





AUSTIN, Tex. — Both candidates in the Texas gubernatorial second primary campaign are off and running.

Only 6,267 votes short of success in the first race, Governor Allan Shivers was encouraged by apparent control, gained at the county conventions, of the September 14 State Democratic Convention at Mineral Wells.

Shivers promised an "around-the-clock" fight for votes and spurred on his campaign forces over the state in a series of regional pep-talks.

Opening the second primary race with a talk on drought and water problems, Shivers asked Texans to write him of their needs, their water problems, and their suggested solutions.

He also campaigned in some cities by shaking hands on street corners.

Yarborough is Busy  
Shivers' opponent, Ralph W. Yarborough of Austin, also planned to spend much time visiting various parts of the state in a search for votes.

Yarborough said in one speech that "this is the first time in five years that we're going to elect a Democratic governor."

He said he was receiving pledges every day from voters who either opposed him in the first primary or thought his cause was hopeless.

Yarborough scored what he called the "Republican press" for supporting Shivers and accused his opponent of a long list of misdeeds, including the circulation of false charges.

**Wants Water Board**

Yarborough has called for the creation of a Texas Water Board, patterned after the Railroad Commission, with members elected by the people.

He said that if elected Governor, he would recommend to the Legislature in January that such a board be established.

Continuing on the water and drought theme, Yarborough proposed the construction of 25 dams over the state, "comparable to those built by the Lower Colorado River Authority."

These dams, he said, should be planned and constructed under the supervision of the water board, and be financed like those built by the LCRA - by bonds which "in 30 to 40 years would pay themselves out by the sale of water alone."

It is Yarborough's contention that "industries are refusing to build in Texas, and some already

here are pulling out because of the water shortage."

**What's The Cost?**

Shivers' supporters got out their scratch pads and tried to figure out what it would cost to carry out the campaign pledges made by Yarborough, including a veteran's bonus, an elaborate tracery of dams on Texas rivers, vastly expanded highways and huge increases in expenditures for public welfare.

Shivers' calculators contended that the cost amounted to something like \$3.5 billion per year in state taxes.

They pointed out that the present total cost of state government is \$0.5 billion per year, or one-seventh of the other figure.

Yarborough said he wanted the money to come from a tax on gas pipelines.

Shivers' backers point out that such a tax already has been declared unconstitutional.

**Warning System Coming**

Texas soon will have a modern storm warning system to spot danger miles away by radar Governor Shivers announced.

Shivers said that completion of the system, called the most up-to-date in the world, will come in the next six weeks.

Already functioning as part of the radar chain are units in 11 cities. The radar net ties into the Department of Public Safety system, giving it Weather Bureau radar reports within two minutes after a warning is issued.

**Texas Building Booms**

Construction in Texas spiraled toward a record high in June, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Reported by the bureau was a predominance of commercial, industrial, highway, church, school, and government building.

Building permits issued through out the state during the first half of 1954 exceeded totals for the same period last year by six per cent, the reports showed.

**Liquor Revenue Up**

Texas liquor revenue in June showed a \$41,000 increase over the total for the same month last year, the monthly report of the Texas Liquor Control Board reveals.

June revenue this year was \$1,425,179.13 with the largest part

**Thursday Shower Honors Neal Clarks**

A Thursday evening miscellaneous wedding shower honored Mr. and Mrs. Neal Clark, one-week newlyweds.

Hosts for the shower at the school cafeteria were Msdms. T. O. Shelley, Cullen Rodgers, R. C. Mehaffey, Stanley Porter, W. C. Browning, A. D. Mauney, E. C. Bramlett, Ross Wilson, Duard Warren, C. T. Cole, Graydon Baze Burnet Eison, and Bill Simpson.

Guests calling from seven-thirty to nine-thirty were greeted by Mrs. Porter. Mrs. Bramlett sat at the bride's registry.

Sharing honors in serving were Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Baze.

Other hostesses visited and showed the array of gifts.

Among the out-of-town guests attending were Mr. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Clark of Cisco.

of the amount derived from beer and whiskey taxes.

The board also noted an apparent increase of moonshining over the state, with seizure of 11 illicit stills and arrest of six on moonshining charges.

**FBI Agent Speaks**

Two forms of crime are on the increase: car thefts and swindling black check passing.

So said Vernon H. Bailey, special agent of the FBI in San Antonio, in an Austin speech.

Car thefts inconvenience more people and cause a greater loss of property than any other form of crime, the agent said.

**Short Snorts**

Americans no longer believe that things are good only if they come from Europe, says Dr. Lewis U. Hanke, University of Texas professor. . . Now you can break the law by driving too slow. The rule of 40 miles per hour minimum applies on a stretch of the Austin Expressway. . . Heroes and heroines of Texas education will be selected by a panel, announced A Garland Adair of Austin, director of the Texas Heritage Foundation. Selections will be announced on School Centennial Day at the State Fair of Texas.

**State Fair At Dallas Set For October 9-24**

A blue-ribbon program has been announced for the 1954 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-24, which brilliantly demonstrates why the giant exposition is the world champion of all state fairs.

The lineup of major attractions, features, and events includes:

Entertainment - "The King and I," Broadway hit musical; "Ice Cycles of 1955," featuring the story of Snow White; "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," free show for children; "Dancing Waters," spectacular aquatic ballet; the Joie Chitwood Daredevils, in death-defying stunts; and the Magnolia Sky Revue to be presented twice daily.

Exhibits - The new air-conditioned Women's Building, a show window for fashions and home-making skills; "House Beautiful Pacesetter House," all-electric three-bedroom home; the Electric Show, commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Light; the Automobile Show, one of the nation's largest; "Research for Texas Agriculture," a new type of farm show; the Antique Auto Show, nostalgic collection of rare old cars; plus farm implements, household appliances, exotic and beautiful birds, and literally thousands of other free exhibits.

Livestock - Beef and dairy cattle, swine, sheep, and goats, Palomino and Quarter horses and Shetland ponies, chickens and turkeys, presented in more than a thousand different judging events during the Pan-American Livestock Exposition, the Junior Livestock Show and the Poultry Show.

Football - Seven big games, including the Texas-Oklahoma battle in the Cotton Bowl, Saturday, October 9; Wiley vs. Prairie View A&M, Monday, October 18; SMU vs. Kansas, Saturday, October 23, and four outstanding high school games.

The Midway - America's biggest, brightest, gayest fun zone, featuring dozens of shows and amusement devices, introducing the breath-taking new European thrill ride "Flying Cars," plus the fabulous "Sky Wheels."

Special Events - More than 200 days and events including Mexico Day October 11, Dallas Day, October 12, Public School Centennial Day, October 13, Crippled Children's Day, October 14, Elementary School Day, October 15, Rural Youth Day, October 16, Negro Achievement Day, October 18, East Texas Day and Garden Club Day, Oct. 19, High School Day, October 22, Religious Festival, October 24. Free fireworks will be presented October 12, 13, 15, 17, and 19.

**Layton Plaster To Preach Here Sunday**

Bro. Layton Plaster will be the guest speaker at the Church of Christ Sunday morning. Bro. Plaster formerly lived and worked with the Church here and he and his family are well known in Gorman. They are here on vacation for a few days and he has consented to preach Sunday morning. His many friends are invited to be present at that time.

Leroy Cowan, the present minister, will speak on the Radio program over Station KERC, Eastland, at 9:00 a. m. Sunday morning on the subject, "Be it done unto me according to thy word."

His Sunday night lesson will be, "Did not our Hearts Burn?"

The Gospel Meeting, which is to close Thursday night, has been well attended. Large crowds manifested great interest in hearing the Gospel of Christ. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the services of the Church of Christ where a friendly welcome awaits you.

**Oliver Springs Baptist To Hold Revival**

The Oliver Springs Baptist Church will begin revival services Friday, August 13th. Evening services begin at 7:45 o'clock and morning services are held at 10:30 o'clock.

Rev. Hugh Newson, who comes from the Fort Worth area, will do the preaching. Men of the congregation will alternate in leading the singing.

Pastor of the church is Rev. Dixie Clement.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW ATTEND FUN CAMP**

Local Boy Scouts attending the Order of the Arrow Fun Camp at Camp Billy Gibbons Sunday and Sunday night were: Woodrow Browning, Stanley Bell, Joe Mehaffey, Butch Eison, and Johnny Watson.

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# THE TIDELANDS ISSUE

AN EDITORIAL

Abilene Reporter News — Aug. 8, 1954  
When Texas went into the Republican presidential column in 1952, the determining local factor in the Eisenhower victory was the attitude of his party and himself toward the question of state ownership of the tidelands. Both were on record firmly in favor of state ownership.

Historically, the Democratic Party to which Texas and the South have clung stubbornly for a hundred years, except under the most extraordinary circumstances, was a state's rights party. Under the New Deal and Fair Deal its historic role was reversed, in practice, and the national Democratic Party became the promoter of centralization and federal domination over the states.

The question of state ownership of tidelands is too long to go into here, but in 1894 offshore oil deposits were discovered in California, and that State's Legislature enacted a mineral leasing law containing provisions for issuing leases for exploration of offshore oil and gas resources.

More than forty years later the first serious challenge to state ownership was thrown down by Harold Ickes, then secretary of interior, and thereafter one of the prime objectives of New Deal bureaucracy was to seize ownership and control. In 1947 the U. S. Supreme Court handed down a decision holding that the federal government had paramount rights over tidelands.

But a fact generally overlooked is that the court went on to assert that, as to power to dispose of public lands, including offshore lands, "the constitutional power of Congress . . . is without limitation."

The year before, in 1946, the Congress had enacted a law awarding ownership to the states, but President Truman vetoed it on August 2.

In 1948 the House again passed, 257 to 29, a bill awarding the tidelands to the states, but the bill was not taken up by the Senate. In 1950 the Supreme Court applied its California decision to Texas and Louisiana, but neither in these latter cases nor in the California case did the court determine TITLE to these lands.

That was the province of Congress. In

1952 Congress once more adopted a quit-claim bill in favor of the states, and once more Mr. Truman vetoed it.

These facts are recited here to show how and why the tidelands issue got into this gubernatorial race. They explain why Texas got into the Republican column in 1952, a circumstance for which his enemies blame Allan Shivers.

Shivers journeyed to Springfield, Ill., to find out just where Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, stood on the tidelands issue, though a majority of Democrats in Congress had twice voted for state ownership, only to have the bill knocked down by President Truman. The result of that conference made history, for Stevenson upheld the federal ownership.

That was when Allan Shivers and a majority of Texas voters went over the hill from the national Democratic Party. The election of Stevenson would have led to a third veto of state ownership, for he declared during the campaign that the submerged oil lands are "a national and not a state, asset."

This newspaper at the time suggested Mr. Stevenson might have softened the blow by stating that, in view of Congress repeated award of the lands to the states, he would not go against the will of Congress as Truman had done. On the contrary he made it perfectly plain that he would veto such a bill. It would be his will, as it was twice Truman's, against the will of Congress. And the Supreme Court had made it clear that Congress' power to so declare was "without limitation." Nevertheless Truman had twice thwarted the will of Congress and Stevenson was prepared to thwart it a third time.

Mr. Yarborough and his supporters have a rather embarrassing task. They must convince the people that Shivers was wrong in following the Presidential candidate who offered to give Texas justice in the tidelands case, and at the same time avoid an implied insult to the 1,102,878 Texans who followed Shivers into the Eisenhower camp in 1952.

The grab-everything boys won't let the tidelands issue alone. This is one reason why the firm and capable leadership of Allan Shivers will be needed in the next two critical years.

## Washington

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Congressman  
17th District

WASHINGTON, D. C.— The Administration has been searching for a practical plan on which to base a law to keep subversives and disloyal persons out of defense plants. Defense plants, of course, are operated by private industry. Industry has found that they run head-long into labor laws which unintentionally protect subversives.

Both labor and industry are desirous of firing those who may be dangerous, to have working in these plants. The Congressional Committee looking into the matter has not come up with a practical answer, and feel that a Commission should be set up to study the question and recommend needed legislation. Probably nothing will be done until the next Session of Congress.

### Doing Something About Water Conservation

Last week on August 3rd, I introduced HR 10105 entitled, "A Bill to authorize purchase of a portion of the bonds issued by the Brazos River Authority, an agency of the State of Texas, to finance the early development by it of the water resources of the Brazos River Basin, Texas."

In a statement to the Congress I pointed out that it was not expected that the legislation could be considered in this Session. The purpose of presenting it at this time was to allow the various Departments and Agencies of the Government, and others interested, to study the proposition before the Congress convenes again in January.

This Bill is in behalf of the Brazos River Authority, which does not ask the Government for a hand-out. What it does is to offer the Government 50 million dollars' worth of bonds bearing 1% interest out of a total of 140 million dollars for the development of five dams below Possum Kingdom, on the Brazos River, and for the improvement of the Possum Kingdom Dam itself.

In my statement I pointed out that this was unique in that an agency of the State of Texas — the Brazos River Authority — proposed to pay interest on money borrowed from the Federal Government and were not asking for

one nickel as a gift. The agency even proposes to pay the Army Engineers for their survey.

This is an instance of local people doing something for themselves and is in line with the policy earlier proposed by President Eisenhower.

Talk alone is not going to conserve our soil and water. According to the experts, we only save about 12% of the water which falls and the remainder goes into the Gulf of Mexico. Along with the water goes topsoil, wasted for future generations. The underground water table continues to drop all over the State of Texas. The future of the great Southwest cannot be assured on present conditions.

There are some who oppose the plan to harness the waters of the Brazos River. Some of the objections have merit, but it is proposed during the coming months conditions be met to satisfy many of the complaints which have been made.

### FARM PRICES AND THE COST OF FOOD

The Committee on Agriculture has produced an impressive report showing that the severe decline in farm prices has not benefited the consumer.

As an example, in 1948 the price of wheat reached a peak of \$2.81 a bushel, and the average price of a one-pound loaf of bread was 13.8 cents. Today the farm price of wheat has dropped to about \$1.91 per bushel, yet the average price of this same loaf of bread has increased to 17 cents. Thus while the price of wheat declined 32%, the price of bread has advanced 23%. The farm value of the wheat in a one-pound loaf of bread is 2.7 cents. A cotton shirt costing \$3.95

contains about 30 cents' worth of cotton. Cutting back the price of cotton would mean very little in the price of a shirt.

A 5-cent candy bar contains about 1 cent's worth of peanuts and if the confectioners get their peanuts free this would not change the price of a 5-cent candy bar.

These are only examples. Out of each dollar spent by the American housewife for food produced in this Country, 56 cents now goes for processing, marketing, and transportation charges. The farmer receives 44 cents. Of this 44 cents, approximately 30 cents goes to purchase tractors, trucks, plows, gasoline, and other supplies required for modern farming. Thus the farmer and his family have about 14 cents out of each consumer dollar for domestically produced food for their cost and investment.

The farmer's share of the consumer dollar has dropped in recent years and months, as farm prices have declined, while retail food prices have remained at 1952 peak levels.

It is not the fault of the retail grocer. He has to meet the high charges of processing, marketing and transportation, and until a way is found to reduce this cost, the consumer will have little relief.

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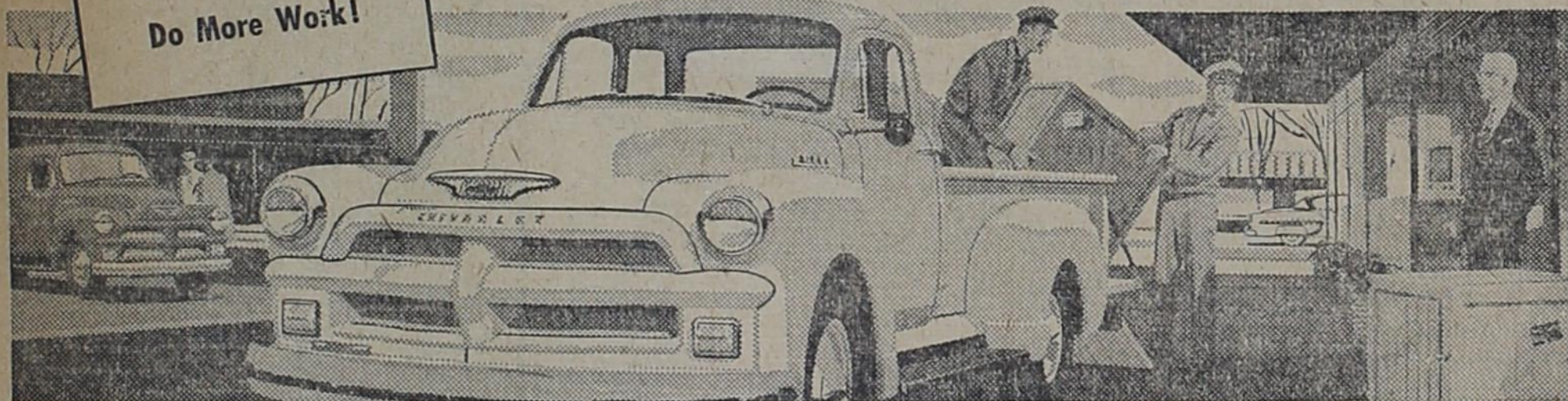
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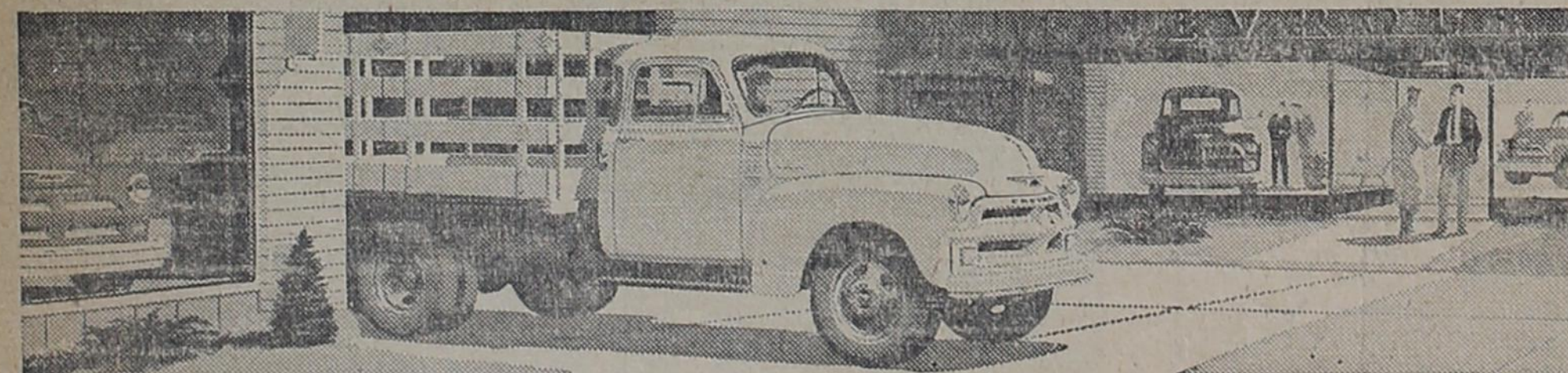
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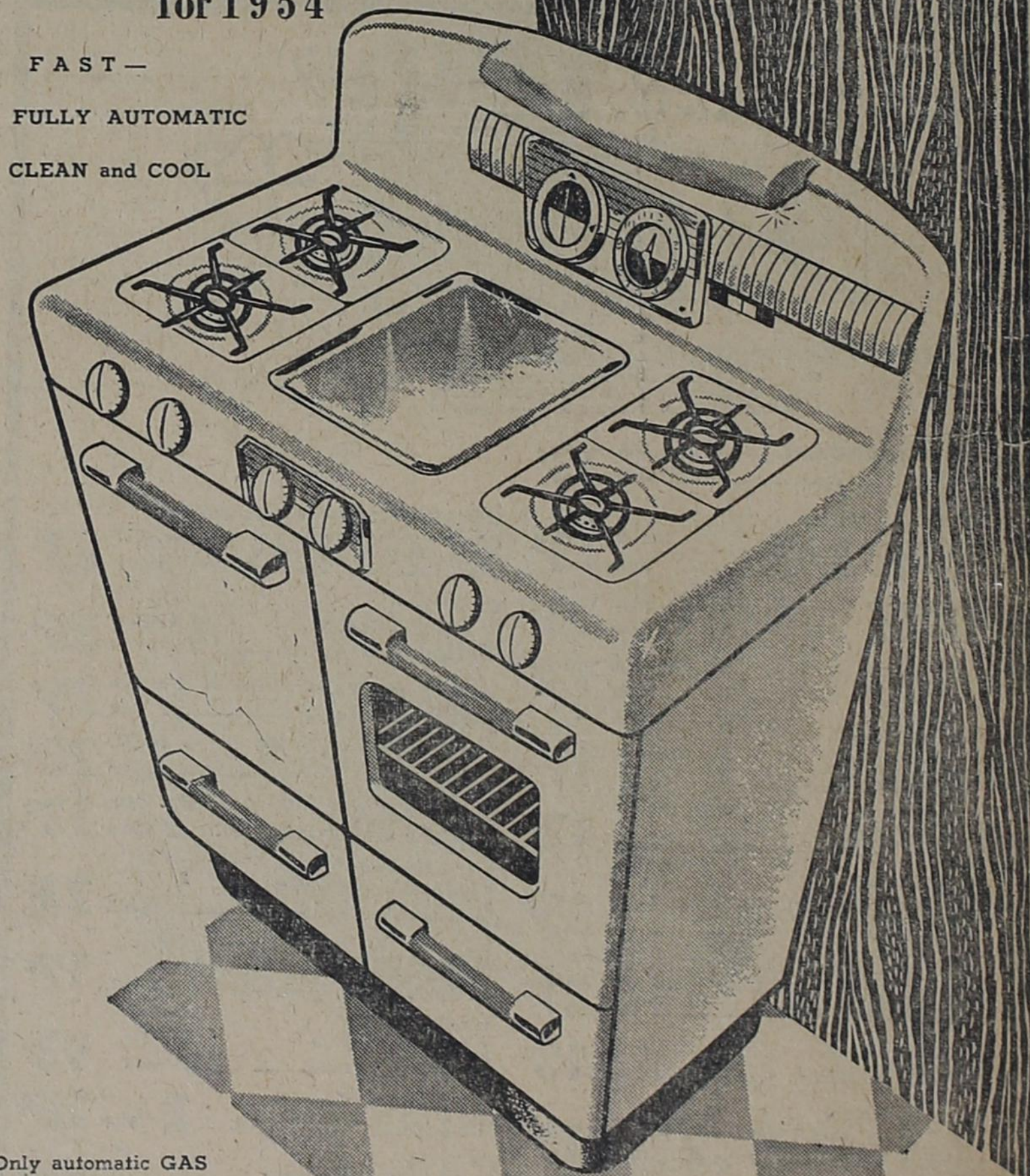
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### Keeping Up With Our Friends - -

Editor Fred Wortham of the Ranger Times visited in the Progress office Monday. Wortham is a native of Whitesboro where he had worked before joining the Times force.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Anderson of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Glasson and family of Lamesa, and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Glasson and family spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glasson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Frossard will go to the Ft Worth and Dallas markets Tuesday.

June Alsbrook of Haskell has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Alsbrook, during the past four weeks. June returns to her home Tuesday.

Mrs. Delores Medford of Abilene was a week end visitor of Mrs. Alsbrook. They attended a family reunion at Glen Rose. Mrs. Medford returned to Abilene Monday where she is attending the Draughons Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Pullig visited in Sherman during the week end. Mrs. E. L. Stinnett and sons returned to Gorman with them. Mrs. Pullig is taking several days vacation and Mrs. R. E. Boucher is working in her stead at the Empire Southern Gas Co.

### Gorman To Send Duchess Ernestine To De Leon Peach And Melon Festival

#### New Hope Church

For the past two weeks we have been a pretty busy bunch. The first week we were making preparations for the revival beginning July 30th and continuing through the 8th of August.

And I would like to state at this point that we have had a wonderful revival. It was an old time revival. Rev. Lee Fields did the preaching and the church did the praying.

We had a very good attendance. People from all over the state and I think everyone went away with a greater faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and we, as a church, have started now to make the revival of 1955 a greater success than the one just past.

L. E. Capers, Reporter.

Ernestine Todd, 1954 Indian Trail Festival Queen, will participate in the De Leon Peach and Melon Festival Friday and Saturday, August 20 - 21.

Mayor T. L. Jay on behalf of the City of Gorman has named Miss Todd, Duchess of Gorman to the celebration, in response to an invitation from Mr. Eldon Terrill, Mayor of De Leon.

Duchess Ernestine will appear in the parade Friday in a sports model Chevrolet driven by W. Check Smith of Smith Bros. Chevrolet Company.

It is hoped that a number of business and civic organizations will be represented in the De Leon parade.

#### Illness In Gorman

Mr. John Wheeler, Rt. 1, Gorman is in Mineral Wells this week experiencing an eye operation for removal of cataracts. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wheeler.

Mrs. Tom Coleman of Cisco, who experienced an operation for removal of cataract in Mineral Wells last week is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Shell.

Mr. Jerry Clark left Sunday for Austin where he will receive complete physical and possible treatment for spastic.

Mr. Pat Collins has been at Blackwells this week being treated for flu and a virus infection.

Mrs. Buchanan continues to recuperate from a major operation at her home.

#### THEY VISIT IN IOWA

Mrs. Homer Wood and Mrs. Daisy Peveto and daughters, Sunny and Bennie, have returned from a trip to Iowa where they visited Mary and family. They were accompanied home by Mary and Deborah who are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Woods says they have pretty crops in Iowa and plenty of rain.

Mary is Mrs. Mary Wood Bushing, the author of two books.

#### Longtime County Resident Passes

Mr. John Brown, who was past eighty years and a longtime resident of the Cheaney Community, passed away Sunday.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 2 o'clock in the Alameda Cemetery.

Surviving the deceased are his sons, Shirley Brown of Cheaney and Dale Brown of Baird.

No other particulars were available at this writing.

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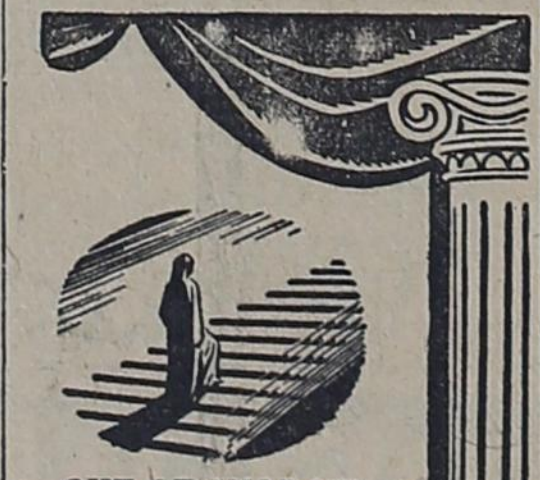
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