county THDA committee.—Mrs. M. W. Grieger, Reporter.

Hazel Butler and Keith visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Butler and family at Ardmore, Okla., last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Crisp and children of Jal, N. M., were guests of relatives here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Guynes and daughter, Kay, of Goldsmith, were guests of Mrs. Guynes' sister, Mrs. George Carter, and Mr. Carter over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Don Hickman are the guests of Mrs. Hickman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Minter Hardin, and Mr. Hickman's grandmother, Mrs. R. A. Horton, and other relatives. Mr. Hickman has just received his discharge from active duty with the rank of lieutenant in the Army Reserve. He served at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, until his discharge.

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