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Through the Editor's Specs

BY BAB

We were talking about the Abilene bank holdup the other surprised to discover that they playoff. were unaware of the fact that the boy hero of one of the most sensational bank robberies that has ever taken place outside of Lection is now a Rising Star busiriess man.

It was he who had the presence of mind to throw away the key to his car when the hardpressed robbers tried to commandeer it in their flight, and thus foil the bandits, cost them their loot and cause all of them, except one, to die untimely and violent deaths. The business for first place with wins Tuesman is Woodrow (Woody) Har- day night. The home girls walris, owner of the Star Electric, loped the Santa Anna femmes and the crime was the celebrated after a troublesome first half at Santa Claus bank robbery which Santa Anna by a count of 56 took place at noon on December to 28 with Martha Duggan scor-23. 1927. The bank was the ing 21 points and Mary Haynes First National Bank at Cisco. 16.

The robbery took its bizarre title from the fact that the leader of the gang, Marshall Ratliff, masqueraded as a Santa Claus for several days. It was a perfect role in which to case the bank without giving away his identity.

Christmastime and everybody score. passed him off for someone hired in his red suit and whiskered other on their home courts. mask, patting pop-eyed little children on the head, taking Three Rising Star their Christmas wishes and their letters. No one noticed that he made frequent trips into the bank. It is said that the banker shook hands with him.

guests at a stick-up which went others. off so well for the robbers that none of them noticed the woman who slipped out of the alley door and hot-footed it for the police station.

When the bandits emerged with something more than \$12, 000 in loot, they were confronted by Police Chief Bit Bedford, a policeman by the name of Carmichael and a rapidly growing number of embattled citizens. To shield themselves in the hail of gunfire that swept through the alley, the bandits seized two young girls as hostages. In the battle Mr. Carmichael fell mortally wounded and one of the bandits, a man by the name of Davis, was also fatally shot.

The car in which the bandits tried to escape, with their dying Star. comrade, developed flats and other damaging effects of the runfire on South D Avenue a short distance from town.

Cisco when Messrs. Ratliff, Ellis Dunn, both of Irving. et al, piled out of their defunct | Mrs. Harris was born on No- thermen hope. If they do, 'we're machine and took over Woody's. vember 9, 1885, near Okra. She going to get some rain.' If we Contracts Renewed But Woody's quick thinking foil- was married to Mr. Harris in can stay out of the doldrums, or ed them and the Rising Star that community and they lived the doldrums stay out of us, For Two Years youngster and his mother found and farmed there on the same we're in for some normal, rainy The Board of Trustees of the themselves in the middle of a farm for the entire 37 years of weather. real life shoot 'em up compar- their married life. ble to anything you may see nowadays in the make-believe Prior to her marriage, Mrs. In the make-believe Prior to her marriage

plan smashed to smithereens, her home, sometimes taking a maker. He said if Dr. Krick

Rising Star, Goldthwaite In Play-Off

Rising Star and Goldthwaite girls will play off a tie for the championship of 9-A in girls basket ball at a time and place selected in a meeting of school day and some of the younger officials at Brownwood Wednesgeneration in Rising Star thought day morning. Supt. Sam Jones, I was kidding them when I said who also coaches the Rising Star that Santa Claus was once a girls, met with Goldthwaite offibank robber. I was even more cials to arrange the one-game

AT BROWNWOOD.

Rising Star and Goldthwaite girls will meet at Howard Payne gymnasium in Brownwood Friday night, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in a play-off for the championship of the girls basket ball division of District 9-A. Admission prices will be 50c and 25 cents.

Both Rising Star girls and the Goldthwaite girls clinched a tie

dit were mortally shot and half into the win column by edging a dozen citizens wounded when the Santa Anna boys 60 to 58 the holdup went awry for the on the same bill. Jerry Davis robbers and erupted into a street scored 22 points and both Bob gun battle of the wildest western Needham and J. C. Butler counted for 14 each. The boys led all the way. Throughout the season they have played mostly close games losing by margins as narrow as that by which they won Tuesday.

Last Friday night the teams went to Llano where the girls won 43 to 29 with Mary Haynes scoring 16 and Martha Duggan A Santa Claus is a natural at 15. The boys lost by a wide

Rising Star and Goldthwaite by a local store as he went about each hold a victory over the

Men on Murder Jury

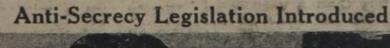
Elgie Crisp, Joe A. Fleming and J. D. (Skeet) Clark were in the case of the State of Texas vs. George Crawford, colored, value. But it wasn't any handshaking charged with murder in the affair when, a few minutes be- death of his wife. The case is fore noon on Friday, December being tried in 91st District Court, 23, three other and openly armed Eastland. Among many other men entered the bank by front Rising Star men summoned on and alley doors, and Old Santa a special venire for the case pulled a gun and announced that were Jack Jackson, C. M. Carthe play-acting was over. The roll, Calvin Roady, Dixon Boggs, bank personnel and a sprinkling | Fred Brizendine, Lute Grisham of customers were the unwilling | C. E. Smith, Ross Fussell and

Funeral Services For Mrs. Harris At Long Branch

Funeral services for Mrs. Terrell (Minnie Dunn) Harris, 71, who died at a Dallas hospital at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, February 14, were held at the Long Branch Baptist Church Saturday at 2 p.m. with burial in Long Branch | mally hangs around an area of of attractive, large masonry mar-

wood, officiated, assisted by the windless area of the ocean and "We will appreciate any help First Methodist Church, Rising

of motion picture screen or TV. Harris taught school in Stephens ther, and never could have. Nunnally for two more years. thoroughly into the problem of 11 o'clock. The bandits, their beautiful afterward she devoted herself to words for Dr. Krick, the rain- later.





Sen. Henry B. Gonzalez (left) of San Antonio and Rep. Don Kennard (right) of Fort Worth, discuss the "open meeting" bills they have introduced in the Legislature with the backing of the Texas Press Association. SB 88 and HB 69 are identical. They call for all meetings of official bodies of the State City, County or other political subdivision of the State to be open to the public. "It is time for the State of Texas to join the other states in the immediate passage of an antisecrecy bill," said the sponsors, "and we urge the public to join us in supporting our campaign for a full and public airing of all public matters."

One police officer and one ban- The boys team finally broke Airlines and TV Weather Expert Says 1957 Due to Be Year of Rain and Crops

Denney, is correct as reported in a story in the Ranger Times, farmers and business men of this area should be happy enough this year.

According to the Times' story, Mr. Denney, who broadcasts weather telefacts for Fort Worth's WBAP-TV each day, told the Ranger Lions Club that there is going to be a crop made in this area this year because this section can reasonably expect

good rainfall The story certainly makes good reading for folks who have | Sherrill. been waiting on a crop for seven or more years, whether or not, after so many annual disap-

Optimistic.

According to the Times:

'Denney, who is meteorologist for American Airlines at Carter Field and a student of weather, said all of the weather experts everywhere, who had given any study at all to the problem, were more optimistic about a good rainfall this year than they have been about any other year since

"Denney said tan section of West Texas could reasonably expect rain all through April, May, and June, and from the studies made by him and his colleagues the prospects for a good crop in West Texas this year were excellent.

"Denney explained that weathermen are basing their hopes

it altogether this year, the wea- will be very thankful."

If the weatherman for the would have been a different American Airlines at Fort Worth, country long before now, and a gentleman by the name of Bob | the Lions agreed with that, too."

Llementary School To Host Tourney Of Four Schools

The Rising Star Elementary School will host a four-school tournament of both boys and girls basket ball teams at the High School gym this week, it was announced by Principal Ivan

Two games will be played Thursday evening, two Friday evening and four on Saturday himself got up at one time and accepted as members of the jury pointments, they are ready to evening. Admission prices for accept its predictions at face each of the first two evenings will be 10 cents and 20 cents, while 25 cents and 15 cents will be charged for the Saturday program. The play will start at 7 o'clock on Thursday and Friday and at 6 o'clock on Saturday.

meet Carbon boys and girls of Eastland and D. J. Jobe and ing first. Friday night Cross land of Cisco demonstrated a Finals in both championship and small check dams in the furrow consolation will be played Sat-

FFA Boys Collect Scrap to Finance Markers for City

Members of the Rsing Star for more rain in 1957 on the be- FFA Chapter will collect scrap havior of a mass of air known iron and sell magazine subscripas the "doldrums" which nor- tions to finance the construction the Atlantic Ocean near the West kers they plan to build on each

"Since 1949," he said, "this give us in the project," said has come to be used, country has literally been in the Jerry Don Aaron, of the Chap-Higginbotham Funeral Home doldrums'. This mass of air ter. "We believe we are doing was in charge of burial arrange- started an invasion of the United a good thing for the town in States about 1949 and kept erecting these markers with the That is where Woody encounred them. He and his parents, Dunn of Carbon: Carl Dunn of Carbon Survivors include a son, Mer- swinging farther north each year name 'Rising Star' on them. tered them. He and his parents, Dunn of Carbon; Carl Dunn of Indies. Each year, he said, the knowing of any scrap iron that study and work in selling Texas Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris, and his Fort Worth and Sipe Springs; doldrums have been reaching we can have may notify Mr. H. peaches to the market in com-Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris, and his Fort Worth and Sipe Springs; doldrums have been reaching we can have may notify Mr. H. peaches to the market in compared to the market in c Graves, were driving into Dunn of Denton and Ernest and until they are expected to miss any member of the chapter. We fornia and other states. The at May for three evenings be- For Re-Election

Rising Star Independent School

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Marketing Is Fruit Men Told

are confronted with much more hopeful optimism throughout the exacting requirements of pack- Rising Star country this week. aging and marketing their prod- Not in seven or eight years

Eastland County Orchard Field Day sponsored by the County Extension Service and the Ris-County Agent J. M. Cooper presided and introduced the program which he arranged and the best ever presented at a similar event. Sec'y A. D. Jen-Cooper.

American Legion Hall during the morning and in the afternoon the group went to the orchards of C. E. Smith in southwest Rising Star for demonstrations in pruning and plowing. Representatives of nine counties were among the some 100 persons who attended the meet during

During the morning session the! group heard T. E. Denman, horticulturist of the Stephenville Experiment Station, talk on the handling of tree-ripened fruit in orchards and packing shed; J. V. Laird of the horticulture department of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, discuss mar- fruit crop were increasing, and keting of tree-ripened fruit the outlook for a melon crop through food stores; and U. A. Randolph of the Grape Experi- paratively early to add needed ment Station at Montague, talk income to pockets long empty on new varieties of table grapes was growing rosier every day. and juice grapes adaptable to this area. Immediately after the prices, and a general improvelunch, J. W. Foster, entomologist ment in the agricultural picture of Weatherford, discussed control throughout, a remarkable change

diseases. The group then went dry and dusty outlook of last pruning methods.

Cultivation.

After his demonstration there were demonstrations in orchard cultivation by the Higginbotham Motor Company and Shults Im- so little prospect of a year of plement Co. of Rising Star and moisture ahead. Rising Star boys and girls will the Perkins Implement Company Thursday evening, the girls play- | Sons of Gorman. E. N. Strick-Plains and May teams will play. dammer machine which sets as it is plowed to check and hold moisture in rainy periods.

Care in picking and packing peaches to prevent bruising and insure the fruit arriving at the parket in perfect condition for eating is important, Mr. Denman told the group. He discussed the work of the Experi- none of that sort of weather so ment station in proper time for far this year. picking peaches to reach the

proper packaging of the fruit. The old grader method, which was designed for green-picked ed that measured rain Saturday fruit, is not suitable for tree to Tuesday morning was .6 of an ripened fruit, he said. Instead inch. But it was equal to three The Rev. Ed Anderson, retired Indies, with an occasional sally highway entrance into Rising a revolving table which handles inches of normal fall, it was Methodist minister of Brown- over this country. It is a calm, Star, advertising the community. the peaches gently and permits said, and throughout the counseveral packers to work at once try miry roads, almost impass-Rev. R. A. Brooks, Jr., of the is always accompanied by drouth. the people of the community can in grading and packing the fruit able in some places, and soaked

Marketing Studies.

He discussed the experimental work being done in packaging in cardboard containers and in station is doing considerable May Church This Week

Slow Rains Give Key Problem Brighter Outlook

Slow soaking rains which did ? not measure very high in the gauge but deep in the soil where they really count, were changing a picture of drouth-inspired Peach growers of this section gloom into one of high and

uct if they are to compete suc- has there been anything like the cessfully with growers in Cali- long periods of fog, drizzle and fornia, Georgia, Arkansas and showers which have prevailed other sections of Texas, Exten- here almost since the first of sion Service specialists and or- | February and during a good part chard experts told a large group of January. The continuing moisof growers from Eastland and ture condition raised hopes that other counties here last Thurs- at last the long drouth might be broken with prospects for the The occasion was the annual first good general crop conditions since the late forties.

Topsoil moisture conditions are the best since 1949, farmers say, ing Star Chamber of Commerce. and the soaking water was percolating into the dried out clay, offering to recharge a subsoil which must have a reservoir of which was described as one of moisture if there is any sound prospect for good fall yields. Those digging into the ground kins of the Rising Star Cham- for post holes or other reasons ber of Commerce presented Mr. report that the soil is wet for two feet or more. With cloudy The program was held in the skies and more moisture promised this week, people were cheered with the prospect that the condition would further improve, and the good chance that there would be spring and early summer rains gave a definite boost to optimism. "The rain couldn't education organization of 150 leadhave fallen any better," was the verdict of ranchers and farmers who, despite the fact that they are keeping "their fingers crossed" after so many seasons of promise and disappointment, were full of growing optimism.

> Good Grain. Grain crops were in the best condition they have been at this time of the year in almost a decade. Prospects for a fine which can be harvested com-

With increasing sheep and catof curculio, Brown rot and other was already evident from the to Mr. Smith's orchard where fall when not enough peanuts Mr. Foster demonstrated proper were harvested to cover the corner of a good-sized parking lot, and cattle were being sold off of burned off ranges because cattlemen couldn't afford the cost of feeding them when there was

Real estate dealers report a renewed demand for farms from out-of-the-area people but that the numbers of sellers is small. Welcome Change.

Whether or not the promise of the new season is realized later on, the fact remains that present conditions are a distinct and welcome change from the record of the past few years when winter and early spring months were full of unseasonable warmth, sudden dry northers and dust storms. There has been

Farmers, business men and peostores at their peak and the ple generally are hopeful that there will not be.

Records at the City Hall showand muddy fields, too wet to enter, attested the verdict. It looked like old times.

problem is, he said, to convince ginning Friday, February, 22 and the urban markets in Texas continuing through Sunday even- Mayor Walter Smith announcwhere a high percentage of out- ing, Feb. 24, it was announced ed this week that he will be a of-state people have come to by Rev. Harold Mills, pastor. candidate for re-election in the work, that Texas peaches are Services will be held each even- regular municipal election on ing at 7:30 preceded by a prayer April 2. Mr. Laird, who in addition to service at 7. There will also be The terms of the mayor and Denney also assured the Lions District Tuesday night renewed his duties at Tarleton College a service Saturday morning at three members of the council

County and at other places, but The weatherman had some nice Other teachers will be elected marketing through retail food The preacher will be Jimmy Henry. None of these had Halliburton of Howard Payne cated by Wednesday Marketing of tree-ripened fruit | College and the song services not he would be a deserted hostages, money and place as a substitute teacher in said he could make it rain be- Mr. and Mrs. Junior Wolf and which is the trend today, re- will be led by Don Ingle, also

NEW CED CHAIRMAN



Fabian Buckruch

Donald K. David

Donald K. David, chairman of the executive committee of the Ford Foundation, director of several corporations and former dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration at Harvard University, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Committee for Economic Development, the national economic research and ing American businessmen. He will succeed J. D. Zellerbach, who resigned when he was appointed United States Ambassador to Italy by President Eisenhower, Besides his long association with business education Mr. David has had wide business experience and is a director of American Maize-Products Co., General Electric Company, R. H. Macy & Co., Inc., the Ford Motor Company, and Aluminum Limited. He is the author of several books and papers on economics.

Bob Carter, Now Recovered, Takes Over Com'r Duties

County Commissioner Bob Carter Monday actively took over his duties on the Eastland County Commissioners Court.

Bob, who was elected to his first term on the court last November after being nominated out of a field of four candidates in the July Democratic primaries, suffered a heart attack in December, shortly before he was to assume office on January 1.

While he convalesced, former Comm'r Henry Carter (no relation) who did not offer for re-election, looked after his du-

Bob is now completely recov-

Rising Star High School Band in Concert Monday

The Rising Star High School Wildcat Band under the direction of Miss Peggy Tate, will present its Spring concert at the High School gym next Monday evening (Feb. 25) at 7:30 o'clock. Admission charges will be 50 cents for adults and 35 cents for children.

The 40-members band will present a varied program under Miss Tate's baton, ranging from overtures to popular numbers. Members of the Elementary School music classes-also directed by Miss Tate-will sing on

Roach, B. B. Morris and

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The Threat to Family Farms

Politicans frequently talk of the need for protecting and main- cents higher prices. taining the institution of the family farm. Yet, in the expert view of Roger Fleming, secretary-treasurer of the American Farm Bu- rounds offering lower bids, had spots, as all grades and classes judge. I was present when the reau Federation, "Ill conceived programs allegedly designed to to pay strong to 50 cents higher cleared early at strong prices. protect the small family farmer constitute the most dangerous prices for fat cattle or face a threat to family farmers." He amplified that in specific terms | shutout. Cows also sold on a lambs cashed at \$16.50 to \$19, Breckenridge from Graham to by saying: "So far as I'm concerned the greatest threat, other stronger basis in view of aggres- both wooled lambs and some Eastland after their capture, and than atheistic Communism itself, to the commercial family farm small packer and shipper de- fancy shorn lambs with Fall shorn I stood in the 91st District Court is what I refer to as the 'politics of equal shares'. It is the mand. Bulls were steady. process through which the power of government is used to distribute the right to produce politically on the basis of one share,

This illustrates a fundamental weakness—and a fundamental danger-in any government farm program. By their very nature fewer cattle on farms in the \$17.50 downward. More recent- in the Huntsville chair, fighting these programs must be political programs, based upon all manner United States, as of January 1. ly shorn types sold from \$16.50 to the last, so they said. of political compromises and political considerations. They almost The USDA in announcing the down. always lead to greater political power over agriculture and the estimate also pointed out that Cull to medium lambs cashed ignoble end. Likewise sentenced farmer. To quote Mr. Fleming once more, "Centralization of pow- swine numbers were off 5% com- at \$12 to \$16.50. Stocker and to death, he was brought to Easter, wherever it occurs, as a general rule is inconsistent with indi- pared with a year earlier, milk feeder lambs sold from \$16 to land on a bench warrent for a vidual liberty, individual responsibility, and human freedom itself."

The only real solution to the farm problem rests with the farmers themselves. They must substitute economic power, controlled by them, for political power, controlled by government. The farmer is fundamentally a producer; he is only secondarily a salesman, and not often a good one at that. Alone he holds so small a part of the productive power of the nation's agriculture that even the biggest of him can exercise little effect upon the conditions of the market. He is at a tremendous disadvantage in maintaining his influence upon the law of supply and demand. He has to take what the market says it will pay without having much influence upon where the price is fixed. His alternative so far has been to reply to government fiat which is responsive not only to his own desires but to the desires of all other segments of the economy, most of them in conflict with his own interests.

When the farmer learns the lesson of organization, and turns the selling of his product over to a corporation formed and owned by himself, and lets that corporation handle his surveys and marketing, devoting himself to producing what the market demands, then he will be able to step into the commodity markets on an equa! footing with the buyer of his goods and have a just and effective influence upon the price he receives. Furthermore, in that organization, he will be able to contract effectively and estimate market needs to such a point that he can regulate and distribute his production in conformity with sound economic principles. He will not need government supports nor any involved governmental program to reduce surpluses. He won't grow surpluses, because he will be able to know within practical limits what he can sell and what he is going to receive for it before he produces. He will place himself on a more even footing with other industry, and he can do so without surrender of farm ownership or his right to manage his own farm as he sees fit. He doesn't have that right now, if he conforms to governmental regu-

The fruit and vegetable growers of California and other sections have learned that lesson. They neither need nor seek government support, and they have an effective voice in the prices they receive.

It is up to the farmer. He can form cooperatives of his own and solve his problem, or he can go his uncooperative way and let the market tell him what he will get, or have government support him at the price of his independence and a high cost in taxes. If he does not meet the issue himself some of these daysperhaps in the not too distant future—it is reasonable to believe that highly organized and big industrial units are going to take over most of the agricultural field, and when that time comes the little man is a "gone goslin'."

County Show Fat

The fat lamb class at the an-

Show to be held at that city

March 29 and 30th is again ex-

due to the popularity of the

project among FFA and 4-H

Club boys, according to C. M.

McCain, general show superin-

Over 100 lambs from all parts!

of the county are expected to

be shown. They will be judged

Jimmy Kehoe, Fort Worth, buy-

er for one of the largest meat

packers will place the lambs as

grade. Boys with lambs grad

ing prime will receive \$5, while

and those with lambs grading |

good will get \$2. As the lambs

are graded they are marked with

blue chalk to designate their

grade. A grand and reserve

champion lamb is picked from

Clinton Ray Humphries, East-

Lambs will be either ewe or

Jerry Erwin "A" on Tarleton Roll

Seventy one Tarleton State Lambs Class Due the "A" and "B" Honor Roll for To Be Largest

Jerry Erwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Erwin of Sabanno, was listed on the "A" honor roll. | nual Eastland County Livestock He is majoring in electrcial en-

Jerry attended school here dur- pected to be the largest in years ing his ward school days.

P-TA Council Will Meet in Rising Star

The Eastland County Council Parent Teacher Association will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, February 22, in the home of Mrs. on a packer basis at 9:30 a.m. La Vern Carroll, 114 South Mil- on the second day of the show. ler, Rising Star.

DAUGHTER BORN

either prime, choice or good in | Mr. and Mrs. Jack Agnew have announced the birth of a daughter at Rising Star Hospital at 3 those grading choice will get \$3 a.m. Saturday morning. Mother and daughter were doing well. The baby, who has been named Mary Jean, is their third child and second daughter.

Guests in the Tom Baker home those grading prime. last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. S. W. (Doc) Adams and son of land, will be in charge of this Maskell. They also visited Mrs. class. dams' children in Fort Worth.

> mutton lambs. Harvey of Irving spent | Fat pigs can either be gilts ek-end with his grand- or barrows. They must come and Mrs. W. P. Lyon, within a weight limit of from 75 to 300 pounds. Those coming erry Lyon. below or over this weight will

son of Mr. be disqualified and not allowed; is home to be shown. | and girls from Eastland and ad- | -as siy and fat pigs are limited to boys paul par Entires of 1at steers, fat lambs of unnt

Cattle Prices at Fort Worth Higher

FORT WORTH.—After a week end of study of the cattle population figures released late last week, coupled with reports of rain across Texas, the people who buy stockers and feeders donned their rose-colored glasses at Fort Worth Monday. Their which included lower prices.

lings with the opening siren, and strong to 50 cents higher prices

Fewer Cattle.

also estimated 2% under a year No. 1 or Fall shorn pelts.

earlier. Cattlemen, long critical of the effects of high cattle population figures which revealed 95,166,000 head on farms and ranches, down 1,638,000 from last year and the smallest estimate since 1953.

estimated to have 26,370,000 stock sheep, 5% less than a year ago, and the decline was credited to trials and his testimony of the stock sheep numbers estimated at the youngest, fired his gun into 4,374,000, were down 14%.

Fat Lambs Climb.

Trade was active and prices prevailed with some feeder cat- strong at Fort Worth as light tle 50 cents to \$1 ahead of last supplies of sheep and lambs arweek. The surge carried slaugh- rived and reports of beneficial Mrs. W. E. Tyler of Rising Star, ter calves along to strong to 50 rains in the big sheep country was the prosecutor in the cases Packers, out on the early as much as 50 cents higher in of Eastland was the presiding

cow numbers were down 1% \$18.50, wooled feeders at the hearing on appeal in the district and at the lowest levels since higher figure, and shorn feeders court. He seized a moment of 1929. Sheep and lambs were at \$18 downward when carrying opportunity at supper time in

When times are difficult we are aware of the blessings we miss, but all too often we are not properly conscious of the blessings we do receive.

Let us not forget to be grateful for the good rains which our section has received this week.

JOYCE INSURANCE AGENCY

"The Proof of the Pudding"

The proof of the pudding is in the eating, so goes the old saying. And nothing could be truer with respect to soil conservation.

Those farmers and ranchers who in years past took advantage of every opportunity to save their soil and conserve the moisture which falls will reap the greatest benefit from the present showers.

Our Wealth Is in Our Soil. This Bank Salutes Those Progressive Landowners, Farmers and Ranchers Who Followed Good Conservation Practices in the Past. They Made It Possible for Us to Stay Here Despite a Prolonged Drouth.

First State Bank

RISING STAR, TEXAS



W. E. TYLER President

F. W. ROBERDS Vice-president shier

SPECS-

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estimates, were happy with the finally captured, the last two of them near Graham after they had wandered in the Brazos Val-Thirteen Western states were ley for days, near starvation and tired to exhaustion.

Woody was a witness at the Texas and South Dakota. Texas manner in which one of the men, the air during the battles rather Hogs on farms January 1 were than shoot to kill is credited optimism carried replacement estimated at 52,207,000 head, with saving the life of the man cattle and calves into new high down 5% from a year earlier. and making it possible for him ground and upset packer strategy Cornbelt (12 North Central to reform and after his prison States) reveals a decline of 7% term to establish himself as a Feeder interests went after while Iowa the No. 1 swine successful and respected business fleshy to fat steers and year- state, was off 12% from last year. man in a town not too far from Rising Star. Of the others fate and the law executed sterner verdicts.

Joe H. Jones, a brother of were coming in. Fat lambs were and Judge George L. Davenport Rangers brought Henry Helms Good and choice slaughter and another of the gang through pelts at the top. Most of the room and heard the judge pass shorn lambs with No. 1 or Fall the sentence of death as decreed The most bullish news of the shorn pelt, sold from \$18.50 down; by a jury and upheld by the season was contained in the Crop No. 2 pelt lambs cashed at \$18 appellate court upon the sullen, Reporting Board's estimate of 2% down; and No. 3 pelts sold from heavily chained Helms. He died

> Ratliff came to an even more the county jail, killed the jailer and made a break. He was recaptured but an infuriated mob, gathering like a thunderstorm, simply overpowered the law, took him in charge, and hanged him to a light pole on the rear of the lot where the Connellee Hotel now stands.

He went to his death meekly, surrendered to his fate, the last desperate card of his game played out.

That was the Santa Claus ank robbery, a national sensaion of such proportions that i eastern papers and even foreign periodicals carry volumes of data about it in their morgues and on anniversaries and other appropriate times revive accounts f it in their pages. Woody and others who participated willingly or unwillingly in the episode, have been called frequently for interviews by writers for these periodicals.

Boyce House, well-known Texas author and humorist who was a newspaper correspondent cov-

ering the robbery, has written use Mr. Humphery's now cele counts of the episode.

you some first hand information doesn't have to imagine who

interesting and voluminous ac- brated term, would "curl your hair." When, and if he reads And Woody Harris can give wild western shoot 'em up, he based on an experience that, to it's like. He knows.



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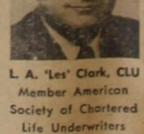
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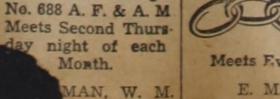
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Garrison Urges Motorists to Get Stickers Early

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, prevailed upon Texas automobile owners to "do their shopping early" this year in an effort to reduce the last minute rush for inspection stickers at the close of the 1957 motor vehicle inspection period. The deadline is April 15.

On information received from George W. Busby, chief of the department's Motor Vehicle Inspection Division, the state police director said only one-third | of the state's four million vehicle owners have obtained their 1957 inspection stickers to date. He urged motorists to have their cars and trucks inspected now, as a means of saving time for themselves and to avoid a last minute congestion at inspection stations throughout Texas.

Last year, as was true in most preceeding years, vehicles overcrowded inspection stations during the last week of of the inspection period. More than a million automobiles were caught in the last minute rush, resulting in a loss of even more millions of manhours for the owners of those vehicles.

toring public to adopt as a means states and sections. of saving time and afford better convenience for the vehicle owners involved.

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ORCHARD MEET—

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old system, he said. Piling peaches in baskets and the market." large containers causes bruising

kle paper cups produce a more

sure their arriving in the stores storage he can contract to sell in ready-to-eat condition. They to a merchant with the certainty shouldn't be picked too ripe, he that he will have the peaches said, otherwise they will not hold to deliver on time. up for the necessary two or three days after they are placed on the store counter.

"Stand Back of Fruit." "Stand back of the fruit you sell," advised Mr. Laird. "Sell your peaches and deliver them in such condition that you can face the merchant the next time. receives a complaint of any kind you will replace the fruit, and to produce a variety of white nounced. do it. The customer is the judge. You can't skimp and expect to business must be built on mudealing. I am not making a marketing and home consumpmoral lecture. I'm just talking tion have been developed, he business sense."

Attractive packaging, good quality, ready-to-eat peaches and peaches that taste like they ought to taste are necessary if we are Garrison called upon the mo- to compete with fruit from other

> There are three principal peach markets, Mr. Laird said. They for canning and for quick freezing. Peaches sold by the bushel and half bushel go mostly into the canning market, and the market for this type of peach is limited. Peaches for quick freezing must be completely ripe.

The fresh eating peach which of an undetermined origin two brings the highest price must weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Wal- receive the greatest amount of drep were moving to Brown- care in picking, packaging and wood at the time and lost only selling. The demand for this a portion of their furniture in- kind of peach is more limited cluding a refrigerator and a tele- than any other, but the returns

He suggested that growers get

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Mr. Laird.

"You are not going to sell every peach for a profit," he said. "Better to feed some of them to the hogs than depress

Some method of storage other and loss of much good fruit. than natural storage to keep a Shallow containers and placing supply of good, fresh peaches on the peaches in individual crin- hand is a necessity, Mr. Laird said. It is impossible for a attractive and better selling grower to estimate how many peaches he will be able to gather Peaches should be picked at | from his orchard at a given exactly the right moment to in- time. By having a supply in

Mr. Randolph listed a large number of table and juice grapes with which the Montague Experiment Station is working in an effort to develop good productive domestic and commercial grape varieties for this area.

"I think that grape production has a definite place in any well-Tell your merchant that if he balanced program of diversified farming, he said. While efforts seedless grape suitable for commercial production in this secbuild a repeat business. Your tion have not yet been entirely successful; a number of grapes tual confidence, trust and honest of excellent quality for local

developed for this section, he M. said. Another unnamed seedless variety has been developed at the station which has a good Mrs. W. R. Gibson at Pioneer flavor when full ripe, but its week-end before last were their

the finding of a suitable root- hachie. stock for grape growing is the grafted grapes, he said, but one. grapes which have different root stock from the tops are more productive and much more drouth resistant than rooted plants, he said.

Control of Insects.

Mr. Foster said there are six together to resist pressure to cut periods in peach production Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bowers prices. When one grower cuts which are vital in insect and and Donna and Chris of Fort his price for immediate sale, he fungus control. The first is when Worth were week-end guests of puts himself in the position of the buds are pink and subject Mrs. Bowers' parents, Mr. and having to accept a cut price on to attack by the peach twig borall other deliveries and under- er. This insect is not as dammines his own business. He's aging as curculio and brown rot. Advertising doesn't cost-It pays! just cutting his own throat, said A 50 per cent wettable DDT spray will control the borer.

The next spray stage is when 75 per cent of the petals have fallen. Wettable dieldrin and wettable sulphur, or wettable parathion and wettable sulphur sprays should be applied. This catches the "catfacing" insects such as stink bugs, and brown rot fungus.

The next spray should follow in 11 to 14 days after the shuck spray and the same ingredients may be used. A second spray 14 to 21 days later, using wettable sulphur only for early va-

Completes Recruit Training in Marines

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (FHTNC) Paul R. Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Perkins of Route 1, Rising Star, Tex., completed recruit training Feb. 21 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

The 12-week course included instruction in all basic military subjects and the firing of all basic infantry weapons.

Upon completion of training, the new Marines are assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for further infantry training, or to one of the many Marine Corps schools.

Methodist WSCS Luncheon Monday

The WSCS of the First Methodist Church will serve their regular monthly luncheon, to which the public is invited, at 11:30 a.m. next Monday, it was an-

Postmaster and Mrs. Charlie Smith have gone to Denver, Colo., to visit their sons. Accompanying them were Mr. and The Stout variety is the most Mrs. Almu Carter, son-in-law promising seedless variety so far and daughter of Las Cruces, N,

Guests in the home of Mr. and are the market for fresh eating potentialities are as yet unknown. daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mr. Montague indicated that Mrs. Gene O'Donnell of Waxa-

> answer to the problem of com- rieties and the same ingredients mercial grape production in Tex- as in the shuck spray for midas. The expense of grafting season and cover, should about grapes on rootstocks is the reason | 30 days before harvest and wetthat nurserymen do not offer table DDT can be added to this



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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for a unique place in the hstory of fear, and too happy to permit the Republic, which owes to him low life" the presence of trouble.

EDITORAL

"Father of His Country" The twenty-second of Feb-1732, at a farm in Vircalled Wakefield, a son was born to Augustine and Mary Washington. This child, George of His Country". Washington, became the holder of the highest office of our President of the United EDUCATED MAN

The time George Washwas a young boy, he loved his country and the spirit Therty and freedom. When Washington was about twenty, he joined the army and was sery successful in helping to the French out of Penasylvania, Several years later he had risen to the rank of colonel. After his marriage in Washington resigned his commission and settled down at Meant Vernon. He was sent as information is in. a delegate to both the first and Continental Congresses. who knows. In 1735, when war with Great 3. One who never laughs at collision. Janis Jones gave a Britian was declared, Washing- new ideas. was chosen to be Comman- 4. One who cross-examines Weise gave a report on two airder Chief of the American army. his daydreams. As Commander in Chief, Wash- 5. One who knows his strong Mary Lois White reported on the ington did more than any other point and plays it. ower the Federal Convention them. when the Constitution of the 7. One who knows when not Dark Continent. Jettie Sue Dug-United States of America was to think and when to let the ex- gan reported on this also. La and was elected first pert do his thinking for him. ent of the original thir- 8. One who doesn't buy magic. Leftovers Find Success." states. He served his post | 9. One who lives the forward-As President of the United outward way of life. Washington acted again | 10. One who cultivates a love meeting, February 3. and again to hold the young Re- for the beautiful. public together, and to start the on its path toward great- AMBITIONS Washington retired from Without ambitions, the soul ATTENDS BOOK REVIEW his political career a tired, weary is lost." These words were The Speech Class of Rising On December 14 1799, the spoken by one of the world's Star High attended the Saturday master of Mount Vernon breath- greatest poets and dramatists, Club meeting held at the local

> Be happy! Live Better -

> > Electrically

ed his last breath.

George Washngton holds its very existence. In the his--Christian D. Larson tory of the world, no man has done more to help any country than Washington did to help the this perfect tribute to Washington soon after his death: "First is truly lost. in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen"-George Washington, the "Father

Mrs. Claborn

"TEN MARKS OF AN

A very interesting talk was given at the P. T. A. meeting last Tuesday, Feb. 12, by the Rev. Willie C. Hazel. He spoke on the subject, "We, the People, Link Our Schools to Life". The highed in the "Ten Marks of an Edlights of his speech were climaxucated Man", taken from the "A merica n Magazine", 1925, which were given as follows:

1. One who keeps his mind open on every question until all

man toward winning the Revol- 6. One who knows the value Maynard reported on Uncle Sam's War. He presided of good habits and how to form Income for 1958. Karen Steel

IT'S HERE

SAVINGEST

WASHDAY

-THE

EVER!

many of his words, they remain during class period to hear Santrue to today, because without dra Bradley, a member of the ambition, the soul is truly lost.

In this day and time, it is very local high school review "Sand important to have a goal in life in My Eyes", a biography by or ambition, as it is sometimes | Seigniora Russell Laune who called. There are several reasons for this. One is that the best The class and its sponsor enjobs call for those persons with joyed the meeting very much. a good education, along with foresight and ambition. I know you have heard over and over Feb. 1; new officers were seagain the importance of a good lected as follows: education, but I don't think this also a stepping stone to am-

Another reason for ambition is that it is essential for the full four club meetings in order that enjoyment of life. Without ambition, you would be satisfied portunity to serve as an officer. with things as they are; you would have no desire to better yourself. You might it a "shal-

So you must have ambition to live a full life in addition to having a good job or position. United States. Harry Lee gave again say that, today more than enough for our grand first Presi- joyable one. The admission ever, without ambition, the soul

-Bill Rutherford

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Current Events Club was called to order February 1 at eleven o'clock by Robert Mor- thatrow. It was an interesting meeting. A nominating comimttee selected a new slate of officers. These officers were elected:

President Carolyn Perry Vice-President Gary Maynard Secretary Wesley Walker Reporter Frank Weise

After this, we gave some very intersting reports. Welsey Walker gave a report on "The Budget a hard worker, and has lots of we were marching. There isn't for 1958". Carolyn Perry reported on Africa. Douglas Walker gave a report on the Presi-2. One who listens to the man | dent Meets a King. John Bob Wilson reported on the airplane good report on Africa. Frank planes that collided in mid-air. President Meets a King. Gary reported on Light Comes to the Veda Boggs reported on "These

> After the reports the meeting was adjourned until the next Frank Weise, Reporter

BETTER SPEECH CLUB

Wiliam Shakespeare; but, like library, Wednesday afternoon drummer, nice to be around. class and a senior student in the ways nice and helpful. wrote the book at the age of 80.

> At an earlier meeting of the Better Speech Club on Friday,

President, Eugene Bishop; Vice BAND NEWS importance can be stressed President, Bill Rutherford; Secenough. A good education is retary, Larry McCollum; Reporter, Ronald Alford; Parliamen- and, boy, have we been getting tarian, Sandra Bradley.

each member may have an op-Ronald Alford Reporter

FRESHMEN IN THE NEWS

The Fish arriving on the George Washington Special, February 22, 1957. How can we say And in closing, I would like to or do anything / really special dent? Being his birthday. this would be a perfect time to start and 50c for adults. We hope to to pattern ourselves after him, a English II truly outstanding person. Not many of us have the persever- 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will be ance to live by the old legend of featured singing several numthe hatchet and the cherry tree. bers.

We must continue to say nice, descriptive things about our

boy; tall, proud, and good-look- forms.

blond and blue-eyed.

er; friendly, jolly, and happy. and usually surprised.

black, wavy hair. Ronnie Alford is a grand bass around this joint.

Wesley Walker (Wick) is the live-wire; the life of the party, a wonderful friend.

We have more Fish than we thought we had. More next

Love to be loved. A.S.F.S.A. Reporter-Jan

It happened! We started having marching practice last week town that afternoon in the old | a workout! Mary Haynes, our Officers are changed after Assistant Drum Major, has been working us out as she will be the drum major at the Brady festival, March 1 and 2. Despite our lack of practice, our marching looks good, all things considered.

> The next big event on our agenda is our concert scheduled for the 25th of February. We are working on our program and we feel that it will be an enprices will be 35c for students see a large crowd there for we know you will enjoy it. The 5th,

The band is now in the process of getting white spats and classmates. You will soon find gloves. We are all very excited about this as we feel they will Gary Maynard is such a nice add a lot of color to our uni-

Miss Tate was missing from Pat Agnew is oh, so athletic; the premises last Thursday and Friday. We missed her dread-Cute Robert Morrow is a lead- fully (honest we did, Miss Tate) but we surely didn't loaf while Joe Bob Sharpe is surprising you were gone! Mary and Tressie took care of us out on the Gerald Green is talented and football field-you guessed ita chance in the world to rest

That's about it for this week, | broken-down car. A John Bob Wilson is the nice I guess. Have any of you fig- the house, her mothe headache; always pesky, but al- ured out what TRSHSWBWWI LDI? means. I'll let you know when it comes.

A POINTLESS STORY

It was a dark night, with charge accounts that heavy clouds and scarcely a star than ten months old." T in sight. The farmer's daugh- asked him to help here ter had gone to get a bucket of car, for "I just can't water from the well. The gen- starter to work," she sa tle sound of many cow bells man who was fooking came ringing on the winter air. store window kept watchi She was thinking of her trip to and a woman with a

her to bring her ten cen of flour and a large can for the fence. The man store asked her, "Did yo the cash to pay for these We're going to get (Continued on Pass

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Mrs. George Goss, who underwent surgery in our local hos- major surgery. pital, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Bryan Milner is caring | Read the Classificas

Misses Olene and Maudene Hosts Seated Tea crks in the Ben Franklin store sacting business in Rising Star on Saturday and later visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar As Library Benefit on Saturday and later visited



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for her mother, Mrs. John May Teen-Age Club Singer, a solo, was sung by Teague, who is quite ill. May Teen-Age Club Dorothy Smith, accompanied by

The May Teen-Age Library Mrs. James Wolf is resting | Club sponsored a seated Valenwell in our local hospital after tine Tea Sunday, February 10, in the May school auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

> Guests were greeted at the door by Dorothy Ann Smith, president of the club, who presented them to the receiving line, composed of Misses Maudie Jo Fields, Brown County Librarian, and Marie Hurst, secretary of the club; and Messrs. J. B. Shannon. Roy Morrison, and J. J.

In the foyer Joan Johnson presided over the register and directed the visitors to the lacelaid table, appointed in silver with white satin ribbon decorated with red hearts.

Janice Hodnett, and Barbara Mrs. B. B. Morris. heart-shaped cookies.

kets, marking the two entrances McDonald and Mrs. H. L. Geye. into the auditorium, where the program was held and where Baptist WMU Will . Weldon Stephenson played the Have Guest Speaker

ed on the text: "We love Him hour.

Burleson, and Joan Johnson, act the women of the church are with spring flower centerpiece. of Fort Worth visited home folks Mrs. Pressley's parents, Mr. and the church are with spring flower centerpiece. here recently.

Mrs. H. E. Sprayberry over the and "Whithen They Good" by Jean Ann Ford; urged to attend. The program of the loveliest of the church are with spring flower centerpiece. here recently. and "Whither Thou Goest" by begins at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Shannon. Two book review condensations, "The Greatest Story Ever Told" by Ousler President Guest and "Quo Vadis" by Sienkiewicz, were given respectively by Marie Hurst and Geraldine King.

Mr. Shannon gave recognition to Miss Fields in appreciation

ette McInnis and Barbara Snod-

WMU Meets Monday For Mission Program

white bows, stood in floor bas- Prayers were led by Mrs. G. E. student's tuition fund.

Decorated with hearts and The women of the First Bapflanked with tall green palms, tist Church will have an all day the gold satin concert curtain meeting at the church on Frion the stage formed the setting day, February 22. Each woman for the program, the theme of is asked to take a covered dish, which was "Love for Jesus," bas- and enjoy fellowship at the noon

because He first loved us." I Mrs. E. A. Cain, Mission Study

State Federation Of Saturday Club

Mrs. A. J. House of Yoakum, in the Landreth home. Good-byes were said to Claud- Texas. At 12:30 a luncheon was given in her honor at the Elite near Abilene. Cafe. Afterwards the club as-Several books were donated to sembled in the library club house and sons of Batson, Texas, visthe school libraries and approxi- for her most instructive infor- | ited relatives here recently. mately seventy persons attended mation on club work and the the tea.-Mrs. J. B. Shannon, projects the Texas Federation is and David of Abilene visited the sponsoring.

next two years will be to help Texas. He is still going to San foreign students. The Texas Fed- Angelo for two treatments each to college and Mr. and Mrs. to go to work again. The W.M.U. of the First Bap- House are sending two. This and centered with a heart tree, tist Church met Monday, Feb. 18, work is in memory of their only flanked by tall red tapers tied at 2:30 with 17 members present. daughter, who lived in Korea of his aunt, Mrs. I. A. White The mission program was pre- with her husband, an officer in recently. sented by Mrs. Lee Clark. Other the Korean War. She wrote a Dorothy Lindley, Elsie Snod- members taking part on the pro- book of her experience in Korea grass, and Mrs. J. B. Shannon gram were: Mrs. Clark Crown- and it stressed the need of edualternated at the spiced tea ser- over, Mrs. H. L. Geye, Mrs. Chas. cation among the natives. Those vice while Claudette McInnis, Watson, Mrs. J. R. Bucy and wishing to read the book, will be interested in knowing it is Snodgrass took turns serving Mrs. H. C. Fridge presided at now in our public library. Her Brown and family recently. Mr. the business meeting. Mrs. F. daughter passed away in 1955. Furthering the red and white W. Roberds spoke on Week of Mrs. House is a talented musicolor scheme, tall bouquets of Prayer. Mrs. F. W. Roberds re- cian and has written a song: red pyracantha berries and minded those present of an all "Texas Federation". The sale of greenery, tied with huge red and day meeting on Friday, Feb. 22. each copy will go for our foreign

The club presented her a Sunday afternoon, Feb. 10. "money corsage", consisting of a

Her lecture on "Abundant Living Through Service", which is sons, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Rey-

Chairman of Cisco Association, served coffee and cake, for a Club at May Sunday afternoon, "Whispering Hope," a trio, was will review the book, "Home beautiful table, accented with a Feb. 10. sung by Dorothy Smith, Patricia Missions in the U. S. A." All gorgeous madeira table linen of Fort Worth visited her Alford and children of Irvin

occasions of the year.—Reporter.

STORY NO. 8

Narcotics, Liquor, Women, Gambling: They're All Part of the Duval Story

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.-No selfrespecting boss-run barony is
complete without its quota of
syndicated sin. And Duval County,
Texas, is no exception.

For the moment "the heat is
on" and the gambling wheels are
stilled, night sin-spots like El
Ranchito are closed, most of the
women of easy virtue are in exile
and traffic in illegal liquor and
narcotics is very much under
wraps.

One disgruntled deputy sheriff,
raging at the Rangers who put
him out of business, moved his
house of prostitution, lock, stock
and women, all the way to Houston.

The Rangers armed with in-Texas, is no exception.

For the moment "the heat is on" and the gambling wheels are stilled, night sin-spots like El Ranchito are closed, most of the women of easy virtue are in exile and traffic in illegal liquor and narcotics is very much under

The Rangers, armed with injunctions obtained by the Attorney General's office, simply padlocked the town.

"It was just like the good old days of prohibition," said Captain Alfred Allee, regarded by his fellows and by his superiors in Austin as one of the greatest Rangers of them all.

The merchants of sin fumed case.

Previous articles in this series have pointed out that this utterly fantastic county is a product of its isolated geography, its history and its people. But history fades and people change. So in Duval. Democracy is raw, red meat, nourishing stuff on which a man, or a people, can grow strong. In Duval the people are feeding full.

The merchants of sin fumed and fretted, appealed to the courts for injunctions of their own, tried every trick that wily lawyers could dream up. It was no soap. The places stayed closed and the gambling apparatus, the wheels and the dice and the tables, stayed carted away.

strong. In Duval the people are feeding full.

George B. Parr is fighting, and fighting desperately, for his political life and for his physical liberty. There's something magnificent and awesome about a good fighter, even when he's on the opposite side.

According to Attorney General

Carted away.

Quite naturally Captain Allee,
Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, and all the others who had declared war on the Duchy of Duval and on its up-to-then undisputed ruler, Boss Parr, were roundly cursed by the purveyors of iniquity. The machine went even further.

This writer has a large opposite side.

According to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, to District Attorney Sam Burris, to Lawyer Jacob Floyd of Alice, and to half a hundred other Parr opponents I've talked to, the Duke of Duval is fighting his last big fight. The Duke, they say, is through, fining his liked.

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Allee and Ranger Joe Bridge.

If these killings had been carried out, they would not have been the first political murders in that seething section of deep South Texas. Several years before Lawyer Jacob Floyd and District Judge Sam Reams had been marked for death. The pistoleros got their signals mixed and killed Floyd's son by mistake. The life of the Attorney General has been signals mixed and before."

Jones.

"Look at it this way," said Jones to me. "This is an election year and the politicos are making hay. All this will blow over. These civil suits and indictments are pure politics and once the shouting is over they'll be allowed to die very quietly. You're a stranger to this part of Texas or you'd know all of this has happen in the country of Duval.

However. Luther Jones to the contrary, there is a vast difference between the Duval of 1936 and the Duval of 1956. (As a matter of fact, there is a vast difference between the Duval of 1954 and 1956, which will be the subject of the two final articles in this series.)

Floyd's son by mistake. The life of the Attorney General has been threatened three times.

The gambling, the women and the illegal liquor may have departed from Duval, for the time being at least, but the narcotics picture isn't so pretty.

Should you happen to be driving along the Benavides road, Highway 59 to Laredo, or along Highway 44 through Freer, you may hear the engine of a hedgehopping airplane. It won't land so long as your car or any other car, except very special ones known to the pilot, is in the vicinity.

Once your car is out of sight the plane will touch down on the highway and its cargo will be quickly transferred to an automobile and the plane immediately takes off, flying low. This transfer always takes place in the early morning.

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The cargo is heroin and marinal went back to long ago when I was just breaking into newspaper work on the old "Chicago Evening American." In those days Al Capone was running the reaches. I once met the King of the Racketeers and a right charming for fawned upon the Duke, couted his favors, jumped when hend the Alcatraz for income tax evasion.

In New York I've met Frank Costello, he of the television hands that Senator Kefauver made so famous. Talking to him hands that Senator Kefauver made so famous. Talking to him hands that Senator Kefauver made so famous. Talking to him hands that Senator Kefauver made so famous. Talking to him hands that Senator Kefauver made so famous. Talking to him hands that Senator Kefauver made so famous. Talking to him hands that Senator Kefauver made so famous and the very special ones known to the pilot, is in the vicinity.

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Jones, who is nothing if not frank, admits without any quibbles that his client is no saint. He depicts George B. Parr as a man who gets what he wants when he wants it and who isn't overly squeamish about methods. And Jones had admitted as much in open court, many times

Duke's nepnew, Archer Parr II, is ready to take over.

Should this switch happen, Duval history would be repeating itself. George Parr deposed his father just twenty years ago.

Archer Parr is a personable young man, 35, a Marine veteran, a family man, educated, and well schooled in the rough and tumble of Duval politics. He has served as sheriff under his uncle.

George B. Parr "did time" in Federal prison, in El Reno, Oklahoma, back in 1936. The charge was cheating on his income tax. When he got back home to San Diego he was greeted as a hero, as a man who had suffered persecution for the sake of his people. He was met by a brass band and by dancing in the streets.

But he returned to find that wire cutters had been at work on the Parr political fences, that his father, Senator Archie Parr, the then reigning Duke of Duval, was unable to ride the range as of old.

George took over the power in

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This writer has a long document before him right now, a document revealing plans for the "liquidation" of Ranger Captain Allee and Ranger Joe Bridge.

If these killings had been carof using the mails to defraud, anything can happen in the coun-

Amity News

Rev. Shannon filled his regular appointment here Sunday, On Friday, February 15 the Feb. 10. He and his family

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watkins Reynolds recently. The Watkins Our newest project for the family are moving to Clyde,

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Millican of Big Spring visited in the home

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bond of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cutler, two weeks ago.

Joe Kennedy from Illinois visited his sister, Mrs. Buster and Mrs. Jackie Brown and little son of Odessa visited the Browns two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson and children of Comanche visited Mr. Robertson and Elizabeth

will be used for the same pur- Mrs. Homer Smith Sunday after- aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. noon, Feb. 10.

Rev. and Mrs. Shannon and her theme for the administration, nolds, Bob and Bonnie, Mrs. ney of Cisco visited relatives and was very beautifully given and Henry Lindley, Dorothy and friends here Sunday. enjoyed by the 18 club members Glenda and Walter Henderson attended the Valentine Tea host-The refreshment committee ed by the Teen Age Library

Saturday Club Sponsors Game Night

The game night at the Public J. H. Ives. Mrs. Ives has been Library was well attended ill. as 27 patrons assembled "forty-two" and bridge.

Eighteen dollars was the re- where he is under treatment.
sult and was added to the Polio Fund. Members of the club wish to express their appreciation for the cooperation shown. During the social hour, pie and coffee were served.

Evalene Hutton, Bride-Elect, Feted At Gift Party

Miss Evalene Hutton, who will for her many years of efficient Saturday Club was honored with were dinner guests in the Rey- wed Tom Edge of Abilene, was service to the May school libra- a visit from the State President, nolds home and supper guests honored with a gift party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Dwayne Griffin is working Ware on February 16. Assisting Mrs. Ware in entertaining were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alford | Mrs. R. E. Darnell, Mrs. Don Harris and Mrs. Ken Willett. Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Harris. In the receiving line were the honoree, her mother, Mrs. B. H. Hutton, her sister, Mrs. Carter Jones and the

> The bride-elect's chosen colors eration will send at least one week but is about to get able of blue and white were used in decorations. Many useful gifts were displayed. Coffee, cocoa, sandwiches and cookies were served. Eighty-five beautiful and useful gifts were presented to Miss Hutton, who expressed her appreciation. Good-byes were said to the hostesses.

Miss Pauline Roberds, who teaches in Brownwood public schools, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberds, during the week end.

Little Karen Siekman, daugh-Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gray ter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sieknumber of "new coins" which of Rising Star visited Mr. and man of Abilene, is visiting her Clark Crownover.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKinner-

Miss Wanda West, who is a student in Cisco Junior College, has made the honor roll there.

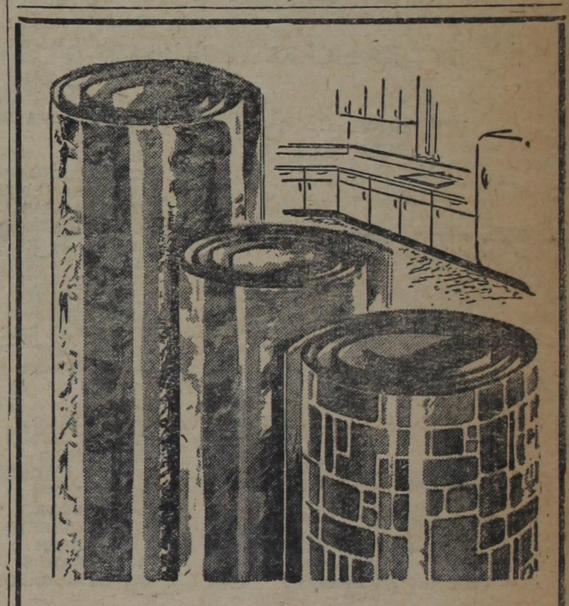
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Pressiev

Mrs. W. A. Lloyd of Loco Hills, N. M., is here to spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mr.

there and enjoyed games of Pete Sutherland is in Harr's Memorial Hospital, Fort Worth,

> Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Crisp and children were here from Jal, It. M., over the week-end.

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Fishermen at Lake Leon Report Good Catches

RANGER.—History was made at Lake Leon during the past week, when large and almost umbelievable strings of crappie pie that weighed six pounds. and bass were reported. The water is in excellent condition wer of Ranger, caught 15 crappie and they were really active un- Friday, Feb. 15 that weighed 18 til Saturday when the weather pounds, the largest one crowding like the last one and we'll all changed and Saturday and Sun-three pounds. clay no large strings were report-

From Frank and Earle's Lodge: Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bonham of Fort Worth, spent the week-end Fort Worth. reported nine crap- with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. pie all of which weighed seven E. B. McCollum. She had as

ed that Lake Leon furnished the Nursing at Fort Worth. finest fishing they had ever seen.

On Feb. 13, C. E. Dowden and Jack Rawls of Ranger, caught eight bass, two weighing three and one-half pounds each and six weighing an average of one pound each. They were caught spincasting on swimming min-

nesday, Feb. 14, F. U. Bourland, tureships at Abilene this week. R. L. Bratton and B. J. Lemley of Ranger caught 50 crappie, the Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wolf and largest weighing two and one- Thomas went to Fredericksburg half pounds and the entire string Sunday to carry Mrs. B. G. Elweighed 70 pounds. The follow- liott to meet Mr. and Mrs. Earl ing night this group returned to Fussell. Mrs. Elliott is to be the lake and reported 30 crappie the guest of the Fussells at Taft, weighing 50 pounds, the largest Texas, for a few weeks. weighing almost three pounds.

Friday, Feb. 16, C. S. Entler and W. F. Loveless of Ranger, reported 11 crappie weighing 16 pounds, with the largest weighing two and one-half pounds. They returned the next day and caught 10 more.

E. F. Arterburn reports that Fred Ellis, H. E. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Arterburn, all of Ranger caught 25 crappie aythe largest weighing two and three-fourth pounds. They were caught at and near the Arterburn cabin.

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Feb. 14, caught 27 crappie, with | WILDCAT TALESthe largest weighing two pounds, and the string weighing 40

H. H. Vaughn and W. A. Reu-

Doris Sue McCollum of TCU and Harris Memorial Hospital, house guests during her visit Drs. George Y. Siddons and Misses Janice Jewitt of Friend, H. W. Drechsel of Fort Worth, Neb., Barbara Smith of Webster on Thursday caught a string of City, Ia., and Rosemary Rasco '29 crappie which weighed 32 of Abilene. All of the girls are pounds, the largest weighing two juniors in Texas Christian Uniand one-half pounds. They stat- versity and Harris College of

net, and family.

Minister H. A. Tansil of the Rising Star Church of Christ Report by H. H. Vaughn: Wed- attended the AAA Bible Lec-

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LARGE KRAFT ENVELOPES

(Continued from Page 4.)

Thursday, Feb. 14, L. Kirk- basket on her arm came over patrick and J. B. Craig of Ran- and sat down beside her. It had ger, caught 50 crappie that weigh- | been a new experience, and anyed 75 pounds, with the largest thing but pleasant—but just then weighing close to three pounds. the March wind blew her hair in Morris Leveille of Ranger, Fri- her eyes, she stumbled and spillday, Feb. 15, caught three crap- ed the water she was carryingand that was that!

Say, Seniors, many more weeks be gray haired by graduation time. Honestly, if you look close enough you'll see some now.

work them up.

Roach was the lucky winner. to be good!

Until next week, everyone try O. A. W. R. F. to make some big news for our Mary Haynes

THE JUNIORS IN THE NEWS The juniors have lived over those three week's tests and are now settled down to one more week before we have to face those six week's tests. After next week we will only have 12 more weeks of school-Hurrah!

What have you done to those basketball girls, Mr. Jones? We gation system. 51/2 H. P. por- are all real proud of their detable pump. Complete layout. termination, spirit, and all the Phone 2653 after 6 p.m. or games you've won. Let's keep write Box 659, Olden, Texas. that spirit and win this district.

So far, Mrs. Claborn has been successfulin holding our undivided attention since we have begun grammar-how about it, traging one and one-half pounds, FOR SALE-Two polled Here- Jack? I think she was well ford two-year-old bulls. On pleased with our three weeks'

days at ranch. Phone 5-2581 nicknames of some of the juniors 2-21-3tp several weeks and we will give

you some more this week. Robert Needham-"Roberta" Jodie Wallace-"Stupid". Billy Rucker-"Ruck" Jaynei Edmiston- Thunks".

Nancy McKinnerney-"Sner-Jack Calloway-"All-District" Donald Crisp-"Cracker". Carl Weathers-"Red"

Anna Little-"Flirt". By the way have any of you figured out my signature? Keep guessing, it will come to you one of these days. A. P. J. E. T. B. A. S.

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SOPH SAYINGS

Here we are slap-dab in the It seems like our units in middle of another six weeks. typing are always due weeks I hate to say this, but I'm getearlier than we have time to ting ready to cut this stuff out, what do you say? But it won't | It seems like every time any be too much longer. (Just three) one mentions test, the first thing | months). We surely are glad to we think of is Chemistry (or vice have Essie back after her extendversa). It is interesting to go ed illness. We surely did miss to lab, but it seems like a test you Essie. By the way, just is always the last (and saddest) what WAS the matter with you, anyway?)

I failed to announce who won | Speaking of famous people, toour Valentine candy, but Weldon | day is George Washington's birthday. Happy birthday George.

Mr. and Mrs. Minter Hardin | We have chosen our Senior | Since the activity around old spent the week end in Evant play and everyone seems excit- R. S. H. S. is rather skimpy visiting her brother, Jack Inab- ed; be sure to save your money this week, it looks like this just so you can come. It is going about does it for this time. Good-by, and don't forget the

> Reporter P. S. Guess who "Helpful Annie" is?

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