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From The Editor's Window

BY MRS. J. S. YEAGER

A total of 239,171 Jewish immigrants from all parts of the world arrived in Israel to make their home during 1949. This number has boosted the population to well over the 1,000,000 mark. The ministry of trade and industry of Israel has announced they have exported to Romania during the past few weeks goods valued at some \$560,000. These exports included oils, pharmaceutical products, artificial teeth, razor blades, and citrus by-products. In return Romania sent Israel timber, paper, livestock, fodder, salt, and chemicals.

Prince Hubertus of Prussia, a grandson of the late Kaiser of Germany, is planning to soon become a sheep rancher in South-west Africa. The ranch he plans to operate was once the property of his grand father. His wife and two children plan to join him soon, not later than next summer, where, they explained, they will help him with the work on the ranch.

It was announced that a charter of King John of England was recently found in a barn near Oxfordshire. The vellum charter was as legible as when it was first written according to the report. An expert from Oxford University took the charter to the University for further study. It was dated in the year 1203.

It is reported that a \$1,000,000 center for religious activities of all kinds is being planned in Stockholm, Sweden. Donations are being received and a special corporation is to supervise the project, according to the report.

Elmer, 13 years old, was puzzled by the girl problem and talked it over with his pal, Pete.

"I've walked to school with her three times," he confided to Pete, "and carried her books. I bought her ice cream sodas twice. Now, do you think I ought to kiss her?" Pete thought it over, then answered, "Naw, you don't need to. You've done enough for her already."

"I want an explanation from you and I want the truth," stated the irate wife.

"Well, make up your mind," he snapped. "You can't have both of them."

It is said that Senator Millard E. Tydings of Maryland, a Democrat and influential and practical minded member of the Congress, has recently appealed to President Truman to call a world disarmament conference "to end the world's nightmare of fear"

A report out of Washington is to the effect that U. S. flags made of nylon are being substituted for the cotton and wool flags that have been in use for generations. The reason given is that a nylon flag will last 3 months while a cotton or wool flag usually lasts only about 30 days. The government is said to use 10,000 to 15,000 flags every year.

Dan Heiser, the second husband of Mrs. Tom Breneman of radio fame, was found dead of a heart

Contact Social Security Agent For Information

Loss of social security benefits, particularly to 65 year old retired workers, continues to be a major problem, according to Ralph T. Fisher, manager of the Abilene Social Security Administration offices.

"The smart thing for a worker to do," said Fisher, "is to contact the social security office when he is 65 and discuss his particular problems with us. Financially successful people apparently became financially successful because they did not overlook their opportunities. We find that very few financially successful workers lose their benefits."

Fisher explained that social security claims may be backdated for a period of three months only and that workers who do not check into their rights within three months after they first became eligible may lose some of the benefits they have paid for.

"The Social Security Office," Fisher concluded, "is a good place for a worker to spend a part of his 65th birthday. Our job is to help workers collect all the payments they are entitled to. However, we can't do this unless the worker comes in and talks it over."

E. Glen McNatt, field representative of the Abilene office, will be at the Post Office in Cisco at 2 p. m. Thursday, March 2. Persons wishing assistance in retirement claims or death claims under the Social Security Act, should call at that time for the necessary help and information.

Gardeners Should Treat Their Seed

Garden tips:—
Gardeners should remember to treat their seeds before planting. Materials used to treat seed are Arasan, Semesan, Yellow Cuprocide, or Ceresan. Treating of your garden seed will aid in controlling many seed born diseases and in preventing fungus attack. It will also be protection against damping off of young plants. In purchasing these materials, be sure to obtain the right kind of dust for your particular kind of seed. Follow directions on the container.

All sweet potatoes should be dipped in a solution of Semesan Bel to aid in the control of black rot and stem rot. Dipping Irish spuds in this same solution before planting will aid in controlling scab and scurf on them.

John Hughes was in from his farm and ranch west of town on Thursday afternoon and while here had his name added to the subscription list of the Putnam News.

attack at his home in Hollywood recently. Mr. Heiser had been a friend of the Breneman family for many years and 15 months after Mr. Breneman's death he married Mrs. Breneman. They were married July 3, 1949. Mr. Heiser was 49 years old at the time of his death.

Socialism Vs. Capitalism Is Biggest Peacetime Issue

Socialism versus capitalism has become the biggest peacetime issue in this country. And yet voters have never had an opportunity at the polls to express a clearcut preference. Everyone appears to be against, European style. At the same time its physical manifestations here in our land is steadily growing.

At the present time the federal government cost us close to \$50 billion a year of our total income of about \$200 billion. The federal, state, and local governments combined take one third of everything we produce. We work for ourselves only two of every three days. With a 40-hour work week we have less than 27 hours, or about three and one third days per week, to produce our food, clothing, and shelter, and to maintain our health and education.

Government already owns a fourth of all the land in the U. S. It has also become the biggest employer in the world. It now has more than 2 million civilian employees. They receive a cold half billion dollars a month.

Many more million citizens have become dependent upon payments, benefits, subsidies, and handouts. One out of every six adult Americans receives checks regularly from Washington. A United Press dispatch sets the figure at 15,830,689. If each check went to a different family, that would mean that 42.7%, or nearly half, of the American families now balance their budget with money from Washington. Each year our tax burdens increase. Each year others join the ever-increasing rank of the nearly 16 million who are directly dependent on Washington's management of their lives in whole or in part.

No one has a greater stake in the issue of socialism in the U. S. than editors.

The most of the above has been reprinted from one of our exchanges, not that newspapermen are wiser than other classes, but that they do have access to more information than most others. In this way a newspaper has a chance to read articles from some of the best writers in the world. The above commentary is in line with the views of The News and thus is passed on to our readers.

Orchard Management Spray Your Peaches

Now is the time to spray your peach and plum trees for scale insects, peach leaf curl, and bacterial spot. This should be done when the trees are dormant. A recommended combination of spray materials that may be mixed together for dormant application is 3 gallons of oil emulsion (97%), 3 lb. basic copper sulphate to 100 gallons of water.

Anyone desiring written instructions on a spraying schedule for peaches and plums and other fruits can visit or write to the county agent, O. K. Werst. Now is the time to get prepared for a complete spraying schedule.

Soil Conservation District Progresses

Supervisors of the lower Clear Fork of the Brazos Soil Conservation District have released their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1949. The large amount of soil conservation work accomplished for the year indicated the good results being received from a coordinated soil conservation program on the land.

The Soil Conservation District, organized by local landowners in 1943, comprises Stephens, Shackelford, and a portion of Callahan County.

As a result, farmers and ranchers within the district are able to receive technical assistance in soil, water, and conservation problems.

Rufus Miller, district supervisor for the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District, took the lead this year, planting 50 acres of Madrid clover.

Dr. N. A. Brown, of Cisco, a member of the Putnam conservation group, had 12 acres of Madrid clover on his farm this week.

T. G. Caudle of the Putnam conservation group will seed 35 acres of Madrid clover in the near future.

C. C. McRorey of the Bayou group No. 1 had six miles of terraces run by the Soil Conservation Service last week. Commissioner Clyde Floyd is now in the process of constructing these terraces.

Mrs. Belle Penny of the Fairview group has six miles and 2,000 feet of diversions staked and ready for construction.

G. M. Smith of the Eula group has three miles of terrace lines on his north field that he will construct soon.

Hiram Cook of the Fairview conservation group has constructed a 4000 yard tank. John Estes of the same group is in the process of building a 5500 yard tank.

Black Walnut Trees Time To Plant Now

The Texas Forest Service is offering black walnut seed this year instead of the trees. These seed have been held moist since fall. They are ready to plant now.

In some ways it is better to plant seed than trees. Less expense and less work are involved than in setting trees. If handled right the seeds will make trees almost as soon as transplanted trees. Seeds are sold at 50c per 100. Order from the Texas Forest Service, College Station, Tex. 100 is the minimum. No upper limit has been set. The tree can be used for windbreaks, nuts, and shade. Thomas black walnuts and English walnuts can be grafted on this tree. This tree is a fast grower and sometimes reaches a height of ten to twelve feet in two or three years in West Texas.

Mayan agriculture was very ruinous, as they cleared land by burning off the timber.

Grand Jurors For March Court Term

Following is a list of persons selected by the Jury Commissioners to serve as Grand Jurors for the term beginning the 27th day of February, 1950, in the 42nd Judicial District Court of Callahan County, Texas:

Roy Higgins, C. B. Snyder, Jr., and Harold Ray, Baird; Oren Barr and C. M. Garrett, Cross Plains; Grady Smith and Will Young, Rt. 1, Abilene; Austin Bouchette, R. A. Miller and R. S. Johnston, Rt. 2, Clyde; Fred Hyser and J. C. Brashear, Rt. 4, Cisco; Cecil Goble of Cottonwood; J. E. Pruet, Putnam, and Eulys Johnson, Oplin.

Foy Jobe With Eighth U. S. Army In Tokyo, Japan

WITH THE 8TH U. S. ARMY TOKYO, Feb. 21—Private First Class Foy Jobe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe, Putnam, participated in a ceremony on Feb. 23 commemorating the fifth anniversary of Manila Day, which marked the entry of the 1st Cavalry Division's "Flying Column" into Manila.

The ceremony consisted of information at which time a history of the Battle of Manila was read and the regimental commander, Col. George A. Milner, addressed the group.

It was at this time that 370 civilian allied internees were liberated from Santo Tomas University. The day has also been designated Organization Day for the Division which was organized in 1921.

Co. Polio Drive Reaches \$2,381.01

J. Rupert Jackson, Jr., campaign chairman against polio in Callahan County, has announced that a total of \$2381.01 has been received in the recent drive.

Returns from the different communities are announced as follows:

Cross Plains, \$1100.25; Baird \$731.00; Clyde, \$221.45; Putnam, \$117.50; Eula, \$70.00; Oplin, \$23.05; Belle Plain, \$17.76.

Although the campaign has closed, Jackson will hold his final report to state headquarters for a few days to be sure that all returns are in. It is likely that an additional \$25 or more will be raised in Baird.

Highway Paving Of Cottonwood Road Will be In Spring

Paving of the farm to market road from Cross Plains to Cottonwood will begin early this spring, according to S. J. Treadway, district highway engineer. Best results for paving are obtained when the weather is above freezing, Treadway said.

Possibly the road will be extended north from Cottonwood to the boundary of precinct four.

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Rise In Benefits Shown In Texas

Texas families received \$44,804,000 in life insurance death benefit payments during 1949, compared with \$43,552,000 in the previous year and \$27,945,000 in 1941, the Institute of Life Insurance reports.

"The death benefit payments in this state last year were made under 33,194 policies, compared with 31,362 policies in the previous year and 23,128 policies in 1941," the Institute reported. "Of the aggregate 1949 payments in the state, \$32,310,000 was under 11,905 ordinary policies; \$8,157,000 was under 3,509 group life insurance policies; and \$4,337,000 was under 17,780 industrial policies."

These payments were \$16,859,000 greater than the corresponding payments in 1941, representing increased funds for family income, educational needs, mortgage payment, retirement income and other protection uses. In addition an even larger sum was paid to living policy holders by their life insurance companies.

The national total of death benefits paid last year was \$1,480,742,000 which compares with \$1,446,607,000 in 1948 and \$1,009,636,000 in 1941.

School Systems Costing Little More In Decade

AUSTIN, Feb. 11 — Texas' rapidly growing public school system is costing only one twelfth more of every tax PENNY than the total expended ten years ago.

The surprisingly small increase in apportionment of the tax dollar in the decade starting with the 1939-40 school year is due to several factors, Chas. H. Tennyson, Director of Public Relations of the Texas State Teachers Association, pointed out today.

The total government cost for all purposes has increased tremendously in the decade, Tennyson noted, but said that the percentage of total government cost for public schools jumped only from 30.31% in 1939-40 to 30.43% for the present school year.

Public schools this year will cost an estimated total of \$155,213,552 in revenue derived from state and federal funds. The total cost of all governmental services including education is estimated at \$511,000,000.

During 1939-40, which was the last normal year before the war Texas had 1,073,847 children attending school. This year there are, preliminary reports show 1,181,103, an increase of 107,256 students.

"That huge added enrolment plus better school facilities and more capable teachers, account for a great part of the added cost of operating our schools," Tennyson said. "In addition the dollar of today has a 1939 purchasing value of 59 cents."

"Texans indicated their desire for better schools when they approved the Gilmer-Aiken bill which reorganized our school system and set higher standards but I am pleased that the increased cost takes so little more of the total tax dollar than it did ten years ago."

Students Will Be Game Wardens

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 16 — Seventeen new game wardens are in the making at Texas A & M College. The "students" are attending a Game Warden School

sponsored jointly by the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission and the college, and conducted by the Wildlife Management Department.

The men, veterans of World War II, were selected by the Game Commission from a large number of applicants. They are attending a four month school, at the end of which they will receive degrees as game wardens.

The objectives of the school are to prepare men for service to the people of Texas as wildlife conservation officers.

Final Rites For Baird Pioneer Are

Funeral services were to be held at 3 p. m. today in Baird for Charles Fiedler, 78, pioneer resident of Baird, who died at 2:51 p. m. Wednesday in the Callahan County hospital after an illness of two weeks.

Final rites were in charge of Leslie Rickerman, minister of the Baird Church of Christ, with burial in the Ross Cemetery there. Born on Oct. 7, 1872, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Fiedler had been a resident of Baird for the past 50 years. He had been an employee of the T&P Railroad.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Roy Jarrett of Baird; five sons, C. W. Fiedler of Cisco, Joseph Fiedler of Baird, John Fiedler of Odessa, G. H. Fiedler of Abilene and Charlie Boland of Big Spring.



AMONG THOSE PRESENT—More than 1000 citizens trooped to the Capitol in Washington, D. C., as the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee began hearings on legislation to curb liquor advertising. Listening attentively are the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Niebuhr, of Ocean Grove, N. J.

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 B. C. CHRISMAN (Re-election)

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 S. S. (Nick) NICHOLS

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 I. G. MOBLEY (Re-election)
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Exams Scheduled On Federal Jobs

Examinations were announced today by the U. S. Civil Service Commission for technologists, \$3,825 to \$10,000 a year, shorthand reporters, \$3,450 to \$4,600



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a year, and laboratory electronic mechanics, \$2,450 to \$5,400 a year. All the positions to be filled from these examinations are located in Washington, D. C., and nearby Maryland and Virginia.

To qualify in the technologist examination, applicants must have completed a 4 year college course leading to a bachelor's degree in technology, chemistry, engineering, physics, or other physical sciences, or have had 4 years of successful technical experience or a combination of such experience and education.

In addition they must have had professional experience of scientific or technical nature, including some experience in a branch of technology. Pertinent graduate study may be substituted in part for the professional experience. No written test will be given.

Applicants for the shorthand reporter examination must qualify in a performance test consisting of 5 minutes dictation at 175 words a minute. An optional test of dictation at 200 words a minute will also be given. In addition to passing the written test, applicants for jobs paying \$3,825 a year and higher must have had appropriate stenographic experience. Eligibility in the 200-word dictation test may be substituted for part of the required experience.

No written test will be given to applicants for the laboratory electronics mechanic exam. To qualify they must have had appropriate experience and must show definitely both a background of knowledge of the theories and principles underlying technical work in electronics and craft experience in electronic mechanics work. Appropriate education or training may be substituted for all the experience required for jobs pay-



SNOW FUN—Mrs. Gus Glasrud and Gilbert Larson sit in the snow and eat ice cream in Stillwater, Minn. The occasion was an ice cream social sponsored by Larson at which the hardier guests wore shorts or straw hats in a temperature of 14 above zero.

ing up to \$3,100 and for part of the experience required for the higher paying jobs.

Unified Armed Forces Day Plan Put In Motion

Unified Armed Forces Day observances scheduled for May 20 this year were put in motion last week for Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico at a joint conference held at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Representatives from Eighth Naval District Hq at New Orleans, and the Fourth Army Hq at Fort Sam Houston, Texas met with Major General Alden R. Crawford, Commanding General of the Twelfth Air Force.

General Crawford represented the Air Force and has been made the overall coordinator by the Department of Defense for all three services, Army, Navy, and Air Force, in five states.

It was agreed that where more than one had units in a city or community that one service would be the steering or coordinating service. The service thus designated would then be responsible for the overall plans in that particular area and the services there would appoint project officers to assist. In this manner all local resources, whether Army, Navy, or Air Force, would combine under one planning headquarters.

Selection of project officers is now in the process and detail planning will be under way within approximately ten days. Civilian and other organizations will be advised through their hometown newspapers and radio stations of local plans and who to contact in order to participate.

Rising Star Doctor Hurt In Auto Wreck

Dr. T. B. Busbee of Rising Star suffered a broken rib and was otherwise severely jolted Saturday afternoon when his car was in collision with another. Dr. Busbee was driving alone. Two men and a woman were in the car that collided with him. Both cars were badly damaged. Dr. Busbee was taken to the Rising Star hospital for examination and treatment.

Cross Plains Will Be Host to Athletes

Cross Plains will be host next month to an estimated 1,000 students from 13 schools as the district interscholastic league meet is held there. Cross Plains will be the site for all events, both academic and athletic.

The track and field meet will

be held March 7 and 8 and literary events the weekend following. Then, on March 31 and April 1, Cross Plains will be the site of final games in volleyball, baseball, and tennis.

Schools which will compete include Clyde, Baird, Eula, Putnam, Rising Star, Moran, Scranton, Olden, Gorman, Desdemona, Carbon, Denton, Cross Plains.

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Personals

Mrs. W. A. Ramsey went to Abilene to a specialist where she had a minor operation performed on one of her eyes Thursday. She is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Will Everett reported she had a letter from her father in Athens, Tenn., and they were both ill with cases of flu, but were recovering at the time of writing.

Edward King was out over the past week end visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete King.

McElroy Ranch and Oil Company has purchased a lease and is drilling a well on the W. A. Ramsey tract of land of about 600 acres east of town. They expect to drill to the Ellenburger unless they strike out before reaching that formation. They were drilling at 600 feet Monday.

Mrs. Tom Butler has been in the Callahan County Hospital at Baird for the past several days.

Mrs. T. L. Hamlin has returned from Cross Plains where she had been visiting with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Young, Jr.

Mrs. Ida Rogers has been ill at her home here for the past week

but is reported to be recovering at present.

Mrs. Charlie Brown of the Dothan community was in Putnam Saturday and reported her niece, Rebecca Sue Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregory, of Dallas was killed when a garage door fell on her the first of the week. They returned to Putnam Saturday.

Mrs. Roma McIntire of Sweetwater spent the weekend visiting with her parents in the Union Community, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wirt spent the past weekend in Glen Rose visiting with his parents and grand mother, who is 96 years old, and an aunt, 92 years old. They returned to Putnam the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sundorman and Mrs. A. J. Hurst were visiting in Cross Plains Tuesday night.

I. G. Mobley, commissioner, was transacting business in Baird on Wednesday afternoon.

J. T. Hewes and Gus Black of the Atwell community were in Putnam Thursday afternoon. Mr. Hewes is talking about conditions said they were good in his community, but the acreage for peanuts had been cut until there will not be too many peanuts planted. He said as far as wheat was concerned he would plant just what he wanted to plant, regardless of the government program.

B. C. Chrisman, County Superintendent and candidate for reelection, was in Putnam circulating among the voters in Putnam Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Earl Rutherford, who has been confined in the Callahan County Hospital for several weeks has returned home where she is recovering nicely since her return home.

Hebert Buchanan was through Putnam a few days ago visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, and while here set his subscription up for another year.

Rev. and Mrs. H. N. Balderec, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatom and Rev. C. L. Rushen attended the Baptist Workers Conference at Clyde Thursday.

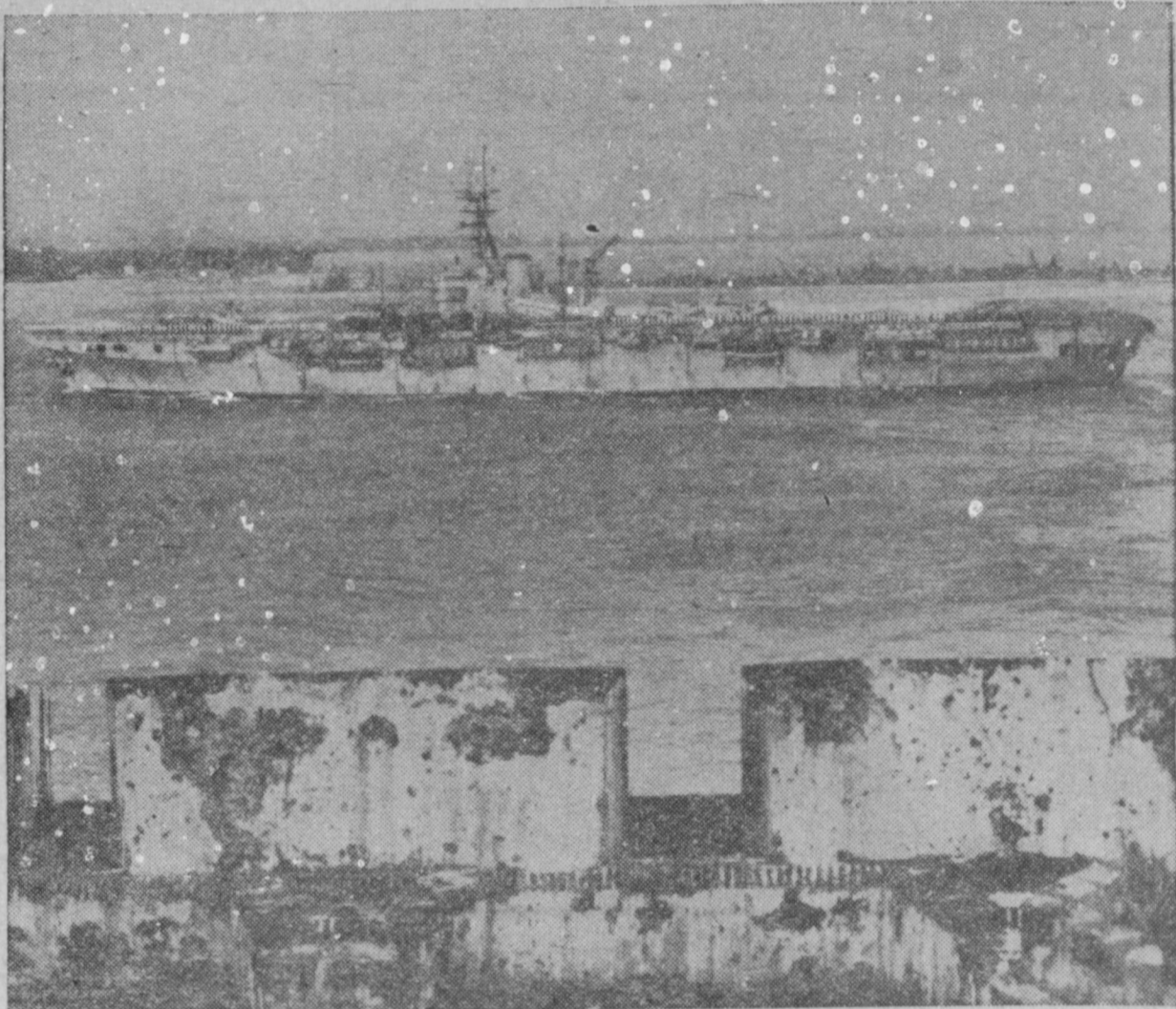
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Isenhower were visitors in Baird Thursday afternoon. Mrs. was shopping while John D. was circulating among the cattlemen of Baird.

Douglas Fry and son were in from the Ranch near Dothan on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Overton of Sweetwater was here over the weekend visiting with her father, Tom Butler.

Miss Mildred Yeager of Dallas was here visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager, over the weekend.

Mrs. Stewart Bently of the Zion Hill Community and Mrs. Lum Smith of Cross Plains were visit-



VISITING PRINCE—The Dutch aircraft carrier Karel Doorman, with Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands aboard, passes an old fort, foreground, as it enters the harbor at San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Prince is on a goodwill tour.

ing in the home of J. A. Reid, their father, the past week.

Jack Reid, a grandson of J. A. Reid, was here Thursday en route to Stanton where he expects to make his future home.

Some species of toy tropical fish cost as much as \$10,000 a pair.

The average weight of the human brain is 4 ounces.



GOTTA WORK NOW—Most of the eastern winter has been mild, and this squirrel in Rochester, N.Y., is quite annoyed about an unexpected heavy snowfall. He thinks the cold is enough, but snow makes it awfully tough for a squirrel to find a living.

POLIO TEAMWORK

The role played by medical and nursing personnel in the past year's record infantile paralysis epidemic cannot be overemphasized. Polio aid teams were dispatched to all epidemic areas by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to care for the stricken. The National Foundation also paid for the services of 2,715 nurses in these critical polio areas. A record number of personnel—nurses, doctors, physical therapists—was deployed to cope with record epidemics. The result: depleted resources. The urgent need: more funds to help the National Foundation carry on its effective battle against this cruel disease. Give today to the March of Dimes.



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27 Churches Represented At Rally Here

Membership rolls of Baptist Churches in the Southern Convention are waterlogged with names of people who never go to nor support their churches, Lawson H. Cook, of Nashville, Tenn., told a District 17 Brotherhood rally here Monday night.

Speaking at the First Baptist Church, Mr. Cook, who is Brotherhood secretary for the Southern Convention, urged churches to "clean out your rolls; dignify church membership; make it mean something."

Some 250 men representing 27 churches in the Cisco and Callahan associations attended the meeting, which began with a chili supper at 7 p. m.

Cook, who is touring Baptist associations in the state in an effort to stimulate growth in interest and activity, urged the men to "help your pastors in the leadership of your churches." He reminded them that a minister's job is a big job.

He told the group that the Brotherhood movement now embraces 142,000 members in 4,153 Southern Baptist churches, representing a 20% increase during the past year.

Cook outlined plans for the forthcoming simultaneous revival planned by all churches of the convention west of the Mississippi River. He described this as "the greatest religious endeavor in the history of the church."

Cook was introduced by L. H. Tapscott of Dallas, state secretary of Baptist Brotherhood organizations. Mr. Tapscott offered suggestions for improving brotherhood bodies.

An entertainment feature was a men's quartet from Hardin-Simmons University. Other talks were made by Rev. H. D. Blair, association missionary, Rev. J. O. Connell of Denton, Callahan County, J. H. Little, missionary, and D. C. Hamm, Ranger. Rev. Otis Strickland, Cisco pastor, gave a short welcome address. Shobal Houston of Cisco presided over the meeting, and L. G. Ball of Cisco directed serving of the group.

Guests were registered from Denton Valley, Leuders, Bowen, Caddo, Dallas, Cross Plains, Rising Star, Clyde, Abilene, Ran-



TRYING IT OUT—These are some of the 200 men of the Canadian Army who are testing new equipment in the region north of Edmonton, Alberta. They'll try out material which will be used in the forthcoming combined U. S.-Canadian "Exercise Sweetbriar" in the Yukon and Alaska along the Alaska Highway. (Canadian Army Photo from Acme.)

EXPLAINED BY JAYCEE LEADER HOOVER COMMISSION REPORT IS

ABILENE, Feb. 16 — Tommy Cook, Baytown, state chairman of the Hoover Commission Report, which Jaycees call "Operation Economy," said today that it is logical to think that misinterpretations and misunderstandings may come from such a lengthy report as the 19-phase report of the Hoover Commission Recommendations.

Cook said, "Serious misconceptions and misunderstandings

ger, Moran, Gorman, Admiral, Pleasant Hill, Breckenridge, Carbon, Houston, Albany, Eastland, Sabanno, Cisco, Cottonwood, Calvert, Baird, and Putnam.

about the Hoover Commission Recommendations have arisen in the field of veterans' affairs and to leave these uncorrected would be unfair to the Hoover Commission, the taxpayers, to the millions of ex-service men and women and also to the veterans' organizations which have often called for better and more economical management of government."

"At no place in the Commission's reports," he added, "were there made any recommendations for the increase or curtailment of medical benefits or other services to veterans but that such policy decisions were outside its terms of reference and should be subject of Congressional determination." The Hoover Commission Recommendations only cover management of the existing programs.

"The basic question as to what the government owes to its veterans and the dependents of the members of the armed forces is a policy matter which must be determined by Congress. The decision as to what financial burden for medical care is to be assumed is separate and distinct from the question as to whether such care should be given in federal hospitals, but that such a decision is essential for sound planning," Cook said.

Misconceptions about dismembering the Veterans' Administration also have been widely held. There are only three areas where service functions would, under the Hoover Commission program, be performed by agencies other than the VA:

1. The construction program would fall under the Department of Interior, instead of the Corps of Engineers which has constructed most VA hospitals, and control would remain in the VA.
2. G. I. loans to be handled by the Housing and Home Finance Administration with the VA certifying those veterans eligible.
3. The operation of hospitals would be performed on a service basis by the proposed Medical Administration, and Cook said "This is the only actual instance which could be entitled dismemberment of the VA."

Current statewide plans for Texas Jaycees are to obtain 150,000 signatures of Texans for the

endorsement of the Hoover Commission Recommendations.

New Knowledge Needed On Public Health - Dr. Cox

AUSTIN, Feb. 16. — If public health is to contribute to health and happiness in 1950, the people of the state need to gain a new knowledge of its significance and to convince their leaders of the importance of the support of the people, said Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

The State Department of Health is the state agency responsible by law for the health of all the people in Texas. The working out of this responsibility, now-

ever, must be a joint affair shared by all the people.

The State Health Officer is the administrative and executive head of the department. The field activities are organized in 18 different divisions. A division director with specific training and experience in one of the specialized fields of public health as well as in general public health measures directs activities of each division.

The many problems faced today by every American community and by every school, farm, business and industry are: how to prevent and control illness, malnutrition and epidemics; how to make the community in which one lives as free as possible from hazards to health.

The world of disease is not divided; it is a common world. Tuberculosis in the United States is not different from tuberculosis in any other country. In terms of human needs, the world is truly one world.

Public health and medicine have a tremendous part to play. They possess one of the important keys that unlock the door to future world progress.

No public health program anywhere can be completely successful, however, unless it has the confidence and support of the people who benefit by it. Full support cannot be expected unless the people understand the purposes and the objectives of the program. Your health department is interested in preventing disease and it never interferes with your relations with the doctor of your choice. Dr. Cox advises you to consult your family physician.

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The Hardin-Simmons University A Cappella Choir, one of the few choral organizations in Texas to sing exclusively without



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accompaniment, will give a concert at Cisco Community Gym on February 27, under the auspices of Cisco Junior College.

This is one of several concert appearances which the choir will make this semester. It is directed by Euell Porter.

The choir will sing selections which date from the devout church music of Palestrina, Bach, and Billings, up to lyrics by Jerome Kern. Modern folk songs will also be heard, and several concert editions of Noble Cain's Negro spirituals will be

rendered.

The Hardin-Simmons A Cappella Choir, organized at the beginning of the fall semester, is under the direction of Euell Porter, recently appointed head of the voice department at H-SU. Under Porter's direction, the 50 member group has rehearsed daily since its organization approximately one month ago. The choir is a true a cappella choir. No instruments are used, even to secure initial pitches.

There is an equal number of male and female voices, making a better blend of voices and tone.

New-style uniforms will be worn by the choir. Men will be wearing cassock robes of wine colored gabardine. Girls will be dressed in wine gabardine skirts with silver satin surplices.

Included in the choir are not only students who are majoring in music, but students from almost every department of the university. All members of the choir will not be taken to the Baptist convention.

To add variety to the sacred and secular song program, the choir includes a male quartet—Bob Smith, Bryan, first tenor; Jimmy Loden, Freeport, second tenor; Charles Downey, Bryan, baritone; and Maurice Alfred, Huntsville, bass.

A girls' trio, which sings both sacred and popular numbers, is made up of Lena Sue Chilton, Lamesa, first soprano; Lylian Ballenger, Council Bluffs, Iowa, second soprano; and Barbara Brown, Midland, alto.

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VILLAGERS WELCOME THEIR GIFT—Turning out for the arrival of an American snow plow, the residents of the tiny mountain settlement of Capracotta, Italy, give it a big welcome. The plow is a gift from the residents of Jersey City, N.J., and skiers from the town are leading the way toward a road in the Apennine Mountains where it was given a try-out.

Nazarene Pastors To Hold District Meeting In City

Nazarene ministers of the Abilene District, which embraces a large section of West Texas, will hold a meeting in Cisco at the Church of the Nazarene on March 6, 7, and 8, Rev. Cecil Stowe reported Saturday.

Rev. W. B. Walker of Plainview, district superintendent, and Dr. D. I. Vanderpool of Idaho, general superintendent, will direct the three-day program.

Mr. Stowe said that at least 75 couples would be here for the meeting. The Chamber of Commerce will assist in providing bedrooms in private homes for the guests.

Big Crowd Seen For Chamber Of Commerce Dinner

Cisco Chamber of Commerce leaders predicted Saturday that between 300 and 400 persons will attend the annual banquet of the civic organization next Friday night at the community gym.

Chairman George Boyd of the Ticket Sales Committee asked that reservations be made or tickets bought early this week if possible to give the arrangements committee plenty of time to complete preparations.

E. L. Jackson, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, planned rehearsals this week for their part of the program. Some 20 minutes of entertainment will proceed the address by Secretary of State John Ben Shepperd.

Officials emphasized that there will be plenty of room for everybody this year. Attendance at last year's banquet was limited to men only due to dinner accommodations.

Civil Service Will Conduct Job Exams

The Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for filling vacancies in the positions of engineer at entrance salaries ranging from \$4,600 to \$6,400 per annum, library assistant at entrance salaries ranging from \$2,450 to \$3,100 per annum, and librarian at \$3,100 per annum.

Employment will be with various federal agencies in the state of Texas. Application forms and



RECLAIM SWAMPS—Watching hip-booted workmen begin work on France's swamp clearance program in Normandy are, left to right: Barry Bingham, ECA Mission Chief to France; Yves Thuel, Under-Secretary of State for Agriculture; Francois Flichy, French engineer in charge of the swamp reclamation, and Etienne Hirsch. The project, financed in large part by Marshall Plan funds, will reclaim 5000 acres of farmland.

additional information may be obtained from the Cisco post office.

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SEEING THEMSELVES—The three survivors of the five marines and one sailor who raised the American flag on Iwo Jima see a statue of the flag-raising in New York. The figures will be cast in bronze and placed by the Potomac River, near Alexandria, Va. Left to right are Felix De Weldon, the artist; Rene Gagnon, Hocksett, N. H.; Ira Hayes, Bapchule, Ariz., and John Bradley, Antigo, Wis.

Murray Pleased With Response On Oil Imports

AUSTIN, Feb. 11 — "The response to my suggestion that Texans unite to form a Citizens Committee to seek a solution to the oil import problem, which at present is so adversely affecting the economy of our state,

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has been most gratifying," Railroad Commission Chairman Wm. J. Murray, Jr., said this week.

"Within the next few days committee members will be notified of the time and the place of their organization meeting by the committee chairmen, E. J. McCurdy of Fort Worth and Dr. T. S. Painter, president of the University of Texas.

"I had expected Texans in all walks of life to respond patriotically to a request that they serve on such a Citizens Committee, but, frankly, I have been somewhat surprised to learn how acutely aware so many citizens are of the impact of this problem and how eager they were to work toward its early solution.

"In naming the more than 10 members to the Committee, it was my earnest intention to select a fair and impartial representation of Texas citizens, choosing wherever possible those upon whom their communities publicly have bestowed confidence. It will be my hope that this body will see fit to conduct its own investigation, with each member weighing carefully in his own mind the facts, and in democratic tradition arrive at a course of action which will be in the best interests of the state and nation.

"I think there can be no question about the economic and military necessity for a strong and healthy domestic petroleum industry. Any factors of what

Losses From Hot Checks Increase, Garrison Warns

AUSTIN, Feb. 14 — The Special Session of the 51st Legislature is presently concerned with the request of the State Board of Hospitals and Special Schools for funds in excess of \$18 million to finance operation of our eleemosynary institutions over the second year of the current biennium.

Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Dept. of Public Safety, pointed out today that the majority of this money could have been raised in 1949 if the funds filched from Texas merchants by means of forgery and "hot checks" during the

ever nature tending to undermine this objective pervade our entire economy and endanger our security as a nation. We would be derelict in our duty as citizens first affected by such factors were we not to give our immediate attention to the problem and relentlessly pursue a solution through coordinated effort.

"It is with that firm conviction that I have asked this group of responsible Texas citizens, representing almost every segment of our economy, to organize in just such an endeavor."

year could have been diverted to that worthy cause. Emphasizing that these crimes are on the increase, Garrison stated that a loss of approximately \$15 million was sustained through fraudulent checks last year as compared with the usual annual average of \$10 million. These figures apply to Texas alone.

Garrison attributes this increase to the fact that many people became familiar with the procedure of doing business by check during the peak employment years of World War II and became aware of the ease with which checks may be cashed.

Grocery stores, particularly the larger chains, said Garrison, are the most frequently victimized.

Garrison gave us these pointers for everyone to remember when dealing with checks:

1. Know your endorser.
2. Require positive identification. Don't accept social security or similar identification cards. These as well as drivers' license, work badges, etc., may be stolen or faked.
3. Get a reliable person known

to you to identify the passer if at all possible.

4. Beware of the purchaser who seeks to make payment of a small account with a larger check.

5. If in doubt, forgo the profit on the sale for which the check is tendered. Better to lose a sale than a greater amount equal to the profit on many legitimate deals.

6. If you use printed checks, keep them secure. Treat them as if they were cash even though they are blank. Many of today's burglars enter an establishment and take only those blank checks. Their subsequent use has proven more profitable and less risky.

Finally: Remember that a check is only as good as the endorsement! And remember, too, that an honest person tendering a valid check will not be offended at your inquisitiveness; but beware of the person who feigns anger when you ask for further identification or details.

One hundred twenty men accompanied Columbus when he discovered America.



EVERYBODY'S IN ON IT—Mme. Henri Bonnet, wife of the French Ambassador to the U. S., whipped up this hat from two lampshades. She'll wear it when she participates in the American Heart Association's amateur hour in Washington on February 2. She's just one of the V.I.P. who will perform for a worthy cause.

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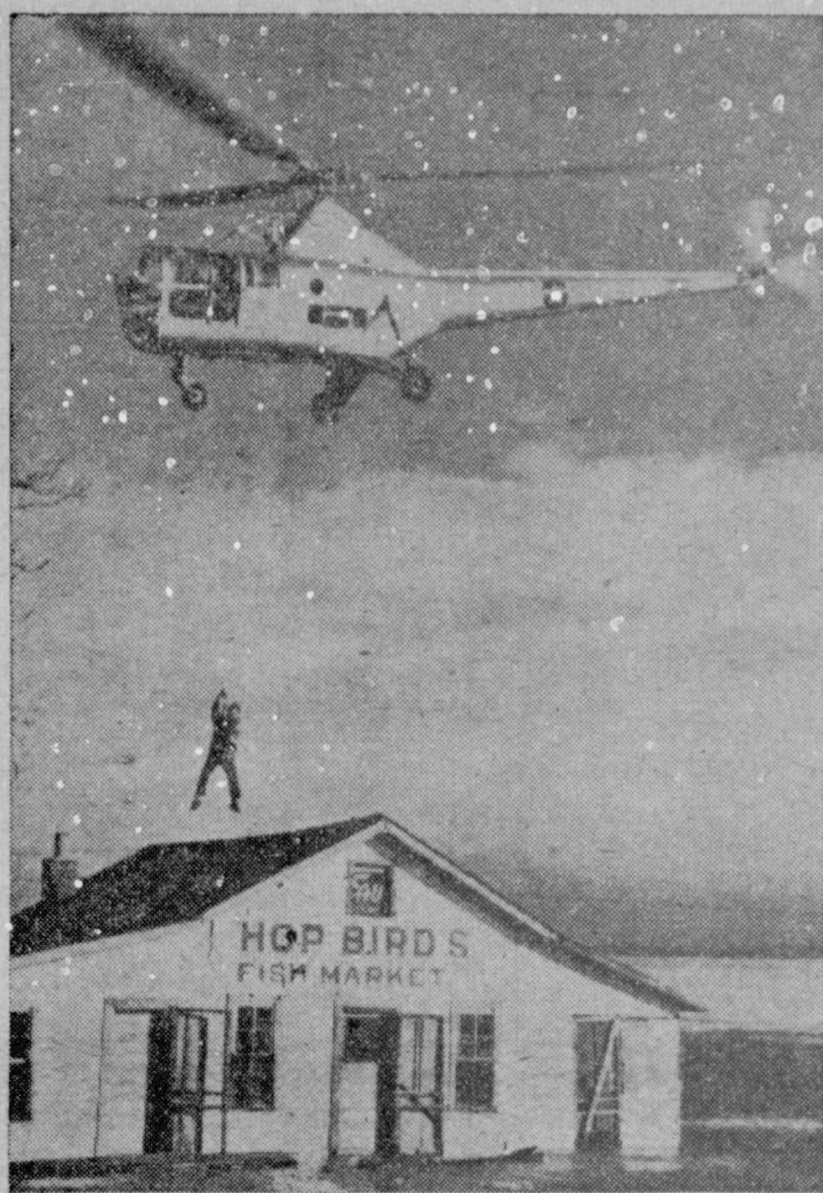
Regarding the proposed highway south of Putnam, I would like to make the following statement:

The Highway Department is offering to build and maintain this road and is asking that the county get deeds for the right of way.

The Commissioners Court has a rule that each precinct procure the right of way in any manner the Commissioner sees fit, as we do not have a common fund for such purposes.

Mr. John D. Isenhower, Mayor of Putnam, called all the interested land owners into a meeting on Thursday night for the purpose of working out a solution and explained to them what the road would mean to them, and the saving it would be on maintenance to this precinct. After some discussion Commissioner Mobley was asked what the precinct was able to do. He explained that he "was mindful of the fact that it would be using the money of everyone in the precinct and that money spent would affect the work to be done this year on other roads, but he knew that the maintenance cost for us on this road would save enough in three years to pay for what we would be out, thereby giving more money on other roads in the future." He agreed to assist the landowners affected approximately one half the cost of moving their fence back in return for a deed to the land needed.

By virtue of this road when it is completed, puts us in line for an extension onto Moran when



TO THE RESCUE—Operating under actual flood conditions at Charleston, Mo., this Coast Guard helicopter makes an experimental rescue of a man from the top of a building. Helicopters are proving useful for flood area reconnaissance and guiding boats in rescue work, by radio. (U. S. Coast Guard Photo from Acme.)

the next Farm to Market money is allotted this precinct.

So in view of the above facts he stated it is only right for us to procure the right of way and I am sure that the majority of the people will see it this way even though they will sacrifice a part of their road work this year.

New Tags Ready For Car Owners

County Tax Assessor-Collector Bob Joy has announced that the 1950 license plates for motor ve-

Fight Program Is Set For Saturday

A bout between Bill Tabor of Cisco and Joe Neal Tracy of Abilene will be the top feature of a boxing program that will be staged Saturday night at Community Gym under the auspices of the Cisco Junior College athletic department.

Tabor, a local collegian, went to the state finals last year in the Golden Gloves tournament. Tracy is billed as the best lightweight in the Abilene area. Both fight in the 137-pound class.

Gene Milner of Cisco, student

hicles are now on sale and that they may be attached immediately. Time and inconvenience may be saved if plates are purchased early.

at North Texas State College, is expected to enter the fights. A total of 20 fights is on the program.

Tickets On Sale For Choral Event

Tickets were placed on sale today for the appearance of the Hardin-Simmons a cappella Choir here next Monday night at Community Gym under the auspices of the Cisco Junior College Music Department. Admission charges will be 60c for adults and 30c for students.

Tickets are available downtown at Dean Drug Company.

The H-SU choir has a wide reputation and has been in considerable demand for program appearances.

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